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## NEWS BRIEFS

### ECI issues notice to BRS Chief KCR for alleged violation of election code

**NEW DELHI :** The Election Commission India (ECI) has issued notices to BRS Chief and former Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao (KCR) for allegedly violating the Election Code. Congress leader Niranjan Reddy lodged a complaint with the Election Commission against KCR for his alleged inappropriate comments about CM Revanth Reddy during the Sirilla election meeting.

### Farmers squat on railway track at Shambhu demanding release fellow protesters

**CHANDIGARH:** Farmers under the banner of the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) and Kisan Mazdoor Morcha on Wednesday squatted on a rail track in Patiala district near the Punjab and Haryana border, demanding release of three farmers who had been arrested by the Haryana Police. Many trains were diverted because of the farmers' blockade at Shambhu Railway Station, railway authorities said. KMM leader Sarwan Singh Pandher said the Haryana administration had given them an assurance that the arrested farmers would be released by April 16.

### Kashmiri Pandits take out Shoba Yatra in Srinagar

**SRINAGAR:** Kashmiri Pandits took out Shoba Yatra on the auspicious occasion of Ram Navami festival here on Wednesday. The festival was celebrated with religious fervour and gaiety. The Yatra with a group of children dressed in traditional attire was taken out from Kathleshwar temple in Tankipora area here and passed through the roads of Habbakadal, Ganpathyar, Barbar Shah, Regal Chowk, Lal Chowk, Hari Singh High Street and Jahangir Chowk, amid tight security arrangements. Chanting "Hare Rama Hare Rama"slogans a good number of Kashmiri pandits accompanied the yatra that passed off peacefully.

### Air Force evacuates two civilians needing medical help from Kargil to Srinagar

**SRINAGAR:** In a glaring display of bravery, the Indian Air Force evacuated two civilian patients, who were in need of immediate help, from Kargil to Srinagar on Wednesday. The IAF An-32 aircraft performed the evacuation operation after the two civilians sought IAF assistance through the local civil administration. "An Indian Air Force An-32 transport aircraft evacuated two civilian patients from Kargil to Srinagar today. The patients, who were in need of immediate medical help, sought IAF assistance through the local civil admin," the Indian Air Force said in a post on X.

## Ayodhya: Lord Ram Lalla illuminates with 'Surya Tilak' on Ram Navami

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AYODHYA, APRIL 17

The Ram Temple in Ayodhya witnessed a unique event as the forehead of the Ram Lalla idol was anointed with a ray of sunlight, known as 'Surya Tilak' on the occasion of Ram Navami on Wednesday.

The "Surya Tilak" of Ram Lalla was done at noon through an elaborate system connected with mirrors and lenses in the Ram Temple.

The temple trust had commissioned a team of scientists to make this occasion possible. Using scientific expertise, a beam of light illuminated Ram Lala's forehead. To achieve this phenomenon, sunlight was precisely directed onto the statue's forehead using a combination of mirrors and lenses. This was carried out precisely at 12 noon for about 3 minutes.

Even as Ram Lala was to be anointed with the Surya Tilak, Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a reference to the historic occasion in his election rally at Nalbari Assam. With a chant of Jai Siyaward Ram the PM said "Today is the historic occasion of Ram Navami. After waiting for



500 years, Lord Ram has been seated in his grand temple. Now after a few minutes, by applying Surya Tilak to Lord Ram, his birth anniversary will be celebrated in the holy city of Ayodhya, in the Ram Temple."

The moment of the Surya Tilak had devotees in raptures as chants of Jai Shri Ram were heard across Ayodhya and even in temples across the country. Devotees broke out into song and dance outside the Ram Janambhoomi Mandir. 'This is the first Ram Navami after the Pran Pratishtha of the idol of Lord Ram by PM Modi on January 22

in Ayodhya.

Ram Navami is being celebrated with great pomp at Ram Janambhoomi Mandir with offerings of 56 types of bhog, prasad and panjiri.

Earlier, Acharya Satyendra Das, Chief Priest of Ram Janambhoomi Temple, informed that everything has been decorated and the idol of Lord Ram has been specially dressed for the day, "He is dressed in yellow clothes, and after this he is bathed with Pan-chamrit. Four-five types of panjiris are made and along with that, 56 types of offerings are made to the Lord."

## Campaign ends in 102 LS constituencies across 21 states, polling tomorrow

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The election campaign in 102 Lok Sabha constituencies has come to an end this evening where polling will take place on 19 April. The polling officials have already completed all arrangements for the smooth and peaceful voting in 21 states.

The States that will be voting in Phase 1 are Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Jammu and Kashmir, Lakshadweep and Puducherry.

A total of 102 parliamentary constituencies in 21 States and Union Territories (UTs) will go to the polls in the first phase on April 19. In Uttar Pradesh Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) is contesting the elections alone while the Samajwadi Party has formed an alliance with the Congress and both parties are part of the opposition INDIA bloc.

The Rashtriya Lok Dal has joined hands with the Bharatiya Janata Party-led National Democratic Alliance.

In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the BJP won 62 seats and its ally Apna Dal (S) two seats, decimating the SP-BSP alliance. The Congress won the lone Rae Bareilly seat of Sonia Gandhi.

The Mayawati-led party was the biggest gainer in the SP-BSP alliance as it won 10 seats. Akhilesh Yadav's SP won



five seats and the RLD couldn't open its account.

Of the eight Lok Sabha seats going to polls in the first phase, the BJP had won Muzaffarnagar (Sanjeev Kumar Balyan), Kairana (Pradeep Kumar Chaudhary) and Pilibhit (Varun Gandhi) parliamentary constituencies in 2019.

Samajwadi Party's ST Hasan won the Moradabad Lok Sabha seat, while Azam Khan of the Samajwadi Party emerged victorious from the Rampur Lok Sabha seat.

Haji Fazlur Rehman, Malook Nagar and Girish Chandra of the BSP won Saharanpur, Bijnor and Nagina (SC) Lok Sabha seats in the last general elections.

The polls to elect the 18th Lok Sabha

would be held in seven phases beginning April 19 followed by subsequent phases on April 26, May 7, May 13, May 20, May 25 and June 1. The counting of votes is on June 4. The term of the 17th Lok Sabha ends on June 16.

The elections, which are considered to be heavily stacked in favour of the ruling NDA led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi with the Opposition INDIA bloc struggling to keep its flock together, would be the second longest cycle in India's electoral history. The longest election period was that of the first-ever general elections that were held spanning five months from September 1951 to February 1952.

## AAP launches "Aapka Ram Rajya" website to showcase party's works

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NEW DELHI, APRIL 17

On the occasion of Ram Navami and in line with the preparations for the Lok Sabha elections, the Aam Aadmi Party launched a website on Wednesday named "Aap ka Ram Rajya" to showcase the party works being done inspired by Ram Rajya in Delhi and Punjab.

The party's senior leaders, Sanjay Singh, Atishi, Saurabh Bharadwaj, and Jasmine Shah, addressed a press conference here today and released the website.

MP Sanjay Singh said that the Aam Aadmi Party's governments in Delhi and Punjab have done such work, and examples are being given by countries around the world.

"In these 10 years, we not only formed the government thrice in Delhi but also formed the government in Punjab with an overwhelming majority. The Kejriwal government in Delhi and the Bhagwant Mann government in Punjab have done such work, whose examples are being given by the countries of the world today. Delhi is the only state that has a profitable budget despite doing so much work. We are deter-



mined to fulfil our vision of Ram Rajya on the ground," he said.

"Those who want to see our imagination of Ram Rajya must visit our website. What work have we done in Delhi and Punjab? You can see all that and then join us," Sanjay Singh added.

Further, AAP minister Atishi said that as Lord Ram faced a lot of struggle for Ram Rajya, in the same way, Arvind Kejriwal had to go through a similar struggle to fulfil the promises made to the people of Delhi and Punjab.

"Being inspired by Ram Charit Manas, Kejriwal ji has said that he has been working for the last 9 years to fulfil the promises made by him to the people of Delhi and Punjab. Lord Ram had to face a strug-

gle to fulfil Ram Rajya. He went into exile for 14 years but did not break his promise. Kejriwal also had to go through a similar struggle," she said. Atishi also pointed out that the party launched the website based on Ram Rajya to show the people of the country what can be done if they vote in the right place. "He (Kejriwal) sends a message from jail, asking if the water, electricity, and health arrangements in Delhi are fine or not. Kejriwal considers the two crore people of Delhi as his family. The work we have done in Delhi and Punjab is being shown to the entire country through the website "Aapka Ram Rajya". We are doing this so that the people of the country can be told how their lives can change if they cast their vote at the right place," she added.

## Delhi Court dismisses default bail plea of Unitech's Sanjay Chandra, Ajay Chandra

**NEW DELHI:** A Delhi court has dismissed default bail pleas of Unitech's former promoters, Sanjay Chandra and Ajay Chandra, in a money laundering case relating to cheating of multiple homebuyers of several crore rupees. The Enforcement Directorate had recorded the case in 2018 based on over 60 FIRs registered against the accused for various offences, including cheating, criminal conspiracy, taking undue advantage by influencing public servant, bribing public servant, etc. "It is evident that investigation qua the applicants was completed within statutory period of limitation and therefore, the applicants are not entitled to statutory right of default bail under Section 167(2)



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CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR, APRIL 17

Authorities have distributed smart cards to nearly 650 inmates from the Harsul Central Jail in Maharashtra's Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar city to help them stay in touch with their family members and lawyers, an official said today.

The smart cards will allow the inmates to make three free calls, each for six minutes, a week, a district official said in a release.

"Many families cannot



come to meet their prisoner relatives in jail due to financial conditions. Therefore, to connect the prisoners with their families (and lawyers), smart cards have been provided to 650 prisoners at Harsul jail," the release said.

However, the release did not specify if the inmates can call only those numbers shared in advance with the jail authorities or any number they choose.

## 650 inmates of Harsul prison get smart cards to stay in touch with family

## Kanker Naxal encounter: Huge quantities of arms and ammunition recovered

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KANKER, APRIL 17

A day after an encounter broke out in Chhattisgarh's Kanker, the area was searched, and huge quantities of arms and ammunition were recovered.

Speaking on the anti-Naxal operation in Kanker, BSF DIG VM Bala said, "BSF came here to help police... This was a very good operation. Both our teams, DRG and BSF, have carried out the operation successfully."

He further stated that the injured BSF personnel is out of danger and is undergoing treatment in Raipur.

Meanwhile, former Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel, who is also a Congress candidate in the Lok Sabha elections, was the first to raise doubts, claiming that there had been several fake encounters during the BJP regime in the state and that even innocent villagers were arrested on the grounds of being Naxals. Baghel said that the police had been threatening villagers as well. He claimed that during his tenure, several Naxals had been killed or had surrendered.

The charges were repeat-

ed by Chhattisgarh State Congress Chief Deepak Baij, who said that the government should make it clear that all 29 were naxals only, or that some villagers were also in the fatalities.

Earlier, IG Bastar P Sundarraj said that the autopsy of the bodies was on and that a large cache of arms and ammunition had



been recovered from the Naxal cadre.

"Yesterday, an encounter broke out between security forces and Naxalites, which lasted for around 4 hours...Teams of DRG and BSF cordoned off the area and as a result, 29 CPI Maoist bodies were recovered, out of which 15 were female and 14 were male. Arms and ammunition were recovered in large quantities from the spot. The autopsy of the bodies of the Maoists is underway," IG Sundarraj said.

## Elon Musk to announce \$2-\$3 billion investment in India

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NEW DELHI, APRIL 17

Tesla chief Elon Musk is set to announce an investment in India of \$2-\$3 billion, mainly for building a new factory, when he visits New Delhi next week to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi, two sources familiar with the discussions said.

Elon Musk will meet PM Modi on Monday during his India trip, when the billionaire is expected to unveil his plans to enter the world's third-largest auto market where electric car adoption is still in its infancy.

India's EV market is small but growing and domi-



nated by local carmaker Tata Motors. EVs made up just 2%

of total car sales in 2023, but the government is targeting

30% of new cars to be EVs starting 2030. Elon Musk's visit comes as Tesla battles slowing sales in the major markets of the United States and China, and has this week announced layoffs affecting 10% of its workforce. Details of Elon Musk's India visit are closely-guarded, with the CEO only publicly confirming on his social media platform X that he will meet PM Modi in India. The two sources said Elon Musk will likely give an investment figure for India without sharing details such as a timeline or an Indian state where the plant will be built. Tesla did not immediately respond to a request for comment. For years, Elon

Musk opposed India's high import taxes for EVs and lobbied for a change. India's government in March unveiled a new EV policy lowering import taxes to 15% from as high as 100% on some models if a carmaker invests at least \$500 million and sets up a factory.

Tesla has already started scouting for showroom space in New Delhi and Mumbai, and its Berlin factory is producing right-hand drive cars it aims to export to India starting later this year, Reuters has reported.

Elon Musk is also likely to attend an event organised by the Indian government in New Delhi with space startups, the two sources said.







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Death anniversary of Panth Ratan Baba Harvans Singh on April 21

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA' KARNAL: Death anniversary of Panth Ratan Baba Harvans Singh will be observed on April 21 under the patronage of Sukha Singh. He was a well-known saint of Sikhism, Panth Ratan, Karseva, well-known in the country and abroad for Kar Seva. On this occasion, such program-mess will be organized in various camps of the country. Giving information, Jathedar Inderpal Singh, General Secretary of Dera Karseva Management Committee, said that on this occasion, the recitation of Akhand Saheb will be offered at ten in the morning. Later Kirtan will be performed. After that Ardaas will be held. On this occasion, langar will also be served. Baba Harvans Singh was a great saint. He did a lot of work for humanity. He moved forward on the path of service, playing an important role in spreading the teachings of the Guru.

# State Police sets new standards in cyber crime control

BUREAU CHANDIGARH APRIL 17-

Haryana Police is leading the way in cyber crime control across India and is constantly working to improve the cyber security system. Their efforts are putting Haryana on the national map for effectively tackling cybercrime and protecting people's savings. Significant Improvement in Ranking In September 2023, Haryana Police ranked 23rd in the country for cyber crime control. However, due to their focused efforts, they achieved a significant improvement and reached the top spot by March 2024. Their success is inspiring other states to implement similar strategies.

Upon taking charge in August 2023, Director General of Police, Shri Shatruejt Kapur prioritized cyber

crime control. He formed a dedicated team and conducted pilot projects with banks. The number of staff assigned to handle cyber fraud calls on the helpline number was doubled. Haryana Police partnered with banks to freeze bank accounts involved in cyber fraud. This collaboration significantly increased the success rate. An effective action plan to prevent cyber fraud was developed with senior officials from RBI and telecom companies.

ADGP Cyber OP Singh said that Haryana Police launched "Operation Cyber Aakrman" from April 1 to 10. A joint initiative between Haryana Police and the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Center (I4C), has yielded significant results. Utilizing the Pratibimb mobile app, authorities tracked and apprehended 84 cybercriminals,

with a notable concentration in Nuh district. Additionally, in coordination with telecom companies, Haryana Police blocked 70,000 mobile numbers associated with cyber-crime, and successfully apprehended 11 bank employees involved in facilitating fraudulent activities.

Director General of Police Kapur met with senior bank officials and emphasized the importance of following RBI guidelines seriously to prevent cyber fraud. He stressed the importance of robust EKYC practices to prevent the opening of fake accounts used for illicit transfers. Kapur warned of punitive measures against banks failing to safeguard their customers' deposits, signaling a zero-tolerance approach towards negligence. Addressing the prevalence of mule accounts, Kapoor underscored the need for banks to scruti-

nize their practices and promptly close such accounts to thwart cybercriminal activities.

It was informed in the meeting that currently about 31 percent of the cyber fraud amount is being frozen by the State Bank of India, which is commendable. For this, the Director General of Police congratulated the team of State Bank of India and said that he would appreciate the efforts made by his bank in this direction.

All bank officials were also taken to visit the workstation of cyber helpline 1930 established at Haryana 112. Senior bank officials obtained detailed information about the process of preventing cyber fraud through the workstations established there, and Kotak Mahindra Bank, impressed by this, immediately appointed its nodal officer in the control room of Haryana Police.

# Many trains affected in Ambala due to farmers' protest



MANISH KUMAR AMBALA, APRIL 17

Ambala-Ludhiana rail route is closed due to farmers' Rail Roko agitation. Because the farmers are sitting on the tracks of Shambhu station in Punjab, 36 trains have been affected. There was a rail roko movement of farmers at Shambhu border today on the call of Sanyukt Kisan Morcha Non Politics and Kisan Mazdoor Morcha. This movement is being organized by the farmers for the release of the three farmers including young farmer leader Navdeep Singh Jalbehra. Farmer leader Sar-

wan Singh Pandher said that we will ask questions from the BJP as well as the opposition. He said that the Haryana government is running away from releasing the farmers. Farmer movement has been going on since 13 February on the call of United Kisan Morcha, non-political and Farmer-Labour Morcha, demanding the release of farmer leaders. Police have arrested many farmer leaders. Farmers are sitting on the tracks of Shambhu railway station in Punjab. Due to which Ambala-Ludhiana railway section is closed.

Due to farmers' Rail Roko agitation, 36 trains

originating from Ambala Cantt have been affected and 11 trains have been cancelled. Along with this, 19 trains have been operated via Chandigarh. At the same time, one train has been cancelled midway and five trains are being delayed. For the last two months, farmers have been protesting at Shambhu Toll Plaza also. Barricades have also been installed here. Farmers say that they will continue their protest until the government accepts their demands. Farmers also said that even before this, farmers had demonstrated against all three agricultural laws.

# Resolution passed for new capital and separate high court for Haryana

MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI, APRIL 17

Under 'Make Haryana Abhiyan' again demand for new capital and separate high court for the state surfaced in a seminar held on Wednesday. Former Deputy Secretary of the Government of India, Mahendra Singh Chopra, said that the seminar was a great opportunity for the state. Highlighting the importance of creation of the capital of Haryana, he said that in the year 1966, Haryana region was recognized as a full administrative unit. But the political leadership of Himachal Pradesh showed maturity and foresight and gave a separate identity and completeness to its state by creating its own capital and High Court. Jai Prakash Kamboj Advocate said that till date Haryana has neither a separate capital nor a separate High Court. Former Vice

Chancellor Radhey Shyam Sharma highlighted the important issue of employment after the creation of the new capital in Haryana and stressed the importance of a separate High Court within Haryana.



Senior advocate Randhir Singh Badhran, convenor of Punjab-Haryana-Chandigarh Bar Council and former president of Punjab-Haryana-Chandigarh Bar Council, also explained the importance of a separate new capital of Haryana and a separate High Court and said that by raising this

issue prominently and putting pressure on the central and state government, all sections of the society will be taken together to build it. He said that many advocates of the state were also prominently raising the demand of separate bar

councils for Haryana and Punjab. Badhran further informed that there was also a demand to make large provisions in the annual budget of Haryana for the welfare of advocates and to implement retirement benefits to advocates under the Advocates Welfare Fund Act through the separate Bar Council of Haryana. He pointed out that since many other states have already made budgetary provisions in the annual budget of the state governments for the welfare of advocates.

# Sweety Ranga campaigns for Dr Sushil Gupta



DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, APR 17

Sweety Ranga appealed for votes for Indi Alliance candidate Dr. Sushil Gupta in Madhedhi village of Shahabad. He is working to spread the policies of the party to the people. Sweety Ranga Nalvi said that today the people of the country are unhappy with the Bharatiya Janata Party and everyone has made up their mind that this time an Indian coalition government will be formed in the country. Sweety Ranga

Nalvi said that the Indi alliance will win 10 out of 10 Lok Sabha seats from Haryana. Sweety Ranga is continuously conducting a public relations campaign by visiting every village of Shahabad and is getting support from the villagers for voting. While appealing to the villagers, Sweety Ranga said that by pressing the broom button on May 25, they have to make Kurukshetra Lok Sabha candidate Dr. Sushil Gupta victorious. Meena Rani, Lakshmi, Pooja Debo Rani, Rahul were present on this occasion.

# 14 couples tie knot in Markandeshwar temple on Ram Navami

GOLDY CHUGH SHAHABAD, APRIL 17

On the occasion of Ram Navami, 14 couples got married in a mass marriage organized by Shri Markandeya Sabha at Rishi Markandeshwar Temple. Dr. Guntas Singh Gill, MD of Adesh Hospital and Medical College attended the program as the chief guest and Rotary Club President Ashutosh Garg presided over the program. Gunti Mata Deva Ji and Jago Ji specially participated to bless the newlyweds.

