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Punjab police, BSF bust drug smuggling racket

FAZILKA: In a major breakthrough against transborder narcotic smuggling networks, Fazilka Police and BSF, in a joint operation, busted an international narco smuggling module, arrested seven drug smugglers, and recovered 5.47 kg of pure-grade heroin, Rs 1.7 lakh in drug money, 40 cartridges, and more from them. DGP Gaurav Yadav said Sunday the preliminary investigations reveal that the arrested accused were in touch with one Pakistan-based smuggler. He said an FIR has been registered, and investigations are ongoing to establish backward and forward linkages.

Govt extends tenure of Army Chief Gen Pande by one month

NEW DELHI: The government on Sunday extended the tenure of Army Chief Gen Manoj Pande for a period of one month. Gen Pande was to retire from service on May 31. "The Appointments Committee of Cabinet on May 26 approved the extension in service of Chief of the Army Staff General Manoj C Pande for a period of one month, beyond his normal age of superannuation (May 31), i.e. up to June 30, under Rule 16 A (4) of the Army Rules 1954," the defence ministry said in a statement.

10.46 lakh motor accident claims pending nationwide: RTI

NOIDA: As many as 10,46,163 motor accident claims worth Rs 80,455 crore are pending across the country and their numbers have increased constantly between 2018-19 and 2022-23, according to an information received through RTI Act. The details have been provided by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) in response to the query filed by Supreme Court advocate K C Jain in April. In his query to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), Jain had sought to know the total number of motor accident claims pending in the country with state- and district-wise details.

Dolphins stranded in Sharda canal rescued after 24-hour operation

LAKHIMPUR KHERI (UP): After about a 24-hour long rescue operation, the South Kheri forest officials, WWF-India, WTI and Turtle Services Alliance (TSA) and irrigation department successfully rescued a group of nearly a dozen dolphins, including their calves, back to the Ghaghara river, officials on Sunday said. The operation was completed late Saturday evening, they said. Ganges dolphins, which are found in the Ghaghara river, were stranded in the Sharda canal about 4 km south from the Sharda barrage on Thursday.

Seven newborns killed in fire accident at Delhi hospital

AGENCY NEW DELHI, MAY 26

As many as seven newborns have lost their lives after a massive fire broke out at a New Born Baby Care Hospital in Delhi's Vivek Vihar in the late hours of Saturday. According to the Delhi Fire Department, a total of 12 children were rescued, out of which seven have died, one is on the ventilator and five are admitted to the hospital. The rescued newborns have been shifted to East Delhi Advance NICU hospital. On information, police officials and firefighters reached the spot and doused the fire. Fire Officer Rajesh, said, "At 11:32 pm, Fire Service Control Room received information that fire broke out at a hospital...total 16 fire tenders reached the spot and fire has been extinguished completely. 2 buildings were affected by the fire, one is the hospital building and 2 floors of a residential building on the right side also caught fire...11-12 people were rescued and they were taken to hospital. Further details will be shared later". The incident comes on a day when 27 persons were killed in Gujarat's Rajkot city when a massive fire swept through a game zone.

PM condoles loss of lives

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said the fire tragedy at a hospital in east Delhi is heart-rending, and his thoughts are with the bereaved families in this incredibly difficult time. A massive fire broke out at a private children's hospital in east Delhi's Vivek Vihar, leaving seven newborns dead, officials said on Sunday. The officials of the Delhi Fire Services (DFS) said the blaze broke out at the Baby Care New Born Hospital at around 11:30 pm on Saturday and soon spread to two other adjacent buildings.

PM Modi accuses 'INDI bloc' of doing caste division politics

AGENCY GHOSI, MAY 26

Launching a scathing attack on Samajwadi Party-Congress and the INDIA bloc, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday that these INDI alliance people want to make the majority society of India a second class citizen, adding that the Opposition is conspiring to create to division among the people based on their castes.

Addressing a rally here today, PM Modi said the Samajwadi Party kept Purvanchal backwards under a conspiracy.

"Purvanchal will repeatedly punish such people who betrayed this region. Today I have come to Purvanchal to alert the people of Ghosi about the conspiracy of the INDI alliance. The INDI alliance of SP and Congress is making all the castes fight among themselves. These people want Dalit, Brahmin, Rajputs, Chauhan, Yadav, Kurmi etc to become weak by fighting among themselves," he said. "When the people of the society will not remain



united then your attention will be diverted from the real issues and only then the evil people will implement their conspiracy," PM Modi added.

Further, the Prime Minister pointed out that the INDIA bloc is aiming to complete its three big conspiracies.

"First, by changing the Constitution, it will be written in it that reservation will

be given based on religion in India. Secondly, the reservation given to OBC will be wiped out and full reservation will be given to Muslims. These INDI alliance people want to make the majority society of India a second-class citizen," PM Modi said in Ghosi. He also mentioned that the SP-Congress family, their 'parivarvaad' had made Purvanchal an area of mafia, an area of poverty, and helplessness.

Rajasthan swelters at 50 degrees Celsius, severe heat wave to continue

AGENCY JAIPUR, MAY 26

A relentless heatwave engulfed large parts of North India with temperatures touching 50 degrees Celsius in Rajasthan. The 50 degrees Celsius was recorded in Phalodi in the last 24 hours.

The severe heat wave in Rajasthan will continue for the next two to three days, said the India Meteorological Department on Sunday.

According to the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), on Saturday, Jaisalmer recorded 48.0 degrees Celsius, Bikaner 47.2 degrees Celsius,

Churu 47.0 degrees Celsius, Jodhpur 46.9 degrees Celsius, Ganganagar 46.5 degrees Celsius, Kota 46.3 degrees Celsius, and Jaipur 43.8 degrees Celsius. The rising temperatures have significantly impacted the normal life of people, especially those exposed to the sun for extended periods. In an attempt to protect themselves from the effects of the intense heat, people are taking several precautions including staying hydrated, avoiding direct sunlight during peak hours and covering their faces with cloth.

A resident of Jaipur, Hoshiyar Singh, while speaking with ANI said, "The mercury

11 dead in UP's Shahjahanpur road mishap

SHAHJAHANPUR (UP): Eleven pilgrims headed to the Purnagiri temple in Uttarakhand were buried to death when a gravel-loaded dumper truck overturned on their bus and emptied its content into their vehicle, a senior official said Sunday. Ten other pilgrims were seriously injured in the Saturday night incident and have been admitted to the Government Medical College here, the official said. Shahjahanpur Superintendent of Police Ashok Kumar Meena told the incident occurred at Hajiyapur village under the Khutar police station area when the privately-owned bus had halted at a roadside eatery on its way to the temple in Uttarakhand's Tanakpur.

Rajkot gaming zone fire: Death toll rises to 28

RAJKOT (GUJARAT): The death toll in the massive fire that broke out in a game zone in Rajkot taluka of Gujarat has risen to 28, police said on Sunday. Chief Minister Bhupendrabhai Patel visited the accident site here this morning and enquired about the details of rescue operations including the cause of the accident. Patel has written in a post on X that instructions have been given to the municipal corporation and administration for immediate rescue and relief work in this incident and also to give priority to the arrangements for immediate treatment of the injured. The state government will give assistance of Rs 4 lakh to the families of the deceased and Rs 50-50 thousand to the injured.

Need support of every Punjabi to save democracy and constitution : Kejriwal

BUREAU FEROZEPUR/CHANDIGARH, MAY 26

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) National Convenor and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal held a meeting with traders in Ferozepur on Sunday. Kejriwal heard the problems of the traders and assured them of a solution. AAP National General Secretary Dr Sandeep Pathak, Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema and AAP candidate from Ferozepur Jagdeep Singh Kaka Brar were present in this meeting.

Addressing the gathering, Arvind Kejriwal told the Arhtiyas (commission agents) of Punjab that Prime Minister Narendra Modi calls you

middlemen. But we consider you the backbone of our economy. We have great respect for you. He said that just as farmers and laborers are important for the development of the country, traders, businessmen and industrialists are also important.

He said that I came to Punjab a year ago. At that time, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and I, held meetings with traders for several hours in many cities including Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Mohali and I myself noted down their every problem. After my departure, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann held several business meetings and on that basis, took several important decisions like the 'One Time Settlement'



scheme to solve the problems of traders.

Kejriwal said that before our government was formed, the condition of

PM congratulates Payal Kapadia for Cannes win

AGENCY NEW DELHI: Filmmaker Payal Kapadia scripted history after her film 'All We Imagine As Light' won the prestigious Grand Prix at the 2024 Cannes Film Festival. The film was a strong contender for the top award, Palme d'Or, at Cannes, which was awarded to Sean Baker's comedy-drama Anora.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Ms Kapadia for the feat and said, "India is proud of Payal Kapadia for her historic feat of winning the Grand Prix at the 77th Cannes Film Festival for her work 'All We Imagine as Light'. An alumnus of FTII, her remarkable talent continues to shine

on the global stage, giving a glimpse of the rich creativity in India." India is proud of Payal Kapadia for her historic feat of winning the Grand Prix at the 77th Cannes Film Festival for her work 'All We Imagine as Light'. An alumnus of FTII, her remarkable talent continues to shine on the global stage, giving a glimpse of the rich creativity in. "This prestigious accolade not only honours her exceptional skills but also inspires a new generation of Indian filmmakers," he posted on X. Many congratulations to FTII alumnus Payal Kapadia for winning the Grand Prix at the 77th Cannes Film Festival for her film All We Imagine as Light.



ry rose here in last few days. To protect ourselves from heat, we are taking necessary precautions like staying hydrated, and covering our body with cloth while going out from

home. We are keeping ourselves hydrated by consuming coconut water and lemonade." Another resident Rai Singh said, "I am a delivery boy and I have to do my work even in

Assembly elections in J-K before Sep 30 : Amit Shah

AGENCY NEW DELHI, MAY 26

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has said that the Modi government's Kashmir policy has been vindicated by the successful polling in Jammu and Kashmir, where even separatists have voted "overwhelmingly", as he assured that the assembly elections in the region will be held before September 30.

Once the elections are over, the government will start the process of restoring statehood to the Union Territory, Amit Shah said in an interview to PTI late Saturday.

"I have said in Parliament that we will give the statehood after the assembly elections," he said, adding that everything is going according to plan, such as the surveys of the backward classes and delimitation exer-

cise of the Assembly and Lok Sabha constituencies.

"We have completed the delimitation process. Because the reservation can be given only after the delimitation process is completed. Because we have to know about



the status of various castes (to give reservation). That has been done. Lok Sabha election is also over (in Jammu and Kashmir). Next is the assembly election which will

also be held. We will complete the process before the Supreme Court deadline," he said.

On December 11, 2023, the Supreme Court had directed the Election Commission of India to conduct elections in Jammu and Kashmir by September 30, 2024.

Commenting on the relatively high polling percentage in the Kashmir valley in the Lok Sabha elections, Amit Shah said he believed that there has been a big change in attitudes there.

"Voting percentage has increased. Some people used to say that people of the valley do not believe in the Indian Constitution. But this election was held under the Indian Constitution because Kashmir's Constitution is no longer there. It was scrapped. Election was held under Indian Constitution.

Army defuses 3 bombs planted on road in Manipur

AGENCY NEW DELHI, MAY 26

Three improvised explosives devices (IEDs) were defused by the army in Manipur's Imphal East district, a defence spokesperson said today.

The IEDs were found concealed on the road connecting Nongdam and Itham villages, 46 km apart. The section of the road where the IEDs were found is closer to Maphou

dam and Nongdam village.

"During a routine area-domination and surveillance operation, army personnel noticed the three IEDs placed, in tandem, along the road. Army column acted swiftly and cordoned off the area," the defence spokesperson said in a statement.

"Subsequently, a bomb disposal squad arrived at the location and defused the IEDs safely, preventing potential

loss of life and injury to locals," the spokesperson said.

Ethnic violence-hit Manipur is yet to see normalcy a year after clashes broke out between the valley-dominant Meiteis and the hill-dominant Kuki tribes.

The security forces keep watch on sensitive areas where villages of the two communities meet, especially near the foothills surrounding the state capital Imphal valley.

Rishi Sunak faces mass exodus as 78 MPs resign ahead of election

AGENCY LONDON, MAY 26

After declaring a general election for July 4, British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak is reportedly spending his first Saturday with his closest advisers as he takes an "unusual step" of a day away from public events over the first weekend of the campaign.

The 44-year-old Indian-origin leader is taking some private time out with his aides and family amid a mass exodus of senior members of Parliament from his embattled Conservative Party. Cabinet ministers Michael Gove and Andrea Leadsom became the latest Tory frontliners to announce their decision to not stand for re-election in this summer's polls, taking the number of party members quitting the race to as many as 78.

Gove's announcement in a letter released on social media on Friday evening had been anticipated amid strong challenges to incumbent Tories in the constituencies around the country.

Leadsom released her own letter shortly after,

writing to Sunak: "After careful reflection, I have decided not to stand as a candidate in the forthcoming election." In his letter, Housing Minister Gove wrote that he knew "the toll office can take, as do those closest to me...No one in



politics is a conscript. We are volunteers who willingly choose our fate. And the chance to serve is wonderful. But there comes a moment when you know that it is time to leave. That a new generation should lead." Former prime minister Theresa May is also among the senior MPs stepping away, with former defence minister Ben Wallace already having announced his decision to leave frontline politics.

NEWS BRIEFS

Complain against those who commit fraud in name of visa: Bhoria

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA: Superintendent of Police Surendra Singh Bhoria said that due to lack of awareness, people who want to go abroad for education or travel often lose lakhs of rupees by becoming victims of fake travel agents. People need to be careful of such fake travel agents. Before getting a visa to go abroad, get complete information about the agent and take the services of only an agent recognised by the government. Police are taking strict action against those who commit fraud in the name of sending people abroad. In view of the increasing cases of fraud in the name of getting a visa, the police has issued helpline number 80530-03400. In case of fraud in the name of sending money abroad or getting a visa, the victim can register his complaint on this number.

Special Lok Adalat in the SC from July 29 to Aug 3

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, MAY 26

The Supreme Court will hold a special Lok Adalat from July 29 to August 3, 2024, to resolve pending cases. Sharing information in this regard Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) and Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Sh. Nitin Raj stated that parties involved in long-pending cases in the Supreme Court can contact their local District Legal Services Authority office before July 28 if they wish to present their cases before the special Lok Adalat. As part of this initiative, pre-conciliation meetings will be held at the local District Legal Services Authority offices through online or hybrid modes. These meetings will assess the potential for reconciliation between



the parties, leading to further action on such cases. Cases involving the government as a party are likely to be resolved in the special Lok Adalat. CJM, Sh. Nitin Raj said that the special Lok Adalat will include labor cases, cheque bounce cases (Section 138 of the N.I. Act), accident claim cases (motor accident claims), consumer protection cases, transfer petitions (civil and criminal), money recovery cases,

criminal compoundable cases, other compensation-related cases, family law matters, service-related issues, rental disputes, educational matters, maintenance issues, mortgage cases, land disputes, and other civil cases. For more information, contact or call the office of the District Legal Services Authority, or visit the websites of the respective State Legal Services Authorities or the High Court Legal Services Committee or contact Punjab State Legal Services Authority, S.A.S. Nagar, Haryana State Legal Services Authority, Panchkula, State Legal Services Authority, U.T., Chandigarh, and High Court Legal Services Committee Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh.

Parents of 50 students who obtained engineering degree honoured



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAY 26

A motivational session was organised by Aakash Educational Services for the students and parents of Karnal branch on the topic of how committed a student should be towards his/her preparation and how constructive changes can make one brighter and more successful. More than 1000 students and parents participated in the motivational session.

The speaker of the programme was North Parmeshwar Jha, Regional Director, Aakash Educational Services, who gave an encouraging and motivational message to the students. Over 50 Akashian alumni and parents of students who have pursued medical and engineering degrees from the most prestigious colleges like AIIMS, IIT etc. were felicitated at the event. Jha also motivates and guides students on

how to crack NEET and IIT JEE and how one can achieve their goal with proper guidance, guidance, self-study and blessings of parents, teachers and ultimately God. Is. He also highlighted an important point that toppers and successful students can also come from remote places and places and it is not necessary to go to big cities. The session ended with a pledge to stick to the goals and continue to achieve their dreams.

Life of saints is ideal for society: Dr. Swati Maharaj

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAY 26

The 14th initiation day of Jain Sadhvi Shri Supragya Ji Maharaj was organised by S.S. Ji Maharaj's disciples discourse was given in the presence of Prabhavika Madhurya Kahani Maha Sadhvi Dr. Shri Swati Ji Maharaj and Param Vidushi Mahasadhvi Shri Priyanka Ji Maharaj Thane 8. On this occasion, Sammati Mahila Mandal presented a drama on the life of Jain Sadhvi Supragya Ji Maharaj. This drama was presented in a picturesque manner by Nisha Jain, Sudha, Sarika, Shakuntala, Pramir, Manju, Poonam Jain. On this occasion, Dr. Swati Ji Maharaj said that Supragya's life has been dedicated to Jainism. He said that Supragya Ji Maharaj has met all the criteria of Sadhvi. He said that the life of a Sadhvi is ideal for society. Priyanka ji Maharaj blessed on this occasion. Dr.

Sweetie was honoure. Supragya Ji Maharaj's worldly brother Piyush and Vikas Singla were honoured. Which

Gharaunda, Karamveer Singh, etc. were present. Small children presented programmes. These includ-



was conducted by Naveen Jain. Mahila Mandal presented a bhajan. Ashok Jain, Ratan Jain, Rajan Jain, Raman Jain, Krishna Jain, Satish Jain, Jaipal

ed Saanvi, Tanvi, Dhanvi, Aaradhya. Representatives of the society from Delhi, Kaithal, Panipat participated in the programme.

Those promoting Amritpal are also Khalistan supporters: Shandilya

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

AMBALA: National President of Anti Terrorist Front India and Vishwa Hindu Takht chief Veeresh Shandilya said that the streets of Punjab will be red with blood from the land of Amritpal Singh Khandur Sahib, an ISI agent lodged in Dibrugarh jail and conspiring to spread terrorism again in Punjab. Therefore, giving even one vote to this Khalistani from the land of Khandur Sahib would be weakening the nation.

Anti Terrorist Front India, while talking to the journalists today, said that Punjab Governor, Election Commission and Home Minister Amit Shah wants to make the streets of Punjab red like Jarnail Singh Bhindranwala by using social media as terrorists and hence all the videos of that Amrit Pal Singh, should be removed from social media because he is giving the message to the radicals in Khandur Sahib and in Punjab and in the country and abroad that he is out of jail, hence there is a demand to immediately remove the videos of Amritpal Singh and also to the Governor of Punjab regarding this. Anti Terrorist Front India will submit a memorandum and the effigy of Amritpal will be burnt. Viresh Shandilya said that those campaigning for Amritpal Singh in Khadoor Sahib are not only running the campaign of Jarnail Singh Bhindranwala but are also working on the instructions of Pakistan's ISI and Anti Terrorist Front India chief Viresh Shandilya said that Amritpal Singh is being campaigned from Khadur Sahib. Like terrorists, people are challenging the Constitution of India, the Indian tricolor and the sacrifices of martyrs, which Anti Terrorist Front India will not tolerate.

Common people should take care of themselves as well as elderly people in rising heat - DC

RAHUL KOHLI JAGADHRI, MAY 26

DC and District Revenue and Disaster Management Department Chairman Captain Manoj Kumar said that the Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Haryana has issued an advisory to protect the general public from heat and heat wave, which everyone should follow. DC said that the heat is increasing day by day, hence along with keeping yourself healthy, also take care of the weak and elderly. If the elderly are overheated, check them at least two a day. Especially when the elderly are alone, check and take special care of them. He told that he should have a phone with him so that if his condition worsens due to extreme heat, he can be detected. He said that if weak and elderly people are feeling too hot then try to provide coolness to them. If they are



feeling uneasy then give them cold water to drink. If people from weaker sections and elderly people feel overheated, wet their body and bathe them with cold water. Place a towel around their neck and armpits to keep them cool. Along with cooling their

body, call a doctor or ambulance if necessary. Tell the elderly and weak people to always keep a water bottle with them and drink water in case of extreme heat or dry throat. Drink as much water as possible. Water is needed most in summer.

