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BBA student from Odisha raped in Phagwara

PHAGWARA (PUNJAB): A 21-year-old BBA student from Odisha, who was studying at a private university here, was allegedly raped near railway tracks, police said on Wednesday. The incident took place in early hours of Tuesday in a desolate place near the railway lines of Dakoha village railway barrier here, the police said. They added that three men, identified as Aman-jot, Manjit Singh and Ranbir Singh, have been arrested in the case.

BJP expels Uttarakhand leader held in alleged teen rape, murder case

NEW DELHI: A BJP leader from Uttarakhand, Aditya Raj Saini, has been expelled from the party after he was arrested in connection with the rape and murder of a 13-year-old girl in Haridwar. A nominated member of the Other Backward Classes Commission, he has also been removed from that post. A case was registered against Aditya Raj Saini after the girl's family accused him of rape and murder. The girl had gone missing three days ago. Her body was found along the highway in the Bahadabad area near the Patanjali research Centre yesterday. Her mother alleged that she was gangraped by a local BJP worker and his accomplice before being murdered, the police

Kamakhya Temple doors reopen after Ambubachi Mela

GUWAHATI : A large number of pilgrims from different parts of India and foreign countries offered their prayers to Maa Kamakhya on Wednesday after the doors of the temple atop the Nilachal Hill in Guwahati reopened after four days of Ambubachi Mela celebrations. The main door of the historic Kamakhya Temple in Guwahati reopened on Wednesday following the Nivritti performed by the priests of the temple on the last day of the Ambubachi Mela. The annual Ambubachi Mela started on June 22 and after Pravritti, the main door of the temple was closed until Nivritti. Varsha Sharma, a visitor from Madhya Pradesh, told, "I liked it a lot and I got to see mother. I have come for the first time."

NIA declares Rs 10 lakh bounty on arrest of terrorist Goldy
NEW DELHI: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Wednesday declared a bounty of Rs 10 lakh each against designated terrorist Goldy Brar and one other gangster, wanted in a case of extortion and firing at the house of a businessman in Chandigarh. The bounty is declared against Satinderjit Singh, alias Goldy Brar, and accused Gurpreet Singh, alias Goldy Dhillon, alias Goldy Rajpura.

Om Birla re-elected Speaker of Lok Sabha by voice vote

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

National Democratic Alliance (NDA) candidate and MP from Kota, Om Birla has been elected as the Speaker of the 18th Lok Sabha on Wednesday.

The motion moved by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and seconded by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh was adopted by the house through a voice vote.

The house echoed with 'Ayes' and 'Noes' and the pro-tem speaker Bhartruhari Mahtab declared Om Birla as the Speaker of the lower house. The opposition which had filed K Suresh as the Speaker candidate of the INDIA bloc did not press for a division vote.

Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi also extended wishes to Birla and accompanied him to the chair along with Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju and PM Modi.

After the INDIA bloc fielded K Suresh as its candidate, the appointment of Speaker became interesting as the election was held for the first time in decades.

Traditionally, the Lok Sabha Speaker and Deputy Speaker are elected through consensus between the ruling party and the Opposition.

The contest between BJP's Om Birla, a three-time MP from Kota in Rajasthan, and Kodikunnil Suresh, an eight-term parliamentarian from Kerala's Mavelikara came after the NDA refused to accept the opposition INDIA bloc's demand that the Deputy Speaker's position be left for the Opposition in exchange for its support to the NDA nominee.

The NDA, which commands 293 MPs in the 543-member Lok Sabha, was able to demonstrate its clear majority to ensure that Om Birla returns to the chair



17th Lok Sabha will be considered golden period in history : PM

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday extended his wishes to Om Birla for being elected as the Speaker of the 18th Lok Sabha and said that it is a huge responsibility to sit in this post for the second time during the Amrit Kaal.

PM Modi also asserted that the decision taken in the 17th Lok Sabha under the presidency of Om Birla will be considered a golden period in parliamentary history. "Respected Speaker, it is the good fortune of the House that you are occupying this chair for the second time. I congratulate you and the entire House. I want to congratulate you on behalf of the House. It is a huge responsibility for you to sit on this post for the second time during the Amrit Kaal. With your experience, we hope that you will guide us for the next 5 years. 'Aapke chehre par yeh meethi meethi muskaan poore Sadan ko prasann rakhti hai', " he said.

he held in the 17th Lok Sabha. The first session of the 18th Lok Sabha began on June 24 and will conclude on July 3. The 264th Session of Rajya Sabha will com-

mence on June 27 and conclude on July 3. On June 27, President Murmu is scheduled to address a joint sitting of both houses of Parliament.

Bail request of Prajwal Revanna rejected



AGENCY
BENGALURU, JUNE 26

In another setback for sex crimes accused Prajwal Revanna, a court in Bengaluru has turned down his bail petition.

Hearing the bail plea on Wednesday in connection with a complaint registered at the Holenarasipur police station against the former MP and his father, HD Revanna, the special court for public representatives was told by the special public prosecutor that charges of rape under Indian Penal Code Section 376 had been added to the case. The prosecutor argued that, considering the gravity of the crime, bail should not be granted.

The 33-year-old, who is the grandson of former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda and

nephew of former Karnataka chief minister HD Kumaraswamy, has been suspended by his party, the Janata Dal Secular. He is in the custody of a special investigation team (SIT) that was formed to investigate his alleged sex crimes.