Chief guest Dr. Guntas Singh Gill said that there was no pious deed than Kanyadaan and the incomparable and praiseworthy work of Shri Markandeya Sabha was that mass marriages were organized on the temple premises from time to time. He gave a message to the married couples to respect each other and started a new life with new resolutions and

to stay away from evil like foeticide. Kesar Das Gambhir, head of the temple committee, informed that so far 1430 marriages have been solemnized by the temple assembly and this process will continue. Sunil Bhasin, the servant of the temple committee, wel-



comed the guests and said that the temple committee was actively contributing towards religious and social work and from time to time. Free medical camps are also organized in the temple premises. On the auspicious occa-

sion, tricycles, wheelchairs, hearing aids were distributed to the disabled and items of household use were also given to the newly married people. A huge Bhandara was also organized on this occasion. On this occasion, a large number of devotees including

# 3.17 lakh metric tonnes of wheat arrived in mandis

PARI BAJAJ KARNAL, APRIL 17

Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh said that the arrival of wheat has started in the mandis of the district. In view of this, all necessary arrangements for procurement have already been made by the district administration. Till Tuesday, 3 lakh 17 thousand 416 metric tonnes of wheat has arrived in the mandis and various procurement centers of the district. Out of this, 3 lakh 15 thousand 283 metric tons were purchased by various government agencies. The agencies have been instructed to speed up the lifting work. He said that till Tuesday, 3 lakh 17 thousand 416 metric tonnes of wheat arrived in various markets and procurement centers of the district. Out of this, 1 lakh 32 thousand 351 metric tons of wheat was purchased by the Food and Supplies Department, 1 lakh 65 thousand

467 metric tons by HAFED and 17 thousand 465 metric tons of wheat was purchased by Haryana Warehousing Corporation. 2 thousand 133 metric tons of wheat was purchased by traders. Last year, 7 lakh 52 thousand 52 metric tons of wheat had arrived in the district. So far, 38 thousand 149 metric tons of wheat has been lifted by the Food and Supplies Department, 50 thousand 702 by HAFED and 4 thousand 421 metric tons of wheat by Haryana Warehousing Corporation. The Deputy Commissioner has appealed to the farmers to bring wheat to the market as per the order so that the agencies and commission agents do not face any problem in procurement. He also appealed not to set fire to the fields after harvesting the crops. Burning causes pollution and also reduces the fertility of the land. Along with this, insects friendly to crops are also destroyed.

# Aseem lambasts Congress over Deepender's statement

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA AMBALA: The temperature of Lok Sabha elections has risen in Haryana. The war of words is also going on between the ruling party and the main opposition party Congress. Meanwhile, Deependra Hooda has said in one of his public meetings that democracy was murdered in 1919 but this time he will definitely

break the cycle of BJP. On this statement of Deependra Hooda, Haryana Transport Minister Aseem Goel took a dig at the Congress. Transport Minister Aseem Goyal while attacking Congress said that there was a time when Congress was like a hit film and its tickets were sold in black. But now their box is closed. Their multiplexes have also been closed. Responding to Deepender Hooda's statement, Aseem Goel said that this is democracy and here the public breaks the pride of the elders. Their pride was broken in 1919, so such statements should not be made regarding it. Goel said the Election Commission has imposed a 48-hour ban on Randeep Surjewala's campaign for making indecent remarks on Hema Malini. Responding to which Transport Minister Aseem Goyal said that every person has his own dignity and values and should not fall below those values and values. What a person thinks is reflected in his words. These are blunt people who make such statements for popularity. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has said that BJP seems to be limited to 150 seats. Responding to this statement, Transport Minister Aseem Goel has advised Rahul Gandhi to worry about himself and his party. The Transport Minister said that Rahul Gandhi is not able to manage his house.



# EC takes notice of Shandilya's complaint on club appointment

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA AMBALA: The Election Commission of India has taken action against the appointment of Arvind Aggarwal as a member of the Executive Committee of the Central Phoenix Club of Ambala. Ambala Commissioner Renu Phulia had violated the code of conduct, after which the Election Commission of India has taken cognizance of the

complaint of Veeresh Shandilya, National President of Anti Terrorist Front India and International Head of Vishwa Hindu Takht, and the Election Commission of India has issued notice to Haryana. A reply has been sought from the concerned officer on the complaint of Veeresh Shandilya. Shandilya said that Renu Phulia has already been accused of corruption. Shandilya said that Minister of State Aseem Goyal's partner Arvind Aggarwal is a lucky partner and under the pressure of Aseem Goyal, Ambala Divisional Commissioner Renu Phulia has violated the code of conduct. Veeresh Shandilya said that Renu Phulia conspired to defame Central Phoenix Club and appointed criminal Arvind Aggarwal Lucky as an executive member. Shandilya said that a serious case was registered against Arvind Aggarwal Lucky in Ludhiana Mahila Police Station on April 3, 2024 under FIR number 0029, Section 406, 498-A, 377, 354, 120-B, in which many serious allegations have been made against Arvind Aggarwal. MLA Aseem Goel was also accused of sexual harassment in the same FIR filed by his daughter-in-law.



# People should confirm their names in the voter list: DC

RAHUL KOHLI JAGADHRI, APRIL 17

DC and District Election Officer Captain Manoj Kumar said that every voter must exercise his franchise in the festival of democracy. For this, every voter should ensure that his name is included in the voter list. The Deputy Commissioner said that only the voter whose name is in the voter list can exercise his franchise. If a voter's name is in the voter list but he does not have a voter identity card, he can cast his vote by showing 11 alternative identity cards specified by the Election Commission. The Deputy Commissioner said that even if a voter has an old voter card, he can cast his vote, provided that his name should be in the voter list of that area. If the name of any voter is not in the voter list and he shows his Aadhaar card or voter card or any other identity card at the polling station to cast his vote, he will not be allowed to cast his vote. Any voter can cast a vote only if his name is regis-

tered in the voter list. He said that apart from EPIC, voters can also cast their vote using 11 alternative photo identity documents specified by the Commission. These documents include passport, driving license, ser-



vice identity card with photo issued to employees by Central, State Government, PSUs or public limited companies, passport with photo issued by bank or post office, PAN card, smart card issued by the Ministry of Labor, MNREGA job. The card includes a health insurance smart card issued under the scheme of the Labor Ministry, pension document with photo and Aadhaar card.

# Public confident that Modi will become PM again: Kanwar Pal Gurjar

RAHUL KOHLI JAGADHRI, APRIL 17

BJP District President Rajesh Sapra said that today Agriculture Minister Kanwar Pal Gurjar and BJP candidate from Ambala Lok Sabha Ban-to Kataria did public relations in 15 villages of Jagadhri assembly constituency. Their public relations campaign started at 9:00 in the morning and ended late in the evening. Agriculture Minister Kanwarpal Gurjar started public relations in villages Arnauli, Pheruwalla, Sherpur Mod, Damauli, Hadauli, Ledi, Kot, Taharpur Kalan, Darpur, Chahdo, Salempur Bangar, Mamli, Mirpur, Jathedi, Rairpur etc. of Jagadhri assembly constituency. While saying that the present BJP govern-

ment of Haryana is purchasing many crops like wheat, paddy, sugarcane, millet, moong, mustard etc. from the farmers at minimum support price and the payment for the purchase is going directly into the farmer's account, Prime Minister Kisan Schemes have been started to increase the income of farmers through schemes like Samman Nidhi, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, Meri Fasal Mera Byora, Mera Paani Meri Virasat, Bhavantar Bharpa Yojana etc., which are showing positive results. Kanwar Pal said that at present The BJP government has provided more facilities for treatment to the people by



renovating government hospitals in Chhachhrauli, Kot, Khadri, Pratap Nagar. Similarly, by establishing ITI in Chhachhrauli Pratap Nagar and constructing additional buildings in Chhachhrauli Government College, efforts have been made to advance the youth. Opportunities are being provided, a new bypass national highway is being built from Kail to Tajewala in

Jagadhri area, similarly, pools and ponds are being constructed over the rivers in Jagadhri assembly constituency, all these works are for the convenience of the public. The BJP government has got it done, the Congress party has shown by compromising with jailed Chief Minister Kejriwal's party that the Congress party is with the corrupt, the people of the country will teach a strong lesson to the Congress and the opposition political parties in the Lok Sabha elections, these are the steps of the Congress party.

# Seva Trust UK (India) holds juice langar on Shri Ram Navami

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, APR 17

On the occasion of Shri Ram Navami, Seva Trust UK (India) in collaboration with its co-sponsor Dabur India Limited organized a huge juice langar. On this occasion, District Coordinator of Seva Trust UK Pawan Mittal extended hearty congratulations and best wishes to all the countrymen and devotees on the holy incarnation day of our adored, Maryada Purushottam Lord Shri Ram 'Shri Ram Navami'. Throwing light on the birth and teachings of Shri Ram Ji, he appealed to the society to follow the path shown by him. Speaking on this occasion, he said that the land of India is the land of religion. Many saints, mahatmas, pirs,



prophets, fakirs and great men have been born on this land of India who showed the path to the society with his divine voice and tried to free the society from stereotypes, superstitions and evil practices.

es. Pooja Saini and Rajesh Saini said that Shri Ram Ji is Maryada Purushottam. He emphasized on the superiority of action and always inspired man to do good deeds. Apart from this, Shri Ram Ji

envisioned such a society in which people of all religions, castes, castes and sects could live together lovingly and in the spirit of brotherhood. Block Coordinator Vijay Panghal, Praveen Goyal said that despite the passage of centuries, the words of Lord Shri Ram are equally relevant and meaningful. Even today his words are guiding the society. We need to build an ideal society by following the ideals, principles and path shown by Shri Ram Ji.



VB nabs ASI for accepting Rs 15,000 bribe



**KULJEET HONEY, YADWINDER KADGILL**  
**TARN TARAN:** The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB), during its on-going campaign against corruption in the state, on Wednesday, has apprehended Assistant Sub Inspector (ASI) Karam Singh, posted as Investigating Officer at Police Station Sadar Patti, Tarn Taran district red handed while he was accepting a bribe of Rs 15,000. Disclosing this here today an official spokesperson of the state VB said the above mentioned accused has been arrested on the basis of a complaint lodged by a woman named as Veero, a resident of village Sahali Kalan in Tarn Taran. He further informed that the complainant has approached the VB and alleged that the said ASI has demanded a bribe of Rs 65,000 for favouring his son-in-law in a police case registered against him in the police station.

Vasant Valley Public School excels at Shabad Gayan and Turban Tying competition on 325th Khalsa Sajna Divas



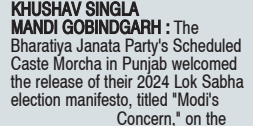
**SANGRUR:** The spirit of devotion and cultural celebration filled the air as Guru Nanak Seva Dal Sangrur hosted a memorable Shabad Gayan and Turban Tying Competition on the auspicious occasion of the 325th Khalsa Sajna Divas at Gurudwara Sri Nankiana Sahib. Among the participants, Vasant Valley Public School Sangrur emerged as a shining beacon of talent and tradition. In the esteemed Shabad Gayan competition, the melodious voices of Vasant Valley Public School resonated throughout the Gurudwara, earning them the prestigious first position. In the artful display of turban tying, representatives from Vasant Valley Public School showcased their finesse and dexterity.

Satluj Press Club Rupnagar decides to bring problems of people, journalists to admn



**PT DAVINDER SHARMA**  
**RUPNAGAR:** Satluj Press Club, Rupnagar has become active to solve the problems of people and journalists. A meeting of Satluj Press Club was held on Wednesday under the chairmanship of President Sarabjit Singh. On this occasion, issues pertained to public and journalists were discussed and emphasis was given on giving priority to working actively to resolve these issues. The members of the Press Club present on this occasion unanimously felt the need to convey the problems and issues of the public and issues of journalists should be conveyed to the administration from time to time. President Sarabjit Singh said that the Press Club would always work for the public interest and the press which was known as the fourth pillar to convey people's problems and public welfare schemes and policies of the government and administration to the public.

BJP's election manifesto will prove to be boon for poor families: Kanth



**KHUSHAV SINGLA**  
**MANDI GOBINDGARH :** The Bharatiya Janata Party's Scheduled Caste Morcha in Punjab welcomed the release of their 2024 Lok Sabha election manifesto, titled "Modi's Concern," on the historic occasion of Dr. Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar's 133rd birth anniversary on April 14. State Vice President of BJP SC Morcha, Shri Paramjeet Singh Kanth, emphasized the need for a strong and stable government amidst global uncertainties, which has been emphasized by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The manifesto titled "Modi's Concern" focuses on continuing current welfare schemes and reaffirms BJP's commitment to 'One Nation, One Election' and equal civil code. Shri Kanth reiterated their commitment to continuing welfare schemes for the poor, including assistance in constructing homes for homeless, providing affordable kitchen gas and LPG connections, zero electricity bills for poor families.

Minor girl allegedly abducted by unidentified person on pretext of marriage

**SUKH NAHAR**  
**JAGRAON:** An incident has come into light from Jagraon where an unidentified person has been accused of abducting a minor girl on pretext of marriage. Police station city Jagraon SI Surinder Singh stated that police has received a complaint from a resident of village Jattapura in which he has alleged that his daughter passed 12th and was taking computer classes in Jagraon. "The complainant has mentioned that the minor girl had gone to attend her computer class like everyday but when her father went to centre at evening to pick her up, he found that the centre was closed. He tried his daughter's phone but it was switched off," he added. Singh further said that the owners of computer centre informed him that the centre is closed at afternoon everyday and on checking CCTV footages, it was found out that that the minor girl has left the centre at 12 in afternoon.

Massive turnout in Bhagwant Mann's 'Jan Ashirwad Yatra' in Gujarat

**SHASHI PAL JAIN**  
**CHANDIGARH, APR 17**

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Wednesday held a 'Jan Ashirwad Yatra' in support of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) candidate Chaitar Vasava from Bharuch Lok Sabha constituency in Gujarat. A large number of people gathered in his yatra. Seeing the crowd of lakhs of people, Mann said that there is a tsunami of Aam Aadmi Party in Gujarat. To be honest, I have not seen such an atmosphere even in Punjab. He said that the victory of AAP candidate Chaitar Vasava is 100 percent certain, it is just yet to be announced.

He said that the BJP is afraid of Arvind Kejriwal. That is why they arrested Kejriwal, implicating him in a false case as part of a conspiracy so that he could not campaign in the Lok Sabha elections. There is only one leader in the country who can challenge the BJP and Narendra Modi, that is Arvind Kejriwal.

Mann said that the BJP has arrested Arvind Kejriwal but it cannot stop him because Arvind Kejriwal is not just a



person, he is an idea. You can put Kejriwal's body in jail but how will you arrest his thinking? Mann said that the BJP had also arrested Chaitar Vasava and his wife. I went to meet him in jail. BJP thought that he would not return. But he came out and is here today fighting against the dictatorship of the BJP. He said that God is watching everything. When oppression and injustice gets prevalent, then God cleans it. He said that on May

7, the response to the BJP's dictatorship is the 'jharoo' button. The BJP is destroying the country's democracy and constitution. He said that the Aam Aadmi Party is a party of common people. Only here the common people get an opportunity and platform. In Punjab, 92 out of 117 seats belong to the Aam Aadmi Party, out of which 80 were first time MLAs. They are 28-29 years old and come from humble backgrounds. But they defeat

ed all the stalwarts of Punjab. This is democracy. Whenever the public wants, a person is on the throne and whenever the public wants, the same person is on the ground. The BJP is unable to understand this. But in this election, the public will tell this to the BJP with their votes.

He said that there is only one leader in the country who can challenge the BJP and Narendra Modi, he is Arvind Kejriwal.

HD will celebrate 'WIW' from Apr 24 to 30: CS

**SUMER GARG**  
**SANGRUR, APR 17**

To protect pregnant mothers from tetanus and small children from various deadly diseases, it is very important to vaccinate them completely, the health department(HD) to vaccinate mothers and children, who



are deprived of vaccination due to some reason, will observe World Immunization Week(WIW) from April 24 to 30. While giving information in this regard, Civil Surgeon(CS), Sangrur, Dr. Kirpal Singh said that on the completion of 50 years of existence programs on immunisation, this week is being celebrated

all over the world and under which preparations are being made across the district, so that no pregnant woman and the child is deprived of vaccination. He further said that according to the guidelines of the Director Health and Family Welfare Department, Punjab, pregnant women in the district, especially urban.

Drugs, cash and other valuables worth Rs 243.95 crore seized since enforcement of code in Punjab: CEO

**GAURAV GOEL**  
**CHANDIGARH, APR 17**

In order to curb unfair activities and ensure fair and transparent elections in Punjab, enforcement agencies have seized drugs, liquor, unaccounted-for cash, and freebies worth Rs 243.95 crore in the past month since the model code of conduct for the Lok Sabha elections came into force on March 16.

Providing further information, Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Sibin C said that tight security arrangements have been made to conduct the elections in a free and fair manner in Punjab. The highest amount of cash, liquor/narcotics, and other items worth Rs 158.76 crore have been seized by the Punjab Police

from March 16 to April 17, 2024. e further said that since March 16, the Punjab Police have seized cash worth Rs 2.49 crore, liquor worth Rs 7.06 crore, drugs worth Rs 148.21 crore, valuables worth Rs 25.6 lakh, and other items worth Rs 74.2 lakh. Similarly, the state excise department seized liquor worth Rs 6.77 crore and drugs worth Rs 2 lakh, while the BSF seized drugs and narcotics worth Rs 19.66 crore, valuables worth Rs 40 lakh, and cash worth Rs 36 lakh. Apart from this, drugs worth Rs 45.92 crore, cash worth Rs 3.15 crore, valuables worth Rs 8.84 crore, and other valuables worth Rs 6 lakh have been seized by various agencies. This brings the total tally of seizures to Rs 243.95 crore. He said that, according

to data recently released by the ECI, Punjab was ranked fifth in the country in terms of seizures. According to figures, Rs. 311 crore has been seized in Punjab from March 1, 2024, to April 15, 2024.

Sibin C said that in order to check the illegal smuggling of drugs, liquor, cash, and other goods, inter-state checkpoints are being monitored round the clock with 48 hi-tech CCTV cameras.

In all the 117 assembly constituencies of the state, flying squad teams are monitoring 351 vehicles equipped with hi-tech CCTV cameras (3 vehicles for each assembly constituency), and they are being monitored at all times through the district, with live feed being monitored 24/7 in the control room.

Ram Navami celebrated at Shiv Mandir in Thakurpur

**SUJANPUR (SHWETA SHARMA) :** In Thakurpur village of Pathankot district, langar was organized at the Shiv Mandir to celebrate Ram Navami. Joginder Singh Salaria, the founder of PCT Humanity, and committee members participated in the langar along with havan and kirtan. Joginder Singh Salaria, speaking to journalists, expressed his enthusiasm for participating in the Ram Navami festival and satsang, thanking Lord Ram for his blessings. On this occasion, members of the temple committee honored Joginder Singh Salaria. Raghavir Singh, Ravi Singh, Pravesh Kumar, Banti Pradhan, Goldy Thakur, Sarpanch Satish Kumar, Roki Thakur, Joni Thakur, Kamal Thakur, Ajay Thakur, Narinder Singh, Mohanjeet Singh, and Hemant Kumar were present.



Celebrations of Baisakhi continues at Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University

**AJAY MALHOTRA**  
**FATEHGARH SAHIB, APR 17**

The Department of Sociology of Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University celebrated Baisakhi festival in a dynamic way while showcasing various facets of Punjabi culture.

Through activities like turban tying, Giddha, and Bhangra, the University students had the opportunity to not only participate in traditional customs but also deepen their understanding of their cultural heritage.

The involvement of students from different departments reflects the universality of the celebration, fostering a sense of unity and camaraderie among the university community. Under the guidance of faculty members Mr. Paramdeep Singh, Miss Yashna and Miss Kiranjit Kaur,



the event was organized with care and attention to detail, ensuring an authentic and immersive experience for everyone involved.

Dr. Nav Shagan Deep Kaur, In-charge of the Sociology department was instrumental in coordinating the event seamlessly.

She said that the support and encouragement from the Pro-Chancellor Prof. Ajai Singh Brar and the Vice

Chancellor Dr. Pritpal Singh underscored the significance of such cultural activities in preserving and promoting Punjabi heritage among the younger generation.

She added that the Baisakhi celebration served as a vibrant platform for students to connect with their roots, celebrate their culture, and build a stronger sense of community within the university.

