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NEWS BRIEFS

PVS speaker Kultar Singh Sandhwan condoles demise of eminent punjabi poet Surjit Patar

CHANDIGARH: The Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker, S. Kultar Singh Sandhwan, expressed deep sorrow over the unfortunate demise of Padma Shri recipient Punjabi poet and eminent writer S. Surjit Singh Patar, who passed away on May 11 morning at his residence in Ludhiana's Ashapuri area. In a press communique issued here, Speaker S. Kultar Singh Sandhwan said that S. Patar made a significant contribution to spreading the promotion of the Punjabi language across the globe. His notable achievement includes receiving top honors like Padma Shri and the Sahitya Akademi Award for his work of writing in a regional language.

Modi will continue to be PM even after attaining age of 75, says Shah on Arvind Kejriwal's 'ceiling rule in BJP' remark

HYDERABAD: Top BJP leader Amit Shah on Saturday asserted Prime Minister Narendra Modi will continue to lead the country post 2024 Lok Sabha polls and hit out at Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal for claiming the PM was seeking votes for making Shah his successor, citing the 75 years age 'rule'.

There was nothing written in the BJP's constitution on any such age ceiling, Shah told reporters here. There was no confusion in the BJP over the matter.

Shah was responding to Kejriwal's claim that Modi was asking for votes for the Union Home Minister to make him PM as the prime minister would turn 75 next year.

"I would like to tell Arvind Kejriwal and company and the whole Indi alliance, Modi becomes 75, there is no need for you to feel happy. It is not written anywhere in BJP's constitution. Modi will complete the term and will continue to lead the country. There is no confusion in BJP on this," Shah told reporters here.

Kejriwal had charged that Modi is asking for votes for Shah.

"These people ask INDIA bloc about their (PM) face. I ask BJP who will be their PM? Modi ji is turning 75 on September 17 next year. He had made the rule that people aged 75 will be retired. They retired LK Advani, Murli Manohar Joshi, Sumitra Mahajan," Kejriwal said.

BJP will not form govt on June 4, says Arvind Kejriwal as he holds first roadshow during election campaign after release from jail

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, MAY 11

AAP convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday asserted that the BJP would not form the government on June 4 and said if the INDIA bloc came to power, the direction and fate of the country would change.

He held his first roadshow for Lok Sabha election campaign along with his Punjab counterpart Bhagwant Mann in the South Delhi constituency, a day after his release from Tihar jail.

"It is a historic moment. The history is taking a turn. If the INDIA bloc forms government, the direction and fate of the country will change.

"I am fighting against dictatorship with all my power. I need your support. The country never accepted any dictator and people removed them. I have come to seek your support to fight dictatorship," he said.

He also asserted that the Modi government would not be formed on June 4.

"They are losing seats everywhere, be it Karnataka, Haryana. In Punjab, they will not win anything and even in Delhi, all the seven seats will be won by the INDIA bloc," he claimed.



If the INDIA bloc comes to power, full statehood will be provided to Delhi, he said.

Party leaders and workers gathered in large numbers while Kejriwal and Mann mounted an open-roof vehicle waving and greeting people.

"I have come straight to you after being released from jail. I missed Delhi people a lot. I want to thank crores of people who prayed and sent blessings to me," he said.

Recalling his days in jail, he said his wife Sunita, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and his ministers used to come to meet him.

"I used to ask my ministers about the welfare of people while in jail. During my stay in jail, I used to think what is my fault that I was arrested. My fault was that I provided good schools and hospitals for people. I provided health facilities to people. They (BJP) stopped my insulin for 15 days in jail.

"They want to shut everything to paralyse the Delhi government," he charged.

Remembering his former ministers Manish Sisodia and Satyendar Jain, who are in Tihar jail, he claimed they changed the face of schools and hospitals.

Punjab Police busts inter-state illegal pharma supply and manufacturing network running from pharma factory in HP

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH/AMRITSAR, MAY 11:

In a major intelligence-based operation against Pharma Opioids, Special Task Force (STF) of Punjab Police has busted an interstate network of manufacturing illegal psychotropic substances and supply units running from a pharma factory based in Baddi of Himachal Pradesh, said Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav here on Saturday.

The development came after the three-month-long meticulous investigations of backward and forward linkages carried out by the Special Task Force, Border Range, Amritsar into the arrest of two drug smugglers identified as Sukhwinder Singh alias Dhami of village Kot Muhammad Khan in Tarn Taran and Jaspreet Singh alias Jass of Govind Nagar in Amritsar, who were arrested after the recovery of 4.24 lakh narcotic tablets/capsules and Rs 1 lakh drug money from Beas in February this year.

During this entire operation spread across five states,



the Police have arrested a total of seven drug smugglers/suppliers and made an effective recovery of 70.42 lakh Intoxicant Tablets/Capsules, 725.5 kg Intoxicant Tramadol Powder and Rs 2.37 lakh drug money. Five states include Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra. Divulging details, DGP Gaurav Yadav said that following the trail after the arrest of these two drug smugglers, Police teams led by SP STF Vishaljit Singh and DSP STF Vavinder Kumar have managed to trace and arrest the main kingpin of the racket identified as Alex Paliwal from Saharanpur in Uttar Pradesh after recovering 9.04 lakh Intoxicant Tablets/capsules and Rs 1.37 lakh drug money from his possession. He said that following the revelations of accused Alex Paliwal, the operation was then extended to Himachal Pradesh, where Police teams in the presence of Drug Control Officers Sukhdeep Singh and Ramneek Singh have scrutinised Biogenetic Drug Private Limited and seized records showing that the company has manufactured over 20 crore .

Youths must embrace knowledge alongside utilising modern technologies like AI and the Internet : Hry Guv

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH: Haryana Governor Sh. Bandaru Dattatraya encouraged the adoption of technology among youths and emphasised the importance of acquiring knowledge while embracing modern advancements such as Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Internet. He stressed that integrating these technologies would enhance youths' expertise, innovation, and critical thinking abilities. Additionally, he envisioned India becoming a 'superpower' by 2047 and emphasised the crucial role of today's youth in this journey, urging them to actively participate in shaping the nation's future.

The Governor was addressing the students, academicians and parents present, as the chief guest at the third convocation ceremony of Apeejay Stya University, Gurugram today. The ceremony was organised at the organisation's institute located at Panchsheel Park in Delhi.

He stated that receiving degrees after years of dedicated effort symbolises a moment of immense pride and achievement. He attributed this success to the relentless hard work and dedication of students and the unwavering sacrifice, perseverance, and guidance of their revered parents and teachers.

Instead of job seekers, youth should become job providers - Governor

He stated that rather than merely seeking employment, Governor Sh.Dattatraya encouraged young graduates to become job providers. He urged them to set ambitious goals and remain steadfast in their pursuit, emphasising the need for innovation and research to excel in today's competitive world. With an estimated creation of three crore jobs globally by 2030, he emphasised that India's youth could claim a significant share of these opportunities if they possess the requisite skills and competence.

He said that established under the Legislative Act and approved by all regulatory bodies, Apeejay Stya University is a visionary multi-disciplinary private state university. It is India's first industry-centric technology and liberal arts university, offering education focused on research and innovation and which today offers UG in 9 subjects, Provides education in twenty-four career oriented programs at PG and Doctoral level. The university's commitment to quality education, research, and innovation has been duly recognized by both public and private institutions, earning numerous national and international awards.

NLA, reunites husband, wife with 2 children & settles hundreds cases

SUMER GARG
CHANDIGARH, MAY 11:

Under the aegis of National Legal Services Authority, the State Legal Services Authority along with District Legal Services Authority, UT, Chandigarh, today organized National Lok Adalats(NLA) in the District Courts, Sector 43, Chandigarh.

Twelve Benches headed by the serving Judicial officers were constituted in the District Courts, Sector- 43, Chandigarh. Criminal compoundable cases, cases under Section 138 of N.I.Act, Bank Recovery cases, MACT Cases, Matrimonial Disputes, Labour Disputes, Arbitration matters, other Civil Cases, Municipal Matters and Traffic Challans were taken up and disposed off with the consent of the parties.



In today's National Lok Adalats, total 1896 were disposed off by the benches of serving Judicial officers constituted in New District Courts Complex, Sector 43, Chandigarh, which included 04, Criminal Compund Able cases; 1692 cases, under Section 138 of N.I. Act involving an amount of Rs.72,36,923; 25 Motor accident claim cases, involving an amount of Rs 2,08,89,000; 12 cases of matrimonial/family disputes; 30 Civil Suits and Rent cases involving an amount of Rs.1,05,000; 54 Executions cases, involving an amount of Rs. 5,13,56,808; 04 cases, criminal revision; 05 cases, Crl. Misc; 19 cases Civil Misc. involving amount of Rs.1,70,21,864: 10 Arbitration cases; 05 Civil/Rent Appeal cases; 13 cases of 125 Cr.P.C; 12 cases of D.V. Act; 07 Criminal Appeals involving amount of Rs. 5,90,000 and 04 Guardian & Ward Act cases were disposed off. 3004 Traffic Challans were also disposed of by imposing a fine of Rs.23,82,200. In addition to above, 1469 cases involving an amount of Rs.1,72,289 were also disposed of by Permanent Lok Adalat (Public Utility Services), 34 pre - litigation cases involving an amount of Rs.16,83,000; 07 Labour Dispute Cases involving an amount of Rs.78,733; 65 cases involving an amount of Rs. 6,82,70,216 were disposed of by 03 Benches of State Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission and 208 cases involving amounts of Rs. 80.53 Crores were settled at DRT, Chandigarh.



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MSDE and Mahindra & Mahindra forge a partnership

CHANDIGARH: Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) signed a Memorandum Of Understanding (MoU) with Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd., India's leading Farm Equipment company and the world's largest tractor manufacturer by volume, to conduct two Pilots under the Drone Didi Yojna. Launched earlier this year, the scheme aims to train 15,000 women to operate drones for agricultural purposes such as fertiliser sowing, crop monitoring and seed sowing, thereby creating new livelihood opportunities for women through imparting skills in new technology areas."

BJP's mass contact campaign held in Nawanshahr, Kharar and Balachaur

SHASHI PAL JAIN

NAWANSHAHR/KHARAR/BALACHAUR: In order to give momentum to the election campaign of the BJP candidate from Sri Anandpur Sahib Lok Sabha constituency Dr. Subhash Sharma, the party today conducted a mass contact campaign in Kharar, Balachaur and Nawanshahr assembly segments and also organised worker meetings. During this, there were in-depth discussions on the achievements of the Central Government, the false propaganda being spread by the Congress party and the failures of the ruling Aam Aadmi Party government in Punjab.

Addressing the workers gathered in large numbers during the meeting, Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat said that on June 1, the entire Punjab will vote for a 'Viksit Bharat' (developed India). Launching a scathing attack on the Punjab government,



Shekhawat said that the only achievement of the Aam Aadmi Party government that has been running Punjab for the past two years under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann is that it has tremendously increased the debt burden on Punjab.

"Due to the wrong policies of the AAP and the inexperience of their leaders, the revenue in the state is not increasing and the government is forced to carry out routine administrative work by taking loan after loan. Now, the situation has become so bad that the government has to take fresh loans even to pay the installments of previously taken loans", Shekhawat said. He further said that it was first the Congress governments that ruined Punjab and now the Aam Aadmi Party government has made the situation further worse.

The Union Minister said that the people of Punjab have tried Akali Dal, Congress and Aam Aadmi Party and now BJP has emerged as the only viable option before them. "Without any discrimination, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made all-round development of the country on the principle of Sabka Saath-Sabka Vikas. Today, there has been tremendous infrastructural development in various sectors including roads, railways and airways", he added.

Shekhawat also said that India's unprecedented development is being discussed not only in the country but abroad as well. He further said that when the country becomes a developed nation under the leadership of Narendra Modi, Punjab will benefit the most and for a bright future, the people of Punjab have made up their mind to put thirteen out of thirteen seats in Modi Ji's kitty.

While addressing the mass contact campaign and worker meeting, BJP candidate Dr. Subhash Sharma accused the Aam Aadmi Party government of Punjab of cheating the youth, women and farmers. "Due to the poor law and order situation in the state and directionless government, industry has migrated at large scale. Because of this, instead of creating new employment opportunities.

"Seva Trust UK India Celebrates Akshaya Tritiya Festival at Leprosy Ashram"



DALBIR MALIK

KURUKSHETRA: The Seva Trust UK India celebrated the festival of Akshaya Tritiya with families residing at the Shri Ram Leprosy Ashram located in Dodha Khedi village. District Coordinator of Seva Trust UK India, Pavan Mittal, stated that Akshaya Tritiya is considered a festival of charity and merit.

Scriptures highlight the significance of giving donations on this day. He extended wishes for the well-being of all residents and, with the sponsorship from Dabur India, distributed booster gift packs to everyone, including Dabur Glucose-D, toothpaste, toothbrush, hair oil, shampoo, and more.

Mittal elaborated on the activities of Seva Trust UK India, emphasizing its consistent attention to the needs of the poor and destitute. The trust regularly distributes such kits to those in need. Volunteer Puja Saini highlighted that the trust also honors hope workers, sanitation workers, blood donors, talented athletes, and students studying in government schools. It actively participates in social activities and upliftment initiatives.

On this occasion, Meena, Sameer Saini, Prince, and all the residents of the ashram were present.

Art of Living to Gift Karnal a Unique Present on Occasion of Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar's Birthday

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: On May 12, Karnal will witness the foundation stone laying ceremony of an Art of Living multi-purpose ashram near Sector-32, Narsi Village. This event, coinciding with Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar's birthday celebration, will commence at 6 PM. The occasion will include Rudra Puja, Rudrabhishek, bhajan sandhya, and a grand feast. This information was shared by Sushika Battara, Director of Art of Living Haryana, during discussions with journalists.



She mentioned that the event will feature a bhajan sandhya by renowned singer Akshith Joshi, who has mesmerized audiences across the country and abroad with his devotional songs. Scholars from Bengaluru will also be present for the Rudra Puja and Rudrabhishek ceremony. The program has extended invitations to a large number of children and their parents.

Apex members Romit Sachdeva, Pravesh Gaba, Mukesh Battara, Neelam Aroda, Vinay Bhargav, Rakesh Hans, Sanjay Saluja, and Tanya Aroda also provided information about the ashram project. They explained that the ashram, spanning about two thousand square yards of land, will include facilities such as a Panchkarma center and a meditation center. Construction of the ashram is expected to be completed in about a year, with Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar himself inaugurating it.

They emphasized that the event scheduled for May 12 in Karnal aims to spread stress-free and happiness among the residents, especially the children. The foundation stone laying ceremony, along with Rudra Puja and Rudrabhishek.

Confirmation of name in voter list essential: Chief Electoral Officer

CHANDIGARH: Haryana, Chief Electoral Officer, Sh. Anurag Agarwal emphasised the importance of exercising one's voting rights during the festival of democracy. To ensure this, every voter must confirm their name's inclusion in the voter list.

Only those whose names are listed in the voter list can exercise their voting rights. However, if a voter's name is included in the voter list but does not possess a voter identification card, they can still cast their vote by showing one of the 11 alternative identification documents specified by the Election Commission.

Sh. Anurag Agarwal stated that even if a voter has an old voter card, they can still vote as long as their name is listed in the voter list of that area. However, individuals who do not have their names on the voter list and attempt to vote by showing their Aadhar card or any other identification document at the polling station will not be allowed to vote. Only those whose names are registered in the voter list can cast their vote.

He further said that besides the EPIC voters can also cast their votes by using the 11 specified alternative photo identification documents designated by the Election Commission. These documents include passport, driving license, Service identity card issued to employees by Central, State governments, Public Sector Undertakings or Public Limited Companies, Passbook issued by bank or post office with photo, PAN card, Smart Card issued under the scheme of Ministry of Labour, MNREGA Job card, Health Insurance Smart Card issued under the scheme of Ministry of Labour, Pension document with photo, and Aadhar card.

Sh. Agarwal informed that voter lists as per assembly constituency have been uploaded on the website CEO.Haryana.Gov.In by the Haryana State Election Commission. Individuals can download these lists to check their names in the voter list. Apart from this, they can also verify their votes by calling the voter helpline number-1950.