Videos showing Prajwal Revanna sexually assaulting multiple women had begun surfacing on April 23, three days before polling in the Hassan Lok Sabha constituency, from where he was a candidate. As the row escalated, he left for Germany on April 27, a day after voting took place. An SIT was formed to investigate the charges and a Blue Corner notice was also issued to help trace the MP, but he remained elusive.

guest, distributed the plot allotment letters to the beneficiaries on the spot. Simultaneously, programs were also held in four other locations, namely Yamunanagar, Palwal, Sirsa, and Mahendragarh. Addressing the gathering, Sh. Nayab Singh said that today is a very happy day as the dream of owning a home is coming true for poor people. The Mukhyamantri Shehri Awas Yojana is not just a scheme but a commendable initiative by Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi and our 'double-engine sarkar' to bring smiles to the faces of the poor and fulfill their

BJP doing 'political vendetta' against Kejriwal : Malvinder Kang

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, JUNE 26

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Punjab reacted sharply to the arrest of AAP convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal by CBI on Tuesday night. The party accused the Bharatiya Janata Party of misusing investigation agencies and said that this is an undemocratic and unconstitutional step of the BJP government.

On Wednesday, Aam Aadmi Party Punjab's chief spokesperson and MP Malvinder Singh Kang reacted to this matter and said that BJP is working against the Aam Aadmi Party, it is their political vendetta. BJP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi want to finish the Aam Aadmi Party at any cost. That is why the Modi govern-



Sensex, Nifty settle at new all-time high levels

AGENCY
MUMBAI, JUNE 26

Stock market benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty ended at their fresh all-time high levels on Wednesday in tandem with a rally in Asian peers and buying in Reliance Industries.

The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 620.73 points or 0.80 per cent to settle at a new closing peak of 78,674.25. During the day, it rallied 705.88 points or 0.90 per cent to hit a fresh all-time high of 78,759.40.

The Nifty went up by 147.50 points or 0.62 per cent to settle at a record closing peak of



23,868.80. Intra-day, it surged 168.6 points or 0.71 per cent to hit the fresh lifetime high of 23,889.90.

Kejriwal sent to 3-day CBI custody

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

Arvind Kejriwal has been sent to the custody of the CBI for three days, following his arrest by the federal agency in the alleged liquor policy case. The agency had asked for custody for five days.

Mr Kejriwal was arrested by the CBI - inside Delhi's Rouse Avenue Court - and then, inside a tumultuous hour, withdrew a Supreme Court petition challenging a stay on grant of bail after his arrest in March - in the same case - by the Enforcement Directorate. The top court petition was withdrawn - the ED offered no objection - citing a desire to launch a more substantial appeal against the High Court's decision to stay the Rouse Avenue Court's bail order. In the Rouse Avenue Court this morning, Mr Kejriwal's lawyers argued that the



agency's move to arrest the AAP boss at this point showed it had acted "in a most biased manner". The reference was to the fact the CBI had already quizzed him in connection with this case - for nine hours in April last year.

Mr Kejriwal had then been questioned as a witness in the case. Today he addressed the court directly and recounted what he told the CBI when asked why the liquor policy in

question was framed. "I told them (the CBI) there were three points. First - increase revenue. Second - reduce crowds to handle law and order. Third - opening of liquor shops in the right proportion (i.e., equal distribution across the city). I had given instructions to Manish Sisodia (his former deputy, who, in February last year, was the first to be arrested in this case) to keep these three things in mind.

3 terrorists killed, cop injured in Doda gunfight

AGENCY
JAMMU, JUNE 26

Three terrorists were neutralised and a police personnel injured in a gunfight on Wednesday between a group of terrorists and security forces in Gandoh area of Doda district in Jammu and Kashmir.

Official sources said that acting on a tip off, security forces launched a cordon and search operation (CASO) earlier. The joint team of Police and

Army was fired upon by the hiding terrorists triggering the encounter this morning and it was still underway.

"Two terrorists have been killed but their bodies are yet to be recovered as the operation is in progress. Presence of more terrorists cannot be ruled out," they said. One police personnel have also suffered injuries in the gun battle they added. Security forces on June 11-12 launched a combing operation in the Chattergala

area of Bhaderwah and Tanta Top area of Gundoh following two terror-related incidents. On June 11, five army soldiers and one SPO of J&K Police were injured when terrorists fired upon them at Chattergala on the Bhaderwah-Bani road. On June 12 evening, a policeman was injured when hiding terrorists opened fire upon security forces in the forest area and fled away. Four suspects were also detained in its connection.

Police on high alert after two suspected terrorists seen in Pathankot



AGENCY
PATHANKOT, JUN 26

Punjab police was on high alert after it received information about two suspected terrorists roaming in the district.

Police said that a villager from border area village Kot Bathiyan informed the control room on Tuesday night that two armed men entered his farmhouse and asked him to prepare a meal for them at gunpoint.

"Both left after they finished their meal," he said.

After receiving information, Pathankot SSP Suhail Kasim Meer had a meeting with his Senior officers and police officials from Gurdaspur also.

After the meeting, the Army and Border Security Force (BSF) was also informed.

Mamoon cantonment and Pathankot Air Station were secured.

Police have also launched a search operation in public places like railway stations and bus stands of the border districts.

