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ISLAMABAD: One police officer was killed and more than 100 people, mostly policemen, injured in violent clashes between security forces and protesters agitating against high prices of wheat flour and electricity in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, media reports said on Sunday. The disputed region witnessed clashes on Saturday between the police and activists of a rights movement amid a wheel-jam and shutter-down strike across the territory, the Dawn newspaper reported. Mirpur Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Kamran Ali told Dawn.com that sub-inspector Adnan Qureshi succumbed to a gunshot wound in the chest in the town of Is-lamgarh, where he was deployed along with other police personnel to stop a rally for Muzaffarabad via Kotli and Poonch districts under the banner of the Jammu Kashmir Joint Action Committee (JAAC).

Dr. Surjit Patar will be cremated with full state honors

LUDHIANA: Eminent Punjabi poet and Padma Shri Dr. Surjit Patar, who passed away early today, will be cremated on May 13 (Monday) at 11 am at Model Town Extension Crematorium, Ludhiana with full state honors. Deputy Commissioner Sakshi Sahni and Police Commissioner Kuldeep Singh Chahal visited Padma Shri and eminent poet Dr Surjit Patar's house to express their condolences to his family.

Two Delhi hospitals receive bomb threat

NEW DELHI: Two hospitals in Delhi have received bomb threats, days after panic swept the National Capital Region after similar threats went to more than 100 schools. The threat e-mails were sent to Burari Hospital and Sanjay Gandhi Hospital. The police are at the spot and searches are on at both hospitals, sources said. Last week, schools at Delhi and Gujarat's Ahmedabad received bomb threats which turned out to be hoax. The e-mails were sent to 131 schools in Delhi, five in Gurugram, and three in Noida and Greater Noida on May 2. Three days later, three schools in Ahmedabad also received threats. The schools had received the emails from a single IP address, likely masked using a VPN connection, reports said. It is likely they originated from a Russian domain. The perpetrators had used the Arabic word 'Sawarim', meaning clashing of swords and associated with ISIS propaganda. But investigators have said it is unlikely that the ISIS is involved.

LS polls phase 4: Stage set for polling on 96 seats

UP gears up for voting in 13 constituencies

AGENCY NEW DELHI, MAY 12

The fourth phase of the Lok Sabha election on May 13 will witness polling in 96 constituencies. By the end of Phase 3, approximately half of the seats had gone through the process, determining the fate of numerous candidates. Historically, this phase has favoured non-aligned parties, as evidenced by their performance in 2019. Additionally, the phase marks the conclusion of polling in the southern region of India, with Telangana and Andhra Pradesh casting their votes tomorrow.

Andhra Pradesh is also conducting simultaneous polls for assembly as well as Lok Sabha elections. Ten states and Union Territories, including Andhra Pradesh (25), Bihar (5), Jharkhand (4), Madhya Pradesh (8), Maharashtra (11), Odisha (4), Telangana (17), Uttar Pradesh (13), West Bengal (8), and Jammu and Kashmir (1), are participating in the May 13 elections. Notably, 42 out of the 96 seats (44%) are spread across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana alone.

Voting for the fourth phase of the Lok Sabha elections in Uttar Pradesh covering 13 parliamentary constituencies will take place on Monday, with all

eyes on the prestigious Kannauj seat from where SP president Akhilesh Yadav is seeking a re-election.

Another prominent candidate in the fray in this round is Union Minister of State for Home Ajay Mishra Teni, who is



contesting from Kheri.

Voting will take place in Shahjahanpur (SC), Kheri, Dhaurahra, Sitapur, Hardoi (SC), Misrih (SC), Unnao, Farukhabad, Etawah (SC), Kannauj, Kanpur, Akbarpur and Bahraich (SC).

In the 2019 elections, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) secured 42 seats, the Congress six, and the YSR Congress Par-

ty (YSRCP) 22. The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) clinched 49 seats, the INDIA bloc eight, and non-aligned regional parties like the YSRCP, the Biju Janata Dal (BJD), and the Trinamool Congress (TMC) secured 39 seats collectively.

While the NDA attained a 53% vote share for the seats it won, the INDIA bloc secured 45%, and non-aligned parties garnered 48%. In terms of victory margins, the NDA averaged 17%, the INDIA bloc 8%, and non-aligned parties 11%.

The BJP is contesting 70 seats in this phase, with its allies Telugu Desam Party (TDP) contesting 17, Shiv Sena three, and Jana Sena two. Meanwhile, the Congress is contesting 61 seats, the Samajwadi Party (SP) 19, and Uddhav Thackeray's Sena and Sharad Pawar's Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) four seats each. In 2019, in terms of victory margins, the BJP secured 14 seats in close contests with less than 10% margin, while it won 28 seats by a substantial margin of more than 10%. However, both the Congress and the BJP witnessed lower strike rates compared to their overall strike rates in that year, with the BJP registering a strike rate of 47% versus 69% overall, and the Congress 7% compared to 12% overall.

Kejriwal promises free electricity, healthcare if AAP wins LS polls

AGENCY NEW DELHI, MAY 12

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday addressed a press conference and elaborated on promises which he termed as 'Kejriwal Guarantees'.

The Delhi Chief Minister ahead of the sixth phase of elections in Delhi on May 25 presented '10 Kejriwal guarantees.'

Addressing the press conference, Kejriwal said, "Today, we are going to announce 10 guarantees of Kejriwal for the Lok Sabha elections. This was delayed due to my arrest but there are still many phases of elections left. I have not discussed it with the rest of the INDIA alliance but this is like a guarantee that no one will have any problems with. I take this guarantee that after the INDIA alliance comes to power, I will make sure that these guarantees are implemented. Kejriwal's guarantee is a brand."

He added further, "These 10 guarantees are like the vision of India. There are some things that should have been completed in the last 75 years... These things are like laying the foundation stone of

any nation. Without them, the nation cannot move ahead. Those works will be completed in the next five years."

Elaborating on the guarantees, the Delhi CM announced to provide up to 200 units of free electricity to all

the country also as we have experience. We will provide up to 200 units of free electricity to all the poor. It will cost Rs 1.25 lakh crore, we can arrange it..."

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the poor in the country if voted to power. He said, "Out of the 10 guarantees, the first guarantee is that we will provide 24-hour electricity in the country. The country has the capacity to generate three lakh MW of electricity but the usage is only two lakh MW. Our country can produce electricity more than the demand. We have done it in Delhi and Punjab, we will do it in

riwal said, "The second guarantee is of education. About 18 crore students study in 10 lakh government schools who have no future. Today, the condition of our government schools is not good. Our second guarantee is that we will arrange good and excellent free education for everyone, be it a kid belonging to a poor family or rich family."

Congress cannot even cross Rahul Gandhi's age this time : PM Modi

AGENCY CHINSURAH/ BARRACKPORE, MAY 12

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday sharpened his attack on the Congress-led INDIA Alliance, claiming that the grand old party cannot even cross that of the age of "Shahzada" (Rahul Gandhi). Addressing a rally in favour of sitting Hooghly MP Locket Chatterjee and BJP Serampore candidate Kabir Shankar Bose, Modi took a jibe at the Mamata Banerjee-led TMC government in West Bengal for alleged mal-administration and corrupt government. "After observing the first three-phase polling across India, the BJP would surely cross 400 seats in 2024 and appeal to the people of Bengal to discard the TMC in 2024 General election," Modi said. On his second address of the day after Barrackpore in favour of sitting MP Arjun Singh, Modi heightened his attack on the TMC government and alleged the ruling party let its goons unleash terror across the state where the mothers, sisters and even children were

not safe. "Loots and grabbing land of the poor people and even selling the future of the youth and snatching the dreams of their parents have become the order of the day," he said. When the country was developing in all sectors, Bengal, which was at the top of



the country, was now at the rock bottom following alleged rampant corruption in all sections of society, he said adding the state was on the path of deterioration owing to cut money culture and nosediving investment.

"The TMC is the anti-people government," Modi said and urged the people not to cast a single vote to the TMC candidates.

Canadian Police arrest fourth suspect in terrorist Hardeep Nijjar killing

AGENCY OTTAWA, MAY 12

The Canadian Police has arrested a fourth suspect over his alleged involvement in the killing of the designated terrorist, Hardeep Singh Nijjar, Canada-based CBC News reported.

Nijjar was killed outside the Gurdwara in Surrey, British Columbia, on June 18.

The accused has been identified as Amandeep Singh (22).

According to Integrated Homicide Investigation



Team (IHIT) in British Columbia, Singh was already in the custody of Peel Re-

gional Police in Ontario for unrelated firearms charges. "IHIT pursued the evidence

and gained sufficient information for the BC Prosecution Service to charge Amandeep Singh with first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder," the police statement said.

The police said that Singh is an Indian national, splitting his time in Canada in Brampton, Ontario; Surrey, British Columbia, and Abbotsford, British Columbia, as reported by CBC News. Investigators haven't given any further details of the arrest, citing ongoing investigations and court processes. This comes days af-

ter the Canadian police arrested three Indian nationals -- Karan Brar, Kamalpreet Singh and Karanpreet Singh -- in Edmonton. The trio was charged with first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder in relation to the homicide. Hardeep Singh Nijjar, who was designated a terrorist by India's National Investigation Agency in 2020, was shot and killed as he came out of a Gurdwara in Surrey in June last year. The attack was described as 'highly coordinated' and involved six men and two vehicles.

TV actress Pavitra Jayaram dies in road accident

AGENCY MUMBAI, MAY 12

Actress Pavitra Jayaram, who essayed the role of Thilottama in the hit Telugu television series 'Trinayani' passed away in a road accident on Sunday.

She died on the spot in a horrific car crash near Mehbooba Nagar in Andhra Pradesh.

The car lost control and hit the divider. Later, the bus coming from Hyderabad to Vanaparthy collided with the right side of the car. Pavitra was seriously injured in the accident and died on the spot.

The accident occurred while returning to Hanakere in Mandya district of Karnataka. As per media reports, Pavithra's cousin Apeksha, driver Srikanth and actor Chandranath were seriously injured in the incident.

The accident has shocked the entertainment industry. Further details on the case are awaited from the police.

Actor Sameep Acharyaa mourned the actress's demise as he took to social media to express his sorrow. He wrote, "Woke up to the news that you are no more. It's unbelievable. My first on-screen mother, you will always be the special one."

Postal ballots to be scanned first at time of counting : Haryana CEO



BUREAU CHANDIGARH, MAY 12

Haryana Chief Electoral Officer, Sh. Anurag Agarwal, directed all Deputy Commissioners in the state, to ensure that all Assistant Returning Officers at sub-divisional levels ensure procurement of election material from the Ambala store. Postal ballot scanning will be done before the counting of votes, so one assistant returning officer will be appointed for every 10 scanners. Apart from it, separate assistant returning officers should be appointed for each proposed counting table, and the names and mobile numbers of these officers should be sent to the Chief Electoral Officer's office.

Sh. Agarwal said that the recent introduction of ETPBS (Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System) and postal ballot scanning is a very important aspect, so officers them-

selves will have to perform this task. High-speed leased lines of 100 Mbps (megabytes per second) should be arranged for all polling centres.

He mentioned that voters over 85 years of age and persons with disabilities who wish to vote from home should fill out Form 12 D and send it to the Election Commission. Sh. Agarwal stated that the total number of service voters in the state is 1,11,658. He directed that adequate number of scanners should be arranged for counting the votes and an ARO should be appointed to guide the scanning team.

He said that postal ballot is an important element in vote counting. Under this, service voters, voters and other employees deployed on counting duty and absentee voters are counted. In view of this, he directed to appoint a separate nodal officer.

Rainfall expected over many parts of India till May 16: IMD

AGENCY NEW DELHI, MAY 12

East, Central, South Peninsular, and Northwest India are expected to witness rainfall accompanied by thunderstorms, lightning, and gusty winds for the next three to four days, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Sunday.

A fresh spell of heat wave is likely to commence over northwest India from May 16, the IMD said.

According to the weather department, fairly widespread to scattered light rainfall is also very likely over Northwest India for the next three to four days.

"Fairly widespread to widespread rainfall accompanied by thunderstorms, lightning, and winds gusting

up to 50 kmph is very likely over Jammu, Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit, Baltistan, Muzaffarabad, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand on May 12, 2024, and a reduction thereafter with isolated activity on May 13 and 14, 2024," the IMD said.

"Isolated to scattered light to moderate rainfall accompanied by thunderstorms, lightning, and gusty winds (40-50 kmph) likely over Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi, Punjab, and Uttar Pradesh on 12th and over Rajasthan during May 12-16, 2024.

Strong surface winds up to 40 kmph are also very likely to prevail over the plains of Uttar Pradesh and south Rajasthan during the next 2 days, the IMD said.

The weather department further forecasts, "Scattered to fairly wide-

spread light to moderate rainfall accompanied by thunderstorm, lightning, and squally winds (40-50 kmph) over Vidarbha, Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada, and Gujarat region on 12th and 13th and isolated to scattered light to moderate rainfall accompanied by thunderstorm, lightning, and squally winds (40-60 kmph) over Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh during the next 5 days."

"Sub-Himalayan West Bengal, Sikkim, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Odisha, Gangetic West Bengal, Bihar, and Jharkhand are also expected to witness fairly widespread light to moderate rainfall accompanied by thunderstorms and lightning and squally winds (40-50 kmph) from May 12 to 16," according to the MeT department.

Coastal Andhra Pradesh and Yamn, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe, Karnataka, Rayalaseema, and Lakshadweep are also expected to witness similar weather conditions until May 16th.

"Fairly widespread light to moderate rainfall accompanied by thunderstorms, lightning, and squally winds (30-40 kmph) is very likely over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, and Nagaland.

Manipur, Mizoram, and Tripura during May 12-15 and likely to increase to fairly widespread rainfall during May 16-18," the IMD said. On hot and humid weather, the IMD said that these conditions are very likely to prevail over Saurashtra and Kutch during the next 5 days.

2nd National Lok Adalat held in 22 Districts and 34 Sub-Divisions

AGENCY
CHANDIGARH, MAY 12

Haryana State Legal Services Authority organized its 2nd National Lok Adalat of the year under the guidance of Hon'ble Justice Arun Palli, Judge, Punjab & Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman, Haryana State Legal Services Authority across the State of Haryana on 11th May, 2024.

Giving more information in this regard, an official spokesperson said that the National Lok Adalat was organized in 22 Districts and 34 Sub-Divisions of Haryana. Several cases were taken up pertaining to "Civil, Criminal, Matrimonial, Bank Recovery, etc." including the cases of Permanent Lok Adalats (Public Utility Services) working in the ADR Centres. The purpose of holding National Lok Adalat

is to facilitate a platform to the litigants to settle their disputes amicably, he added. He informed that Hon'ble

State Legal Services Authority, other officers from High Court and other supporting staff of HALSA monitored

Adalat is an effective alternative dispute resolution method for ensuring quick and final consensual disposal of cases binding on the parties without incurring any extra cost or fees.

Lok Adalats not only settle pending disputes or disputes going to arise between parties but it also ensures social harmony as parties to dispute settle their cases amicably to their full satisfaction.

The spokesperson further apprised that with the sheer efforts of benches, cases were settled amicably between the parties which were pending for a long time. Total No. of 2,56,589 cases both at pre-litigative and pending stage were settled thereby settling an amount of more than Rs.110 Crore between the parties, he added.



Justice Arun Palli, Judge, Punjab & Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman, HALSA along with Sh. Surya Partap Singh, Lt. Member Secretary, Sh. Akshdeep Mahajan, Joint Member Secretary, Haryana

the Lok Adalats through video conferencing. They also interacted with the Benches as well as with the parties and gave guidelines to the Benches.

Hon'ble Justice Arun Palli emphasized that Lok

Support PM Modi in the fight against poverty: CM Saini

SHIV KUMAR SAINI
KARNAL, MAY 12

If you want to change the condition and direction of the country then vote for BJP on 25th May. Only BJP can protect your honor inside and outside the country. Strengthen PM Modi with the power of votes. You should teach a lesson by defeating the arrogant alliance. Congress cheats you people by lying. CM Nayab Saini said this in the programme of Jogi Samaj. He said that today the stone pelters are missing. The prestige of the army and fear among terrorists have increased. We are talking eye to eye with enemy countries. If a strong government is formed then strong far reaching decisions will be taken. PM Modi knows how to solve the problem. The poor of the country have benefited greatly from his decision. Before and after 2014, people are feeling a lot of pride.



Our government has fought against poverty. PM Modi has launched many schemes to provide relief to the poor. PM Modi is bringing an Ayushman card for the treatment of 70 year old people. Our government cares about every section. You all should support PM Modi in the fight against

poverty. Saini said that Congress gets votes only by lying. All of you should not trust his promises. There is a wave of BJP all over India. Everyone is trusting PM Modi. He appealed to the voters to make PM Modi the Prime Minister for the third time.

The contest in terms of votes is BJP vs BJP: Manohar Lal

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAY 12

Former Chief Minister of Haryana, Manohar Lal, during public relations in Karnal Lok Sabha constituency, said that in this general election, the contest in all the ten Lok Sabha constituencies in Haryana is BJP versus BJP. All BJP candidates are in the fray to get more votes than they got in the last election. Whereas the opposition arrogant alliance and its main party Congress candidates are struggling in the field to save the honor of the security deposit. The mood of the public is showing that even the honor of the arrogant person will not be saved. BJP's star campaigner, during his public relations, accused the Congress of doing appeasement politics and said that the opposition wants the rights of the majority to be given to people of a particular sect of minorities. But this is not possible under Modi.

Describing Congress as having Kaurava instinct, he said that it is a party that insults public sentiments. Prince Rahul's ancestors had also done the same. After independence, by implementing 370 in Kashmir, one state had dominated

the entire country. The stigma of humiliation on the nation's forehead was Nehru's contribution to two scars in one country. During his tenure, Modi eliminated this insult from the country. During public relations, the former Chief Minister told the workers to ask everyone around them what has happened in the Modi government?

workers, officials and small and big leaders to seek votes from all the voters. He said that no one goes to a relative's place without asking and this is a matter of voting. The former Chief Minister told the workers to ask everyone around them what has happened in the Modi government?



said that win the booth and win the elections. He said that BJP is so strong that it has an organization at the booth level and even more till Panna Pramukh. Taking a jibe at Congress, he said that there are even workers waiting to accompany the candidate in the campaign. The public will not vote for the airborne opposition who does not have access to the public. He asked all his party

What has Manohar Lal done? What development works took place under the double engine government of BJP? If the public tells, they will know the reason for voting for BJP. This will strengthen the direct connection of the public with BJP. People have innumerable reasons for voting and it is for those reasons that we are asking them to vote.

2nd anniversary of Anti Corruption and Crime Prevention held

RAJNI SONI
YAMUNANAGAR, MAY 12

The second anniversary of the organisation was celebrated on behalf of Anti Corruption and Crime Prevention, in which National Secretary of Anti Corruption and Crime Prevention and State Vice President of Vishwakarma Dhiman Samaj, Tilak Raj along with famous Punjabi artist Nisha Bano were present as special guests. Dhiman was mainly present who formally started the program by lighting the lamp. The basic objective of anti-corruption and crime prevention is to eliminate corruption along with addiction. He is working all over the country regarding this. Today was his second anniversary in which officials associated with all the organisations from Haryana, Punjab, Himachal and other states also arrived and here he was also honored for doing good



work. Punjabi artist Nisha Bano was also present in the program. Nisha Bhanu has worked in many Punjabi films and has also played a role in the recently released film Chamkila. State Vice President of Vishwakarma Dhiman Samaj, Tilak Raj Dhiman arrived as the chief guest along with Dr. Nirmal as the chief guest. People doing good work in different fields were also honored on the stage. Amit Manket, founder of Anti Corruption

and Crime Prevention, said that in this way people's morale increases and they move forward and do better work. Different types of entertainment presentations were also given on this occasion.

On this occasion, Junior Jaspal Bhatti of Yamunanagar was also present and he made people laugh a lot with his talks. At the end of the programme, the chief guests from the organisation were also honoured by giving them prosperity symbols.

Mother most precious blessing in world



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
NISSING, MAY 12

Mother's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Kalp Vriksha Public School located on Sambhali Road of the city which was presided over by school director Usha Singh. In the programme, Budanpur Sarpanch Gurnam Singh inaugurated the outreach program. Mothers and grandmothers of the students participated in the programme. Children presented a colorful programme including a welcome song for the mothers. School Director Usha Singh said that even though mother is a small word, there are no words to

praise it. Mother is an ocean of kindness and compassion. This world cannot be imagined without a mother. We should honour our mothers and fulfill their dreams by fulfilling our duties and responsibilities towards them sincerely. He said that the first teacher of a child is his mother. He said that education does not only mean being literate, rather education means developing oneself, society and country. Principal Madhuri Pal thanked the mothers and grandmothers of the children for reaching the school and honored them. All staff members were present on this occasion.