Discussion on Government Policies and Unemployment Held at Indri Block



MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI: A crucial meeting of all employees was held today at the Indri block, chaired by the headman Saini. The meeting was facilitated by the Block Secretary, Rishipal, and attended by the District Secretary of Karnal, Seva Ram, along with the former headman of the district, Om Prakash Sihamar. Discussions revolved around the government's flawed policies, escalating unemployment, inflation, and failure to fill vacant positions. Representatives from all departments voiced their opposition to the government's stance. Rajeev Rathi, the unit head from the electricity board.

Flipkart and Bajaj Auto team up to drive sustainable deliveries with Green Machines

GURUGRAM : Bajaj Auto Ltd., the world's most valuable two-wheeler and three-wheeler company, and Flipkart, one of India's leading e-commerce marketplaces, today announced a strategic partnership to accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) in the latter's last-mile delivery operations. This collaboration signifies a significant step towards a greener future for the Indian e-commerce landscape.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on 10 May by Bajaj Auto and Flipkart spokespersons - Samardeep Subandh, President (Intracity Business Unit, Bajaj Auto Ltd) and Prabhu Balasrinivasan, Vice President, Commercial, Flipkart Group, Hemant Badri, Senior Vice President and Head of Supply Chain, Customer Experience & Re-Commerce, Flipkart Group, lays the foundation for a long-term business partnership between Bajaj Auto and Flipkart. The initial, non-binding commitment of supplying a minimum of 1000 technologically advanced electric three-wheeler cargo vehicles to Flipkart paves the way for further collaboration and potential fleet expansion in the future.



Enhancing Efficiency and Sustainability - Adopting Bajaj's best-in-class EV technology will empower Flipkart to enhance the efficiency and sustainability.

Tribute to Surjit Patar by all writers of Barnala district

Kuldeep Sood

Barnala: Punjabi Sahitya Sabha Barnala has expressed deep sorrow on the sudden demise of Padmashri Surjit Patar, the foremost poet of Punjabi literature. The President of the Sabha,



Teja Singh Tilak, said that he went to preside over the annual function of the Sabha on last Friday (May 10). Mr. Tilak said with a heavy heart that on the day he leaves after presiding over the assembly, he suffers a heart attack on the same night. Mr. Tilak said that the Punjabi Sahitya Sabha Reg. dedicated the book dedication and tribute ceremony to the memory of late Jangir Singh Jagtar at the local Kapil Marriage Palace (Nanksar Road) under the chairmanship of Dr. Surjit Patar did it. He said that it was an honor for our assembly that these were their last steps on the land of Barnala. Just this morning, many writers were shocked to hear the news of his death. Mr. Tilak said that Mr. Patar's service as a writer will always be remembered.

Among those paying tribute, Dr. Joginder Singh Narala, Dr. Bhupinder Singh Bedi, Malwinder Shair, Ram Saroop Sharma, C. Markanda, Buta Singh Chauhan, Kuldeep Sood, Pawan Parinda, Dr. Sampurna Singh Tallewalia, Megh Raj Mitra, Dr. Tarspal Kaur and Tejinder Chandihok were present.

Placement drive organized for CA students, 15 selected

RAJIV JAIN

CHANDIGARH: A two-day CA Students Placement Drive was organized under the aegis of nationwide apex body of



Chartered Accountants – The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). Placement Coordinator Dr. Namita Nayyar and Ashima Maini said that reputed companies participated in this drive wherein over 100 CA students were in contention. Leading companies like Pierian Services, SAEL Limited, Toppan Specialty Films, Zscaler offered jobs to 15 students in their establishments at an annual package of around Rs 46 lakh. Congratulating the students, ICAI Chandigarh Branch Chairman Abhishek Singh Chauhan said that the students of the branch have the potential to showcase their talent to world class companies. The Campus placement will continue and he expressed hope that students will be able to get the best packages by the dint of their abilities.

Medanta-The Medicity and Hartej Hospitals launches new clinic to bring advanced liver treatment to Amritsar

AMRITSAR: Medanta -The Medicity Hospital, Gurugram and Hartej Hospital, came together to launch a comprehensive Liver Clinic in Amritsar. Medanta is among the country's leading hospitals in the field of liver transplantation. Led by Dr. Arvinder S. Soin, Chairman & Chief Liver Transplant Surgeon, senior liver doctors from Medanta would be available once a month to provide the latest cutting edge treatment to patients suffering from liver ailments at the clinic in Amritsar.

The clinic would address serious liver illness including hepatitis, cirrhosis, liver failure, liver cancer,



gallbladder cancer, bile duct cancer, portal hypertension, and all other liver diseases in children and adults.Present at the occasion, Dr Soin, who is recognized all over the world over for his pioneering work in establishing liver transplantation in India over the past 25 years, has performed over 4400 liver transplants including nearly 500 pediatric liver transplants in India, which is the highest in the country, and among the highest in the world. He and his team currently perform 25-30 live donor liver transplants every month with 95% success – results which are at par with the world's best centres.

Speaking on the occasion of the clinic launch, Dr. Soin said, "we have been treating patients from in and around Amritsar for over 20 years now. We are delighted that now at this clinic, such patients will be able to consult with us directly, and get access to the most advanced liver treatment and procedures right at their doorstep. Thousands of our patients are now enjoying absolutely normal lives 10-20 years after transplant. Many of them are from Amritsar and are present here among us today. One of them, Gurtej, was just 14 when he had an emergency transplant for sudden terminal liver failure. He is now 24, and enjoying normal life. We have performed several innovative procedures for patients from Amritsar. One such operation is a dual lobe transplant in which two smaller sized family donors each donate a part of their liver to one recipient who is much heavier than them. Tejinder is one such example. He and both his donors are doing well.

Dr. H.S. Nagpal MD of Hartej Hospitals, emphasized that "the association with the Medanta Hospital Group solidifies our dedication and commitment in providing the best possible health care services and best clinical expertise of doctors for our patients.

NEWS BRIEF

Chief Justice MS Ramchandra Rao Inaugurates Civil Court in Bhoranj

RAJNEESH SHARMA

HAMIRPUR: Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court, Justice MS Ramchandra Rao, inaugurated the Civil Court in Bhoranj on Saturday. The inauguration ceremony, held at the mini-secretariat, was attended by Justice Vivek Singh Thakur and Justice Sushil Kukreja of the High Court.

On this occasion, while congratulating all the residents of the district, Justice MS Ramchandra Rao said that the Himachal Pradesh High Court is particularly focused on developing a strong framework for the judicial system in the state to make justice easily accessible to the common people. He said that even the Supreme Court's report has highlighted that many judicial complexes in our country are operating in decades-old buildings. In addition, in recent years, there has been extensive expansion of courts. Therefore, the need for modern infrastructure in the judicial system is being felt.

He said that in this direction, the Himachal Pradesh High Court is working diligently. Under the chairmanship of Justice Vivek Singh Thakur, the Building Committee formed is approving the construction of modern judicial complexes as soon as land becomes available in various districts.

Under India Alliance Rule, Guaranteed MSP Will Be Provided in the First Year

CHANNA

KIRATPUR SAHIB: Vijay Inder Singla, the Congress candidate for Lok Sabha Elections in Sri Anandpur Sahib, vowed to serve the people of the constituency with full dedication. Promising swift action, Singla assured the people that under the 'India Alliance Government', MSP for farmers would be secured within the first year, while the daily wage under MNREGA would rise to 400 rupees. Singla criticized the BJP-led government's obstruction of Punjab's development, contrasting it with the Congress's historical support for the state. Former Punjab Legislative Assembly Speaker, Rana K.P. Singh, echoed these sentiments, expressing concerns over the sluggish pace of development under the Aam Aadmi Party's rule in Punjab. He warned the government officials to fulfill their duties with honesty and without any political alliance. Rana KP Singh underscored that such misconduct would be strictly dealt with under the forthcoming Congress rule. The rally was attended by Aswani Saini, Kamaldeep Kaur Saini, Himanshu Tandon, Sumit Mehta, Prem Singh Basowal, Gurinder Singh, Arundeep Singh Sonu, Kuldeep Singh Banga, Raj Kumar Saini, Dr. Atma Singh, Moham Singh Bhasin and a large number of Congress party workers.

Society Comes Forward to Help Woman Afflicted by Serious Illness

SHANTI GAUTAM

BADDI: Society has stepped forward to assist a woman afflicted by a serious illness. When this matter came to the attention of the society, the entire team decided that they would definitely provide some assistance to this unfortunate woman. The woman, a migrant from Punjab, is undergoing treatment in Nangal, where she has to travel back and forth in a private vehicle arranged by social workers of BBEN to reach the hospital. Locals informed that in Badadi, this migrant woman used to work in some industry, but during that time, she was struck by a serious physical illness.

Although some organizations are providing her with taxi services, her 17-year-old son is not capable of earning as he remains dedicated to serving his mother day and night. His friend Anurag has fulfilled his ration requirements. Since the expenses of the patient are even more, the society collected some relief funds today and handed over a sum of 6600 rupees to the afflicted woman. Meanwhile, Ajay Kumar, who is arranging treatment for her, is taking her from Mandi to Nangal, and the residents of Badadi Sheetalpur are bearing the expenses of her transportation back and forth. Ajay mentioned that now the woman's treatment will be initiated at PGIMER Chandigarh, where everyone should contribute. On this occasion, Rohit, Naresh Bhardwaj, Ajay Kumar, Deepak Sharma, and Harsh were also present.

Regus opens new offices in Punjab

JALANDHAR: IWG, the world's largest provider of hybrid working solutions with brands including Spaces and Regus, has opened a state-of-the-art flexible workspace at 5th Floor, PPR Mall, 120ft road, Ravindra Nagar, Phase 2, Khurla Kingra, Jalandhar, Punjab. The addition of IWG's latest location in Jalandhar comes on the heels of the business posting its highest-ever revenue in its 35-year history and achieving rapid network growth, adding 867 new locations over the course of 2023.Situated in the heart of the city, the new center will go a long way to meet the demand for a premium flexible working space in the area. The launch of the Regus office in Jalandhar marks yet another significant milestone for IWG as it reaffirms its commitment to empowering businesses and individuals with innovative workspace solutions tailored to the demands of the modern workforce. Harsh Lambah, Country Manager India and Vice President – Sales, IWG, commented: "We are excited to expand in Punjab, with our current footprint in Chandigarh and Zirakpur, and the addition of a new workspace in Jalandhar. Our plan is to further expand into other cities such as Mohali, Ludhiana, and Patiala, to strengthen IWG's growing footprint in North India, especially in Punjab. The new center will offer a mix of flexible workspace rentals, including office spaces and office suites that can be rented on a long-term basis and customized as per client branding and layout."

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AAP should explain why it is shielding Arvind Kejriwal for indulging in corruption: Harsimrat K Badal

ANANTDEEP KAUR

Bathinda: Former union minister and Bathinda MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal today said it was shameful that the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) was rejoicing over the conditional bail given to Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal in a corruption case, adding "the party should explain why it is shielding a corrupt leader who has presided over a Rs 328 crore excise scam as per court findings".The Bathinda MP, who was speaking to newsmen during campaigning in this assembly segment during which a large number of AAP workers joined the SAD, said "this party is asking for votes in the names of the martyrs, but is defending corruption both in Delhi and Punjab".Mrs Harsimrat Badal also took on chief minister Bhagwant Mann on the occasion. She said Kejriwal should know that Bhagwant Mann had joined hands with union minister Amit Shah when he was in jail. She said Bhagwant Mann had done this as he had perpetrated the same liquor scam which had been unearthed in Delhi, in Punjab. "That is why in a quid pro quo the home minister has not ordered the arrest of Bhagwant Mann in the liquor scam".Asserting that Bhagwant Mann may have saved his skin by falling to the feet of the home minister, but he was answerable to Punjabis for misgovernance and frittering away thousands of crores in advertisements.

Medical Practitioners Association Punjab Block Shambhu concluded organizational convention and agreement

RAJPURA/SHAMBHU (BHUPINDER KAPUR): Medical Practitioners Association Punjab District Patiala block Shambhu organized convention and meeting at Punjabi Chulla Rajpura. Block leaders Gurmeet Singh, Paramjit Singh, Naresh Bathunia, Darshan Singh etc. made arrangements for the implementation of Izlas and State Committee Member Ashok Singh, District Chairman Paramjit Singh Surajgarh, District President Anand Walia, Secretary Satish Kumar Bhapal, Finance Secretary Jetinder Sharma. in which State President Dhanna Mall Goyal and District Mohali President Balveer Singh specially arrived. Around 50 members including district and block committee have participated. First of all, two minutes of silence was observed as a tribute to the departed colleagues and family members from the organization. And then after performing the flag hoisting ceremony, the meeting started as usual. After warmly welcoming the colleagues who came from the block leaders, the performance report of the block was presented by the secretary by the colleague Darshan Singh. and an account of funds and expenditure was presented by the treasurer. On which the idea was passed after discussion. Addressing the session, the state president Dhanna Mall Goyal and the leaders said that the purpose of the session is not only to select the leadership. Its real purpose is to strengthen and strengthen the organization.

Nanak Nagri death case- post mortem reveals foul play, FIR filed

JAGRAON 11 MAY (SUKH NAHAR):- Jagraon city police found a corpse under mysterious circumstances at Nanak Nagri Theh a few days back. After identification of the deceased police filed a case under section 174 of IPC on the statement of wife of deceased and surrendered the mortal remains to the family of deceased. After receiving post-mortem report of the accused police has discovered that this is not an accident but a murder by unidentified person or persons. Giving more information about the case, investigating officer SI Surinder Singh said that wife of deceased had mentioned in her statement that her husband Gurdeep Singh works for a tailor at regal market Jagraon and used to come back home from work around 10 pm but on 6th May, he did not come back home. "According to wife of accused, they started searching for him and found him laying near a "chappar" and his motorcycle too had scratches on it. Deceased Gurdeep Singh was rushed to hospital where he was declared dead by the doctors," he added. Singh further motioned that the wife of deceased did not suspect any foul play at first so police carried out further investigation under section 174 of IPC but on receiving the post-mortem report it was discovered that the death happened due to attack with some sharp edged weapon. "Police has now filed FIR under section 302 against unidentified persons and started further investigation," he stated.

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Expert Talk on Job Motivation at RIMT

MANDI GOBINDGARH(KHUSHAV SINGLA): A special expert talk on job motivation was organized by the School of Languages and Social Sciences department at RIMT. The event was organized under the guidance of Dean Dr. Mamta Roy. The main speaker for this talk was Mr. Jaswinder Singh, Placement Officer at the District Employment and Enterprise Bureau, Fatehgarh Sahib. A total of 78 students enthusiastically participated in this event. Mr. Jaswinder Singh shared his thoughts on "How to Obtain Job Placement" and motivated students to excel in competitive exams. He provided information about various job opportunities in both the private and government sectors, as well as various websites that could assist in achieving success in competitive exams. He also informed students about agencies that provide assistance in securing jobs in UPSC and SSC at both central and state levels. Mr. Jaswinder Singh encouraged students to consider enrolling in the department to become familiar with job opportunities and various government job-oriented policies.
At the end of the session, Dr. Mamta Roy (Dean, School of Languages and Social Sciences) thanked Mr. Jaswinder Singh, the main speaker, for organizing an informative session and presented him with a token of appreciation. Dean Dr. Mamta Roy addressed the students, stating that through this program, students have developed the ability to recognize their qualities and will be capable of successfully facing challenges in their future lives.

District Magistrate issued orders regarding noise pollution

DALJEET AJNOHA

HOSHIARPUR: According to the order issued by the District Magistrate-cum-Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal in exercise of powers under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (Act No. 2 of 1973) in the district any sound pollution/noise making instruments, music and Any form of noise pollution, noise, intimidation and any kind of crackers and fireworks will be strictly prohibited.

This ban will not apply only to color producing crackers and fireworks. Similarly, playing any kind of pressure horn, with different music and any kind of sound pollution, noise, threat, excessive sound will also be completely banned in vehicles.