Mahant Rajendra Puri praying for prosperity of country and public

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KURUKSHETRA, MAY 26

A large number of devotees reached the Jag Jyoti Darbar of Kurukshetra, the birthplace of Geeta and the confluence of pilgrimages, on Sunday, the fourth day of Mahant Rajendra Puri's Akhand Panch Dhuni Agni Tapasya. Devotees had darshan and offered prayers at Jag Jyoti Darbar. While the temperature crossed 44 degrees on Sunday, hot winds and heat waves also continued. In such a season, Mahant Rajendra Puri is doing penance in fire in harsh and scorching heat with the wish for the prosperity of the country and public welfare. Mahant Rajendra Puri, who has been doing penance

every year in the scorching heat for almost two decades, while praising Sanatan Dharma, said that the purpose of his penance is only to wish for patriotism, public welfare and prosperity in the country and state. Even in this scorching heat, amidst the unbroken Panch Dhuni fire penance, they feel the cool breeze due to the faith of the devotees and the grace of God. On this occasion, Mahant Rajendra Puri also performed Sankirtan in the name of Lord Shri Ram along with chanting Mahamrityunjaya Mantra and Gayatri Mantra. Mahant Rajendra Puri said that there is great enthusiasm among the devotees due to the Panch Dhuni fire penance and devotees come from far and wide.

Yasin Majri arranges 'Chhabeel' to serve cold sweet water to passerby



PREETI SAINI SADHAURA, MAY 26

On Sunday, the youth of village Yasin Majri near Sadhaura Kala Aam Road Paharpur block set up a Chhabeel and served cold sweet water to the passers-by. During this, all types of vehicles, buses, cars and bikers were stopped and served sweet water. Actually the youth says that he has installed this Chhabeel in the memory of his Guru Swami Ramanand Ji Maharaj and he will continue

such Chhabeel every year. Apart from this, he said that because of the heat and many passers-by stopped and drank water. At time of water scarcity, such was a noble work which all of youth have arranged together. Apart from this, he appealed to everyone to make such water arrangements keeping in mind the heat, so that the people passing by can get water. During this time, Rajat, Sagar, Sahil, Mohit, Karan, Ashraf, Gulzar and many other villagers were present on the spot.

Tarlochan thanks voters for support



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: District Convener of Congress and Karnal Assembly candidate Tarlochan Singh has expressed his gratitude to the workers, voters and party leaders for their cooperation in the Karnal Assembly by-election. However, he also said that one or two leaders did backstabbing. He said that respected Congress workers worked to boost his morale to contest elections against a CM. The workers stood firmly at the booth. No stone was left unturned in the election campaign.

Tarlochan Singh said that his aim has been to serve the public through politics. In the last 10 years, he worked to raise issues related to the people of Karnal. I have been getting full support from the people of Karnal and in future I will work only for the people of Karnal. Here, Congress leaders have claimed that Tarlochan Singh will win with a huge majority. There was anger among the public against BJP and the same anger was seen even on the day of voting. The public supported Congress and its result will be known to everyone on June 4.

Duty Magistrate appointed for strong room in KU's community centre

DALBIR MALIK

KURUKSHETRA: District Magistrate and Deputy Commissioner Shantanu Sharma said in the order issued on Sunday that as per the guidelines issued from time to time by the Election Commission of India and the Chief Electoral Officer, Haryana, the Lok Sabha General Elections-2024, which were held on May 25, will be held in the strong room. Officers have been appointed as duty magistrates. Under these orders, Sub Divisional Officer Civil Ladwa and ARO 11-Ladwa, Sub Divisional Officer Civil Shahbad and ARO 12-Shahbad, Sub Divisional Officer Civil Thanesar and ARO 13-Thanesar and Sub Divisional Officer Civil Thanesar and ARO 14-Pihova from 26 May to 4 June. They will be in charge of their assembly constituencies, which also includes 24-hour CCTV coverage of the strong room. District Magistrate Shantanu Sharma said that similarly, round the clock duty of officers has been imposed from May 26 to June 4 for the strong room built in Kurukshetra University, including in the community center from 8 am to 8 pm in Ladwa and Shahbad assembly constituencies. Duty has been imposed on XEN Sumit and Police Officer Inspector Jagdev Singh and from 8 PM to 8 AM, the duty of CARA's XEN Dhooop Singh and Police Officer SI Rajesh Kumar has been imposed. Similarly, in the strong room built for Thanesar and Pehowa assembly in the shooting hall, from 8 am to 8 pm, Hirni's XEN Vinod Kumar and police officer Inspector Ashok Kumar and from 8 pm to 8 am, Hirni's XEN Praveen Gupta and Police officer Inspector Rajesh Kumar has been put on duty. He said that all these officers will provide round the clock duty in the strong room created in Kurukshetra University till June 4. These duties will be treated as election related duties and any officer found absent from his duty will be punishable under Section 134 Breach of official duty in relation to election, which is a cognizable offense under the Representation of the People Act 1951.



Central and state level team inspect leprosy patient search campaign

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAY 26

The leprosy patient search campaign being run in district Karnal was inspected by the joint team of Dr. Amarjeet Regional Director, Chandigarh Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India and State Leprosy Officer Dr. Rita Kotwal. Civil Surgeon Dr. Krishna Kumar informed the team about the LCDC running in District Karnal that till now about 1204 teams have screened a population of about 10 lakhs in which 629 probable leprosy patients have been found who have been sent to the government for testing. Being sent to health centres. Some potential patients who require thorough investigation. Kalpana Chawla is being sent



to Medical College for skin slit smear and skin biopsy. Till now, one leprosy patient has been confirmed from Block Gharaunda, whose treatment has been started. Deputy Civil Surgeon Dr. Simmi Kapoor said that 297 supervisors on top of 1204 teams are working in this campaign in the district, whose objective is to make the common people aware about leprosy by going door

to door and by examining the symptoms of the disease, to screen the possible leprosy patients. Get it done and provide treatment to confirmed patients. The above team visited Sector 13 Dispensary where they took information about the LCDC running in the area from Medical Officer Dr. Kranti. Dr. Kranti told that there are 2 supervisor workers on 8 teams in his area. The team also checked

the tele sheet, supervisor report, reports being sent at the district level, and other registers. Conducted a thorough inspection of the health services being provided at UPSC. The team was greatly impressed by the promotional method used by UPSC to create awareness among the general public. Instructions were given by the investigation team to find as many potential patients as possible. Dr. Kranti said that first the potential patients are examined at UPSC only and treatment for common skin diseases is done from there. In case of possibility of leprosy, referral is made to Room No. 23, Dermatologist, OPD, District Civil Hospital. On confirmation of leprosy, the treatment process of the patient is started by paramedical worker Van-

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNAGAR, MAY 26

For Yamunanagar residents, Tusker Pharmacy has brought a new hope. It was inaugurated on Sunday by social worker Sardar Jagjit Singh. Its owner Ankit Mittal said that Tusker was the first healthcare mall in the world and India where every health related facility was available under one roof. This was a unique initiative that promised to completely change the Indian healthcare system. He further said that the main objective of Tusker was that people could get all their health needs under one



roof. It was not just a pharmacy but a complete health center which was a confluence of various services and products.

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ucts. The following were the services and facilities available at Tusker: **Pharmacy and Wellness Store:** Here one will easily find all types of medicines and health products. It is a comprehensive pharmacy that offers everything from general medicines to special treatments. Doctor Consultation for just Rs 1: Tusker has the facility of consulting a doctor without an appointment. With this, one can get a solution to one's health problems at any time. Tusker has a variety of lab testing, physiotherapist, dentistry, huge discounts on medicines, 24-hour services.

India moving ahead, Punjab is going backwards: Dr. Subhash



PANDIT DAVINDER
ROPAR: BJP candidate from Sri Anandpur Sahib Constituency, Dr. Subhash Sharma, during his high-voltage election campaign in various areas of the Ropar and Kharaot today asserted that only Prime Minister Narendra Modi could restore the lost glory of Punjab. Addressing a series of election rallies, Dr. Sharma said that during his ten-year tenure as PM, Modi has taken the country to new heights. "Just look at our road network, highways and railway stations – while the country is moving on the fast track of development, unfortunately, Punjab is lagging behind. This election, we all Punjabis must get together to ensure that we should contribute to the formation of the government by giving all 13 seats from Punjab to BJP and ensure that at least now Punjab witnesses unprecedented development in the third consecutive stint of Modi as PM", he said.

Need to complete sowing early to get more yield from soft crops: CAO



SURINDER DAMDAI
KOTKAPURA: A meeting of officials of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department Block Kotkapura under the kharif campaign being conducted by the Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department. Faridkot for the purpose of providing quality paddy seeds/fertilizers and pesticides to the farmers at the local Block Agriculture Office. It was presided over by Chief Agriculture Officer Amrik Singh. Discussions were held in the meeting about stopping the sale of banned Pusa 44 seeds, availability of fertilizers, soft sowing. Addressing the agricultural officers present in the meeting, Dr. Amrik Singh said that variety and certified seed play a very important role in the successful cultivation of paddy, because usually the seed sellers and farmers show the vegetable garden to the farmers and sell the seeds of non-recommended varieties at high prices.

Baba Yara Peer Welfare Society organizes fair at Dargah of Baba Zahra Peer



AMRIK SINGH
AMRITSAR: This year also, the fair was celebrated with great enthusiasm and devotion at the Dargah of Baba Zahra Peer under the leadership of Baba Yara Peer Welfare Society with the cooperation of village Othiao on Sunday. On the occasion, various singers and Qawwal sang throughout the day to entertain the devotees. Late in the evening around five o'clock, rural games were held under the leadership of Shaheed Bhagat Singh Sports Club and Baba Yara Bir Welfare Society. Rural sports competitions included races, tug of war. Competitions were also organized for small children. Despite the heat, small children displayed their talent.

BSF soldiers fire on Pakistani drone, 11 kg heroin recovered during search operation



VERMA
GURDASPUR: BSF personnel deployed at BOP Chandu Wadala of 27 battalion of BSF under Sector Gurdaspur tonight fired at Pakistani drones entering Indian territory from the International Border. According to the information, at around 1:30 am last night, BSF soldiers of BOP Chandu Wadala heard the sound of Pakistani drone entering Indian territory and fired about 5 shots. On hearing the news of this incident, BSF and Kalanaur police station had started a search operation by creating a blockade in the concerned area since Sunday morning. During the search operation by BSF soldiers, more than 11 kg of heroin sent by drone was recovered from the fields.

Lamrin Tech Skills University Players shine in All India Inter University games



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIAARPUR: Lamrin Tech Skills University Punjab athletes brought laurel to university campus as Power lifting team from Lamrin Tech Skills University Punjab secured the top honors in All India Inter University games. Satbir Singh Bajwa, Joint Registrar LTU shared with happy and joyous moments that in All India Inter University Powerlifting Competition organized by the Physical Education and Sports University, Tamil Nadu. Our athletes outperformed over 450 participants from 64 universities across India, showcasing their exceptional skills and determination. Our team scored Powerlifting overall trophy by attaining 46 points and 1 gold medal 2 silver medals 2 bronze medals. Dr. Sandeep Singh Kaura Chancellor Lamrin Tech Skills University Punjab blessed the athletics team and their coaches and said this achievement is a testament to the unwavering commitment and relentless efforts of our students, coaches.

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Punjab police, BSF arrest seven drug smugglers with 5.47kg heroin

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, MAY 26

In a major breakthrough against trans-border narcotic smuggling networks, Fazilka Police in a joint operation with Border Security Force (BSF) have busted an International Narco smuggling module with the arrest of seven drug smugglers after recovering 5.47 Kg pure grade Heroin and ₹1.07 lakh drug money from their possession, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Sunday. Those arrested have been identified as Baljinder Singh alias Lovely (21), Sukhchain Singh alias Lucky (19) and Solav Singh (19), trio residents of village Peere Ke Uttar in Fazilka; Gurcharan Singh alias Milkha (21) of village Chak Swaah Wala in Fazilka, Karandeep Singh (29) of village Badal Ke in Fazilka, Daljit Singh alias Maani (23) of Mahatam Nagar in Fazilka and Kamaldeep Singh (32) of village Kot Gobindpura in Kapurthala. Accused Kamaldeep Singh has a criminal background and has already been facing two cases



under the NDPS act in Kapurthala. Apart from recovering heroin and drug money, Police teams have also recovered 40 live cartridges, six mobile phones, 8.4 grams gold and 68.97 grams silver from their possession, besides, impounding their Hyundai Verna car (HR 06 Y 8681) and three motorcycles. DGP Gaurav Yadav said that preliminary investigations have revealed most of the accused persons, who are

in their teens, are students and were preparing for Army recruitment when they got acquainted with Kapurthala based drug smuggler Kamaldeep Singh and started smuggling heroin from across the border. The arrested accused were in touch with a Pakistan-based smuggler and were getting drug consignments via drones, he added. He said that investigations are ongoing to establish backward

and forward linkages and identify the Pakistan-based drug smuggler. Sharing operation details, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Dr Pragya Jain said that Police teams got reliable inputs that accused Baljinder Singh, Sukhchain Singh, Solav Singh, Gurcharan Singh, Karandeep Singh and Kamaldeep Singh had got consignment smuggled from Pakistan and kept concealed at accused Baljinder's house.

World University research journal included in UGC CARE list

AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, MAY 26

A meeting of the editorial board of The Journal of Religion and Sikh Studies was convened at Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University, Fatehgarh Sahib.

The University Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Prit Pal Singh, expressed his delight at the inclusion in the UGC CARE list, deeming it a prestigious achievement for the university. He emphasised that the Journal is an internationally recognised, peer-reviewed publication known for its high-quality contributions and rigorous editorial standards. The Vice-Chancellor of the University extended gratitude to esteemed professors from Punjab, India, and abroad who have graciously agreed to serve on the journal's advisory board, and he encouraged the editorial team to maintain their enthusiasm and dedication. During the meeting, Dean of Academic Affairs, Prof. (Dr.) Sukhwinder Singh Billing, disclosed that ten special issues of the Journal have been successfully published, with a focus on Gurmat principles, Sikh tradition, and historical discourse.

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Eight of Bathinda MPs under matric, one lawyer and just one double MA

NARESH GOYAL
MANSA, MAY 26

Of the members of parliament (MPs) elected on Bathinda lok sabha seat since 1952, as many as eight were under matriculate. The electorate, however, once elected an advocate and another MP a double MA.

This fact, undoubtedly speaks volumes of the area's backwardness for what it used to be popularly known till date. Perhaps the major reason behind this fact was that the seat used to be a reserved one for 50 years (till lok sabha elections of 2004). Bathinda lok sabha seat has been represented maximum number of times by akali dal nominees. After 2004 lok sabha elections, the seat was converted into a general seat and during the three LS polls held thereafter, SAD nominee Harimrat Kaur Badal emerged victorious all the times. How-

ever, well before 2004, all akali dal nominees won from here were under matriculates, except one Paramjit Kaur Gulshan, who became MP from Bathinda in the lok sabha polls of 2004. Ms Gulshan is double MA and is the daughter of former Bathinda MP Dhanna Singh Gulshan, who also served as union minister of state for education thought he himself was illiterate.

Till the LS polls of 2004, as the main contest from Bathinda seat usually remained between the nominees of major political parties, so the voters hardly bothered about the educational qualification of any candidate as they used to be mentally prepared to vote for any specific party. Hence, the voters always used to watch just the poll symbol of the candidate in whose favour they were to cast vote.

CEO exhorts voters to go to booths on June 1 to make state achieve "Is Vaar 70 Paar"



SHASHI PAL JAIN
MOHALI, MAY 26

Punjab Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Sibin C, exhorted voters to go to polling booths on June 1, with full enthusiasm and zeal to make the state achieve the "Is Vaar 70 Paar" target.

Flagging off a Walkathon from Bougainvillea Garden, Phase 4, Mohali on Sunday morning, organized with the help of local community clubs

and NGOs, CEO Sibin C said that the Walkathon aims to raise awareness about the importance of active participation in elections as well as to promote a healthy lifestyle. Participants from various walks of life joined the event, making it a vibrant and successful initiative to connect with the public as part of the Systematic Voter Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) activity. The Walkathon emphasized the

importance of voting and green elections, with participants adorning green T-shirts and caps bearing the slogan "Our Mission-Green Election."

Saplings were also distributed to the participants to promote the message of green elections by the Election Commission of India (ECI). CEO Sibin C also planted a sapling in Bougainvillea Garden to underscore the green election message.

Protest held amidst scorching heat in front of police station



SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, MAY 26

Several social welfare associations of Jagraon and surrounding areas have been staging protest in front of police station for 798 days consecutively demanding arrest of police officials and others accused of torturing a family while in police custody.

While issuing a statement on their protest, the representatives of various associations including Gurdavay Singh Talwandi, Nirmal Singh Dhaliwal, Baldev Singh Fauji, Bharpoor Singh Chajawal said that nearly 2 decades back, police officers Gur-

windewr Singh Bal and Rajveer Singh conspired and killed victim Manpreet Kaur Dhaliwal and Darshan Singh Dhaliwal's minor daughter Gurwinder Kaur, tortured them while in police custody and framed them in false case. "The accused police officers badly tortured Manpreet Kaur, Darshan Singh, their minor children and illegally detained victim Surinder Kaur and her daughter Kulwant Kaur from their home in Rasulpur and harassed them inhumanely by giving electric shocks that left Kulwant Kaur disabled for rest of her life and claimed her life years later," they said.

All parties in Delhi want to rule but only Akali Dal would serve: Sukhbir Badal



BUREAU
PATHANKOT, MAY 26

Shiromani Akali Dal candidate from Lok Sabha Constituency Gurdaspur addressing the massive election rally held at Bhola and Sujanpur in favor of Daljit Singh Cheema, Shiromani Akali Dal President Sukhbir Singh Badal said that Shiromani Akali Dal will never form an alliance with the Bharatiya Janata Party in future and all the elections will be party's election symbols will fight on scales. He said that all the parties run from Delhi

come to Punjab only to rule while the serving party is only Shiromani Akali Dal. He said that even before the independence of the country and even after the independence, only Shiromani Akali Dal has fought for Punjab, Punjabi and Punjabiya while other parties have always discriminated against Punjab. Sukhbir Singh Badal while addressing said that all the comforts and facilities that the people of Punjab are getting today were given by late Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal during Shiromani Akali Dal governments.

Police takes out flag march in view of ensuing Lok Sabha elections

RADHESHYAM SHARMA
MORINDA, MAY 26

Keeping in mind the Lok Sabha elections, a flag march was took out in the main markets of Morinda under the leadership of Punjab Police DSP Morinda Gurdeep Singh Sandhu. Apart from Punjab Police personnel, paramilitary forces also took part in this flag march. Speaking to the media



on this occasion, DSP Morinda Gurdeep Singh Sandhu said that

mischievous elements would not be spared at any cost no matter how big their status would be. He appealed to the voters to vote without any pressure or fear. Punjab Police were always ready for the safety of voters. He also sought cooperation from the people of the assembly constituency. He said that whenever information was received about any anti-social.

We are fighting for bright future of your children: Bhagwant Mann



GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, MAY 26

Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, on Sunday, campaigned for the AAP candidate Laljit Singh Bhullar in the Khadoor Sahib Lok Sabha constituency. Mann addressed three huge public rallies in Khadoor Sahib, Kapurthala and Sultanpur Lodhi and thanked the people for supporting the AAP and coming out in large numbers to encourage the AAP candidates. Mann said that the enthusiasm for the AAP cam-

paign in this scorching heat is proof that no other party is even close to the AAP in Punjab.