IVF honours Paras Garg, who passed UPSC Exam



**SUMER GARG**  
**DABWALI, APR 17**

International Vaish Federation (IVF)'s local branch president, Pritam Bansal said that in the results declared by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), IRS, Paras Garg have brought pride to the Agarwal Vaish community by securing 168th rank in this Exam. He further said that IVF Punjab State President, Surinder Singla along

with the members last year has honored Paras Garg with 'OP Jindal Award'. The IVF even gives the needy youngsters, who pass the preliminary examination of the UPSC and are preparing for the main examination a cash amount of Rs 1 lakh on their demand. Pritam Bansal further said that the youth of the Agrawal Vaish community, who pass the UPSC Exam are honored with 'OP Jindal Award' every year.

Shobha Yatra taken out on occasion of Ram Navami



**KULJIT SINGH**  
**JANDIALA GURU, APR 17**

Shobha Yatra was taken out by Ram Navami Utsav Committee in Jandiala Guru. This Shobha Yatra started from Daliana temple and passed through different areas of Jandiala city and ended back at Daliana temple.

Tableaux were presented in this Shobha Yatra and bha-

jans of Lord Ram were sung. Chief guest in this Shobha Yatra were Cabinet Minister Harbhajan Singh ETO and senior BJP leader Rajiv Kumar Mana. In his message, he inspired people to follow the teachings given by Lord Ram. On this occasion, Sunaina Randhawa, Satinder Singh, Sonu, Sukhwinder Singh, Santokh Singh and others were present.

Ashwini Sharma counts welfare scheme launched by NDA govt

**SHWETA SHARMA**  
**SUJANPUR, APR 17**

"During a press conference organized by the BJP in Pathankot district," Ashwini Sharma elaborated on Modi's guarantees, emphasizing that the Manifesto focuses on the central development of women, youth, farmers, and the poor.

He stressed that it centers on "quality of life" and "quality of living," prioritizing solar energy, piped gas, and free electricity to every household. Sharma mentioned that the Free Ration Scheme will be extended for 5 years. The government will focus on self-reliance in pulses, edible oils, and vegetable production to stabilize prices. Expansion of Ayushman Bharat and Prime Minister's Housing Scheme will ensure access to clean



drinking water in every household. For farmers, the BJP will continue providing an annual assistance of Rs 6,000 and strengthen crop insurance through technology.

The government will maintain timely increases in support prices for crops, establish new clusters for essential oil production, and create additional storage facilities. Sharma highlighted the achievements of the BJP government, citing the fulfillment of all promises made be-

fore the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. He mentioned key accomplishments such as the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir, passage of the Women's Reservation Bill, and the commencement of construction of the Ayodhya Ram temple, among others. He further stated that a roadmap has been prepared based on suggestions from 15 million citizens across the country, focusing on centralized development for a developed India.

Guru Nanak Mission Hospital - announces future expansion, 8 crore Indo-Canadian Investment

**AVTAR SINGH BHANWARA**  
**CHANDIGARH, APR 17**

A glorious celebration of Guru Nanak Mission Hospital's 40 years of service was held at Dhahan Kaleran. The entrance to the compass of Guru Nanak Mission Medical & Educational Trust was a visual delight with two rows of photographs marking various milestones from the beginning in 1984 to the present.

Under the shade of bright colored tent canopies, a large audience of friends and supporters, staff, NRIs and distinguished guests enjoyed a lively program. Presentations included a documentary telling Baba Budh Singh's inspiring story and the 40-year history of the Hospital, and a heartwarming song, photographic journey with music and a heartwarming song. S. Kulvinder S. Dha-

han, President, welcomed the guests and related his personal connection with Guru Nanak Mission Hospital when Baba Budh Singh Ji came in 1979 from Canada and shared his



dream of building a hospital and medical college. Distinguished speakers Dr. Sukhwinder Kumar Sukhi, MLA, Banga and Dr. Tejinder Kaur Dhaliwal, Past Chairperson, Punjab School Board of Education spoke about the positive impact of the Hospital on the health of the local population, employment and economic opportunities for many.

Bhador police arrest accused in motorcycles, wires theft cases

**BALWINDER AZAD**  
**BARNALA DEHATI, APR 17**

Bhador police has succeeded in arresting two persons who stole cables from fields on the basis of motorcycles and stole motorcycles.

Inspector Sherwinder Singh of Bhador police station said in a press conference that Gurvinder Singh, while recording a statement at Bhador police station, said that on 9/4/2024 around 11:00 pm when we were on patrol, a motorcycle drove very fast. Along with Vidhata Road, going to our village Deepgarh. I went to Bhador along with me and Sukhmandar Singh son of Ranjit Singh, a resident of Deepgarh village along with me. The persons were stealing the cable wire of our motor, then the unknown persons freed them-



selves from us and ran away from the place and took their Platina motorcycle No. PB. 29 S. 6750 left. When we checked the motorcycle, in which an affidavit was found stating that it had been sold to Iqbal Singh son of Jagga Singh, a resident of village Madoke, district Moga, we found that the person who had left the motorcycle on the night of the cable theft was Gurpreet Singh son of Jagga Singh, Maddoke District Moga and Rajwinder Singh son of

Gurmail Singh resident of Jund Hall Abad near Police Station Badhani Kala District Moga. On the basis of whose statement, a case was filed. Durane Taftish Doshiyan was arrested on 12 April 2024. The accused was produced in the honorable court on 13th April 2024. After obtaining a two-day police remand by the honorable court, on 14th April 2024, 27 kilos of cable wire and two stolen motorcycles were recovered from Doshiyan Uttan.



## Police recovers huge quantity of liquor in Gagret

KISHORI LAL BAINS  
UNA: According to police sources FIR No. 40/2024 dated 15-04-2024 U/S 39(1) A Himachal Pradesh Excise Act Police Station GAGRET: In this case, police recovered 1,53,540 ml country liquor (138 bottles Marka Santra (750ml each), 72 VRV Marka Santra half (375ml each) and 93 VRV Marka Santra quarter (180ml each) and 35 quarter Noori Marka (180ml each) from Pawan Kumar Son of Chint Ram, Resident of Mawa Sindhian, Tehsil Ghanari, District Una. The investigation of the case is in progress. FIR No. 41/2024 dated 15-04-2024 U/S 39(1) A Himachal Pradesh Excise Act Police Station GAGRET: In this case, police recovered 1,14,000 ml country liquor (44 bottles of Marka Santra, 750ml each), 450 VRV Marka Santra quarter (180ml each) under the bridge at ward No. 7, Village Mawa Sindhian, Tehsil Ghanari, District Una. The police registered a case against unknown people and the investigation is under progress.

## Baddi Police launches anti-drug campaign; seizes 56 boxes of alcohol

A N WAR HUSSIAN  
NALGARGH: The Baddi police have initiated an anti-drug campaign and seized 56 boxes of alcohol from a rented room in Sandoli Khadiya, Baddi. The boxes contained half, quarter, and full bottles of branded English and local alcohol. Following the seizure, the police arrested the accused and filed a case under the Excise Act. Confirming the incident, SHO Baddi Rakesh Rai stated that the previous night, during patrol, the Baddi police received a tip-off that Manpreet Singh, a resident of Sandoli Khadiya, Baddi, had stored a large quantity of illegal alcohol in his rented room. Acting promptly on the information, a police team arrived at the location and, during a search of Manpreet Singh's room, seized 56 boxes of alcohol. A case has been registered under the Excise Act, and the police have launched an investigation into the matter.

## All leaders of Mandi are united to ensure victory of Vikramaditya: Pratibha

SHIMLA: State Congress President and MP Pratibha Singh has said that the party's strategy for the elections of the Mandi parliamentary constituency will be made on April 19 at the state Congress headquarters Rajiv Bhawan. She said that a meeting has been called here in this context. Chief Minister Thakur Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu will specially participate in the meeting. Apart from Congress MLAs of Mandi parliamentary constituency, East MLAs, party candidates who have contested elections from here, district and block presidents, and district heads of leading organizations and departments have been called to the meeting. The meeting will be held at 11.30 am. Pratibha Singh has said that the Mandi parliamentary constituency has been her constituency. This time, the party has fielded a young, hardworking, and experienced candidate in his place, Public Works Minister Vikramaditya Singh, currently MLA from Shimla Rural in the state government.

# Light rain in HP, stormy weather ahead

AGENCY  
SHIMLA, APRIL 17

There was drizzle at a few places in an otherwise dry Himachal Pradesh as the plains recorded a rise in mercury, the Met Office said on Wednesday. While the foothills are experiencing hot weather, Kangra district is lashed by frequent snowfalls with more than 107 roads covered in snow. Many have been affected by frequent avalanches in Lahaul Spiti, Chamba and Kinnaur districts. Continued rainfall over a week in Shimla, Kullu and Chamba districts dipped the mercury in these areas. A Western Disturbance is currently over JammuKashmir & neighbouring areas. A fresh



Western Disturbance is likely to affect northwest India from Thursday. The Met Office said there will be rain at many places in Himachal on April 19 and a few places on April 20 Light to moderate rain may occur at a few places on April 18 & 22. IMD also sounded an Orange alert in 10 districts for thunderstorms accompanied by lightning,

hail and gusty wind (30-40 kmph) at isolated places on April 18 & 19 and a yellow alert for April 20 and 22 in the state. Essential services including electricity and communications can be affected, it said. Farmers are advised to use hail nets or hail caps in orchards. They should also provide mechanical support to horticultural crops

and staking to vegetables. Further advisories and guidelines are awaited from the administration. According to the Met Office, the tourist resort Narkanda received 4.5 mm of rain, Mandi 3.8 mm, Kalpa in Kinnaur 3.7mm, Sangla 3.4 mm, Reckong-peo, headquarters of Lahaul SpitiKeylong three mm each and tourist resort Kufri 1.5 mm. Minimum temperature of Keylong was 0.3 degree Celsius, Kalpa 3.5, Manali 5, Narkanda 5.8, Bhuntar airport 8.2, Kufri 8.8, Dalhousie 9.8, Shimla 10.4, Mandi 10.5, Solan 10.8, Hamirpur 11.3, Chamba 11.5, Una, Jubberhati airport, Kangra and Dharmshala 13 degrees each, while Bilaspur was 14 degrees Celsius.

## BJP workers should ensure victory: Vipin Parmar

DAULAT CHAUHAN  
JAWALI, APRIL 17

Vipin Singh Parmar, the in-charge of the Kangra-Chamba Lok Sabha constituency, addressed BJP worker meetings in Jawali-Kotla and Nagrota Surian today in support of BJP candidate Dr. Rajeev Bhardwaj. The event saw BJP workers from Jawali Mandal, led by Sanjay Guleria, giving a warm welcome to Vipin Parmar and Dr. Rajeev Bhardwaj. Parmar encouraged all BJP workers to focus on ensuring the party's victory by reaching out to households and spreading the Modi government's welfare schemes. He emphasized the need to connect more people with BJP's ideology. Parmar stated that the Congress



party's decline in Himachal Pradesh is ongoing and shows no signs of stopping. He added that the Sukhu government has failed to fulfill its electoral promises, causing the Congress party to lose the trust of the people. Parmar confidently claimed that both the country and the state will see BJP governments formed after the June 4 election results. Meanwhile, BJP candidate Rajeev Bhardwaj shared that he has toured the 15 assembly constituencies in the

Kangra-Chamba Lok Sabha region. He noted that there is significant enthusiasm for BJP among the public, with many people expressing their desire to see Narendra Modi as prime minister once again. Bhardwaj expressed confidence that BJP will set a new record for victory in the Kangra-Chamba region. When asked about his priorities, Bhardwaj stated that he plans to strongly advocate for the improvement of the Kangra Valley railway line in the Lok Sabha.

## Governor offers prayers at Jakhu temple on Ram Navami



DINESH AGARWAL  
SHIMLA, APRIL 17

Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla has extended hearty congratulations and best wishes to the countrymen on Ram Navami, the incarnation

day of Maryada Purushottam Lord Shri Ram. On the auspicious occasion of Ram Navami, the Governor today visited Jakhu Temple, a famous religious place in Shimla and offered prayers. Lady Governor Janaki Shukla was

also with him on this occasion. The Governor said that this auspicious day should become a symbol of happiness, peace and prosperity in the lives of the people. He called upon everyone to adopt the ideals of Lord Ram.

## Rajinder Rana criticizes Cong for betraying voters' trust in Sujanpur

RAJNEESH SHARMA  
HAMIRPUR, APRIL 17

Former Congress MLA Rajinder Rana, who is the BJP candidate from the Sujanpur Assembly constituency, today said that the Congressmen who were approaching the media today and spitting venom against the six MLAs who raised the voice of the youth and people of the state were insulting the mandate of the people. RANA questioned why when elected MLAs of Congress government were being humiliated and their constituencies were being ignored in terms of development, these so-called congress benefactors were tight-lipped. Addressing several public meetings in his constituency, Rajinder Rana said that during the Assembly elections in the state, Congress leaders were making false



promises to garner votes from the public and betrayed the faith of the people together hurting their sentiments in the name of false guarantees just for the greed of votes. Had they been serious about the guarantees, they would have fulfilled them soon rather than befooling people. These leaders had cheated the gullible people of the state and now the same false guarantees as promised by congress leaders have become 'bone in

their throat,' said Rana. When the membership of six MLAs was terminated in a dictatorial manner, why did these cowardly Congress leaders not advise the Chief Minister? Rana questioned.

The people of the state were well aware of the fact that after coming to power, the Congress government under the leadership of Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu had closed more than 900 institutions opened by the previous BJP government in the name of Vyastha Parivartan. When these institutions were being closed, instead of opposing it, Congress leaders who made big statements today were tight-lipped. They had no courage to protest against this betrayal of the people. He said the Assembly constituencies in which the previous Congress government had opened the IPH divisions,

including the one in Sujanpur Assembly constituency, were not restored except that of Haroli and Nadaun. What crime had the people of Sujanpur and other areas committed he remarked? Rana said the Congress government had completely ignored the development works in the state except in one or two CM's friendly constituencies. The money is being wasted on appointments of chairman multiple OSDs and advisors etc instead of on development works. When the Congress leaders were insulting the people of the state by forcing outsider candidates to contest the Rajya Sabha elections, the so-called MLAs in the friend's cafe of CM were afraid to oppose the decision of their Central Aakas keeping g at bay the honour and self-respect of the people of the state.

## Complain about MCC violations on C-Vigil app: Hemraj Bairwa

SANJAY AGGARWAL  
DHARAMSHALA, APRIL 17

Complaints about those violating the model code of conduct during elections can be lodged through the C-Vigil app. District Election Officer Hemraj Bairwa said that everyone can easily download it through cvigil.eci.gov.in or Play Store on Android phone. Through this, complaints about violations of the Model Code of Conduct and money transactions can be sent on the spot along with evidence. The complaint lodged with video and photo in the C-Vigil app is decided to be resolved within a maximum of 100 minutes. 'Apply on Suvidha App for permission for election programs' The District Election Officer said that the Election Commission of India has created 'Suvidha App' for various permissions related to election programs. Through this, various types of permissions related to election campaigning including election rallies, street meetings and the use of loudspeakers can be obtained. This includes vehicle permission for star campaigners and party officials, use of helicopters and helipads, the opening of the temporary office of the party, vehicle permit, permission to install loudspeakers in vehicles, vehicle permission for candidates and election agents in the entire assembly constituency for election programs. Can obtain various permissions related to.



## CM is once again misleading women of Himachal: Sudhir Sharma

SANJAY AGGARWAL  
DHARAMSHALA, APRIL 17

BJP candidate from Dharamsala Sudhir Sharma has again targeted the Congress government. Sudhir Sharma has said that the Congress government is trying to deceive women by making them fill the form of Rs 1500 for the second time. Even before the assembly elections, forms were made to be filled by the women, but even after 14 months, no money was received. Sudhir Sharma said that the state Congress had given a false guarantee of Rs 1500 to the women. Initially, the government kept avoiding this scheme, but later when public pressure arose, Lahaul-Spiti was chosen as the place with the least number of



people in the state. After that, the plan was put on hold. What should have happened is that as per the promise made in the elections, the government should have laid the foundation of this scheme in the first cabinet. However, the Sukhu government did not do this. Now that there are by-elections in Himachal along with Lok Sabha in the country, the government is talking about filling the form for the

second time. There are a lot of conditions in the new form. This will further reduce the number of eligible women. Sudhir Sharma said that it is very sad that the government does not even have the data of eligible women. Anyway, the women of Himachal had not asked for any money from the government. Himachali women are hardworking. The BJP's manifesto has a vision for the women of Himachal and the country to stand on their own feet. Under this, the central government will brand the products of all the self-help groups in the country and state. The BJP government will do the branding of self-help groups in any field ranging from education, health, and retail. Sudhir Sharma said that this is Modi ji's guarantee.

## Som Dutt Sharma and Vimal Maudgil share an emotional reunion in Baddi

SHANTI GAUTAM  
BADDI, APRIL 17

An emotional reunion occurred in Baddi after 40 years between two friends, Som Dutt Sharma and Vimal Maudgil, who had studied together at Nahan College in Sirmaur district from 1982 to 1986. After graduating from Nahan College, the two pursued different career paths, one becoming an official and the other an entrepreneur. Som Dutt Sharma, who hailed from rural areas in Sirmaur, particularly from Bhunet village (Dadahu), studied under challenging circumstances at the only government college in the district, Nahan College. After completing his education, Som Dutt joined the Excise and Taxation Department and worked his way up through

honesty and diligence to become the Deputy Commissioner in Baddi. Meanwhile, Vimal Maudgil, a native of Nahan City, pursued business activities and established an industrial enterprise in Kala Amb (Sirmaur) after graduation, setting up a plastic injection moulding industry and providing employment to numerous people. Maudgil was also a boxing champion during his college days and even participated in the Asian Games. Clash Between Rural and Urban Groups: Som Dutt Sharma mentioned that, like in other colleges, there were tensions between rural and urban groups at Nahan College, which often led to the formation of factions. Som Dutt once ran for the student union elections under the NSUI banner, but lost by

only nine votes. Sharma also recalled an opportunity to visit Nagpur under the NSUI, where he and other students received guidance on student interests under Rajiv Gandhi's leadership. Reunion in the Economic Capital: After 40 years, the two friends experienced an emotional reunion in the economic capital, Baddi. Vimal Maudgil visited his old friend Som Dutt Sharma, who is now serving as the Deputy Commissioner in the Excise and Taxation Department in Baddi. The two hugged each other and reminisced about their shared college days. They remembered the rivalry between rural and urban groups, election campaigns, celebrations after victories, and the disappointment of defeats.

## Jai Ram Thakur suffering from Congress phobia: Col Dhani Ram

DINESH AGARWAL  
SHIMLA, APRIL 17

Health Minister Colonel Dhani Ram Shandil has stated that the Leader of the Opposition, Jai Ram Thakur, is suffering from Congress phobia. He sees Chief Minister Thakur Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu and Congress leaders even in his sleep. The Congress party is united and solidly behind the Chief Minister. The Congress government has completed 5 out of its 10 guarantees in just 15 months, yet the Leader of the Opposition seems to ignore this. The opposition's job is not only to criticize but also to appreciate good work. Shandil stated that the



memory of the Leader of the Opposition is weak. How can he forget that under his government, employees demanding OPS faced police batons and water cannons? Jai Ram Thakur even said in the Assembly that if employees wanted old pensions, they should resign from their jobs and contest elections. Now, how can the

Leader of the Opposition claim he did not oppose OPS? If Jai Ram is truly supportive of employees, he should help retrieve the 9,000 crores of NPS contributions from the central government. He should not shed crocodile tears, as the public is aware of who tried to topple the elected government with money. The health minister stated that Jai Ram Thakur's arithmetic is indeed weak. In an assembly with 68 members, Congress had 40 legislators, including the support of three independents, and thus had a clear majority. Now, with 62 legislators present, Congress still has 34 members, providing a clear majority for

the government. So how can Jai Ram claim the government does not have the right to remain in power? The BJP should apologize to the public for winning a Rajya Sabha seat through dubious means. The BJP's true face has been revealed to the public. Shandil stated that the announcement of the Indira Gandhi Priyadarshini Sukhi Samman Nidhi Yojana was made after the budget, and the plan has been approved by the Cabinet with a provision of 800 crores. The notification for the scheme has already been issued, and the first instalment has been disbursed to women in Lahaul and Spiti.

## Cong's promises and claims are false: Bindal

DINESH AGARWAL  
SHIMLA, APRIL 17

Dr. Rajeev Bindal, President of the Himachal Pradesh unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party, stated that today's press conference held by the Congress Party was akin to making a mountain out of a molehill. He pointed out that the Deputy Chief Minister of Congress repeatedly claimed that their government is strong. However, Bindal questioned the necessity of stating this repeatedly if it were true.

Bindal emphasized that the deputy Chief minister also admitted that they had fulfilled one of their ten guarantees, highlighting that Congress deceived Himachal Pradesh's unemployed youth during the 2022 elections.