National Lok Adalat organised across state



SHASHI PAL JAIN

CHANDIGARH: Under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Gurmeet Singh Sandhawalia, Judge, Punjab & Haryana High Court, and Executive Chairman of Punjab State Legal Services Authority, the National Lok Adalat was organized on May 11, 2024, throughout the State of Punjab.

Approximately 2.87 lakh cases were addressed across 371 Benches during this Lok Adalat. Various long-pending matters, including civil cases, domestic disputes, property disputes, cheque bounce cases, labour matters, criminal compoundable cases, and cancellation/untraced reports of various FIRs, were taken up.

On this occasion, Sh. Manjinder Singh, District and Sessions Judge and Member Secretary, Punjab State Legal Services Authority and Ms. Smriti Dhir, Additional District & Sessions Judge and additional member Secretary have especially visited the court complexes of Ludhiana and inspected Lok Adalat benches

The member secretary highlighted that the main purpose of this National Lok Adalat is to settle disputes through mutual agreement, encouraging people to seek resolution through alternative dispute resolution centers as it saves valuable time and money.

Additionally, the Member Secretary informed that the National Legal Services Authority, New Delhi, has launched a free legal aid helpline number 15100 across the state, providing information on various legal aid services at home.

Emphasizing the commitment of the Punjab State Legal Services Authority to facilitating decisions for the people, the Member Secretary appealed to individuals to maximize benefits by getting their cases decided in the lok adalat.

Training given to election staff for LSE



SUMER GARG

SANGRUR: Under the direction of District Election Officer(DEO), Jatinder Jorwal; today, under the supervision of Vidhan Sabha Segment 108-Sangrur, Assistant Returning Officer-cum-Sub Divisional Magistrate Sangrur, Charanjot Singh Walia and Master Trainer, Pankaj Dogra imparted important training to the Supervisors and Assistant Supervisors deployed for the Lok Sabha Elections(LSE).

During this training session, which lasted for about two hours, besides providing the technical information regarding the preparation of EVM to the election staff, the responsibilities before the start of the voting process on June 1 and after the end of the voting process on the polling day

information about completion process and non-compliance with the guidelines of the Commission was also given. On the occasion of the polling day, the master trainer will conduct mock polls at their respective polling booths to all the supervisors and assistant supervisors in coordination with the polling parties, give information about the percentage of votes after two hours throughout the day and complete the polling process in the evening and submit the election material after training was given on other important points regarding the election.

APJ School Hosts Heartwarming Mothers' Day Celebration



SHASHI PAL JAIN

KHARAR: APJ School was abuzz with joy as mothers and children came together for a special Mothers' Day celebration. The event was filled with laughter and creativity, with activities like photo frame and card making, along with crafting personalized gifts. Mothers eagerly participated alongside their children, creating cherished memories. The day's highlights included a charming ramp walk, balloon activities, and tongue twisters, adding to the festive spirit. It was a heartwarming celebration, emphasizing the bond between mothers and their children. APJ School's Mothers' Day event was a resounding success, leaving smiles on everyone's faces.

PGI Hematology team wins Inter-College Quiz Competition

SHASHI PAL JAIN

CHANDIGARH: The Departments of Hematology, Clinical Hematology, and Medical Oncology, along with the Pediatric Hematology Oncology unit, PGIMER, organized an inter-college quiz competition in Benign Hematology today. This quiz was organized to commemorate International Hemophilia Day, observed on 17th April, and International Thalassemia Day, observed on 8th May. These significant days serve as platforms to raise awareness, highlight disease prevention, and promote quality care worldwide.

A total of twenty-two MD residents from surrounding medical colleges in Chandigarh, Punjab, Haryana, Jammu, and Uttarakhand enthusiastically participated in the quiz. The event began with a preliminary round, and subsequently, five teams were shortlisted for the competition. The quiz featured five rounds of audio-visuals, specifically related to the field of Hematology.

Team, PGIMER, Chandigarh secured the first place followed by PGIMS Rohtak in the second place and IGMC Simla as third . The participants expressed it as a very enjoyable learning session.

Dr Patar's demise rendered great loss to Punjab, literature, and culture: MP Arora

SHARMA

LUDHIANA: MP (Rajya Sabha) from Ludhiana Sanjeev Arora has expressed his deep condolence over sudden demise of Dr Surjit Patar (79), an acclaimed Punjabi poet.

In a statement here on Saturday, Arora said he was shocked to know about the death of Dr Patar due to cardiac arrest at his residence here this morning.

Arora expressed his sympathies with the aggrieved family members including Dr Patar's wife Bhupinder Kaur Patar and sons Manraj Patar and Ankur Patar.

Further, Arora said luckily, he had met Dr Patar a couple of times on occasions. He added during his meetings with Dr Patar he observed that Dr Patar was not only a renowned Punjabi poet but a great thinker, better human being, and noble cause. He said the deceased was completely down to earth.



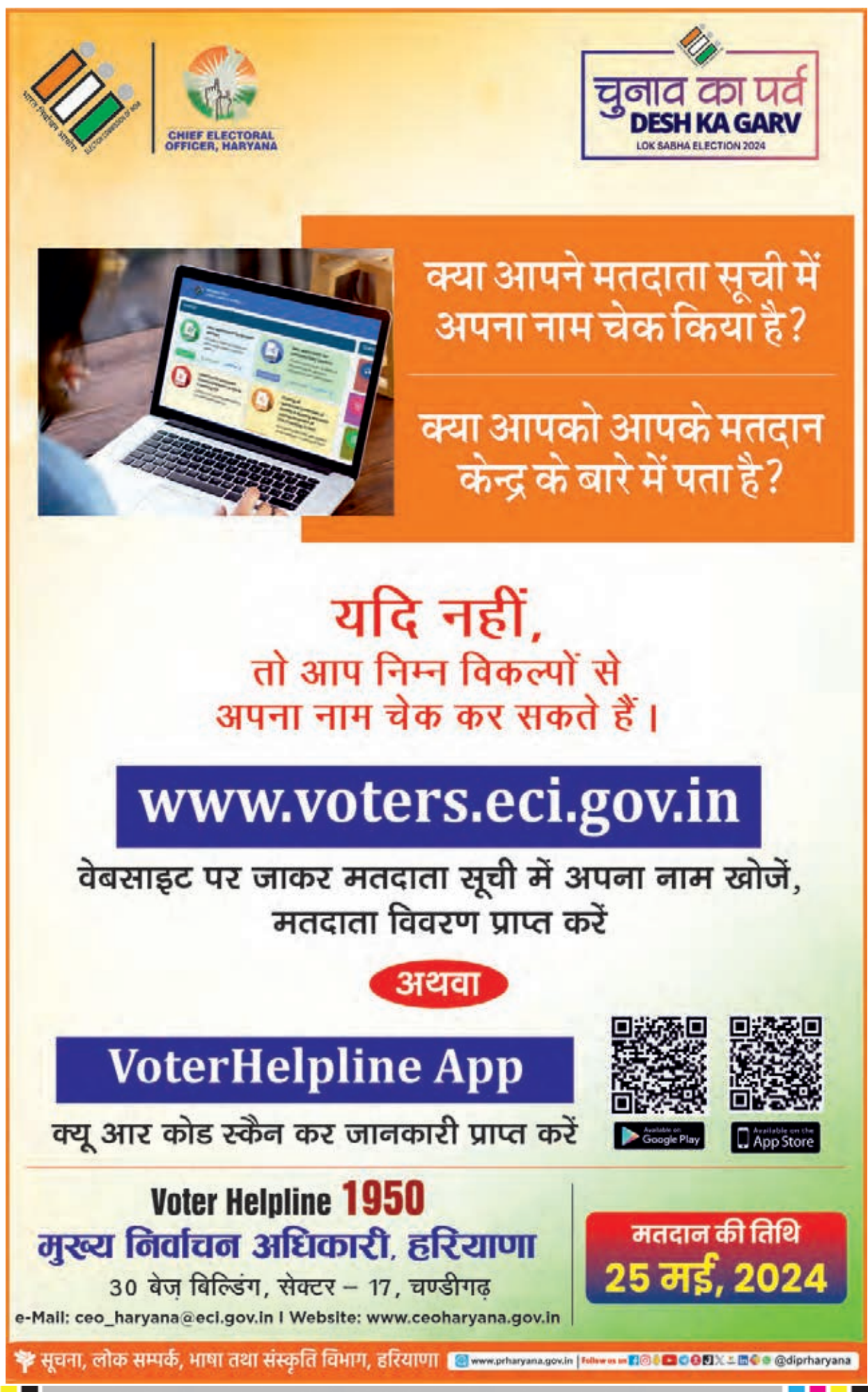
Arora said Punjabi lovers like him were fond of Dr Patar's poetry. He added Dr Patar had not only penned Punjabi poetry but had also writing dialogues for films like "Shaheed Udham Singh" and the Punjabi version of Deepa Mehta's "Heaven on Earth."

Further, he said Dr Patar's demise is a great loss to Punjab, Punjabi literature and culture which could never be filled.

Congress candidate Dr. Dharamvir Gandhi campaigned in dozens of villages of Nabha Constituency

RAKESH JINDAL

NABHA: Congress party candidate from Patiala Lok Sabha Constituency Dr. Dharamvir Gandhi today visited dozens of villages of Nabha reserve constituency and different wards of the city. Dr. Dharamvir Gandhi started the election tour of Dhingi, Sadhoheri, Gurdittpura, Gadaiin, Sukhewal, Banera, Kalihana, Binaheri, Chhitawala, Kakrala etc. villages at around 9 o'clock this morning and told the gathered villagers that they will vote on June 1. A valuable vote for the Congress party for the good of Punjab and the country, because the Congress party can do good for Punjab and the country. Attacking the Aam Aadmi Party government of Punjab, the Congress candidate Dr. Gandhi said that during the last two and a half years, the AAP government of the state has not done a single thing for the good of Punjab and neither will the people of Punjab from them in the coming time. There is hope. On this occasion, Dr. Gadhi was honored at Sadhoheri and was weighed with laddus at Sukhewal along with district president Mahant Harvinder Singh Khanora, former state secretary of Congress Avtar Singh Nanda, district chairman SC department Kulwinder Singh. Sukhewal, Charanjit Batis, Urban President Vivek Singla, Village President Bittu Dhigi, Hari Seth, Gurdeep Singh Sadhoheri former Sarpanch, Manjinder Zindagi Vice President Youth Congress, Gurjant Singh Duladi, Gurcharan Singh Duladi, Harbans Singh Mallewal, Youth Leader Sahajvir Singh Chatha, Bhim Singh Sarpanch Banera, Aya Singh Sarpanch, Jatinder Singh Sati Abhepur, Karnail Singh Samiti Member, Yadwinder Singh Nambardar, Kulwinder Singh Gadaian, Jeet Rajgarh, Gurdev Singh Gadaian, Ishar Singh Sarpanch Kakrala, Harpal Singh Sarpanch without Hedi, Kuldeep Nambardar without Heri, Swaran Singh Sarpanch Ramgarh, a large number of Congress leaders and workers were present.



Editorial

Ray of justice seen in 'poll' bail for Kejriwal

Arvind Kejriwal is a free man till the end of the Lok Sabha polls on June 1. In granting him interim bail for campaigning, the Supreme Court has upheld the right of the Delhi chief minister and head of the Aam Aadmi Party to take part in the election campaign and vote. Justice has been rendered to an extent, but it is not a blanket order since many others, including his former deputy CM Manish Sisodia, remain in jail in the same "liquor-gate" case.

The money laundering case linked to a scrapped Delhi liquor policy registered against him remains and he will return to Tihar Jail on June 2. The implications of the verdict, delivered by a bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta, are far-reaching. It could be argued that the release of a star campaigner could influence the polling.

The conditional bail order sets a sort of precedent in cases involving the PMLA Act which by its very nature of being draconian could be misused by those in authority to muzzle political opponents. Of course, the merits of the case are yet to be examined in detail before a verdict is pronounced on whether members of the Delhi Cabinet were conspirators in a liquor policy scam for the benefit of their political party.

The orders served in similar cases, some linked to the same Delhi liquor policy change and another significant one in the arrest of the former Jharkhand chief minister Hemant Soren — who, incidentally, is still in jail with his right to campaign not having brought him equivalent relief — have been mixed, though one of the judges has been a constant in many of the benches that dealt with the cases against other politicians regarding the granting of regular bail.

Considering the current circumstances when the country is in the middle of parliamentary elections, the Kejriwal case assumes great significance. On the one hand is the charge that the ruling party has been prone to using Central investigative agencies to put many opponents in jail, especially by using the PMLA with its stringent conditions devolving upon the accused to prove their innocence.

On the other hand, Mr Kejriwal had not set a very good example in ducking multiple summonses from Central agencies over nine months that his ultimate arrest came much closer to the polls and thus brought this angle of it infringing the democratic right of an individual. No court is likely to be as sympathetic if a common man was to ignore summons in this manner.

Vaccines and trust: Need for nuanced conversation

In a polarised and election-mode India, spreading paranoia over rare side effects of the Astra-Zeneca/Covishield vaccine, willingly or unwittingly, can lead to a permanent tear in public trust in vaccines. Soon after Anglo-Swedish drugmaker AstraZeneca acknowledged in a British court that its Covid-19 vaccine can, "in very rare cases, cause TTS", there has been utter panic among sections of the Indian public. TTS, or Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome, causes people to have blood clots and a low blood platelet count.

Back in April 2021, a statement by the World Health Organisation had noted: "Based on latest available data, the risk of TTS with Vaxzervria and Covishield vaccines appears to be very low. Data from the UK suggest the risk is approximately four cases per million adults (1 case per 250,000) who receive the vaccine, while the rate is estimated to be approximately one per 100,000 in the European Union. Countries assessing the risk of TTS following the Covid-19 vaccination should perform a benefit-risk analysis that considers local epidemiology (including incidence and mortality from Covid-19 disease), age groups targeted for vaccination and the availability of alternative vaccines."

The statement, following a review by WHO's Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety, flagged the possibility of "a geographic variation in the risk of these rare adverse events" and urged evaluation of potential cases of TTS in all countries.

At the time of writing, AstraZeneca has begun worldwide withdrawal of its Covid-19 vaccine. The pharma major says the vaccine was being removed from markets for commercial reasons; it was no longer being manufactured or supplied, having been superseded by updated vaccines that tackle new variants. In India, it is election time and the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine, manufactured and marketed by the Pune-based Serum Institute of India (SII), is troublingly at the centre of a fierce political row between the ruling Bharatiya Janata party and the Opposition.



Scientists must investigate the side effects of all vaccines, rare or not. Questions must be asked about Covishield or any other vaccine or drug in public interest. But how it is done, and by whom is critical. Sweeping generalisations can do immense damage. In India, nearly one out of every four children still miss out on essential vaccines.

Fear of vaccines is the last thing that one wants. How did we get to this messy state? India's effort to vaccinate its vast population against Covid-19 was widely lauded, critiques about overall management of the pandemic notwithstanding. But the vaccination campaign, like so many other campaigns in recent years, pivoted around Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Until recently, Covid-19 vaccination certificates had the Prime Minister's photo. Mr Modi's photo was removed from CoWIN certificates after an Election Commission directive. "Vote for Modi as he got us Covid-19 vaccines", said a BJP leader last month.

Now, several politicians opposed to Mr Modi have latched on to AstraZeneca's statement about rare side effects in a British court; all too predictably, BJP sympathisers see a grand conspiracy about AstraZeneca admitting to side effects in its Covishield vaccine during the ongoing election season.

What is being muted in all the noisy paranoia about blood clots and heart attacks in relation to Covishield are three key words -- a "rare side effect". They may happen within a few days or a few weeks of taking the vaccine, but not several years after the vaccination. What has contributed to the mess is the insufficient emphasis on possible rare adverse effects during earlier awareness campaigns when the priority was to get every eligible person vaccinated.