He said that he is welcomed with flowers and cheerful slogans whereas people literally count their fingers after shaking their hands with the other politicians. Addressing his first rally in Khadoor Sahib Mann said that it is the time for change, just like trees shed their old leaves and give space to new ones. He said that unlike other political parties, the AAP leaders are young and are

from non-political, common backgrounds. He said that these dynast politicians have ruined the three generations of Punjab. They looted Punjab and its people and built the palaces and hotels but now they are calling the common people 'malang'. Mann said that now these 'malangs' will teach a lesson to these pompous leaders and they all will lose badly. Mann said that they became 'rajwade' because canals literally end in their own fields whereas the Punjabis had to struggle for every drop of water. Cornering the opposition leaders in Punjab, CM Bhagwant Mann said that he organised a debate on Nov 1st in Ludhiana, but no opposition leader came.

They did not come because they are all corrupt and liars, they had no answer to all the questions I was going to ask them on the behalf of the people of Punjab. But now they all have come out like 'barsati daddu', asking for your votes after looting you for decades. He said that according to reports we are winning from Khadoor Sahib constituency by 25,000 votes, he urged the people to make this margin 35,000 votes.

DBU student Khushdeep wins Medal in National level Chef competition



AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, MAY 26

Khushdeep Kaur, a student of the School of Hotel Management & Tourism of Desh Bhagat University won the medal in the Grand Finale of the national level chef competition "Better Kitchen Bakery Championship" held at IHM Mumbai.

To shortlist the finalists, chef competitions were held across various regions of the country. For the Punjab region, Khushdeep Kaur was the winner and was invited for the finale in Mumbai. She prepared the wedding cake

based on the Punjabi theme. Her preparation was appreciated by the judges. The judgment of the event was done by the renowned chefs and prizes were distributed by the celebrity chef Harpal Singh. The winner was felicitated by Chancellor Dr. Zora Singh, Pro-Chancellor Dr. Tajinder Kaur, and Vice President Dr. Harsh Sadawari. Dr. Zora Singh congratulated the students and the faculty members of the department.

Dr. Tajinder Kaur appreciated the students and faculty and assured them of all the support from the university for such activities.

GO, RO hold meeting with candidates & AEAs



SUMER GARG
SANGRUR, MAY 26

The Returning Officer (RO) of Lok Sabha Constituency 12 - Sangrur, Jitendra Jorwal in the presence of General Observer (GO), H. Dineshan while holding a meeting with the contesting candidates and their authorized election agents (AEAs) at the local district administrative complex here today, urged them to follow the guidelines issued by the Election Commission of India (ECI). He said that the administration is fully committed to provide a clean, trans-

parent and safe environment to all political parties, candidates and requires full cooperation from the candidates to maintain law and order. The RO said that the candidates against whom cases are registered, they should submit the FIRs registered against them as per the format prescribed by the Commission, the information of newspapers and TV within the specified time as per the instructions of the Election Commission.

They will be bound to ensure that they reach the general public by advertising in the channels.

Shekhawat assures to dev ancient Sitasar Sarovar, situated on bank of Saraswati Nadi

SUMER GARG
SUNAM, MAY 26

The Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP), under the leadership of Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Union Cabinet Minister to the GoI along with General secretary of Punjab unit, Daman Thind Bajwa, film stars Hobi Dhaliwal and Parminder Brar, other senior leader of Punjab and other states has organized a huge mega road show, passed from the main markets of the city in favour of Arvind Khanna, BJP's candidate from Sangrur Lok Sabha Constituency (SLSC) last evening here.

The shopkeepers showed flowers and welcomed the BJP leaders with enthusiasm. Thousands of supporters of BJP, who joined this road show were requesting people to cast their votes in favor of Arvind Khanna, BJP's candidate from SLSC. On the occa-



sion, a deputation of Shree Neelkantheshwar Ram Mandir, Sitasar, Sunam Punjab along with around 24 other local like minded associations of Sunam under the leadership of Mr. Sumer Garg met Union Cabinet Minister, Mr. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat submitted a memorandum to him, in the memorandum, the deputations expressed their gratitude towards Mr. Narendra Damodardas Modi, Prime Minister of India for the construc-

tion of the Shree Ram Temple at Ayodhya. Earlier the non-construction of Ram temple for the last 500 years was a blot on the Hindu community as well as the followers of Shree Ram Chander Ji Maharaj. Which has now become a thing of the past due to your earnest efforts. Now, we want that you in the capacity of the Prime Minister of India should take initiatives for the revival and renovation of Shree Neelkantheshwar Ram Mandir, Sitasar etc.



RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR: With only five days remaining until voting, the 75,000 voters of Sujampur are preparing for a crucial decision. On June 1, the fate of candidates including BJP's Rajendra Rana, Congress's Captain Ranjit Singh, NCP's Ravindra Singh Dogra, and three others will be sealed in 104 polling stations. The results on June 4 will write a new chapter in the political history of Sujampur and the state. Sujampur is known for its surprising and unpredictable election outcomes. Notably, politicians like Urmil Thakur and Anita Verma exited politics after losing here, and senior BJP leader and former CM Dhunial has not contested since his 2017 defeat. Captain Ranjit, who lost as a BJP candidate in 2022, is now contesting as a Congress candidate in the by-elections. Let's examine who is leading and who is trailing in the election campaign in Sujampur so far. Rajendra Rana: A three-time winner and one-time loser in the Sujampur Assembly constituency, Rajendra Rana's election management team is performing well. Both the Sujampur BJP Mandal and the Sujampur BJP Mahila Morcha are supporting Rana, who switched from Congress to BJP. However, Rana is haunted by the fear of internal betrayal. Therefore, Jai Ram, Nadda, and RSS are closely monitoring every corner of Sujampur. Rana has to explain to the people why he left Congress for BJP.

National President of Seva Dal Congress, Lalji Desai holds press conference in Nurpur



SANJEEV MAHAJAN
NURPUR: National President of Seva Dal Congress, Lalji Desai, addressed a press conference in Nurpur. During the briefing, he asserted that the BJP's top leaders are clearly rattled by the gains made by the INDIA coalition in the six phases of the elections, as evidenced by their focus on irrelevant issues. Desai emphasized that the Congress is contesting the elections on the issues that matter to the people, while the BJP is attempting to distract the public with trivial matters, a strategy he believes will not succeed. Desai stated that the winds of change are blowing across the state, and the INDIA coalition is set for a resounding victory, poised to form the government at the center. He criticized Prime Minister Narendra Modi for resorting to undignified comments, which he said are unbefitting of the high office he holds.

Cong govt is formed at Center on June 4, Agniveer Yojana will be closed first: Rahul Gandhi

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, MAY 26

While addressing a Sankalp Nyaye Rally at Police Line ground Jhalera Una today; congress leader Rahul Gandhi said that as soon as the Congress government is formed at the Center on June 4, Agniveer Yojana will be closed first. He said that other wrong schemes of Modi will also be stopped. Rahul Gandhi's helicopter landed at Indira Stadium in Una at 1:37 pm and then by road Rahul Gandhi stopped for 10 minutes at Congress Lok Sabha Candidate Satpal Raizada's Raizada Hotel in Lalsingi. After that he addressed the Nyaya Sankalp rally at Police Line Ground, Jhalera. Rahul Gandhi also lashed out at Godi media in this rally. He said that no matter what Modi says, which is not right for the public; the media shows it again and again, which is fatal for democracy. He said that Modi is working for only 22 billionenaries. And Modi forgave their 16 lakh crores loan. And we will forgive the farmer's debt. He said that all four Lok sabha Seats and six by elections seats of MLAs will win the congress. Rajeev Shukla, Sukwinder Singh Sukhu Chief Minister Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh Mukesh Agnihotri were also present with him. Rahul Gandhi was very happy to see the crowd of thousands of youth and said that the youth and everyone of the country will overthrow the Modi government and on June 4, our Congress government will come to power.

CM Sukhu got upset after seeing the huge crowd gathered in the rally: BJP

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, MAY 26

State BJP spokesperson Sanjay Sharma, Rakesh Sharma and co-media in-charge Vishav Chakhu said in a joint statement issued to the press that Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu has been dismayed by the crowd gathered at the rally of Union Minister Amit Shah in Dharamshala.

He said that this rally has changed the election trend. BJP will win all four Lok Sabha seats and six assembly seats of the state with huge majorities. He said that before this, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the National President of BJP have got the deposits of Congress candidates confiscated in their election rallies. He said that Congress

Rahul Gandhi appeals HP voters to oust Adani-Modi Government

AGENCY
SHIMLA, MAY 26

Senior Congress leader and INDIA Alliance Star campaigner Rahul Gandhi on Sunday appealed to 50 lakh voters of Himachal Pradesh to oust the 'Adani-Modi government', blaming the corporate giant for capturing massive public resources in the last ten years of BJP rule. At a rally held at Cougan Ground in Nahan, Rahul Gandhi criticised Indian corporate giant Adani, who, he said, is closely associated with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Gandhi accused the Modi government of favoring Adani and Ambani, alleging that public assets, the apple trade, and major infrastructure projects like Airports and land have been handed over to these corporate houses. Gandhi alleged that



public resources were being diverted to benefit a few wealthy individuals. He claimed that the Modi administration has transferred around Rs 2200000 crore from Indian Banks to Adani by providing loan waivers. Furthermore, he alleged that MNREGA funds have been redirected to support 22 large corporate houses, while ordinary citizens suffer. He pointed out the government's involvement in creating 22 billionaires, contrasting it with his party's promise to create millions of millionaires by directly aiding the poor. Gandhi also focused on the plight of farmers, particularly those in Himachal Pradesh. He promised to enact a law to ensure Minimum Support Price (MSP) for farmers and pledged to waive their loans. He criticized the Modi government's policies, which he alleged have adversely affected apple growers in Himachal.

According to Gandhi, the unfair pricing and market control by Adani and Ambani have led to significant losses for apple farmers. He argued that these issues stem from the Modi government's favoritism towards these corporate giants. Gandhi continued his attack on Modi by highlighting the extensive influence Adani has acquired on the current administration. He mentioned that Adani has taken control of major Airports, including those in Mumbai and Lucknow, and that the Indian Ordnance Factory's weapon manufacturing has also been handed over to Adani. This concentration of resources and power in the hands of a few has been detrimental to the broader population, Gandhi asserted.

Despite scorching heat, Rajendra Rana receives overwhelming love and blessings

RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR, MAY 26

Former MLA and BJP candidate for the Sujampur by-election, Rajendra Rana, addressed numerous street corner meetings in the Bamsan area, expressing that the immense love and blessings from the people are his greatest assets. He emphasized that he will always be indebted to the people for their support and trust. According to Rana, people from all walks of life enthusiastically participate in his programs, providing him with unwavering support and confidence, which is his greatest strength. Rana stated that he has dedicated his life to the Sujampur constituency and remains committed to making it the most developed and exemplary assembly



constituency in the state. He declared that no one can deter him from his agenda of public service and development. He emphasized that only a strong BJP government at the center and the state can write new chapters of development and fulfill the dreams of the people. Despite the intense heat, the enthusiasm of the villagers in Rana's public meetings was palpable. Villagers raised their hands to assure Rana of their support, ensuring a landslide

victory for Anurag Thakur in the Lok Sabha and Rajendra Rana in the by-elections. Many elderly women blessed Rana by placing their hands on his head. The entire BJP cadre is actively engaged in the field, tirelessly promoting the election campaign to its peak. Late into the evening, Rana's street corner meetings continued across various locations in the assembly constituency, drawing large crowds despite the heat.

Selection of Himachal Pradesh Senior Throwball Team

JOGINDER DEV ARYA
BANGANA, MAY 26

The selection of the Himachal Pradesh Senior Throwball Team took place on Sunday in Bangana. The event saw the participation of Virendra Kanwar, President of the Himachal Olympic Association and former minister, as the chief guest. In his address, Kanwar emphasized that the Himachal Pradesh Olympic Association is making every possible effort to ensure the participation of youth in sports. He praised Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur for his efforts, which have provided numerous opportunities for Himachali youth to showcase their talent at national and international levels. Kanwar encouraged the athletes to perform excellently and bring laurels to Himachal Pradesh. He distributed kits



and uniforms to the players. The selection included throwball players and coaches from various districts of Himachal Pradesh. The 47th Senior National Throwball Championship will be held from June 6-8, 2024, at Bird and Deed College, Hayathnagar, Hyderabad, Telangana. Himachal Pradesh Association Secretary Joginder Dev Arya announced the selected players for the senior team. The

women's team includes Mansi Rana, Sumiksha Panwar, Gurpreet Kaur, Tarasvi Sharma, Shatakshi, Uma Devi, Nisha Devi, Baby Kumari, Sakshi, Anshika, Diya Sharma, and Anjali. The men's team consists of Sameer Khan, Sarvjit Singh, Aryan Bats, Annol, Rupansh Sharma, Prashant, Ankit Rana, Ayush Sharma, Anil, Pankaj Mah, Neeraj, Kirti Lal, Aditya, Bhargav Sharma, Puneet, Lalit Vishal, and Adarsh Sharma.

CM expresses grief over demise of Sr journalist Khushi Ram Sharma

SHIMLA: Chief Minister Thakur Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu has expressed deep grief over the demise of senior journalist Khushi Ram Sharma. He was born in village Shadi in Jubbal of district Shimla. He breathed his last today in Shimla after a long illness. He was 79 years old. In his condolence message, the Chief Minister has expressed deep condolences to the bereaved family while praying to God for the peace of the departed soul. He said that Khushi Ram Sharma

worked for the newspapers Veer Pratap and Naya Lokyug. He made a distinct identity for himself through objective and fearless journalism. Director Information and Public Relations Department, Rajiv Kumar and other officers and employees of the department also expressed deep grief over the demise of Khushi Ram Sharma and prayed to God to provide peace to the departed soul and strength to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.

CS reviews poll preparedness in Dodra Kwar



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAY 26

The Chief Secretary, Prabodh Saxena during his one day visit to Dodra Kwar, the remotest hard area of district Shimla in Rohru Sub division reviewed poll preparedness and SVEEP activities and motivated the people to come out to vote on 1st June, 2024 in lieu of Lok Sabha elections. Sh. Saxena is the first Chief Secretary to tour

Dodra Kwar during Lok Sabha elections and to inspect the poll preparedness. He appealed to the people to come out and vote making a history by contributing 100 percent polling with the motto 'Vote Karega Dodra Kwar'. He interacted with Mahila and Yuvak Mandals besides others and motivated them to participate voluntarily by exercising their right to franchise. He also held meetings with the

officers and officials at SDM office Dodra Kwar and listened to their grievances. Sh. Saxena assured to solve their grievances on priority. He made necessary inspections pertaining to polling booths and the facilities being provided therein to the polling parties. SDM Dodra Kwar, Dharmesh Ramotra also accompanied the Chief Secretary. Earlier he was accorded a warm welcome on reaching Dodra Kwar.

Election Department ropes in cyclists across state to create awareness

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAY 26

To spread and motivate the voters, particularly those residing in urban areas to come out and vote in large numbers, cycle rallies were organised across the state, flagged off by all the District Electoral Officers/Deputy Commissioners in their respective districts barring Una and Kinnaur.

These cycle rallies were organised in collaboration with the Cycling Association of Himachal Pradesh. District Electoral Officer / Deputy Commissioner, Shimla, Anupam Kashyap flagged off the riders from the historic Ridge. Chief Electoral Officer, Himachal Pradesh, Maneesh Garg who was the Chief Guest



on the occasion also cycled along with other officers including SP Shimla. Sh. Garg congratulated Mohit Sood, president of the Cycling Association of Himachal Pradesh for conducting the event throughout in unison with the State Election Department. He also congratulated all the participants taking part in this 'Maha Utsav of Democracy'. He said that these rallies were being organised in 10

districts of the state, barring Una and Kinnaur to spread the message of right to franchise amongst the voters, particularly the first time voters and the youth. He informed that around 2000 participants were taking part in these cycling rallies across the state in which people from all age groups were taking part, which is rather commendable. As the Lok Sabha elections are scheduled to be

held on 1 June 2024, it is a moral duty of every citizen to ensure their participation in this Maha Utsav of Democracy, stated Sh. Garg. He said that Himachal Pradesh has always witnessed an increase in voter turnout and the people of the state particularly in rural areas show a lot of enthusiasm and zeal. In the last assembly elections, the state recorded a 76 per cent voter turnout and this time again, the target was to surpass all the earlier stas. Manish Garg also awarded prizes to the winners of various competitions, including slogan writing and to the youngest and oldest riders. He also flagged off 'The Democracy Van', which will spread awareness amongst the people to come out and vote voluntarily.

Rajesh Dharmani meets employees in Hamirpur parliamentary constituency

SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI, MAY 26

Cabinet Minister Rajesh Dharmani attended a meeting organized by employees of the Himachal Maitri Sabha in Baddi as the chief guest. During the gathering, he urged the attendees to support the Congress Party in the upcoming election on June 1, to ensure a strong government at both the state and central levels. Dharmani criticized the central government's authoritarian policies and accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of misleading the public. He pointed out that inflation is at an all-time high and the unemployment rate has been steadily increasing over the past decade. He also mentioned that the Agniveer scheme is deceiving the youth. Dharmani took the opportunity to inform the



audience about the various initiatives being implemented by the Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu-led government in Himachal Pradesh. He emphasized that the development of the state depends on the people's valuable votes for the Congress Party. He assured that post-election, strict actions would be taken against industrialists who exploit workers under the pretext of employment. Furthermore, he promised that 70% of the jobs in each industry would be reserved

for Himachalis, and legal actions would be taken against those who fail to comply. The event saw the presence of several notable figures, including former Municipal Council President Madan Chaudhary and members of the Himachal Maitri Sabha, such as Anil Sharma, Sanjay Sharma, and Krishna. Hundreds of people attended the meeting. The organizing committee also arranged a traditional Himachali feast, which was enjoyed by all the attendees.

Only few days left for tenure of Congress government : Sudhir Sharma

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, MAY 26

The huge crowd overpowered the opponents of the BJP candidates contesting the elections in the state. The address of BJP's star campaigner and Union Home Minister Amit Shah in the Dharamshala rally completely changed the direction of the elections. The political temperature has also risen due to the aggressive issues raised by BJP on Indi alliance. The huge crowd gathered in the rally overpowered the opponents of the BJP candidates, contesting the elections in the state. The crowd at the rally, which was larger than expected, gave a strong message that the formation of BJP government at the Center and the state is



certain. The people of Dharamshala Legislative Assembly, who reached the rally in large numbers, have given a clear message that the fight is for the development and respect of Dharamshala, for this the victory of BJP candidate Sudhir Sharma from Dharamshala is certain. Sudhir Sharma has also expressed his gratitude to the people of Dharamshala who

reached the rally and has also appealed to the people to make them victorious with their huge votes. BJP candidate from Dharamshala Sudhir Sharma has said that the Chief Minister of the state can neither strangle democracy nor suppress the voice of the people. He said that the kind of language Sukhu is using while sitting on the post of

Chief Minister is an insult to the post of Chief Minister. It is better to relieve such a person. Sudhir Sharma said that only a few days are left, after that BJP government will be formed in the state along with the Center and the dark chapter of Sukhu government will end in the state. He said that the way Sukhu is accusing me with the help of lies clearly shows how upset Sukhu is. Sukhu has come to know that the tenure of the state Congress government is only a few days left. Everything, lies and deception is going to blow away in the storm of BJP. It is easy to make allegations against someone but it is difficult to prove them. Sukhu will now have to prove the allegations made against me in the court.