CM chairs HPPC and DHPPC meeting, takes several Key decisions

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, JUNE 26

Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh chaired the High Powered Purchase Committee (HPPC) held late last evening. Cabinet Ministers, Sh. Kanwar Pal, Sh. Mool Chand Sharma, Sh. Ranjit Singh, Sh. JP Dalal, Dr. Banwari Lal, Minister of State, Smt. Seema Trikha, Sh. Mahipal Dhanda, and Sh. Aseem Goyal Naneola.

Several key decisions were taken in the meeting. A total of 31 agendas were presented in the meeting, covering agriculture and farmers' welfare, animal husbandry and dairy, food supply and consumer affairs, Haryana Vidut Prasaran Nigam Limited, Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam, public health engineering, higher education, secondary education, development and panchayat, trans-



port department, and police. Out of these, 27 agendas were approved.

An approval of approximately Rs.1000 crore was given for the purchase of pipes to strengthen the drinking water supply, particularly in rural areas. Additionally, for the promotion of science education in schools, new equipment will soon be installed in the biology and chemistry labs of 729 cluster schools. For this, an approval of approximately Rs. 30 crore was provided. Similarly, an approval of approximately Rs.10 crore

was granted for the purchase of equipment for general science labs.

Furthermore, an approval of approximately Rs. 24 crore was given for the purchase of 3836 computers for colleges. The Chief Minister stated that the state government is committed to providing quality education to children, with a special focus on science and mathematics subjects.

In the meeting of the High Powered Purchase Committee (HPPC) and the Departmental High Powered Purchase

Committee (DHPPC), contracts and purchases worth approximately Rs. 1500 crore were approved. Through negotiations with various bidders, approximately Rs. 72 crore was saved.

It was informed in the meeting that the state government is undertaking various projects in rural areas, such as yoga and vyayamshalas, libraries, and wellness centers. As part of this initiative, there is a plan to establish indoor gyms in the panchayats. Under this plan, 468 indoor gyms will soon be established in villages, for which an approval of over Rs. 50 crore for gym equipment was granted. Each indoor gym will be equipped with 25 types of equipment.

An approval was also granted for the purchase of medicines for animals by the animal husbandry and dairy department.

DAV Public School excels in District Swimming Championship



RAHUL KOHLI JAGADHRI, JUNE 26

In a remarkable display of talent and perseverance, students from DAV Public School Professor Colony, Yamunanagar shone brightly at the District Swimming Championship held at Sant Nischal School, Yamunanagar. The position holders from DAVPS bagged the medals as: Vatsala - 50 meters freestyle (Bronze), 100 meters freestyle (Silver), Saksham Ranga-50 m Freestyle (Bronze), 50 m Breaststroke (Silver), 100m Breaststroke (Silver), Alisha Ranga -50 m freestyle (Gold), 100 m freestyle (Gold), 50 m breaststroke (Gold), Kalpita -100 m freestyle (Bronze), 50 m Freestyle

(Bronze), 50 m breaststroke (Silver), Devanshi - 50 m freestyle (Silver), 100 m freestyle (Gold) Vedansh - 25 m kicking (Bronze).

The outstanding performances of these young swimmers have brought great pride and recognition to their school and the community. Their dedication and hard work have paid off, and they have set a benchmark for their peers to follow.

The District Swimming Championship was a testament to the exceptional talent and potential of the students from DAVPS, and the school's commitment to nurturing and supporting their athletic endeavors. Principal V.K Kashiv congratulated the winners and the stakeholders.

Priests from Madhya Pradesh cleans drain

PREETI SAINI SADHAURA, JUNE 26

Priests from Madhya Pradesh cleaned the drain that was clogged for a long time in Kapalmochan and gave the message of cleanliness.

A delegation of saints from Madhya Pradesh came to visit Kapalmochan. The saints took rest at night in Guru Ravidas Temple Dera Baba Laldas Kapamochan. When the saints saw the big drain passing near Guru Ravidas Temple clogged with garbage, they set an example of social service and took up the task of cleaning the said drain. After taking blessings from Mahant Nirmal Das, the saints cleaned the drain of about five feet deep from the main gate of Guru Ravidas Temple to the bus stand of Milk Khas village within three days.



This is being discussed a lot in the area. This is also a big message for the Sadhu community living in Kapalmochan. After the work done by the saints with a spirit of service, the silt and soil coming out of the drain was removed from the road by calling a JCB machine from Guru

Ravidas Temple. The saint community was honored by Guru Ravidas Mandir Sabha Kapalmochan. Among those who did service work, the main ones were Sant Chandrabhan, Sant Prabhu Dayal, Baba Hariram, Sant Babu Das who came from Madhya Pradesh.

MLA Ramkumar kashyap flags off e-cart-rickshaw garbage cart

MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI, JUNE 26

Under Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin, under MP LAD e-rickshaws were distributed to the Gram Panchayats of various villages of sub-division Indri

for door to door garbage collection. On this occasion, MLA Ramkumar Kashyap flagged off the e-cart-rickshaw garbage cart from the Block Development and Panchayat Officer's office and sent it to various villages. MLA Ramkumar Kashyap said that the keys of e-cart-rickshaw garbage cart were handed over to the Sarpanchs of Gram Panchayats Beed Bhaso, Chaugawan, Damanehdi, Dhanora Jagir, Garhi Birbal, Garhi Jatan, Gorgarh, Janesro, Kadarabad, Khanpur, Khedi Jatan, Manoharpur, Mukhala Khalsa, Mukhali Jagir, Musepur, Nathodi, Naurata and Tusang of Block Indri. He said that these e-cart-rick-

shaw garbage carts will be used for collecting dry and wet garbage from the villages of the respective panchayats and it will be deposited in the garbage collection shed built at the panchayat level. He said that a lot of difficulty was faced



in taking the garbage away from the village. He said that by using e-cart-rickshaw garbage carts for garbage collection, more work will be done in less time. At the same time, door to door garbage collection will also be easy and by using e-cart-rickshaw garbage carts, fuel will be saved and pollution

will also be reduced.