As Dr Anant Bhan, a researcher on global health and bioethics, puts it: "Every vaccine, including the long established and used oral polio vaccine, has some risk. But serious adverse effects are rare and the benefits of vaccines, whether old or new ones, far outweigh the risks. The hysteria in the social media over the recent disclosure by AstraZeneca (about rare adverse effects of their Covid vaccine, used as Covishield in India) is unfortunate".

Dr Bhan points out there was always a large active online community of "anti-vaxxers" globally. Now there is a risk of the recent developments feeding local discourses over vaccines negatively. "Disclosure about risks of clotting (TTS) are not new findings. These were not hidden. They have been known and written about in medical journals since 2021. The problem is that in an election season, the whole issue about known adverse effects as discussed in the context of a UK court case has got politicised. And there is a danger of sections of the public thinking that vaccines mean risk. This is dangerous," says Dr Bhan.

Health advocates are stressing that it is crucial to remember that the benefits of vaccination far outweigh the risks. "To put it into perspective, let us consider cancer treat-

Literature & Health

Nearly 12% of India's eligible children received no dose of measles vaccine, study finds

Nearly 12 per cent of children in India who are eligible for measles vaccination have received none of the recommended double-dose, signalling a "concerning gap" in immunisation coverage, a new study has found.

The findings showed that zero-dose cases were high in the northeastern states, with Nagaland reporting the greatest share at 26 per cent. Tamil Nadu was found to report the lowest at 4.6 per cent.

Researchers from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Banaras Hindu University in Varanasi investigated previously overlooked critical aspects of measles vaccination, focusing on zero-doses, partially vaccinated, and those fully immunised. They analysed data of over 43,000 children aged 2-3 years, collected through the National Family Health Survey 2019-21 (NFHS-5). The team found that close to 30 per cent of the eligible children have received only one measles-containing vaccine (MCV1), while about 60 per cent



have been fully immunised (MCV2). The findings are published in the journal Vaccine.

In 2017, India adopted the National Strategic Plan for Achieving and Sustaining Measles and Rubella Elimination. The researchers acknowledged that disruptions due to the COVID-19 pandemic heightened the risk of measles in vulnerable populations. While immunisation programmes were eventually resumed in a phased manner, measles zero-dose children pose a significant obstacle to achieving goals of eliminating the acute and highly contagious viral disease, the researchers said.

Inflammatory bowel disease is often misdiagnosed

Bela T (47) had been having irregular episodes of bloody diarrhoea for 10 years and would often take antibiotics for it. Two years after the onset of symptoms, she was diagnosed with ulcerative colitis, but stopped treatment after her symptoms improved. When she experienced severe abdominal pain with bleeding, further evaluation showed the presence of disseminated colon cancer due to untreated ulcerative colitis, a subtype of inflammatory bowel disease or IBD.

At 15 lakh cases, India is believed to have the second largest patient base globally after the US. An autoimmune disease of the gut, its numbers are expected to increase in the coming years. While the causes are not entirely clear, it is believed that both genetic and environmental factors result in an autoimmune process that injures the gut and its barrier. Some studies attribute the rising numbers to westernisation of Indian lifestyles, increased intake of fat and carbohydrate-rich diet, reduction in fibre intake and rising use of ultra-processed foods.Although lumped under a single term 'IBD', the disease is broadly recognised to have two subtypes — ulcerative colitis (largely affecting the large intestine) and Crohn's disease (which may affect both large and small intestines). Besides the intestines, IBD may also have extra-intestinal manifestations resulting in many problems, including those related to joints, skin, liver and various other organs. IBD's symptoms are diverse and non-specific. Most patients experience bleeding in stools, long-standing diarrhoea, abdominal pain, intestinal obstruction, weight loss, etc. A diagnostic delay is well recognised due to the non-specificity of symptoms. Absence of specific clinical features, limited access to diagnostic facilities, confusion with other gastro-intestinal diseases that may mimic IBD.



POEMS

Light

Light, my light, the world-filling light, the eye-kissing light, heart-sweetening light!Ah, the light dances, my darling, at the center of my life; the light strikes, my darling, the chords of my love; the sky opens, the wind runs wild, laughter passes over the earth. The butterflies spread their sails on the sea of light. Lilies and jasmines surge up on the crest of the waves of light.

Rabindranath Tagore

Requirement for consummation of a contract admissible in Court

APURV AGARWAL

A promise and an acceptance conclude an agreement, but not every agreement is a contract - only a legally enforceable agreement is a contract. To be legally enforceable, local laws require that agreements often must satisfy certain other conditions or contain other/further/additional information, embed additional constituent documents, and pass through several more processes/stages.

(1) *Provisions under Indian Contract Act:*The 'Contract Act' does not require or mandate that the agreement between the parties must be in written format. The 'Contract Act' recognizes and gives complete validity to the oral agreements. At the same time, the Contract Act does not also prohibit reducing an agreement into writing, or registering a contract which has been reduced to writing.

After completion of tendering processthe terms as mutually agreed are generally reduced to writing and duly executed by way of authorised signatories from both sides putting their signatures & seal on the written document. This event of signatures is often further attested by witnesses on the same document. This way, a formalwritten contract for construction between owner/employer and the builder/contractor, as per the terms as agreed(and often after negotiation) comes into existence.

That is under s. 10 of Contract Act, the terms as reflected in the written agreement, supersede and are deemed to subsume everything that has been verbally discussed, represented or agreed, and therefore no claim for any verbal argument or representation in derogation-of (or variation from) any written clause of agreement iseven admissible in evidence.In effect, the written form of a duly executed contract is the melting pot of all prior discussions, representations and agreements.

(2) **'Act' not a 'Code':**A 'code' is an all-inclusive body of all provisions which shall govern a particular subject, carryingsupreme force of law, to the exclusion of, and in supersession of, any provision in any other law on the subject, for the time being in force.

The Indian Contract Act is an 'Act' and not a 'Code'.From 'third provision of section 1' of Indian Contract Act', it is readily inferred that Indian Contract act does not exclude or be construed in derogation of any other law which are not inconsistent with provisions of Contract Act on the subject of 'contracts', but that 'Contract Act' only adds to them. That is, any provision of 'Contract Act' is therefore to be read in conjunction with relevant provisions of such other laws.

Some of the laws that additionally (may) come into play, and may govern the very enforceability of an agreement for construction, are as below:

(A) **Transfer of Property Act, 1882 ('TP Act'):**It must be borne in mind that law governing creation acquisition or transfer or nature/type of any 'right', title', or 'interest' in any immovable property are further primarily guided by 'TP Act'. The 'TP Act' guides what are the legally recognised forms of rights, titles or interest which can be 'created', 'acquired' or 'conveyed'. Therefore, the clauses of the construction agreement which relate to creation, acquisition or transfer of any right/title/interest in any immovable property, must be compliant with the provisions of the TP Act.

(B) **Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 ('Arbitration Act'):** The 'Contract Act' recognizes and gives complete validity to the oral agreements. The contract also neither requires nor prohibits reducing an agreement into writing or registering the same. However, aspects of contract concerning arbitration clause/agreement shall be guided by provisions of Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 ('Arbitration Act'). Therefore, where the 'contract' also incorporates an arbitration clause, such agreement would need to be necessarily reduced to writing because section 7 of 'Arbitration Act' requires, among other requirements, the arbitration agreement or clause, to be reduced to writing.

(C) **Indian Stamps Act, 1899 ('Stamps Act') and Indian Registration Act, 1908 ('Registration Act'):** The provisions of ***Registration Act,*** require that any agreement for transfer/conveyance of 'rights', 'title' or 'interest' in immovable property valued at Rs. 100 or more, necessarily need to be registered, **and Stamps Act requires such agreements to be** appropriately stamped. These provisions/laws have to be read alongside s. 10 of Indian Contract Act, 1872. While both Stamps Act and Registration Act are central legislations, the Procedure/Rules for registration under the 'Registration Act', and the quantum of Stamp Duties on such agreements under the 'Stamps Act', are both prescribed by respective State Govt. because 'Land' and the 'Development of Land' are both State subjects under the Constitution of India.

(3) **Motivations / Need for a written construction agreement:** While under the Indian Contract Act, there is no need to reduce an agreement into writing, and an oral agreement is valid, there are several motivations guiding parties to construction contracts, to reduce their agreements to writing.

(A) 'Unambiguous and Final Terms of Agreement': To avoid any dispute in future and to remove/preclude any **'ambiguity'**over the terms that were **'finally &mutually accepted', b**oth Builder/Contractor (promisor) and the Employer/Owner ('promisee') more often than not, prefer toreduce the agreement into writing. This is because of the operation of s. 10 of the 'Contract Act', whereby nothing in variation to a written clause shall even be admissible in evidence. Therefore, the written contract is the indisputable & unambiguous version of the terms agreed between parties.

(B) Special Conditions and Laws: Further, in the special situations where the construction contract contain terms relating to certain aspects which are covered by special laws, such special laws become applicable to these construction contracts which then require that construction contracts containing these terms, in order to be enforceable, must be mandatorily reduced to writing.

For Example, section 7 of Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 ('Arbitration Act') requires, among other requirements, the arbitration agreement (or any agreement containing the arbitration clause) to be mandatorily reduced to writing. Therefore, where the construction contract also contains arbitration clause(s), such construction contract containing arbitration clause, must be reduced to writing.

(4) Registration of Construction Contract: Under s. 10 of the 'Contract Act', there is also no need, in general, to register the construction contracts that have been reduced to writing. At the same time there is no prohibition under the same law, against registration of the written contract. However, where the construction contract also contain terms that involve transfer of right, title or interest in immovable property valued at Rs. 100 or more, under the Stamps Act and Registration Act, such construction contracts need to be not only reduced to writing, but, also registered after payment of prescribed stamp duty.

For example, the provisions of **Stamps Act and Registration Act,** require that any agreement for transfer/conveyance of 'rights', 'title' or 'interest' in immovable property valued at Rs. 100 or more, necessarily need to be registered and stamped. Procedure for Registration are prescribed under the Registration Act, and Stamp Duties on such agreements are prescribed by respective State Govt. Therefore, where the construction agreement also includes any transfer of any right/title/interest in immovable property among the parties (say under a traditional collaboration agreement between owner and contractor whereby the contractor, in return for making expenses on construction, instead of being paid in money by the owner, he shall acquire some form of right/title/interest in the built-up property), such agreement would need to be compulsorily registered, and also a stamp duty as per the value of such right so acquired by the contractor, will have to be paid.

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Six tainted candidates admit their crime by withdrawing petition: Congress

SHIMLA: Himachal Pradesh Industry Minister Harsh Vardhan Chauhan has said that six tainted MLAs have accepted their crime by withdrawing the petition from the Supreme Court. He said that after being disqualified, all six tainted candidates had challenged the Assembly Speaker's decision in the Supreme Court, but these leaders have withdrawn their petitions in the court, which means that the Speaker's decision was correct and as per the rules.

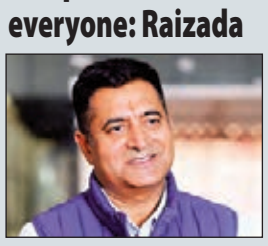
He further said that since the apex court did not stay decision of the Speaker, they realised that they would not get any relief from apex court and hence, they withdrew the petition, he argued.

Today, situation is such that tainted MLAs are not able to face people in their constituencies, he noted.

They should make public reason for withdrawing their petitions, Chauhan added and demanded that they should now apologise to people of the state.

NEWS BRIEF

I am the servant of the people, my doors will always be open for everyone: Raizada



RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR: "I am indeed the servant of the people, and I am always available for the people. You won't need to exert any extra effort to meet me. I will easily be accessible to the public anywhere. My doors are always open for every individual," said Satpal Singh Raizada, the Congress candidate from the Hamirpur parliamentary constituency. He stated that the people of the constituency have been blessing Anurag Thakur till now, but he doesn't respect the public. He doesn't value his workers either. Anurag doesn't engage with the people and his workers for the entire five years of his tenure. Even during emergencies in Himachal, Anurag was nowhere to be seen in the state. Now, people are questioning why he disappears after winning and why he remembers the public only during elections. Raijada emphasized that merely claiming to work for the development of others will not suffice in the parliamentary constituency. The public knows very well that Anurag Thakur has completely failed in delivering development.

Nomination roadshow of Vivek Vikku becomes historic: Praveen Sharma



JOGINDER DEV ARYA
BANGANA: The nomination roadshow organized for the Congress candidate from the Kutlehar Assembly constituency has become a historic roadshow. This was stated by District Congress Vice President Praveen Sharma during a press conference. Praveen Sharma said that seeing the opposite public support despite our expectations made it clear that Vivek Sharma is a winning candidate. The arrangements we made for the nomination process have also been affected. There was a situation of traffic jam from Sumarkalan to Bangana on the highway during the roadshow. Many people could not reach Bangana due to the traffic jam. He said that wherever we are going to ask for votes, we are receiving good public support. Praveen Sharma said that our former leaders have left the field, which is why they are not getting public support. He said that the opposition is talking about guarantees that have not been fulfilled. We should remind them that the Congress government has been formed in the state for five years. These guarantees are to be fulfilled within five years, but the opposition is busy misleading the people. If there is no disaster in the state, even the top five guarantees would be fulfilled. He said that the BJP will not gain anything from the Udhari Basaiyas. The Congress party is a big ocean and is strong in Himachal.

People of Devbhoomi never support dishonesty: CM

DINESH AGARWAL
KUPVI, MAY 11



Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu stated that the people of Devbhoomi Himachal never support dishonesty. Himachal is the land of goddesses where the people are honest. The current election will determine the victory of honesty over dishonesty. Six former Congress MLAs and three independent MLAs have sold themselves to the BJP's political Mandi, so the people will teach them a lesson. This election is not about saving the Chief Minister's chair or the government but about saving democracy. The people's vote on June 1 will decide whether the power of democracy is with the people or with money power. The Chief Minister made these remarks while appealing for votes for Lok Sabha candidate Vinod Sultanpuri in the Chopal Assembly constituency.

He emphasized that this is no ordinary election. This election will determine the state's political future. The message of those who play the politics of money power in Himachal should reach the entire country. People power must prevail over money power. If Himachal Pradesh can show the direction to save democracy for the entire nation, then the time on June 1 is absolutely right. Elected representatives should not be bought with money to sit in Delhi. Buying elected representatives is a mockery of people's sentiments. This election is between truth and falsehood. Lies repeatedly clash with truth, but in the end, truth wins. At this time, it's not about any party; it's about teaching a lesson to those who have played with the sentiments of the people. Governments will come and go, but this time, those who buy votes with money need to be taught a lesson.

He mentioned that the opposition leader Jayaram Thakur is not only hungry for power but also against the state's employees and women. When the employees demanded their OPS, lathis were wielded, and water cannons were used against them. They asked the employees to contest elections, and when the Congress government provided old pensions, they went to Delhi to stop the payment of Rs. 9000 crores towards NPS contributions. Now, the government has announced a plan to provide ?1500 per month pension to girls and women over 18 years of age before the implementation of the Model Code of Conduct.

Anurag Thakur visits Shri Awah Devi Temple, offers prayers

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HAMIRPUR, MAY 11



Union Minister and BJP candidate for Hamirpur, Anurag Thakur visited Shri Awah Devi Temple and offered prayers in Himachal Pradesh before hitting the campaign trail for the day.

Thakur is seeking his fifth term as MP from Hamipur.

The Union Minister is also scheduled to start the Vijay Sankalp Yatra ahead of the polling in the state. "I express my gratitude to the voters who have showered their blessings always. I have full faith that like earlier they will keep blessing us...," the BJP leader told an news agency.

"...I have received a lot of blessings from the people of the district. This is our wealth because of which we win. After offering prayers at the Shri Awah Devi Mandir, we will start the Vijay Sankalp Yatra. Our party workers and state leadership have worked very hard for the elections," Thakur told earlier. His father and former Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Prem Kumar Dhumal told an news agency, "It is a very auspicious day. I pray that they receive a historic win in the elections. They have worked well (for the development of the country) The people trust them and are satisfied with their work..." Earlier in the day, Thakur performed 'Kanya Pujan' at his residence in Samirpur, a village in Himachal Pradesh.