The promise to provide one lakh jobs during the first Cabinet session and subsequent closure of the job-providing institution showcases the betrayal of trust. The promise to give 1,500 rupees to 22 lakh women during the first Cabinet session has also left

the government in debt. Bindal criticized the Congress government for failing to fulfill its promises, such as offering milk at 100 rupees per liter, providing cow dung at 2 rupees per kilogram, and giving 300 units of free electricity. He described the government's actions as adding salt to the wounds of the people of Himachal Pradesh.

Bindal stated that Congress seems to have created a chaotic situation for their own government, leading to the fielding of two candidates for each constituency. He expressed doubts about whether Congress is aiming to defeat or support their candidates, noting the lack of clarity within the current state government.

Bindal emphasized that the people of Himachal Pradesh are aware that Narendra Modi's government is set to return to power at the national level. Therefore, the people will send representatives aligned with Modi's vision from Himachal Pradesh to ensure the state's benefit. He stated that the people would not risk the state's interests by electing representatives from another party.

In conclusion, Bindal stated that neither the Chief Minister, the Deputy Chief Minister, nor the State President could provide a single answer during the extensive press conference. Instead, they seemed more focused on venting their frustrations.



Ram Navami celebrated in Basi market by distributing laddoos



**RADHEY SHYAM MORINDA:** On the occasion of Ram Navami in Morinda city, Ram devotees celebrated by distributing laddus in Basi market on Wednesday. On this occasion, Jitendra Gumber told that after the consecration of life in Ayodhya after 500 years, the first Ram Utsav of Shri Ram Ji has been celebrated. Enthusiasm in devotees was visible among the countrymen. Everyone celebrated this festival with great pomp. In which Ram devotees expressed their happiness by distributing laddus. On this occasion, Anil Gupta, Hamek Singh, Sangat Singh Bhamia, Jagdeep Singh, Sukhpreet Chadda, Jitinder Sharma, Sanjeev Sharma, Sanjeev Sood, Puneet Sharma, Devinder Mehta, Rummy Kakkar, Sharda Prashad Morea, Krishna Lal Mehta, Jagdish Verma, Tarsem Lal, Pushkar Sharma, Raman Bholia were present.

National seminar on "Greater participation for stronger democracy" on 19th April

**DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHARPUR:** Sanjiv Kumar president of non government organisation A4C awakening Civic consciousness among common citizens (Regd.) Dasuya and Vice Chancellor of Sant Baba Bhag Singh University Dr.Dharamjit Singh Parmar informed that a National seminar on "Greater participation for Stronger Democracy" will be organised on April 19, 2024, by NGO A4C Dasuya in collaboration with District administration Jalandhar and Sant Baba Bhag Singh University Khiala Jalandhar in Association with Savi International at Sant Baba Bhag Singh University. In this Seminar Deputy commissioner Jalandhar Dr. Himanshu Aggarwal will be the Chief Guest. On this occasion Major Dr. Amit Mahajan additional Deputy Commissioner Jalandhar and Sh. Sunil Phogat IAS ( Under training) Assistant Commissioner Jalandhar along with Sh Mukul Verma Director Savi international.

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Meeting of Bharatiya Ekta Manch governing body

**CHANDIGARH :** A Raucous meeting of Bharatiya Ekta Manch Governing Body will be organized on 21/04/2024 at Sector 126, near S.B.P Homes Mohali. In which apart from social activity, the upcoming Lok Sabha elections will also be discussed in which Naninder Jaitak Convener President, Puneet Mahajan General Secretary, Sunita Thakur President, Manita Bansal Senior Vice President, Neelam Kumari Joint Secretary, Bhupendra Rathod Finance Secretary, Bhag Singh Chauhan Chief Advisor, Media Advisor Neeraj Sharma etc. will participate.

Guru's great responsibility lies in upholding disciple's life: Pawan Mahajan

**BUREAU PATHANKOT:** Pawan Mahajan, chairman of Modern Sandeepni School, said that the relationship of love and respect between the Guru and the disciple will always remain as the Guru holds the most importance in the life of the disciple. He said that a teacher plays the same role in a student's life as a potter plays in making a beautiful and strong pot from a pile of clay.

The responsibility of the teacher is not only to educate the children but also to make them cultured. Perhaps this is the reason why teachers are given the highest status in society. This is the age of technology and its impact on children is also happening. Children are precocious. In such a situation, the scope of responsibility of teachers is also increasing. He said that it is written in various religious scriptures and history that Guru is the true guide of life, in such a situation students should respect teachers. Now a days it is seen that parents also show more sensitivity towards their children and complain to the teachers. Students who respect their mother, father and teachers.

On occasion of 40th Foundation Day, NRIs donate 8 crores to Guru Nanak Mission Hospital Dhahan Kaleran



**JATINDER PAL SINGH KALER NAWANSHAHR:** Today the 40th foundation day of Guru Nanak Mission Hospital Dhahan Kaleran was celebrated with great enthusiasm. The chief guest of the event, Kuldar Singh Sandhawan, Speaker Vidhan Sabha Punjab, congratulated the Guru Nanak Mission Hospital on the 40th establishment of the Trust, founder president Baba Budh Singh Dhanan and his colleagues for providing quality health services at subsidized rates. Worshiped the enterprise Describing the relationship between Canada and Punjab, he described Canada as the second home of Punjabis Canadian High Commission Steart Wheeler, congratulated the hospital on its successful journey of forty years and praised the hospital's founder Baba Budh Singh for his services to the society.

Maha Prabhat Pheri held with great fanfare by Shri Ram Mandir Ajj Sarovar Vikas Samiti Kharar



SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, APR 17

A Maha Prabhat Pheri was taken out today by Shri Ram Mandir Ajj Sarovar Vikas Samiti Kharar on the auspicious occasion of Ram Navami which started from Shri Ram Bhavan at 5 am and ended here around 7 am. A large number of city dwellers participated in this Prabhat Pheri.

On this occasion, Mr. Malvinder Singh Kang, the candidate of AAP Party for Anandpur Sahib Lok Sabha Constituency also participated in the Shobha Yatra and received the blessings of Lord Ram.

In this regard, the press secretary Shri Rohit Mishra issued a press note and informed that this Maha Prabhat Pheri, with the help of all the religious and social insti-

tutions of Kharar Nagar, started from Shri Ram Bhavan Kharar and ended here.

This Prabhat Pheri was headed by Mr. Dharmapal Sharma and his wife Smt. Indu Pal Sharma. Smt. Praveesh Sharma and Ashu Puri enlivened the atmosphere with their Bhajans. Flowers were showered on this Prabhat Pheri by the Kharar residents. All heads of political parties above the

partisan level participated in this Maha Prabhat Pheri and heads of all social and religious institutions were present.

In Kharar Nagar, there was a lot of excitement and excitement about Ram Navami. After Prabhat Pheri, all the Ram Bhagats visited the construction site of Shri Ram Mandir and refreshments were arranged for all by the committee.

ADEO issues instructions to save voters, staff from heat, rain

SUMER GARG SANGRUR, APR 17

In view of the heat and rain in the month of June, the district administration has started to take preliminary steps to make systematic arrangements for the convenience of voters and polling staff at the polling stations.

In this regard, under the directions of District Election Officer, Sangrur, Jitendra Jorwal; Additional District Election Officer (ADEO), Akash Bansal while organising a detailed meeting with all Assistant Returning Officers (AROs), Civil Surgeon, Tehsildar Elections informed them about the latest instructions issued by the Election Commission to deal with the heat wave(Loo) in view of the Lok Sabha elections

The ADEO, directed all the officials to ensure avail-



ability of clean drinking water, shade and ventilation for the voters at each polling station in view of the possibility of heat and humidity on the polling day on June 1. Provisions including availability of ventilated waiting room for disabled voters at the polling station itself should be ensured to be implemented in time.

The ADEO, has also urged all the voters of the district in the interest of the people to vote within the first few hours of the start of the voting

process at 8 AM as a precaution to avoid the heat and humid conditions on the day of polling. The right to vote should be used, so that the voters do not have to stand in queues for a long time and there is no adverse effect on the health of people due to Loo. He also said that if possible, as a precaution, the voters can also take a cloth on their head or face, so as to avoid the intense sun.

The Additional District Election Officer directed the officials of the Health Department(HD) to deploy ASHA workers at the polling stations on the day of the polls along with first aid kits and the availability of other appropriate medical facilities should be ensured, so that necessary medical arrangements are available in place from the protection against Loo.

First Tree Ambulance Service launched in Chandigarh on Ramnavmi



RAJIV JAIN CHANDIGARH, APR 17

Today, on 17th April, on the auspicious occasion of Ramnavmi, the first departure of Tree Ambulance Service with chanting and flower shower from the courtyard of Shri Trishakti Temple and Ashram Sector 49 D, Chandigarh on behalf of Jai Madhusudan Jai Shri Krishna Foundation took place to Mahavir Vatika for the service of plants.

On the auspicious occasion of this first departure, there was a special presence of Shri Shri Shashi Mata, the founder and director of Shri Trishakti

Mandir, devotee Shri Ashok Sharma and Dr. Salil Sharma, head of the educational institution of Hariyawal Punjab Chandigarh Metropolitan and Prabhunath Shahi, founder of the foundation. Chief Acharya of the temple, Dr. Gaurav Sharma along with his associate priests flagged off the tree ambulance with chanting of mantras and showering of flowers. Today, during its first service, Tree Ambulance reached Mahavir Vatika located in Jain Shanak Phase 6, Mohali and was welcomed there by the officials and members of SS Jain Sabha Mohali and Mahavir International Tricity.

Police arrests one with illegal weapon

PARAMJIT SINGH JALANDHAR, APR 17

Jalandhar Commissionerate Police led by Commissioner of Police Mr Swapan Sharma has arrested one youth with an illegal weapon.

Divulging the details, the Commissioner of Police said that the Police had got a tip off that a gang involved in smuggling of illegal Arms was active in the city.

He said that based on the input the police had laid a trap to nab the criminals involved in it. Subsequently, Mr Swapan Sharma said that Police party patrolling at Madhuban School spotted a youth heading towards Shaheed Babu Labh Singh Nagar.

The Commissioner of Police said that the youth was identified as Aman Luthra s/o Kapil r/o Gulab Devi Road Rattan Nagar Jalandhar. He said that on his search the Po-



lice recovered one Desi Katta of 315 bore along with one cartridge. Mr Swapan Sharma said that a FIR 71 dated 14-04-2024 u/s 25-54-59 Arms Act was registered against the accused at PS Basti bawa Khel. The Commissioner of Police said that the forward and

Baazigar Samaj announces Gajjan Chauhan as candidate for Sri Anandpur Sahib LS constituency

JATINDER PAL SINGH KALER NAWANSHAHR, APR 17

In the Lok Sabha elections, the Saria Party has launched its candidates in the election field. While Bajigar Vanjara Goar Samaj has not been given a ticket

by any party for Lok Sabha elections in Punjab, Haryana, Himachal, Jammu Kashmir, Rajasthan. Due to which there was a huge protest among the people of this society As a result of which, Bajigar Goar held a conference and discussed with the people of his communi-

ty about the Lok Sabha elections and put his stamp on putting his candidate in the election field. Gajjan Singh Chauhan of Railmajra , a resident of Jampal (Balachaur ) Hall of village Hasanpur Mand under Kathgarh Police Station of District Shaheed Bhagat Singh.

Mohali admin's endeavour attracts many female voters for women's marathon



LK BANSAL MOHALI, APR 17

Mohali Administration's on-going efforts to rope in the maximum number of voters in its voter awareness campaign bore fruit today when about 400 female voters turned up for the Women's Marathon to be started from Sports Complex, Sector-78, Mohali.

Divulging the details, the Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Electoral Officer, Mrs Aashika Jain said that the district has an initial target of a minimum of 80 per cent voting in the district.

"We have about 7,93,465 voters in total in SAS Nagar district, out of which, males contribute 4,16,704, females 3,77,625 and trans-genders 36", said DEO by adding that the sizeable voting share of female voters can further be increased by mobilizing them with others too. Today's

event, the Women's Marathon, was part of the activities scheduled under SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electors' Participation) to inculcate a sense of responsibility among them with a message conveying to other women too, who were not part of the Marathon, that, they can set a new trend by approaching the polling booths on June 01, 2024, to strengthen the democracy by using their voting rights, added Mrs Jain.

Mohali Municipal Commissioner, Mrs Navjot Kaur along with Joint Commissioner, Mrs Kiran Sharma and SDM Mohali-cum-ARO Ananadpur Sahib, Depankar Garg, flagged off the Marathon, said that the Marathon fetched an overwhelming response from the women voters. She said that like male members of the family, it is duty of female members of the family, too, to

vote for the better future of their children as the choice of pressing the button of EVM is with them.

If we couldn't use our right by rushing to the polling booths then we have no right to complain later on, said the Commissioner MC by exhorting the female voters to outnumber the male voters in casting their votes on June 01, 2024. She said that over 3.77 lakh female voters of district SAS Nagar can create history by setting an example for others in the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections 2024. She said that the female voters from various educational institutions including young and first-timers, from self-help groups and the education department have participated in today's Marathon to send a strong message to their fraternity to strengthen the democracy by casting their votes zealously.

Police disposes off 40kg of drugs



JALANDHAR (PARAMJIT SINGH): Jalandhar Commissionerate Police led by Commissioner of Police Swapan Sharma on Wednesday disposed off huge quantities of drugs confiscated from the smugglers during a period of time. Divulging the details, the Commissioner of Police said that in the war against drugs Police had recovered a huge quantity of drugs by registering various cases against the drug peddlers. He said that u/s 52 A of NDPS Act, the case property is destroyed by the drug disposal committee.

Swapan Sharma said that drug disposal committee destroyed the drug property in village Bir. The Commissioner of Police said that the drug property destroyed today included 39.5 kg of Poppy Husk, 2.877 kg of Heroin, 212 tablets, 288 capsules, and 90g of Ice. While reiterating the firm commitment of the Commissionerate Police to wipe out drug menace from the district, he said that a zero tolerance policy is being adopted by the force against this heinous crime.

Eye donation is a noble cause, everyone should come forward

SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, APR 17

The importance of eyes can be understood only by a person who has had darkness in his life. Sharing these thoughts, eye donation motivator of the local Rotary Club, Harpreet Singh Rekhi, said that under the campaign to donate eyes after death, the eyes of another local personality, Madan Lal Verma (age 61 years), son of Bana Das, were donated by his eyes through the Rotary Club.

Rekhi said that when the club came to know that the younger brother of Rotarian Pawan Kumar Dhelpur had died, the team of the Rotary Club reached his house and requested the family to donate eyes. His

wife Raj Rani agreed. After that the team led by Shivinder Kumar was called after establishing contact with the eye department PGI and they reached home and completed the process of taking the eyes. On this occasion, the president of the club, Ranjit Singh Rai, has appealed to the people that eyes must be donated after death so that someone's dark life can be brightened.

Vinay Rajput, secretary of the club, said that the Rotary Club has so far donated the eyes of 51 people after their death and now 102 people are looking at this beautiful world with these eyes.

Eye Donation Motivator Harpreet Singh Rekhi Rotary Club Kharar Dated-17-04-2024.

SAD has always made decisions in interest of Punjabi people: Raju



KHUSHAV SINGLA MANDI GOBINDGARH, APR 17

The Shiromani Akali Dal has always made decisions in the interest of Punjabis and has fought for the rights of Punjab, continuously and consistently. To further this cause, today SAD's General Secretary and head of Amloh constituency's volunteers, Gurpreet Singh Raju Khanna, addressed a gathering scheduled to take place inside the village of Anniya on April 19th related to the ongoing election campaign of Lok Sabha candidate

Bikramjit Singh Khalsa within the Amloh constituency. Raju Khanna stated that the Congress party's government has misled the people of Punjab by making false promises and looting them. Now is the time to take account of these elections. People in villages are demanding answers from their representatives about the false and misleading advertisements spread by the Bhagwant Mann-led government. Today, the Shiromani Akali Dal needs to take a stand against the central parties that are targeting Punjab.

Mehr Chand Polytechnic College wins Overall Trophy with total 43000/- cash prize in event KSHITIZ-2024



HARPREET SINGH LEHAL JALANDHAR, APR 17

Under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Jagroop Singh, Principal, students of Mehr Chand Polytechnic College Jalandhar participated in various events with zeal and enthusiasm and won Overall Trophy with 11000/- cash prize in the Event "Kshitiz" organized by GNA University, Phagwara.

The students have brought laurels and glory to the institution. The students of ECE, have bagged 1 st, 2 nd and 3 rd

positions in Circuit Mania and STEM Quiz. Whereas the students of CSE Deptt have won 1 st and 2 nd positions in Business Quiz. Along with this, the students of Civil Deptt have won 1 st position in Treasure Hunt. Another win by students of Mechanical Deptt bagged 2 nd position in Treasure Hunt and 3 rd position in CAD contest and Waste to Wonder. All the winner teams with 1 st positions have won cash reward of Rs 5100/- (each), the teams occupying 2 nd position received a cash prize of 3100/-

8-day Mata Mansa Devi camp concludes successfully



KHUSHAV SINGLA MANDI GOBINDGARH, APR 17

During the Chaitra Navratri, the Shri Naina Devi Seva Samiti in Amloh organized an 8-day camp at Mata Mansa Devi Mandir in Panchkula, Haryana. During this period, volunteers from Seva Samiti from various areas like Amloh, Bhadal/Thuha, Bhatedi, Bassi Pathana, Saharan, Sirhind, Chunnai Kalan, Jhanjeri, Bhatia Majra, Kalsana, Resal, Bhode, and Mandi Gobindgarh

assisted the administration in facilitating easy darshan for the devotees visiting the temple of Mata.

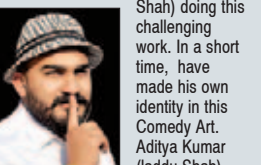
Providing details about the occasion, the President of Seva Samiti, Devinder Kumar, mentioned that approximately 150 volunteers of the Seva Samiti have been providing various services for the convenience of devotees visiting Mata's shrine since the first Navratri. They also cooperated with the administration and police. Additionally, during the blood do-

nation camp, volunteers contributed by donating blood to save precious lives. He stated that this camp commenced from the first Navratri and concluded after the Ashtami Poojan. Present at this occasion were the General Secretary of Seva Samiti, Keval Krishan, Rakesh Sharma from Sirhind, Shiv from Bhatta Majra, Teerth Kumar Soni, Kuldeep Chand Verma, Dr. Lavinder Sharma, Veerban Sharma, Shiv Kapalish, Jaswinder Babloo, Ravi Kumar etc.



Mastering the balance of health and humor: Laddu Shah

HARPREET SINGH LEHAL JALANDHAR: The most difficult task in the World today is to perform the art of keeping People Physically and mentally healthy while entertaining them wholesomely.



Comedy artist Aditya Kumar (laddu Shah), was born Near JK Hachary Domana, Phalora Nagbani, Jammu, Dumana, J&K In the house of Father Bodh Raj Bhagat and Mother Anita Kumari. Aditya Kumar (laddu Shah) take School Education from KC Public School Akhnoor Road Jammu J&K and higher from Himalayan Garhwal University Utrakkhand. Aditya Kumar (laddu Shah) He had a passion for comedy since his childhood and his way of doing comedy in this field was very much liked by the audience. He started serving the Punjabi mother language through comedy with various artists. He has also been honored by many organizations for his excellent work as a comedy artist in this field. Aditya Kumar (laddu Shah) is working very hard in this field and there are great expectations from him in the future.

Accelerated wheat procurement in mandi: Jasbir Singh

MAIN PAL KASHYAP INDRI: Jasbir Singh, Secretary of the Market Committee, reported that the process of wheat procurement is proceeding smoothly in the Indri Anaj Mandi and its sub-yards, Bayana and



Garhbirbal. Two agencies, HAFED and DFC, are conducting the procurement in the mandi. Due to some moisture content in the wheat, there have been some challenges in the procurement process, but measures are being taken to address the situation quickly. He stated that both agencies have been instructed to ensure that there is no negligence in the wheat procurement process. Special attention is being paid to maintaining cleanliness in the mandi.

BJP intellectual cell's state executive meeting on April 19

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA: The Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) Intellectual Cell's state executive meeting will take place on April 19 at the party's state office in Rohtak. Dr. Rishipal Mathana, state co-convenor of the Intellectual Cell, shared this information and stated that the meeting will be primarily guided by State Organization General Secretary Phaniindranath Sharma and presided over by the cell's state convener, Dr. Omprakash Atray. The meeting will also focus on strategizing to secure victories for BJP candidates in all 10 Lok Sabha seats in Haryana, aiming for a 400-plus majority in the state. Dr. Mathana mentioned that the meeting will discuss plans to engage more members of the state's intellectual community with the party.