MLA Ramkumar Kashyap said that this is a very useful scheme of the government. While this will prevent garbage and dirt from spreading here and there in the village, garbage can be collected at one place through this e-cart rickshaw. The government is moving rapidly towards making the villages garbage free. He said that keeping in mind the environmental protection, now e-cart-rickshaw garbage carts have been installed in place of diesel vehicles for garbage collection. On one hand, this will make the environment pollution free. On the other hand, there will be savings in the expenses incurred on diesel. These e-rickshaws will collect garbage from door to door in the Gram Panchayat area, this will clean the village.

Saints and Mahants demand to increase width of Saraswati

PREETI SAINI SADHAURA: These days, a returning wall is being built near Ajat Ashram on the Saraswati river by the Irrigation Department Saraswati Heritage Board. The work is being done by placing stones. There is deep anger in the saint community due to reducing its width near the Saraswati Ajat Ashram flag and stopping the work. Mahant Krishnanand Saraswati ji, Santoshanand, Jeet Krishnanand, Satyawan, Jaswant Singh, Vikas Gupta, Shravan, Arvind, Suman Kumar, Madanlal, Pawan Singh, Anil Kumar, Shyamal etc. Sevadaars said through the demand letter that the work of the returning wall has been stopped near the flag side of Ajat Ashram and the width has also been reduced a lot, due to which in case of heavy rain, the water of Saraswati river can overflow and cause havoc in Saraswati Ajat Ashram anytime.



The Mahants said that the land of Saraswati is lying vacant at the said place. Therefore, keeping in mind the problem of the ashram, the returning wall should be built up to the Saraswati bridge on Sadhaura road and the Saraswati river should be widened at the turn near the flag.

Business suffering due to closure of Shambhu border

MANISH KUMAR AMBALA, JUNE 26

For the last 3 months, farmers have been sitting on a dharna near Shambhu toll with their demands due to which people going to Punjab are also facing a lot of trouble. On the other hand, farmers say that we are protesting on the roadside while barricades have been installed by the government on the roads. Farmer leaders say that farmers are protesting for the demand of MSP and release of comrades lodged in jails, but till now no concrete action has been taken by the administration on their demands. He said that farming is becoming very expensive at present. Farmers are not getting proper prices for crops while the expenses are coming very high. In such a situation, the only option left for the farmers is to leave farming.

On Sunday also a large number of farmers were standing on the border. They were also addressing from the stage. Meanwhile, some businessmen of Ambala City and local villagers, frustrated

with the business being affected due to the closure of Shambhu border, had come to talk to the farmer leaders with the hope of a solution. The businessmen had just put forward their views when an argument broke out. The businessmen were strongly opposed. After this, a press conference was held by the farmers and it was said that around 1 pm on Sunday afternoon, about 60 people reached our stage built on the Shambhu border and forcibly tried to climb the stage.

Ambala is a very big shopping centre of North India as a wholesale market for clothes, mixers and other goods! People from Punjab, Himachal and Jammu and Kashmir come here to shop. Due to the blockage of National Highway 44, business is getting badly affected. About 100 villages of Punjab near the Shambhu border are dependent on a city like Ambala for their shopping, medical treatment and at the same time they have bread and daughter relations in Ambala district. Therefore, this road should be opened soon.

Forests are the basic foundation of our life: Nehra



R K KASHYAP CHHACHHRAULI, JUNE 26

In order to play an important role in making the environment pollution free, Dinesh Nehra, owner of Durga Gas Agency located in Chhachhrauli, planted saplings on the vacant land in Chhachhrauli town and nearby areas with the help of the staff of Durga Gas Agency and gave instructions to the staff to take care of those saplings and grow them. During this, Dinesh Nehra said that trees are an important part of our life. The life

cycle of every living being is directly or indirectly dependent on forests.

He said forests are the basic foundation of our life. Forests provide oxygen to keep humans and animals alive. If there are no plants, then humans and animals will also not survive. Trees have great importance in human life. God has given us life, to maintain this life, trees do their work to increase the life force. If there are no trees, then there are no humans. With this objective, everyone will have to plant trees in large numbers, only

BJP govt will be formed again under Nayab Singh Saini: Chandra

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: State Executive Vice Chairman of Swachh Bharat Mission Subhash Chandra said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Naib Saini and with the cooperation and support of the public, BJP government will be formed in Haryana for the third time. He said that in view of the increasing support base of Chief Minister Naib Saini among the public, BJP government is sure to be formed for the third time. Subhash Chandra has said that the public is taking full advantage of the policies brought by the BJP government in public interest. Every section of the country and the state is happy with the BJP, that is why the people of the country and the state want the BJP government to be formed for the third time.