SDC school exam result excellent again in district

DR ASHOK KUMAR
KARNAL, MAY 12

The result of class 10th session 2023-2024 was declared today. SDC school's results have been excellent across the district. The examination result of the school has been 100 per cent. Priyanshu, a brilliant student of the school, achieved the first position in the school by scoring 94.8 per cent marks and showing his extraordinary talent. Not only this, in the series of excellent results, meritorious students Vansh and Sumit stood second and third by securing 94.6 per cent marks and 94.2 per cent marks.



School student Kushal set a new record by scoring 100 marks in Punjabi. In this series, student Yaksh achieved special achievement by scoring 99 marks in Science, Prince scored 99 marks in

Mathematics, Sandeep and Rohit scored 98 marks in Social Science and Aryan has achieved special achievement by scoring 98 marks in Physical Education.

A total of 100 students of the school had appeared for the 10th class examination, out of which 26 students have obtained merit and 59 students have brought glory to the school by securing first division. Principal of the school, Renu Gupta, while motivating the students, said that if the students keep working hard like this, then the day is not far when the name of the school will not be on the map of entire Haryana. He also said that the credit for this excellent performance goes to the hard work of the students, positive thinking of the school administration and the foresight of the management committee.

BJP promotes workers unlike other parties: Chandra

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAY 12

State Executive Vice Chairman of Swachh Bharat Mission and Karnal Lok Sabha Special Contact Head Subhash Chandra has said that Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini is very hardworking and honest and his working style has always been excellent for every person and every society. Nayab Singh Saini has been ruling the hearts of the people earlier also. Considering the entire environment, the decision of the central leadership to make him the CM of the state is very important. He has also said that from the beginning, Nayab Singh Saini has been very hardworking and honest and his working style has always been best for every person and every society. People said that a different kind of

happiness is being seen in the Karnal by-election. When Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini goes among the public and talks to the people. Subhash Chandra said that in the by-election, Chief



Minister Nayab Singh Saini will win from Karnal by a record number of votes. There has been a tsunami of votes in favor of BJP in these elections and BJP will win all 10 Lok Sabha seats in Haryana. Reaching out to every voter with the aim of ensuring victory.

BJP govt worked for every section: Suman Saini

SHIV KUMAR SAINI
KARNAL, MAY 12

Suman Saini, wife of the Chief Minister of the state and BJP candidate in the Karnal Lok Sabha constituency, said that the Bharatiya Janata Party has always worked keeping every section in mind and the BJP government believes in taking everyone together. BJP government worked for the uplift of women. It implemented many schemes for farmers and took decisions in the interests of the poor. Prime Minister Narendra Modi did all this for the welfare of the people of the country. Today every citizen of the country wants to see Narendra Modi as Prime Minister for the third time. Suman Saini attended several programs organized in Karnal on Sunday. Suman Saini reached the program organized by Anup Bhardwaj Kashyap in Sector-13.



Shastri Nagar near railway crossing. He appealed to vote for Karnal Lok Sabha BJP candidate and former Chief Minister Manohar Lal and Chief Minister and BJP candidate in Karnal Assembly by-election Naib Singh Saini. The people present in the programs said that they will make Manohar Lal and Nayab Singh Saini win with a huge majority.

Manohar gives the mantra: Win the booth and win the election

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAY 12

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it was a party that insulted public sentiments. Prince Rahul's ancestors had also done the same. After independence, by implementing 370 in Kashmir, one state had dominated the entire country. The stigma of humiliation on the nation's forehead was Nehru's contribution to two scars in one country. During his tenure, Modi eliminated this insult from the country.

Vote on 25th by keeping national interest paramount- Meena

DARSHAN SHARMA
NILOKHERI, MAY 12

Election campaign is gaining momentum day by day and all the leaders and workers are busy going among the public and seeking votes for their respective party candidates. In this context, State Vice President of Mahila Morcha of Bharatiya Janata Party, Meena. Chauhan 'Raisan' today did public relations in villages Dayanagar, Raisan and Karsa under Nilokheri assembly and appealed to the people to vote in favor of BJP's Lok Sabha candidate. On this occasion, while talking to the journalists, he said that it is being received by every person, so it is known that everyone at the ground level is very impressed by the policies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi because of the work which was done in the last 70 years under the Congress government. This did not happen in



tion, all the decisions taken by Prime Minister Narendra Modi were once dreams. He further said that during the time of Congress government, there were mentions of scams worth lakhs of crores and terrorism was at its peak, incidents

of bomb blasts were often seen every day, the outbreak of land mafia and terrorism was seen at that time. Today there is peace and tranquility in every area. Giving further information, he said that in view of the transparency in which jobs have been given on the basis of merit under the Manohar government in Haryana, today the children who had stopped studying have started studying again because everyone has come to know that Today only in BJP government one can get job without slip and without any expense, on the basis of merit with transparency. People are often found praising the free treatment facility being provided to Ayushman card holders under the BJP government in every village. And the most important thing is that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Bhai Modi, today India's name is taken with great honor and respect on the world stage.

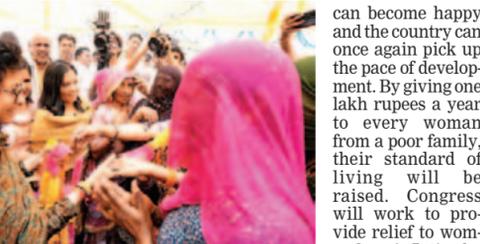
the Modi government, such unique decisions and such unique actions have taken place in the Modi government. Be it the abrogation of Article 370, triple talaq, demonetisation, construction of Ram Temple or women's reservation, all the decisions taken by Prime Minister Narendra Modi were once dreams. He further said that during the time of Congress government, there were mentions of scams worth lakhs of crores and terrorism was at its peak, incidents

BJP divides people in caste and religion, Congress maintains brotherhood: Selja

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
DABWALI, MAY 12

General Secretary of All India Congress Committee, former State President of Haryana Congress, in-charge of Uttarakhand, former Union Minister and member of Congress Working Committee and Congress (India Alliance) candidate from Sirsa Lok Sabha seat, Kumari Selja said that you people have encouraged me to contest the elections. On the basis of the call given, the party has declared me a candidate from here. Now this choice is not mine alone but of all of you. I will always be grateful to you for all the love you have given to Dalbir Singh and me till now. Selja said that the 10 years of misgovernance of BJP has to end. BJP has

worked to divide in the name of caste and religion. That's why we have to establish brotherhood again. Villages are built by brotherhood and not by division. On Sunday, she visited various villages of Dabwali constituency and held public meetings and appealed for votes. He said that BJP talks nonsense and does not talk about work. She can talk about work only if she has got some work done. She said that arrogance and nervousness are visible in the Prime Minister's speech. BJP did not do any good to anyone during its rule. Kumari Selja said that



Congress Party will come to power with the alliance, after that beneficial schemes for all will be implemented and the state and the country will be developed. She said that after coming to power, 25 guarantees under the five principles of Congress will be implemented so that all sections

can become happy and the country can once again pick up the pace of development. By giving one lakh rupees a year to every woman from a poor family, their standard of living will be raised. Congress will work to provide relief to women from inflation by halving the cylinder rates. BJP people are insulting women by commenting on their Mangalsutra. Similarly, work will be done to increase the honorarium of Anganwadi workers and Asha workers. The biggest demand of the employees is to implement the restoration of old pension scheme.

VIKAS VERMA
DHURI, MAY 12

Mother's Day was celebrated in Yash Chaudhary Arya Model School, Dhuri under the leadership of Monika Watts. In this Children wrote their thoughts in the form of poems on cards for mothers and presented them to the mother. In this children showed



love for their mothers and the mother showed love for her children. On this occasion the school's Principal Monika Watts said that Mother's Day is every day, we can make our mothers happy every day.

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I have seen mother but not an angel, I have not seen any relationship greater than mother. Just like a mother takes care of her children, children should also respect their mothers.

Inter house group dance competition



HARPREET LADDI SIDHU RAIKOT: Harvest International School, Jassowal, organized an Inter House Group Dance Competition for students from primary, middle and senior school on May 11, 2024 in the school auditorium. The competition was judged by Principal Mr. Jay Sharma, Vice Principal Ms. Puja Chandpuri and accomplished dancers Ms. Krishna, Ms. Pritika Goyal and Mr. Sukhpreet Singh. Students from the four Houses Air, Earth, Fire and Water competed and presented vibrant dance performances showcasing a variety of dance forms including classical, contemporary and bhanga. The judges commended the impressive choreography and graceful movements of the performers which drew thunderous applause from the audience.

Mother's day celebrated at Kidzee School Bela



BAHADURJEET SINGH RUPNAGAR: Kidzee School Bela celebrated Mother's Day with great enthusiasm as mothers of the students were invited to spend a day at the school with their children. Principal Neetu Sharma expressed, "A mother is a blessing that no one can replace," emphasizing the importance of making mothers feel special. Mrs. Kazi and Mrs. Komal, the mother-teachers, organized a cake-cutting ceremony, folk dance performances, and fun games for both mothers and kids. The mothers expressed their gratitude to the school for organizing the unforgettable party. Management members also extended their thanks to the mothers for their trust in the school and joining in the celebration. It was a heartwarming day filled with love, appreciation.

Jasbir Singh Dimpa meets Dera Beas chief



GURDARSHAN SINGH PRINCE BEAS: Jasbir Singh Dimpa, MP from Lok Sabha constituency Khadour Sahib, reached Dera Raddha Swami Satsang Beas on Sunday and during this, he spent about 45 minutes in Dera Beas and met Dera Raddha Swami Satsang Beas Mukhi Baba Gurinder Singh Dhillon. During a phone conversation in this regard, MP Jasbir Singh Dimpa said that he had personally gone to Dera Beas, where he met Baba Gurinder Singh Dhillon for about half an hour and got an opportunity to have his darshan and receive his blessings. He said that he got a lot of happiness and peace after seeing Dera Beas chief Baba Gurinder Singh Dhillon.

Sharp Brains holds interesting competitions on occasion of Mother's Day



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL: On the occasion of Mother's Day, Sharp Brains Education Institute organized a grand event at the local Panthege Club. Apart from Rampura Phul, a large number of mothers and children from Bhuchio Mandi and Bathinda participated in the event and showed their talent. Sharp Brains director Ranjiv Goyal said that Sukhveer Sidhu won the first prize, Pooja Bansal won the second prize and Meera Goyal won the third prize in the mothers' photo caption competition. In the letter writing competition, Soni Garg bagged the first prize, Rashmi Goyal bagged the second prize and Neeta Goyal bagged the third prize. In poetry and song competition, Sukhveer Sidhu won the first prize, Rita Singla won the second prize and Simmi won the third prize. Arshdeep Sidhu and Sneha Lata were given special prizes in this competition. Arshpreet Sidhu bagged first, Kusam Singla second and Rita Singla third in the children's quiz competition.

Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh group offers flowers of respect to Surjeet Paatar



KULJIT SINGH JANDIALA GURU: The state level meeting of Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee Punjab was held at Angeez Singh Bakpur Hall, village Chhababa under the leadership of state head Sukhwinder Singh Sabhara. In this, state leaders Sainam Singh Pannu, Savinder Singh Chutala and state general secretary Rana Ranbir Singh addressed the life of Punjabi litterateur Surjit Patra and said that Punjabi literature and farmers have suffered an irreparable loss due to the death of Surjit Patra. Surjit Patra's writings used to inspire farmers and labourers to fight against the plundering forces. Tribute was paid to Surjit Patra.

Commissionerate police Jalandhar cracks down on drug racket, 13 arrested

J S SODHI
JALANDHAR, MAY 12

Continuing their crackdown on drug trafficking, Jalandhar's Commissionerate Police achieved another milestone by seizing 500 grams of heroin, along with a staggering Rs 84 lakhs in drug money. This operation led to the arrest of 13 individuals involved in various roles within the drug trade.

Last week, three arrests were made, and 48 kilograms of heroin were recovered, shedding light on a well-organized racket. Further investigation uncovered the involvement of 10 more individuals in orchestrating the illicit trade.

The arrested suspects were identified as Parminder Kaur, Rohit Kumar, Daljit Singh, Amarjit Sharma, Anil Kumar, Surjit Kumar, Gurwinder Singh, Manjit Singh, Khushal Kumar, and Malkit Singh. The Commissioner of Police revealed that the gang operated with precision, utilizing sophisticated methods to conduct their illegal activities. Rohit Singh and Hardeep Singh facilitated money laundering through Hawala channels,



while Gurwinder Singh and Manjit Singh played prominent roles in drug distribution since 2021. Parminder Kaur emerged as a key figure in the distribution chain, procuring heroin from suppliers and distributing it to smaller-scale smugglers. Other members of the gang, such as Daljit Singh

and Amarjit Sharma, utilized trucks to transport heroin, making multiple trips to Srinagar. Anil Kumar and Surjit Kumar, on the other hand, undertook similar trips in an Innova car. Malkit Singh occasionally collaborated with other members to facilitate drug deliveries. The police have recovered

a significant amount of heroin, drug money, along with vehicles involved in the illegal trade. Investigation into the matter is ongoing, with four cases pending against Parminder Kaur and Gurwinder Singh. Further details will be shared as the investigation progresses.

Wave of grief hits Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University at demise of its former professor Padamshri Surjit Singh Patar

AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, MAY 12

Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University, Fatehgarh Sahib, joins the nation in mourning the loss of Padamshri Surjit Singh Patar, a towering figure in literature and culture.

With profound sadness, the University bid farewell to a luminary whose words resonated deeply with audiences across generations. Prof. Ajaib Singh Brar, the Pro-Chancellor of the University expressed his grief and said that Padamshri Surjit Singh Patar's remarkable contributions to Punjabi literature, poetry, and culture have left an indelible mark on society.

His profound understanding of human emotions and societal dynamics was reflected in his poetry, which captured the essence of life in its various hues. The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Prit Pal Singh said that as we reflect on his illustrious career, we recognize Padamshri Surjit Singh Patar's unwavering commitment to preserving and promoting Punjabi language and culture.

His literary works not only entertained but also enlightened readers, fostering a deeper appreciation for the rich heritage of Punjab. Prof. Sukhwinder Singh Billing,



the Dean Academic Affairs said that the entire University is grief-stricken at the demise of such an inspiring figure.

He said that through his writings, Padamshri Surjit Singh Patar inspired countless individuals to embrace their roots and celebrate the cultural diversity of our nation. His words transcended boundaries, bridging communities and fostering a sense of unity and belonging.

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Annual meeting of Jai Shakti bhandara society held



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL, MAY 12

An important meeting of local Jai Shakti Bhandara Society (Regd.) Shri Naina Devi Rampura Phul was held at Rambagh under the leadership of President Ajitpal Tenny Jaura. General Secretary Pawan Sharma and Secretary Narinder Bansal gave information.

It was said that during the meeting, discussions were held regarding the setting up of a Bhandara in the Sawan Mela to be held at Dham Sri Naina Devi. Bhandara Society

President Ajitpal Tenny Jaura said that the devotees coming to the Sawan Mela to be held from 5 to August 14 Accommodation and langar will be provided at the first aid medical facility 24 hours. On this occasion, Patron Gurdarshan Singh, Shubash Kumar, Angat Babu, Pawan Kumar Garg, Praveen Kumar Bhola, Raj Kumar Raju, Ashok Kumar Kumar, Vishal Kumar Shelly, Rocky Kumar, Shanty Singh, Bittu, Sukhmander Singh, Bhupinder Singh, Bittu Singh, Bhushan Kumar etc were present.

AAP's Lok Sabha candidate should show any dev work done during his two-year rule in Punjab: Dr. Cheema



BUREAU
PATHANKOT, MAY 12

Candidate of Shiromani Akali Dal from Lok Sabha Constituency Gurdaspur. In favor of Daljit Singh Cheema, an election meeting was held today at village Tanda Mirthal under the leadership of Constituency In-Charge of Pathankot Constituency Surinder Singh Mintu.

Addressing the people, Dr. Daljit Singh Cheema said that Aam Aadmi Party candidates should show any development work done during the

two-year tenure of their government before seeking votes from the people in the name of development. He said that after the Akali government, no government has done anything for the development of the state. He said that the Bharatiya Janata Party candidates are not daring to enter the villages because they are anti-farmer. The Congress, which has ruled for five years by laying hands on Gutka Sahib and taking a false oath to eradicate drugs, has no issue to take before the people.

Dr. Subhash Sharma campaigns in Morinda, Sri Chamkaur Sahib and Sri Anandpur Sahib

SRI ANANDPUR SAHIB
DALJEET AJNOHA, MAY 12

BJP candidate from Sri Anandpur Sahib, Dr. Subhash Sharma stepped up the pace of his election campaign and addressed several meetings and public gatherings in Morinda, Chamkaur Sahib and Sri Anandpur Sahib on Sunday. In the public meeting organized after inaugurating the BJP's election office in Sri Chamkaur Sahib, Dr. Sharma launched a fierce attack on the mining mafia.

"Akali and Congress leaders used the sacred land of Sri Anandpur Sahib only for illegal mining and minted money and the leaders of the Aam Aadmi Party, which came to power two years ago, went ahead of even Congress and Akalis as far as illegal mining is concerned. Mann government had assured that the price of sand and gravel will be reduced by 50 per cent

but due to AAP leaders, who are busy in filling their own coffers, today the prices of sand and gravel have doubled and it has become impossible for the poor people to build houses", said Dr. Sharma.

Dr. Sharma further vented his anger and said that because of these parties, the menace of illegal mining has been going on for so many years, while adding that "With the political patronage, the mining mafia is continuing illegal mining without any fear." He promised that if he gets the opportunity to represent the constituency, he will wipe out the mining mafia from Sri Anandpur Sahib. Dr. Sharma further said that the mining mafia has left no stone unturned in making the Sri Anandpur Sahib constituency completely undeveloped by exploiting the resources available here, which were supposed to be used for development works.

Harsimrat Badal asks AAP about development in Punjab last 2.5 years

ANIL VERMA
BATHINDA, MAY 12

Former union minister and Bathinda MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal today said the Kattar Beiman party led by Bhagwant Mann should tell Punjabis what it had done for Punjab in the last two and a half years, asserting not one development work had been executed in the State during Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) tenure in the State.

The Bathinda MP, who held a number of well received election meetings in the city besides interacting with women and their families, said "AAP promised to revolutionise school education and medical treatment. But it has done nothing on this front. Today both the education and health sector are in shambles. The government promised



16 medical colleges. It has not been able to establish even one medical college. The situation is such that it has even destroyed the rural dispensaries by shifting their staff to Aam Aadmi clinics".

Asserting that the Congress and AAP were one in befooling the people, Mrs Harsimrat Badal said "the Congress was the first to complain against the Delhi liquor scam. However when Arvind Kejriwal was arrested in this connection it decided to hold

'dharma' in his support". She said she had also raised the issue of the Punjab liquor scam, which was similar to the multi hundred crore Delhi scam, in parliament and home minister Amit Shah had promised to probe the matter.

"But it is eight months and no action has been taken in the matter. It is obvious that Bhagwant Mann has compromised with the central BJP government to save his skin and is now acting like a pawn of the centre".

DPS Khedi Naudh Singh school performs excellently in religious examination



GURDEEP SINGH GREWAL
KHAMANO, MAY 12

In the religious examination, the children of DPS Khedi Naudh Singh School performed excellently in the Annual Religious Examination (2023-24) conducted by Sikh Missionary College, Ludhiana at School Khedi Naudh Singh.

The students of the public school brought glory to the school by their excellent performance. The students those got Grade A, Grade B and Grade C respectively were Sahajpreet Kaur, Ekamjot

Kaur, Harshdeep Singh, Simranjeet Kaur, Navjot Kaur, Taranjot Kaur, Anmolpreet Kaur, Ekamjot Kaur, Harjot Singh, Sukhmanpreet Kaur, Jeevanjot Kaur, Navjot.

Circle in-charge Amritpal Singh, S.Santok Singh, Chairman Liaqat Ali and Madam Baljinder Kaur performed the memento and certificate distribution ceremony. On this occasion Madam Sandeep Kaur, Madam Beant Kaur, Madam Kusam made the examination successful. Santok Singh said about the need and purpose of such examination.

Washing sanitation hygiene awareness held



RADHE SHYAM SHARMA
MORINDA, MAY 12

A program on Wash (Washing Sanitation Hygiene) was organized in Mata Gujri School on behalf of Rotary Club Morinda.