Govt should purchase, lift and pay wheat to farmers with immediate effect: Bajrang Garg

RAMAN GUPTA KAITHAL: Provincial President of Haryana Pradesh Trade Board and former Chairman of Haryana Confed, Bajrang Garg, after talking to commission agents and farmers during his visit to the mandi, said that due to the negligence of government officials and grain lifting contractors, the mandis were completely filled with wheat. And there are long lines of trolleys loaded with grains outside the markets. Due to the rainy season, lakhs of tonnes of wheat and mustard of farmers have already been spoiled and according to the Meteorological Department, there is a possibility of more rain in future also. About 30 lakh MT tonnes of wheat has arrived in the markets. Wheat has not been lifted till now even 10 percent. Bajrang Garg said that the grain lifting contractors are deliberately delaying the lifting of wheat in order to get money. Agents from many mandis told that in the name of wheat lifting, contractors are demanding Rs 3 to 5 per bag, due to which wheat lifting is getting delayed. Bajrang Garg said that the government should purchase and lift the wheat with immediate effect and pay the farmers for the wheat purchase, whereas all the claims of the government of purchasing, lifting and paying the grains within 72 hours have proved to be unsuccessful. The government has not purchased the entire mustard from the farmers at MSP and now the farmers are rushing to the mandis to sell their wheat along with the mustard. Unless wheat is purchased and lifted from the markets, the government agency is not paying the farmers for their crops.



Congress candidate Dr. Gandhi reaches Nabha to start election campaign

RAKESH JINDAL NABHA: Where the candidates of various parties have started preparations for the Lok Sabha elections, Congress candidate from Patiala Lok Sabha constituency, former parliamentarian Dr. Dharamvir Gandhi, has started campaigning. Arriving at Nabha Constituency, he started his election campaign. On this occasion, he addressed a public meeting at Bhagwan Balmik Mandir Bora Gate and said that to save the country and the constitution of the country, it is very important to defeat the BJP. Further, he attended the office of Taksali Congressman Hari Krisan Seth on this occasion to request the government to allow opium cultivation for the elimination of systemic addiction, where he claimed to have won with a large lead by being honored by a large number of Taksali Congressmen under the leadership of Hari Seth. Dr. Dharamvir Gandhi was greeted with the chants of "Long live the Congress party. Long live the Congress Party. Long live the flowers. On this occasion, he was welcomed by District



President Rural Patiala Mahant Harvinder Singh Khanora, District SC Department Mat Rural Patiala Chairman Kulwinder Singh Sukhewal, Urban Block President. Nabha Vivek Singla, Rural Block President Bittu Dhangi, Youth Leader Gurdit Seth, Jatinder Singh Sati Abhepur, Bani Khora Senior Youth Leader, Harbans Singh Mallewal, Bhupinder Nabha, Gurcharan Singh Duladi, Harjit Singh Rupray, Puri Nabha, Subhash Sahi, Inderjit Singh Duladi, Baba Bachitar Singh Sarpanch, Karam Singh Skoha, Vinod Modi, a large number of Congress leaders and workers were present.

KHUSHAV SINGLA MANDI GOBINDGARH: Under the directions of Deputy Commissioner Ms. Pamit Shergill, teams from the Department of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare conducted an assessment of farms where surface seeders were used for sowing wheat in the villages of Gaggarwal and Kalemajra. The Chief Agriculture Officer, Dr. Sandeep Kumar Rinwa, explained that Punjab Agricultural University in Ludhiana has developed a new machine, the surface seeder, which does not require large tractors for operation. He mentioned that this machine significantly reduces the time required for sowing seeds and

Accused involved in kidnapping of girl arrested

RAMAN GUPTA KAITHAL: While investigating the case of kidnapping of a girl from a village under Titaram police station on July 10, 2023, the accused Vikram, resident of Serdha, was arrested by the team of ASI Mukesh Kumar of CIA-1 police. Police spokesperson said that according to the complaint of a person living in a village under

Titaram police station, his brother has 3 children.

One of the girls had gone to the Shiva temple to worship around 7 am on July 10. On the way, 4/5 boys who came in a Scorpio car forcefully took away his niece.

Regarding which a case of kidnapping was registered in Titaram police station. The spokesperson said

that three accused including the main accused have already been arrested in the case.

The victim has been recovered and handed over to Warsan as per rules.

Accused Vikram was involved in the said incident. Accused Gurmeet was sent to judicial custody as per the orders of the court.

Rahul Gandhi makes big claim, says 'BJP will be limited to 150 seats'

AGENCY GHAZIABAD, APRIL 17

Addressing a joint press conference with Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said there is a strong undercurrent in favour of the opposition INDIA bloc in the Lok Sabha elections and the BJP will be limited to 150 seats. "I do not do prediction of seats. 15-20 days ago I was thinking the BJP would win around 180 seats but now I think they will get 150 seats. We are getting reports from every state that we are improving. We have a very strong alliance in Uttar Pradesh and we will perform very well..." the former Congress president said.

When asked about whether he will contest the general elections from Amethi or Raebareilly, Gandhi said, "This is the BJP's question;



very good. Whatever order I get, I will follow it. In our party, all these (selections of candidates) decisions are taken by the CEC." Elaborating on the party's manifesto for the elections, Gandhi said, "In the last 10 years, PM Modi has reduced the system of employment generation by demonetization, by implementing the wrong GST and by supporting big billionaires like Adani. The

first task is to once again strengthen employment, and for that, we have given 23 ideas in our manifesto. One idea is the revolutionary idea of the right to apprenticeship. We have decided that we will give the right to apprenticeship to all the graduates and diploma holders in Uttar Pradesh. There will be training and we will deposit Rs 1 lakh per year in the bank accounts of the youth and we are giving these

rights to crores of youth. We will make a law for paper leaks as well." The sentiment of the former Congress president was also echoed by the Samajwadi party Chief who said that the INDIA bloc had emerged as a hope for the people. "INDIA alliance is the new hope in the elections and as Rahul ji said that there are many things in his manifesto by which poverty can be eradicated. Adding to that I want to say that the day the farmers of our country will become happy, the day the farmers of the country will start getting remunerative prices for their crops, I understand that all the political parties and especially those who are the partners of INDIA alliance are saying that they will give MSP and the day the Indian government increases the income of the farmers, poverty will go away..."

Demonstration by villagers against police administration regarding case of suicide

KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA, APRIL 17

A Dalit family of Jalur village near Handiaya town, mother and son committed suicide after being fed up with an abusive person in the village. The villagers have been demanding the arrest of the said Dhanad for a long time, but as a protest against the police not arresting the said person yet, men and women gathered in large numbers at the Civil Hospital Barnala and staged a dharna in front of the Sadar police station. Raised slogans against the police administration. According to the information received, CPI (M) district leader Surinder Singh Dardi, state secretary of Mazdoor Mukti Morcha Punjab Comrade Gurpreet Rudeke, district secretary of Rural Mazdoor



Sabha Bhola Singh Kallamajra said that the son of Bhim Singh, a resident of village Jalur, got fed up with a wealthy person in the village. Lovepreet Singh committed suicide on March 16. The mother of the deceased, Gurmeet Kaur, got fed up with the said persons and committed suicide by consuming poison on March 19 due to the separation of her son. The heirs of this Dalit family are accusing the

police that the police is not ready to file a case even on the statements of the head of the house, Bhim Singh. Bhim Singh along with his family and relatives has been circling Thana Sadar for one month. But so far no action has been taken by the police.

After the strike, a delegation of the organization Deputy Commissioner and SSP. Barnala was also met but no action has been taken yet.

Lord Rama's principles benefit all humanity, not just Hindus: Gita Manishi Gyananand

DARSHAN SHARMA NEELOKHERI, APRIL 17

On the final day of the Shri Ram Katha Mahotsav, organized at Shri Sanatan Dharma Mandir Nilnagar on the occasion of the Shri Ram Navami festival, Gita Manishi Mahamandaleswar Swami Gyananand Ji Maharaj performed the grand aarti of Lord Rama and extended greetings on the occasion of Lord Rama's manifestation. Swami Ji spoke about how the Lord takes various avatars according to time and circumstances to establish the principles of dharma. He emphasized that Lord Rama embodies restraint, patience, sensitivity, and culture, and is the embodiment of dharma itself. He noted that Lord Rama's principles are not just for those who follow Sanatan Dharma, but for the benefit of all humanity. Shiv Nath Kapoor, the president of the temple assembly, highlighted that this year's Shri Ram Navami is particularly special because after a long struggle spanning nearly 500 years, Lord Rama is now seated in his sanctum sanctorum in Ayodhya. Kapoor also extended a warm welcome to Swami Ji on behalf of the temple assembly. Acharya Harihar Mudgal Ji



Maharaj, speaking on the final day of the Shri Ram Katha, urged everyone to embody the character of Lord Rama and his brother Bharata, as doing so would help resolve familial issues caused by greed and prevent relationships from breaking.

Agniveer of Mehta village of Barnala district martyred in J&K



ASHOK DHINGRA

TAPA MANDI: The young Sukhwinder Singh son of retired Subedar Naib Singh of village Mehta near Tapa of Barnala district, who joined the army 1 year and 11 months ago as an Agni Veer, died a day before, in Jammu and Kashmir. His father, retired Subedar Naib Singh Mehta, has also served the country. His parents got Sukhwinder Singh educated and got him recruited as an Agniveer in Army. As soon as this sad news came in the village and surrounding areas, a wave of mourning spread. The dead body of Shaheed Sukhwinder Singh was brought to the crematorium of village Mehta by the army soldiers where SDM Madam Poonampreet Kaur, Naib Tehsildar Sunil Kumar, DSP Dr. Manavjit Singh Sidhu, Inspector Kuljinder Singh Grewal Army Subedar Parson Singh, Hauldar Darshan Singh. The body of the deceased was cremated by his father Naib Singh. Everyone's eyes were wet in the crematorium. His mother Ranjit Kaur and her relatives were in a bad condition. It should also be mentioned here that deceased brother is living in Canada.

Drug smuggler arrested with 930 gm opium at Shahajadpur

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA AMBALA, APRIL 17

Under the guidance of Shri OP Singh IPS, Additional Director General of Police, Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau and the leadership of Smt. Nitika Ghalaut IPS, Superintendent of Police, Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau, each unit of Haryana NCB is relentlessly targeting drug smugglers. Continuous action is being taken against drug smugglers by running special campaigns across Haryana. Ambala unit again arrested drug smugglers with 930 gm Opium. Giving detailed information in this regard, Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau's Deputy Superintendent of Police Mr. Jagbir Singh and Ambala Unit Incharge Inspector Satbir



Singh said that his police team led by Assistant Sub Inspector Sandeep Kumar presented at bus stand Shahajadpur for patrolling and checking in search of narcotics. Then a secret informer informed that Vikram S/o Dharambir, Vill. Nanhera, Teh. Naraingarh, Dist. Ambala who sell opium is coming on his motorcycle with Opium. After receiving the information, the police team of the unit started the

blockade. After some time, a young boy was seen coming on a motorcycle, to which ASI Sandeep Kumar gestured to him to put it on the side. Seeing the police party, he turned back and tried to run away, but the ASI controlled him with the help of his fellow employees. The motorcycle driver revealed his name as Vikram S/o Dharambir, Vill. Nanhera, Teh. Naraingarh, Dist. Ambala.

'Empowering connections: Rayat Bahra Pharmacy College Alumni Reunion 2024'

DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, APRIL 17

Rayat Bahra Pharmacy College buzzed with nostalgia and camaraderie as it hosted the Alumni Meet-2024, a vibrant gathering that saw the participation of around 50 esteemed alumni. The event, held under the esteemed guidance of Campus Director Dr. Chander Mohan, was a heartwarming affair, rekindling memories and fostering connections.

Dr. Chander Mohan, in his opening remarks, emphasized the significance of such reunions in fortifying the institution's bonds and nurturing the future success of its students. "Alumni Meets serve as a platform not just for reminiscing about the past but also for paving the way for our



students' brighter tomorrow," he shared, underlining the invaluable benefits of networking, career guidance, and mutual support. Welcoming the alumni with warmth and gratitude, Dr. Amit Sharma, the college in-charge, highlighted the importance of alumni engagement in shaping a vibrant academic community. "Interacting with our alumni is more than just a delightful experience; it's a testament to the enduring spirit of our institution," he remarked. Throughout the event,

former students enthusiastically shared their personal and professional journeys, inspiring and enlightening the current cohort of students. The gathering was ably coordinated by Prof. Simarjeet Kaur, who ensured that every moment was filled with joy and camaraderie. In attendance were notable figures such as Dr. Pallavi Pandit, Harinder Jaswal, Dr. Kuldeep Walia, and C.V. Joshi, along with the entire college staff, whose presence added to the warmth and vibrancy of the occasion.

Team of Agriculture Department inspects wheat sowing fields with surface seeder



has been made available in cooperative societies to benefit small-scale farmers. At this occasion, a prominent farmer from the village, Sudagar Singh, shared that he has used the mulching technique to sow wheat on 25 acres without burning stubble for several years. This year, he utilized the surface seeder machine obtained from the cooperative society to sow

wheat on 7 acres. Despite the need for some adjustments to the machine, he expressed satisfaction with the quality of crop obtained using this method. Another farmer, Gurminder Singh, who described himself as a small-scale farmer unable to afford large machinery, stated that the surface seeder has proven to be highly beneficial for him.

Due to assurance given by administration, BJP leader end fasting

KULDEEP SOOD

BARNALA: BJP leader Neeraj Jindal, son of Ward Councillor Saroj Rani, who was on a fast to death over the issue of dirty water in the local city's Handiaya market, has been SDO after 25 hours by the administration. Gaganjit Walia and A.T.P. Sushil Kumar opened it by drinking juice and showing the letter sent by the Deputy Commissioner to the Secretary Local Government Punjab to resolve this issue. It is worth mentioning that for the last one year, the people living in Ward No. 15, in which this Handiaya market is located, have been getting continuous supply of dirty water.

Neeraj Jindal said that his mother has been struggling for the past 1 year to solve this water problem, but due to the administration not solving this problem soon, the election ban came into effect. The people of this ward are having to bear the brunt of this election process. According to Mr. Jindal, Deputy Commissioner Mrs. Poonamdeep Kaur, understanding the seriousness of the matter, has sent a special letter to the Punjab government to resolve this issue and has requested to resolve it.





Editorial

When the mind’s on leash

Neurotechnologies are expanding faster than the speed of light. Brain-based lie detection, devices to assess moods and emotions, recognition of memories and personal knowledge and sexual or political inclinations have already been deployed in several nations, with varying degrees of success. The manipulation of brain activity has also been around for some time now and has been ramped up with AI-based ‘interventions’. Neurointerventions are not just examination and alteration of brain physiology. They could have profound effects on the personhood of a person. Alterations to the brain’s functioning can possibly produce entirely or partially new persons. If, at some point in the future, the law enforcement process includes procedures to ‘correct’ criminal behaviour by modifying brains, then we are looking at a sci-fi scenario wherein a person could be remade.

This kind of a situation opens up the field of neuro-rights that have two key components. The first is the right to bodily integrity (in Article 3 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and elsewhere) where a person’s body cannot be violated without her/his express consent. The second is the right to mental integrity where a person’s mind cannot be violated without her/his express consent. The first prohibits — we can see this injunction in the world’s first legislation on the use of AI promulgated by the European Union to be enforced from 2026 — violations of the physical/corporeal person. The second prohibits violations of the mind (not just the brain). Taken together, these rights call for respecting the bodily and the mental autonomy of a person, unless she/he is willing to have these modified (for example, those who take recreational drugs or voluntarily choose implants/prostheses are using their autonomy to enable corporeal and mental modification, permanent or temporary).

The view that an individual is an autonomous being and that this autonomy is personhood informs the world’s human rights discourses initiated by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. But neurotechnologies, human rights scholars fear, can potentially disrupt this autonomy.

A ‘person’ is made of biases, desires, political ideas, religious beliefs, fears and rational or irrational thoughts. The human being is a sum total of these. The person is more often than not a bundle of contradictions. This is why we are suspicious of automata or even humans who are so single-minded as to appear inhuman. There is concern that if contradictions are to be regularised, moods managed.

India to remain global growth driver

Krishnamurthy V Subramaniam, the Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), said on Tuesday that India will continue to be a driver for global growth in the foreseeable future.

In an interview with ANI, he noted that India, ever since the COVID-19 pandemic, has witnessed consistent growth at 7 per cent plus. He predicted that India will have 8 per cent growth in the fourth quarter and called it “good” growth considering the current global economic situation.

Asked where India stands amid the current global economy, he responded, “I think India will continue to be the driver for global growth in the foreseeable future. The maximum sort of contributor to global growth. I expect growth in India to be consistently above 7 per cent in this decade. You would recall back in September 2021, when I was with the government as well. I predicted that India will emerge out of COVID with 7 per cent plus growth. So I continue to maintain that assessment.”

Subramaniam, India’s former Chief Economic Adviser, said that the IMF has revised its projection for growth for India in 2024 to 7.8 per cent, which he emphasised reflects overall growth.

On being asked about how India’s economy is viewed in the IMF meetings being held in the US, he said, “So, if you look at the Indian economy now, ever since COVID, it has grown consistently at 7 per cent plus, 9.7 per cent the year after COVID, then 7 per cent and then this year, 8.2 per cent, 8.1 per cent, and 8.4 per cent growth in the first three quarters. So even with a much lower 7.3 per cent growth, if it so happens, actually in the fourth quarter, India will have an average of 8 per cent growth. And I think that is very good in the current global economic situation. As I said, 3.1 per cent ex-



pectation for the global economy.” “Now, the fund itself has revised its projection for growth for India for this year to 7.8 per cent, which is reflecting the overall growth. I do want to also mention, I think, if you look at productivity improvements, this is something that is really important. If you look at the Penn World Table’s data, which is actually what economists use across the world to understand the drivers of growth.. In India, pre-2014 productivity growth annually was 1.3 percent; in contrast, the rate of productivity growth post-2014 has been 2.7 per cent, which is more than double. And I think that is a very important driver for growth to continue to be high, and for it to be sustainable going forward,” he added.

India’s GDP grew at a massive 8.4 per cent during the October-December quarter of the current financial year 2023-24, and the country continued to remain the fastest-growing major economy. The Indian economy grew 7.8 per cent and 7.6 per cent during the preceding two

quarters - April-June and July-September, according to data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation in February this year.

Asked about critics’ opinions about India’s economy, he referred to two former chief statisticians’ remarks regarding the Indian economy. He said that Pranab Sen and TCA Anant, in an interview, mentioned that there was nothing to worry about India’s GDP.

“I would say two things. Firstly, if you look at the commentary given by statisticians experts, there was an interview of two former chief statisticians, Pranab Sen and TCA Anant, and one former chairman of the National Statistical Commission, PC Mohanan, all of whom were asked about some of the economists’ criticism of the GDP methodology and GDP numbers and they were unanimous that there is nothing to worry about or nothing to sort of that is untoward about the GDP number. So, I think that is so statistical experts that are

across the spectrum saying that the GDP numbers can be trusted. I think I would go by that; let me also add my own assessment,” he said.

He noted that India’s growth in gross value-added versus GDP in the first quarter stood at 8.2 per cent. He said that there was no difference between growth in gross value-added and GDP.

“If you look at the growth in gross value-added versus GDP, in the first quarter, it was 8.2 per cent for both, so there was no difference between growth in gross value-added and GDP. In the second quarter, gross value-added grew at 7.7 per cent, that was just 40 basis points less than 8.1 per cent growth in the GDP in the second quarter,” Subramaniam said. “Only in the third quarter has there been a higher wedge, with gross value-added growing at 6.5 per cent versus 8.4 per cent for GDP, even that is quite well understood given the tax buoyancy. I’ve looked at the numbers over the last decade and the median number for tax buoyancy has been 1.6 in other words, a 1 per cent increase in GDP growth. Nominal GDP growth has translated into 1.6 per cent in terms of the median so in tax growth, I think when you put all these three aspects together, I think some of the criticism or people saying that they’re surprised about the GDP growth is completely unwarranted,” he added.

On being asked about economist Thomas Piketty’s report, in which he mentioned that India’s income inequality is worse than that under British rule, he stated, “If you look at the recent consumption survey that has been released and now experts have actually clarified very clearly that the 2011-12 consumption survey and the 2022-23 consumption survey are indeed comparable because the survey method is indeed the same, when you look at those numbers, both poverty and inequality have declined significantly.”