Need to complete sowing early to get more yield from soft crops: CAO



JAGDEEP SINGH GILL, JATU: In order to provide quality paddy seeds/fertilizers and pesticides to the farmers, a meeting of officials of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department Block Kotakpura under the kharif campaign being conducted by Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, Faridkot, Local Block Agriculture Office It was presided over by Chief Agriculture Officer Amrik Singh. Discussions were held in the meeting about stopping the sale of banned Pusa 44 seeds, availability of fertilizers, soft sowing. Addressing the agricultural officers present in the meeting, Dr. Amrik Singh said that variety and certified seed play a very important role in the successful cultivation of paddy, because usually the seed sellers and farmers show the vegetable garden to the farmers and sell the seeds of non-recommended varieties at high prices. They sell He said that usually some non-recommended varieties are cultivated by the farmers due to which the farmers and farmers have to face some difficulties while marketing in the market. He said that by planting non-recommended and hybrid paddy varieties, while the farmers suffer economic losses, the cellar industry suffers huge losses.

Poster release of cycle rally to be organized



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL: The poster of the cycle rally to be organized on June 2 by Larit Welfare Foundation and Bathinda Vikas Manch for cancer awareness was released. During this, Larit Foundation Director Lata Shrivastava, Bathinda Vikas Manch President Rakesh Narula, Chamber of Commerce President Ram Prakash Jindal, Royadeep Construction MD Jaswinder Singh, Dr. Ayush Makkar, Gurpreet Singh Mann, Jagjit Singh, Ashok Kamra, Mukesh Kumar Monty, Larit Foundation's Dr. Kuldeep Singh Bangi, Advocate, Nilesh Pethani, Bhupinder Bansal, Prof. Harvinder Singh Atwal, Advocate Amandeep Singh Aggarwal, Prof. NK Gosain etc. were specially present. The said cycle rally will start from MSD School (Hanuman Chowk) on 2 June at 6 am, from there it will pass through Bus Stand, Max Hospital, Dolphin Chowk, Ganpati Enclave and end at Pragma Hospital. Let us tell you that on World No Tobacco Day, World Bicycle Day, the Cancer Awareness Cycle Rally is getting tremendous support from the city residents.

Picnic tour taken by Pathfinder Global School



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL: Pathfinder Global School took the students on a picnic at Punfun in Lehra Bega for their entertainment. Where the students had a lot of fun. Children had a lot of fun in the water park and enjoyed the different types of swings. Lunch was also arranged for the children. Teachers were also present with the children in the trip. The teachers also got emotional after seeing the happy expressions on the innocent faces of the children. Meanwhile, swimming trainers and experts made the children aware of the precautions to be taken before entering the pool. Punfun is a wonderful place of fun and adventure. Where children get to see a variety of swings made with modern technology. The children had an exciting day enjoying the water rides and various swings. The head teacher said that along with studies, participation in sports and other activities leads to overall development of children. There the children had a lot of fun playing with each other in the water. he children thanked the school principal and all the teachers. On this occasion, the principal of the school said that this fun picnic has given the students a unique experience. He said that the children participated in many exciting programs. In which we enjoyed nativity scene, rides, 3D movie, photo session with various games etc.

Sharp Brain Education donated fans to Arya Senior Secondary School



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL: Five fans were donated to Arya Senior Secondary School Mandi Phul by Sharp Brain Education Director Ranjiv Goyal and his wife Pooja Goyal. On this occasion, Ranjiv Goyal said that we should bring the necessary equipment to the schools, with which the condition of the schools will improve and it is natural that the level of education of the students will be raised. On this occasion, the managing committee and principal Kuljit Singh said that donors continue to support the school from time to time. He appreciated the work done by Sharp Brain Education and thanked the Goyal family. Teachers Rakesh Kumar, Nishu Sharma, Gurmeet Singh, Gurpreet Singh Mann, Vipul Kaur, Mandeep Kaur, Rekha Rani were present on this occasion.

Kejriwal campaigns in Bathinda, seeks vote for AAP



ANIL VERMA
BATHINDA, MAY 26

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday campaigned for AAP candidate Gurmeet Singh Khuddian from Bathinda. He conducted a big road show in Bathinda with the AAP candidate and appealed to the people to press the 'jharoo' button and make Gurmeet Khuddian win. While addressing the people, Arvind Kejriwal targeted Akali Dal candidate Harsimrat Kaur Badal and told the people that the mistake of last time

should not be repeated this time. Last time you made Harsimrat Kaur Badal win, but she was never seen on the ground. On the other hand, Gurmeet Khuddian is your own. He will be among you 24 hours a day and will work for you. Kejriwal said that this election is an election to save the democracy and constitution of the country. This is an election to end dictatorship. He said that during the farmers' movement in 2020, Prime Minister Narendra Modi did not allow the farmers of Punjab to enter Delhi. This time you press such a button

Till I am alive nobody can dare to end reservation given by constitution: Arvind Kejriwal

HOSHIARPUR: Aam Aadmi Party AAP's national convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday campaigned for AAP candidate Dr. Rajkumar Chabbewal in Hoshiarpur. He held a massive roadshow with the AAP candidate and appealed to the people to press the 'jharoo' button on June 1 to make Dr. Chabbewal win. Kejriwal told the people that the 'jharoo' button is at number five in the EVM. So press only the number five button on June 1. Addressing the people, Kejriwal said that this election is to save the country's democracy and constitution. This is an election to end dictatorship. He said that during the farmers' movement in 2020, Prime Minister Narendra Modi did not allow the farmers of Punjab to enter Delhi. This time you press such a button that Modi is out of power in Delhi. In this election, you take revenge for the farmers' agitation from Narendra Modi. Kejriwal said that right after the announcement of Lok Sabha elections, BJP got me arrested so that I could not campaign. They were afraid that if Kejriwal campaigns, BJP will suffer huge losses in Delhi, Punjab, Haryana and many states of the country. But God heard my voice and released me from jail for 20 days to end the dictatorship of the BJP. He said that the way you strengthened the Aam Aadmi Party in Punjab by giving it 92 MLAs, similarly make us strong at the center by giving 13 MPs this time.

that Modi is out of power in Delhi. In this election, you take revenge for the farmers' agitation from Narendra Modi. Kejriwal said that right now Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has to fight alone with the central government and

the governor. So strengthen Bhagwant Mann's hands by getting 13 MPs of the AAP elected. Then no one will be able to stop Punjab's funds and even the governor will not be able to stop any bills of Punjab.

Jalandhar admn launches special campaign for voter awareness through live comedy show

PARAMJIT SINGH
JALANDHAR, MAY 26

Jalandhar administration, under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Election Officer Dr. Himanshu Aggarwal, launched a special campaign for voter awareness on Saturday evening, under which famous stand-up comedian Indra Sahni presented a live comedy show, which aimed to encourage young voters to participate in the Lok Sabha elections on June 1, 2024. This event was held at I.V.Y. World School, in which more than 500 students of the college participated.

Indra Sahni motivated the youth to vote through his satire. Sahni not only entertained the audience with his jokes but also emphasized the civic duty of casting vote. Co-



median Indra Sahni encouraged civic participation with humor and inspiration through his jokes and satire, telling about the discounts available in hotels, restaurants, malls and wonderlands for voters who cast their votes on June 1. He praised the efforts of the administration for carrying out this massive exercise by involving many business establishments in the election process.

Addressing the gathering, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Himanshu Aggarwal said that the live comedy show is a part of the Jalandhar administration's efforts to involve the youth in the electoral process.

Thakur Yogesh Singh raises issue of street vendors in BJP meeting

BUREAU
GURDASPUR, MAY 26

A meeting of Bharatiya Janata Party was held in Mamun under the chairmanship of District Spokesperson Thakur Yogesh Singh and District General Secretary Rishi Pathania. In which Yogesh Thakur told that the case filed by the Aam Aadmi Party against the people who set up vendors or vendors in the vegetable market of Pathankot district is going on in the Honorable High Court.

In which Aam Aadmi Party leaders misled the court by seeing a false affidavit in the High Court that they have allotted a place for street vendors and street vendors. In which arrangements for drinking water, cleanliness and light have also been made. He told that we told the High Court that the affidavit



given by the government in the court was given to mislead whereas in reality no place has been allotted. He said in the court that you should appoint a responsible officer to inspect the spot and see the entire reality. According to the order of the Honorable Court, the Court ordered the Commissioner along with the DMO, Chairman of the Market Committee and the Mandi Board to inspect the spot. In which BJP people also participated. When we looked at the false affidavit given by the government in the court, it was found that no land had been allotted, no cleanliness had been done.

SUMER GARG
SUNAM, MAY 26

The third and last rehearsal of election of Vidhan Sabha Constituency 101-Sunam of Sangrur Lok Sabha Constituency (SLSC) was held under the supervision of assistant returning officer-cum-SDM Sunam, Pramod Singla at local Maharaja Palace here today and the detailed information regarding the election process was given to the teams through projector method. Practical use of the EVM was taught at each table for the use of the machines.

On this occasion, Mr. Pramod Singla also gave directions to the election staff to carry out the work of the election smoothly, diligently & honestly and along with this, PRO and APO were also invited to



come to the Sunam office anytime for any kind of information and training regarding elections. As always, tea and sweet water were arranged this time too.

In this rehearsal Prof. Parminder Singh, Principal Rajinder Sharma, Principal Dinesh Kumar and Mr. Pankaj Dogra attended as Master Trainers. Besides others, Major Sumit Singh Dhillion Tehsildar Sunam; Neeraj Sharma, Naib Tehsildar Sunam; Rajveer Singh Dhanoa, Naib Tehsildar

Seventh batch of 58 devotees leaves for Mata Shri Naina Devi by bus

RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA, MAY 26

The 72nd Bus Yatra by Maa Naina Devi K Ladley Group from local Patiala Gate Bus Stand Nabha led by Principal Sahil Gupta and Principal Satish Garg left for the darshan of Mother Shri Naina Devi Ji. Bhuvesh Bansal



Bhashi, President of Blood Donor Stent Awardee Harsh

Blood Donor Society, Bhuvesh Bansal Bhashi, Samaj Sevak Vijay Garg, Society Patron, flagged off the bus, and coconut breaking ceremony was performed by Samaj Sevak Amit Bansal Golu, President Bhashi. Speaking said that it is a very good step for Maa Naina Devi ji K

Artist Gurpreet Namdhari portrays story of festival of democracy in unique manner

SHASHI PAL JAIN
MOHALI, MAY 26

The SVEEP team of Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar is constantly working to try to do something distinctive and new so that as per the instructions of the Election Commission of India, maximum votes can be mobilised for casting their votes on June 1, 2024.

On one side, the film actors Ms Raj Dhaliwal and Darshan Aulakh are participating in SVEEP activities to encourage voters and on another side in a unique style, prominent canvass artist Gurpreet Namdhari's murals are appealing to everyone to take selfies with the murals and post them on social media. Presidential Awardee,

Gurpreet Singh Namdhari with the magic touch of his brush has portrayed several murals in the lobby of the district administrative complex. Giving the details, District Nodal Officer SVEEP Prof. Gurbakshish Singh Antal specifically said that the upcoming mural, ECI's Vigilant App 'c VIGIL' seems to warn the violators of Model code of conduct and portray what type of violation of the Code of Conduct our action may court.

The image of the swiftest and state bird Baaz (northern goshawk) symbolically depicts the Election Commission's surveillance in every direction. Similarly, "Panj-Aab Karuga Vote on June 1" seems to be a firm appeal to Punjab voters in the name of

five rivers as every gender and category of voters. Another masterpiece is the mural depicting to encouraging participation of women voters in democracy following the statue of the Mother of Democracy.

Gurpreet Singh is a school teacher by profession, he is very calm, attired in white and seems to be giving the message of exercising vote on June 1 peacefully and without any inducement, discrimination or greed.

In view of the Lok Sabha elections, his work is being highly appreciated by the election observers and other officials who come to the district administrative complex to attend meetings as the murals are beside the meeting hall.

Pre-certification must for political advertisement in print media for last 48 hours

MOHALI : Issuing the restriction on electioneering during period of 48 hours (starting from May 30, 6:00 PM) before the time fixed for the close of poll, the District Election Officer-cum-Deputy Commission Mrs Aashika Jain said that as per section 126 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, no person shall convene, hold or attend, join or address any public meeting or procession in connection with the election. Divulging the instructions issued by the Punjab CEO Office regarding the last 48 hours on May 23, 2024, she added that display to the public any election matter by means of cinematograph, television or other similar apparatus or propagate any election matter to the public by holding, or by arranging the holding of, any musical concert or any theatrical performance or any other entertainment or amusement with a view to attracting the members of the public thereto, in any polling area during the period of forty-eight hours ending with the hour fixed for the conclusion of the poll shall be strictly prohibited. It also covers opinion polls and exit poll.

EO Sakshi Sawhney conducts checking of nakas



JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR): District Election Officer Sakshi Sawhney on Saturday conducted checking of the nakas laid by Static Surveillance Teams (SSTs) at various points of Jagraon sub-division.

Accompanied by SSP Navneet Singh Bains, SDM-cum-ARO Jagraon Gurbir Singh Kohli, Assistant Commissioner Kritika Goyal, the District Election Officer said that nine static surveillance teams were assigned for each assembly constituency of Ludhiana and these teams were responsible for strict implementation of the Model Code of Conduct and these would remain operational till the completion of the elections. She said that the SSTs had been given a task to check all small and big vehicles and if found anything suspicious, then take action for confiscation and inform the senior officials immediately. She said that these teams were headed by officers with executive magisterial powers and includes police officers and videographers to record their activities on a daily basis.

Bhagwant Mann will arrive at Rampura Phul today

KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL, MAY 26

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann will hold a road show at Rampura Phul today, Monday, May 27, and Civil Hospital in favor of Aam Aadmi Party candidate Karamjit Anmol from Faridkot Lok Sabha constituency. Late afternoon near Rampura Phul He will address the people during the election campaign at 3 o'clock.

The said information was given by Balkar Singh Sidhu, MLA of Rampura Phul constituency. Sidhu said that Aam Aadmi Party candidate Karamjit Anmol from Faridkot seat will be sent to the Lok Sabha after winning with a big margin from the opposition candidates. Balkar Singh Sidhu said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, the devel-



opment works carried out by the Punjab government during the last two years. Traditional parties could not do that even in their decades of tenure. He said that Aam Aadmi Party has brought revolutionary reforms in education and health. In the first two years, 40,000 jobs have been provided by the government under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann. People of Punjab have become followers of Aam Aadmi Party due to its pro-people policies.

Lok Sabha election is question of protecting Punjab's independence, autonomy and reins from people of Delhi: Sukhbir

VERMA
GURDASPUR, MAY 26

Shiromani Akali Dal president Sukhbir Singh Badal, who came to address a massive election rally at Qadian today in favor of Daljit Singh Cheema candidate of Shiromani Akali Dal from Lok Sabha Constituency Gurdaspur.

He said that these Lok Sabha elections are not only for forming a government at the center, but for the future of Punjab. There is also the question of autonomy and saving the reins from the hands of Delhiites.

Addressing a large public gathering at Resort in qadian, Sukhbir Singh Badal said that if Sikhs or Punjabis face any problem anywhere in the world, they should not contact Congress, Aam Aadmi Party or Bharatiya Janata Party, but the President of



Shiromani Akali Dal. They do, because the Akali Dal is the panth and the only organization in Punjab. It is the shield of the minorities and the Sikh panth. He said that whenever the challenge of displacement arose before the Punjabi farmers in Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat or any other state, it was the Akali Dal that came forward and protected their lives and property. He said that despite being 18 percent of the country's population, Muslims are suffering due to division, while

on the other hand, as long as the Akali Dal was the center of power of the Sikhs, the governments of the country were also leaning towards the Sikhs. He said that when the Sikhs weakened the Akali Dal by coming to the talks of the parties in Delhi, then the RSS over the Takht Hazur Sahib, Takht Patna Sahib and Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, has been possessed The President of Shiromani Akali Dal said that Akali Dal is a party that respects all religions.

Principal Dr. Balwant Singh Kohli gifts his new book to SDM Kohli



SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON: Renowned writer, sports promoter and principal Dr. Balwant Singh Sandhu gifted his new book 'Ik Pind Di Khed Yatra' to SDM Jagraon Gurbir Singh Kohli. Captain Naresh Verma, SDO Harinder Singh, reader Sukhdev Sherputi and others accompanied him. It is worth mentioning that principal Sandhu's book 'The Golden Punch' based on life of boxer Kaur Singh has been much included in syllabus by Guru Nanak Dev University and other universities. Athletes from sports academy of Prof Sandhu in village Chakar have represented India at international level. SDM Kohli highly applauded him and said that we need more people like principal Sandhu to motivate youth to participate in games.

Cabinet approves one-month extension for Army Chief Gen. Manoj Pande

VERMA GURDASPUR: The Appointments Committee of Cabinet, on May 26, 2024, approved the extension in service of Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) General Manoj C Pande, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC for a period of one month, beyond his normal age of superannuation (May 31, 2024), i.e. up to June 30, 2024, under Rule 16 A (4) of the Army Rules 1954. He was appointed as the COAS on April 30, 2022. He was commissioned in December 1982 in the Corps of Engineers (The Bombay Sappers). He held the appointment of Vice Chief of the Army Staff before taking over as the COAS.

Lotus will bloom once again in Kurukshetra: Rajesh Chawla

KAPIL ARORA SHAHABAD MARKANDA: Senior BJP leader Rajesh Chawla said that the people of Kurukshetra have once again voted in favor of BJP candidate Naveen Jindal and shown that the lotus will once again bloom in Kurukshetra. He said that similarly the people of the country have once again made up their mind to make



Narendra Modi the Prime Minister. He said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has got a new identity on the world stage. Today the whole world believes in the might of Narendra Modi. Chawla said that on June 4, the entire country will once again celebrate the victory of BJP. He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has put the country on par with developing countries. He said that the opposition neither has any leader nor any idea to take the country forward. The opposition is only misleading the public by making false promises.

India will be free of maoist problem in next 2-3 years: Amit Shah

AGENCY NEW DELHI, MAY 26

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has said the Maoist problem in the country will end in the next two-to-three years, and except for a small pocket in Chhattisgarh the whole country is now free from the menace.

In an interview with PTI late Saturday, Amit Shah also said that there is no presence of the Maoists in the so-called Maoist corridor - from Pashupatinath to Tirupati.

"Maoists were eliminated from all over the country. Once some people used to say about the Maoist corridor from Pashupatinath to Tirupati. Now, Jharkhand is completely free from Maoists. Bihar is completely free. Odisha, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh are also



completely free. Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh are also free," he said.

Amit Shah said the Maoists were still operating in some pockets of Chhattisgarh and could not be eliminated there so far as there was a Congress government in the state in the last five years.

He said since a BJP government has assumed power in the state five months ago, work to free Chhattisgarh

from the Maoists has started.

"After our government assumed charge (in Chhattisgarh), about 125 Maoists were killed, over 352 were arrested and about 175 surrendered - if you count today's (May 25) figure too. Here I am talking about the figures of just last five months. "I can tell you that in the next two to three years -- I am giving you an outer limit - the country will be free from

Kapurthala administrative conducts third training for poll personnel

PAWAN KALIA KAPURTHALA, MAY 26

Following the second rehearsal for polling staff in four assembly constituencies last Saturday, the District Administration today conducted third training, where assembly level master trainers impart necessary training to polling personnel.

Deputy Commissioner Amit Kumar Panchal, while giving details in this regard, said that administration had fully geared up to ensure free, fair and peaceful voting on June 1 by putting adequate arrangements in place. In all four assembly segments namely Kapurthala, Bholath, Sultanpur Lodhi and Phagwara training held under the supervision of SDMs-cum-Assistant Returning Officers. The training for Kapurthala polling personnel was imparted at local Nawab Jassa Singh Ahluwalia College. Similarly, the training was also held today at different locations at Bholath, Sultanpur Lodhi and Phagwara assembly segments. Panchal said that all preparations had been finalised at total 791 polling stations with deputed around 3200 polling staff including one presiding officer at each polling station. He said that these personnel were apprised about their poll duties as well as requisite election process.