On behalf of Colonel Malkit Singh, children were told about the importance of keeping hands clean, bathing, brushing teeth, cleaning school and eating fresh food. While giving information to

the children on this occasion, Dr. Nirmal Dhiman appealed to avoid self-medication and get treatment from educated doctors and also appealed to get the test done on their own.

Principal Seema Bhanot, Principal Nitin Gupta, Saktra Raju Thulani and Avtar Singh were present on the occasion. The club also donated toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap and towels to needy children.

AAP's Bathinda nominee launches campaign

NARESH K. GOYAL
MANSA, MAY 12

Making a scathing attack upon the Punjab's successive governments, Sumeet Singh Khuddian, son of Gurmeet Singh Khuddian- AAP's Bathinda nominee in the ensuing lok sabha elections and Punjab's cabinet minister for agriculture, asserted that the governments formed in the state from time to time never cared for the basic needs of farmers, that was why the farmers of Punjab failed to flourish and get appropriate prices of their produce.

He added that owing to anti-farmers' stance of those governments the peasants failed even to get adequate irrigation water in their fields. However, giving this task top priority, the AAP government in Punjab, headed by Bhagwant Singh Mann, has ensured that every farmer gets



the uninterrupted water and power supply to irrigate their crops properly. Sumeet today kicked off the election campaign in Mansa district, which forms part of Bathinda lok sabha constituency. Speaking at a brief gathering at the residence of local swarnkar sangh leader, he claimed that during the past two years regime in Punjab, AAP government has recruited as many as 43,000 persons in government jobs of various state departments. He, however, regretted that since the union BJP government didn't allocate the

much needed funds to Punjab government, the latter failed to either initiate or accomplish so many development projects. Lambasting the previous SADB- BJP government of Punjab, run by Parkash Singh Badal from 1997 to 2002 and from 2007 to 2017, he stated that it took so many loans that left Punjab almost bankrupt. "the state now has rupees three lac crore debt and with its meagre sources of income, Punjab's AAP government is unable to pay even the interest over this staggering loan amount.

SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI: News has come in about an accident near Baddi Kotla. Passengers and occupants of the shop involved narrowly escaped with minor injuries. According to sources, a private bus's brakes failed, resulting in a collision with a truck. The bus then crashed into a nearby shop. Fortunately, there were no motorcyclists or pedestrians on the road at the time, averting a major disaster. The police have registered a case and initiated an investigation into the matter.



BJP leaders should stop criticizing

Anand Sharma:
Sanjeev Gandhi

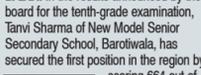
SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA: Kangra Parliamentary Media Coordinator Sanjeev Gandhi has strongly condemned the BJP's remarks against Anand Sharma. He said that if BJP leaders cannot tolerate the previous plan of parliamentary constituency congress candidate Anand Sharma, then they should not criticize him. Sanj



Gandhi mentioned important projects run by Sharma, such as the National Institute of Fashion Designing, Kangra Tea Board, Tea Museum at Palampur, Industrial Corridor, Industrial Park at Indora, Kandori and Pandoga, as well as Pepsi's bottling plant with large investment. And it is the contribution of Kendriya Vidyalaya. Gandhi challenged Vipin Parmar to provide evidence of the contribution made by BJP leaders in the region in the last ten years. He emphasized on the absence of the outgoing BJP MP Krishna Kapoor from his area and among the people for the last five years and said that if the BJP leader had done some work then why would the BJP have deprived him of the ticket and the present BJP candidate Rajeev Bhardwaj has never represented the region in any form till date.

Tanvi Sharma of Barotiwala first in 10th Grade, aims to become IPS Officer

SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI: In the results announced by the board for the tenth-grade examination, Tanvi Sharma of New Model Senior Secondary School, Barotiwala, has secured the first position in the region by scoring 664 out of 700 marks.



Tanvi Sharma expressed her intention to serve the nation by becoming an IPS officer. She credited her success to her teachers, parents, and grandparents (paternal and maternal). The achievement of Tanvi Sharma's first position has brought joy to the region. Tanvi Sharma's father is a transporter, while her mother Manju Sharma is a teacher in a private school.

Commotion at Bagheri interstate toll barrier in Nalagarh

SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI: The controversy over toll tax exemption seems to have no end at the Bagheri Interstate Toll Barrier located under the industrial area of Nalagarh.

For the past month, there has been a dispute between local truck operators and toll barrier contractors regarding the demand for toll tax exemption. Amidst this issue, local truck operators began making noise on the access road rather than the main highway, but the toll barrier operator also closed that route, escalating the dispute and infuriating the truck operators. In this sequence, under the leadership of MLA KL Thakur and former MLA Lakhvinder Rana, Yogeshwar, hundreds of truck operators protested vehemently against the toll barrier operators in Bagheri. During this time, the police also maintained vigilance.

People have decided to elect Modi govt for third time: Jairam Thakur

AGENCY
SHIMLA, MAY 12

Opposition leader Jairam Thakur stated that although elections are underway in the country and all votes haven't been cast yet, people have already decided that Modi will come back with over 400 seats. Even though the results are still awaited, world leaders are speculating that Narendra Modi will be the first to visit their countries after taking the oath. This is the first time in the country's political history that trust in a leader is increasing with time. There's a wave of pro-incumbency. With each election, people of the country are showing even more affection and support for Narendra Modi. Prime Minister Modi has dedicated his entire life to serving the



nation. Today, people are wondering why we didn't get such leadership earlier. Jairam Thakur criticized Congress leaders, stating that shutting down running institutions is an act of courage, as claimed by the Chief Minister. Ten thousand youths were fired from their jobs in one go. In this vast field, thousands of youths protested for months in snow and rain. The government only stopped the protest when it was about to turn into a sit-in. A sorrowful government is ruling the state; this government has lost the majority, and it has also fallen in the eyes of the public. As Congress is vanishing, it will be hard to find Congress in the upcoming times.

Jairam Thakur mentioned that we halved the rent for women without giving any guarantee, waived off electricity and water bills, provided free treatment worth five lakh through HimCare, and introduced the Sahyog Yojana. It's sad that the government, which used to give guarantees, has now stopped these facilities. Congress calls this restriction development. Now it's the turn of the people of Himachal to restrict such a government and such people. Roadwork has stopped. Hospital work has stopped. School work has stopped. Treatment under HimCare has stopped. Pension under Sahyog has stopped.

Jairam Thakur stated that in the last ten years, India witnessed a historic journey of development.

Kashyap terms INDI Alliance as 'Thug Gathbandhan'

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAY 12

Saudan Singh, the National Vice President of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), accused Congress on Sunday of aiming to take away reservation from Dalits, Adivasis, and the underprivileged and give it to Muslims. He alleged Congress of playing the politics of vote banks, religion, and caste and stated that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has changed the definition and culture of politics in the country by focusing on the development of all. Saudan Singh was addressing a rally in support of Suresh Kashyap, the BJP candidate from the Shimla Lok Sabha seat in Shimla district of Himachal Pradesh, where polling is scheduled for June 1st. He also accused Congress of being anti-Lord Ram and anti-Hindu and of supporting anti-nationalists.



BJP candidate Suresh Kashyap said that in this Lok Sabha election, we will win all four seats in the state and bloom the lotus and once again form a Modi government at the Centre. Prime Minister Modi is the most popular leader in the world, and from Kanyakumari to Kashmir, there is only one voice, one slogan: "Modi government once again."

He said that in the last 10 years, Prime Minister Modi has shown the country a new path. PM Modi has made India the most powerful country in the world by empowering women, youth, farmers, senior citizens,

and all sections of society to reach new heights. Historic work has been done in India in the last 10 years, which only a strong-willed leader like Narendra Modi could have accomplished, such as abolishing 370, removing triple talaq, constructing the Ram temple, implementing CAA, and more.

He said that there's a thug bandhan and an INDI Gathbandhan working in India, and we can confidently say that Congress does not have a Prime Ministerial candidate, and during their tenure, they have only looted the country.

BJP's target of crossing 400 seats is a deceptive slogan

DAULAT CHAUHAN
JAWALI, MAY 12

Dilawar Singh Chhotu, the newly elected Executive President of the Himachal Congress OBC Cell, stated in a press conference in Bharmad that the Himachal Pradesh Congress OBC Cell would actively campaign for the victory of Congress candidates in the upcoming by-elections for four Lok Sabha and assembly seats in the state. He mentioned that he would soon tour all the assembly constituencies in the state for this purpose.

He said that the 15-month tenure of the dry state government has been remarkable, as most of the promises made by the government have been fulfilled, and the rest will also be



completed soon. He claimed that there is a favourable atmosphere for Congress in the state, and Congress candidates will emerge victorious in all four Lok Sabha and assembly by-elections in the state based on past records. He also predicted a decisive defeat for the defectors from Congress in this election.

He stated that BJP's target of crossing 400 seats is a deceptive

slogan aimed at misleading people. He criticized the BJP's statements, highlighting the dire situation of the BJP in the country. Referring to the Congress manifesto, he mentioned that the party has issued its manifesto this time as a justice document, guaranteeing upliftment for unemployed youth, women, and farmers.

Monthly meeting of Himachal Transport Retired Employees Welfare Forum held

SANJEEV MAHAJAN
NURPUR, MAY 12

A monthly meeting of the Himachal Transport Services Retired Employees Welfare Forum, Nurpur Zone, was organized at the workshop premises of the Corporation in Jassur under the chairmanship of Kripal Pathania, the state vice president of the forum. During the meeting, a two-minute silence was observed in memory of Shyam Singh Dholy, a retired driver residing in Chhattar village, who passed away recently. The main speakers at the meeting expressed their dissatisfaction with the non-payment of dues and allowances by the corporation management and the state



government. It was decided in the meeting that following the decision made in the previous month's state-level meeting of the forum, the government was instructed to make payments to the retired employees by May 31st. Additionally, it was also decided that if the payments were not made by the specified date, retired

employees associated with the forum would stage a protest. However, considering the ongoing Lok Sabha elections, the decision to hold protests was temporarily postponed, and it was decided that a decision would be taken after the elections. Expressing their concern, the forum's retired employees stated that although the management had given benefits of 5%, 10%,

and 15% to retired employees who had completed 60, 65, and 75 years respectively, the remaining retired employees were dissatisfied with the partial payments. During the meeting, all retired employees associated with the Himachal Transport Services Retired Employees Welfare Forum decided that if the corporation management failed to make payments, they would collectively protest against both the government and the corporation management. Kripal Pathania, the State Vice President of the Welfare Forum, mentioned that during the meeting, approximately 60 employees were paid their dues, which was met with opposition and dissatisfaction from the other retired employees.

Arun along with supporters joins BJP



RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR: Arun Kumar Rintu, the Deputy Head of the Gram Panchayat Saswan in the Hamirpur assembly constituency, has left the Congress and joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). On Sunday, during a public meeting organized by BJP candidate Anurag Thakur in the Saswan Panchayat, Arun Kumar and a dozen other families joined the BJP. Anurag Thakur welcomed Arun Kumar into the BJP fold by putting a traditional turban on his head.

MLA Ashish Sharma was also present during this event. Arun Kumar Rintu stated that he has always stood shoulder to shoulder with MLA Ashish Sharma. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Centre, the country is advancing towards a developed India. He has been influenced by the policies of the BJP and has joined the party under the leadership of MLA Ashish Sharma, who is committed to the development of Hamirpur. However, the Congress government sidelined the elected representative.

Mother's Day celebrated with enthusiasm at DAV Public Sr Secondary School



RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR, MAY 12

Mother's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at D.A.V. Public School. Principal Mahendra Singh Dogra stated that a mother is like the second form of God on earth, who gives us life

and nurtures our existence. She is the first teacher.

On this occasion, information about various new initiatives in the school for the bright future of the children was also shared. During the program, children presented captivating

performances. Mothers also enjoyed the charm of their children's gestures. Mothers present at the event were given the opportunity to participate in some entertainment tasks. Those mothers who performed well were also awarded prizes.

My priority is to make Dharamshala a model assembly: Sudhir Sharma

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, MAY 12

My priority is to make Dharamshala a model assembly. BJP candidate from Dharamshala Sudhir Sharma said this. BJP candidate Sudhir Sharma has further intensified the election campaign by holding street meetings in Ghana, Mandal etc. on Saturday.

During his campaign, Sudhir Sharma presented his vision to the people, which was greatly appreciated by the people. During this time, by-election in-charge Kangra Sadar MLA Pawan Kajal, BJP District President Sachin Sharma, District Vice President Ashok Vashishtha and Anil Chaudhary were also present in Dharamshala. During this, Sudhir Sharma said that people want change.



This election is not being held in the name of personal life but in the name of development, people know how much the present government has discriminated against Dharamshala on CU, Smart City and other issues. Therefore, on June 4, the government will change not only at the Center but also in the state. He said that the Dharamshala assembly constituency will be made a model assembly constituency, for this work

will be done based on prior planning. During the assembly elections, Congress gained power by cheating the people, but now in the elections, people will teach such a lesson that the Congress leaders will remember for their whole life. He said that BJP will hoist the victory flag on all the seats in the state with a huge majority. The country is moving forward on the path of progress under the leadership of PM Modi.

Corrupt MLAs did everything for money, lavish life: CM Sukhu

JASWAN-PARAGPUR
DADASIBA, MAY 12

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh said that the MLA from Jaswan-Paragpur constituency was the watchman of corrupt legislators. Under pressure from the BJP high command, he acted as the watchman for the sold-out legislators for a month and did not even come home. The corrupt legislators were supposed to receive the second instalment at the Holiday Inn hotel in Panchkula, so they hurriedly fled from Shimla after casting their vote for the BJP's Rajya Sabha candidate. The Chief Minister made these remarks at a public meeting organized for the election campaign of Lok Sabha candidate Satpal Raizada in Dadasiba.



He said that I will reveal each letter of Hoshiyar Singh, who resigned from Dehra, when the elections are held. He should not have bargained for people's votes. Along with resigning from the assembly, independents should also retire from politics. Those whose work is being done by the MLA do not resign within 14 months. Even the resignation of corrupt legislators was not

accepted by the court, the court said that the Speaker of the assembly should answer what he has asked.

The Chief Minister said, Anurag Thakur should tell the public which major plans he brought as a Member of Parliament, where he developed. Despite being a minister in the central government, Anurag could not get a special relief package for

Himachal Pradesh during the natural disaster. Even after writing letters to the Prime Minister and the Home Minister, relief package demand was not made. If the package had been received, people would have received significant relief. During the disaster, children broke their piggy banks to donate, but BJP leaders were not ashamed.

Thakur Sukhvinder Singh said that Jaswan-Paragpur is my home. You have got the constituency with you. Vote for Congress candidate Satpal Raizada, after the elections, whatever he demands will be fulfilled. BJP MPs do not come after winning elections, Raizada will stay among you. The people of Paragpur want to vote after seeing the Chief Minister.

BJP conspired to topple the government on the basis of money power: Sukhvinder Sukhu

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, MAY 12

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today campaigned in the Jwalamukhi assembly constituency in favour of Congress Party candidate Anand Sharma from Kangra Lok Sabha seat. Addressing an election meeting in Khundia, he said that the Congress party has fielded the country's veteran leader Anand Sharma from the Kangra Lok Sabha seat. He said that when he was a minister in the Central Government, whenever we went to Anand Sharma to ask for something for Himachal, work was done on one phone.

Fashion Technology Institute in Kangra, the expansion of the industrial area in the state, the Regional Passport Office in Shimla,



Spice Park in Nadaun and the Shimla-Mataur four lane are the results of Anand Sharma's thinking. He said that Kangra needs such an MP, whose voice will be heard by the entire country. He said that when Anand Sharma wins the Lok Sabha elections, his ministerial post in the Indian coalition government is certain. Attacking the BJP, the Chief Minister said that the opposition conspired to topple

the government on the basis of currency notes and spread rumours of my resignation.

Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur challenged God in the Assembly and said that even God cannot save this government. He said that when the BJP could not form the government with the public vote and made an unsuccessful attempt to grab the chair with the help of currency notes. He said that there is no threat to the

present state government and will complete its tenure. Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that the tainted are saying that they did not get respect. All the decisions in his constituencies and all the officers were given as per his wish. The Congress party honoured him by making him an MLA and placed him on important posts in the party, isn't that an honour? He said that the truth is that it was not the honour that was tainted, but the hunger for goods.

The stuff kept in the BJP briefcase was quite heavy. Coming under his influence, he sold his faith. The Chief Minister said that the present state government fought the disaster that struck last year as a war, but Jai Jai Ram Thakur kept demanding the convening of the assembly session again and again.

Winners of Rampura Mandi School's sweep activities awarded



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL: SDM distributed prizes to the winning students of various competitions under the sweep activities that have been going on for the last 15 days at Government Girls Senior Secondary School Rampura Mandi. Rampura Kanwarjit Singh Mann did. Giving information, Media Coordinator Ranbir Singh Lecturer said that various sweeps are being conducted continuously for the last 15 days under the leadership of Sweep Nodal Officer Lecturer Kuldeep Kaur. These include giving information about various aspects of elections in the morning assembly, selecting class representatives while making the election process, slogan and mehndi competition, making different designs by students, rangoli competition, street plays, first-time voter students. Activities were conducted to honor SDM Rampura Phul along with Sector Supervisor Vikas Punia, Election Incharge Paramjit Singh, Rampura Master Trainer Atul Kumar, Amaveer Singh and BLO were present in the ceremony to honor the winners of these activities. They were present at the beginning of the function, School Principal Sunil Kumar Gupta welcomed the guests and gave information about the achievements of the school along with the sweep activities.

Under the NDPS Act, 42.312 kg of heroin recovered in various cases destroyed



HOSHIAPUR DALJEET AJNOHA: On the directions of DGP Gaurav Yadav IPS, high level drug disposal committee led by DIG Border Range Amritsar Rakesh Kaushal, comprising SSP, SP investigation districts Amritsar Rural, Batala, Gurdaspur and Pathankot recovered 42.312 kg under NDPS Act. The heroin was destroyed. On this occasion, DIG Rakesh Kaushal said that it involves two big cases of 35.810 kg heroin of Batala and Gurdaspur and this substance was destroyed in Khanna Paper Mill of Amritsar. On this occasion, he said that other substances were also disposed of by the district level drug disposal committees.

Seminar organized by health department at GGSPS Jogewala



ISHWER GARG TALWANDI SABO: Ms. Manpreet Kaur CHO, Ms. Rani Kaur MPH, Mrs. Manpreet Kaur CHO at Guru Gobind Singh Public Senior Secondary School Jogewala. Beant Kaur M.P.H.W.E came to give seminars on good and bad touch, balanced diet and prevention of health diseases. On reaching the school, the school principal Gurpreet Singh Jogewala welcomed the guests. Ms. Manpreet Kaur had a detailed discussion on health related topics with the students, the students increased their knowledge by asking many questions related to health. The students were encouraged to come to school after eating in the morning and encouraged them to take a clean bath, clean their nails, and brush their teeth. Rani Kaur gave detailed information about vaccination to prevent diseases. Finally, Madam Virpal Kaur thanked the guests for sharing valuable ideas with the students. Principal Gurpreet Singh, Coordinator Jatinder Kumar, Jaskaran Kaur, Bhem Sharma honored the guests by giving tokens of honor.

Aryans celebrates International Nurses Day



LK BANSAI MOHALI: Aryans Institute of Nursing (AIN), Rajpura, celebrated International Nurses Day under the theme "Our Nurses, Our Future, the economic power of care". Dr. Varinder Garg, OSD to President (PGIMER), Union Health Minister, India; Principal Investigator, Indian Council of Medical Research, CIBiD, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh was the Chief Guest while the Guests of Honor were Dr. Puneet Girdhar, Joint Director, Medical Education, Punjab; S. Gurdial Singh Buttar, President, Nursing Training Institute Association (NTIA), Punjab and Dr. Gurpreet Singh, Joint Secretary, Punjab Unaided Colleges Association (PUCA). Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans Group presided over. PGI expert, Dr. Varinder Garg said that while doctors were hailed for their medical genius, the contribution of nurses might often be relegated to the shadows of the hospital corridors. However, time was changing, and one of the biggest examples in the recent past has been that of the Covid-19 pandemic. Dr. Puneet Girdhar mentioned that International Nurses Day was a time to recognize and appreciate the exceptional contributions of nurses to healthcare.

Ravneet Singh Bittu receives overwhelming support in Jagraon

SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, MAY 12

BJP Candidate from Ludhiana Ravneet Singh Bittu received immense applause from people today in Jagraon during his visit to the city for inauguration of election office. Bittu was accompanied by central minister Kailash Chaudhary, Inderpal Singh Dhaliwal, Gurmeet Kaur, Bal Krishan, Pappu MC and other leaders and workers of the party.

In his address, Ravneet Singh Bittu thanked people for showing their support and love towards him. "Today's gathering is a proof that BJP shall emerge victorious in the elections with huge margin."