Himachal Pradesh has four Lok Sabha seats: Hamirpur, Mandi, Shimla, and Kangra. The BJP had won all four seats in 2019.

The elections to the four Lok Sabha seats of Himachal Pradesh and by-polls to the six assembly constituencies that fell vacant with the disqualification of six rebel Congress MLAs will be held on June 1.

11th International Nursing Conference on AI in Nursing held at Eternal University

DINESH AGARWAL
BARU SAHIB, MAY 11



The 11th International Nursing Conference on "Integrating Artificial Intelligence in Nursing Education: A Focus on Theory, Curriculum, & Evaluation" was held at Eternal University, Baru Sahib here. Organized by Akal College of Nursing, a constituent of Eternal University, the conference witnessed active participation from distinguished delegates, experts, and scholars from around the globe. The conference marked the International Nurses Day which is celebrated on May 12. Under the guidance of Dr. Davinder Singh, Chancellor of Eternal University, the conference aimed to bridge the gap between traditional nursing education and the rapidly evolving landscape of artificial intelligence (AI) in healthcare. The two-day event, which concluded here today, featured insightful discussions, presentations, practical applications, and ethical considerations of integrating AI in nursing education. Eminent personalities graced the occasion, including Chief Guest Dr. Sunil K Khetarpal, Senior Director of the Association of Healthcare Providers (INDIA), and distinguished faculty from renowned institutions like Drexel University, Philadelphia, USA. Dr. Jill B. Derstine, Dr. Frances Cornelius, Dr. Leon F. Vinci, Dr. Marcia Gamaly from Drexel University and Dr. Brian Fasolka from New York Universit shared their expertise and experiences, shedding light on the transformative potential of AI in nursing education and clinical practice.

43 Boxes of illicit liquor seized from vehicle in Kotla



DAULAT CHAUHAN
JAWALI: In a campaign against the drug mafia, the district police of Nurpur achieved significant success in Kotla. According to the information received, the police, under the leadership of Kotla Chowki in-charge Sanjay Dhami, had set up a checkpoint in Kotla in the morning. At around 4:30 in the morning, during the inspection of a Bolero vehicle heading from Kangra to Pathankot, 43 crates of Santara liquor were seized. The police confiscated the vehicle and the liquor and arrested the driver, Devraj, son of Ratilal, a resident of Dhaneeti, by filing a case against him.

SP Nurpur, Ashok Ratna, informed that during the checkpoint in Kotla, 43 crates of Santara liquor were seized from the Bolero vehicle. The police took possession of the vehicle and the liquor and arrested the driver, Devraj, son of Ratilal, a resident of Dhaneeti, by filing a case against him under the Excise Act.

Indian Air Force airlifts ailing American national from Himachal Pradesh



AGENCY
TEESRI: In a special evacuation operation, the Indian Air Force (IAF) on Saturday airlifted an American national from Himachal Pradesh after she suffered a spinal injury while trekking. According to IAF, a Cheetah helicopter was launched for the casualty evacuation, and the women trekker was successfully airlifted from the treacherous terrain of Teesri village of Himachal Pradesh.

Later on, she was brought to Chandigarh for further medical attention. "Based on the request of the civil admin to evacuate an American national, who had suffered a spinal injury during trekking, IAF launched a Cheetah helicopter for the casualty evacuation. IAF airlifted the woman trekker successfully from the treacherous terrain of Teesri village of Himachal Pradesh and bought her for further medical attention to Chandigarh," IAF posted on X.

Kutlehar Congress unites during nomination filing

JOGINDER DEV ARYA
BANGANA, MAY 11

Congress candidate Vivek Sharma filed his nomination on Friday from the Kutlehar assembly constituency amidst a large gathering of supporters. Prior to filing his nomination, Sharma demonstrated his strength during a rally that commenced from Samurkalan. Hundreds of motorcycles, cars, tractors, and other vehicles, along with numerous party workers, participated in the rally. Before heading to file his nomination, Sharma was accompanied by his sisters from Chintpurni temple, where his mother's scarf was brought, and his wife Mridu Sharma applied a tilak before he departed from home. His mother, Vindhya Devi, also blessed him for victory. After this, Sharma performed a jalabhishek of the Shiva Linga at the Samurkalan Shiv temple, seeking the blessings of Lord Shiva. Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri also blessed Sharma for victory and accompanied him along with the nomination procession to Bangana.

Addressing the public after filing his nomination, Sharma, also known as Vikku, expressed confidence that the outcome of the Kutlehar elections on June 4 would favor the Congress, determining the course of politics in Himachal Pradesh. He assured the people that he would not compromise the trust of Kutlehar's citizens for mere monetary gains and promised to open avenues of employment for the youth with the support of the state government.

Sharma, popularly known as Vikku, stated that the government has already implemented several schemes to empower mothers and sisters in Kutlehar, and he takes the responsibility for their security and dignity. He pledged to establish new dimensions of development in Kutlehar with the blessings of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukkhu.

During Sharma's nomination filing, Kutlehar Congress committee members, including Block President Ram Asra Sharma, Deshraj Modgil, Deshraj Gautam, Dharmendra Patial, Arun Patial, Vijay Dogra, Kutlehar Block Youth Congress President Munish Bansal, District Youth Congress Organization General Secretary Satpal Ranavat, National Youth Congress Kutlehar In-charge Akash Tiwari, Neeraj Thakur, and other officials were present.

During Vivek Sharma's nomination filing, Kutlehar Congress members displayed unity on a platform. Even ticket aspirants, including Deshraj Gautam, Deshraj Modgil, and Arun Patial, were united. They all expressed that Congress is united in Kutlehar. In the previous assembly elections, they won with a significant margin but fell prey to opposition's tactics. They have hurt the sentiments of the people.

One vote for me, the other for Rajendra Rana: Anurag Thakur

RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR, MAY 11



Amidst the resounding beats of drums and chants of victory, former MLA and BJP candidate Rajendra Rana filed his nomination today for the upcoming by-elections in the Sujanpur constituency, marking his third consecutive nomination from the region. Prior to his nomination, an unprecedented crowd gathered in Chauhan, Sujanpur. Thousands of women, ex-servicemen, elders, and youth participated in the event, raising their hands in solidarity and pledging to ensure a decisive victory for Rajendra Rana. They declared that on June 1, people will openly vote for the BJP candidate, not only making history with a new victory in Sujanpur but also endorsing the double-engine government in Himachal Pradesh.

The event witnessed an overflow of attendees, with the pandal proving insufficient to accommodate the massive turnout. Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting and BJP candidate from the Hamirpur parliamentary constituency, Anurag Thakur, stated that on voting day, June 1, there will be two voting machines. One vote should go to me, and the other should go to Rajendra Rana, who protects the pride of Himachal Pradesh. He emphasized that only the double-engine government can elevate development to new heights in the state. Thakur criticized the Congress government for deceiving the people of Himachal with false promises and asserted that BJP would not only win all four Lok Sabha seats but also sweep all six assembly by-polls. Former Chief Minister and opposition leader Jai Ram Thakur hailed Rajendra Rana as a dedicated public servant connected with the people and praised his sacrifice for opposing the forces against Lord Shri Ram and dedicating his entire life to safeguarding Himachal's pride. He urged the people to secure a landslide victory for Rana to hoist the flag of Himachal's pride high.

Excited to see Modi become Prime Minister once again: Rajeev Bhardwaj

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, MAY 11



BJP Lok Sabha candidate Dr. Rajeev Bhardwaj, while addressing the meetings in Bhatiat, said that every worker of Bharatiya Janata Party is going from door to door to support the BJP on the achievements of Prime Minister Modi in the last 10 years.He said that the public is excited for Prime Minister Narendra Modi to become the Prime Minister once again. Villages, poor, deprived, oppressed, Dalits, exploited, youth and farmers - their picture has changed today because of Modi ji's policies. Earlier, only Rs 40 lakh was spent for the construction of 40 roads in Himachal and out of that only half a kilometer of roads were built, but when BJP's Atal Bihari government came, 85 percent of the roads in this area were constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana. Was constructed. Optical fiber has reached 1.5 lakh panchayats, more than 2 lakh villages have been connected to the Common Service Center today. He said Today, under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, 40 houses have been built in each panchayat and about 4 crore houses for the poor have been built in the entire country. If you make our candidates victorious, 3 crore more houses will be built in the next 5 years. Now to reduce your electricity bill to zero and earn money, we are working on installing solar panels in homes through the Pradhan Mantri Suryaghar Yojana. Earlier, when people were admitted to the hospital due to some serious illness, they used to apply for help to the MLAs and MPs for the expenses, but today, under the Prime Minister Ayushman Yojana, 40 percent of the poor population of India is getting free up to Rs 5 lakh. Treatment facilities are being provided. Under the leadership of Jairam ji, the BJP government added "Him Care Scheme" for the people of Himachal, under which people were given a health cover of Rs 5 lakh.

Congress and BJP leaders are dominating each other over allegations

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, MAY 11





Congress and BJP have intensified their election campaign from Kangra parliamentary seat. Both Congress candidate Anand Sharma and BJP candidate Rajeev Bhardwaj are in the fray with their workers. During the Lok Sabha elections, both the parties are attacking each other with words. While the BJP is among the people regarding the 15 months tenure and guarantees of the state Congress government, on the other hand the Congress is equally attacking the 10 year tenure of the Central Government. As the nomination process is being completed by Congress and BJP candidates, both the parties seem to be dominating each other. Congress is also blaming BJP regarding six MLAs who recently left Congress and joined BJP. BJP leaders are also replying to Congress in the same language. The Congress Party has made inflation, unemployment, country's economy, Agniveer Yojana and rights of the poor the main issues in the Lok Sabha elections. On the contrary, BJP leaders are counting the achievements of the Modi government at the Centre. BJP leaders say that Modi government has strengthened the country in ten years. However, on this argument, Congress leaders have said that the Modi government has brought the country to the threshold of destruction. Along with the Lok Sabha elections, Congress and BJP are also taunting each other regarding the assembly elections being held in six areas. Congress leaders say that these elections have been imposed on the people because of BJP, while Congress leaders allege that BJP not only tried unsuccessfully to topple the Congress government but also bought their MLAs and included them in their party.

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Mattewal Police arrests thief



KULJIT SINGH
JANDIALA GURU: As per the guidelines issued by SSP Rural Satinder Singh, a special campaign is being run against drug smugglers and mischievous elements. Under this campaign, under the supervision of DSP Jandiala and SHO Mattewal, yesterday, an accused was arrested in the case of house theft. ASI Jugal Kishore, who is investigating this case, told that Ranjeet Kumar son of Ashok Kumar resident of village Rupowali Brahman had complained that on May 9, in his absence, thieves broke into his house and committed theft, which the police solved on technical basis. In this, the police has arrested Sajan alias Vicky son of Harpal Singh resident of Ward No. 8 Didba District Sangrur. Some stolen goods and mobile have been recovered from him, while his other accomplice Shaka Ram alias Kaka son of Amarjit Singh resident of Deha Basti Didba District Sangrur is still absconding. He said that the accused has been produced before the police. Their remand will be obtained.

Guru Amar Dass School honours Motherhood on Mothers' Day



HARPREET SINGH LEHAL
JALANDHAR: Under the able guidance of S.Mohinderjit Singh President and the entire School Managing Committee Guru Amar Dass Public School Model Town celebrated International Mothers' Day in both its Senior and Junior Wing with much enthusiasm and excitement. A special assembly was conducted to mark the Mothers' Day celebration. Shabad 'Tu mera pita tu hai mera mata' was recited by the students at the beginning of the celebration. Students recited poems, gave speeches, sang songs to express their gratitude towards their mothers. Love between a mother and a child was presented in the form of a dance by the students which stirred everyone's emotions. Activity of making of greeting cards and photo frames for their respective mothers was the highlight of the day in which every child participated enthusiastically. To honour the motherhood, mothers of students were invited and they participated in ramp walk and played games. Both these activities were enjoyed by the mothers. S.Mohinderjit Singh President, the entire School Managing Committee, Principal Dr.Aparana Mehta, Vice Principal Dr. Sonika Singh congratulated all the mothers on the mothers' day and expressed their gratitude for accepting the invite to come to school and participate in the school activities. Also advised the students to follow and respect their parents.

Mother's Day celebrated in school



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GURDASPUR: As per the guidelines of Manager AK Vaid Mother's Day was celebrated under the leadership of headmistress Paramjeet Kaur and Tejinder Sharma at Dayanand Anglo Vedic School, qadian.Mothers of children from nursery to class five were invited to celebrate Mother's Day. On this occasion, Havan Yagya was also organized in the school. Mothers of all the students participated enthusiastically. On this occasion, an entertainment program was presented for the parents of the students. In which the mothers of the children participated. Games were organized for them and a dance and singing competition was also organised.

Whatever PM Modi says has no weight and is just for elections: Priyanka

AGENCY
NANDURBAR, MAY 11



Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra hit out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi and said that his words do not carry any weight and are intended only to gather votes during elections. She was addressing an election rally in Nandurbar, Maharashtra.

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra said, "Whatever PM Modi says has no weight. Whatever he says is just for the elections. He says that he is fighting for corruption alone. You have the power and all the resources. All the leaders of the world are with you. How can you be alone? He comes during elections and starts crying, saying that he was abused. He should learn determination and bravery from Indira Gandhi. But, you cannot learn from her because you call such a great woman anti-national."

Citing the example of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, she said that the Prime Minister should learn from her, who divided Pakistan into two parts.

She said, "The foundation of Congress' political tradition was laid by Mahatma Gandhi. He said that follow the path of truth. Following that, all the leaders of Congress learned that people are supreme in democracy. It is our duty to serve you. It is our responsibility to understand your life. But the BJP has an opposite ideology. They do not understand and respect your culture. Whenever they get an opportunity, they try to change your culture... The biggest leaders of the BJP have been silent wherever there have been atrocities on tribal communities."

PM Modi on Friday attacked Congress and said that the party knows that they can't compete with Modi on development and hence they have opened "jhooth ki factory" (factory of lies) in this election. Addressing a public meeting in Maharashtra's Nandurbar, PM Modi said that for him, serving the deprived and Adivasis is just like "serving" his own family.

"For me, serving the deprived and Adivasis is just like serving my own family. I don't belong to a royal family like that of Congress. I come from a humble background. I have grown up in poverty. I can understand what is suffering. I can understand your pain," PM Modi said.

Maharashtra, with its 48 Lok Sabha seats, is the second-largest contributor to the lower house of Parliament. The polling is being held in five phases: April 19, April 26, May 7, May 13 and May 20. In the 2019 elections, the BJP emerged as the largest party with 23 seats, followed by its ally Shiv Sena (undivided) with 18 seats.

Kalayat BJP's Vijay Sankalp Rally in support of Naveen Jindal

SATISH SETH KAITHAL
KALAYAT, MAY 11



As the lok sabha elections are coming closer, the Bharatiya Janata Party campaign is catching momentum.Something similar was seen today in Kaithal-Kalayat BJP's Vijay Sankalp rally in support of party candidate Naveen Jindal from Kurukshetra parliamentary constituency. Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini called upon the people gathered in large numbers to make Naveen Jindal victorious with a lead margin of 5 lakh. On this occasion, he thundered that we need to be cautious of such people who advocate the removal of drug addiction, but whenever we see them, they roam around with liquor on every street. Those who talk about justice, but dream of gaining power by lying in elections.

Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini's attitude was different today. He said that Kalayat had made him lead last time with a record number of votes and the Congress candidate had to face defeat. This is the reason why Congress could not muster the courage to field a candidate this time. It has fielded a candidate from the alliance who is more corrupt than the Congress. Look at their greed for power, the one who used to abuse the Congress was embraced by the Congress. The crown prince of Congress wants to win elections by tricking the public by reading anything written without facts.

Enumerating the achievements of the Modi government's tenure, the Chief Minister said that it is the miracle of your right vote due to which Prime Minister Modi ji got abrogated Article 370, Ram Mandir, CAA, Triple Talaq. It is because of the power of your vote that in the last 10 years the country has become stronger, roads have improved and the hands of our army have become stronger.