The polling parties would be despatched on May 31 and final training is to be imparted before their departure, said the Deputy Commissioner adding that 175 polling stations would be setup in Bholath assembly segment, 194 in Kapurthala, 195 in Sultanpur Lodhi and 227 polling stations in Phagwara. Panchal said that two volunteers would be deputed at each polling station to help elder and needy voters besides having adequate number of wheel chairs for facilitation of voters at their respective polling booth.

All requisite arrangements put in place for free, fair & peaceful elections: Deputy Commissioner

ASHISHPURI KAPURTHALA, MAY 26

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Helpers Society making efforts to ensure that no person sleeps hungry

KAPIL ARORA SHAHABAD MARKANDA: Helpers Society, which was formed 12 years ago to help people injured in road accidents, has today created a distinct identity for itself by doing various social service works. Tilakraj Aggarwal, Head of Helpers Society, said



that till now the society has

provided every possible help to about 25 thousand women, children and elderly people who have been injured in road accidents and about 8 thousand people have been taken to PGI Chandigarh for treatment. Apart from this, since 2017 till now, the work of cremation of about 1200 unclaimed dead

bodies and floating their ashes in Ganga has been done by Soyati. Tilakraj said that the society is trying to ensure that no person in the area sleeps hungry, for which the society is running a community kitchen through which food is being given to hundreds of people every day.

Sukhbir Badal asks top leadership of national parties campaigning in Punjab to clear their stand on State's river waters

VERMA GURDASPUR, MAY 26

Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Singh Badal asked the top leadership of all national parties campaigning in Punjab today to clear their stand on Punjab' river waters, State's right to its capital city of Chandigarh, making MSP a legal right of farmers and the release of Bandi Singhs.The SAD president, who addressed

massive enthusiastic rallies at here and at Qadian, Kalanaur (Dera Baba Nanak), Gurdaspur and Batala said the top leadership of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), Congress and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) should tell whether they would take Punjab's side and demand a roll back to the arbitrary decision to give half of the State's water to Rajasthan.

"The leaders should also state unequivocally that they



wanted Chandigarh to the transferred to Punjab and announce that they would not go back on their statement once they reached Haryana or Delhi. Similarly they should support making MSP a legal right of farmers and announce that they were in favour of the release of all Bandi Singhs who remained incarcerated despite completion of their life sentences".

Mr Sukhbir Badal said in case the leaders of the national parties were unable to take Punjab's side on all these issues they did not have any right to seek votes in the

State. He also announced that the SAD would continue to safeguard the interests of Punjab and was committed to seeking a just resolution to all its pending issues.

Speaking about the Congress party and its candidate Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, the SAD president said "you must all keep June 1,1984 in mind when you go to cast your votes on the same day next month. You all know that Indira Gandhi attacked Sri Darbar Sahib with tanks and mortars on this day and even destroyed Sri Akal Takht Sahib.

Lamrin Tech Skills University Players shine in All India Inter University games



JATINDER PAL SINGH KALER KATHGARH: Lamrin Tech Skills University Punjab athletes brought Laurel to university campus as Power lifting team from Lamrin Tech Skills University Punjab secured the top honors in All India Inter University games. Satbir Singh Bajwa Joint Registrar LTSU shared with happy and joyous moments that in All India Inter University Powerlifting Competition organized by the Physical Education and Sports University, Tamil Nadu. Our athletes outperformed over 450 participants from 64 universities across India, showcasing their exceptional skills and determination.

Our team scored Powerlifting overall trophy by attaining 46 points and 1 gold Medal 2 silver Medals 2 bronze Medals. Dr Sandeep Singh Kaura Chancellor Lamrin Tech Skills University Punjab blessed the athletics team and their coaches and said this achievement is a testament to the unwavering commitment and relentless efforts of our students, coaches, and the entire university community. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the entire sports department team of LTSU for achieving this milestone and setting the benchmark.

Teach a lesson to parties which neglected Bhadour Constituency: Meet Hayer

KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA, MAY 26

Aam Aadmi Party's candidate from Sangrur and state cabinet minister Gurmmeet Singh Meet Heyer said that the parties who deceived the voters of Bhadour constituency by fielding big candidates during the elections did not re-evaluate the Bhadur constituency after the elections. Even the candidate of any party did not go around the constituency. Now is the time to teach a lesson to all parties and external candidates in the parliamentary elections. Meet Hare, addressing the Bharvi rallies in the villages of Bhadour constituency today, said that the Congress party has fielded its current Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi from Bhadour



in the 2022 Vidhan Sabha, who did not return to Bhadour after the defeat. Now Sukhpal Khaira was made a candidate from Bhulath who will not be seen again after the elections. Meet Hare said that the Akali Dal also once contested the election of an official of the Chief Minister's Office, but he also did not come anywhere to collect the information of the displaced

residents. Akali Dal Amritsar candidate and current MP Simranjit Singh Mann was easily forgotten after winning the election and did not even raise a single issue of Sangrur and Bhadour in the Parliament. Meet Hare said that he will raise the voice of the entire constituency of Bhadour and Sangrur in the centre. He said that he is his local candidate and is always there for him.

Election rehearsal conducted in wedding-like atmosphere at Mahal Kalan



KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA, MAY 26

In view of Lok Sabha Elections 2024, the second election of polling staff was conducted in Shagun Palace at Mahalkala 104 under the direction of District Election Officer Mrs. Punamdeep Kaur ji and under the guidance of Assistant Returning Officer Mr. Satwant Singh ji in an atmosphere like a rehearsal wedding. Naming the place of election rehearsal as a wedding house, Assistant Returning Officer Mr. Satwant Singh, motivating the polling staff who came for training, said

that the Lok Sabha elections are a festival of democracy and we have a wedding house for a daughter. Therefore, we all have to carry out this auspicious task successfully with full dedication, hard work, mutual coordination and happiness. A full wedding-like atmosphere was created during the election rehearsal and polling staff were served tea along with traditional Punjabi sweets desi laddus, shakarpore and pakodas. Inspector Satpal Singh, Master Chetwant Singh, Jitinder Kapil, Anu Agarwal, CHT Rimpi Rani who came for the training said that the training was given in a

very good manner during the rehearsal, the selfie point was the center of attraction and there was no problem due to heat due to the AC hall. did not appear On this occasion Tehsildar Rajesh Ahuja, Deputy DEO Barjinder Pal Singh, Superintendent Harvinder Singh, Nirmal Singh, Karanveer Singh, Ramanpreet Sharma, Master Trainer Principal Anil Modi, Sukhdev Singh, Kuldeep Bhullar, Sector Officer Kuldeep Singh Sukh Chandan Singh, Mandeep Singh, Professor Khushpreet Singh, Tejinder Khuddi, Dilpreet Chauhan, Harpreet Kaur etc. were present.

Modi blesses BJP Lok Sabha Gurdaspur Media Coordinator and BJP State Media Panelist Advocate Meena Tarnach

SHWETA SHARMA SUJANPUR:

Advocate Meena Tarnaich, Media Coordinator for BJP Lok Sabha Gurdaspur and BJP State Media Panelist, welcomed Modi. Meena Tarnaich shared that thousands of people from the Gurdaspur Lok Sabha constituency enthusiastically gathered to listen to Prime Minister Modi, indicating a confident victory for the seat. During the event, Prime Minister Modi also mentioned the achievements of the late Vinod Khanna. Present at the occasion were Pathankot MLA Ashwani Sharma, Hoshiarpur candidate Anita Som Prakash, Amritsar candidate Tarnjit Sandhu, and Gurdaspur candidate Dinesh Singh Babu.

Meena Tarnaich expressed her gratitude, saying she felt blessed when Prime Minister Modi placed his hand on her head and gave her his blessing. She stated that the Modi government has taken India to new heights of development, achieving numerous records from highways to airports and from industries to agriculture. She emphasized that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government has previously made important decisions for the development of the Gurdaspur Lok Sabha constituency and has provided facilities to the people without any discrimination. She expressed confidence that BJP candidate Dinesh Singh Babu will win by a large margin.



Many injured in collision between car and bike Jugaad street vendor

MANISH KUMAR AMBALA:

A speeding car and a Jugaad bike hit a street vendor near Shastri Colony on the Ambala-Delhi highway. In the accident, the streetcar overturned and seven people, including four children of a migrant labourer, were injured. At the time of the accident, 3 month old baby Rohan, 5 year old Sanju, 6 year old Sharvan, 7 year old Lakshmi, 25 year old Sagarwati, 25 year old Saroj and her husband Jai Prakash, 26 year old Jatindra, 24 year old Niranjan and his wife Saroj were present in the street. There were 10 riders. The children have suffered minor injuries while seven have been admitted to the Cantonment Civil Hospital with injuries on their faces and arms. Paday police station took the car and Jugaad bike of the street vendor to the police station and started investigating the case. Saroj's leg got fractured in this accident. The injured driver Niranjan told that he works as a labourer. Yesterday, he was going from Ashiana, Sector-34, Ambala Cantt, near Subhash Park, Ambala Cantt, along with his wife Saroj, 3 month old child and others. Where he is working as a laborer in a house under construction.



Residents of Ward No. 3 suffering without water

KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA, MAY 26

Residents of ward number three of Tapa Mandi are yearning for water drop by drop due to damaged water works. A water tank was sent by Simranjit Singh Mann, which will continuously provide water supply to the ward residents until the problem of water works is over, for which the Mohalla residents Simranjit Singh Maan and Shiromani Akali Dal (Amritsar) organizational secretary Govind Singh Sandhu thanked him deeply. Residents of ward number three, Lakhveer Singh, Seera Singh, Mohana Singh, Jagga Singh, Karan Singh, Charanjit Kaur, Paramjit Kaur and Shinder Kaur informed that they were longing for water drop by drop due to the malfunctioning of the water works of ward number three, although the organizational secretary of the Shiromani Akali Dal (Amritsar). Water works have also



been passed by Govind Singh Sandhu, but water works are not being started as there is no place for water works yet. He said that he told the urban youth president of Shiromani Akali Dal (Amritsar) Manpreet Singh about the shortage of water to the residents of the mohalla, who gave all the information about the problem of the ward.

Flag march by police at Kathgarh under leadership of DSP Balachaur in view of LS elections

JATINDER PAL SINGH KALER KATHGARH, MAY 26

In view of the Lok Sabha elections, a flag march was taken out by the entire police force under the leadership of DSP Balachaur Sham Sundar at Toll Plaza Bachuan. This flag march started from Toll Plaza Bachuan and ended by going to Panyali, Tausa, Ral Majra, Prem Nagar, Asron Chowki. On this occasion, DSP Sham Sundar while talking to the media persons said that for the last several days in the whole country regarding the elections. The police are using strict measures so that no untoward incident takes place. He said that it is the responsibility of the police to



implement the election campaign in accordance with the instructions of the government, for which flag marches and investigations are being carried out on time. He said that no person will be allowed to break the law. He appealed to all the residents of the area to give maximum support to the police administration in

conducting the elections in a peaceful manner. On this occasion, SHO Police Station Kathgarh Pavitar Singh, SHO Police Station City Daljit Singh Gill, SHO Police Station Sadar Satnam Singh, SI Asron Chowki In-charge Jagtar Singh and the entire Police Party Armed Police Karnataka contingent were also present.

Editorial

V Day musings

I voted as I always do, in a government secondary school close to where I live. Delhi was scorching when we set out to vote, the air a solid mass of heat trying to melt the bodies that interrupted it. I considered shorts but a bourgeois sense of occasion — this was a general election — suggested respectability and trousers.

Not having acquired voter cards, my wife and I left for the polling station holding our Aadhaar cards and voter slips. In elections gone by, these slips were inserted into letter boxes by party cadres trying to get out the vote. There was nothing official about them; they were often stamped with political symbols that were obviously partisan, but they were a reassurance because they indicated that your name was on the electoral roll. This time round, the residents' association had sent us official voter information slips issued by the Election Commission which seemed altogether more formal. But lacking voter cards, there is always the anxiety that we might fall short of some rigorous proof of identity, so we carried our driving licenses as backup proofs of being. One of the ways in which voting is made sacred in Hind is that you must leave your phone behind and, with it, the profane distractions of ordinary life. It's one of those rare moments in modern life when we are wholly in the world as it used to be before it was possessed by its digital ghost.

A beehive had fallen right in front of the gate to the school that housed the polling station and its unhoused bees were making the act of voting more heroic than it normally is. A solid citizen had stationed himself next to the exploded beehive the better to tell incoming voters that they should take the long way round, unconcerned about his own wellbeing. There is something about telling others what to do that is genuinely transcendent. There was no queue and the Aadhaar card sufficed. The light on the electronic voting machine went green, I looked for the jhaadu, the Aam Aadmi Party's symbol, and pushed it. There was a pause and a clicking sound; a slip displaying a photo of the AAP's candidate, Somnath Bharti, surfaced, and disappeared. This was the Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail at work. Given the rumours that periodically become viral about the vulnerability of EVMs to hacking, this was reassuring, despite the pictorial reminder that I was voting for Bharti.

One of the useful things about writing regularly about current affairs is that it's easy to unearth what you thought about political actors like Bharti in the past. Ten years ago, in January 2014, I wrote an unflattering column in these pages about Bharti, titled "The Ugandan persecution". Bharti, who was then the law minister of the Delhi government led by Arvind Kejriwal, had tried to get the police to arrest Ugandan women in Khirki village, a neighbourhood in Delhi, without due process on the grounds that they were prostitutes and their homes were drug-dealing dens of vice.

Restrictions imposed on Afghan girls will increase child marriages

United Nations agencies have said that the restrictions imposed by the Taliban on women and girls will increase the number of child marriages among Afghan girls by 25 per cent, Afghanistan-based TOLO News reported.

UN Women, the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), and the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) have released a joint two-page brief. In the brief, the UN agencies have highlighted the issues faced by Afghan women and their demands of the international community.

According to the two-page brief, the continuation of restrictions by Taliban on women and girls will impact child marriages by an increase of 25 per cent, increase early childbearing by 45 per cent, increase the risk of maternal mortality by 50 per cent. Currently, 82 per cent of Afghan women consider their mental health to be bad, according to the brief.

It further noted that Afghanistan is the only nation in the world that bans girls from studying in schools beyond the sixth class. Moreover, Afghan women have been banned from attending university, according to TOLO News report.

According to the joint brief released by UN agencies, Afghan women have not given up fighting for their right to live life with dignity despite the restrictions imposed on them by Taliban.

The brief said, "Afghan women are still forming civil society organizations, still running businesses, and still providing services to their communities; most importantly, Afghan women have continued to find ways to make their demands to the international community clear."

In the brief, UN Women, IOM and the UNAMA have said that Afghan women have



urged international community to remain focused on the situation in Afghanistan and restore the rights of women, including the rights to education and work, TOLO News reported.

UN Women, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), and the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) in the brief said that Afghan women ask the international community to remain focused on the situation in Afghanistan and to restore women's rights, including the rights to education and work, in addition to women's participation in public decision-making.

Meanwhile, a number of analysts stated that the world does not have a policy to address these restrictions. Nesar Ahmad Sherzai, a political analyst, stressed that forced marriages can be considered a very small part of the obstacles preventing girls from continuing their education.

"Forced marriages can be considered a very small part of the obstacles preventing girls from continuing their education, but what the United Nations Women's Section claims is not like that. The main and significant obstacles to girls' education are known by the United Nations, credible international institutions, and major powers, but they are wasting time. They do not have fundamental and principled work in hand to remove these limitations from the girls and women of Afghanistan," TOLO News quoted Nesar

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Literature & Health

Sindhi journalist Nasrullah Gadani murdered


The World Sindhi Congress (WSC) has expressed sorrow and outrage over the murder of a Sindhi journalist, Nasrullah Gadani, bringing the total number of media workers reported killed nationwide in 2024 to five, according to Voice of America (VOA).

Gadani, who was attacked and shot three days ago in Ghotki, Sindh, succumbed to his injuries in a hospital in Karachi today. Nasrullah Gadani was respected for his commitment to truth and justice.

Despite enduring a life of poverty, he refused to be co-opted by the system, choosing instead to highlight the injustices faced by the Sindhi people.

Gadani's courageous reporting often targeted the abuses of power by feudal and politicians, who, under the protection of the Pakistan army, have perpetuated widespread suffering in Sindh. His fearless dedication to exposing these atrocities ultimately cost him his life.

Activists and colleagues said the slain journalist had consistently high-



lighted the civic issues plaguing impoverished Sindh in his reporting. Gadani also was critical of the powerful feudal lords in the region, which led to his repeated detention by the police, as noted by Pakistani journalist Hamid Mir in this social media post on X, formerly Twitter.

The WSC has condemned the murder as part of a disturbing pattern of violence against journalists in Sindh. The organization voiced deep concerns about the likelihood of justice being served in this case, given the region's history of impunity.


The news of Gadani's death sparked outrage among journalists and civil society members, leading to a protest demonstration demanding justice for the slain reporter.

NASA launches small climate satellite to study earth's poles

The first of a pair of climate satellites designed to study heat emissions at Earth's poles for NASA is in orbit after lifting off atop Rocket Lab's Electron rocket from the company's Launch Complex 1 in Mahia, New Zealand at 7:41 pm NZST (3:41 am EDT) on Saturday, NASA informed in a press release.

The agency's PREFIRE (Polar Radiant Energy in the Far-Infrared Experiment) mission consists of two shoebox-size cube satellites, or CubeSats, that will measure the amount of heat Earth radiates into space from two of the coldest, most remote regions on the planet. Data from the PREFIRE mission will help researchers better predict how Earth's ice, seas, and weather will change in a warming world.

"NASA's innovative PREFIRE mission will fill a gap in our understanding of the Earth system - providing our scientists a detailed picture of how Earth's polar regions influence how much energy our planet absorbs and releases," said Karen St Germain, director of NASA's Earth Science Division in Washington. "This will improve prediction of sea ice loss, ice sheet melt, and sea level rise,



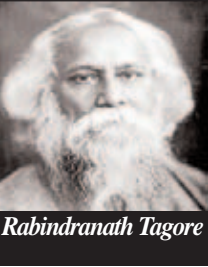
creating a better understanding of how our planet's system will change in the coming years - crucial information to farmers tracking changes in weather and water, fishing fleets working in changing seas, and coastal communities building resilience," he added. Ground controllers successfully established communications with the CubeSat at 8:48 EDT. The second PREFIRE CubeSat will set off on its own Electron rocket from Launch Complex 1 in the coming days. Following a 30-day checkout period during which engineers and scientists will make sure both CubeSats are working normally, the mission is expected to operate for 10 months, according to NASA.

POEM

Song Unsung

The song that I came to sing remains unsung to this day. I have spent my days in stringing and in unstringing my instrument. The time has not come true, the words have not been rightly set; only there is the agony of wishing in my heart. The blossom has not opened; only the wind is sighing by. I have not seen his face, nor have I listened to his voice; only I have heard his gentle footsteps from the road before my house. The livelong day has passed in spreading his seat on the floor; but the lamp has not been lit.

Rabindranath Tagore



Singapore, Vietnam call for peace amid Chinese military drills around Taiwan


Singapore and Vietnam have called for regional peace and stability at a time when China was conducting large-scale military exercises surrounding Taiwan, Taiwan News reported.

Singapore's Deputy Prime Minister Gan Kim Yong warned that a conflict in the Taiwan Strait would carry grave repercussions for all parties involved, as well as for the whole world, Taiwan News reported citing CNA.

While speaking in Tokyo, the deputy PM also called for dialogue between China and the United States.

Further, the deputy prime minister of Singapore and the Vietnam Ministry of Foreign Affairs called for regional peace and stability as China conducted large-scale military exercises surrounding Taiwan on Friday.