The voters are well aware about all the progress India has had under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi and trust BJP completely," he mentioned. Bittu talked about notice sent to him by AAP government regarding his residence and said that AAP government is giving such treatment to him as per their well planned strategies as they no that they have no chance at winning elections.



He also expressed concern regarding security and said that if he or his family face an attack, the Punjab government will be completely responsible for that. "Congress and AAP are one team and are making personal attacks on candidates from other parties," he indicated. Bittu also mentioned that he shall conduct a press conference very soon to make 'big revelations' about Raja Warring.

"We are struggling for de-

velopment of India and PM Modi is the one who wants India to develop and he genuinely makes efforts for progress of villages and remote areas of our nation. India has progressed much under his leadership and we need to bring him back to power to further increase pace of development of our beloved nation," he said. Bittu further said that BJP government has made several progressive decisions for

farmers as well and the ones who opposed government 'were not farmers at all'.

"The day is not far when BJP will lead Punjab and our state will lead the entire nation," he said at this occasion, Kanta Devi, Amit Kalyan, Kulwant Singh Sahota, Karnail Singh, Svaran Singh, Rohit Sonu, Yashpal Chaudhary, Ashish Aggarwal, Tony Verma, Ramesh Gill, Nachatar Singh and others were present.

Empowering women has been PM's mission: Tandon

RAJIV JAIN
CHANDIGARH, MAY 12

A sea of people gathered at Jansabhas of BJP Chandigarh candidate for Lok Sabha election Sanjay Tandon held in Mauli Jagran and EWS Flats, Maloya, Chandigarh. In a show of strength, Tandon also led a procession on 'Vijay Rath' at EWS flats in Maloya, where people in large numbers swarmed to the rally to support Tandon. People also showered flower petals on BJP leaders and raised slogans 'Ab ki 400 paar'.

Tandon credited the unprecedented turnout at the rally to the transformative development undertaken by the Modi government. He said, "Today, the enthusiasm of the public indicates that BJP is coming to the centre and Chandigarh as well. I am overwhelmed with the support that I have received today."

On the occasion of 'Mother's Day', BJP Chandigarh candidate for Lok Sabha election Sanjay Tandon shed light on the significant initiatives made by the Modi government for women's empowerment over the last 10 years. Tandon emphasized the government's unwavering dedi-



cation to enhancing the status and rights of women nationwide during his addresses at various Jansabhas held in Mauli Jagran and EWS Flats, Maloya, Chandigarh.

Acknowledging the pivotal role that women play in society, Tandon said, "Today, as we celebrate Mother's Day, it is imperative to acknowledge the indispensable contributions of women in shaping our communities and nation at large. The Modi government has spearheaded several pioneering initiatives aimed at fostering the empowerment of women from all walks of life." Tandon elaborated on key government schemes launched by the Modi government such as 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao',

Sukanya Samridhi Yojana, Ujjwala Yojana, Maternity Benefit Program, Triple Talaaq, and Namoo Drone Didi, highlighting their transformative impact on the lives of millions of women and their families.

He also highlighted the landmark women's reservation bill 'Nari Shakti Vandan Adhinyam,' which was passed to reserve 33% seats in the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies. Acknowledging the issues of EWS flats, at Dhanas colony, Tandon reaffirmed his dedication to resolving the leasehold to freehold issue. He pledged to provide housing to underprivileged individuals through the 'Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana' once elected as an MP.

Punjabis should seal their borders with their votes for national parties outside Punjab: Sukhbir Badal

VIKAS VERMA
DHURI, MAY 12

In the rally organized by Shiromani Akali Dal in the grain market of three assembly constituencies, the absence of veteran leaders of Shiromani Akali Dal Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa, Parminder Singh Dhindsa and former area MLAs Gaganjit Singh Barnala and Simar Pratap Singh Barnala was stinging and people were feeling political. Kept whispering.

It is worth mentioning that the Dhindsa family was the main contender for the Shiromani Akali Dal ticket from the Lok Sabha constituency Sangrur, but the party had cut the ticket and given it to Iqbal Singh Jhunda, due to which a large faction of

the Akali Dal was unhappy with this decision of the party chief. It is visible that they are upset and today the absence of both the big groups is expressing their displeasure towards the decision of the party. It is also worth mentioning that after Hari Singh Nabha stepped away from the politics of area axis, Akali Dal did not appoint any area in-charge, due to which there is disappointment among the workers.

Addressing the rally, party chief Sukhbir Singh Badal appealed to Punjabis to seal their borders with their votes for national parties outside Punjab and also teach a lesson to the BJP-AAP alliance which tried to stop farmers from going to Delhi. The borders have been sealed. He said that it is surprising that the

benefits given to the weaker sections of the society have been cut and some of the money is being spent on advertising and propaganda work for AAP in the states and hiring airplanes.

He said that this amounts to a case of criminal misuse of state resources. He said that already Rs 1000 crore has been spent on advertising. He said that once the Akali Dal returns to power, he will investigate this scam and ensure that those who discriminated against our Scheduled Caste brothers are given due punishment. He said that thousands of flour and pulses and old age pension cards have been cut. He also told that young brides did not receive money from Shagan Scheme for more than a year.

1896 cases disposed off in National Lok Adalat held on Saturday



GAGAN JAIN
CHANDIGARH, MAY 12

In the National Lok Adalat total of 1896 cases were disposed off by the benches of serving Judicial Officers constituted in New District Courts Complex, Sector 43, Chandigarh which included four Criminal Compoundable 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 Matrimonial/Family Disputes, 30 Civil Suits and Rent Cases involving an amount of Rs.1,05,000/-, 54 Executions involving an amount of Rs.5,13,56,808/-, four Criminal Revision, five

Criminal misc., 19 Civil Misc. involving amount of Rs.1,70,21,864/-, 10 Arbitration cases, five Civil/Rent Appeal, 13 cases of 125 CrPC, 12 cases of D.V. Act, seven Criminal Appeals involving amount of Rs.5,90,000/- and four Guardian.

Social club organises Gau Seva Project



SUMER GARG
SUNAM, MAY 12

City Gymkhana Club, Sunam Sports & Cultural Club Sunam members, including the founder of the Club, Ghanshyam Kansal; Chief Advisor, Rajiv Bansal; Chairman, Prem Goyal; Chief Patron, Bharat Bhushan Garg; President, Vikas Gupta; Chairman Board of Directors, Suresh Nappi; IPP, Punit Mittal; General Secretary, Karun Bansal and Secretary Finance under the leadership of Sandeep Garg organized Gau Seva Project at Shri Gauvansh hospital, near Baba Bhai Mool Chand Sahib on Maya Garden colony Road here today. Project Chairman, Gyan Chand; Satpal Bansal, CA, Rajeev Kumar made all the arrangements. On the occasion, the birthdays of club members Charan Das Goyal and Sunny Kansal were celebrated under the Gau Seva Project; Club members supplied, fodder for Gau Seva & 2 ceiling fans and one ceiling fan by Sunny Kansal was presented to Gau Shala. Women also participated in large numbers in this project.

Students of Royal Cambridge School, Beas, Shine in Roller-Skating Championship



GURDARSHAN SINGH PRINCE
BEAS, MAY 12

Students of Royal Cambridge School, Beas, have achieved remarkable positions in the Seventeenth Open Roller-Skating Championship organized by Derby Roller Skating Club, Amritsar.

The school sports coach revealed that in these games, Bikramjeet Singh, a student of Class VII, won the silver medal, Prithamveer Singh, a student of Class VIII, won the gold medal, Sahibpreet Kaur, a student of Class VI, won the gold medal, Amanatpreet

Kaur, a student of Class II, won the silver medal, Jasmeet Kaur, a student of Class II, won the bronze medal, Mahanaj, a student of Class V, won the silver medal, Alisha won the bronze medal, and Mohanaj won the bronze medal, thus enhancing the pride of their parents and the school. On this occasion, the school's sports trainers Navkirm Singh, Rajesh Thapa, and Davinder Singh expressed their happiness over the excellent performance of the students and encouraged them to work harder in the future.

The Unirise World School holds seminar on effective communication skills

SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, MAY 12

With an aim to create a supportive and resilient educational community, where every student can thrive, academically and emotionally,

The Unirise World School organised a seminar "Effective Communication Skills & Addressing Socio-emotional Needs of Students" with CBSE Resource Person Dr.Navneet Kaur, Principal Shri Guru HarKrishan Public School, Ludhiana.

She not only guided to explore and understand the significance of socio-emotional needs in education but also provided practical strategies and resources to all present there who have to play a very important role as educators and parents. Today's key



takeaways include - fostering emotional intelligence, collaborative efforts between educators and parents and the use of effective strategies to promote social & emotional growth.

The Principal of TUWS, Mrs. Neha Rattan thanked the guest and said "nurturing these skills will prove use-

ful for a child's overall well-being and success, both in academic & personal life, and empowers every child to thrive in this competitive world. The seminar successfully achieved its objective and the Principal Mrs. Neha Rattan presented a memento to Dr. Navneet Kaur as a token of gratitude.

National Lok Adalat organised at district Barnala



KULDEP SOOD
BARNALA, MAY 12

As per the directions of National Legal Services Authority, New Delhi and Punjab State Legal Services Authority, SAS Nagar, National Lok Adalat at District Court Complex, Barnala.

B.S. Teji, Ld. Chairman, D.L.S.A. has informed that to dispose of all type of Pre-Litigative and Pending cases by compromise, total 06 benches of Sh. Kapil Dev Singla Adl. District & Sessions Judge, Sh. Deepak Kumar

Chaudhary Principal Judge Family Court, Sh. Gurbin Singh Civil Judge (Sr. Div.), Sh. Anupam Gupta Ld. Civil Judge (Jr. Div.), Ms. Sukhmit Kaur Civil Judge (Jr. Div.) and Sh. Rajinder Pal Goyal, Chairman, Permanent Lok Adalat (PUS) were constituted.

Sh. Madan Lal, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Barnala informed that total 6640 cases were taken up in this National Lok Adalat and out of which 4882 Cases were disposed of and awards of Rs.5,10,47,026/- were passed.

SVEEP team encourages students and teachers at Baba Farid Public School Faridkot for right to vote



JAGDEEP SINGH GILL
JAITU, MAY 12

Sweep activities are continuing in Faridkot district to encourage voters to exercise their right to vote for the Lok Sabha elections. Under this series, sweep team members Surinderpal Singh Soni, Navdeep Singh Rikki Baba Farid. Arrived at Public School Faridkot. Harsimranjit Kaur, Vice Principal of the school was present on this occasion. School Vice Principal Harsimranjit Kaur welcomed

everyone. He said that for the strengthening of democracy, the citizen of the country should use the right to vote, whose vote has been made. He said that the students are being continuously inspired for the right to vote by connecting them with various activities in the school. On this occasion, District Nodal Officer Sweep-cum-District Education Officer Secondary Faridkot Pradeep Deora addressed the students and teachers and said that Lok Sabha elections are going to be held on June 1, 2024.

Kirtan dedicated to birth anniversary of Lord Parashuram organized at Bajkhana



JAITU (JAGDEEP SINGH GILL): A program dedicated to the birth anniversary of Lord Parashuram was organized by Divya Jyoti Jagriti Sansthan at Geeta Bhavan in Bajkhana. In which Sevika Sadhvi Harinder Bharti ji of Shri Ashutosh Maharaj ji told that the birthday of Lord Parashuram ji is celebrated with great fanfare all over India. Lord Parashuram is considered to be the sixth incarnation of Sri Hari Vishnu. He was born as the fifth child of Rishi Yamadgni and Mata Renuka. Then he was named Rama. But his interest was more in the study of Shastra than in the study of scriptures. In this order, he pleased Lord Shiva through penance and Lord Shiva was pleased and gave him his favorite weapon 'Parashu'. Due to which he came to be known as 'Parashuram'. A perfect combination of devotion and power can be seen in Lord Parashuram Ji. Sadhvi ji said that Lord Parashuram ji taught all humanity that if it is bad to commit atrocities then it is also bad to see and endure atrocities. It is said that Lord Parashuram ji made the stream free of Kshatriyas 21 times.

Nova IVF Fertility, Chandigarh organizes Walkathon to raise awareness on infertility

CHANDIGARH, MAY 12

Nova IVF Chandigarh, one of the leading fertility chains in India, successfully held a 5 km walkathon at Sukhna Lake in Chandigarh on May 12th, 2024, to celebrate Mother's Day. This initiative seeks to promote awareness of infertility and the emotional struggles particularly battled by women when undergoing infertility. This walkathon draws attention to how women are unable to experience the joy of motherhood because of infertility issues.

Over 50 people enthusiastically participated in the walkathon, including Staff of Nova IVF fertility and residents. Dr Renu Singh, Assistant Civil Surgeon from Mohali was the special guest of honour and flagged off the walkathon accompanied by esteemed fertility specialist



Dr Manisha Jain. The walkathon provided a platform to highlight the emotional and physical toll of fertility issues, and awareness of the difficulties many couples face on their path to parenting. Infertility is rising in Chandigarh tricity because of career-oriented youth who delay marriage and child-bearing and of course excessive prevalence of smoking

and alcohol in the youth of Chandigarh and Punjab region in comparison to other states. Infertility is not just a women's issue; men also equally suffer from infertility. Many couples postpone parenthood, which leads to difficulty in conception later in life. Technologies such as egg freezing are available if women would like to delay their pregnancy.

Cricket tournament organized by Hari Singh Nalwa Sports Club in Chaba



KULBHUSHAN SHARMA GUHLA CHIKA: A cricket tournament was organized by Sardar Hari Singh Nalwa Sports Club in village Chaba of the sub-division on Sunday. Twenty-four teams participated in this tournament. Sevdar Gurmel Singh inaugurated the tournament by offering prayers. Dr. Ranjodh Singh Chaba said that the young friends of village Chaba has organized the first cricket tournament in his village Chaba. This tournament was organized with the help of NRI brothers. Dr. Ranjodh Singh said that players should play in sports spirit because sports promoted mutual brotherhood. Gurdeep Chaba suggested the young generation to participate enthusiastically in sports also. If the youth paid attention to sports then they would stay away from drugs. In this cricket tournament, first prize of Rs 31,000 and second prize of Rs 16,000 were given to the teams. On this occasion, Sarpanch representatives Hoshari Singh, Mahal Singh, Bhagwan Singh, Balveer Singh, Gurdeep Singh, People like Kabal Singh, Satnam Singh, Dhyan Singh, Khushwant Singh, Dr. Ranjodh Singh, Suba Singh were present.

Mother's Day celebrated with pomp at Pearl International School



DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA: Pearl International School children celebrated Mother's Day with much fan fare on Sunday. On the occasion of Mother's Day children made various gifts for their mothers and in the school, children were told about the love, sacrifice and kindness of their mothers. School principal Deepshikha Beniwal said that a child's first teacher and guru was his mother.

Divisional General Secretary Balwinder Singh Makkhan holds meeting



SHWETA SHARMA SUJANPUR: In a meeting chaired by Balwinder Singh Makkhan, the Mandal General Secretary of the Bharatiya Janata Party, with special presence of Jagmohan Singh Jugga, the Mandal President, discussions were held on expanding the organization in collaboration with every power center, including the incharges. Jagmohan Singh Jugga urged every citizen to rise above party politics and vote for the BJP in Pathankot district, emphasizing the historical significance of the BJP nominating Dinesh Singh Babu as a candidate from the district after 78 years.

PoK part of India and will take it back: Amit Shah

AGENCY KAUSHAMBI, MAY 12

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday lashed out at Congress leader Mani Shankar Aiyar and NC Chief Farooq Abdullah for their remarks over Pakistan and said that Pak-occupied Kashmir (PoK) is part of India and it will be taken.

While addressing an election rally in support of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate Vinod Sonkar, the Home Minister said, "Congress leader Mani Shankar Aiyar and INDI alliance leader Farooq Abdullah are asking to respect Pakistan as it has an atom bomb. Why should we respect Pakistan?"

He said, "Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is saying don't demand PoK. Rahul Baba, if you want to be scared of atom bombs, then



remain scared. We are not scared. PoK is a part of India, and we will take it back."

Shah said that Kashmir is part of India. "Congress president Kharge says what people from Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh have to do with Kashmir. Probably he doesn't know that every child of Kaushambi is ready to sacrifice his life for Kashmir," he said.

He said that for 70 years, Congress, Samajwadi Party

(SP), and Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) kept Article 370 in Kashmir like their children. "You made Modi ji PM for the second term. Article 370 was abrogated on August 5, 2019, terrorism was eradicated, and Modi ji made Kashmir an integral part of India," he said.

The Home Minister said there are two shehzadas, Akhilesh and Rahul, who claim to bring back Article 370 if they come to power.

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA: Haryana Board of School Education, Bhiwani declared the result of Secondary (10th) examination. In which the result of Government Senior Secondary School Gumthala Garhu (2397), Kurukshetra

was 98.85 per cent which is a commendable achievement.

On this occasion, Principal of the school, Ramraj Sharma said that the school total of 87 children appeared for the examination, out of which 86 cleared the examination. Of

these, 20 children achieved merit. Naresh, daughter of Mehak, has secured first position with 479 marks, Renu, daughter of Jasmer, has secured second position with 439 marks and Lovpreet Kaur, daughter of Pritam Singh secured third position with 429 marks.



District Police and Central Armed Police Force take out flag march

RAHUL KOHLI JAGADHRI, MAY 12

The District Police and the Central Armed Police Force took out a flag march in the areas of police station city Yamunanagar and Jagadhri and gave a message to the people to vote safely and peacefully.

Giving information, the police spokesperson said that the district police was on full alert mode regarding the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. In the midst of the Lok Sabha elections, on Sunday also a flag march was taken out in the area of police station Yamunanagar and city Jagadhri. District police teams led by DSP Rajesh Kumar and Abhilaksh Joshi, police station managers and their police teams and CRPF Assistant Commandant S.S. Gujar along with their teams took out flag march. During the flag march,



his team appealed to the common citizens to cooperate with the police in a peaceful, fair and free election process.

Giving information, the police spokesperson said that Lok Sabha elections would be held May 25. In order to conduct peaceful and fair Lok Sabha elections and maintain law and order in Yamunanagar district, police teams led by police officers and along with Central Armed Police Forces personnel took out a flag march. In this flag march, manager of Police Station City Jagadhri Narendra Kumar and

Manager of Police Station City Yamunanagar Jagdish Chandra were also present with their respective teams.

This flag march started from Jagadhri Rakshak Bihar Block, Agrasen Chowk Jagadhri, Pyara Chowk, Azad Nagar, Rampur Chowki, Police Station City Yamunanagar area, Chuna Bhatti, New Market, Yamunanagar Station Chowk, Fuwara Chowk, Kanhaiya Sahib Chowk, Hooda Sector-17 Jagadhri and passed through the streets and roads of Jagadhri.

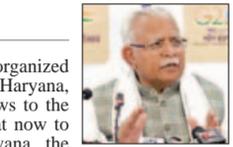
Youth getting jobs without selling land, plot or jewellery: Manohar Lal

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA PANIPAT, MAY 12

In 'Manohar Samvad' program organized by the former chief minister of Haryana, Manohar Lal presented his views to the people of the state. He said that now to get a government job in Haryana, the youth did not have to sell their mother's jewelry but due to transparency they were getting jobs on the basis of their merit.

The former Chief Minister said in a program organized at a resort on Jind Road in Gohana on Saturday that every section and every person of the country wanted to see Narendra Modi as Prime Minister for the third consecutive time to strengthening the ideology of nationalism.

He said that all people should vote 100 per cent in the national interest. In the program, he had a meaningful discussion with the youth and gave them the message that after the Lok Sabha elections, development work in the country and the state would take at a faster pace. He said that everyone has to be motivated to vote in the Lok Sabha elections to be held on May 25. Manohar Lal Khattar said that his government has done the work of providing jobs to educated youth without any expense and without any slip. In every village, a large number of youth were employed without any recommendation and money. Earlier, when a child got employed, his father had to either sell his land or plot and if neither of these then his mother had to pay the money by selling her jewellery.



DN Model School performs brilliantly in Class 10th board examination

PAWAN DAHOLA JIND, MAY 12

The children of class 10th of DN Model School performed brilliantly. A program was organized in the school on this happy occasion. The program was presided over by school principal Raj Redhu, school director Virendra Dhillon was the chief guest. The program started with the director serving sweets to all the children those created history by bringing glory to the school and wished them all the best for their bright future.

Giving further information, Director Virendra Dhillon said that the school's student Ankit stood first in the school by scoring 496 marks. Payal, Tannu, Ujjwal, and Lakshit jointly stood second with 495 marks.