The Chief Minister said that former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had given the slogan of eradicating poverty but the actual work of eradicating poverty was done by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Stauch supporter of Congress, join AAP



SUMER GARG
SUNAM: Impressed by the exceptional work done by Punjab Chief Minister, Bhagwant Mann's Aam Aadmi Party government during the last 2 years, giving a blow to the Congress party, the sitting Congress party's Sarpanch of village Mander Khur, Gurbakshish Singh Bhola; Panch, Gurmeet Singh, Sukhchain Singh, Amritpal Singh, Bhima Singh, Arvinder Kaur, Pal Kaur, Joginder Kaur, Labh Singh, Satpal Singh, Binder Singh, Jarnail Singh former Sarpanch, Gurmail Singh, Harpreet Singh, President; Honey Mander, Vice President; Chamkaur Mander, Kamal Mander, Balwant Khan, Sikandar Khan, Wajir Khan hundreds of persons along with their families say goodbye to Congress Party and have joined the Aam Aadmi Party(AAP). On joining the party, Cabinet Minister, Aman Arora while welcoming all his colleagues said that while looking at the development work done by the AAP government in Halka Sunam, the people are joining the party as a man's work is beloved.

Dynamic duo pledges unwavering support for Dr. Balbir Singh's development agenda in Ward No. 13

RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA, MAY 11



He is committed to the all-round development of Lok Sabha constituency Patiala and he is determined to make the people benefit from public welfare schemes.

These things were expressed by Aam Aadmi Party candidate from Patiala Lok Sabha Constituency and Punjab Government Cabinet Minister Dr. Balbir Singh during the election meeting held by Senior Councilor Usha Mago and her son Sanjay Mago at Ward No. 13 of Nabha Constituency. Addressing the workers in the meeting, he said that schemes are being run by the Chief Minister of Punjab, Bhagwant Mann, to provide facilities to the people of Punjab, by which the people of Punjab are joining the Aam Aadmi Party.

He appealed to the residents of the ward to cast their single vote for the Aam Aadmi Party so that the development work of Patiala constituency can be speeded up. He said that Member of Parliament Maharani Parneet Kaur was asking for votes. During her five-year rule, she did nothing for district Patiala, nor did Parneet Kaur meet the people.

Balbir Singh said that BJP, Shiromani Akali Dal and Congress party have ceased to exist in Punjab. Seeing this, the people of Punjab will not accept these parties. On this occasion, MLA Gurdev Singh Dev Mann said that under the leadership of AAP party supremo Arvind Kejriwal and Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, all-round development works are being done to provide basic facilities to the people.

Mann govt failed to end drug abuse in Punjab: Zira



KULJIT SINGH
JANDIALA GURU: A roadshow was taken out in favour of Congress party's candidate from Lok Sabha constituency Khadoor Sahib, Kulbir Singh Zira, in Jandiala assembly constituency, which went to different areas of Jandiala Guru assembly constituency. During this, Kulbir Singh Zira said in his address that Bhagwant Mann had promised the people of Punjab to end drug abuse during the elections. But in reality, despite being in power for two years, the AAP government could not end drug abuse in Punjab, due to which the youth of Punjab are getting trapped in the quagmire of drug abuse. He appealed to the people to vote for his party in the Lok Sabha elections 2024. Former MLA Jandiala Guru assembly constituency Sukhwinder Singh Danny, Rana Gurjit Singh former cabinet minister, Jatinder Singh Nati, Happy former councillor, Surinder Seth and other Congress leaders were present on this occasion.

Mother's Day celebrated with grandeur



RAHUL KOHLI
JAGADHRI: Mother's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at New Happy Public School, Yamunanagar. On this occasion, various programs were organized, and children participated enthusiastically. In honor of mothers, children presented captivating poems, songs, and dances. Through their presentations, they showcased the sacrifices and affection of mothers. Everyone paid tribute to their mothers in their own unique ways.

Children from Nursery to UKG danced to songs, captivating everyone with their tiny steps. Children from classes 1st to 5th made beautiful cards and photo frames for their mothers. Meanwhile, children from classes 6th to 8th crafted greeting cards, jewelry, and crowns for their mothers. All the children took selfies with their mothers and wished them a happy Mother's Day.

On this occasion, the school Chairman, Sh. G.S. Sharma, paid homage to the power of mothers, stating that mothers endure all hardships to nurture their children. He emphasized that under a mother's shelter, children feel safe and secure. He encouraged everyone to honor their parents. Dr. Bindu Sharma, the school's Principal, applauded the splendid presentations by the children.

19815 Cases settled in National Lok Adalat

KULJIT SINGH
JANDIALA GURU, MAY 11



As per the directions given by National Legal Services Authority and Punjab State Legal Services Authority, SAS Nagar, Mohali and under the able guidance of Sh. Amarinder Singh Grewal, Hon'ble District & Sessions Judge, Amritsar National Lok Adalat was held on 11.05.2024 at District Courts Amritsar, Ajnala and Baba Bakala Sahib. In this regard, Sh. Rachhpal Singh,Civil Judge, Sr. Divn. Amritsar has conveyed the message for general public that the cases of following categories such as Criminal Compoundable, Bank Recovery, Cheque Bounce, Matrimonial Disputes, Electricity and Water bills, Telecoms, MACT Matters, Labour Disputes, Traffic Challans etc were taken up in this National Lok Adalat and in total 23 benches were constituted; 17 Benches at Amritsar District Courts, 1 Bench of Permanent Lok Adalat, 3 Benches at Ajnala and 2 Bench at Baba Bakala Sahib. Apart from this for taking up the matrimonial and families disputes; bench was also setup by the Counseling cell by crime against women cell of Police Department, at their own level.

During this National Lok Adalat 22370 cases were taken up and 19815 cases were settled and disposed of.

It was told by the District & Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, District Legal Services Authority that the Lok Adalats are organized by Legal Services Authorities, as an Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mode wherein pre-litigative and pending cases in the courts would be disposed on the basis of amicable settlement without any expense on the part of litigants.

Thakur Dinesh Singh Babbu given grand welcome by BJYM workers

VERMA
GURDASPUR, MAY 11



Under the chairmanship of Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha District Vice President Sachin Sharma, a program was organized to warmly welcome BJP candidate Thakur Dinesh Singh Babbu at local Mamun Chowk. In which workers and people participated enthusiastically. On this occasion, Yogesh Thakur of Mamun Mandal along with Bina Parmar and many BJP workers were present. As soon as BJP candidate Thakur Dinesh Singh Babbu, who was going to file nomination papers, reached Mamun Chowk, the BJP workers mounted two JCB machines installed on both sides of the road and showered flowers on Thakur Dinesh Singh Babbu. Everyone was astonished to see this. This was a unique program, seeing which everyone went crazy and Thakur Dinesh Singh Babbu was overjoyed to see the enthusiasm of his workers. Sachin Sharma and his young colleagues while addressing said that they will make Thakur Dinesh Singh Babbu victorious from Gurdaspur Lok Sabha constituency with record breaking votes.

Govt starts the excavation of Agroha mounds, railway line work: Garg

SUMER GARG



HISAR: An important meeting of the representatives of Vaish Samaj was held under the chairmanship of Bajrang Garg, National President of Agroha Dham Vaish Samaj. In this meeting, excavation of Agroha mounds and other development work was discussed. On this occasion, Mr Garg said that the palace of Maharaja Agrasen Ji has been transformed into mounds. After the Archaeological Department gave approval for the excavation of Agroha Dham mounds, on March 11, 2024, the GPR survey was started and even after the passing of 2 months, the excavation work of the mounds still has not been started. Garg said that for many years the team of Agroha Dham was in touch with the Central Government to get the mounds excavated and in the annual conference of Agroha Dham, an announcement was made to dig the Agroha mounds and connect Agroha with the railway line, but it is not appropriate not to start the work even after an announcement. "The government instead of just making announcements, should fulfill its promises immediately, starts the work of digging Agroha mounds and Agroha railway line connecting work as per its announcement", Garg added.

National Lok Adalat organized in Judicial Complex

RAMAN GUPTA
KAITHAL, MAY 11



As per the instructions of Haryana State Legal Services Authority and District Legal Services Authority Kaithal, Chairman and District and Sessions Judge Mrs. Ritu Y.K.

Under the supervision of Bahl, National Lok Adalat was organized in the Judicial Complex on 11 May 2024 (Saturday) and inspired the people to take advantage of Lok Adalat by settling as many cases as possible in Lok Adalat. In this Lok Adalat, Dr. Nandita Kaushik, Additional District and Sessions Judge, Shri Devendra Singh, Additional District and Sessions Judge and Principal Judge of the Family Court, Shri Aman Inder Singh, Chief Judicial Magistrate, Shri Ajay Kumar Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division), A bench of Tushar Kumar Civil Judge (Junior Division), Shri Akshay Chaudhary Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division) of Guhla Division was constituted.

District Legal Services Authority Secretary and Chief Judicial Magistrate Mrs. Rot said that a total of 6709 pending cases were kept in this National Lok Adalat, out of which 4549 cases were disposed of. A total of Rs.9,42,22,076/- various criminal, NI Act, bank recovery, motor vehicle, labor related dispute cases, revenue cases and other cases have been settled through this Rashtriya Lok Adalat.

National Lok Adalat successfully held at District Rupnagar



BAHADURJEET SINGH
RUPNAGAR: As per the directions of National Legal Services Authority, New Delhi and Punjab State Legal Services Authority, SAS Nagar Mohali, 2nd National Lok Adalat of the year 2024 was held at various courts of District Rupnagar and its sub-divisions- Sri Anandpur Sahib and Nangal under the supervision of Ms. Ramesh Kumari,. District & Sessions Judge-cum-Chairperson, District Legal Services Authority, Rupnagar. Ms. Ramesh Kumari visited the benches of National Lok Adalat held at District Rupnagar along with Ms. Himanshi Galhotra, CJM-cum-Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Rupnagar. Judges attended all the courts and examined the National Lok Adalat and heard the cases.

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Activities organized on the occasion of Mother's Day at St. Lawrence International School concluded with great enthusiasm

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YAMUNANAGAR: Mother's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at St. Lawrence International School , Shahpur Road , Bilaspur and Pabni Road , Jagadhri . To make this day memorable , various activities like card making , writing letter to one's mother , paper hand bag making , gajra / hair band making , poem on mother , photo frame etc. were organized in the school at class level and all the Lawrencian Mothers Online competitions were also organized in which all the mothers participated enthusiastically .

Chairperson Dr. Rajni Sehgal said , " No language can express the power , beauty and bravery of a mother 's love . " A woman maintains many relationships in her life like wife , daughter , daughter- in -law , but among all these relationships , the one that gets the most respect is the relationship of mother . Motherhood is a bond that cannot be explained in words .

BJP govt has behaved barbarically with those who struggle for their rights: Kumari Selja

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
TOHANA, MAY 11



The General Secretary of the All India Congress Committee, former Union Minister, former President of Haryana Congress, Incharge of Uttarakhand, and the candidate of Congress (India Alliance) from the Sirsa Lok Sabha seat, Kumari Selja said that Even the Higher power gets angry with whoever causes distress to the provider of food. This BJP government has crossed all limits of oppression and exploitation of farmers during its tenure. Farmers, laborers, employees, Anganwadi workers, and sarpanches, who demanded their rights during this government's tenure, have been beaten with sticks by the government. It's time to respond to each blow with a vote. It's time for change, time to save the country, democracy, and the constitution. She said that once Congress forms the government, every promise made to farmers, women, and youth will be fulfilled. It's a guarantee from Congress; there are no empty promises like the Modi government. Kumari Selja toured several villages in the Tohana assembly constituency on Saturday and appealed for votes in public meetings. People, especially youth and women, showed enthusiasm and zeal towards her. Some showered flower petals, some wore turbans. Kumari Selja was impressed by this warm welcome and respect. Addressing a public meeting in Jandali village, Selja said, "Now, this election is not mine; you have made it your own. It's time for change. The country is wondering what has happened to these BJP leaders; they have started considering themselves as the world's greatest leaders. Their self-confidence has disappeared. The BJP forgets that in a democracy, the real power lies with the people, not with the leaders. People should abandon the misconception that they are leaders and were born to become leaders. Kumari Selja said that the voters that they have made mistakes twice; don't make a third mistake, or no one will be left, neither the constitution, nor democracy, nor farmers, nor laborers. The right to speak to everyone will be taken away. After ruling twice, the public has seen that those who demand their rights, farmers, laborers, employees, Anganwadi workers, and sarpanches, have been beaten by the government. People have been given gifts like inflation, unemployment, and corruption. The Modi government forced people by forcibly vaccinating them; the vaccine on which Modi's photo was printed, and if there was no vaccination certificate, people were not allowed to enter government offices. Playing with the lives of people through the family IT and portal portal.

Raj CM Pt Bhajanlal Sharma-Pandit Jileram Sharma to campaign Manohar Lal

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAY 11



Former CPS and MLA Jilaram Sharma, known for his deep penetration among the people of Assandh, is going to hold a Vijay Sankalp rally on May 13 as an organizer in the new grain market of Assandh. Rajasthan Chief Minister Pandit Bhajanlal Sharma will be the chief guest at the Vijay Sankalp Rally going to be held at 3.30 pm on Monday, May 13 in the new grain market of Assandh. Preparations have been started on a war footing for the arrival of Rajasthan Chief Minister Pandit Bhajanlal Sharma, who is coming to appeal for voting in favor of former Chief Minister of the state and Karnal Lok Sabha candidate Manohar Lal Khattar. Pandit Jilaram Sharma got information about Rajasthan Chief Minister Pandit Bhajanlal Sharma in the Vijay Sankalp rally on Friday afternoon and within a day's time he has given instructions to his workers and the public to gear up. Organizer of the Vijay Sankalp rally, Pandit Jileram Sharma, former MLA of Assandh and former CPS in Haryana Government, said that thousands of people will participate in the Vijay Sankalp rally to be held at 3.30 pm on Monday, May 13, at the new grain market of Assandh, the Lok Sabha candidate of Karnal. Will come to support Manohar Lal because the public has understood that the security and interest of the nation is safe only in the hands of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, hence they will cast their precious vote for Manohar Lal Khattar as Lok Sabha candidate and Chief Minister Nayab Saini as Kamal in Karnal by-election. Make it successful by pressing the button on the mark. It is worth noting that Karnal has become a hot seat due to two Chief Ministers contesting in the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections and in Assandh, Pandit Jileram Sharma has a deep influence on the public. Let us tell you that recently, the enthusiasm of the public was palpable in the road show organized by thousands in Chochra, Assandh under the leadership of Pandit Jileram Sharma to appeal for voting in favor of Karnal Lok Sabha candidate Manohar Lal. Similar enthusiasm is expected to be seen among the public on May 13 at 3.30 pm in New Anajmandi Asandh.

Cabinet meeting called amid political turmoil in Haryana, major announcement expected

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAY 11: Amidst the fervor of Lok Sabha elections on one side and political upheavals in Haryana on the other, Chief Minister Nayab Saini has called for a cabinet meeting. This meeting is scheduled for May 15th at 11 am in the Haryana Secretariat. Sources suggest that an announcement regarding the convening of the legislative assembly session may be made during this meeting. The BJP government, led by Chief Minister Nayab Saini, is expected to secure a majority. According to information released by the Chief Secretary of Haryana for the meeting, all cabinet ministers and state ministers, including the Chief Minister, have been summoned for the cabinet meeting. It is noteworthy that after three independent MLAs withdrew their support from the government, political turmoil has erupted in Haryana.

Amity University Punjab's Career Guidance & Placement Cell empowers students through drone technology workshop

MOHALI, MAY 11



The Career Guidance & Placement Cell at Amity University Punjab recently organized a transformative workshop titled "Exploring the Potential of Drone Technology" for the students of Amity School of Engineering and Technology (ASET). This event, held at the university campus, served as a catalyst for students to delve into the dynamic realm of drone technology, offering them invaluable insights and practical skills crucial for success in the industry.