Days after Taiwan's Lai Ching Te was sworn in as the island's President on May 20, China launched two-day-long military drills on Thursday and Friday (May 23-24) involving land, sea, air, and rocket forces, as per Taiwan News. China described the maneuvers as "punishment" for what it called President Lai Ching-te's Taiwan independence stance. Further, Yong described the issue as the 'most potential point of conflict in the region' and stated the possibility of accidents or misunderstandings would increase if the US and China saw each other as opponents.



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While addressing his Japanese audience in Tokyo, he said Singapore would welcome visits by planes and

ships from Japan's Self-Defense Forces. The visits would assist Japan's role in fostering regional peace and security, Gan said.

Amid China's recent actions, US State Department said that it was "monitoring very closely" in coordination with the island nation, expressing confidence in its current force posture and operations in the region to ensure peace and stability, reported Focus Taiwan.

A State Department spokesperson, in response to CNA, expressed concern over reports of China's People Liberation Army's (PLA) joint military exercises in the Taiwan Strait and around its vicinity. Kinmen, Matsu, Wuqiu and Dongyin are all Taiwan-controlled territories in the Taiwan Strait close to China's southeast coast, Focus Taiwan reported.

The median line of the Taiwan Strait served for decades as a tacit border between China and Taiwan, but China's military has more freely sent aircraft, warships and drones across it.

Google Said to Invest \$350 Million in Flipkart, Valuing Firm at \$37 Billion

Alphabet's Google will pick up a minority stake worth \$350 million in Walmart-backed Flipkart, valuing the Indian e-commerce firm at \$37 billion, a source with direct knowledge of the matter told Reuters. Google and Flipkart were not immediately available to confirm the value of the investment. The tech giant will join in as an investor in the latest funding round for the Bengaluru-based company, Flipkart said in a statement. The round will be led by Walmart, Flipkart's biggest shareholder and will make Google a minority investor, subject to approvals. "Google's proposed investment and its Cloud collaboration will help Flipkart expand its business and advance the modernization of its digital infrastructure to serve customers across the country," Flipkart said in a statement. In December 2023, a Flipkart spokesperson confirmed that Walmart was set to infuse \$600 mln in the company as part of a \$1 billion round.

JioCinema Premium Annual Plan Silently Launched in India at This Price

JioCinema Premium annual plan has been silently launched by the platform, a month after the Viacom18-owned streaming service introduced a monthly subscription plan that offers access to streaming videos at up to 4K resolution without advertisements (except for sports and live events). The cost of the annual plan is cheaper than those offered by rival services, as well as the original, now-discontinued premium plan. Meanwhile, an introductory offer brings the price of the newly launched annual subscription down by 50 percent. The streaming platform on Saturday confirmed the arrival of the new plan and the JioCinema website now offers a Premium Annual plan that is priced at Rs. 599. As part of an introductory offer, customers can avail of a 50 percent discount that brings the price of the subscription down to Rs. 299. After the first 12-month billing cycle is over, the platform will charge users the full amount. According to the company's website, the JioCinema Premium Annual plan offers the same benefits as the monthly plan — ad-free streaming of videos including premium content — HBO, Paramount, Peacock, and Warner Bros.

Formation of State Executive of Indian Association of Press -N-Mediamen



Chandigarh: The state team meeting of the Indian Association of Press-N-Mediamen was held. This meeting was held in the office of a media house in local Sector 29D. In this meeting organized under the chairmanship of State President Dr. Vinod Sharma, the first discussion took place regarding the executive and assuming responsibilities. After discussion, the state team was reconstituted unanimously. State team includes the President: Dr. Vinod Sharma, Senior Vice President: Shiv Kumar Verma, Vice President: Pradeep Sharma and Pradeep Shukla, General Secretary: Amit Kumar Verma, Joint Secretary: Prosan Burman, Finance Secretary: SP Chopra, Joint Finance Secretary: Ramesh Sachdeva, Statutory Secretary: Karan Shukla, Executive Members: Rakesh Kumar, Shiv Maurya, Sunny Kumar and Rimpi were declared from the entire committee. In this series, Advisor: Prem Vij and Patrons: Shrikant Acharya and Sushil Kumar were made. After the formation of the team, State President Dr. Vinod Sharma while congratulating everyone said that today's meeting was very positive. I have full confidence that our team will continue to fight for the interest of the media. Later he said that in future, small units of the association will be formed in other cities also, so that the problems of the media persons there can be solved.

Redmi A3x With Unisoc T603 Chip, 5,000mAh Battery Launched

Redmi A3x has been launched by the company in Pakistan, and the latest handset in the brand's A series is powered by a Unisoc T603 mobile processor, along with 3GB of RAM and 64GB of storage. It has a 6.71-inch screen with a 90Hz refresh rate, while the rear panel is covered in glass and features a centrally aligned camera module with a metallic ring. The newly announced Redmi A3x runs on Android 14 and is equipped with a 5,000mAh battery that supports 15W charging. Redmi A3x price, availability Redmi A3x price is set at PKR 18,999 (roughly Rs. 5,700) and the smartphone will be available in a single 3GB+64GB RAM and storage configuration. It is currently available for purchase in Pakistan via the company's online store, and other sellers like Corecart and Daraz. Customers can purchase the Redmi A3x in Aurora Green, Midnight Black, and Moonlight White colour options. Xiaomi is also expected to launch the Redmi A3x in other markets, including India, at a later date. The dual-SIM Redmi A3x runs on Android 14-based MIUI 14 out-of-the-box. The handset sports a 6.71-inch LCD screen with a 90Hz refresh rate and Gorilla Glass 3 protection. The company has equipped the Redmi A3x with an octa-core Unisoc T603 chipset, paired with 3GB of RAM. You get an 8-megapixel rear camera on the Redmi A3x, along with an unspecified secondary camera. The phone lets you take selfies and video chats using a 5-megapixel camera located on the front in a waterfall style notch.

IIFL Home Finance's AUM crosses the 35k cr mark, FY24 PAT jumps 32% YoY

Jalandhar : IIFL Home Finance Limited (IIFL HFH) has seen its Asset Under Management (AUM) swell from ₹ 28,512 cr in FY23 to ₹ 35,499 cr in FY24, witnessing a 25% YoY growth, making the company India's largest affordable housing finance company with an average ticket size of ₹ 14.26 lac. Basis the exchange reporting on May 6, 2024, the company with over 20% shareholding of Abu Dhabi Investments Authority (ADIA), saw its the revenue from operations rise from ₹ 2,712 cr in FY23 to ₹ 33.17 cr in FY24, recording a 23% YoY growth. The Profit After Tax saw a 32% jump from Rs 768. cr in FY 23 to Rs 1017 cr in FY 24. The NIM's saw an improvement of 80 bps and strengthened from 6.5% in FY 22/23 to 7.3% in FY24, with capital adequacy ratio of 42.7%. The Gross NPA also saw over a 60 bps improvement from 2.1% in FY23 to 1.5% in FY24. The Company has the lowest cost to income rates amongst all affordable housing companies in the country. Monu Ratra, ED and CEO of IIFL Home Finance, said "IIFL Home Finance remains committed to providing affordable home loans, particularly to EWS and LG segments, with a focus on first time home buyers and women borrowers/co-borrowers. We have built a strong mold in India's mortgage lending space and our focus on operational excellence and technology led solutions have resulted in not only growth in AUM, increase in NIMs, reduction in credit cost resulting in better profitability but also fetching more customers who believe in us. The active customer base increased from 202885 to 281514 which reimpooses customers faith in the organization and its offerings. It's a privilege to have support of investors such as ADIA and DFIs such as DFC, IFC and ADB who have shown trust in us. In just a decade, we have grown from a sub ₹ 2,000 cr AUM to a ₹ 35,499 cr AUM today! This reflects our commitment to attending to the underserved segments. Our financial performance is amongst the best in the industry, and the next 3 years will see an average growth of 20% in our AUM YoY, with a strong play of physical operations."

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Here's how you can naturally treat skin rashes at home

A skin rash could be the outcome of anything ranging from allergies to infections. While some rashes heal by themselves, others require treatment. Specific causes of skin rashes include change in temperature, food allergens and sensitivity to certain medicines or products. Read on to know about the natural ways to treat a skin rash at home.

CORIANDER This magical ingredient has soothing, anti-irritant, anti-inflammatory and antiseptic properties that can heal your skin rash. Grind coriander leaves into a paste and add a few drops of lemon juice to it. Apply it on the affected area and wash after half-an-hour. Repeat this procedure once or twice a day for a few days.

BANANA PEELS: The peels of this fruit can reduce itchiness, inflammation and dryness caused by a skin rash. Refrigerate a few banana

peels for an hour or two. Later, place them directly on the affected area and leave for half-an-hour. Discard the peels after use. You can also prepare

of the two methods twice a day. **OATMEAL:** Oatmeal is known to reduce inflammation and can be used to treat skin rashes.



a mix by blending three to four banana peels with two spoons of raw organic honey. Apply this mix on your rashes and wash after an hour. Repeat any

You can add oatmeal powder to your regular bath or even prepare a DIY mix. Add some water in a cup of uncooked oatmeal powder. Stir to reach a

paste-like consistency. Apply it on the itchy areas and wash after 20 to 25 minutes. Do this twice a day.

NEEM LEAVES: Its antimicrobial properties can eliminate toxins and impurities from the skin. These leaves also heal the skin by reducing the itchiness and soreness. Boil 10 to 12 neem leaves in one litre of water for 15 minutes. Add this water to your bath every day until your rashes have healed.

PETROLEUM JELLY: While hydrating and moisturising your skin, petroleum jelly can soothe your skin and relieve it of itchiness and irritation. Take a good amount of petroleum jelly and gently massage over your rashes. Leave for an hour and then apply an ice pack for 15 minutes. Repeat this at regular intervals throughout the day.

Shivani Tiwari and Khyati Sahu wins Usha 'NIFT Best Garment Construction Award 2024' in Kangra

KANGRA Usha International felicitated the winner of the 'NIFT Best Garment Construction Award 2024' at the convocation ceremony in Kangra. Usha has been conferring this prestigious award annually since 2000 to acknowl-



edge and encourage budding fashion designers who have exceptional talent and skills. The award is being given to students of fashion design graduating across 16 NIFT centres that includes Hyderabad, Mumbai, Kolkata, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru,

Chennai, New Delhi, Kannur, Kangra, Patna, Panchkula, Shillong, Srinagar, Rae Bareilly, Bhubaneswar, and Jodhpur for the year 2024.

This year, Shivani Tiwari and Khyati Sahu were presented with an Usha Janome Allure DLX automatic sewing machine, a certificate, and a cash prize of INR 10,000 as part of the prize at FASHIONOVA, the convocation ceremony of the 2020-24 batch in Kangra. The evening saw a congregation of fashion designers, NIFT faculty, and NIFT students along with their families. The audience was in for a treat as the students enthralled them with their innovative creations showcased on the ramp. The event was graced by the presence of actress and model Ms. Reena Aggarwal.

Reliance, Disney Said to Seek CCI Nod With Cricket Rights Assurance

Reliance Industries and Walt Disney have sought antitrust clearance for their \$8.5 billion India media merger by arguing their combined power, especially on cricket broadcasting, will not hit advertisers, two people with direct knowledge told Reuters. The deal, announced in February, has been expected by experts to face intense scrutiny as it will create India's

biggest entertainment player with 120 TV channels and two streaming services. It will also own lucrative rights for cricket, India's top sport. Reliance and Disney have told the Competition Commission of India (CCI) the cricket rights were obtained separately under a bidding process which was competitive, said the two sources, who declined to be named as the approval

process is confidential. The companies argue other competitors won't be harmed as they can bid when those rights expire in 2027 and 2028, the sources added. The CCI will now review the confidential filing. Though any clearance typically takes several weeks, it can take longer if the watchdog isn't satisfied and seeks more information.

Korean Iconic Brand Daewoo enters Punjab Market To launch Energy & Power Products, Automotive Batteries & Electronics



Amritsar, -: DAEWOO, the globally renowned brand owned by the South Korean conglomerate POSCO DAEWOO, has entered the thriving Punjab market with its innovative products. Known for its synonymous commitment to quality and innovation, DAEWOO stands as an iconic and legendary brand with a 50-year global heritage in both the Automotive and Electronics sectors. With a significant presence already established in 110 countries, DAEWOO has expanded its global reach into India through strategic brand licensing partnership. DAEWOO has formed a strategic partnership with Kelwon Electronics and Appliances as the exclusive manufacturing & marketing partner for DAEWOO in India. This alliance capitalizes on Kelwon's existing sales & marketing infrastructure and aims to introduce DAEWOO's global brand innovative technology led innovative products to the Indian market. This collaboration underlines DAEWOO's dedication to becoming a household name in India while also supporting local manufacturing efforts. Mr H. S. Bhatia, Managing Director, Kelwon Electronics &

Appliances Pvt. Ltd., Manufacturing & Marketing Partner, DAEWOO India emphasized that DAEWOO, possesses a globally recognized trademark and a well-established presence in international markets including USA, Europe, China, Middle East, UAE and many more. The rapid growth of the Indian market serves as the primary motivation for their decision to enter this dynamic landscape. And we are delighted to welcome DAEWOO, a revered Korean brand, into our brand portfolio. "In our initial stage, we are introducing a range of Energy & Power products, including batteries four-wheelers and two-wheelers, Inverter and solar batteries. Additionally, we will offer a variety of HUPS inverters and UPS systems designed for both online and offline applications, featuring wall-

mounted options with lithium hybrid inverters. Other products included Commercial & Domestic Alkaline Water Purifiers, Interactive Flat Panels (IFP), Home & Kitchen Appliances, Home Bar Refrigerators & Audio Systems & Accessories. Additionally, we are launching wide range of Home Entertainment series such as SMART LED TV Range, offers unparalleled performance with features like WebOS, 4K UHD Premium Series, panoramic viewing, and in-built picture boosters etc, added Mr Bhatia. We are enthusiastic about harnessing our innovation capabilities and extensive distribution network to unlock new opportunities for both the brand and our valued customers. This long-term partnership forms the cornerstone for our company's sustained growth.

JSW Paints posts its first Operating Profits within 5 years of business launch

Jalandhar : JSW Paints, India's leading environment-friendly paints company and part of the US\$ 24 billion JSW Group, posted its first full year operating profits at an EBITDA margin of more than 3% (approx. Rs 67 crores) for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024. This makes JSW Paints the first and youngest Indian paints company to post operating profits in the shortest span of 5 years from its business launch. The company's gross revenues crossed the targeted Rs 2,000 crore milestone registering more than 10x industry growth rate. The scale-up in gross revenues was supported by a significant ramp-up in both Decorative Paints and Industrial Coatings businesses.

The current growth rate puts JSW Paints firmly on track to pursue its target of achieving Rs 5,000 crore within the next two years (i.e. by FY26). This will be supported by significant business transformation initiatives in the decorative paints segment. The company has appointed Mr Ashish Rai as Chief

Business Officer – Decorative to lead the transformation & growth in its Decorative Paints Business. With over two decades of experience in global organizations like Unilever where he led Distributive Trade Transformation, Ashish will be leading the Decorative Paints Business at JSW Paints to continuously deliver profitable top line growth.

According to Mr Parth Jindal, Managing Director of JSW Paints, "It has been an exciting and eventful five years for JSW Paints to achieve our guidance of being the youngest paints company to turn profitable in the shortest span of time. We are now determined to capitalize on the new opportunities as Indian consumers evolve their preferences towards purposeful living and environment-friendly products. As we navigate the next phase of growth in our manufacturing and marketing investments, I am happy to welcome Ashish Rai to transform and lead the next phase of growth in our decorative paints business."

"I'm thrilled to be acting again alongside my father, after 20 years," says Hiten Paintal as he joins the cast of 'Mehndi Wala Ghar.



CHANDIGARH : Sony Entertainment Television's beloved show 'Mehndi Wala Ghar' continues to captivate audiences with its endearing storyline that delves into the intricate dynamics of the Agrawal family. In the ongoing track, Mauli (Shruti Anand) chose Manisha Bua's (Aastha Chaudhary) happiness over her own and won the cricket match. As the preparations begin for Manisha and Karan's (Puneet Tejwani) wedding, Suprabha ji and her son Vicky decide to join forces with Manisha Bua's ex-fiancé, Amit, to break the impending marriage and tear apart the Agrawal family. Renowned actor Hiten Paintal will play the antagonistic role of Amit, whose arrival is sure to up the ante of entertainment in the show. Speaking about joining the cast of Mehndi Wala Ghar, actor Hiten Paintal says, "Amit is a complex and revengeful character who continues to struggle with what he perceives as a rejection inflicted by the Agrawal family. However, he has now discovered a perfect opportunity to settle the score and disrupt the happiness at Mehndi Wala Ghar by aligning himself with Vicky and Suprabha ji." Talking about his camaraderie with other costars and sharing screen space with his father Kanwarji Paintal, he says, "I'm thrilled to be acting again alongside my father after 20 Years. He's incredibly skilled in his craft, and I see this as a fantastic chance to glean wisdom from him. Arriving on set felt like a reunion party as Karan Mehra, Rushaad Rana, and Ravi Gossain are very old friends of mine. We have lots of fun behind the scenes. The atmosphere of the set is so warm and welcoming, and I'm genuinely excited to work with such talented people."

500 Examined at Health Camp by Misl Satluj

Nawanshahr.: Misl Satluj, a renowned socio-political outfit, successfully organized a comprehensive health check-up camp today in Rail Majra. The camp saw a remarkable turnout, with more than 500 individuals from various villages availing the healthcare services provided.

A dedicated team of consultant physicians offered free consultations in various medical specialties including oncology, orthopedics, gynecology, and general medicine. Additionally, free medicines were distributed to all attendees, ensuring comprehensive healthcare support.

The event was graced by the presence of Misl Satluj President, Ajaypal Singh Brar, who felicitated the doctors and staff for their selfless service and dedication. The camp was



meticulously organized by Tejwinder Singh Mangat, Sukhjinder Singh, Mandeep Singh, whose efforts ensured its smooth execution and success. The health checkup camp underscores Misl Satluj's commitment to community welfare and healthcare accessibility, reflecting their ongoing dedication to the socio-political upliftment of the region

Konkona Sen Sharma joins the P&G Shiksha movement to #StandUpForLearningGap in a child's education

SHIMLA: P&G Shiksha, the flagship CSR program of P&G India Launched its new campaign #StandUpForLearningGaps, to spotlight the issue of learning gaps in children, which affects over 6 crore children in the country as per National Achievement Survey 2021. While access to education has improved significantly, ensuring quality learning outcomes remains a challenge. A thought-provoking panel discussion highlighted the impact of these learning gaps on children who perpetually keep trying to cope, and often face mockery or ridicule owing to lack of public understanding on learning gaps.

Abhishek Desai, Vice President – Brand Operation and Category Leader – Grooming, P&G India said, "For 19 years now, P&G Shiksha has championed access to education for millions of

underprivileged children in India, impacting over 45 lakh children. We have reinforced this with our commitment to driving large-scale awareness regarding learning gaps,



which impact over 6 crore children in India. These gaps can lead to frustration, a lack of understanding, and even ridicule. However, what often gets missed is the reason

Novel Bunch in Association with Chandigarh Club, Organises Voter Awareness Program



Chandigarh: Novel Bunch and Chandigarh Club Ltd. Jointly organised a Voter awareness program at Chandigarh Club. Voter turnout in the ongoing general elections has been consistently lower than the average voter turnout recorded in 2019. This seems to be a pan-India phenomenon. Non-voting is on the rise in India and that surely is a worrying trend. That means that more and more citizens are not exercising their right to vote. To spread awareness about this right, an event was organised at Chandigarh Club where prominent people

representing different strata of society came together on one platform and spoke about the need to exercise this very important responsibility bestowed upon the citizens of India. The event 'Your Voice Your Vote' was organised by an organisation called Novel Bunch in association with Chandigarh Club.