Ramon and Tamanna jointly stood third with 494 marks. Shweta 493, Poonam 492, Vanshika 491, Shubham 490, Samiksha 489, Shruti 488, Dinesh 487, Vanshika 486, Sohit 486, Dipanshu 485, Sakshi 485, Nancy 482, Saurabh 482, Pankaj 482, Prachi 479, Harsh 479, Preeti 477, Tamanna 477, Deepak 476, Muskaan 475. y. School Principal Raj Redhu said that 75 students of the school appeared for the

examination, out of which 63 students got merit position. Out of which 27 students scored 95 per cent or more marks. School Director Virendra Dhillon heartily congratulated all the students and teachers for this excellent examination result. He said that the children of the school brought glory to the district in the field of education by performing brilliantly in the board examinations every year.

Result of class 10th of Shivalik Senior Secondary School Kalavad excellent



RAHUL KOHLI JAGADHRI:

All of you will be very happy to know that like last year, this year also the result of class 10th of Shivalik Senior Secondary School Kalavad was excellent. In which Deepakshi Saini D/o Mr. Naresh Saini stood first with 490/500 (98%) marks. Apart from this Muskan Chauhan D/o Mr. Chetan Chauhan stood second with 485/500 (97%) marks and Manvi Bisodiya stood third with 484/500 (96.8%) marks. Apart from this, 82 students of the school appeared for the 10th class board annual examination out of which 46 students made their parents and teachers proud by scoring more than 80% marks.

Apart from this, Deepakshi scored 100 marks in Punjabi, 98 in science, 98 in math, 97 in social science and 97 in Hindi. Muskan Chauhan scored 98 marks out of 100 in Punjabi and 99 in Hindi in social science. Similarly, in Punjabi subject, Arjun got 100, Tanu got 99, Aashiya got 99, Kirti Dixit got 98, Mangat Ram got 98, Vandana, Preeti, Sonali got 97 marks. In social science subject, Kirti Dixit got 100, Harpreet Saini, Saniya, Aashiya got 98 and Manvi, Vanshika Chauhan got 97 marks.

Government exploiting public under influence of chair: Abhay Singh Chautala



KAPIL ARORA SHAHABAD MARKANDA: Late Saturday evening, INLD candidate from Kurukshetra Lok Sabha constituency Abhay Singh Chautala, while addressing the public meeting organized by Madan Gopal at PNB Chowk, said that BJP is misleading the public in the name of development and employment. Whereas in reality Haryana has lagged behind in employment and development. Chautala said that today the situation of unemployment is such that hundreds of children from every village are going abroad. Due to which the condition of the people remains quite pathetic. Parents live alone here and there is no one to take care of them in their old age. Abhay Chautala said that the government, under the influence of chair, is busy exploiting the public. Farmers are still agitating for their demands. The promise of doubling the income of farmers has also proved to be a slogan of BJP. Seeing its defeat in elections, BJP is making false announcements to confuse the public. He said that INLD is the only party which works for the farmers and the poor class.

Adi Shankracharya research and awareness foundation organises grand celebration on 2531st birth anniversary of Guru Adi Shankracharya

NEW DELHI, MAY 12

Netherlands based Adi Shankracharya Research & Awareness Foundation organised a grand event on 12th May on the occasion of 2531st birth anniversary of revered Guru Adi Shankracharya. This gala event was organised under the guidance of founder and director of Netherlands based International Adi Shankracharya Research & Awareness Foundation Maharshi Keshvananda. The foundation organised this event on 12th May 2024 at Maharaja Agrasen Auditorium, Rohini, Sec-22, Delhi. Maharshi Keshvananda lit the diya in the opening ceremony of the program with Vedic mantras chanting. Organiser



Dharmendra and Sunil Aggarwal welcomed Maharshi Keshvananda with garlands. On this occasion along with Maharshi Keshvananda, Uttarakhand situated Joshimath's Jagatguru Shankracharya Devdityanand ji maharaj, acharya Madan ji maharaj, Sh.Bhai ji, mahant swami Hansdev ji, sadhvi dr. Sudha Bhardwaj, Ramesh ji maharaj, Vivek Muni ji maharaj, Dandi Swami ji maharaj and Swami Hansdev

ji maharaj graced the event. On this occasion Maharshi Keshvananda raised the demand of a safe corridor at PoK situated Sharda peeth along with the establishment of Shakti peeth sarkit in Kashmir. Maharshi Keshvananda expressed his views about the issue of Sharda peeth corridor and said, "different governments have taken initiatives for Hindu pilgrims in Pakistan but nothing has been done for Sharda peeth."

MLA Kashyap appeals to people to vote for Manohar Lal Khattar

MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI, MAY 12

MLA Ramkumar Kashyap went door to door on Sunday as a part of door-to-door campaign and delivered PM Narendra Modi's message in favor of former Chief Minister and BJP candidate from Karnal Lok Sabha Manohar Lal. He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a developed India was getting full blessings and support from the public. The people of the state would cooperate in completing it and for this would make Narendra Modi the Prime Minister for the third time and appealed to vote in favor of Karnal Lok Sabha candidate Manohar Lal Khattar.

He went to Ward No. 12, 13 and 14 of Indri city and told about the achievements



of the government. People at various places assured that they were with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and would support him in fulfilling the slogan of crossing 400. If people across the country were reposing their trust in BJP, then this is not the result of one day's hard work of the party but the result of continuous efforts made under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi for the betterment of the country for the last 10 years. People were happy with the working of the government. He said that

Manohar Lal Khattar would win from Karnal Lok Sabha with huge votes.

MLA Ramkumar Kashyap said that the BJP government made many efforts to help mothers and sisters, which happened only because of the trust and confidence of the common people.

The government worked to build permanent houses for the poor through the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. Proper arrangements of electricity, water and gas were made for everyone.

Devotees dance to hymns of Baba Balak Nath

KAPIL ARORA SHAHABAD MARKANDA, MAY 12

31st Vishal Sankirtan was organized by Shri Siddha Yogi Baba Balak Nath Ji Seva Samiti at Lucky Colony, New Model Town. Bhupendra Singh Bengali, who came from Rajpura Punjab, presented the hymns of Baba Balak Nath. Devotees started roaming around merrily on the occasion of Jogi Da Bhajan. Dr. Vinod Sharma, Deepak Sharma performed Bhoomi Pujan. Former minister Krishna Bedi praised Jyoti Prachanda. Chief guest Krishna Bedi said that Baba Balak Nath is the incarnation of God in Kaliyuga. He said



that by worshiping Baba Balak Nath with true heart, every wish is fulfilled. Sevdar Kapil Yadav told that this Sankirtan has been organized to commemorate the holy memory of devotee CP Yadav. On behalf of Seva Samiti, Sevdar Kapil Yadav, Abhishek Sachdeva, Bittu Batra, Devotee Vinod Sahni

presented a memento to the chief guest Krishna Bedi. Devotees including Pranab Goyal, Lalit Arora, Vipin Kumar, Vikas Sachdeva, Yogesh Gupta, Sachin Arora, Mukharaj Gumber, Siddharth Bahl, Amrit Gupta, Chirag Sharma, Munish Bhatia, Harish Munjal were present on this occasion.

Fresher party organized in Career Defense School

RAJNI SONI YAMUNANAGAR:

Fresher's party was organized in Career Defense School on Sunday. State Vice President of Vishwakarma Dhiman Samaj, Tilak Raj Dhiman arrived as the chief guest. On reaching the school premises, the chief guest was warmly welcomed by the school's Group Director Dr. Sanjeev Mainra, Principal Shyama Mehta and Vice Principal Varsha Singh. The program started with the lighting of the lamp followed by Ganesh and Saraswati Vandana.

On this occasion, the children showcased their talent which was thoroughly en-



joyed by the people present. In the school, children from different corners of the country come to study and along with studying defense, they also do training here.

In this training school, along with boarding, great attention is also being given to the mental and intellectual development of the children.

Principal Shyam Mehta said that his aim was to make the students feel comfortable in the school because they were far away from home and they should feel like home by staying in the school and also can find their hidden talent, hence in this school the children get that environment like home stay.

People who exercise voting right will get free legal advice: Shakti Singh

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAY 12

In a bid to motivate more and more voters to the polling booths in ensuing general elections being held across the country and to strengthen democracy, Advocate Chaudhary Shakti Singh, senior member of the District Bar Association and social worker appealed the voters to vote in maximum numbers on May 25. It was also decided to provide free legal advice to the people those would vote on the voting day. He said that using their vote was not only their right but it was also their duty, hence all voters must cast their vote to form a strong government with majority and for the progress and development of the country and the state.

He said that after voting anyone can come to the District Court's chamber number 9 for two weeks. One can come to the chamber and show the ink mark on his finger and get free legal advice in any kind of case related to criminal, civil, revenue, land acquisition.



Editorial

Search for joy

The Ninth Symphony has not lost its power 200 years after its first performance. The search for joy emerging from dark despair is symbolic of the glorious assertion of Beethoven's triumph over his deafness. The need to express what he felt lay within him, or only 'Art', he said, held him back from suicide. His ability to go on composing great music in spite of growing deafness from his 20s was almost miraculous. But it led to depression and a gradual withdrawal from society. It is as though the urge to create can overcome afflictions that target the senses or abilities the artist needs most. Milton, like Beethoven, arrived at his own understanding of the place of blindness in his life, although in his case it was through god: he accepted that they also serve god who only stand and wait. But he was not the standing-around kind. He started the strenuous labour of composing "Paradise Lost" after he had lost his eyesight.

The recent discovery of huge amounts of lead in the preserved locks of Beethoven indicates the probable source of his deafness and other exhausting ailments for which he had desperately tried to find the cause. It is tragic that the cheap wine he believed to be good for him had led in it, as did his medicines. The times were adverse: Milton's use of strange remedies did not change his blindness but gave him gout instead. Centuries later, Borges, going blind from an inherited illness, turned to writing poetry, because it was easier to put down with impaired vision. Death alone could stop creation. Keats could not escape tuberculosis, neither could Anne and Emily Brontë; Mozart died early possibly as a consequence of an childhood attack of rheumatic fever. Goya started feeling dizzy with headaches; alarmingly, he began to lose mobility in his right arm. He treated himself with mercury, while his paintings contained lead, both dangerous. His Black Paintings seem to represent the dark places to which his creativity was taking him in his hour of pain.

But creating did not stop. For Monet, who continued painting his water lilies as he gradually lost his vision, the times were kinder. He did get a pair of spectacles that helped somewhat. Painting became Frida Kahlo's life only after she recovered from an almost fatal accident: her chronic pain seeped into her compositions. Would van Gogh's Starry Nights have been quite the same had his mind been steadily earthbound all the time? Or would Woolf have taken her readers on unique journeys had she not been occasionally dislocated from the familiar world?

Climate change erodes education outcomes

A new World Bank policy note presents latest evidence on how climate change is eroding education outcomes, including through increased school closures, and what to do about it.

Over the past 20 years, schools were closed during around 75 percent or more of the extreme weather events that impacted 5 million people or more. It's now common for a country to close their schools multiple times over the course of a year due to heat-waves, flooding, high levels of pollution, and the like. The duration of school closures is often prolonged when school infrastructure is vulnerable or when schools are used as evacuation centers.

Climate change is also affecting students through increased diseases, stress, and conflict. A one standard deviation change in temperature and rainfall has been linked to a 14 percent increase in the risk of inter-group conflict and interpersonal violence. These factors have severe consequences on children's educational attainment and achievement.

Climate-related erosion of learning and education attainment translates into lower future earnings and productivity, especially for the poor. Research has shown that each additional year of schooling is associated with a 10 percent increase in earnings. As climate shocks reduce education attainment, future earnings are likely to suffer, perpetuating cycles of poverty and limiting social mobility across generations.

Despite these growing negative impacts, policymakers do not seem to fully appreciate the urgency for climate adaptation within the education sector. A novel survey, covering 94 education policymakers across 28 low- and middle-income countries, reveals that nearly 61 percent said the protection of



learning from climate change is among the bottom three priorities in their country (out of a set of 10 priorities). This low prioritization of adaptation is troubling because the benefits of education are under threat.

Adapting education systems for greater resilience requires policymakers to act on four fronts: education management, school

infrastructure, students and teachers as change agents, and ensuring learning continuity.

Looking at just damages due to tropical cyclones, global estimates indicate the education sector experiences financial losses of \$4 billion annually. In the Philippines alone, over 10,000 classrooms per year are dam-

aged due to typhoons and floods.

For the millions of children that need to attend school over the next 50 years, the results of climate mitigation will simply come too late. Governments need to act now to increase the capacity of education systems to adapt and cope with these increasingly prevalent extreme weather events.

Literature & Health

Prince Harry and Meghan reach Nigeria for three-day visit



The Duke and Duchess of Sussex have touched down in Nigeria, embarking on a three-day private visit to the West African nation. Their itinerary includes meetings with wounded soldiers and visits to local charities, officials confirmed, CNN reported. Air Vice-Marshal Abidemi Marquis, director of sports for the Nigerian Defence Headquarters, stated during a media briefing that the Sussexes' visit is significant as Nigeria is now part of the "Invictus community." Their first engagement was hosted

at a school in Abuja, Nigeria's capital, where Meghan expressed a heartfelt sentiment to the students, saying, "I see myself in all of you". Outside the Lightway Academy, students eagerly awaited the royal couple's arrival, accompanied by a troupe of dancers. This event marked the commencement of a two-day mental health summit organized by the GEANCO Foundation, which focuses on providing menstrual health products and education to girls and young women across Nigeria, as reported by CNN.

Kami Rita summits Mt Everest for record 29th time

Nepal's Kami Rita Sherpa also known as 'Everest Man' on Sunday morning broke his record by climbing the world's highest peak, Mount Everest for the 29th time.

The 54-year-old Sherpa climber and guide in the last spring season had climbed the 8848.86 meters tall highest peak two times within a week setting a record for the 28th summit.

But the climber has hinted at his plans to climb the peak twice this time again. Before the summit, Kami Rita had stated that he "has no plan of climbing Sagarmatha (Nepalese name for Mount Everest) for any specified number of times."

As per the officials from the Department of Tourism, the record-setting climber reached the summit of Everest at 7:25 AM (NST) on Sunday while guiding an expedition organized by the 'Seven Summit Treks'.

"Congratulations to Kami Rita Sherpa @kamiritaSherpa a senior guide at Seven Summit Treks for the 29th successful ascent of Mt Everest this morning at 7:25 AM, 12 May 2024. This ascent earns Kami Rita the title of 'Most Successful Ascent of Mt. Everest

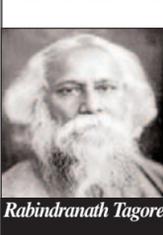


by an Individual," the Seven Summit Treks shared in an Instagram post on Sunday morning breaking the news about the successful summit. Sherpa at the end of May had begun his expedition from Kathmandu accompanying a mountaineering expedition team comprising about 28 climbers. Kami Rita has been climbing Sagarmatha as a guide for the climbers. Kami Rita is a record-setter climber for the highest number of ascents on the world's tallest peak in the 71-year-long history of Sagarmatha climbing.

POEM

Paper Boats

Day by day I float my paper boats one by one down the running stream. In bid black letters I write my name on them and the name of the village where I live.



Rabindranath Tagore

I hope that someone in some strange land will find them and know who I am. I load my little boats with shiuli flower from our garden, and hope that these blooms of the dawn will be carried safely to land in the night. I launch my paper boats and look up into the sky and see the little clouds setting thee white bulging sails.

Rabindranath Tagore

"Issues faced by buyers of Real Estate Projects in IBC-2016: Suggested Amendments to CIRP Regulations"

APURV AGARWAL

This is the second article/post in the series of three articles, on issues faced by construction industry due to some provisions, or absence of some, in the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016. In the last post (<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/need-industry-specific-sops-insolvencybankruptcy-code-apurv-agarwal>) we narrated some basic issues faced by construction companies due to insolvency of the contractor they employ or even during the tendering process for the selection of a contractor.

[2] In this article we shall discuss following issues faced by construction companies as a Resolution Applicant:

(A) Inclusion of liabilities created by RP for running the CD, a construction company, as a going concern, in CIRP costs

(B) Absence of sector-specific guidelines on scope of powers of RP for conduct of CD as a going concern during the CIRP period.

(C) Absence of any provisions laying down the role of RP during the transition period between acceptance/rejection

of Resolution Plan (by NCLT), and the takeover by the Resolution Applicant / Liquidator

(D) Absence of any procedure for a comprehensive handover by the RP to the incoming Liquidator or Resolution Applicant

(E) Absence of any acclimatization period for the IRP before being appointed by NCLT. Let us now discuss the issues one by one, in greater detail

[3] No time allowed for IRP to acclimatize himself with the state of affairs of the CD:

An IRP is sometimes proposed by the Corporate Applicant, and in other cases chosen/appointed by the NCLT (under discussion with NCLT). In both the cases, and more so in the latter case, the incoming IRP has no clue about the issues of CD which may affect discharge of his duties as IRP or RP. There is no provision currently for a period of "acclimatization with the CD" for the incoming IRP.

(A) The Code must provide for a mandatory "acclimatization" period (of say 30 days prior to confirmation of his appointment by NCLT), for the IRP-candidate to study the CD and submit a re-

port to NCLT to "consider" before confirming his appointment.

(B) In this report, the IRP may also make requests for certain facilities, and direction to KMP and certain external authorities (the "enabling directions"), to enable proper discharge of his duties.

(C) The Code may make these "enabling directions" as mandatory part of the order u/s 16(1) of Code, which already requires naming the appointed IRP.

[4] Improper hand-over to incoming IRP or the RP:

(A) It is seen that as soon as the insolvency petition is admitted by the NCLT, the Key Managerial Personnel, the Auditors and other prominent employees refuse to cooperate, thereby rendering it difficult for the RP/RA/Liquidator to have a complete picture of the affairs of the CD or to take effective control of its operations & assets.

(B) There are no provisions (sections, regulations or SoP) under the IBC to mandate Key Managerial Personnel, other prominent Staff/Employees, and Statutory Auditors, etc. to

(i) remain available for a certain pe-

riod after admission of Insolvency Petition by NCLT u/s 16(1) of the Code, for the IRP/RP so that incoming IRP/RP to take efficient control of the Corporate Debtor:

(ii) remain available to Resolution applicant or Liquidator for a certain period after approval/rejection of a resolution plan to complete certain key activities required,

[5] There is no SoP / Guidelines / Sections or Regulations in IBC, (i.e. within the "Code" as 'sections', or in CIRP/Liquidation Regulations, or under the Regulations for Insolvency Professionals), to define or prescribe role & status of the RP during the transition period between the point in time when the Resolution Plan is accepted (or rejected) by NCLT, and the time when the Resolution Applicant (or the Liquidator) actually takes control of the Corporate Debtor:

(A) While the CIRP is under progress, the RP officiates in place of the Board of Directors of the CD. However, his appointment is co-terminus with (ceases to exist immediately upon) order of NCLT for approval/rejection of the Resolution plan, the RP ceases to have

any role or powers. Consequently, the RP ceases to provide any support to the incoming resolution-Applicant or the Liquidator

(B) Therefore, (i) in the event that there are appeals to the order of NCLT passed u/s 31 of the Code, there is no legal status accorded to the IRP/RP, till such stage as these litigations achieve finality

(ii) in the event of any delay in taking over by the incoming Resolution Applicant or the Liquidator (as the case may be), there is no one to look after the affairs of the corporate debtor

(C) Currently, in absence of any provisions in the Code or the Regulations made thereunder, the services/cooperation of auditors, KMP, staff/employees are guided by certain rulings of the Court which essentially held that these activities/responsibilities of the RP shall dwell on them only if provided in the Resolution Plan.

[6] Improper handover to the incoming Resolution Applicant or the Liquidator: There is no SoP / Guidelines / Sections or Regulations in IBC, (i.e. within the "Code" as 'sections', or in CIRP/Liquidation Regulations, or under

the Regulations for Insolvency Professionals), to define/prescribe responsibilities of the RP to make a full & proper handover to the incoming Liquidator or Resolution Applicant (or even a replaced Resolution Professional).

(A) Currently, section 31(3)(b) of the Code only requires the RP to submit all the caserecords to IBBI. The RP does not hand-over systematically organised & contextually linked documents directly to the Liquidator/RA, or is not available to give a succinct lowdown (a formal de-brief) on the historical events or the ongoing / current issues to the incoming Liquidator or the Resolution Applicant about

(B) The IBBI must frame Regulations or SoP which require the RP to

(i) Require the RP to Organise, submit and explain all documents to incoming Liquidator/RA, and take a sign-off from them on the list & description of such documents

(ii) Require the RP to be available for discussion and apprise the incoming Resolution Applicant (or Liquidator) about the general state of affairs of the company, apart from accounting/financial position.