Chandra called upon the workers to work hard with all their might for the next hundred days. The BJP government is going to be formed for the third time in Haryana. Subhash Chandra targeted the Congress and said that the Congress party never respected the Constitution. Congress always worked on the policy of playing with the Constitution, it does the politics of loot. He said that the state is establishing new dimensions of progress with public welfare policies. Every section is happy with the BJP government. Services have been made online to provide corruption-free good governance to the people of the state due to which only the eligible person is getting the benefit of the



Administration not paying heed to demands of farmers

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA NILOKHERI: The administration is reportedly not paying heed to the demands of the farmers regarding cleaning of the siphons made for the drainage of flood water. The farmers have repeatedly appealed to the Chief Minister, administrative and departmental officials. The farmers of the area say that in view of the losses of last year, their lives are in danger, but God knows what the administration is waiting for. Last year too, due to the closure of the siphons and the inability to drain out the flood water, there was heavy loss. Farmer leader and All India Kisan Congress national spokesperson Inderjit Singh Goraya, who is making efforts to clean the siphon, said that the main reason for the flood damage in the area is the lack of cleaning of rainwater drains and siphons.

Goraya said that every year thousands of crores of funds are not being used properly for proper flood prevention. Most of the siphons coming out from under the Sirsa and Bhakra canals in Niockeri block are filled with mud and reeds, due to which there is heavy damage to the crops. Inderjit Goraya said that the canal department of Kurukshetra has opened the siphon of village Aibli Jagir, but this siphon is completely closed on the other side where the water is to be drained, which comes under Karnal division, whose drain is completely filled with mud and reeds. We have informed the Deputy Commissioner of Karnal and the officials of the Irrigation Department about this and requested them to get it cleaned, but no action has been taken so far which shows that the administration is not serious about it.



Roads play important role in development of country : MLA Kashyap

MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI, JUNE 26

Roads play an important role in the development of the country and the state and during its rule, the BJP has given priority to the construction of new roads and their strengthening. In this series, on Wednesday, the foundation stone of the newly constructed 2.10 km road from village Jainpur to village Kheda of Indri block at a cost of Rs 90 lakh and the newly constructed 3.21 km road from village Ramba to Dadupur at a cost of Rs 1 crore 60 lakh was inaugurated. MLA Ramkumar Kashyap said that these roads are being built by the Market Committee. To promote rural development and improve rural



lifestyle, a network of roads is being laid in the rural area to connect it to the main road, so that the villagers can be directly connected to business, education and health.

The MLA said that he is happy to fulfill the demand of the villagers for a road. The

construction of this road will provide a lot of convenience to the villagers and every village of his constituency has been connected with a road. He said that as soon as the BJP government was formed in the state, the strengthening of roads and construction

of new roads were done on priority. He said that roads

are the axis of development and without roads, development of the state and the country is impossible and the common man is feeling the development happening today. He said that the thinking of the Bharatiya Janata Party is different from other political parties and due to this thinking, equal development work is being done in all the assembly constituencies of the state without any discrimination.

He said that the thinking of the government is that all areas should be developed and the areas which are lagging behind due to development, development work is being promoted in those areas on priority basis.

RAHUL KOHLI JAGADHRI, JUNE 26

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Kanwar Pal distributed allotment letters to 4203 beneficiaries of Jagadhari, Karnal and Pinjore under the Chief Minister Urban Housing Scheme and said that the objective of our government is that every head should get a roof and the last person of the state should get the benefit of the government schemes. On Wednesday, a programme was organised to distribute allotment letters to the beneficiaries under the Chief Minister Urban Housing Scheme at the Anaj Mandi of Jagadhri. Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Kanwarpal was the chief guest in this program and Yamunanagar MLA Ghanshy-



am Das Arora was the special guest. The chief guest started the distribution of allotment letters to 3139 beneficiaries of Jagadhari, 521 of Karnal and 543 beneficiaries of Pinjore by giving allotment letters to some beneficiaries of all three places.

The minister said on this occasion that the central and state governments are trying to bring the poor families into

the mainstream. Plot allotment letters are being distributed in rural and urban areas to fulfill the dream of the person who does not have his own house. Recently, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini gave ownership letters to about 9000 rural people and today plots were given to 15250 beneficiaries in the entire state, which is a big achievement in itself. He said

that the government has decided to give Rs 1 lakh to the poor person to buy a plot in the village where there is no panchayat land. He said that it has been only 20 days since the code of conduct was lifted on June 6, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini is doing a lot of work for the poor like Happy Yojana, under which poor people will be able to travel 1000 kilometers free in Haryana Roadways buses. The Chief Minister has made many announcements for the development of workers and Rs 80 crore has also been immediately approved to implement these announcements. To reduce the electricity bills, the Chief Minister has also decided to install solar power plants on the roofs of the houses of poor families.

3 die in Patiala shooting over land dispute

PATIALA: Three persons including a father and son were killed and two others injured in a firing incident between two parties over a land dispute in a Patiala village, police said on Wednesday. According to the police, the dispute was over contract farming. There was an armed altercation between the two parties. Both used fire arms. Dibagh Singh and his son Jassi died in the firing, the police said. Satvinder Singh from the other side also died while his two associates Harpreet Singh and Harjinder Singh were injured. They have been admitted to Rajindra Hospital, the police added. The bodies have been sent for post mortem examination and further investigation was underway.