The workshop, facilitated by seasoned professionals and experts in the field, provided a platform for students to gain hands-on experience and a deeper understanding of the applications of drone technology. Participants had the opportunity to explore various aspects of drone technology, including its applications across different sectors and the essential skills required to excel in this rapidly evolving field. One of the highlights of the workshop was the mentorship sessions, where students received personalized guidance and advice from industry veterans. These sessions not only shed light on the diverse career opportunities within the drone industry but also equippedstudents with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate the job market effectively. The workshop concluded with students leaving with newfound confidence and a clear understanding of the career prospects within the drone sector. Armed with practical skills and industry insights, they are now well-positioned to embark on their professional journey with confidence and enthusiasm.

Birla Opus's Interactive Expo Arrives in Chandigarh City

CHANDIGARH: Aditya Birla Group made a significant foray into the paint industry with the launch of 'Birla Opus' in February 2024. With Birla Opus, Aditya Birla Group entered the rapidly expanding Rs. 80,000 Cr Indian decorative paints market, with an unprecedented level of upfront investment of Rs. 10,000 Cr. The company is committed to bolstering its paints business with the establishment of six manufacturing facilities nationwide by 2025. Amid the lush greenery of Chandigarh, Birla Opus is poised to embark on an ambitious journey of expansion. The company will host elaborate brand and product expos in over 175+ towns across the country.

Mr. Rakshit Hargave, CEO, Birla Opus, said, "We are committed to reaching every corner of Bharat through expos at over 175+ locations and welcoming the trade partners i.e. Dealers, Painters, Contractors, Architects and Interior designers across these locations to come and experience the full range of products from the house of Birla Opus Paints. These expos will play a pivotal role in helping us build deep long-lasting relationships with our trade partners." Innovation and creativity do not just stop at the product features but also applies for the names of the Birla Opus' shades. Each shade has been ingeniously inspired by colours, nuances and culture of our country and global trends. In fact, Chandigarh gets a shade dedicated to the city too! An orange tint aptly named 'Chairs from Chandigarh' to honour the classic piece of furniture celebrating the modern architecture of the city in which it was designed in.

India will not become a golden bird but a lion under leadership of Modi: Kathuria

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAY 11



Former Chairman of Haryana Sugar Fed and senior BJP leader Chandra Prakash Kathuria has said that India will not become a golden bird but a lion under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said that Narendra Modi has made the name of India shine all over the world and due to his efforts, today India is at the first place on the world stage.

Chandra Prakash Kathuria was talking to journalists today at his residence in Sector 13. He told that on May 13, Chief Minister Naib Saini will be given a warm welcome at his residence at 5 pm and the Chief Minister will also receive the blessings of the public in this meeting.

He said that all the party leaders and workers like us will work as Manohar Lal and Naib Saini. Will do and will make the Chief Minister and former Chief Minister win with record votes. He said that with the blessings of the public, Manohar Lal and Naib Saini will be number one in the entire country by winning with the highest margin.

Referring to the tenure of former Chief Minister Manohar Lal, he said that he has created an example of honesty by giving jobs to the youth in the state without any expense slip and has completely eliminated corruption. Kathuria said that there is no threat to the government of Chief Minister Nayab Saini and said that Nayab Saini is a person living among the people, due to his easy nature, he is continuously getting the blessings of the people of Karnal in the elections.

Naib Saini will do such work in the state during his 6 months tenure that he will not need to ask for votes next time. He claimed that BJP will win 70 seats in the upcoming assembly elections and along with this the slogan of crossing 400 seats in the country will definitely be fulfilled this time under the leadership of Modi ji. On this occasion, leaders like JP Saini, Taranjit Singh Bhinder, Devendra Chauhan, Pankaj Gupta, Diwakar Prakash, Rahul, Ravi Dutt, Ravindra Gangsina, Ramesh Chingari, Ishwar Kashyap, Monu Mann and Sheela etc. were present from Narnaul.

Amity Univesity showcases at Bombay Times Fashion Week 2024

CHANDIGARH: Amity University Mumbai's School of Fashion Design and Technology (ASFT) showcased 'Tarang' The Collection at the Bombay Times Fashion Week 2024. 18 student designers featured 20 garments portraying a vibrant mix of textures and colour coordinates enabling multiple surface ornamentation possibilities.



The Collection featured the finest young design talent in the country, displaying their technical prowess and creative genius through various themes. It explored avant-garde ensembles that fuse luxury fashion with modern styles, like a wave of change that carries the spirit of tradition into the cutting-edge embrace of the future. The showstopper, Ms. Esha Velankar, winner of Miss Cocoaberry Diva, Miss Unity International 2021-2022, and Miss India Global 2020 runner-up is set to compete in the Miss Universe pageant. She didn't only walk the ramp during Fashion Week; she also showcased her collection and wore a garment with "wings" that depicted a sense of freedom through the "Kirigami" design.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. (Dr.) AW. Santhosh Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, Amity University Mumbai, said "Amity University Mumbai is proud to be associated with the Bombay Times Fashion Week, a magnificent show, showcasing the talents of our students' excellence in comparison with seasoned Fashion industry icons in the fields of Design, Choreography, Fashion display and theme. Amity School of Fashion Technology has a hands-on approach and industry collaborative model, which, is why our students excel in many such fashion shows around the country .

BASF launched Efficon insecticide

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAY 11



Piercing and sucking pests pose a significant threat to agricultural crops in India, causing extensive damage amounting to 35 to 40% loss in the productivity and yield of the produce. Farmers in India can now manage this challenge with Efficon, a new BASF insecticide launched. Efficon is powered by BASF's new active ingredient, Axalion in a specialized formulation.

With its unique mode of action, Efficon Insecticide is among the first compounds in the market introduced under the new IRAC group 36 which represents a totally new class of insecticides (Group 36 - pyridazine) which has no known cross-resistance with existing products in the market, making it a superior insecticide resistance management tool.

Efficon Insecticide was first launched in Australia in 2023. India is one of the earliest countries in the world to obtain this new novel chemistry that will help support farmers manage tough sucking pests.

In line with Asia Pacific strategy, BASF is developing solutions specifically for local market needs. "At BASF, everything we do we do for the love of farming. We are dedicated to listening and working alongside farmers to understand their needs, so that we apply our expertise to help them successfully face the enormous challenge of protecting crops from pests and boosting productivity, supporting the biggest job on earth," said Simone Barg, Senior Vice President, BASF Agricultural Solutions, Asia Pacific.

Anupama & Akash: The Mother-Son Duo who are achieving success at Amazon

AMRITSAR : Mother's Day is a special occasion to honour mothers, and those who play a significant role in shaping their young ones. Many moms balance the demands of a career and running a household in this fast-paced world. They are able to raise and take care of their families in addition to bringing their best selves to work. Among these inspiring mothers is M R Anupama, who is rewriting the narrative of 'leading by example'. She shares a unique bond with her son, Akash, who is also an Amazonian.



Hailing from Bangalore, Anupama's journey at Amazon began in 2013 as an Executive Assistant and in 2023, her role evolved and got expanded to Program Manager for Employee Experience. With over two decades of administrative experience, she brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to her current role. Her tenure at Amazon has been marked by continuous growth and learning opportunities. To her, every day feels like "Day 1," a testament to Amazon's culture of innovation and reinvention.

Adding to the uniqueness of her Amazon experience is the presence of her son, Akash, who joined the company three years ago in 2021 as an Application Engineer. Together, they share the rare opportunity to work for the same company, creating moments of connection and collaboration that are truly special. For both Akash and Anupama, the chance to share each other's successes and recognition is a source of pride and joy.

E Rickshaw Union supports BJP



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Karnal's outgoing mayor Renubala Gupta said that today the entire country is with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and wants to see him as the Prime Minister for the third time. Prime Minister Modi has served the country day and night for the last 10 years and will continue to do so in the future also. The public has made up its mind to elect Manohar Lal from Karnal Lok Sabha seat and will also elect Naib Singh Saini with a huge majority in the assembly by-election. On Saturday, Ekta E Rickshaw Union Karnal, impressed by the policies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, extended its support to the Bharatiya Janata Party. E-rickshaw drivers said that they have taken this decision keeping in mind the national interest and for the progress of our country, they will fully support Narendra Modi in making him Prime Minister for the third time. He will fully promote the policies of PM Modi in the elections and will help BJP candidate from Karnal Lok Sabha and former Chief Minister Manohar Lal and BJP candidate from Karnal Assembly by-election Nayab Singh Saini win with huge votes. He said that this decision has been taken by the e-rickshaw drivers of their own free will. On this occasion, BJP Treasurer Brij Gupta said that this is the first Lok Sabha election in the history of independent India, when not only the country but the entire world has accepted that Narendra Modi is going to become the Prime Minister for the third time. People are saying that Modi's guarantee has helped in increasing the confidence of the country.

ISB launches I-Venture Immersive (ivi) programme for grassroots entrepreneurs; no degree, no CAT/GMAT/GRE needed

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CHANDIGARH: The Indian School of Business (ISB) has launched a unique programme tailored for upcoming and promising entrepreneurs, called I-Venture Immersive or 'ivi'. Administered by the school's entrepreneurship arm, I-Venture@ISB, the programme encourages keen innovators from across the country to pursue their passion with or without any formal educational qualification beyond Class 12.



The first round of admission for 'ivi' is now underway, for the founding cohort starting in October. The six-month immersive experience – billed as 'more than an incubator, more than a school' – will be conducted full-time on the Hyderabad campus of ISB. Designed to provide budding entrepreneurs with transformative support, 'ivi' will also provide funding support for promising cohort members to bring their innovative ideas to life. The programme is designed to cater to a diverse group of aspiring innovators, including recent graduates eager to launch disruptive startups; tech professionals seeking to infuse entrepreneurial thinking into their careers; and next-generation family business owners who are eager to launch ventures beyond their legacies.

It will also welcome women entrepreneurs navigating unique challenges in the competitive market and armed forces veterans looking to apply their leadership skills to entrepreneurial pursuits.

Professor Bhagwan Chowdhry, Faculty Director, I-Venture@ISB, explained, "Through 'ivi', ISB will foster a vibrant ecosystem that nurtures creativity, attracts investment, and empowers visionary leaders, all crucial elements for unlocking India's entrepreneurial potential. Our pursuit is to empower individuals from all walks of life to follow their entrepreneurial aspirations.

The Leela Palaces welcome Maharaja Sawai Padmanabh Singh

CHANDIGARH: The Leela Palaces, Hotels and Resorts welcomed His Highness Maharaja Sawai Padmanabh Singh of Jaipur, the head of the royal family of the erstwhile Jaipur State, and a globally acclaimed Indian polo player, as the newest Icon of India by The Leela. Icons of India by The Leela is a unique initiative aimed at recognizing and nurturing the essence of India and the richness within through a celebration of India's finest who are the world's best. His Highness joins an esteemed list of Indians who have excelled in their fields and placed India on a global map. This includes sarod virtuosos Amaan Ali Bangash and Ayaan Ali Bangash, Nobel Peace Laureate, Kailash Satyarthi, Miss World 2017 and actor Manushi Chhillar and the world's leading woman cricketer Smriti Mandhana.



His Highness who is lovingly called Pacho, is one of the youngest heirs to the Kingdom of Jaipur, the youngest winner of the Indian Open Polo Cup and the youngest captain ever of the Indian polo team. Along with his undulated passion for the royal sport of ponies and mallets, HH Padmanabh Singh is also a fashion enthusiast, an avid traveller and most importantly, committed to preserving and promoting the culture and heritage of his land. Named to the Forbes 30 under 30 Asia list in 2018, he has balanced his public persona with his personal passions with elan.

5 Tips to improve your spinal health at the workplace

JHAJJAR : In today's digital era, many of us spend most of our time working at desks, unaware of the toll it can take on our spine health. The spine is the most important part of our body and is responsible for maintaining the posture and movement of the body. Therefore, neglecting its well-being can lead to pain, discomfort, and other long-term issues that can affect our daily lives. Dr. Ashish Dagar, Consultant-Spine Surgery, Manipal Hospital, Gurugram, highlights a few tips to improve your spinal health at the workplace:



Comfortable workspace setup: Make sure you have a comfortable work setup to reduce strain on your spine. Before starting the work, check if your chair is supporting your lower back and your monitor is at a decent level to prevent neck pain. Moreover, adjust your keyboard and mouse at your convenience.

Maintain posture: While sitting at your desk, try to maintain good posture. Practice sitting back in your chair with your feet flat on the floor. Ensure your back is straight, your shoulders relaxed, and your head aligned with your spine.

Take regular breaks. In the middle of your work, take mini breaks to stand up and stretch. A little neck and shoulder stretching can improve the blood circulation and spinal health of your body.

Screen adjustment: Make sure that your computer screen is not too close to your eyes or too far away from you. This prevents straining your neck and minimises the need to hunch forward.

Supportive equipment: If you have long working hours at the desk, then you must choose a supportive chair with proper lumbar support. Additionally, you can use a cushion to give comfort to your lower back area.

Remember, a healthy lifestyle is important for spinal well-being. Stay hydrated, prioritise a balanced diet rich in calcium and vitamin D, and incorporate regular exercise to strengthen your core and improve flexibility. If you experience persistent back or neck pain, especially after working, consult a doctor.

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Oakley and 'Hitman' Rohit Sharma launch next chapter of 'Be Who You Are' campaign

CHANDIGARH: Oakley, the global leader in sports performance eyewear, launched the latest chapter of its powerful and inspiring campaign 'Be Who You Are'. Fronting the campaign is none other than ROHIT SHARMA, to whose tune, 1.4 billion hearts beat, as he leads India into its fourth World Cup title quest.

This also marks Rohit Sharma's 5th year of association with Oakley, strengthening the brand's commitment to supporting athletes to play at the highest level and be their true, authentic selves.

The new ad celebrates the authenticity, passion, and self-belief of an athlete's journey, with Rohit leading the narrative on behalf of Oakley. The ad opens with the "HITMAN", who is in prime of his career, inspiring future athletes to trust and embrace their inner voice, empowering them to steer decisions and actions in pursuit of excellence. Through Rohit's iconic presence, the ad depicts multiple scenarios with Rohit motivating these athletes to achieve their goals by being who they are. The campaign aims to connect with the target audience and envelop them in Oakley's overarching mission to elevate sports and active lifestyle in India.

"At Oakley, we are thrilled to strengthen our partnership with Rohit Sharma and unveil the latest chapter of our 'Be Who You Are' campaign. Oakley believes in highlighting both the human side, as well as the sporting side, shining a spotlight not only on the athlete's talent but also on their role as a leader and positive role model for future generations." said Sahil Jandial, Senior Brand Business Manager, Oakley India. Commenting on the campaign, Rohit Sharma shared "Through the 'Be Who You Are' campaign, we aim to inspire the next generation of athletes to embrace their authenticity and pursue their dreams with unwavering self-belief, a mantra that has guided me in my journey.



Ishita Mangal's IshtatesOfIndia is an authentic celebration of India's diverse fashion culture and heritage



CHANDIGARH : Content creator, infotainer and fashion designer Ishita Mangal is making waves on Instagram through her unique IshtatesofIndia series. Through this series of reels, Ishita celebrates India's diverse fashion cultures and craftsmanship in a never-seen-before manner, where she seamlessly blends informative fashion content with a refreshing dose of wit and humour. This truly sets the creator apart in all things fashion in the content creation landscape.

Ishita is deeply attuned to Indian fashion, tradition and culture. With Ishtates of India, she shines a spotlight on the rich Indian fashion and cultural heritage that is distinctly varied across the length and breadth of India. Through meticulous attention to detail and genuine passion, each episode becomes a vibrant tapestry of India's diverse heritage. By donning traditional attire and speaking in local languages, she transports viewers into the heart of each state or union territory, fostering a deep connection with its unique culture and craftsmanship.

What sets this series apart is its ability to seamlessly blend education with entertainment. Infusing each episode with humour and relatable anecdotes. But beyond mere entertainment, #IshtatesofIndia serves a noble purpose – to shed light on India's rich variety of indigenous products and support its struggling handloom industry. Through a lens of entertainment and creativity, the series aims to not only represent.