Standard Capital Markets Ltd. Incorporates Subsidiary for Insurance Broking

CHANDIGARH: Standard Capital Markets Ltd., a leading player in the financial services sector, has announced that it has incorporated a subsidiary to act as a Direct broker under the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Insurance Brokers) Regulations, 2018. Recently, the company's board approved the declaration of special dividend at the rate of 1%. The board also approved the preferential issue of 26,00,00,000 Equity Shares of face value of Re. 1/- each towards the conversion of outstanding unsecured loans, for an aggregate loan amount of Rs.70,72,00,000/- at an issue price of Rs. 2.72/- each, as per the applicable laws, subject to the approval of members of the Company. Earlier, the company effected a stock split in 10:1 ratio (subdivision of 1 equity share of FV Rs. 10 into 10 shares with FV of Re. 1 each) and bonus issue in 2:1 ratio (two bonus share of FV Re.1 for every existing equity share of FV Re. 1 held).

Servotech Power Systems Ltd. Reports FY24 Earnings, Revenue Grows 27% YoY

CHANDIGARH: Servotech Power Systems Ltd. (NSE: SERVOTECH), a prominent manufacturer of cutting-edge Solar Products and Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers, unveiled its financial results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2024 during the Board of Directors meeting on 9th May 2024. Total Revenue witnessed growth of 13.89% in Q4 FY24 to Rs. 136.65 Cr & growth of 27.49% in the year ended FY24 to Rs. 355.26 Cr on YoY basis respectively led by robust demand for our tech-enabled solutions in the Solar and EV space by our targeted customers. PAT increased by 6.69% to Rs. 11.80 Cr in FY24. EBITDA increased by 18.05% to Rs. 22.36 Cr in FY24 on account of increase in scale of operations led by improving efficiencies and higher value products. Reflecting on these stellar results, Servotech's Managing Director, Raman Bhatia, commented, we have reported a powerhouse results and our impressive growth can be attributed to our goal of delivering cutting-edge, technologically advanced solutions in the EV and solar sectors.

Care Health Insurance Leads Charge on Early Detection to Combat Rising Breast Cancer Rates in India on Mother's Day

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: This Mother's Day Care Health Insurance emphasizes importance of raising awareness about breast cancer, a pressing health issue for women globally. In the Southeast Asia region alone, breast cancer deaths are projected to rise to 61.7% by 2040, underscoring the imperative for proactive steps to tackle this illness. Recognizing the need of early detection, Care Health Insurance endeavours to work towards safeguarding the health and well-being of Indian women. With breast cancer incidence on the rise, particularly among women aged 25 to 59 years and risk factors across generations, it has become a necessity to make quality healthcare easily accessible. Mr. Ajay Shah, Head - Distribution, Care Health Insurance, commented, "We understand the importance of early detection and timely intervention of right medical advice for the treatment of breast cancer. This makes it imperative for us to ensure that we provide products that are accessible and affordable to all."

Share.Market: India's First Discount Broker to Introduce Proprietary Stock Research Using Factor Analysis

CHANDIGARH: Share.Market, a PhonePe product, brings forth the Intelligence Layer on Stocks - an in-depth quantitative factor-based analysis of each stock, a first-of-its-kind in the discount broking industry. The intelligence layer integrated with the product feature and execution layer ensures that investors are provided with comprehensive wealth solutions in a DIY mode within the discount broking framework. Navigating the complexities of the stock market and making informed decisions can be daunting for investors especially when faced with intricate data analysis, such as understanding a stock's fundamentals or monitoring its price movements. Share.Market's Intelligence Layer eliminates this need. Instead, investors can rely on its comprehensive factor-based analysis to make their decisions with confidence. This Intelligence Layer empowers investors in multiple ways: Factor-based Analysis: They gain access to quant-based research on all stocks at no additional cost. By evaluating stocks across five key factors - quality, value, momentum, volatility, and sentiment - investors can assess each stock's potential and suitability for their portfolio. Comparative Insights: Investors can also compare a stock's factor scores with those of its peers, enabling them to make nuanced investment decisions. In-depth Collections Research: They can analyze stocks featured in Share.Market's WealthBaskets or Stock Collections, gaining valuable insights into why these selections were made, enhancing their understanding.

Google Chrome Updated With Patch for Nasty Zero-Day Vulnerability Exploited by Attackers

Google Chrome has been updated with fixes for a zero-day security flaw that was being actively exploited in the wild, according to the search giant. The vulnerability affects a component in Chrome that renders web content on a user's screen, allowing attackers to take advantage of a user's computer when a user visits a maliciously crafted website. Chrome users on all desktop computer platforms will need to ensure that their browser is updated to the latest version in order to ensure that they are safe. According to details shared by the company in a blog post, the latest stable versions of Google Chrome for Windows, macOS, and Linux includes a fix for a security flaw with a 'High' severity rating. Google says it has patched a use after free vulnerability (CVE-2024-4671) is related to the Visuals component on Chrome, reported by an anonymous external researcher. A use after free vulnerability would allow an attacker to access out-of-bounds-memory when a user visits a maliciously crafted webpage, by taking advantage of the vulnerability.

Samsung Galaxy S21, Galaxy Z Fold 3, Z Flip 3 to Get Only Two Galaxy AI Features

Samsung Galaxy S21 series is set to receive the One UI 6.1 update, along with the company's Galaxy Z Fold 3 and Galaxy Z Flip 3 foldable phones. However, unlike more recent models from the South Korean smartphone maker, these three handsets will only gain support for two new Galaxy AI features. One the past few months, Samsung has been rolling out One UI 6.1 to recent Galaxy Z and Galaxy S series phones, with support for up to 10 AI-powered features. The company confirmed on Friday that Samsung Galaxy S21 series, Galaxy Z Fold 3, and Galaxy Z Flip 3 users will get access to two Galaxy AI features: Circle to Search and Chat Assist. The company's announcement also contains a footnote stating that it will provide Galaxy AI features "for free until the end of 2025" - the same message that was shown on the company's website when the Galaxy S24 series was launched earlier this year. With the One UI 6.1 update, owners of the Samsung Galaxy S21 series, Galaxy Z Fold 3, and Galaxy Z Flip 3 will be able to use the Circle to Search feature that is currently exclusive to smartphones from Samsung and Google.

A healthier twist by gifting Almonds



Ludhiana : There's no one day to celebrate the invaluable contribution of mothers in our lives. As caregivers, mothers have always put our well-being before their own. This Mother's Day, it's crucial to acknowledge their selfless efforts by prioritizing their health and wellness. Gifting your mother, a curated box of almonds is a thoughtful way to ensure her good health. Almonds are packed with some of the essential nutrients that promote overall well-being, making them an ideal gift choice for Mother's Day.

Almonds contain protein, zinc, magnesium, iron, calcium, phosphorus, and vitamin E, among others. Daily consumption of a handful of almonds as a part of a well-balanced diet can offer numerous health benefits, including better control of blood sugar levels, promoting cardiovascular health, supporting skin health, and aiding in weight management. Therefore, gifting a box of almonds this Mother's Day can be a thoughtful way to show your love and care while also contributing to your mother's well-being.

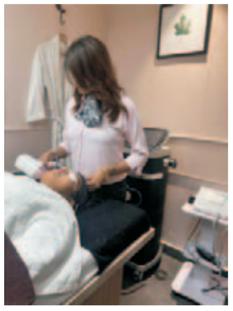
Bollywood actress and celebrity Soha Ali Khan said, "Almonds have been a cherished tradition in my family for generations, thanks to the wisdom of my mother. I've made sure they're a constant in my family's diet too. Adding almonds to my diet has not only helped improve my skin health but

Karachiwala said, "As a fitness enthusiast, I can't stress enough the importance of nourishing your body with wholesome foods like almonds. They're packed with 15 essential nutrients like copper, zinc, folate, iron, vitamin E, magnesium, and phosphorus, providing various health benefits. Plus, they're a rich source of protein, a nutrient crucial for muscle growth and maintenance. That's why I feel almonds definitely make a thoughtful gift for Mother's Day, symbolizing health and care."

Ritika Samaddar, Regional Head of Dietetics at Max Healthcare - New Delhi also believes that almonds are a great gift to give this Mother's Day. She said, "Celebrating Mother's Day with healthy, crunchy, and delicious almonds can be a meaningful way to show appreciation for all that mothers do. Almonds, when included in a balanced diet, are known for a multitude of health benefits, such as protecting heart health, lowering blood sugar levels, and aiding in weight management. So, giving your mother almonds this Mother's Day.

Facial appearance will change with vitamins and minerals injected with fine needles

CHANDIGARH Today, modern methods are being used to change facial features. Non-surgical cosmetic treatments involve injecting specific substances through



fine needles into the middle layer of facial skin (mesoderm). These include FDA approved medications and injections containing vitamins and minerals. The technology and for-

machines to make hair fall healthy and make facial wrinkles disappear are available today at Sector-9 Hair Raise was launched at Nit's Beauty Bar. On the occasion of the first anniversary of Neats Beauty Bar, a cake was cut and the machines launched in the bar were also demonstrated. Neetu Sethi, Managing Director of Nit's Beauty Bar, says that mesotherapy is a modern day technique in which work is done keeping in mind the skin needs of each individual. The latest technologies will be used to tighten loose skin, remove facial blemishes and make hair shiny. Four D variety machines will be used during techniques. nitz beauty bar manager husnoor said today they have started aesthetic services in beauty bar like mesotherapy, hair reduction by latest laser machine, tattoo removal, anti pigmentation, anti wrinkle treatments etc. we have already giving hair, beauty, nail services at beauty bar

Road Safety Organization Panchkula marks Road Safety Awareness Workshop 2024 in Govt College Panchkula

PANCHKULA: The Road Safety Organization (RSO) Distt Panchkula organized Road Safety Awareness workshop in Govt College Distt. Panchkula. The workshop is witnessed participation by the Students of the college with great enthusiasm. More than 200 Students from different Govt Colleges of Distt. Panchkula took oaths, including the college Principals and staff of colleges aimed to educate and enlighten the others about the critical aspects of road safety, fostering a sense of responsibility and consciousness among both drivers and pedestrians, with the objective of reducing road accidents and promoting safer commuting habits. Mr. Ankur Kapoor President Road Safety Organisation Distt. Panchkula Said "Road safety is a shared responsibility, and through events like these, we aim to raise

awareness and instill a sense of responsibility in individuals. The collaboration with various Govt Colleges in Distt Panchkula allowed us to reach a significant number of youth, contributing to our mission of creating safer roads for everyone." Mr Deep Kishan Chauhan Chairman Of Road Safety Organization Distt. Panchkula thanks from the Cour of heart to Sh.Sibaz Kabiraj IPS, Commissioner of Police Panchkula, Sh.Hardeep Singh Doon IPS Inspector General of Police Traffic/ Law Order (Haryana), Ms Himadree Kaushik IPS Deputy Commissioner Of Police Panchkula, Sh Mukesh Malhotra HPS Deputy Commissioner of Police Crime/ Traffic Panchkula for there kind support and blessings and also thanks to RSOs Members, Principals, Staff members and the students of colleges.

AIPL Joy Street, Jalandhar hosts grand gala, Reward and Recognition – AIPL Superstar's Night for channel partners



CHANDIGARH / Jalandhar: Advance India Projects Limited (AIPL), a stalwart in the real estate sector, is jubilant to announce the extraordinary success of its latest venture, AIPL Joy Street, Jalandhar. Within a mere eight months of its inception, the project has attained unprecedented acclaim, with an astounding 65% of its space already sold out, attracting esteemed international brands to its premises. The remarkable achievement of AIPL Joy Street can be accredited to the overwhelming support and affection

received from the dynamic city of Jalandhar. The enthusiastic patronage from the community has propelled AIPL Joy Street to towering heights, solidifying its stature as the preeminent retail destination in the region. To commemorate this milestone, AIPL hosted a grand gala, the Reward and Recognition – AIPL Superstar's Night. The event served as a platform to honor and felicitate the invaluable contributions of channel partners whose unwavering dedication played a pivotal role in the success of AIPL Joy Street, Jalandhar.

Malabar Gold and Diamonds receives Prestigious Legal Era - Indian Legal Award



CHANDIGARH: Malabar Gold and Diamonds, the world's 6th largest jewellery group and ranked 19th in Deloitte's Global Ranking of Luxury Products, receives the country's prestigious 13th Annual Legal Era-Indian Legal Awards in the legal category. The company has been bestowed with the coveted 'Compliance and Risk Management' Team of the Year 2023-24 award, underscoring its commitment to legal excellence and ethical business practices. In a competitive landscape featuring prominent corporate entities, Malabar Gold and Diamonds stood out among esteemed peers including Aditya Birla Group, Hindustan Unilever Limited, Hyundai Motors India Limited, ITC Limited, Maruti Suzuki India Limited, Tata Chemicals, Tata Steel Limited, LTI Mind Tree, and others. The recognition highlights the company's exemplary performance in the realm of compliance and risk management, a testament to its dedication to upholding the highest standards of corporate governance.

The Journey Of An EV 2W Owner: A Peek Into Tanishq's Ather Story

CHANDIGARH: Ather Energy, one of the leading manufacturers of EV two-wheelers in India, continues to garner praise from its satisfied customers who eagerly share their experiences on the Ather consumer community page. Among them is Tanishq Khare, a sports management graduate from Indore, who exemplifies the brand's commitment to innovation and sustainability. Tanishq Khare's experience with Ather reflects a sentiment of initial scepticism turning into wholehearted endorsement. Despite being unsure about EVs, Tanishq was captivated by the futuristic design and smart features of the Ather 450X Series 1 scooter. "They've never been convinced so easily about any other thing I've wanted to buy!" Tanishq remarks, reflecting on his parents' support for his Ather purchase. His parents' support, coupled with his own enthusiasm, led him to embrace Ather, despite facing minor challenges with servicing and software bugs. Tanishq's anticipation for Ather's upcoming family scooter underscores his unwavering faith in the brand's commitment to quality and innovation.

Motherhood Hospitals Celebrates Mother's Day



CHANDIGARH: Motherhood Hospitals, a prominent healthcare provider with multiple facilities in Sec 43, 44 Chandigarh, Mohali, and Zirakpur, showcased its dedication to improving women's wellness and encouraging healthy habits for children by hosting an interactive session at Willow Tree Smart School in Sector 12 Panchkula & MDC Sec 5 Chandigarh. This event, held in honor of Motherhood Day, centered around crucial topics related to gynecological health and nutritious meal options for kids. Renowned gynecologists Dr. Ekawali Gupta & Experts Dr. Ekawali Gupta &

Deep Brain Stimulation treatment helping faster recovery from Parkinson's Disease

JAMMU : The patients suffering from Parkinson's Disease, which severely impacts health and daily life, bow has a reason to cheer as the Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) surgery, being successfully done at Fortis Hospital Mohali, is providing greater recovery. A 64-year-old Jammu-based patient, who had been suffering from Parkinson's Disease and had been exhibiting symptoms such as trembling of hands, arms, head, difficulty in

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speaking, stiffness of limbs and impaired coordination, consulted Dr Nishit Sawal, Senior Consultant, Neurology, Fortis Hospital Mohali, recently. The Neuro-Modulation Team at Fortis Mohali comprising Dr Anupam Jindal, Additional Director, Neurosurgery; Dr Prof Vivek Gupta, Additional Director of Interventional Neuro-radiology; Dr Vivek Agarwal, Consultant, Neuro-intervention and Interventional Radiology; Dr Abhishek Prasad, Consultant, Neuro-radiology; Dr Bhupinderjit Waraich, Senior Consultant, Department of Mental Health and Behavioural Sciences; Dr Mehraj Sandhu, Consultant, Department of Mental Health and Behavioural Sciences; and Dr Nishit Sawal deliberated on the treatment.

City based volunteers as well across country to initiate 'Mountains Cleanliness Drive'



CHANDIGARH, Youth plays a catalyst role in social change. Nikhil Sharma, a 32-year-old IT professional from Chandigarh is setting a similar example along with his motivated volunteers across the country who have taken up the task of 'Responsible Tourism'. Nikhil, who has always been passionate towards mountains is launching 'Mountains Cleanliness Drive at Kareri Lake near Dharamshala on May 18 wherein nearly 25

expeditions with his group Scoutripper, but in the recent few years, he was moved by littering done by the trekkers and tourists in the mountains, especially trekking routes. He informed that this campaign is initiated with the support of Volunteer Yatra which will help participating volunteers to propagate responsible tourism as well as connected with local Pahari Gaddi culture. Nikhil said that generally, due to the scorching heat, people from the plains moved to mountains in summer for the sigh of relief, but the local people and the administration have to bear the brunt of their indiscipline towards the mountains. He expressed hope that their initiative will prove fruitful in the near future. Nikhil is confident that the local administration will also assist and guide them in this regard.

Ingersoll Rand and Aadiushmaa Engineers Host Customer Connect Program



CHANDIGARH: Ingersoll Rand and Aadiushmaa Engineers Pvt Ltd held a Customer Connect program aimed to help business leaders understand better ways to use technology and save energy. Experts from Ingersoll Rand led discussions on new ways to use oil-free technology, save energy, and make energy-saving plans that really work. Attendees, including leaders

companies like Cipla, Healthcaps, Wallace pharma, Panacea Biotech took part in the event. They held talks about making their work more efficient, improving productivity, and being kinder to the environment. The program highlighted some key topics, like using the right parts to make machines work their best, finding and fixing air leaks, and using the heat from compressors to save energy. These talks showed how important it is for the industry to think about the environment while doing business. Mr. Manoj Kumar Jain, Director of Aadiushmaa Engineer Pvt Ltd and Ingersoll Territory Leader - India and Middle East, said, "This program demonstrates our collective commitment to smart technology use, energy conservation, and sustainability". He added this program shows that the industry is serious about finding new ways to work better while also taking care of the planet and with teamwork and sharing knowledge, everyone can make a difference and make the industry even better.

Fortis Mohali celebrates International Nurses Day to salute unwavering commitment of its nursing staff

Mohali: To recognize the efforts of the nursing community and the selfless service rendered to patients, a host of cultural activities were organised to observe International Nurses Day at Fortis Hospital Mohali from 6th May to 11th May. International Nurses Day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale on 12th May every year. The theme of this year's event is 'Our Nurses. Our Future. The economic power of care.' The week-long celebrations kicked off with a hand hygiene activity and a rangoli competition held at the facility on 6th May. To promote the best practices of waste management, the nursing staff participated in a 'Wealth out of waste' activity and quiz on the following day on 7th May. The employees from several departments also participated in a pot painting competition followed by a face painting contest on 8th May. The nursing staff dressed as brides of different states also participated in a ramp walk on May 9. An informative talk on 'Health & Hygiene' was organized for underprivileged girls at Guru Asra Charitable Trust, Mohali.

3 arrested in assault and robbery case

RAMAN GUPTA KAITHAL: In Dhand, the team of SI Harpal Singh of Dhand police station, investigating the case of assault and robbery of jewelry by placing a pistol on a woman's neck, accused Sansa, resident of Gujran, Patiala district, Ajay, resident of village

Channa, Patiala district, Garv Geer. And the female accused Jaspreet Kaur, resident of Urban Estate Patiala, was arrested as per the rules. Police spokesperson said that as per the complaint of a woman resident of Dhand, on April 17, at 9.30 am, she had gone with her

14-year-old daughter to make cow dung cakes near the railway station. When she was coming back from there and came on the way to the fields along the Dhand-Pihowa road, at the same time a white colored car stopped near her. Four young

boys and a woman were sitting in the car. Three of these boys came down and started asking him which was the way to Pehowa. When she started giving directions, a boy placed a pistol on her neck and hit her on her right arm with a knife-like weapon.

Mothers Day celebrated in Om Prakash Garg School



NARESH GARG LADWA: Mother's Day was celebrated with great pomp at Om Prakash Garg Senior Secondary School, Ladwa. The program was inaugurated by lighting the lamp by school management committee member Sumit Garg and Principal Bhavna Gupta. He said that in the program the students gave various presentations to show the importance of mother in our lives. Students from classes Pre-Nursery to Class II participated. He said that the students gave various presentations dedicated to mothers. Parents also participated as participants in the program to encourage them. Various sports competitions were also organized in the programme. Children and mothers participated as a team. The names of mothers who won sports competitions are as follows Shashi Kumar, Meena Kumari, Komal Devi, Rekha Rani, and Neelam Lalor.