Municipal council seals 10 shops due to non-payment of rent

KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL: 10 shops were sealed by Municipal Council Rampura Phul on Wednesday, taking action against the shopkeepers who have not paid the rent of municipal council shops for a long time. At the time of sealing the



shops, the support of the police station City Rampura was also taken by the municipal council officials. Baljinder Singh, supervisor of the municipal council, who is leading the team, said that the council had sent notices to the non-paying shopkeepers many times and ordered them to pay the rent of their shops and warned of strict action if the rent was collected. was He said that despite this, some shopkeepers did not take the orders of the Municipal Council seriously. Due to which the council was forced to seal their shops. He said that this campaign of the council will continue in the future as well. Let us tell you that most of the shops sealed by the municipal council on Wednesday are located near the municipal council office and near the bus stand. On the other hand, this action of the Municipal Council has created an atmosphere of panic among the shopkeepers. According to sources related to Municipal Council Rampura, some shopkeepers who are running their business by renting council shops have not paid the rent of the shops for a long time. Due to which the said shopkeepers owe lakhs of rupees to the council.

Police should take action against attackers, demands family



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHARPUR: Unknown attackers openly indulged in hooliganism in the house of an NRI resident of village Jivapur Jattan. According to information, around 10 youths armed with sharp weapons barged into a house in two vehicles and attacked. According to information received from the scene of the incident, around 10 attackers came in two vehicles, Maruti Suzuki Swift and Chevrolet Cruze, to the house of Sohan Singh, son of Bakhtish Singh and started vandalizing the house after entering it. As soon as the attackers entered, they started breaking the Mahindra Scorpio car, Honda Activa, fridge, TV, AC and doors parked inside the house and when Sohan Singh and his wife tried to ask the reason, the attackers started abusing them. Sohan Singh told that he saved his life by locking himself in a room with an iron grill door, whose door the attackers failed to break.

Kalash Yatra conducted by Divya Jyoti Jagriti Sansthan



KULWINDER KARWAL SARDULGARH: In connection with the Sri Krishna Katha being organized by the Divya Jyoti Jagriti Sansthan in the shed of the city's Grain Market, Kalash Yatra was taken out across the city on Tuesday. Kalash Yatra started from Sri Sanatana Dharma Temple. The Chief Guest flagged off the Kalash Yatra. Around 1100 women showed their enthusiasm during the yatra by wearing kalash rakh on their heads. These women walked for a distance of more than five kilometers with urns on their heads. Meanwhile, Kalash Yatra started from Sri Sanatan Dharma temple and reached the story place Grain Market through various routes. At many places, devotees welcomed the Kalash Yatra with flowers. Swami Prem Prakashananda of the organization said that the Katha event will be held from 26 to 30 June, the time of which will be from 7 pm to 10 pm. Ashutosh Mahara's shishya sadhvi Praveena will narrate Indian stories. The girls wore white clothes during the Kalash Yatra. Meanwhile, they were holding placards in their hands. The citizens of the city were made aware by writing save the girl child, educate the girl child, save water, infanticide and other slogans on the placards. (Devotees welcomed by showering flowers) On Tuesday, Divya Jyoti Jagriti Sansthan took out Kalash Yatra from different intersections of the city. Meanwhile, many devotees welcomed the Kalash Yatra. Devotees welcomed the Kalash Yatra by showering flowers. Water and food arrangements were made by the devotees at various places to welcome the Kalash Yatra.

Will raise voice against centre for withholding state's funds: Meet Hayer

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, JUNE 26

Alleging the BJP led centre government for working under political conspiracy to damage the financial interests of Punjab state, Member Parliament from Sangrur Gurmeet singh Meet Hayer has said that he will strongly raise the issues of not releasing Rural Development Fund (RDF) and Mandi Development Fund (MDF) around Rs.7000 crore and deliberately withholding funds for Punjab under National Health Mission. Sarv Sikhiya Abhiyaan and other central schemes by the BJP led centre government in the current Parliament session.

While talking to the media here today, Meet Hayer said that he will raise his voice against the centre's attack on financial rights of Punjab till the state gets justice.

On a question about the election of Lok Sabha Speaker Meet Hayer said that it had been a democratic tradition in India that while the speaker comes from the ruling al-



liance, the deputy speaker of Lok Sabha always belongs to the Opposition but the BJP is breaking this democratic tradition just to satisfy its ego.

To counter this anti-democratic step, the opposition parties emphasise to contest the election of Lok Sabha Speaker to save this rich democratic tradition.

The Sangrur MP said that the BJP is weakening the democratic institutes of the country and the opposition had taken the main issue of saving the Indian Constitution and democracy in recently held general elections to which the

Rs 500-cr action plan to tackle stubble burning

CHANDIGARH: In a bid to bring stubble burning cases to zero in the state as per directions of Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, Punjab Agriculture and Farmers Welfare department has laid out an action plan of Rs.500 crore for providing machinery and other measures during the paddy harvest season 2024. Revealing this here today, Punjab Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister S. Gurmeet Singh Khudian informed that the department has received as many as 21,511 applications from farmers, cooperative societies, FPOs and panchayats interested in availing subsidies on various crop residue management (CRM) machinery during the kharif season 2024 and farmers have applied for 63,697 machines. Individual farmers can avail 50 per cent subsidy on the cost of CRM equipment, while, 80 per cent subsidy is for co-operative societies, FPOs, panchayats limited to a maximum as per the guidelines of the scheme, he added. Under the scheme, he said that super SMS, super seeder, surface seeder, smart seeder, happy seeder, paddy straw chopper, shredder, mulcher, hydraulic reversible mould board plough and zero till drill for in-situ management and baler and rake in ex-situ machines are being made available on subsidy. As many as 1,30,000 CRM machines have been provided to farmers of the state from 2018-19 to 2023, S. Gurmeet Singh Khudian informed while adding that the Agriculture department would also launch an information education and communication campaign to educate.

people of India had given a positive response. "The People of Punjab have elected me for the Lok Sabha and it will be my primary duty to save the

interests of State and to raise the strong voice against every step of centre that adversely affects our state of Punjab" Vowed Meet Hayer.