Initiating the dialogue, well known advocate and PIL activist Ajay Jagga said that even one vote could make a huge difference in the life of a nation. Therefore no one should think that 'what if I do not Vote'. In a well attended event speakers like Vivek Attray,

prominent motivational speaker and author, Dr. H. K. Bali, renowned cardiologist, Harsimran Oberoi, film actress, Dr. Roma Uppal, retired professor, Aprajita Sharma, pageant founder and catwalk mentor, Manraj, student and first time voter and Col. Ashish Bedi, army veteran spoke eloquently about the importance of voting.

"The right to vote has not been given to us on platter. Our forefathers had made huge sacrifices to achieve this right," Vivek Attray said on this occasion. He said that inspite of spirited efforts of Election Commission,

Vijay Kumar former block committee member leaves Congress, joins BJP



JATINDER PAL SINGH KALER
BALACHAUR: BJP party's caravan is getting stronger day by day. Vijay Kumar left the Congress party and joined the BJP party under the leadership of Rajwinder Singh Lakki, former block committee member village Takarla. On this occasion, BJP district president Rajwinder Singh Lucky has informed that every worker is joining the BJP party today due to the public welfare work done by the Prime Minister of the BJP party, Narendra Modi. It does not follow but the BJP party is strong only because of its workers and accepts every word of the workers.

Delhi Health Minister directs Health Secretary to ensure compensation to families of deceased

NEW DELHI: Delhi Health Minister Saurabh Bhardwaj on Sunday directed Health Secretary Deepak Kumar and Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar to ensure compensation to the family of the deceased in the Vivek Vihar fire incident that claimed the lives of seven newborns. In his letter, Bhardwaj said, "At night of 25 May 2024, a very unfortunate and tragic incident occurred due to fire at a Baby Care Centre in Vivek Vihar, Delhi. Though this incident occurred around 11:30 pm, I got to know about this incident through a media flash. I have tried calling the Secretary (Health) multiple times and left him many WhatsApp messages but he has not responded yet. Therefore, I visited the incident spot alone."

Democracy was killed by arresting computer teachers during Kejriwal's road show: DTF

KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL, MAY 26

Due to Aam Aadmi Party's national convener Arvind Kejriwal coming to do a road show during the Bathinda rally, on the instructions of the Punjab government, the Punjab police have merged with the education department to become regular computer teachers.

Democratic Teachers Front Block Rampura strongly condemned the action of detaining the contract workers Morcha thermal workers in police stations and houses as a demand for regularization of their services. DTF Senior leader Navcharanpreet Kaur, block president Vikas Garg Rampura, vice president

FCI Union leader urges employees to boycott BJP in upcoming elections

VIKAS VERMA

DHURI: All India F. National President of C.I. Executive Staff Union, Satinder Singh Chattha while talking to Dhuri today said that F. C.I. employees will be invited by the organization to boycott BJP candidates during these Lok Sabha elections and they will be given F. We will be motivated to take revenge with the power of vote for the atrocities done to CI employees and premature forced retirement of organized leaders and other grades of employees. He said that if the BJP government comes to power again, the day is not far when they will take over the country's largest food agency F. C.I. has to be abolished and handed over to private hands and F. The future of lakhs of employees, officers and laborers working in C.I. will be ruined in this way and with this action of BJP, the future of thousands of sheller owners, commission agents and farmers will also be in danger and its benefit will be only and only A few big houses like Ambani and Adani will start getting influence, hence this time, while it is necessary to defeat BJP in the Lok Sabha elections, it will also be in the interest of the country. He said that this time there is absolutely no enthusiasm among the people of the country to form the BJP government because the leaders of BJP are only earning their political bread by dividing the people of the country in the name of caste, religion and religion etc. while the people of the country are There is no hatred of any kind towards each other, there is no difference and the teachings of all religions are also going to be with unity and love.



PM Modi lying, alleges Sanjay Awasthi

BUREAU

SHIMLA: Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee's Acting President and Chief Parliamentary Secretary, Sanjay Awasthi, has criticized Prime Minister Narendra Modi for allegedly lying to the people of Himachal Pradesh during his visit. Awasthi stated that the central government did not provide any special economic package to the state during its worst disaster. The funds received under SDRF and NDRF, he clarified, were part of the budget provisions and not specifically allocated for the disaster. Awasthi accused the Prime Minister and BJP leaders of misleading the people of Himachal Pradesh with false claims. He emphasized that if the central government had provided any financial assistance, the state government would have accounted for every penny.

He dismissed Modi's comments about enjoying local delicacies like Sepu Badi and Patande, asserting that such remarks won't work anymore. The people of Himachal are no longer swayed by mere rhetoric. Awasthi suggested that if the Prime Minister had truly appreciated the hospitality, he should have repaid the state's kindness. The state government had sent claims amounting to Rs. 10,000 crores to the central government for disaster relief, but after nine months, the affected families have yet to receive the funds.

Awasthi highlighted that the Himachal Pradesh government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, provided a special relief package of 74,500 crores from its limited resources. The compensation rules were amended to increase the relief amounts significantly. Chief Minister Sukhu personally led the relief and rescue operations on the ground, earning praise from the World Bank, NITI Aayog, and former BJP Chief Minister Shanta Kumar.

BJP using money to grab power: CM Sukhu

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAY 26

Addressing a massive public meeting in Nahan, Sirmaur district, Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu accused the BJP of attempting to buy the people's right to vote. He stated that, after the long struggle for independence, the Congress Party had granted this right of vote to the countrymen, but now the BJP seeks to garb power the through money power. He urged the public to teach the BJP a lesson on June 1st, as this election is important in determining the future of the state's politics. He said that only the people can defeat the power of money.

Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said "the election is a battle between honesty and



dishonesty, truth and falsehood, and righteousness and unrighteousness, but honesty and truth will ultimately prevail." He accused the BJP of resorting to grab power through money power and said that BJP had bought six MLAs when they could not win power through votes.

Addressing senior

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi as "my leader," Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that the Congress government has faithfully followed his directives. The Chief Minister praised Rahul Gandhi, noting his lineage as the son and grandson of Prime Ministers, and commended his 4500 km Bharat Jodo Yatra for promoting the

Gaming zones in Vadodara to stay shut after Rajkot fire incident

AGENCY

VADODARA: All gaming zones in Vadodara have been temporarily closed after the Rajkot fire incident that claimed the lives of 27 people, including children. "After yesterday's fire incident in Rajkot, all 8-9 game zones in Vadodara were inspected.

15 days back we inspected the game zones and asked them to fulfil the compliances. Yesterday night experts from different departments like the mechanical department, electrical department, and civil department came to investigate. Those gaming zones that seemed unsafe were asked to

take requisite steps to ensure their safety. All game zones in Vadodara were safe earlier and now further safety has been ensured," Chief Fire Officer Parth Brahmabhatt said speaking to ANI on Sunday. When asked from the reporter about the date till, which the game zones will remain closed

in Varanasi, Brahmabhatt said, "The game zones will be closed till further orders come." On preventive measures that may be taken to prevent such tragedies in future, the fire officer said, "We will be guiding them further to ensure that such incidents do not take place."

Anandpur Sahib Lok Sabha constituency will be beautified like Sangrur: Vijay Inder Singla

CHET RAM RATAN
NAWANSHAHR, MAY 26

Every section of the society has been hurt today by the false claims and misleading tactics of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was leading the BJP government in the country. These words were expressed by Congress Party's Anandpur Sahib candidate Vijay Inder Singla while addressing the election rally in Nai Abadi. He said that the effective rallies and meetings being held in the assembly constituency were proving that there was a lot of enthusiasm among the people to remove the BJP and form the India alliance government. Mr Singla said he has served as MP from Sangrur and cabinet minister in the Punjab government. Hence, the central leadership of the Congress Party has made him a candidate from here. After winning the



elections, he will beautify Anandpur Sahib assembly constituency on the lines of the development work done in Sangrur Lok Sabha constituency.

Ward senior councilor, Chet Ram Ratan raised his voice for lifting the garbage heap. On this he said that the way MLA Angad Singh Saini played a role in lifting this garbage heap but the opposition put blockade in his mission. Same thing happened in Sangrur but eventually they promised to lift the dump. Former MLAs Gurikbal Kaur Babli and Sachin Diwan said that if

India Alliance government was formed, women will get Rs 1 lakh per year. Women will have to play an important role in forming the government. Chet Ram Ratan Senior Councilor Nawanshahr thanked the people and said that he and his family have never harmed anyone. He said that he has never done politics with the people and he was only serving as a councilor like a family member. He said that Congress party made Vijay Inder Singla candidate from this constituency on the basis of his development worked he has done in Sangrur.

General Observer reviews Ambala Lok Sabha elections: DC

MANISH KUMAR
AMBALA, MAY 26

Ambala District Election Officer and DC Dr. Shaleen said that voting for Ambala Lok Sabha elections ended on May 25. All EVMs have been kept in the strong room. Now the results will be declared after counting of votes on June 4. Meanwhile, the General Observer of the Election Commission of India reviewed the Ambala Lok Sabha elections and found the entire election process to be as per the parameters of the Election Commission of India. DC Dr. Shaleen said that the candidates contesting the elections or representatives of political parties were present during this entire process. In his presence, the General



Observer called the AROs of Kalka, Panchkula, Narayargarh, Ambala Cantt, Ambala City, Mullana, Sadhaura, Jagadhri and Yamunanagar assemblies under Ambala Lok Sabha. He randomly looked at the PO diary, 17A, micro observer report, visitor sheet, report of zonal and sector magistrate related to the polling booth.

He found all the documents correct during investigation. He found the entire electoral process of Ambala Lok Sabha elections to meet the standards of the Election Commission of India. Representatives of the political party or representatives of the candidate observe the entire process. Videography of this entire process was also done.

Chhabeel organised on 15th death anniversary of Saint 108 Shri Ramanand



NARESH GARG

LADWA: On the 15th death anniversary of Saint 108 Shri Ramanand Ji, a Chhabeel of cold sweet water was installed by Shri Guru Ravidas Sabha at Shri Guru Ravidas Temple located on Ladwa-Indri road. Jitendra Kumar, head of Guru Ravidas Sabha, said that Saint Ramanand went to the country and abroad and preached about the life of Guru Ravidas ji. He gave the message of unity and brotherhood to everyone. He was a saint of calm nature. In view of the scorching heat outside the temple, a fountain of cold and sweet water was installed by the Sabha for the passersby. Cold and sweet water was served to the passersby and people.

Mystery of blind murder case of Rohera resident solved, 2 accused arrested



RAMAN GUPTA

KAITHAL: Two accused have been arrested by Kaithal Police while solving the mystery of blind murder in the case of murder of a resident of Rohera. Giving information, DSP Lalit Kumar said that as per the complaint of Mahipal, resident of village Rohera, he works in a milk dairy and lives in Kaithal. The children of his elder brother Rajendra live in a rented house in Shergharh village. Rajendra lived alone in his house located in Rohera village. On 18 May he had come to his home in Kaithal. He got information at around 4 pm that Rajendra had been murdered.

After this he went to the village along with his nephew and Rajendra's son Abhishek. Here, Rajendra's body was lying face down in the open courtyard inside the house. There were 10-12 deep marks of sharp weapons on his waist, neck and head and there was a lot of blood oozing from his body. Regarding which a case of murder was registered in Rajound police station.

Free physiotherapy center run by Narayan Seva Sansthan Udaipur, Branch Kaithal is providing free physiotherapy treatment

RAMAN GUPTA

KAITHAL: Dr. Vivek Garg, Convener of Branch Kaithal, said that with the blessings of Respected Kailash Ji Manav, Founder Chairman of Narayan Seva Sansthan and under the guidance of the President of the Institute, Prashant Aggarwal Ji, this service of physiotherapy has been running in Garg Psychiatric Hospital located on Karnal Road in Kaithal for the last 7 years. The branch is being run free of cost by Kaithal, in which M.P.T. Dr. Tanu and Dr. Geetanjali are treating the patients and also providing them treatment according to all types of diseases related to physiotherapy.

Mainly treatment of disabled children, treatment of muscle weakness due to paralysis, treatment of cervical, back pain, knee pain, frozen shoulder, stiffness etc. is done free of cost through physiotherapy in this centre. In this series, when some patients were talked to know their feedback, they expressed their satisfaction in a wonderful way, some of those conversations are as follows: Alka ji, resident of Kaithal, was blinded 8 months ago. Due to which she was unable to do routine work and walk on her own. For the last 7 months, she has been coming to this center of Narayan Seva Sansthan and taking free treatment.



Blood donation camp in Sant Nirankari Bhawan



NARESH GARG

LADWA: A blood donation camp was organized by Sant Nirankari Charitable Foundation from 9 am to 1 pm on Sunday at Sant Nirankari Bhawan located on Ladwa-Bapda Road. In which Ladwa MLA Mewa Singh inaugurated the camp by cutting the ribbon. Giving information, Rajendra Kumar, servant of Sant Nirankari Bhawan, said that 123 people donated blood in the blood donation camp. He said that the Ladwa branch of Sant Nirankari Mission is grateful to the local administration, local bodies and media for their support and active participation in the camp. Their cooperation played an important role in the success of this program. Active participation of Sadh Sangat and Seva Dal members was seen in this program. Ladwa constituency MLA Mewa Singh, who reached the spot, said that there is no greater donation than donating blood and we all should keep donating blood from time to time.

Paramjit Singh Shahabpur joins AAP, in presence of CM Mann

MANJINDER SINGH

BANGA: Paramjit Singh Shahabpur, resident of district Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar, retired from Jalandhar as Divisional Commissioner of Excise Department, honest, unblemished personality and sympathizer of common people known for his sociable nature, joined Aam Aadmi Party today.

Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann included him in the party in the presence of Cabinet Minister S. Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal. Chief minister said that with the inclusion of such persons with a clean image in "AAP", the party will be even stronger in Doaba region. He said that Paramjit Singh . expert i GST law and excise law and has been working in the policy wing of the department for a long time. His departmental journey has been glorious. His departmental experience will prove particularly helpful to the government to improve the performance of the Excise and Taxation Department and increase government revenue. After joining the Aam Aadmi Party, Paramjit Singh while talking to the media said that he will work hard to fulfill the hope that Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann has given him in the party.



Polling staff should perform their duty with full diligence and honesty during elections: SDM



MANJINDER SINGH

BANGA: As part of the Lok Sabha elections to be held in Punjab on June 1, the third rehearsal of the polling staff was held at Guru Nanak College Banga under the orders of Honorable Observer General Mr. Hira Lal and Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer Mr. Navjot Pal Singh Randhawa. Under the leadership of Sub Divisional Magistrate cum Assistant Returning Officer Vikramjit Singh During the rehearsal where information and training was provided to the polling staff regarding all the techniques of conducting the election. Oath was administered and saplings were also distributed by him to the entire polling staff and some saplings were also planted by him at Guru Nanak College Banga. He said that all the polling officers are fully committed to their duties during the Chona Festival of Democracy being celebrated on June 1. perform with He said that plants are being planted on the booths so that the environment can be protected from the increasing temperature and the pollution of vehicles during the elections.

About 24 organizations of Punjab hold massive Lok Sangram rally in Barnala grain market



KARANPREET KARAN

BARNALA: In the midst of the parliamentary election campaigns, around two dozen organizations of industrial workers, contract employees, teachers, students and women of Punjab held a big rally in Dana Mandi of Barnala on Sunday. In the rally real issues of the people were raised and discussed the way of struggle to resolve the issues.

Addressing the conference, state president of Bharatiya Kisan Union (Ekta Ugrahan) Joginder Singh Ugrahan said that these elections were a game of the ruling factions to divide and mislead the people. He said that listening of the people voice in the parliament can be done only through people's resolutions not through votes. So the people should focus on strengthening their unity and organization by getting rid of this illusion of saving lives through votes. They should protect their unity and organization from this divisive forces. On this occasion, the rally was attended by Lachman Singh Sewewala, Harjinder Singh, Jhanda Singh Jethuke, Harinder Bindu, Hakam Singh Dhanetha, Blihar Singh Kataria, Kirshan Singh Aulakh, Jasvir Singh, Balvir Singh Longowal, Prath Singh Sivgarh, Singra Singh Mann and Jora Singh Nasralli.

Repsol Honda Team battle track conditions in Catalan sprint

Barcelona: Hot temperatures left Joan Mir and Luca Marini hunting grip over the course of the sprint race after gains in Qualifying. Steps forward continued for Joan Mir on Saturday at the Gran Premi de Catalunya, the #36 improving his best lap time by 0.7s overnight. Setting the fastest lap in Q1 of 1'39.524 saw Mir start 21st on the grid. From here, Mir would steadily progress through the field over the course of the 12-lap Sprint to take 15th at the chequered flag. Although unable to battle for points in the Sprint, Mir was content with the information gathered for HRC's engineers. Luca Marini was able to keep pace with his Repsol Honda Team teammate throughout Saturday, qualifying less than a tenth of a second behind Mir. The pace matching continued into the Sprint as Marini stuck with his stablemate for the majority of the race and ended just over 3.5 seconds back. Pleased with the progress made in recent weeks, Marini is aiming to again stay with his teammate and hopeful of avoiding early race incidents. Both Repsol Honda Team riders are confident of further improvements on Sunday and are aiming to finish the weekend on a positive before the trip to Mugello. The 24-lap Gran Premi de Catalunya will start at 14:00 Local Time and looks set to be another close-fought affair.

Since 2022 first-round exit in T20 WC, West Indies emerge as contenders for title win at home following run of series wins

New Delhi : West Indies is a well-known batting powerhouse in T20 cricket. Having given the world some of its first superstars of the shorter format like Chris Gayle, Dwayne Bravo, Andre Russell, and Sunil Narine among others, a team should be ruling out West Indies in the shortest format at its peril. One thing though is really undeniable, the best days of Windies Cricket were years behind. Having won the ICC T20 World Cup in 2012 and 2016, they have not been able to make a big impact since then. In the 2021 edition of the 2022 competition in Australia waited with a fate worse than the last competition, as the Windies could not even make it to the Super 12. In the qualifiers for this round, they registered two massive losses to Scotland and Ireland and won just one match against Zimbabwe. But since their disastrous T20 WC 2022 exit, West Indies seems to be on a right track. In February to March last year, they toured South Africa for an all-format series and won the T20I series by 2-1. Two of these games were excellent. In the second T20I, West Indies did score 258/5 thanks to a Johnson Charles century, but a century from Quinton de Kock helped Proteas chase down this massive total, the biggest chase in T20I cricket till yet.

Ramiz Raja identifies player who "disturbed" entire combination of Pakistan team

New Delhi: After Pakistan suffered a 23-run defeat against England, former Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Ramiz Raja stated that the Men in Green need to bring back the previous opening pair of Mohammad Rizwan and captain Babar Azam. Raja also stated that the "undercooked" Saïm Ayub, who opened with Rizwan in the second T20I against England, should be benched because due to him the "entire combination has been disturbed." England captain Jos Buttler's half-century and Reece Topley and Jofra Archer's fine spells powered the home side to a 23-run win over Pakistan in the second T20I at Birmingham on Saturday. With this win, England take a 1-0 lead in the four-match series. The first game was washed out due to rain. The former PCB chief said Pakistan needed to compete better to win the match but they made many mistakes which caused them the game. "Win or lose is part of the game but Pakistan could've competed better and may have even won at the end but they made mistakes. First, let's identify the problem areas for Pakistan," Raja said on YouTube. Raja said Pakistan should bench Ayub as he is "undercooked" and the batter has been given too many chances to do better in international cricket, however, he still underperforms. In the match, Ayub only managed to score two runs in 7 balls and fell prey to England's star pacer Reece Topley.