Audi India launches Audi Q3 and Audi Q3 Bold Edition

CHANDIGARH: Audi, the German luxury car manufacturer, today announced the launch of the Audi Q3 Bold Edition and Audi Q3 Sportback Bold Edition. The Bold Edition versions get distinctive styling and are designed to captivate Audi enthusiasts with their exclusivity and unique design elements. Balbir Singh Dhillon, Head of Audi India, said the Audi Q3 and Audi Q3 Sportback are currently our best-selling models and have always been loved by our customers. A perfect blend of luxury, performance and versatility, both these models are now being offered with a Bold Edition, a more exclusive and sportier variant packed with distinctive styling elements. With its attractive brands and numerous new models, the group is systematically pursuing its path toward becoming a provider of sustainable, fully networked premium mobility.

BJP's ideology threatens national unity: Sudarshan Sharma

RAJNEESH SHARMA NURPUR: During a press conference addressing journalists, Sudarshan Sharma, the state spokesperson for the Congress party, highlighted the danger posed to the nation's unity by the ideology of the BJP. Sharma emphasized that there is an attempt being made to divide the country in the name of religion. He criticized the BJP for straying from its promises made during the 2014 elections. He accused the party of resorting to false promises to gain power, but failing to address issues such as unemployment, inflation, and providing jobs to the youth. According to Sharma, the current Modi government has restricted itself to the welfare of only two affluent families in the country, while the gap between the rich and the poor continues to widen. He expressed concerns that the country is facing a situation akin to an undeclared emergency, where the definition of a democratic republic is being forgotten in the intoxication of power by the Modi government.

Litmus test for Modi & Naveen as Odisha goes to polls for 4 LS & 28 Assembly seats

AGENCY BHUBANESWAR, MAY 12

The popularity of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik will be put to the test as four Lok Sabha and 28 Assembly seats in Odisha go to polls on Monday.

Both Modi and Naveen during the electioneering have claimed that they will form the government in the state and it is now up to the voters to decide the fate of these two parties.

Electioneering in Odisha was never so much charged as the Prime Minister, the star campaigner for BJP candidates, and Naveen Patnaik for the BJD candidates went on attacking each other in election meetings.

Modi has announced that the countdown of the exit of the BJD's government which has been outsourced by the



Chief Minister has started and the BJP Chief minister will be sworn in the state on June 10 paving the formation of a double-engine government to protect the Odia pride.

On the other hand, Patnaik has dubbed the Prime Minister's claim as day dreaming and asserted that with the blessings of Lord Jagannath and love and affection of the people of the state, BJD will form the government for a record sixth time in a row.

Elections to four Lok Sabha out of 21 and 28 Assembly seats out of 147 will be held on May 13 in the first phase in the state spread over eight districts in Southern and Western Odisha. A little over 62.84 lakhs voters including 30,96,243 male and 3,87,771 besides 635 transgender will exercise their franchise on Monday to decide the electoral fortunes of 37 Lok Sabha and 243 Assembly candidates in 7303 polling booths.

Capt Amarinder set to campaign for wife in Patiala; plans to visit other Pb constituencies

RAWEL BHINDER PATIALA, MAY 12

Former Chief Minister and BJP leader Captain Amarinder Singh is preparing to leave for Patiala from his residence Siswan Farm Chandigarh these days. Captain Amarinder Singh had not yet physically entered the election field, so there was a lot of discussion about him at such a political level. While now the Captain will participate in the election exercise of his wife Parneet Kaur, the BJP candidate from Patiala, the program of going to other constituencies of Punjab is also being decided.

It is to be noted that while Captain Amarinder Singh has been speaking on many important occasions during the Congress, now the Captain has become dominant in the BJP as well. Political experts say that the highest number of tickets have been awarded by the BJP high command to the candidates



recommended by the Captain. Such whispers are also on a large scale within the classical camp of BJP. But the big question for Captain Amarinder Singh is whether Parneet Kaur will be able to win the Patiala seat or not. It is believed that the selection of Parneet Kaur for Captain is a big test. Parneet Kaur's campaign against BJP's farmers has not progressed as much as it should have. In all such political situations, the political dominance of the Captain at the state level within the BJP can be

maintained only if the Patiala seat falls to Parneet Kaur. Although Parneet Kaur has won four times before Patiala, she has won from Congress, but for the first time she is trying her luck on behalf of BJP. In such a situation, it is being said that there is a lot of political hurdles in Parneet Kaur's election exercise. In such a situation, Captain Amarinder Singh has now drawn preparations to Patiala to destroy Parneet Kaur's election campaign on a large scale and to remove the shortcomings and errors.

9 plot holders perform Bhoomi Pujan held in Oswal Township



KARANPREET KARAN BARNALA: Bhoomi Pujan was conducted today after Havan Yag by 9 plot holders in the luxurious residential plots and commercial building project which was cut in 58 acres by Abhay Oswal Township, in which honourable Judge Shri S.K. Agarwal President, District Consumer Commission, Mohali and Ropar conducted Havan Yag Puja in which property dealers and city dwellers along with the families of plot holders took part.

On reaching Oswal Township, Pandit ji gave a warm welcome by chanting the mantras of Bhoomi Pujan and discussing the rules and regulations. The foundation stone of the plot was laid under the commodity law. On this occasion, plot holders Ashu Garg, Anil Bansal Nana, Bharat Bhushan Skintu, Rajinder Kumar Lucky, Jinderjit Bansal told that the bhoomi puja of the plot's cells has been done in Abhay Oswal Township where 60 feet wide roads, huge greenery parks, children's play areas.

Problems of farmers to be discussed in Kisan Seminar on May 14

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAY 12

To solve the problems of farmers and increase their employment opportunities, a farmers seminar will be organised by Samar Foundation on May 14 at Jat Bhawan, Karnal. Chairman of Samar Foundation and former Vice Chancellor of Maharana Pratap Horticulture University, Professor Samar Singh said that in this farmer seminar, apart from new farming techniques, scientists will provide the benefits of their experiences to the farmers. The chief guest of the programme will be former ICAR Deputy Director General Padmashree Dr. ML



Madan. In this farmers seminar, senior scientists Dr. Gurbachan Singh, Dr. Raj Gupta, Dr. RK Malik, Dr. Randhir Singh and former chairman of Rice Mill Association Vijay Setia will also present their views. Chairman of Samar Foundation, Dr. Samar Singh said that the objective of Samar Foundation is to

benefit those farmers sitting in the villages who due to some reasons are not able to take advantage of technologies, new seeds and new schemes. Retired scientists and farmers are joining the Samar Foundation, nowadays farming is becoming such that by pressing a button on the mobile, a picture of the entire farm can be seen sitting at home. Instead of doing the same type of farming, farmers can adopt such a method of farming in which they can grow not one or two but four crops in a year, can do other jobs along with farming, the farmer is the food provider, his happiness depends only on him.

Gopal will be found only by serving mother cow: Pradhan



NARESH GARG LADWA: An electric rickshaw was gifted by some social workers to the members of the Victim Cow Treatment Service Committee located at village Dhanaura in Ladwa, which will be helpful in taking the injured cows to the treatment center and in bringing fodder for the cows. Rohit Mahant, head of the committee, said that this committee has been living in the society and serving the cows for almost 2 years. In which the dead cows are cremated as per the rituals, which costs around Rs 1200 to Rs 1500. The committee has so far cremated around 120 cows. He told that we have a small treatment center ready in village Dhanaura. He told that earlier the injured cows were sent to Peephi Hospital from Pachar Centre. He told that veterinarian Ramkaran Sharma from village Hinauri has been providing free services to the committee for the last 7 months.

Three B.Sc Medical students of IG College excel in university exam



RAMAN GUPTA KAITHAL: The students of Indira Gandhi (PG) Women's College, Kaithal are proving their talent day by day with their examination results at UG and PG level. Along with the excellent examination results of B.Sc. Computer Science and Non-Medical, today B.Sc. In the medical examination results also, three girl students brought glory to the college by registering their names in the top 10 list of the university. Head of College Management Committee Shri Ram Bahadur Khurania said that the university has declared the results of the third semester of B.Sc Medical. In which student Kafi got third position in the university with 86.49 percent marks, along with students Preeti and Kajal got seventh position in the university with 83.51% marks and once again made the name of the college in the headlines of the university's examination results.

RBDCH students excel in BDS exams



LK BANSAL MOHALI: Students of Rayat Bahra Dental College and Hospital have excelled in the examinations conducted by the Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot, in 2024. Principal Dr Akshay Kumar Sharma said that Simar Preet stood first in first year BDS with 74.8 percent marks, with Distinction in Biochemistry and Physiology. Varnika Prasad ranked First in second year BDS with 74 percent marks. Many students got above 70 percent marks. The overall result was cent percent for the students of second year BDS in BFUHS examinations. Gurvinder Singh Bahra Chairman of Rayat Bahra group and Vice-Chancellor of Rayat Bahra University Dr Parvinder Singh congratulated the students and honoured the toppers of the college by awarding trophies. They said that Rayat Bahra Dental College students have shown fantastic results due to hard work of the students and dedication of the teaching faculty.

Voting day is great festival of democracy: Shiv Kumar Sandhala



NIRMAL SAINI RADAUR: The meeting of Haryana Numberdar Association was organized at Shaheed Udham Singh Kamboj Dharamshala. Which was presided over by Pradhan Naib Singh Khurdaban. State spokesperson Shivkumar Sandhala was specially present in the meeting. On this occasion, the numberdars decided to cooperate in conducting 100 percent voting. It was announced by the association that the numberdar of the village which has the highest number of votes will not only be honored on August 15 by the association but the administration will also be recommended to honor the numberdar. Kanungo Randhir Kamboj, present in the meeting, appealed to the numberdars to cooperate in the work of linking village land with Aadhaar card and family ID. Shivkumar Sandhala said that voting day is a great festival of democracy. Nambardar Association will provide full support to celebrate this festival with great pomp. The villagers will be made aware so that maximum number of votes can be cast in the villages.

Convoy leaves to participate in SC, BC unity festival



NIRMAL SAINI RADAUR: A convoy of hundreds of people left from Anaj Mandi under the leadership of social worker and youth leader Tilakraj Saini to participate in the SC, BC Unity Mahotsav organized in Kurukshetra. Before departure, people raised slogans in support of SC, BC unity and former MP Rajkumar Saini. Tilakraj Saini flagged off the convoy. Tilakraj Saini said that former MP Rajkumar Saini has always worked to raise the voice of the people of backward classes. He has been fighting for the interests of backward classes for a long time. This is the reason that today, not only in the state but also in other states, backward class people consider him as their leading leader and are walking shoulder to shoulder with him. So that the interests of backward classes can be protected.

Rail link between Malwa region -Chandigarh will be raised in parliament: Meet Hayer



KARANPREET KARAN BARNALA: Aam Aadmi Party candidate from Sangrur and Cabinet Minister Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer said that the issue of connecting the Malwa region with Chandigarh through a rail link will be raised in the parliament. This issue will be resolved first after the formation of a new union government. Meet Hayer was addressing election rallies in Barnala city last evening after visiting the villages of Barnala constituency. Meet Hayer said that the previous ruling parties in the state kept the entire Malwa region cut off from the state capital Chandigarh through the cheapest mode of transport to benefit the transport mafia. Addressing the gathering at Barnala, Meet Hayer said that issues related to people like health, education, agriculture, trade and sports are the top priority of the Aam Aadmi Party.

National Lok Adalat held at Patiala, cases disposed off



RAWEL BHINDER PATIALA: National Lok Adalat pertaining to all types of cases (except non compoundable criminal cases) was held in District Patiala on yesterday under the supervision of Ms. Rupinderjit Chahal, Ld. District & Sessions Judge-cum-Chairperson, District Legal Services Authority, Patiala. In this National Lok Adalat, 32 lok adalat benches including 18 in Patiala, 05 in Rajpura, 03 in Nabha and 04 in Samana were constituted in District Patiala. One bench was constituted in Revenue Court of District Patiala for settlement of maximum cases pertaining to mutation and partition etc. Besides, one bench was also constituted in women cell, Patiala to resolve the cases through mutual settlement prior to registration of cases in matrimonial disputes. During this National Lok Adalat, 28401 cases were taken up under different categories and 13481 cases were settled through mutual compromise involving amount of Rs 61,41,90,692/-.

4549 cases settled in National Lok Adalat: Chief Judicial Magistrate



RANVIR PARASHAR KAITHAL: As per the instructions of Haryana State Legal Services Authority and Chairperson of District Legal Services Authority Kaithal and District and Sessions Judge Ritu Y National Lok Adalat was organized in the Judicial Complex on Saturday under the supervision of Bahl. In this Lok Adalat, Additional District and Sessions Judge Dr. Nandita Kaushik, Additional District and Sessions Judge and Principal Judge Family Court Devendra Singh, Chief Judicial Magistrate Aman Inder Singh, Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division) Ajay Kumar, Civil Judge (Junior Division) A bench of Tushar Kumar, Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division) Gulha Division Akshay Chaudhary were constituted. District Legal Services Authority Secretary and Chief Judicial Magistrate Ritu said that a total of 6709 pending cases were taken in this National Lok Adalat. Of these 4549 cases were disposed off. The cases included various criminal, NI Act, bank recovery, motor vehicle, labor related dispute cases, revenue cases and other cases amounting to Rs 9,42,22,076 have been settled in the National Lok Adalat.

Three-day jewellery show will be organized from August 24: Rajindra Kumar



MANISH KUMAR AMBALA: A three-day jewellery show will be organized in Ambala from August 24-26 in collaboration with Bullion Traders and Manufacturers Association and Balaji Events Company. This information was given by Bullion Traders and Manufacturers Association President Madan Lal, while talking to journalists at Ambala Club. President Rajindra Kumar said that the three-day Ambala Jewellery Show would be organized by Balaji Events Company in Ambala city. This jewellery show will start from August 24 at Razanta Central City Villas near Hilling Touch Hospital on Ambala-Chandigarh Highway and would continue till August 26. All business men will participate in the show to promote their respective businesses. He said that this show was a good opportunity for jewelers and traders and they got a chance to showcase whatever variety they have in the form of an exhibition. He said that there were small shopkeepers sitting around Ambala or in the villages, they would come to this show. They will get to see different types of varieties here and it will be a matter of pride for them if they come to this show. Sarafa Traders and Manufacturers Association were fully supporting this jewellery show. Through this show, they have given a name to Ambala and shining work of jewellery business will be done. Pradhan Rajindra Kumar said that they would not get a better opportunity than this jewellery show.

"Plan was to make him hit across line": Varun Chakravarthy

Kolkata: Following the victory against five-time champion Mumbai Indians in the Indian Premier League 2024, Kolkata Knight Riders spinner Varun Chakravarthy revealed the game plan that the side made for dismissing the right-hand opener Rohit Sharma. A fantastic comeback effort by KKR spinners helped derail MI run-chase of 158 runs, restricting them to 139/8 in 16 overs in the IPL 2024 clash at Eden Gardens on Saturday and made the two-time champions the first team to reach the playoffs. Earlier, rain played a spoilsport and the match officials decided to make it a 16-over contest. The spinner asserted that there was help from the wicket and he was able to use it for his advantage. "The plan was to make him (Rohit) hit across the line, obviously there was help from the wicket and I was able to use it to my advantage. Tactically we (talking about Narine) are similar, but technically we are slightly different. The wickets were too flat initially, my bowling has been the same from the first match and it is just that the results are showing up now," Chakravarthy said in the post-match presentation. Coming to the match, it was restricted to a 16-over-per-side affair due to rain. MI opted to field first after winning the toss.

Bennett's all-round show, Raza's 72 help Zimbabwe claim win over Bangladesh to avoid T20I series whitewash

Dhaka: Brian Bennett's all-round performance and Sikandar Raza's unbeaten 72 secured a consolation eight wickets victory for Zimbabwe in the fifth and final T20I of the series against Bangladesh here at the Shero Bangla National Stadium on Sunday. The visitors won by eight wickets in the fifth T20I to reduce the margin of the series loss to 4-1 against Bangladesh. Bennett dominated both power plays as he scored a breezy 70 in the chase after taking two wickets in Bangladesh's powerplay to end with 2-20. This debut can't be just brushed under the carpet as the visitors ran the hosts close in the previous two games and finally managed to take them over the line on Sunday. Chasing a target of 158, after excelling with the ball, Bennett took Zimbabwe to the next level with the bat. He hit Mahedi Hasan for two runs in the opening over. He then whacked Mahedi for two sixes and a four in his next over, followed by two more fours from Saifuddin in the fourth. Shakib Al Hasan's stumping of Tadiwanashe Marumani in the fifth over stalled Zimbabwe's momentum before Raza smashed Saifuddin over midwicket for his maiden six. Bennett surpassed his previous best T20I score with a six off Rishad Hossain before reaching 50 in the 12th over.

KM Deeksha breaks National Record in women's 1500m event at Sound Running Track Fest



Los Angeles: Track athlete KM Deeksha shattered the Indian national women's record in the 1500m during the Sound Running Track Festival, held in Los Angeles. Deeksha finished third with a time of 4:04.78, outperforming the previous record of 4:05.39 set by Harman Bains in 2021. Deeksha's previous personal best was 4:06.07 achieved in the final of the National Inter-State Athletics Championships at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar in 2023, when she defeated Bains to win gold. In the women's 5000m in Los Angeles, Parul Chaudhary finished fifth in 15:10.69, missing out on improving her NR, while compatriot Anika finished tenth in 15:28.88.

Honda's Marini perseveres for important Sprint data

Paris: An early fall for Joan Mir left Luca Marini as the lone Repsol Honda Team rider for the majority of the Sprint, the Italian staying focused and continuing to build for Sunday's race. Starting the day with practice and Q1, the Repsol Honda Team immediately picked up where they left off and continued hunting improvements. A step forward for Joan Mir saw him earn 18th on the grid, just behind Alex Marquez while Luca Marini earned 21st as he worked on closing the gap to his teammate. The pair had their sights set on forward progress as they lined up on the grid for Saturday afternoon's Sprint. A determined Luca Marini took positives from another completed Sprint race, more laps and more data taking him and the Repsol Honda Team another step closer to improvements. Finishing in 18th, the Italian quickly overcame his teammate as the race began and diligently went about his race.

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IPL 2024: CSK keep playoffs hopes alive with five-wicket win over RR

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CHENNAI: Fighting knock from skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad and a three-wicket haul by Simarjeet Singh helped Chennai Super Kings (CSK) secure a five-wicket win against Rajasthan Royals (RR) in the Indian Premier League (IPL) at Chennai on Sunday. With this win, CSK is in the third spot with seven wins and six losses, giving them 14 points. RR is at second spot, with eight wins and four losses, giving them 18 points.

In the run chase of 142 runs, openers Rachin Ravindra and skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad started off really well for CSK. Rachin, took a more attacking approach against RR pacers, first smashing Sandeep for a six and then hitting Trent Boult for a four and six.

Ruturaj took a lesser aggressive role, letting Rachin express himself. However, Rachin's quick start ended with Ravichandran Ashwin dismissing him for 27 in 18 balls, with a four and two sixes. CSK was 32/1 in 3.4 overs.

Daryl Mitchell was the next up on the crease. Mitchell made an impact from the get-go, punishing



spinner Ravichandran Ashwin and Sandeep with some elegant boundaries. CSK reached the 50-run mark in 5.2 overs.

CSK at the end of six overs of the powerplay, was 56/1, with Mitchell (20*) and Gaikwad (6*) unbeaten.

The partnership between the duo was cut short by Yuzvendra Chahal, trapping Mitchell leg-before wicket for 22 in 13 balls, with four boundaries. CSK was

67/2 in 7.5 overs.

Halfway through the innings, CSK was 77/2, with Ruturaj (20*) and Moeen Ali (4*) unbeaten.

Moeen Ali could not stick around for longer, dismissed by Nandre Burger for 10 in 13 balls, being caught by Avesh Khan at deep point. RR was 86/3 in 11.5 overs.

With some brief assault by Shivam Dube on Ashwin, CSK reached the 100-run

mark in 13.2 overs. However, the spinner had the last laugh, removing him for 18 in 11 balls, with Riyan Parag taking a catch near the boundary. CSK was 107/4 in 14 overs.

At the end of 15 overs, CSK was 116/4, with Jadeja (3*) and Gaikwad (30*) unbeaten.

Jadeja was dismissed for obstructing the field for just five runs, marking a huge moment in the game. CSK

was 121/5 in 15.5 overs.

Ruturaj kept guiding CSK to the brink of a win, with one stroke at a time, leaving the side with five runs needing in 12 balls.

CSK ended the run-chase successfully, finishing at 145/5 in 18.2 overs, with Gaikwad (42*) and Sameer Rizvi (15*) in eight balls, with three fours.

Ashwin (2/35) was the pick of the bowlers for RR. Chahal and Burger got a wicket each.

Jadeja's turn had quite a sizeable radius, and the third umpire reckons Jadeja knew where the ball was, and that he turned into the line of the throw. 'Out' is the verdict, and Jadeja has to go. He is not happy at all, but the verdict is out. What a moment in this game!