Indira Gandhi strangled democracy by imposing emergency across country: Prof Badungar

AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, JUNE 26

On 25th June 1975, the tyrannical government of congress led by Indira Gandhi, strangled democracy by imposing emergency across the country, which was strongly opposed by the countrymen; these views were expressed by Former President of Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee Prof. Kirpal Singh Badungar while talking to the media.

Badungar said that 25th June 1975 was the darkest day for democracy in the history of independent India, when Indira Gandhi, the Prime Minister of the Congress Party, suddenly imposed a emergency in the country to defy a court order that had disqualified her from elections.Professor Badungar said that Shiromani Akali Dal organized a front against this emergency and it continued

BUREAU
JALANDHAR, JUNE 26

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Punjab cornered the Congress candidate for Jalandhar west Surinder Kaur. The AAP said that being a deputy mayor Surinder Kaur did nothing for Jalandhar west or Jalandhar city.

Most of the time her office remained locked and she could be complacent in Jalandhar smart city funds scam.Addressing a press conference in Jalandhar on Wednesday, the AAP leader and cabinet minister Harjot Singh Bains asked five questions to the Congress candidate through the media.

Harjot Bains said that Surinder Kaur was deputy mayor of Jalandhar for five years and an MC for about 20 years. But the question is while being MC and Deputy Mayor what has she done for the Jalandhar west and its people. The AAP leader asked the Congress candidate why her office mostly stayed locked while she was deputy mayor. Why didn't she go among the people, listen to their problems and address them? The AAP Minister also questioned

Congress pushed Jalandhar in mess ; looted crores meant for dev, beautification of city: AAP



AAP's five questions to Surinder Kaur

Question 1. As a senior deputy mayor, why was your office shut and why were you absent from the office all the time? Have you ever met the 23 councilors and taken their feedback, let alone solving the Jalandhar West Constituency's issues?

Question 2. Why did you never say anything about the billions of rupees scam of the Smart City Project, which took place in a Congress corporation, when the Congress government was in Punjab?

Question 3. What did the Congress Corporation do to solve the basic problems like roads, sewage, cleaning of drains, garbage in Jalandhar?

Question 4. Garbage mountain in Varyana dump has become a disaster for people. In the cleanliness survey of the year 2018, 19, 20, why Jalandhar could not come in the list of the first 100 cities of the country, what was the reason?

Question 5. How many tube wells did the Congress candidate install in her area to bring clean drinking water to the people?

Surinder Kaur about the scam of Smart City funds. He said that she should tell the people whether she was involved in that scam or not, and if not then why she stayed silent on the scam of 760 crores. Today

Jalandhar's roads, streets and sewage are in a terrible condition, where did all the money go?Bains said that the responsibility of the maintenance of roads, streets, street lights, sewage systems etc.

Punjab and Sind Bank, Zonal Office Patiala celebrates its 117th foundation day



PATIALA, JUNE 26

Punjab and Sind Bank, Zonal Office, Patiala organized a function yesterday to celebrate its 117th foundation day. The bank was established on 24th June, 1908. The celebration started with Path of Sukhmani Sahib followed by Guru Ka langar. Thereafter Madam Upasana Dhar, worthy Zonal Manager did the cake cutting ceremony.

She described the Bank's accomplishments from the year 1908 till date and ex-

plained all the ongoing schemes of bank for deposits and loans. She also made note of the excellent business which Patiala Zone is doing in the banking sector. In the end, she thanked everyone for being there and making this day a wonderful & memorable one. To celebrate and cherish this long journey, Zonal Office staff, ex-employees of Patiala Zone and large number of bank customers were present. On this day, the bank also donated five water coolers, one each for Rajpura, Sangrur.

Police destroyed drugs: SSP



SUMER GARG
SANGRUR, JUNE 26

SSP, Sartaj Singh Chahal IPS, while giving information to the press said that District Police Sangrur, under the NDPS Act have recovered various illicit items and 16 cases were registered against the wrongdoers.

SSP, further said that on the occasion of 'International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking' day today, the District Police Sangrur have destroyed illicit items of 16 cases, including, 51 kilograms of poppy seeds, 3640 narcotic pills and 645 grams of heroin.

"These illicit items were burnt and destroyed under the supervision of SP(D), Sangrur, Mr. Palwinder Singh Cheema and DSP(D) Sangrur, Mr. Gurdev Singh Dhaliwal at Sangrur Agro Ltd., Rural Focal Point, Bhindran", SSP added.

Every district resident should cooperate to stop drugs completely: Deputy Commissioner

KULJIT SINGH
JANDIALA GURU, JUNE 26

Deputy Commissioner Mr. Ghansham Thori, in a meeting with officials of civil, police, BSF and other central agencies regarding the current situation of drugs, said that active cooperation of all citizens is needed in the fight against drugs.

While presiding over the coordination committee meeting held in the presence of police commissioner Ranjit Singh Dhillon and other officials at the district administration complex, deputy commissioner Mr. Thori said that there is a need for a movement to eradicate drugs from the society in which every section must participate. Only then this social evil can be eradicated. He said that only arresting drug smugglers cannot solve this problem, so it is also nec-



essary to end the demand for drugs and treat the children who are taking drugs. He said that we are ready in every way, but we need people's support to raise their voice against drugs.