Literature & Health

Researchers find ways to prevent idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis

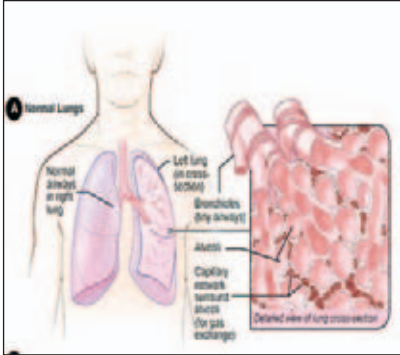
The most frequent type of pulmonary fibrosis scarring of the lungs is idiopathic, which means that the cause is unclear.

Researchers are working quickly to develop treatments to prevent or reduce idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF) and associated lung disorders, which can cause severe shortness of breath, dry cough, and intense exhaustion. The average survival time after being diagnosed with IPF is about three to five years, and there is no cure.

A recent U-M study conducted by Sean Fortier, M.D., and Marc Peters-Golden, M.D. from the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at U-M Medical School, discovered a pathway used during normal wound healing that has the potential to reverse IPF.

Using a mouse model, they simulated IPF by administering bleomycin, a chemotherapy agent that causes cell injury and confirmed that the resulting lung scarring resolved itself over the span of about six weeks.

Because of this, "studying fibrosis is kind of tough," said Fortier. "If we're going to give experimental drugs to try and resolve fibrosis, we have to do it before it resolves on its own. Otherwise, we will not be able to tell if the resolution was the action of the drug or natural repair mechanisms of the body." However, he said, "there's actually a lot to learn about how the mouse gets better on its own. If we can learn the molecular mechanisms by



which this occurs, we may uncover new targets for IPF."

The process by which lung injury either leads to healing or fibrosis relies in part on what happens to a cell called a fibroblast, which forms connective tissue.

During injury or illness, fibroblasts are activated, becoming myofibroblasts that form scar tissue by secreting collagen. When the job is done, these fibroblasts must be deactivated, or de-differentiated, to go back to their quiet state or undergo programmed cell death and be cleared. "This is the major distinction between normal wound healing and fibrosis - the persistence of activated myofibroblasts," explained Fortier. That deactivation is controlled by molecular brakes. The study examined one of these brakes, called MKP1 - which the team found was expressed at lower levels in fibroblasts from patients with IPF.

US to impose new sanctions against Iran after attack on Israel

White House National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan has said that the US will impose new sanctions on Iran's missile and drone programmes and new sanctions against entities backing the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and Iran's Defence Ministry in the coming days.

In a statement, Sullivan said, "Following Iran's unprecedented air attack against Israel, President Biden is coordinating with allies and partners, including the G7, and with bipartisan leaders in Congress, on a comprehensive response."

"In the coming days, the United States will impose new sanctions targeting Iran, including its missile and drone program as well as new sanctions against entities supporting the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and Iran's Defence Ministry," he added.

Jake Sullivan said that US also expects its allies and partners to impose sanctions against Iran. He said that the US continues to work to further strengthen and expand the successful integration of air and missile defence and early warning systems across the Middle East to further erode the effectiveness of Iran's missile and UAV capabilities.

Sullivan said, "We anticipate that our allies and partners will soon be following with their own sanctions. In addition, we continue to work through the Department of Defense and U.S. Central Command to further strengthen and expand the successful integration of air and missile defence and early warning systems across the Middle East to further erode the effectiveness of Iran's missile and UAV capabilities."



He noted that the new sanctions and other measures will continue a "steady drumbeat of pressure" to contain and degrade Iran's military capacity and effectiveness and confront the full range of its problematic behaviours. He recalled that the US, in the past three years, in addition to missile and drone-related sanctions, has imposed sanctions against more than 600 individuals and entities connected to terrorism.

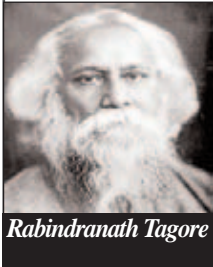
Jake Sullivan said, "Over the last three years, in addition to missile and drone-related sanctions, the United States has sanctioned over 600 individuals and entities connected to terrorism, terrorist financing and other forms of illicit trade, horrific human rights abuses, and support for proxy terrorist groups, including Hamas, Hezbollah, the Houthis, and Kataib Hezbollah. The pressure will continue.

"We will not hesitate to continue to take action, in coordination with allies and partners around the world, and with Congress, to hold the Iranian government accountable for its malicious and destabilising actions," he added.

POEM

Baby's World

I wish I could take a quiet corner in the heart of my baby's very own world. I know it has stars that talk to him, and a sky that stoops



Rabindranath Tagore

down to his face to amuse him with its silly clouds and rainbows. Those who make believe to be dumb, and look as if they never could move, come creeping to his window with their stories and with trays crowded with bright toys. I wish I could travel by the road that crosses baby's mind, and out beyond all bounds; Where messengers run errands for no cause between the kingdoms of kings of no history.

Rabindranath Tagore

Study finds biodiversity is key to better mental health

A study by King's College London found that spaces with a variety of natural features are associated with better mental health than spaces with less natural diversity.

Published in Scientific Reports and funded by the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) and Wellcome, this citizen science study used the smartphone application Urban Mind to collect real-time reports on mental well-being and natural diversity from nearly 2000 participants.

Researchers discovered that environments with more natural features, such as trees, birds, plants, and streams, are related to better mental health than environments with fewer elements, and that these advantages can continue for up to eight hours.



Further analysis found that nearly a quarter of the positive impact of na-

ture on mental health could be explained by the diversity of features

present. These findings highlight that policies and practices that support the richness of nature and species are beneficial both for the environment and for public mental health.

Lead author Ryan Hammoud, Research Assistant at the Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology & Neuroscience (IoPPN), King's College London, said:

"To our knowledge, this is the first study examining the mental health impact of everyday encounters with different levels of natural diversity in real-life contexts. Our results highlight that by protecting and promoting natural diversity, we can maximise the benefits of nature for mental wellbeing. In practice, this means moving away from heavily curated monocultural pockets and parks of mown grass, which are

typically associated with low biodiversity, towards spaces that mirror the biodiversity of natural ecosystems. By showing how natural diversity boosts our mental wellbeing, we provide a compelling basis for how to create greener and healthier urban spaces."

The study took place between April 2018 and September 2023, with 1,998 participants completing over 41,000 assessments.

Each participant was asked to complete three assessments per day over a period of 14 days, entering information about their environment and answering a series of questions about their mental health.

Natural diversity was defined by how many out of four natural features - trees, plants, birds and water - were

present within the participant's surrounding environment.

Data were collected using the Urban Mind app, developed by King's College London, landscape architects J&L Gibbons and arts foundation Nomad Projects.

The Urban Mind project is funded by a Wellcome Climate Impacts Award to Professor Andrea Mechelli, the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) Maudsley Biomedical Research Centre and the NIHR Applied Research Collaboration South London.

Senior author Andrea Mechelli, Professor of Early Intervention in Mental Health at the IoPPN, said, "In the context of climate change, we are witnessing a rapid decline in biodiversity in the UK as well as globally.



Kotak Alternate Asset Managers' Iconic Fund raises Rs 2000 crore

Chandigarh/ Ludhiana: Kotak Alternate Asset Managers Limited (Kotak ALI) today announced that its Kotak Iconic Fund has successfully raised INR 2,000 crore. The open-ended fund has been conceptualised as an equity multi-advisor portfolio solution. The fund has maintained a flexible approach by adopting diversified active and passive strategies across market capitalisation and tactical allocations. Lakshmi Iyer, CEO – Investments and Strategy, Kotak Alternate Asset Managers Limited said, "The journey to INR 2,000 crore in AUM has been marked by unwavering dedication, resilience, and the trust of investors who have chosen Kotak Iconic as their preferred investment vehicle in the Indian equities space. Kotak Iconic Fund helps bring efficiency and operational ease to investor's equity journey. The fund's team of seasoned professionals consistently identifies investment strategies that align with the fund's investment objective." Nishant Kumar, Head of Discretionary Portfolio Solutions, Kotak Alternate Asset Managers Limited said, "Kotak Iconic offers investors a one-stop solution for their equity allocation that dynamically handles strategy selection, allocation and performance monitoring.

Global Team Toyota Athletes from Asia Set to Reach for Greater Heights at Paris 2024

Chandigarh: Today, Toyota Motor Corporation (Toyota) launches the next chapter of the "Start Your Impossible" (SYI) global marketing campaign, igniting excitement for the upcoming Olympic and Paralympic Games Paris 2024. The global campaign showcases the power of local communities across the world rallying behind their athletes and emphasises Toyota's belief that no journey is taken alone. "On behalf of Toyota Motor Asia, we are thrilled that top athletes across Asia will be representing their countries and are heading to the Olympic and Paralympic Games Paris 2024. Each Global Team Toyota athlete in Asia is not only a trailblazer but also a 'Dual Hero', where they champion social causes through Hero Projects that foster a positive change in their community. We take pride in the unrelenting dedication they have displayed in their respective disciplines, and wish them the best on the international stage," says Preston Tan, Vice President, Toyota Motor Asia Singapore.

Flikpart Samarth continues to celebrate World Artisan Day supporting 1.76+ Million Indian artisans and weavers

KULLU:- In the diverse and vibrant tapestry of India's economic landscape, artisans, weavers, and craftsmen form the colorful threads that contribute to the rich cultural heritage and socio-economic development of the nation. Recognizing the pivotal role of these women and micro-entrepreneurs in nurturing traditional crafts and driving grassroots economic growth, Flikpart, India's homegrown e-commerce marketplace, has committed to their empowerment and upliftment. Launched in 2019, the Flikpart Samarth program now in its 5th year stands as a beacon of hope and progress for over a million artisans, weavers, and craftsmen across the length and breadth of India. On World Artisan Day, Flikpart reaffirms its commitment to empowering underserved communities, bridging local talent with a national audience. Flikpart Samarth helped businesses grow by 300% over the last year, highlighting the program's remarkable impact. By providing pan-India market access to over 500 million customers, Flikpart integrates artisans' dreams with the e-commerce realm.

iOS 17.5 Beta 2 Brings Supports for Installing iPhone Apps via Websites: Report

OS 17.5 Beta 2 was rolled out to beta testers on Tuesday, along with new functionality and features that are expected to make their way to eligible iPhone models next month. One of the most notable changes arriving with iOS 17.5 will be the ability to install apps directly from websites for users in the European Union, making it easier for developers to distribute apps without what Apple calls alternative app marketplaces as well as the App Store. As with the recently introduced changes related to third party app stores, the ability to download apps from websites will only be available in the EU. MacRumors discovered the ability to download apps directly from websites has been introduced on the second iOS 17.5 beta that was released on Tuesday. Last month, Apple rolled out iOS 17.4 which introduced support for alternative app marketplaces in the EU, while the next update will expand side-loading by allowing users to visit a developer's website to install apps outside the App Store.

Digital Locks revolutionize household management: A Godrej Locks Study Unveils Insights

Chandigarh : In India, the role of house help goes beyond mere assistance; he/she is integral to millions of households' daily functioning. A recent study conducted by Godrej Locks & Architectural Fittings and Systems unveils the deep-rooted reliance of Indian households on domestic help. Titled 'Live Safe, Live Freely,' this comprehensive research sheds light on the profound connection between families and their domestic helpers, with startling statistics indicating a willingness to compromise punctuality for the sake of household assistance. The study, encompassing 2,000 respondents across major Indian cities including Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Bangalore, and Bhopal, underscores a remarkable trend: 49% of participants admitted to waiting for their house help for over half an hour, even when scheduled for important appointments. Moreover, 15% of respondents emphasized the paramount importance of their domestic help in their daily lives, revealing an emotional bond that transcends mere assistance.

Redmi Buds 5A Confirmed to Launch on April 23 in India

Xiaomi has confirmed that it will launch the Redmi Buds 5A in India next week. The new true wireless stereo (TWS) earphones will be unveiled alongside the Redmi Pad SE during the Xiaomi Smarter Living 2024 event. A microsite for the earphones is currently live on the MI India website. The listing shows black and white colourways for the Redmi Buds 5A, which sports an in-ear design with stem. The earphones will come with support for the active noise cancellation (ANC) feature and Google Fast Pair. Through a microsite on its Smarter Living 2024 event page, Xiaomi has confirmed the arrival of the new Redmi Buds 5A in India. The TWS earphones will be unveiled on April 23 alongside the Redmi Pad SE. Xiaomi is confirmed to announce a robot vacuum cleaner and a hairdryer at the event, but the brand hasn't revealed details for them just yet. The images on the microsite show black and white colour options for the Redmi Buds 5A. It seems to have an in-ear design, identical to the Redmi Buds 5.

realme unveils Best Player with Performance, Display in segment-realme P Series 5Gstarting

HIMALA - realme, India's Most Reliable Smartphone Service Provider, is thrilled to announce the launch of its latest realme P Series 5G smartphones - realme P1 Pro 5G and realme P1 5G. The two cutting-edge devices are set to disrupt the mid-range smartphone segment with their superior performance, exceptional user experience, and exclusive availability on Flikpart for Indian customers. Alongside the new P Series realme will also launch its realme Pad 2, Wi-Fi variant and realme 1110 buds. Positioned as the "Best Player of Performance and Display", the new realme P Series 5G represents power. The design of these smartphones reflects the realme DNA of being bold and new-to-market, which will light up the eyes of users. The realme P1 5G features the powerful MediaTek Dimensity 7050 5G Chipset, a 120Hz AMOLED Display, 45W SUPERVOOC Charging, and a massive 5000mAh Battery. Whereas the realme P1 Pro 5G comes with a 50 MP Sony LYT 600 Camera with OIS, a 120Hz Curved Vision Display, 45W SUPERVOOC charge along with a massive 5000mAh battery.

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Effective home remedies for throat pain

Winter is finally here! Are you already coysing up in warm blankets? The year is finally getting over and we're eagerly waiting for the holidays! The weather outside is already motivating us to binge on Christmas movies in our baggy winter wear. However, as exciting and joyful as this season is, its only downfall is making us sick. The change in weather can cause throat pain, but worry not, as home remedies are here for the rescue. Try them.

Symptoms Of Sore Throat The pain experienced in your throat can be attributed to various reasons. The symptoms include trouble swallowing, feeling irritated in the throat, feeling of scratchiness, difficulty in speaking, and swollen glands among others. It is often experienced while suffering from a cough.

If you are experiencing throat pain, then it is time to act fast, otherwise, it can worsen quite quickly. You can try a few home remedies to figure out which one suits to best to provide the most relief. We bring you some of the tried and tested ones.

1. Turmeric Milk

Turmeric is among the oldest remedies used to soothe a sore throat. It works wonders for throat pain and the common cold. How to make it: Boil a glass of milk with a quarter teaspoon of turmeric in it. Have warm, swallowing gently so that the



throat is soothed with the temperature as well as the ingredients. Good accompaniments can be ginger or honey.

2. Ginger Tea

A natural and effective method to ease throat pain is this tea. It is an easy method as the ingredients are readily available. How to make it: You can prepare it the same way you prepare your regular tea. The only addition is fresh ginger, a simple grate and adds in some when you boil your tea. Control the quantity of ginger depending on your tolerance to spice. It's important to sip it hot for better results. This is one of the easiest home

remedies.

3. Tulsi Kadha

It's a plant that has been proven to have many benefits. It can act as a home remedy to many other health benefits as well such as cough, congestion, etc. How to make it: To prepare tulsi kadha, boil a glass of water with fresh tulsi leaves, pepper, salt and ginger. Let it boil for a while and then strain it. Drink it warm. It reduces your cold and brings comfort to the pain in your throat.

4. Lemon Water

Lemon water has many health benefits and it'll cure the pain in your throat effectively. It can provide a surge in energy as well.

It helps in boosting immunity and provides a great amount of vitamin C.

5. Peppermint Water

Usually, we use peppermint in our dishes to enhance flavour, but it can also be used for curing throat pain and cold. They also help in fighting bacterial infections. This water is the perfect home remedy to feel better.

6. Honey Water

Honey is among the oldest ingredients used for throat pains and it does a very effective job. Honey is one of those ingredients that help the body in a variety of ways.

Roundglass Foundation's Waste Management Programme Makes More Than 200 Villages in Punjab Litter-Free

Mohali: Roundglass Foundation has helped make more than 200 villages in Punjab litter-free under its Waste Management programme, which promotes a decentralized waste segregation and composting model for efficient and sustainable waste management in rural settings.

The Waste Management programme is currently operational in more than 200 villages such as Mohi Kalan, Kheri Bir Singh and Mojpur and is making them litter and plastic-free, impacting the health and wellbeing of almost 40,000 households.

Started in 2018, the Waste Management programme is part of Roundglass Foundation's larger mission of enabling the health and wellbeing of the people of Punjab through scalable and sustainable on-ground programmes centred around the environment, youth, and women.

Speaking about the milestone, Vishal Chowla, Leader, Roundglass Foundation, said, "Through our Waste Management

programme, we have made 200-plus villages, plastic and litter-free, equipped them with compost-making facilities and enabled behaviour change at the household level by creating awareness around waste segregation and waste management. For us, the biggest achievement of the programme has been the change in the attitude and approach of everyday people to waste management, including starting segregation at source. This approach removes the need for secondary segregation, which is energy, capital, and land intensive. Waste segregated at source is the least contaminated and more fit for recycling," says Chowla.

Expressing his gratitude towards the village community and administration, Chowla added, "We could achieve this milestone because we had the constant support of the community, village Panchayats, volunteers, residents, and other local bodies. Our team has also done an incredible job on the ground, and we will continue our work to bring waste management to many more villages.

Bridgestone India Introduces Turanza 6i New Premium Tyre



LUDHIANA / CHANDIGARH - Bridgestone India launched its new generation tyre Bridgestone Turanza 6i for the Passenger Vehicles Segment. Turanza 6i is the result of previously announced expansion in the Passenger Radial business. The tyre, specifically developed for Indian roads, provides premium comfort ride experience, with superior fuel efficiency and wear life, making it a well-rounded premium offering from Bridgestone. Bridgestone Turanza 6i is avail-

able in 36 SKUs (Stock Keeping Units) ranging from 14 inches to 20 inches. It is targeted for Premium Vehicles covering SUVs, Sedans, Hatchbacks and CUVs. The launch of this new Premium tyre for premium vehicles illustrates Bridgestone's commitment to the "Make in India" initiative of the Government. Turanza 6i shows our commitment to offer the best technology for the fast-growing Indian market. This is a success of our planned investment strategy to bring global leading tyre technologies to the Indian mobility.

Samsung Announces New Era of AI TVs in India

Chandigarh: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics company, today announced a new era of AI TVs with the launch of its ultra-premium Neo QLED 8K, Neo QLED 4K and OLED TVs at the 'Unbox & Discover' event at Samsung Opera House in

Bengaluru. The 2024 line-up of Neo QLED 8K, Neo QLED 4K and OLED TVs elevate your home entertainment experience with powerful, AI-driven solutions. "Samsung is bringing the transformative power of Artificial Intelligence (AI) across product categories to improve consumers'

lifestyles. That's why we have integrated AI to home entertainment to offer exceptional viewing experiences for our consumers. Our 2024 range of Neo QLED 8K, Neo QLED 4K and OLED TVs redefine the home entertainment experience and offer new innovations across accessibility.

vivo launches the vivo T3x 5G smartphone

CHANDIGARH: vivo expanded its series T lineup in India by launching the latest addition, the vivo T3x 5G. The all-new vivo T3x 5G caters to tech-savvy individuals and multitaskers, offering the fastest performance in its segment. Powered by the Snapdragon 6 Gen 1 mobile platform, the vivo T3x 5G ensures seamless multitasking and an immersive user experience. It is vivo's first smartphone to come with a 6000 mAh battery and is further powered by a 44W fast charging capability and trendy design, making it the perfect mid-ranger.

Available in two captivat-

ing colors - Crimson Bliss and Celestial Green, the vivo T3x 5G is priced at INR 13,499 for the



4GB+128GB variant, INR 14,999 for the 6GB+128GB variant, and INR 16,499 for the 8GB+128GB variant. The smartphone will go

on sale starting April 24, 2024, across Flipkart, vivo India e-store, and all partner retail stores. Consumers can also avail of various offers including up to INR 1500 discount on HDFC & SBI Bank debit cards and credit cards.

Commenting on the launch, Pankaj Gandhi, Head, Online Business, vivo India, said, "We are incredibly excited to introduce the vivo T3x 5G to the Indian market. This smartphone improves users' lives, not just with advanced technology, but in every aspect. Owing to the Snapdragon 6 Gen 1 chipset, the vivo T3x delivers the fastest performance in its segment.