Obed McCoy replaces injured Jason Holder in West Indies T20 World Cup squad

St Johns : Cricket West Indies (CWI) on Sunday announced that the star all-rounder Jason Holder has been ruled out of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup due to an injury. "While Jason Holder's absence is notable, CWI is confident that the team remains strong and competitive with the inclusion of McCoy," CWI said in an official statement. Holder's injury, sustained during the County Championship 2024, will require a recovery period, and the team's medical staff will provide all necessary support to ensure his swift and complete recovery. The board also announced that the left-arm fast bowler Obed McCoy has been named as the all-rounder's replacement. Holder suffered an injury during the County Championship. Desmond Haynes, Lead Selector of CWI, shared his thoughts on this development and said in an official statement, "Jason is an experienced player in our set-up.

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"Not injured, decided not to compete as I felt....": Neeraj Chopra on Ostrava Golden Spike withdrawal

AGENCY NEW DELHI: Following reports of him getting injured, India's Olympic and World Championship gold medalist javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra said that he is not injured but rather decided to pull out of the Ostrava Golden Spike competition after feeling something in his adductor and not wanting to face a potential injury with the Paris Olympics coming in two months.

Earlier, the Olympics.com had reported that Neeraj pulled himself out of the Ostrava Golden Spike 2024 athletics meet in the Czech Republic due to an injury.

The event is set to take place on May 28. However, Neeraj took to Instagram and clarified that he is not injured, but he felt something in his adductor. Not wanting to risk his body and face an injury ahead of the Paris Olympics starting from July 26 this year, he has decided to withdraw from the competition and will not play any competitions until he feels fully okay.

"Hello everyone! Following a recent throwing session, I decided not to compete in Ostrava as I



felt something in my adductor. I have had problems with it in the past and pushing it at this stage can lead to injury. Just to clarify, I am not injured but I

do not want to take any risk during the Olympic year so had to take this decision. Once I feel it's fully recovered, I will get back to competitions.

Thank you for your support," said Neeraj on Instagram.

This marks the second successive year that Neeraj had to pull out of

the Ostrava Golden Spike. He was also listed to compete last year but failed to make it due to a muscle injury.

Dipa Karmakar scripts history, clinches India's first-ever gold medal at Asian Championships

AGENCY TASHKENT : Dipa Karmakar on Sunday scripted her name in the history books after she clinched India's first-ever gold medal at the Asian Championships.

With an impressive total score of 13.566 in the women's vault final, Dipa took home a historic gold medal while South Korea's Kim Son Hyang secured silver and her compatriot Jyo Kyong Byal bagged the bronze.

The 30-year-old Olympian registered an average score of 13.566 while finished with timings of Kim Son-hyang (13.466) and Jo Kyong-byol (12.966).

Earlier on Friday, the Indian finished 16th in the all-round category with a score of 46.166, failing to

secure a Paris 2024 Olympics quota for India in gymnastics.

This is the first time that an Indian gymnast won a gold medal in any event at

India's Ashish Kumar in the men's floor exercise in 2006 and Pranati Nayak in the women's vault in 2019 and 2022, have been the other medallists for India in the competition.



Dipa's already outstanding list of firsts for Indian gymnastics is enhanced by the vault gold. She is the first female gymnast from India to compete in the Olympics, and at Rio 2016, she put on the best performance of any gymnast competing in the Summer Games, placing fourth in the women's vault.

She also became the first Indian to ever win a gold medal at an international gymnastics competition when she won the women's vault gold medal at the 2018 FIG World Cup in Mersin, Turkey.

the Asian Championships. Previously, Indian gymnasts managed four medals winning all bronze, at the continental championships.

Boxer Nitu Ghanghas eyes Los Angeles 2028 Olympics

AGENCY NEW DELHI: Nitu Ghanghas may be temporarily away from public spotlight but the Haryana boxer is spending quality time at the Bhiwani Boxing Club preparing for the Los Angeles Olympics in July 2028.

A world champion in the 48 kg class, the 23-year-old Nitu could not make it to the Paris Olympics in the 54 kg division, a weight category where she is developing more power and adding skills to keep her reputation as a feisty fighter intact.

The ardent Mary Kom fan is considered as a potential successor to the Manipuri legend and missing the Asian Games in Hangzhou and Paris 2024 has not left the 2023 world and Commonwealth Games champion heartbroken, instead more determined. In a new episode of the



Fit India Champions podcast, Nitu told series host Ekta Vishnoi, "From childhood I have always wanted to win, battled many odds and disappointments and came out on top with my family's help. I am already looking forward now," said Nitu. The Fit India

Champions podcast series, that has featured India's top sportspersons like Olympians Neeraj Chopra and Sheetal Devi, is aimed at spreading the message on wellness through conversations with athletes and health influencers. The series is in partner-

"Lot of positives to take from this match": PV Sindhu following Malaysia Masters 2024 Final loss



AGENCY KUALA LUMPUR Following the loss in Malaysia Masters 2024 on Sunday, ace Indis shuttler PV Sindhu said that it's a bit disappointing but a lot of positives have to be taken from this game.

Sindhu conceded a defeat in the final match of the Malaysia Masters competition against China's Wang Zhiyi on Sunday. The Indian shuttler lost to her Chinese opponent 21-16, 5-21, and 16-21 in the final match of the women's singles.

The player asserted that the final of the Malaysia Masters was a good match.

"I can say that it's been a very good match. It's a bit disappointing, but a lot of positives to take from this match and the whole tournament as well," said Sindhu after the match.

The Asian Games silver medalist further stated that she is happy as reach the finals and played well there.

"I am happy that I at least came to the finals, I played well. These matches will give me a lot of confidence, but I could have won that. It's just not one of those days," the World No. 15 added.

In the end, the Commonwealth medalist said that she would go back and work with her coach to improve the mistakes that were made in

Malaysia Masters.

"I will go back and see what improvements need to be done with my coach and of course prepare for Singapore. It's not just over with this tournament, so it's important to get back and be prepared for the next tournament," the two-time Olympic medalist concluded.

Sindhu started the final game on a good note and dominated the first set as she won it by 21-16. In the second set, the Chinese made a comeback in the game and didn't give Sindhu a chance to clinch points. Zhiyi won the second set by 5-21. In the final set, Zhiyi had the last laugh of the game as she beat Sindhu by 16-21.

Earlier on Saturday, Sindhu defeated Busanan Ongbamrungphan 13-21, 21-16, 21-12 in the semifinal match of the women's singles to confirm her place in the final.

This final also marked her first final of a tournament since the 2023 Spain Masters.

Sindhu moved to the semifinals on Friday after beating China's world number 6 shuttler Han Yue in the quarterfinal round. She defeated her Chinese opponent 13-21, 21-14 and 12-21 in a match that lasted for 55 minutes.

England have missed trick by calling back players from IPL ahead of T20 WC: Vaughan

CHENNAI: Former skipper Michael Vaughan feels England "missed the trick" by recalling its cricketers from the IPL to play a T20 series against Pakistan, saying it had denied them experiencing pressure-cooker situations of the playoffs, which could have helped them prepare better for the upcoming T20 World Cup in the Americas.

Top England players, including skipper Jos Buttler (Rajasthan Royals), Phil Salt (Kolkata Knight Riders) and Will Jacks (Royal Challengers Bengaluru) were among the players called back home by the England and Wales Cricket Board for a four-match T20I series against Pakistan, leading to severe criticism from several former Indian cricketers including the legendary Sunil Gavaskar.

In fact, it was skipper Buttler who had pushed for players to get back in the English camp from the IPL to prepare for the T20 World Cup with the series against Pakistan, director of cricket Rob Key had earlier revealed.

Paris Paralympics in focus after world championship silver win, says Yogesh Kathuniya

New Delhi: After securing a silver medal at the Kobe Para-Athletics Championship 2024, Tokyo Paralympics silver medalist Yogesh Kathuniya expressed his determination to enhance his techniques for better performance at the Paris Paralympics 2024.

At the 2024 World Para-Athletics Championships on Monday, Kathuniya clinched a silver medal in the F56 category, contributing to India's tally of four medals in the competition. With an impressive throw of 41.80 meters,



Kathuniya secured the second position, trailing behind the gold medalist, Brazilian athlete Claudiney Batista Dos Santos. Dusan Lackzo of Slovakia claimed the bronze.

Kathuniya made a strong start in the final, initially taking the lead with a throw of 40.26 meters. However, Claudiney Batista Dos Santos surpassed him on the second and fourth attempts with throws of 44.10 and 45.14 meters, respectively.

Expressing his emotions after winning the silver medal, Kathuniya told ANI, "I am happy to secure silver for the second time in the world championships. With this achievement, I have also got a spot in the Paris Paralympics, and now would be focussing on it."

Reflecting on the moment when he moved to the second position, Kathuniya highlighted the challenges faced by seated throwers due to new rules introduced by the International Paralympic Committee.

"The International Paralympic Committee has introduced new rules for seated throws, so if you move a little from the naval, they give it a foul. I moved to the second position after my first throw. When the umpires started giving fouls to me, I felt blackout and didn't know what to do," he explained.

Tadej Pogacar poised to win Giro d'Italia after victory on stage 20

BASSANO DEL GRAPPA : Barring incident or accident, Tadej Pogacar will win the Giro d'Italia on Sunday. The Slovenian dominated in the mountains again to decimate his rivals, overhauling lone leader Giulio Pellizzari on the second of two ascents of Monte Grappa before charging away to the finish in Bassano del Grappa. Dani Martinez finished second for a first Grand Tour podium, with Geraint Thomas holding on for third.

Tadej Pogacar (UAE Team Emirates) is poised to win the Giro d'Italia by an astonishing margin after putting on another clinic in the mountains to take his sixth victory on Stage 20.

With Sunday's final stage a procession around Rome, only disaster can prevent Pogacar from winning the maglia rosa on debut



after he extended his lead in the general classification to almost 10 minutes.

Last year's runner-up Geraint Thomas (Ineos Grenadiers) will have to settle for third overall after flagging on the final climb,

with former team-mate Dani Martinez (Bora-Hansgrohe) hanging tough to stay second behind the runaway Slovenian.

After his 125km lap of honour in the Italian capital, Pogacar will turn his

attention to completing a rare Giro-Tour de France double, last achieved in 1998 by Marco Pantani.

Big question marks hang over all of his expected big rivals in France, with two-time defending cham-

pion Jonas Vingegaard (Visma-Lease a Bike) suffering multiple fractures in a crash at Itzulia Basque Country in April that also wiped out Tour hopefuls Remco Evenepoel (Soudal Quick-Step) and Primož Roglic (Bora-Hansgrohe).

The Tour starts on June 29 in Florence - just 35 days after the Giro wraps up.

Pellizzari takes fight to Pogacar

Giulio Pellizzari (VF Group-Bardiani CSF-Faizane), the youngest rider in the race and the great promise of Italian cycling, took the fight to Pogacar in the mountains to hint at a thrilling finale.

The 20-year-old attacked out of the peloton on the first of two ascents of Monte Grappa with 80km remaining, scooping up the three leaders - Jimmy Janssens (Alpecin-Deceuninck), Pelayo Sanchez (Movistar) and team-mate Alessandro

Tonelli - before the summit.

A daring descent followed, which saw four become three as Janssens disappeared, as the leaders arrived at the foot of a mountain steeped in history with around 2'30" on the remnants of the peloton.

Then Pellizzari took off. The Italian, who earned Pogacar's pink jersey and sunglasses as a consolation prize after being piped to victory on the snow-shortened Stage 16, ripped up the mountain with such vigour that, back down the road, Pogacar was soon spotted pulling alongside his UAE comrades to demand a harder tempo.

Pogacar got his wish and when Rafal Majka took over domestique duties at the front, the gap started to come down quickly, while behind Thomas was starting to feel the heat and fell back slightly.

Indian filmmaker Payal Kapadia makes history with Cannes Grand Prix win for ‘All We Imagine as Light’



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Kareena Kapoor’s kaftan look steals fashion lovers attention



Kareena Kapoor Khan and her love for Kaftan is never ending and her latest post is proof. Severing fashion goals, Kareena took to Instagram and treated fans with stunning mirror selfie. She can be seen dressed in a printed kaftan with heavy makeup and messy hair look. “It’s Couture Darling you won’t understand. IYKYK. Kaftan Girl for life...” she captioned the post. As soon as she dropped her selfie, fans and industry members chimed in the comment section. Kareena’s sister and actor Karisma Kapoor wrote, “It’s called couture on the couch.” Designer Manish Malhotra dropped heart emojis. One of the users wrote, “Howwww can you look so stunning all the freaking time!!!” Another user commented, “Just wow.” Whether it’s denim-on-denim, co-ord set or traditional attire, Kareena surely knows how to slay it with elegance and charm. On the work front, Kareena is currently basking in the success of ‘Crew’, in which she shared screen space with Kriti Sanon and Tabu. Helmed by Rajesh A Krishnan, ‘Crew’ revolves around the journey of three working women set against the backdrop of the aviation industry. The film also stars Diljit Dosanjh, Kapil Sharma, Saswata Chatterjee, Rajesh Sharma and Kulbhushan Kharbanda. In the coming months, she will be seen headlining Hansal Mehta’s ‘The Buckingham Murders’. She also has Rohit Shetty’s ‘Singham Again’ in her kitty.

Dalljiet Kaur accuses husband Nikhil Patel of extra-marital affair



Actor Dalljiet Kaur appears to have confirmed her separation from her husband, Nikhil Patel. The actress took to her Instagram Stories on Saturday morning to accuse Nikhil of cheating on her, calling him ‘shameless’. Dalljiet reposted Nikhil’s Instagram story, featuring the letters ‘SN’ alongside the caption ‘You make me better’. Although the meaning of ‘SN’ remains uncertain, it seems to represent someone’s initials. Dalljiet wrote, “You are out on social media with her now every day shamelessly. Your wife and son came back in 10 months of the wedding. The entire family is humiliated. Some dignity for the kids would have been good.” “At least you should have left your wife little dignity publicly as I was quiet about a lot of other things too,” she added. Diljit and Nikhil had unfollowed each other few months ago, almost a year after their wedding. Dalljiet, in her latest post has mentioned about cheating in a marriage. Dalljiet tied the knot with Nikhil Patel in March 2023. In February 2023, she made her relationship with Nikhil Instagram official. “The stars aligned and fate played a part in bringing our hearts and souls together. Our journey to forever starts now. A new life, a new country (Kenya in Africa), a new beginning. Together. Maktub - It is written #DalNikTake2,” she wrote. Dalljiet and her son immediately shifted base to Nairobi, Kenya after her wedding. Jaydon was born to Dalljiet and actor Shalin Bhanot in 2014. Shalin and Dalljiet met while they were working together on the TV show ‘Kulvaddhu’ in 2006. They got married in 2009 and became parents to Jaydon in 2014. However, in 2015, Dalljiet filed for divorce after accusing Shalin of domestic violence. If reports are to be believed, Dalljiet’s husband Nikhil has two daughters, thirteen-year-old Aariyana and eight-year-old Aanika from his previous marriage. Dalljiet met Nikhil at a party in Dubai and the duo got engaged in January in Nepal.

DISNEY+ HOTSTAR DROPS THE TEASER OF ITS RIVETING DRAMA SERIES ‘GUNAAB’, RELEASING ON JUNE 3



CHANDIGARH : Disney+ Hotstar is back with a gripping drama series, Gunaab, centered around a hero that turns into an anti-hero. Fueled by his desire for vengeance, Abhimanyu played by Gashmeer Mahajani, is a seasoned gambler. He is out there to blur the lines between right & wrong, friends and enemies, mercy & retribution. The series also stars Surbhi Jyoti in a pivotal role and is all set to release on Disney+ Hotstar on June 3, 2024. This will be available to watch for FREE on all mobile devices. Directed by Anil Senior and created by Anirudh Pathak, the series is set in a world where betrayal and mystery collide, Gunaab will take the viewers on a journey of a man whose existence is shrouded in secrecy. Talking about the project, creator Anirudh Pathak remarked, “With Gunaab, we wanted to create a narrative that not only entertains but keeps one at the edge of their seat. Abhimanyu, played brilliantly by Gashmeer, is a very intriguing character. We are confident that the gripping saga will capture the audience’s attention and we are thrilled that it’ll also be available to watch for free on mobile on the Disney+ Hotstar app, giving it a much wider reach.” Gashmeer Mahajani said, “Abhimanyu is unlike any character I have ever played. It was an incredibly challenging yet rewarding experience for me and I cannot wait for the world to watch the series. I was drawn to him from the moment I read the script for the first time. Shooting for ‘Gunaab’ has also been very memorable as working with Anil and Anirudh has been a great experience.” Produced under the banner of Bodhi Tree Multimedia Ltd, with producers Sukesh Dev Motwani, Mautik Tolia, and Persis Siganporia, the series brings together a talented cast comprising of Gashmeer Mahajani and Surbhi Jyoti.

Filmmaker Payal Kapadia made history at the 2024 Cannes Film Festival as her drama, “All We Imagine as Light,” clinched the prestigious Grand Prix award. The film, marking Kapadia’s directorial debut, secured its place in cinematic lore as the first Indian film in three decades and the first ever by an Indian women director to grace the festival’s main competition. A post on Instagram by the Festival de

Cannes read, “Le Grand Prix est attribue a ALL WE IMAGINE AS LIGHT de PAYAL KAPADIA. The Jury Prize goes to ALL WE IMAGINE AS LIGHT by PAYAL KAPADIA. #Cannes2024 #Palmares #Awards #GrandPrix” eceiving thunderous applause, the film’s screening garnered an eight-minute standing ovation. Set against the backdrop of a bustling city, ‘All We Imagine as Light’ is the story of Prabha, a nurse, whose life takes an unexpected turn when she receives a mysterious gift from her estranged husband. Accompanied by her roommate Anu, the duo takes on a journey to a coastal town, where the mystical forest serves as a sanctuary for their dreams. ‘All We Imagine as Light’ stands as an Indo-French collaboration, co-produced by Petit Chaos from France and Chalk and Cheese Films from India.

‘All We Imagine as Light’ marks the feature film debut of Payal Kapadia. Before this, she won the Golden Eye award at Cannes for her documentary ‘A Night of Knowing Nothing.’ The Cannes Film Festival started on May 14. Greta Gerwig was the jury president this year. Other members included Lily Gladstone, Kore-eda Hirokazu, Eva Green, Ebru Ceylan, Juan Antonio Bayona, Nadine Labaki, and Omar Sy.

Rakul Preet Singh treats fans to breathtaking views from Fiji vacation



Newly married couple Rakul Preet Singh and Jacky Bhagnani, who jetted off to Fiji for a serene getaway, have been delighting their fans by posting glimpses of their vacation on social media. Rakul on Saturday, took to her Instagram account to share a series of pictures with her fans. She also shared a video flaunting the breathtaking sea view from the yacht. She captioned the post, “Chasing sun-

sets and dreams (with a heart emoji).” Rakul dropped pictures on Instagram and wrote, “Sunset swims, Fiji culture, shark spotting .. we did it all...” shared heartwarming moments from their vacation on their Instagram stories. The duo tied the knot in a close ceremony in Goa on February 21. They had two ceremonies - as per Sikh and Sindhi traditions. Both opted for designer Tarun Tahiliani’s wedding attire on their D-Day. Rakul wore a pink peach lehenga

with enormous diamonds for the wedding. Jacky wore an ivory chikankari sherwani featuring the intricate ‘chinar’ motif. The wedding was attended by the couple’s family members and close friends in Goa. From Akshay Kumar, Tiger Shroff, Shilpa Shetty to Arjun Kapoor, Varun Dhawan and Esha Deol, the who’s who of Bollywood marked their presence at the ceremony to bless the couple as they embarked on their new journey.

Rakul and Jacky made their relationship official on Instagram in October 2021. On the work front, Rakul will be seen in ‘Indian 2’ alongside Kamal Haasan. The film also stars Bobby Simha and Priya Bhavani Shankar in key roles. The first part was released in 1996, starring Kamal Haasan in the role of an aged freedom fighter who decides to wage a war against corruption.