PhonePe presents assured cashback offer for Akshaya Tritiya, 2024

CHANDIGARH : PhonePe, India's leading fintech platform has announced a compelling offer today for the joyous and prosperous occasion of Akshaya Tritiya, this year. On 10th May 2024, users can avail assured cashback of up to Rs.2000 on a minimum order value of Rs.1000 on the PhonePe app. The unique offer, available exclusively on PhonePe, is applicable only on one-time purchase of 24k digital gold. Users can choose to pay through multiple modes of payment such as UPI, UPI Lite, credit & debit cards, wallet and gift cards.

To add to the festive cheer, PhonePe also has a special offer for redemption of digital gold at Caratlane stores till 12th May. The highlights of this offer are:

Additional 2% discount on gold coin

Additional 4% discount on unstudded jewelry

Additional 10% on studded jewelry

PhonePe offers highest purity gold from Caratlane, SafeGold & MMTC-PAMP, some of the leading and trusted players in the digital gold ecosystem. While there are multiple benefits to purchasing digital gold on the PhonePe app, some of the key ones are:

Highest Assured Purity: Customers can buy 99.99% purity certified 24K Digital Gold, as offered by the Partners, on PhonePe.

Convenience: Customers can choose to buy Digital Gold from the comfort of their home 24*7. On selling their stored Gold anytime, the money is credited to their bank accounts within 48 hours.

Pappu Playboy layega Happu ki zindagi mein toofan!

CHANDIGARH: The constant nok-jhok and affection between the onscreen husband-wife duo in &TV's gharelu comedy Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, Daroga Happu Singh (Yogesh Tripathi) and Rajesh (Geetanjali Mishra) have the audiences in the split. However, in the forthcoming episode, an unexpected development takes a dramatic turn when the Dabbang Dulhania, Rajesh Singh begins teasing Happu Singh for losing his youthful charm, leaving him concerned. So, he seeks help from a charming Pappu Playboy, leading to a series of hilarious events. Speaking about the upcoming track, Yogesh Tripathi, aka Daroga Happu Singh, shares, "During one of their banters, Rajesh jokingly passes a comment on Happu's waning charm. Meanwhile, at the police station, the Commissioner (Kishore Bhanushali) arrests Pappu Playboy (Pankaj Soni) for flirting with his wife. However, the 65-year-old Pappu Playboy, who appears younger than his actual age instantly becomes popular with women at the police station. He also manages to charm Happu and Manohar (Nitin Jadhav) which results in Happu seeking his advice to attract Rajesh's attention." Adding further on the track, Geetanjali Mishra aka Rajesh says, "At the school, MasterJi introduces a new rule that expects fathers to proactively engage with students. Ranbir (Somya Azad) and Chamchi (Zaara Warsi) want to avoid getting Happu to their school and rope in an ice cream vendor to pose as their father. Their plan is foiled when Malaika (Sonal Panwar) gets a hint of this plan. In the meantime, to regain Rajesh's admiration, Happu resorts to mimicking Pappu's smooth-talking antics. As Rajesh visits the police station, Pappu Playboy's flirtatious attempt to impress her leaves her surprised as Happu had previously used the same lines to get her attention. Will Happu succeed in winning over Rajesh or will Pappu Playboy's charms do the trick on her?"



Tune in to watch Happu Ki Ultan Paltan at 10:00 pm, airing every Monday to Friday only on &TV!

"She teaches me a lot about style and fashion," says Kumkum Bhagya's Abrar Qazi about his bond with Rachi Sharma

CHANDIGARH: Zee TV's popular show - Kumkum Bhagya - has kept the audience on the edge of their seats through its engaging, intriguing, and dramatic storyline. In fact, after the 20-year leap in the show, audiences have been hooked on to the journey of the estranged couple Ranbir (Krishna Kaul) and Prachi's (Mugdha Chaphekar) daughters- Poorvi (Rachi Sharma) and Khushi (Simran Budharup). Viewers recently saw how Rajvansh aka RV (Abrar Qazi) and Poorvi have slowly developed feelings for each other, despite all the differences. While circumstances keep RV and Poorvi from coming together for good on screen, actors Abrar and Rachi have become great friends in real life.

The fans of the show are already loving their on-screen chemistry and have created a hashtag for them- #RajVi. Considering the script's demand, the actors are often seen fighting and arguing on-screen, but their off-screen bond is getting stronger by the day.



They are not only just good friends but also help each other improvise their scenes and bring out the best in each other. Abrar also admires the style statement that Rachi follows and is learning a lot from her about fashion. Abrar said, "The relationship between me and Rachi is obviously very different compared to what audiences get to watch on-screen. She is not only a great actor but a beautiful human being. She is very kind and a supportive co-actor to work with.

BAFTA Breakthrough India Returns for a Fourth Year





CHANDIGARH : BAFTA, the leading UK charity for the screen arts, is back with its Breakthrough programme for a fourth year in India, in partnership with Netflix. BAFTA Breakthrough India identifies and celebrates the next generation of talented professionals in the films, games, and television industries across the country. This year also marks the second time the BAFTA Breakthrough programme opens applications simultaneously in India, the US and UK regions,

BAFTA, through its mentorship and talent programme, has guided several creative individuals in the pursuit of their craft by curating an all-encompassing programme that helps breakthroughs address the barriers in their respective fields of work, sharpening their skills, and assisting them to create international networks that will accelerate their careers.

The recipients will be part of one-to-one meetings with industry stalwarts and group roundtables. They will receive professional coaching to develop their professional and creative skills. They will also get access to all of BAFTA's training, development and networking events for the duration of the programme, i.e., 12 months, along with opportunities to network with industry members across the world through BAFTA membership. Additionally, the breakthroughs will have a PR-backed showcase.

Tim Hunter, BAFTA Executive Director, Learning, Inclusion, Policy & Membership, said: "We're pleased to say that applications for BAFTA Breakthrough India are once again open. Thanks to the generous support of Netflix, this initiative will see us nurture a cohort of outstanding creative talent working in India's film, television and games industries, and showcase their talents to our global membership – to be unveiled later this year." Monika Shergill, Vice President of Content, Netflix India said: "The BAFTA Breakthrough India programme perfectly aligns with Netflix's vision of empowering upcoming creative voices and bringing them to a global audience. The diversity of talent unearthed in the past four years is a testament to this programme's immense success. We are thrilled to continue our collaboration with BAFTA and discover and nurture the next generation of Indian creative voices."

Guneet Monga Kapoor, Founder & CEO of Sikhya Entertainment, Film Producer and Breakthrough India Ambassador said: "India boasts of abundant creative talent, as evidenced by the past three editions of Breakthrough. I grew up at a time where access to such opportunities were unheard of. I highly encourage the next generation of creatives across film, television, and games in India to apply for this year's programme. BAFTA Breakthrough offers invaluable resources to young change makers in our industry, and I'm so excited to witness how this year's participants will leverage the opportunities to refine their skills, and elevate the Indian Screen Industries on an international platform." As the principal partner for the sixth year on BAFTA Breakthrough, Netflix continues to provide integral support towards its global expansion. Through Breakthrough, BAFTA and Netflix share a joint vision to celebrate and provide opportunities for emerging talent across the world, bringing together international communities across global networks, to develop and support stories and voices from different cultures. BAFTA Breakthrough 2023 witnessed promising talent, including Abhinav Tyagi, who is an editor and worked on 'An Insignificant Man' in 2016 as editor, post producer, and chief assistant director. Shardul Bhardwaj was another cohort member who is actively working as an actor. He starred in the 2019 critically acclaimed film 'Eeb Allay Ooo!' and also served as an assistant director and casting director on Netflix's 2018 film 'Soni'.

BAFTA Breakthrough opened doors across the globe for its previous cohorts, aiding them to share spaces with some of the most distinguished and influential people in their respective industries and learn through their expertise, knowledge, and experiences to further their careers with newer perspectives.

Actress Tanya Maniktala was one of the breakthroughs during the first year of the programme in India. She starred in Mira Nair's Netflix adaptation of Vikram Seth's novel 'A Suitable Boy'. In her testimony, Tanya Maniktala said, "It has been an incredible experience being associated with the BAFTA Breakthrough Programme. Thank you so much for all your guidance and encouragement."

Alokananda Dasgupta, a music composer and director, was a part of the 2022 cohort. She had the great fortune of interacting with actress, comedian, and producer Phoebe Waller-Bridge, along with directors Richie Mehta and Asif Kapadia. Comedian Sumukhi Suresh also received the opportunity to meet industry veterans like actress Ratna Pathak Shah and BBC Comedy Commissioner Emma Lawson, via the Breakthrough Programme.

Future Generali India Life Insurance partners with Reliance Securities

CHANDIGARH-Future Generali India Life Insurance Company Limited (FGILIC) has announced its partnership with Reliance Securities. This collaboration seamlessly combines FGILI's life insurance expertise with Reliance Securities' strengths in wealth management, establishing a robust foundation for practical and comprehensive financial planning. Beyond just products, this collaboration is a united effort to unlock new financial horizons, ensuring a clear path for customers towards improved financial well-being.

Commenting on the collaboration Mr. Alok Rungta, MD & CEO of Future Generali India Life Insurance Company Ltd said, "We are pleased to join forces with Reliance Securities, fostering an avenue for enhanced financial well-being. This partnership signifies a positive step forward, providing new opportunities for our customers. Together, we embark on this collaborative effort, ensuring simplicity and empowerment in our approach to financial solutions."

Lav Chaturvedi, Executive Director & CEO at Reliance Securities, emphasized, "I am thrilled about the transformative potential of our partnership with Future Generali India Life Insurance. This collaboration reinforces our commitment to enhancing financial security, bringing accessible and affordable insurance solutions to diverse segments of society. Together, we embark on a journey to empower our customers with robust financial services."

Cinepolis Celebrates Mothers with Heartfelt Gesture on Mother's Day

CHANDIGARH: In a touching tribute to the nurturing spirit of mothers, Cinépolis India, the first international cinema exhibitor, has unveiled a heartwarming initiative this Mother's Day. Recognizing the profound influence of mothers in our lives, Cinépolis is honouring them in a unique manner. At 76 Cinépolis properties across the country, employees will wear badges bearing the names of their mothers. This symbolic gesture aims to bring to light the invaluable role mothers play in shaping our lives and communities. In a culture where mothers' names often remain secondary, Cinépolis is championing the recognition they rightfully deserve. Mothers form the backbone of our families and nurture us through life's challenges. This Mother's Day, we wanted to spotlight their significance by prominently featuring their names on our employee badges. It's a meaningful gesture to honour their unconditional love and support. Accompanying this announcement is a heartening video capturing the emotional reactions of Cinépolis employees as they receive their specially dedicated badges. This video will be played across all Cinépolis auditoriums, fostering conversations, celebrating mothers' influence, and spreading a warm sense of community and love.

As Mother's Day approaches, Cinépolis extends warm wishes to all mothers, expressing gratitude for their unwavering dedication and love.

Zee punjabi Stars Jasmeet Kaur, Ramandeep Singh Sur, Punit Bhatia, and Surbhi Mittal Share Heartfelt Messages for Mother's Day

As Mother's Day approaches, beloved television actors Jasmeet Kaur, Ramandeep Singh Sur, Surbhi Mittal, and Punit Bhatia are expressing their love and gratitude towards their mothers while highlighting the significance of this special day.

Jasmeet Kaur, renowned for her role as Sehaj in "Sehajveer," shares, "My mother is my pillar of strength and my source of inspiration. She taught me the importance of perseverance and kindness. This Mother's Day, I want to thank her for always believing in me."

Ramandeep Singh Sur, portraying Kabir in "Sehajveer," reflects on his bond with his mother. "My mother's unwavering support has shaped who I am today. Her love is my biggest motivation. This Mother's Day, I wish to make her proud."

Punit Bhatia, known for his role as Ishan in "Shivika-sath yugan yugan da" expresses his appreciation, saying, "My mother's love is unmatched. She is my guiding light and my biggest cheerleader. I am forever grateful for her sacrifices and endless love."

Surbhi Mittal, playing Shivika in "Shivika-Sath yugan yugan da," honours her mother's influence. "My mother's nurturing presence has made me who I am. Her wisdom and warmth are my greatest treasures. This Mother's Day, I want to shower her with all the love she deserves."

These talented actors encourage fans to cherish and celebrate their mothers not just on Mother's Day but every day. Watch your favourite characters Jasmeet Kaur as "Sehaj", Ramandeep Singh Sur as "Kabir", Surbhi Mittal as Shivika and Punit Bhatia as Ishan every Mon to Sat 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm only on Zee Punjabi

"It's amazing how much affection my character receives despite his flaws," says Jayesh More as he delves into playing Dilip Patel in Sony SAB's 'Pushpa Impossible'

Sony SAB's 'Pushpa Impossible' takes the audience on a heartwarming journey of Pushpa (Karuna Pandey), a determined character who faces life's challenges with a positive attitude. In the past few episodes, the audience witnessed a dramatic sequence where Dilip Patel (Jayesh More) was presumed dead after his arch-rival Santosh (Amit Srikant Singh) burnt down the restaurant where Pushpa and her family was celebrating Swara's (Vrihi Kodvara) birthday. At the crime scene, the Police found a burnt body with Dilip's bracelet and assumed that Dilip had died in the fire. However, the recent twist revealed that Dilip is back as he had faked his death to take revenge from Santosh. In a candid conversation, Jayesh More delves into the depth of his character providing insights into the new storyline, his character arc, and more.



1. How has the audience responded to your portrayal as Dilip Patel in Pushpa Impossible?

The audience loved Dilip Patel despite being the grey character for a large part of the show. Everywhere I go, I see immense love and popularity for Dilip. People just can't get enough of him and his character. It's amazing how much affection he receives despite his flaws.

2. Dilip Patel's return has raised a lot of questions, what made him fake his death?

To protect his family from Santosh, Dilip had to fake his death. He did this to keep them safe from further harm. At the same time, he wanted to get back at Santosh for trying to kill him. So, faking his death served as both a protective measure and a way to seek revenge. It was a difficult decision for Dilip, but he felt it was necessary for the safety of his loved ones.

3. As Dilip battles with his anger and tries to change for his daughter Rashi, can he maintain her trust amidst these struggles?

Even though Dilip had left his family and children in the past, he wants to become a good father now. At times Dilip struggles to put that function as his anger takes him over but he is willing to do whatever it takes to earn and keep Rashi's trust forever. I think this is one quality of Dilip that makes him humane.

Manmohan Tiwari ko laga sadma!

CHANDIGARH: The latest plot twist in &TV's Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai involves Manmohan Tiwari (Rohitashv Gour) landing himself in Kacha Banyan fraud, leading to hilarious moments. Speaking about the upcoming track, Shubhangi Atre aka Angoori Bhabi shares, "At a gathering, Tiwari (Rohitashv Gour) confides in Anita (Vidisha Srivastava) and Vibhuti (Aasif Sheikh) about his struggle in business, fearing dire consequences if he doesn't secure a big order soon. Angoori, in a moment of trust with Vibhuti, promises to reward everything she owns to whoever lands such an order for Tiwari. Driven by greed, Vibhuti arranges a large order through Prem (Vishwajeet Soni), who claims his friend Anderson from London wants to purchase a hundred thousand pieces of a kacha and banyan within ten days. Tiwari and Angoori rejoice upon hearing the news. Later, Vibhuti reminds Angoori of her promise, and, to his astonishment, she hands over cherished possessions including her grandmother's handkerchief, childhood doll, and even the hair of her favourite goat, leaving him stunned." Rohitashv Gour aka Manmohan Tiwari adds, "To fulfil the order, Tiwari hires labourers from the modern colony. Everyone works tirelessly for ten consecutive days. However, when Vibhuti goes to submit the parcel, Prem reveals Anderson's fraudulent scheme. Vibhuti informs Tiwari which shocks the latter and he starts behaving weirdly." With this new track, it will be interesting to see how Tiwari gets himself out of the Kaccha Banyan fraud. Will Vibhuti and Anita come to his rescue? It's going to be a laughter riot! Keep watching your favourite show, Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai, at 10:30 p.m., airing every Monday to Friday only on &TV!