Ola Electric makes Bharat EV-ready

Ludhiana: Ola Electric today announced new prices for its S1 X portfolio along with the delivery details of the scooters. The S1 X is available in three battery configurations: 2 kWh, 3 kWh, and 4 kWh and would now be priced at INR 69,999 (introductory price), INR 84,999, and INR 99,999, respectively. The deliveries of S1 X will begin starting next week. The company also announced new prices of S1 Pro, S1 Air, and S1 X+, which would now be available at INR 1,29,999, INR 1,04,999, and INR 84,999. Additionally, all S1 scooters come with 8-year/80,000 km complimentary battery warranty at no extra cost. The S1 X range marks the company's entry into the mass market segment. The S1 X, offers a lower cost of ownership, and an 8-year/80,000 km complimentary battery warranty, making it an attractive value-proposition in the market. Announcing the new prices, Ola spokesperson said: "We believe India's EV industry has reached an inflection point with the EV penetration in the 2W segment at an all-time high last month. Our S1 X portfolio now addresses the high upfront cost of EVs which is one of the major barriers to EV adoption. Ola's robust cost structures coupled with vertically integrated in-house technology and manufacturing capabilities enable us to price our products competitively.



Get Ready to Celebrate Nykaa's Birthday; The Gifts Are On Us!



Jalandhar: : Get ready to pop the pinatas and grab some cake as Nykaa, India's beloved beauty and lifestyle destination, is turning 12! We're throwing the most epic party of the year from April 13th to April 21st, and you're all invited! It's our birthday, but we will spoil you silly! Here's a taste of what awaits you in Fashion & Beauty-

- Free gifts with every order on 20th & 21st April - Yes rub your eyes twice, you read that right
- Bumper Giveaways - Go ka-ching as global favourites Sol de Janeiro, Charlotte Tilbury, Foreo, Laneige, Murad, Fenty, Dyson, Fable & Mane, Murad have the biggest giveaways lined up for you

- A chance to meet Janhvi Kapoor & Bhumi Pednekar
- 12 on 12 - 12 hot deals on your beauty-favs every day
- Nykaa Cosmetics is dropping a new lip-stick shade - Birthday Glam! And you can cop it for free on your Nykaa Cosmetics purchase, so run, don't walk!
- Wardrobe Refresh - Grab Vero Moda, Levi's, Only, Forever 21 up to 60% off. Add to cart global hits- Cider at up to 40% off, MIXT at up to 50% off
- What's a birthday without cake? Flash your Nykaa order receipts at Theos and Magnolia Bakery outlets & get a slice of free Nykaa Birthday Cake!
- Win Big with Nykaa: Keep your eyes out for our contests, and you could be the lucky winner of a free trip!

World's First AI Influencer Pageant 'Miss AI' Announced; Judging Criteria and Prizes Revealed

Miss AI, the world's first beauty pageant contest to judge the best artificial intelligence (AI) models and influencers, has been announced. The competition is being held by the World AI Creator Awards (WAIC) and aims to recognise the achievements of AI creators around the world. As per the website listing, the pageant will give out prizes totalling \$20,000 (roughly Rs. 16.7 lakhs) to the winners. The entries for Miss AI opened on April 14, and any creator behind an AI-generated model can register. The creator must have a social media presence and be over 18 years old. Details of WAIC's inaugural Miss AI event have been revealed on the official website (via Forbes), and the programme intends to host other similar awards focused on fashion, diversity, and AI-generated men. Miss AI is focused on female AI-generated models or social media influencers, which have been entirely created with an AI tool. There is no restriction on the tool used to create the model. Notably, OpenAI's DALL-E 3, Midjourney, and Copilot Designer are popular tools for creating AI avatars. While the concept of an AI influencer pageant might sound bizarre, the event's website states that participants will be judged on three criteria - beauty, tech, and social out. The focus of beauty is to assess the classic aspects of pageantry such as beauty, poise, and answers to a series of questions.

Walmart Marketplace Launches Dedicated Indian Sellers Landing Page and Kicks-Off Global Seller Meet Series



AMBALA: Today, Walmart announced the launch of a dedicated page for Indian sellers to register and sell on the company's marketplace site, Walmart.com. In Jaipur, Rajasthan, today, Walmart also hosted a Global

Seller Meet kicking off a series of regional events to help prospective sellers with insights and knowledge on consumer and category trends and assist with onboarding support and catalogue setup. Global Seller Meets are planned throughout the year

across the country.

Opened to India sellers in 2021, Walmart Marketplace now hosts tens of thousands of SKUs from products made, grown or assembled in India. Walmart's U.S. marketplace is one of the fastest-growing eCommerce platforms in the world. Its revenue increased 45 percent last fiscal year while the number of Walmart Sellers grew by 20 percent. Walmart Marketplace has no monthly fees or setup cost for new sellers. Earlier this year, the company announced the New Seller Savings programs where participants receive up to 50 percent off referral and Walmart Fulfillment Services (WFS) fees for their first 90 days on Walmart.com. WFS provides a convenient and cost-effective solution for sellers to get their inventory closer to U.S.

Aprilia Ignites India's Superbike Culture with Powerful New Lineup and Brand Ambassador John Abraham



Chandigarh: Aprilia, a renowned manufacturer of high-performance motorcycles, has officially launched its extensive superbike portfolio in the Indian market, marking a significant

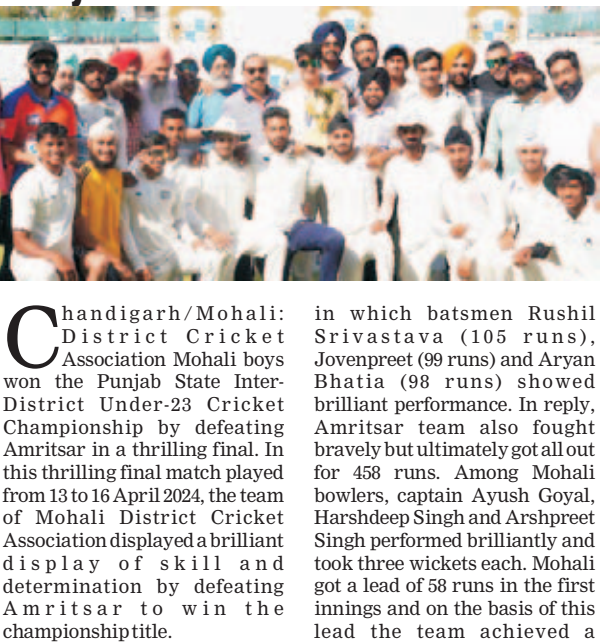
moment for superbike enthusiasts in the country. The company also announced the appointment of John Abraham, a motorcycle aficionado himself, as its brand ambassador to spearhead this exciting initiative.

This launch represents a major expansion for Aprilia in India, offering a comprehensive range of superbikes to cater to diverse riding preferences. From the track-oriented RSV4 Factory to the versatile Tuareg 660, every rider is assured of finding a perfect match. All these superbikes, available as Completely Built-up Units (CBUs) through Aprilia Motomplex dealerships across India, embody the legendary Aprilia spirit - a unique blend of cutting-edge technology, captivating design, and a relentless pursuit of exhilarating performance.

MG Motor India, Adani TotalEnergies E-Mobility sign MoU to streng then EV ecosystem

Chandigarh: Adani TotalEnergies E-Mobility Limited (ATEL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Adani Total Gas Limited (ATGL), and part of the diversified Adani Portfolio and MG Motor India signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen the EV charging infrastructure in India. The joint collaboration to develop the charging solutions for electric vehicle (EV) and value-added services to MGs EV customers nationwide and will underpin India's rapidly evolving EV ecosystem by helping build a robust and efficient charging infrastructure. In terms of MoU, Adani TotalEnergies E-Mobility Limited (ATEL) will set up CC260 kW DC chargers at upcoming MG dealerships to bolster the charging network and enhance customer accessibility. The partnership will also provide a comprehensive solution encompassing supply, installation, commissioning, operations, and maintenance of charging infrastructure. In addition, a digital platform will be launched to facilitate a seamless customer experience, covering discovery, user authentication, charging, and billing settlement through a dedicated mobile application. Under this strategic partnership, both parties shall explore the potential of integrating public charging stations across platforms by leveraging advanced application programming interfaces (APIs) to enhance network visibility and accessibility. This integration will offer increased accessibility and visibility to the PCS Network and a seamless experience across the integrated network owned and deployed by both entities.

Mohali District Cricket Association becomes the winner of Punjab State Inter District Under 23 Cricket Championship



Mohali team batted first and made a strong score of 516 runs

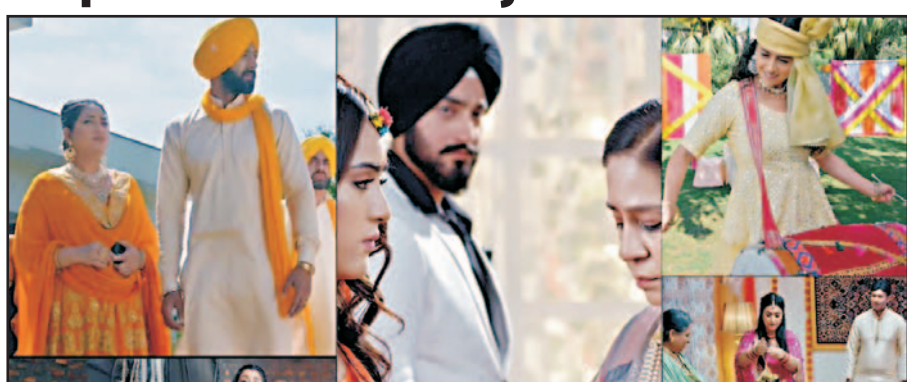
in which batsmen Rushil Srivastava (105 runs), Jovenpreet (99 runs) and Aryan Bhatia (98 runs) showed brilliant performance. In reply, Amritsar team also fought bravely but ultimately got all out for 458 runs. Among Mohali bowlers, captain Ayush Goyal, Harshdeep Singh and Arshpreet Singh performed brilliantly and took three wickets each. Mohali got a lead of 58 runs in the first innings and on the basis of this lead the team achieved a spectacular victory.

In a tournament full of

tough competition, the boys of District Cricket Association Mohali displayed exceptional sportsmanship and determination in every match. The team achieved this victory due to their hard work, tireless efforts and unwavering commitment.

Commenting on this victory of District Cricket Association Mohali, President of District Cricket Association Mohali, Colonel Sandeep Bhanot said that Mohali DCA has got the affiliation only four months ago and for this he expresses his gratitude to the entire management of Punjab Cricket Association. He said that former President of Punjab Cricket Association, Shri Rajinder Gupta ji gave the right direction to cricket during his tenure and since then cricket is progressing in Punjab. Colonel Bhanot expressed his happiness on the victory of District Cricket Association Mohali in this tournament.

Exciting Twists Unfold in Upcoming Episodes of Zee Punjabi's Hit Shows.



Race yourselves for a whirlwind of drama and suspense as Zee Punjabi's top-rated shows deliver jaw-dropping twists and turns this week.

In "Shivika-Sath Yugan Yugan Da," Ishaan's shocking discovery of Shivika's kidnapping sets the stage for a gripping reunion. Meanwhile, "Dilan De Rishtey" heats up as

Gurman's slap sends shockwaves through Keerat's world, leading to a tense confrontation.

"Sehajver" takes viewers on a rollercoaster ride as Veera's warning to Kalyani hints at looming danger, while Sehaj and Vikram's face-off sends shockwaves. Minti's life hangs in the balance in a heart-stopping moment as Veera battles against Rana's

sinister intentions. Lastly, "Heer Tey Tedhi Kheer" promises a showdown as Heer stands against Jawanda's accusations, while a heartfelt confession leaves her torn between love and duty.

Don't miss the episodes airing this week, packed with drama, romance, and suspense, from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm only on Zee Punjabi.

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Former minister  
Krishan Bedi  
welcomes procession



KAPIL ARORA  
SHAHABAD MARKANDA: Former minister Krishna Bedi welcomed the procession taken out by Shri Baikunthpuri Hanuman Mandir Sabha in the city on the occasion of Ram Navami at his residence in HUDA. Krishna Bedi welcomed everyone including the workers by showering flowers. Bedi said that this is the first Ram Navami after the consecration of Shri Ramlala in Ayodhya. There is huge enthusiasm among the people of the entire country regarding this. Processions are being taken out at various places across the country. He said that looking at these grand processions, it seems that Ram Rajya has once again arrived in the country.

Ram Navmi  
celebrated  
enthusiastically

RAHUL KOHLI  
JAGADHRI: The holy festival of Shri Ram Navami was celebrated with great devotion and enthusiasm at Shri Mahadev Temple, Model Colony. Pandit Deepak Shri Mahadev Temple priest performed the religious functions of Bhajan Kirtan Satsang along with recitation of Veda mantras and expert K Shardalu Bari number participated.National President of Kendriya Sanatan Dharm Sabha North India Shri Pratap Bajaj, IC Mata, Vikram Bajaj Pradhan, Managing Committee, Nirmal Chadha, Parmod Kapoor, Manas Bajaj, Tilak Gulati, Amrit Sabharwal, Paras Bajaj, Lakshya Arora, were especially present.

BJP leader Manoj  
Wadhwa quits party



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA  
KARNAL: As elections are approaching, political activities are also increasing in Karnal. Meanwhile, BJP has suffered a big setback in Karnal. BJP leader and former Deputy Mayor of Karnal, Manoj Wadhwa has resigned from the membership of the BJP party. In 2014, Manoj Wadhwa had contested elections from Karnal Assembly against BJP candidate Manohar Lal. Manoj Wadhwa has sent his resignation to State Chief Minister Nayab Saini and District President of Bharatiya Janata Party Yogendra Rana. However, Manoj Wadhwa joined BJP after contesting elections in 2014 against Manohar Lal. Recently the ED team had also raided his house. This raid was continued regarding his mining work. But ED did not find anything during the raid. Manoj Wadhwa was elected Deputy Mayor of Karnal Municipal Corporation in 2013. In 2018 also he contested the election for the post of Mayor.

## Haryana deprived of HC and capital for 58 years: Intellectuals



**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA**  
**KARNAL:** After the formation of Haryana, till date Haryana has not got its own High Court and capital. Even after the formation of Haryana, the political leaders of the country are doing injustice to the four crore people of Haryana. The intellectuals and lawyers of the state will together run a public awareness campaign in Haryana. He appealed to the four crore people of Haryana to question the parliamentary candidates of their area in the elections as to why they have deprived Haryana of the High Court and the capital for 58 years. He said that they should vote only for the candidate who will give them the High Court and the capital. Former OSD of former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda, MS Chopra, former Chairman of Consumer Court, Jaiprakash Kamboj, who reached Karnal today as part of public awareness campaign, gave this information while talking to journalists. He said that the Central Government has been doing injustice to Haryana for six decades.

## ‘BJP candidate Naveen Jindal's program in Cheeka proved to be flop show’



**KULBHUSHAN SHARMA**  
**GUHLA CHEEKA:** Naveen Jindal's program organized by BJP workers in Chhoti Mandi of Cheeka seemed to be lying down when 150 workers could not gather a crowd of more than 250 people. Local BJP leaders were never tired of claiming that more than 1500 people would attend the event. When the crowd could not gather as per the village's wishes, BJP leaders were seen blaming each other. On this occasion, internal divisions among BJP leaders also came to the fore. Now the big question arises that in such a situation, how much truth is there in the 400-plus claims being made by the BJP. This can be seen from the crowd gathered. On the other hand, regarding the success of this entire program, Aam Aadmi Party's District Secretary Kulbhushan Sharma said that Modi Saheb's 400 slogans will not be true this time. He said that today farmers in rural areas were strongly opposing BJP leaders everywhere whether it was about Sirsa or Hisar or other places. There are reports of opposition from BJP leaders from everywhere in which BJP leaders are facing tremendous opposition from farmers in rural areas and they have to return without completing their programme.

# Kejriwal is a good storyteller who sticks to script he writes: Anil Vij

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA**  
**AMBALA, APRIL 17**

Former Home and Health Minister of Haryana and MLA from Ambala Cantonment, Sh. Anil Vij has sarcastically commented on Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi's questioning of EVMs even before the Lok Sabha elections.Sh. Vij, during interaction with media persons today, questioned why Priyanka Gandhi did not raise concerns about EVMs when Congress won in Himachal Pradesh and Karnataka. He remarked that they have already started setting the stage for how to react and what to say after losing.Regarding Rahul Gandhi's statement about canceling Agnipath if his government comes to power, Sh. Vij sarcastically remarked, "na nau man tel hoga na raadha



naachegee". He criticized Rahul Gandhi's frequent statements, suggesting that the country wants to know how he plans to fulfill them. Rahul Gandhi is not contesting elections alone; he has with 27-28 parties, but are all those parties in agreement with what

he says? Their condition is feeble today, with only about 50 MPs, so how can a government with just 50 MPs make laws for the country? Yes, they can entertain people, for which they have full freedom. On the question of whether Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal will hold cabinet meetings from jail, former minister Anil Vij said that the Aam Aadmi Party is presenting a new philosophy of politics. First came Vidur's policy, then Chanakya's policy, and now Kejri's policy has come. Kejri's policy is showcasing various new experiments. The essence of Kejri's policy is that big leaders will run the government from jail in a good environment.Regarding Kejriwal's statement about not calling himself a terrorist, former minister Anil Vij said that the Chief Minister of

Punjab from his own party was the first to use that term, and no one called him a terrorist before that. Kejriwal is a good storyteller who writes a script and sticks to it even after writing it.Meanwhile, on the launch of the "Apka Ram Rajya" website by the Aam Aadmi Party ahead of the Lok Sabha elections, former minister Anil Vij said that there is only one Ram, and the concept of Ram Rajya is also singular. Now, if the Aam Aadmi Party brings another Ram, then this goes beyond comprehension. On Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's remark about calling statements from a single leader disrespectful in the country, former minister Anil Vij said, "Who teaches Rahul Gandhi new things every day?" BJP is a party with organization, while Congress has no organization.

# Opposition plays negative game and spreading confusion about reservation: Dr. Banwari Lal

**DR ASHOK KUMAR**  
**KARNAL, APRIL 17**

Haryana's Public Works Minister and senior BJP leader Dr. Banwari Lal on Wednesday said that the opposition, emboldened by their assured defeat, has resorted to misleading propaganda. Just as the entire India was safe in the hands of the Bharatiya Janata Party and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in the same way there cannot be any impact on the rights of Scheduled Castes and Tribes. Dr. Banwari Lal made this claim while interacting with the enlightened citizens of Scheduled Caste in a program organized at Mahavir Colony. Party's state spokesperson Dr. Virendra Singh Chauhan along with Cabinet Minister Dr. Banwari Lal held



detailed talks with the representatives of the society and resolved their doubts. Dr. Banwari Lal said that the Congress party, which left no stone turned in humiliating Dr. Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar, who had provided the right to reservation, during his lifetime, has now started spreading the illusion that if the Bharatiya Janata Party forms the government, the poor sections of society will

get relief. The reservation being given will be abolished. He said that this lie being spread as part of a well-planned conspiracy was the result of Congress's negative thinking towards the Scheduled Castes. He said that the Prime Minister himself has clearly expressed his opinion in this regard. He said that those who were spreading the threat of reservation were actually in danger of their political existence.

## Dr. Sushil Gupta will win with huge votes: Sweety Ranga



**KAPIL ARORA**  
**SHAHABAD MARKANDA:** Congress leader Sweety Ranga Nalvi appealed to the people to vote for India Alliance candidate Dr. Sushil Gupta in village Madhedhi of Shahabad Halka. Sweety Ranga said that today the people of the country are unhappy with the Bharatiya Janata Party and the people want change. He said that this time an India coalition government will be formed in the country. Sweety Ranga Nalvi said that India Alliance will win 10 out of 10 Lok Sabha seats from Haryana. Sweety Ranga Nalvi said that she is continuously interacting with the people by going to every village. He said that Kurukshetra Lok Sabha candidate Dr. Sushil Gupta will win with huge votes.