Earlier, fine bowling spells from Simarjeet Singh and Tushar Deshpande restricted Rajasthan Royals (RR) to just 141/5 in their 20 overs against Chennai Super Kings (CSK) in their Indian Premier League (IPL) game at Chennai on Sunday.

Choosing to bat after winning the toss, openers Jos Buttler and Yashasvi Jaiswal put Rajasthan to a steady, but cautious start, scoring at around seven runs per over.

Gill's GT to face formidable KKR in must-win IPL game



AGENCY

AHMEDABAD: Shubman Gill's return to form will provide a big boost to Gujarat Titans as they square off against table-toppers Kolkata Knight Riders in their must-win IPL game here on Monday.

Gill roared back into form with his fourth IPL hundred to keep GT's slim playoff hopes alive with a comfortable win against Chennai Super Kings at home in their last outing.

Gill and Sai Sudharsan's twin centuries were the cornerstone of the hosts' huge total and their role will be crucial once again as they face KKR, which has become the first team to qualify for the playoffs.

As many as seven teams are still in the race for the playoffs. While Rajasthan Royals (16) and Sunrisers Hyderabad (14) are well-placed at second and third position, three teams -- CSK, Delhi Capitals and Lucknow Super Giants -- are at 12 points each.

GT and Royal Challengers Bengaluru are at 10 points and can reach a maximum of 14 points.

With a negative net run-rate, GT's chance are the least and it will take a miracle for the former champions to sneak into the top four.

However, one thing is clear, GT will once again have to play out of their skin and register big wins to keep their mathematical chances alive.

GT's bowling has lacked teeth this season with the pacers inconsistent and spinners leaking

runs. But the bowlers did manage to snap three CSK wickets in the first three overs in their last outing.

Mohit Sharma's variations and knuckle balls were effective and Rashid Khan's guile also stood out and they would hope for another good outing.

But it will again boil down to the top-order batting, which has failed to fire in the last few games before Gill and Sudharsan came up with sensational tons en route a record 210 opening stand.

KKR, on the other hand, need just one win in their remaining two games to seal a top-two finish after they qualified for the playoffs with an 18-run win over Mumbai Indians in a rain-hit game last night.

Sunil Narine (461 runs & 15 wickets) has carried the team with his all-round brilliance, while fellow West Indian Andre Russell has been another impactful player with 222 runs and 15 wickets this season.

Leg spinner Varun Chakravarthy with 18 wickets in his kitty has been in a good rhythm. Phil Salt too has given the team sensational starts but has been off the boil a bit in the last three innings.

Others such as Angkrish Raghuvanshi and Ramandeep Singh have also stepped up when needed as the two-time champions emerged as the most consistent team this season.

The venue has proved to be batter-friendly and has witnessed some high-scoring games.

"He seems happy, that's most important": Iga Swiatek on Rafael Nadal's looming retirement



ROME: The World No.1 Iga Swiatek acknowledged that she has been emotionally affected by tennis great Rafael Nadal's recent performances.

After her third-round win over Yulia Putintseva in the Italian Open, the four-time Grand Slam winner expressed her "mixed emotions" about Nadal's situation, admitting that she was much too young to understand it.

The 22-year-old reflected on Nadal's recent farewell ceremony at the Madrid Open when he was knocked out in the fourth round by eventual semifinalist Jiri Lehecka.

"Mixed emotions because obviously, I'm still pretty young, so it's hard for me to understand what his exact situation is. I haven't been in this place where I'm

playing my last tournaments. But I watched the whole ceremony in Madrid and I cried obviously, but he seems happy and that's the most important thing," Swiatek said in an interview as quoted by ATP.

Swiatek, a long-time Nadal fan, first saw the lefty in person at Roland Garros in 2017. As she climbed to popularity on the WTA Tour, the Pole frequently mentioned how much she admired the Spaniard.

Swiatek admitted to crying while watching the event, but went on to praise the Spaniard for being a "good example of an athlete who was satisfied with his accomplishments and was about to embark on a new phase in life."

The 22-year-old has often spoken about what she's learnt from his game. Swiatek revealed on Saturday that she has been learning from his thinking and approach.

Theegala rises to Tied-7th at Wells Fargo, Schauffele stays in lead with McIlroy second

CHARLOTTE: Indian American Sahith Theegala rose into the Top-10 as he shot a fine 65 and is now 4-under and tied seventh at the Wells Fargo Championship.

Theegala (73-65) was 4-under for 36 holes. He had an eagle on the Par-5 15th hole, his sixth hole of the day and five birdies against one bogey on the 18th, which was his ninth hole as he started from the tenth. Akshay Bhatia (74-70) rose from T-60 to T-44 with a second round of 1-under 70 at the Par-71 Quail Hollow Club.

Olympic champion Xander Schauffele (65-67), who is seeking an eighth PGA TOUR title, leads by four strokes over World No. 2 Rory McIlroy and Jason Day following a near-faultless 67 for 11-under.

The top Asian was Korean star Sungjae Im who fought hard to stay in the title mix with a second straight 3-



under 68.

McIlroy, a three-time winner of the event, and Day, victorious in 2018, shot 68 and 67 respectively for tied second place on 7-under.

The 36-year-old Korean Im produced a superb fightback after dropping two shots in his opening three holes at

Quail Hollow Club as he traded six birdies against three bogeys for 6-under 136, leaving him in tied fourth place and five back of 36-hole leader Schauffele.

Schauffele ranked fourth in the world, could have enjoyed a larger lead at the top of the leaderboard if he had not closed with a bogey at the par-4 18th hole.

KKR's Ramandeep Singh fined 20% of match fee

Mumbai: In a recent development in the TATA Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024, Ramandeep Singh, representing the Kolkata Knight Riders, has been penalised for violating the IPL Code of Conduct during Match 60 against the Mumbai Indians at the iconic Eden Gardens in Kolkata on Saturday. Ramandeep incurred a fine amounting to 20 percent of his match fees due to a breach classified as a Level 1 offence under Article 2.20 of the IPL Code of Conduct. Following the incident, Ramandeep acknowledged his transgression and willingly accepted the penalty imposed by the Match Referee. The IPL Code of Conduct strictly regulates player behavior and any breaches thereof are subject to disciplinary actions. For Level 1 violations, the Match Referee's decision stands as final and binding, underscoring the league's commitment to upholding fair play and sportsmanship. The incident involving Ramandeep serves as a reminder to all players participating in the IPL to adhere to the stipulated guidelines and uphold the integrity of the game, ensuring a competitive yet respectful environment for all stakeholders involved.

Inaugural season of World Championship of Legends all set to kick start at Edgbaston from July 3



AGENCY EDGBASTON: The cricketing world braces itself for an unparalleled spectacle as the inaugural World Championship of Legends (WCL) is set to begin on July 3 at the iconic Edgbaston Cricket Ground. Approved by the England Cricket Board, this groundbreaking league unites cricketing legends from around the globe in a celebration of skill, heritage, and the enduring spirit of the sport.

Representing cricket powerhouses such as England, Australia, West Indies, South Africa, India, and Pakistan, teams are primed for an epic clash. With approval from the England Cricket Board, the WCL achieves a historic milestone in the annals of cricket history.

Featuring a star-studded lineup of cricketing luminaries, the league boasts an impressive roster

including iconic figures such as Brett Lee, Shaun Marsh, Tim Paine, and Ben Cutting from Australia; Yuvraj Singh, Harbhajan Singh, and Suresh Raina from India; Jacques Kallis and Herschelle Gibbs from South Africa; Ravi Bopara, Kevin Pietersen, and Ian Bell from England; and Chris Gayle, Darren Sammy, and Samuel Badree from the West Indies.

Adding to the excitement, Team Pakistan Champions, led by former Pakistan World Cup-winning T20 captain Younis Khan and the iconic Shahid Afridi, is set to make its mark on the global stage. With an ensemble of Pakistani cricketing talent, the team promises a riveting display of prowess and passion.

Shahid Afridi, renowned for his dynamic career and leadership, emphasized the team's readiness for the challenge. "With the legends of the

game converging, each match will be a spectacle of skill and strategy. We are poised to bring our A-game and leave an indelible mark on the WCL."

Younis Khan, former T20 World Cup-winning captain, echoed the sentiment, highlighting the league's significance in reigniting the passion for cricket worldwide. "It's more than just cricket; it's about passion and legacy. We are here to compete and inspire fans across the globe."

Behind Team Pakistan Champions stands Kamil Khan, the CEO of a real estate company in Dubai and a connoisseur of sporting ventures. Kamil Khan underscores the league's importance and the team's role in it. "The WCL transcends mere competition; it's a celebration of cricket's greatest talents. We are honoured to represent Pakistan and share our pride through our official merchandise."

James Anderson to retire from Test cricket after July fixture



London, May 12 (UNI) James Anderson, the seasoned pace maestro and England's leading wicket-taker in Test cricket, has declared that he will be bidding adieu to red-ball cricket following England's upcoming series against West Indies in July.

The announcement came via Anderson's social media handles, where the 41-year-old expressed his bittersweet sentiments about concluding his illustrious Test career. Having achieved the remarkable feat of 700 Test wickets during the Dharamsala Test against India earlier this year, Anderson reflected on his journey with heartfelt gratitude.

"I'm going to miss walking out for England so much. But I know the time is right to step aside and let others realise their dreams just like I got to, because there is no greater feeling," Anderson penned in his announcement. Anderson, whose Test debut dates back to 2003 at Lord's, has etched his name in cricketing history as one of the most prolific bowlers the sport has ever witnessed. With a remarkable tally of 700 wickets in 187 Tests, Anderson's prowess and longevity have earned him widespread acclaim. "Thank you to everyone who has supported me over the years, it's always meant a lot, even if my face often doesn't show it. See you at the Test," Anderson's message concluded, acknowledging the unwavering support he has received throughout his career.



Vicky Kaushal wraps up 'Chhaava' shoot

Actor Vicky Kaushal has wrapped up the shooting of his upcoming film 'Chhaava'. Laxman Utekar's 'Chhaava', a historical drama based on the life of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, the son of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, marks the first collaboration between actors Vicky Kaushal and Rashmika Mandanna.

Taking to his Instagram stories, Vicky shared a video capturing nature's downpour and wrote a long note describing the experience of shooting for his upcoming project.

He wrote, "The incredibly passionate and dramatic journey of filming Chhaava couldn't have ended without some drama. The rain Gods put up a show today, immediately after we rolled our final shot."

"There's so much I wish to say, there's so little I'm able to convey about this journey right now... maybe in a few days when it all sinks in. All I can say now with a heart full of gratitude, love, and contentment is that... IT'S A WRAP!!!" he added.

Vicky plays the role of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, and Rashmika takes on the role of his wife, Yesubai Bhonsale, in the film.

Earlier, after wrapping up the film shoot, Rashmika took to Instagram and gave a shout-out to the team.

Thanking Laxman and Vicky for being excellent collaborators on set, Rashmika wrote, "@laxman.utekar sir... I just wonder how can a man handle such a big set with at least 1500 working people with such calm and poise." "Sir you have seen me as Yesubai when no one in the world could've even thought about this and I truly wonder how, and not just me. The whole country will wonder how.. but watching those visuals make me tear up.. you've gotten a performance out of me that I am excited for the world to watch," she wrote.

Addressing Vicky as Maharaj, Rashmika said she had a great time sharing the screen with the actor.

"He is like a son to me," says Kundali Bhagya's Shakti Anand about his bond with Paras Kalnawat



CHANDIGARH: Zee TV's Kundali Bhagya has been keeping the audience glued to their television screens for over seven years, with an interesting storyline and high-octane drama. In the recent episodes, the viewers were treated to a long-awaited confrontation between two pivotal characters, Karan (Shakti Anand) and Rajveer (Paras Kalnawat). The intense face-to-face conversation between the father and son intrigued the audience as to what will happen next. Will it lead to a new problem in the Luthra family?

The scene was very powerful, and what made the confrontation even more compelling was the underlying emotional dynamic between Karan and Rajveer. Despite their adversarial relationship on screen, Shakti Anand revealed that he shares a special bond with Paras Kalnawat in real life. Shakti spoke about their camaraderie, stating that he sees Paras as his son. And because of their similarities, it becomes effortless for Shakti to bring out the right emotions on-screen.

Shakti Anand said "Paras and I have developed a great rapport off-screen, and I have immense respect for him as an actor and as a human being. I have always seen him talking to everyone around him very respectfully. Sharing the screen space with him is always enriching, and I feel he is like a son to me. While our respective characters have this never-ending dispute, off-screen we share a great bond. It's been a joy to watch Paras grow as an actor, and I've found myself mentoring him as well as learning from him. I've portrayed a father's role numerous times but I can say this with conviction that he is my favorite."

Well, isn't that adorable?

While behind-the-scene camaraderie adds an extra layer of authenticity for Shakti and Paras to portray the rivalry in the show, it will be interesting for viewers to watch if Rajveer accepts Karan as his father. Will Karan, Preeti, and the family reunite?

NETFLIX'S THE GREAT INDIAN KAPIL SHOW: THE QUEENS OF HEERAMANDI: THE DIAMOND BAZAAR SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE WORKING ON THE SERIES

CHANDIGARH: After the sensational Deol Brothers - Sunny and Bobby, who were at their candid best, The Great Indian Kapil Show will see the queens of Heeramandi: The Diamond Bazaar this Saturday. The recently launched series has won the hearts of the audience not just in India but all over the world marking its debut as the most-viewed Indian series in its first week of launch. From the sheer opulence to rich narrative and lasting performances, Sanjay Leela Bhansali's debut outing on Netflix is hard to miss.

Manisha Koirala, Sonakshi Sinha, Richa Chadha, Aditi Rao Hydari, Sharmin Segal and Sanjeeda Sheikh share some behind the scenes anecdotes on working with the auteur Mr. Bhansali and the prep that went into the making of the series along with many other kisse from their personal lives.

Talking about their experience, the ladies mentioned the meticulous detailing and precision followed by Sanjal Leela Bhansali on the set. Every prop used on the set has character and a story to tell. No wonder he is known to do what he does - and the result is for everyone to see! Sonakshi rightly said, "Jo wo (Sanjay Leela Bhansali) dekhte hain, I don't think koi aur dekh pata hai!"

Sharing more on their best and worst days on the sets, Manish Koirala says, "We never felt that we were exhausted. I mean we were all tired, but there was always a sense of fulfillment. There is a sense of 'we have done good work'. I don't think I have returned home without feeling good about the work."

Adding to this, Richa Chadha shares "Mera jo best day tha, wo mera worst day bhi tha! My worst day became the best day of the shoot." (WHAT!) She explains this further, "My score is the highest when it comes to retakes - during the dance sequence. 99! Main century maarte maarte ruki hun. It's not easy when you are dancing around 200-300 extras who are watching you and you are failing. But when you overcome that then it's really a 'Wow I didn't know I could do this' moment. And that's a great feeling!"

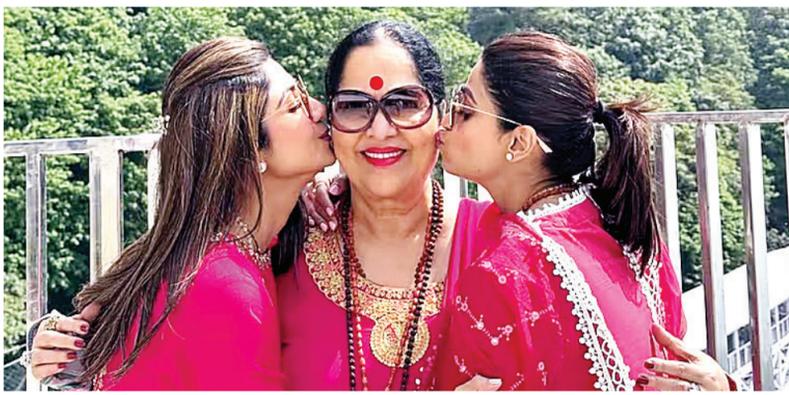


Shilpa, Shamita celebrate Mother's Day at Vaishno Devi

Shilpa Shetty Kundra embarked on a spiritual journey with her mother Sunanda Shetty and her sister-actor Shamita. On Saturday, she paid a visit to Vaishno Devi temple in Jammu and Kashmir to celebrate Mother's Day with her 'Devi'.

Ahead of Mother's Day, Shilpa penned a sweet message for her mom along with the adorable picture. Mother and daughter duo twin in pink ethnic outfits.

The image captured Shilpa and Shamita planting a kiss on Sunanda's cheeks. Along with the post, the message read, "At Vaishnodevi with our Devi. Happy Mother's Day, today, tomorrow and everyday Ma. We will



love you and celebrate you forever." Before Vaishno Devi, Shilpa had visited Kedarnath. On Friday, Shilpa Shetty shared glimpses of her sojourn on her Instagram account, capturing the tranquil beauty of snow-clad mountains and her accommodation amidst the serenity of Kedarnath, accompanied by the soul-stirring anthem 'Namo Namu' from the movie 'Kedarnath'.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Shilpa was recently seen in Rohit Shetty's OTT debut 'Indian Police Force', which also stars Sidharth Malhotra and Vivek Oberoi. The series is streaming on the OTT platform Amazon Prime.

"There's no one like a mother," Sony SAB artists express gratitude to their moms on Mother's Day

CHANDIGARH: Mother's Day is celebrated to honor and appreciate the love and sacrifices of mothers, and is a day to express gratitude for their immense contributions to families and society. This Mother's Day, Sony SAB's artists are taking a heartfelt journey down memory lane, reminiscing about the invaluable role their mothers have played in shaping their lives and careers. From fond memories to heartfelt emotions, they candidly share their experiences, offering a glimpse into the profound maternal love.



ally. My mother is a very kind and humble human being. She doesn't hold grudges against anybody."

Anjali Tatrari, who plays the role of Yuvika in Sony SAB's Vanshaj, said, "Mothers have the utmost importance in our lives and we are nothing without them. I lost my father when I was 4 years old and since then my mom raised me as a single parent. Throughout my life, I have



seen my mother working hard to make ends meet, sacrificing her dreams to provide me with everything that I wanted. I can proudly say that whatever I am today is due to my mother's upbringing. I wish I had the qualities of being calm and patient like my mother and would be happy if I became even 1% of what my mom is."

Ayushi Khurana, who plays the role of Pallavi in Sony SAB's

Aangan Aapno Kaa, said, "I can never imagine a life without my 'mumma.' Mother is the most selfless person in this world who starts loving her children even before they come into this world. Nothing could be compared to a mother's love in this world as it is the purest form of love. My mother's dedication inspires me every day. Her commitment to giving her all in everything she does is what I admire most. I've

looked up to her since I was a child." Neetha Shetty, who plays the role of Deepika in Sony SAB's Aangan Aapno Kaa, said, "My mother is my everything - she's not just my parent, but also my friend, mentor, and source of inspiration. Her unwavering support and guidance have shaped who I am today. Witnessing her resilience in tough times has instilled in me the determination to never give up. I believe girls inherit their mother's nurturing instincts, as I have, unconsciously adopted their love, care, and support." Naveen Pandita who plays the role of Ashwin in Sony SAB's Pushpa Impossible said, "My mom means everything to me. She's not just a parent, but also a friend. Without her, I can't do anything. She's kind, caring, and down-to-earth. If someone needs help, she's always there, without holding any grudges. I think when a woman becomes a mom, she naturally inherits her mom's nurturing qualities because those feelings are in our genes."

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.

Sharing her experience, Anupama says, "Working in the same organization as my son, Akash, has been a unique opportunity for me to share common experiences, support each other's growth, and strengthen our bond through shared accomplishments."

In this journey, where both the mother and son duo work together, it is also imperative to manage time for family and work in a way that helps both maintain clear boundaries. For Anupama, effective time management is key. "Prioritising tasks, setting achievable goals, and carving out dedicated time slots for both work and family commitments has always helped me maintain clear boundaries between work and home life, which ensures quality time with my family," says Anupama. Her steadfast approach to balance has not only been integral to her own success but has also served as a guiding light in her son's personal and professional journey. She leads by example, instilling core values of self-belief, humility, resilience, and composure in the face of adversity.

Working with his mother in the same company, Akash says, "There is a sense of comfort and familiarity in the workplace, making the overall experience more enjoyable and fulfilling. My mom inspired me to join Amazon."

As they both look ahead to this year's Mother's Day, their only piece of advice is to "Manage time efficiently for both work and family and prioritize self-care." Amazon has all kinds of jobs for all kinds of people, and prides itself on hiring individuals with all types of background and experiences and celebrates diversity of leadership and thought - which is seen as a key component in its mission to create the most customer-centric company in the world.