## JJP will contest Lok Sabha elections with full force: Digvijay

**MANISH KUMAR**  
**AMBALA, APRIL 17**

Principal General Secretary of Jannayak Janata Party, Digvijay Singh Chautala said that JJP's roots were very strong in Haryana and there was a lot of enthusiasm among the party workers regarding the Lok Sabha elections. He said that the semi-final of the assembly elections was the Lok Sabha elections and the party workers were busy preparing to contest the elections with full strength. Along with this, party workers were also trying their best to make Dushyant Chautala the Chief Minister of the state. He had reached Ambala on Tuesday to attend a meeting of JJP officials and workers in view of the elections. Digvijay



Chautala said that JJP has announced five Lok Sabha candidates and candidates would be fielded in the remaining five Lok Sabha seats also. Digvijay Chautala said that JJP party has been formed for six years ago and in these six years, JJP has achieved many milestones. While giving directions to the party workers, he said that they should focus completely on the Lok Sabha elections

because this election was the semi-final to make Dushyant Chautala the Chief Minister. Digvijay said that Dushyant Chautala has changed the meaning of the post of Deputy Chief Minister. Earlier, Bhupendra Singh Hooda did not consider the post of Deputy CM as anything, but when Dushyant changed his views, Bhupendra Hooda talked about making four Deputy Chief Ministers.

## Historic works done under guidance of PM Modi



**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA**  
**KARNAL:** Former Chief Minister of the state and BJP candidate from Karnal Lok Sabha, Manohar Lal said that the Centre is giving every possible support to make the state strong, prosperous and self-reliant. The Prime Minister stands with the people of the country in every happiness and sorrow. Now it is our duty to make an invaluable contribution in making him take oath as Prime Minister for the third time. He said that the government has lived up to the responsibility entrusted by the people of the country. Manohar Lal was addressing the cluster public meeting organised at Honey Garden located on Gharaunda GT Road today. Addressing the workers and people present in the public meeting, Manohar Lal said that today Haryana is a big name along with India in the country and the world. The government has established new dimensions of development during this period and has taken many important decisions.

## Contractor Ravinder donates Rs 33 thousand for volleyball court of village Takarla



**JATINDER PAL SINGH KALER**  
**BALACHAUR:** A meeting was held by Khawahish Sewa Society and Area Youth Alliance at village Takarla in which Mr. Giandeep Khepar, patron of Khawahish Sewa Society and Ajitpal Singh, member of Area Youth Alliance, Master Raj Bhatia (State Awardee), Anil Rana, Avtar Singh Jitpur discussed the future. Discussed about the social service works to be done in On this occasion, the contractor Ravinder Kumar Takarla, advancing the social service thinking of his father late Chaudhary Jeet Ram Sarpanch, donated an amount of 33 thousand rupees to prepare a volleyball court for the youth in village Takarla. It is worth mentioning that the late Chowdhury Jeet Ram Sarpanch had contributed significantly to develop the primary and high schools of village Takarla as smart schools and from time to time, special donations were given to connect the youth with sports. On this occasion, Gyan Deep Khepar Patron Khawahish Sewa-Society, Nauja Sports and Welfare Club and the villagers specially thanked the contractor Ravinder Kumar and said that the contractor Ravinder Kumar is following the teachings given by his father to donate and the future will continue this legacy of donating in on this occasion.

## Upper caste community forms its organization to fight for their rights



**RAHUL KOHLI**  
**JAGADHRI:** Keeping in mind the interests of the upper caste community, a meeting was organized at Shri Ram Park Sarojini Colony on the auspicious occasion of Ram Navami. Mainly people from Brahmin, Rajput and Vaishya communities attended this meeting. On the call of social worker Sunder Rana, all the people of the society reached here for the first time and most of the people shared their views about this organization. The meeting was presided over by Virendra Tyagi. Most of the people said that all the upper caste people should be included in the organization and first of all the organization should be strengthened. Some people also suggested that the interests of the upper caste community have always been ignored and there was no one to raise their voice. Sometimes in the name of some Act or law the upper caste community has always been targeted. Sometimes their princely states were taken away, sometimes their land was taken away in the name of some law and sometimes their self-respect was taken away in the name of some Act. Their abilities were ignored in the name of reservation.

## Naveen Jindal welcomed by traders in Ladwa grain market

**NARESH GARG**  
**LADWA:** On Wednesday, a program was organized for Kurukshetra Lok Sabha candidate former MP Naveen Jindal by the Grain Market Agent Association at Ladwa Grain Market. In which traders and BJP leaders of the association participated. On reaching the grain market, former MP and Lok Sabha candidate Naveen Jindal was honored by the Association President Bimlesh Garg by seeing a bunch of flowers. There he was made to wear a turban. Addressing the people, Kurukshetra Lok Sabha candidate, former MP Naveen Jindal said that I have a 20-year old relationship with Kurukshetra Lok Sabha and Ladwa Assembly and I feel proud to be among you people and the people of Kurukshetra Lok Sabha. He said that when I was away from you, I was very sad and today I am very happy that I have come back to my loved ones. He said that today I have come among you again and thank the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi, Manohar Lal and the Chief Minister of Haryana Nayab Singh Saini that they have selected me as a candidate for Parliament from Kurukshetra Lok Sabha. On the other hand, former MLA of Ladwa constituency, Dr. Pawan Saini while addressing said that seeing the working style of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, this time BJP will hand over the reins of the country to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the third time by winning more than 400 seats.



## Workers seen fighting among themselves in Naveen Jindal's program: Buta Singh



**KULBHUSHAN SHARMA**  
**GUHLA CHEEKA:** The program organized by BJP workers in Chhoti Mandi for the promotion of Naveen Jindal turned into a matter of differences when BJP workers were seen accusing each other on the stage itself. Naveen Jindal was seemed quite angry with the internal divisions within the BJP. Senior Congress leader and former MLA Buta Singh took a dig at this program and said that BJP workers would not want Naveen Jindal's win. They have no coordination among themselves. He said that in reality the BJP workers have become distraught looking at their opponents and wanted to shirk their responsibility by blaming each other for the failure of the program due to lack of public support. He said that the public is fed up with the BJP's slogans and has lost faith in the BJP. He said that the rural people were not allowing the BJP to enter their villages, and now the BJP has been exposed in the cities. He said that BJP was the most liar party of India which made promises during elections but after the elections promises turned into phrases. He said that the coming time was of India alliance and BJP candidates would not be able to save even their deposits.

## Country knows Modi's guarantee is absolute: Jindal

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA**  
**KAITHAL:** BJP candidate from Kurukshetra Lok Sabha constituency Naveen Jindal said that the blessings, cooperation and support of the people of Kurukshetra Lok Sabha constituency is my real strength. He said he will go to every constituency and appeal to the people for votes. With the blessings of the public, he will once again serve them and live up to their expectations. He said that BJP's resolution letter is Modi's guarantee. Prime Minister Narendra Modi does what he says. In BJP's resolution letter, every section of the society, including poor, young farmers and women, has been taken care of. Naveen Jindal was addressing a huge crowd today in a program organised at the establishment of former Sarpanch Pawan Kasana in Dhand town. On reaching here, Pawan Kasana along with hundreds of villagers welcomed Naveen Jindal with a garland of flowers and honoured him with a memento. On this occasion, BJP District President Ashok Gurjar Dhand, former MLA Prof. Many dignitaries including Dinesh Kaushik, Tejveer Singh, Shamsher Bagga, Ishwar Sakra Block Committee Chairperson representative, Women District President Anita Chaudhary, Birbhan Garg, Ramswaroop Gangal, Mahendra Kasana, former Block Committee Vice President were present. Addressing the villagers, BJP candidate Jindal congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the entire central leadership for issuing an excellent manifesto and said that the manifesto that has been issued is a sure guarantee, because the country knows that Modi's guarantee will be fulfilled.



## Ram Navami procession: Sadhaura echoed with praises of Shri Ram



**PREETI RANI**  
**SADHAURA:** On the occasion of Ram Navami, a huge bhandara was organized by Sanatan Dharam Sabha, Mandir Gagdwa Committee and a grand procession of Shri Ram was taken out in the city on Wednesday. It was welcomed by Ram devotees at many places. The procession was flagged off from Temple Gagdwa. During this time, beautiful tableaux were displayed by Deepak Art Group Yamunanagar based on the Leelas of Lord Shri Ram. Devotees danced to the hymns 'Ram Ji Ki Nikii Sawari, Ram Ji Ki Leela Hai Nyari'. The whole atmosphere echoed with the praises of Lord Shri Ram. The procession continued moving forward to the tune of bands and the beat of drums. A day before this, Sunderkand was also recited by the famous divine channel artists Sunil Dhyani and Manjeet Dhyani by the Gagdwa Temple Committee in the courtyard of the temple Gagdwa. Thousands of Ram devotees gathered in the procession. In front, the procession of Purushottam Shri Ram and behind the tableau, thousands of Ram devotees carried the cradles of Shri Ram ji along with Ram devotees.



**UCL: Arsene Wenger feels Arsenal "might just glide through" against Bayern in QF 2nd-leg clash**  
Munich : Legendary football manager Arsene Wenger, who helmed Arsenal's 'Invincibles', weighed in on his former club's chances in the Champions League second-leg clash with Bundesliga giants Bayern Munich, backing the Gunners to "glide through" at the Allianz Arena in the early hours of Thursday. In the first leg of the UCL match, Arsenal and Bayern ended the game on level terms, with a scoreline of 2-2. Bukayo Saka and Leandro Trossard scored for the Gunners, while Serge Gnabry and Harry Kane got on the scoresheet for the German club. Speaking to beIN Sports, Wenger said the second-leg clash between the two footballing giants will be a "50-50 game". The former Arsenal head coach added that the German club will lack confidence going into their upcoming fixture as they have been vulnerable in the Bundesliga. "Arsenal against Bayern Munich is a 50-50 game. Bayern have recently been vulnerable at home in the Bundesliga, they lost to Dortmund in a very important game so they will not be 100 per cent confident. I still think Arsenal might just glide through against Bayern," Wenger was quoted as saying by Goal.com.

**"Our batting lineup possesses best possible talent in Pakistan": Head coach Azhar Mahmood**

Islamabad: Ahead of Pakistan's home T20 series against New Zealand, the team's newly appointed head coach, Azhar Mahmood, spoke in detail about his squad, player combinations, and strategies and said that the batting talent in the team is the best from the country. Pakistan play T20 T20s-five against New Zealand, three against Ireland, and four against England-in preparations for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup, which is starting on June 1 in West Indies/USA. The first of these series against the Black Caps sees the return of veterans like Mohammad Amir and Imad Wasim. Both players, who were not a part of the Pakistan setup in recent times, reversed their international retirements and made themselves available for the Men in Green. In the Pakistan Super League (PSL), Amir picked up 10 wickets for the Quetta Gladiators, while Imad showed exceptional all-round form (126 runs and 12 wickets) to lead Islamabad United to the title. Mahmood was pleased to have the two experienced campaigners back in Pakistan colours and believes that their returns give his team an edge. "We cover all aspects of the game with this squad. We have two all-rounders, and our fast bowling department is also very strong. The return of (Mohammad) Amir and Imad (Wasim) also gives us an edge, because we can use them at any given time," he said, as quoted by the ICC.

**Nepal all-rounder Dipendra Singh Airee rises in latest ICC Men's T20I all-rounder rankings**

Dubai : Dipendra Singh Airee continues to rise, closing in on the top 10 spots on the T20I rankings for all-rounders, as per ICC. Airee's six-hitting heroics have been rewarded with the Nepal star making giant gains on the latest ICC Men's T20I Player Rankings. The Nepal all-rounder joined India great Yuvraj Singh and West Indies legend Kieron Pollard and became just the third player in T20I to smash six sixes in an over when he took 36 runs from one Kamran Khan's final six balls on his way to an unbeaten 64\* during an ACC Men's T20I Premier Cup clash against Qatar in Al Amerat on Saturday. The feat not only helped Nepal to get to a comfortable 32-run victory over their Asian rival but it also saw Airee make good ground in both the T20I batter rankings and all-rounder rankings. These rankings were updated on Wednesday by the ICC. Airee improved a total of 16 places to equal 61st on the updated rankings for T20I batters, while also moving to the cusp of the top 10 when rising 14 spots to 11th on the list for T20I all-rounders. The in-form all-rounder wasn't the only player from Nepal to make ground on the latest rankings update, with teammate Aasif Sheikh moving up 36 spots to 75th on the list for T20I batters following a hat-trick of good scores at the same tournament.

**"We have the confidence..": Ancelotti on Real's clash against City in UCL 2nd leg**

Manchester : Ahead of the second leg match between Real Madrid and Manchester City in the UEFA Champions League (UCL), Los Blancos head coach Carlo Ancelotti said that they are confident enough to take on Pep Guardiola's team. Speaking at the pre-match press conference, Ancelotti said that they are looking forward to the game. He added that they have to fight and are confident enough to take on Manchester City. "We don't have to look back at the past, we have to look at tomorrow's game and how to approach it, taking into account what happened a week ago. We have to compete, to fight and to be confident. The result is all square, there's another 90 minutes and anything can happen. We have the confidence that we have the quality to create problems," Ancelotti was quoted by Real Madrid's website as saying.

**"Better than all my wickets....": KKR's Narine on his maiden T20 against RR**

AGENCY KOLKATA : Following a thrilling contest between the Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) and Rajasthan Royals (RR) at Eden Gardens, KKR all-rounder Sunil Narine and RR opener Jos Buttler reflected on their hard-hitting centuries. A batting masterclass by Jos Buttler guided RR to a thrilling last ball win against the two-time champions as they successfully chased a mammoth target of 224 runs set by KKR at the Eden Gardens. Sunil Narine, the KKR opener, had also lit up the venue with his maiden T20 ton, guiding KKR to 223/6 in their 20 overs. In a video posted by RR on their official X (formerly Twitter) handle, Narine said that he wanted to give his team a blazing start and see how long he could go on after the powerplay and he was



able to attack the bowlers after the powerplay. "So today it actually did and I mean, some days you enjoy it, some days are tough. Today, starting was a little tough but it ended up being brilliant," Narine added. Narine said that his maiden T20 century was better than all of his 542 T20

wickets. "It is better than all the wickets I have gotten because it is probably the hardest thing for me as a cricketer to do. So it is much pleasing to theeey," said Narine. Buttler remarked that the game was extremely close and no team has an idea as to what score is enough. Narine

replied to him that even 240-250 runs could be chased at Eden Gardens. "I think, especially here, I think you never know what is a good score is at the starting or even when you bat first. I think if you do not pick up early wickets in the power play, you are going to struggle defending any total. Even 240, 250 could be chased down at this ground because the wicket is good, the outfield is fast and the ground is small," said Narine. Narine congratulated Buttler on his century and asked him about his mindset. To this, Buttler replied that his team got off to a fine start and there were fine cameos delivered by Riyan Parag and Rovman Powell that really helped. "I think you guys put a really good score on the board, and we got off to a good start.

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# Sports

## Mumbai Indians , PBKS poised for electrifying IPL showdown



Mullanpur, April 17 (UNI) Cricket fans are eagerly awaiting another high-octane encounter as the Mumbai Indians and Punjab Kings are set to renew their intense rivalry in the IPL. Both teams have a storied history of close matches, dramatic moments, and standout performances, making their clashes a highlight of the tournament. In their recent outing against the Rajasthan

Royals, the Punjab Kings showed resilience despite suffering a defeat. Jitesh Sharma and Ashutosh Sharma played pivotal roles with the bat, stabilising the innings with their contributions. The bowling unit, led by Kagiso Rabada and Liam Livingstone, displayed commendable discipline, restricting the Rajasthan Royals' batting lineup for most of the innings. On the other hand, the Mumbai Indians have faced

inconsistencies this season. Despite a magnificent century by Rohit Sharma in their previous match against the Chennai Super Kings, the team fell short in their chase of a challenging target. Mumbai Indians will be keen to bounce back and climb up the points table with a strong performance against the Punjab Kings. The head-to-head record between these two teams is evenly balanced, adding an extra layer of

excitement to their upcoming clash. With Mumbai Indians winning 16 matches and Punjab Kings securing 15 victories, the rivalry promises another thrilling contest that could go down to the wire. Previous encounters between Mumbai Indians and Punjab Kings have produced memorable moments, including a double Super Over in 2020 and Arshdeep Singh's match-winning bowling display in 2023. As the two teams prepare to face off on Thursday, fans can expect

another exhilarating match filled with drama, twists, and standout performances. Both teams will be looking to secure a crucial victory and gain momentum in the tournament. With the unpredictable nature of T20 cricket and the history of closely contested matches between these sides, Thursday's fixture is shaping up to be a must-watch event that promises to keep fans on the edge of their seats.

## "Unity within our team continues to grow...": Indian hockey skipper Harmanpreet



AGENCY NEW DELHI : With just 100 days remaining for the start of their journey at the Paris Olympics, the Indian men's hockey team is poised for an exhilarating quest. After clinching a historic bronze medal at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, the country's first medal after over 40 years, the team now sets its sights on the ultimate prize: a gold medal. Securing at least a top-

two finish in Pool B is imperative to progress to the quarter-finals. Meanwhile, Pool A comprises the world's top-ranked team, the Netherlands, alongside Germany, Great Britain, Spain, South Africa, and hosts France, setting the stage for an intense battle in the 12-team men's hockey tournament at the Paris 2024 Olympics.

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## "You're always with me, my boy..": Shikhar

MULLANPUR: Punjab Kings (PBKS) skipper and India opener Shikhar Dhawan took to social media and posted a heartwarming picture for his son.

Dhawan-led PBKS will lock horns with Mumbai Indians (MI) on Thursday. Both teams are having a tough time in this IPL so far, having won two and lost four games each. They have just four points and are in eighth and seventh spots, respectively. Both sides lost their previous matches to Chennai Super Kings (CSK) and Rajasthan Royals (RR), respectively.

Dhawan took to Instagram and posted a picture of him wearing a jersey, numbered one and named after his son, Zorawar.

"You're Always with Me, My Boy," Dhawan's post caption said. Dhawan and his former wife Ayesha Mukherjee parted ways after a failed marriage in October last year as they ended their marriage back in September 2021.



During the separation, the family court of Delhi granted divorce and said the petitioner (Shikhar Dhawan) was entitled to a decree of divorce on the grounds of cruelty. In five matches of IPL 2024 so far, Dhawan has scored 152 runs at an average of 30.40, with a strike rate of 125.61. He also scored a half-century, with the best score of 80.

## "Most expensive player can't be your weak link": Irfan Pathan takes indirect dig at KKR star



NEW DELHI : Former India all-rounder Irfan Pathan took an indirect dig at the most expensive player in Indian Premier League (IPL) history, Mitchell Starc, as his lean form continued against the Rajasthan Royals in the ongoing season. The experienced Australian pacer, who is renowned for his searing yorker, was acquired by KKR for a record-breaking price tag of Rs 24.75 crore. During KKR's narrow defeat, Starc gave away 50 runs at an economy of 12.50 in his four-over spell. Irfan took to X to voice his concern over Starc's form and stated, "Most expensive player in your team can't be your weak link."

Starc showed signs of returning to his prime during Kolkata's 8-wicket win over the Lucknow Super Giants. With a consistent line and length, the left-arm pacer picked up three wickets in his four-over spell while spilling away 28 runs. Starc opened the attack for KKR and conceded 11 runs in the opening over, which set the tone for the high-scoring chase. In the powerplay, Starc bowled two overs, went wicketless, and split 24 runs out of 76. As he struggled to provide the hosts with an ideal start, Vaibhav Arora and Harshit Rana claimed a wicket each to put pressure back on RR.

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**CHANDIGARH :** Sny Entertainment Television's 'Dabangii - Mulgi Aayi Re Aayi', has kept the audience gripped with the journey of a grown-up Arya (Rachana Mistry), who hopes to take revenge on her birth father, Satya (Aamir Dalvi), for destroying her family. Her resolve is further strengthened with Ankush's (Manav Gohil) return and her reunion with her childhood friend, Eklayva, who is now working as an undercover spy. Yug (Rahul Sudhir) to reveal Satya's wrongdoings. In the ongoing track, Ankush uses Arya as bait to get closer to Satya and tells her not to let Yug know that he is alive. On the other hand, Yug, who is trying to help Arya expose Satya's illegal activities, senses that Arya is hiding something from him. Amidst all this, Arya finds herself torn between her loyalty to Ankush and protecting her newfound relationship with her childhood friend, Eklayva aka Yug. Rrahul Sudhir talks about his experience of playing a dual character as Yug, who is a spy, while also concealing his real identity as Arya's childhood friend, Eklayva. He shares, "Embodying the intrigue of a spy as Yug and essaying the warmth of a best friend as Eklayva has been an exhilarating challenge for me, and it has helped me come out of the grey character image that I have established with my previous roles. Stepping into the shoes of a spy demands meticulous attention to detail, a constant dance between deception and truth, and an unwavering determination to protect what's right. On one hand, Yug is doing his duty as a spy, revealing all of Satya's wrongdoings and on the other hand, he is trying to be a good friend to Arya as Eklayva, by helping her take down Satya and his empire."