On this occasion, Police Commissioner S. Ranjit Singh Dhillon said that the mischievous elements who push the innocent people in the swamp of drugs for their personal interests in the society will be given exemplary punishments by bringing them behind the bars and taking legal action. He said that committees are be-

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As many as 1,30,000 CRM machines have been provided to farmers of the state from 2018-19 to 2023, Gurmeet Singh Khudian informed while adding that the Agriculture department would also launch an information education and communication campaign to educate and train farmers about the available technologies for the management of crop residues as the state government is taking every possible step to solve the problem of stubble burning. The Agriculture Minister also asked the department officials to ensure transparency in the entire process and strict action will be taken against violation of rules and regulations.

Holy Sundarkand recitation takes place in Siddhapeeth Shri Ichchhapurna Peepal Hanuman Temple

MANDI GOBINDGARH (KHUSHAV SINGLA): On Amlah Road in the iron city Mandi Gobindgarh, at the Siddhapeeth Shri Ichchhapurna Peepal Wale Hanuman Ji Temple, a sacred recitation



of Shri Sundarkand Ji was conducted by the Sundarkand and Seva Mandal. The main sponsor, Rajan Chikarsal family, had Temple Priest Pandit Ganesh perform the ritualistic worship of Shri Hanuman Ji and Shri Ramayana Ji.

During this occasion, while chanting hymns, Arun Sharma, Raju Pandey, and Om Sain sang the devotional song 'Cham Cham Naache Dekho Veer Hanumana, Ram Mere Ghar Aayenge Aayenge, Veer Hanumana Ati Balwana', filling the devotees with fervent devotion. After the bhajan, prayers, and ardas, sweets and fruits were distributed as prasad among the devotees and visitors.

Present at this event were the temple priests Bhagat Naresh Ghai, Sushil Kaushik, Rajinder Kaplish, Ram Kishan Tiwari, Sachin Singla, Surinder Mittal, Rohit Goyal, Anshul Aul, Sanjay Garg, Shiv Sharma, Manish Goyal, Rohit Garg, Keshav Goyal, Dinesh Mankotia, Madhav Goyal, Raj Kumar Sharma, Sanjay Garg, Mohinder Mittal, Surinder Mittal, Raj Saini, Rakesh Ghai, Mukesh Ghai, Harish Singla, Rajesh Kajla etc.

Mass resignation of Medical officers will cripple health services in Bathinda: Harsimrat

ANIL VERMA
BATHINDA, JUNE 26

Former Union Minister and four time Bathinda MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal has said that en masse resignation of Medical officers from health department in Bathinda will cripple health services in the district even as she asked Bhagwant Mann led AAP government to ensure posting of adequate number of medical officers in the district.

Reacting to en masse resignation of Medical officers including two Senior Medical Officers (SMOs) in Bathinda in last few days, Mrs. Badal said that it worry some that health officers are resigning from government jobs due to discrimination and indifferent attitude of the AAP government. She said that if such trend continues, then a day will not be far when health department will face severe



shortage of medical officers to provide health services to people. She said that it is most unfortunate to see that during tenure of a government which had come to power on issues of health and education both these sectors were the worst sufferers. She said that had Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann taken right steps at right time, situation would have been different. She appealed to Chief Minister and Health Minister to act swiftly to control the situation otherwise it will be too late.

Randhawa issues directives to conserve groundwater in SBS Nagar



JATINDER PAL SINGH KALER
NAWANSHAHR, JUNE 26

Deputy Commissioner Shri Navjot Pal Singh Randhawa has issued a call to action for officials in Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar to prioritise the protection and conservation of groundwater.

This directive aligns with the Punjab Water Regulation and Development Authority's (PWRDA) recent issuance of the Punjab Ground Water Extraction and Conservation Direction, 2023, effective from February 1, 2023.

Chairing the District Implementing Committee for

Water Regulation and Development (DICWRD) at the District Administrative Complex in Nawanshahr, Deputy Commissioner Shri Randhawa emphasised the critical need for adherence to these new regulations.

He stated that under the directives, no power-operated equipment for groundwater exploration or modification of groundwater extraction structures can be operated without prior authorization from the PWRDA. The initial deadline to apply for such permissions was December 31, 2023, but it has now been extended to June 30, 2024.

Congress has failed the test of 4 Lok Sabha elections: Hoshiyar Singh
SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA: Hoshiar Singh, Bharatiya Janata Party's candidate from Dehra assembly constituency, has intensified his election campaign. Hoshiyar Singh said that as the day of by-elections in Himachal is coming closer, the message has become clear in the entire state that BJP is going to register a historic victory on all 3 assembly seats, due to which Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, who claims to be a government of happiness, has become so sad due to the worry of his slipping political stature that now he is speaking nonsense in panic. The Chief Minister, who calls himself a big player in politics, has realized that even today he does not know anything except student politics. He said that the 16-month-old incompetent and unstable government knows nothing except talking nonsense. The Chief Minister of the state has come to know that now the people of Himachal Pradesh are aware and will not fall for his false promises again and again, due to which Sukhu has fallen so much in the eyes of the people that now he has started making baseless allegations on the BJP leaders with whom he used to run the government a few months ago and praise them. The BJP candidate said that the people of Dehra assembly constituency are my capital. Serving them is my only goal.

Pension Forum urges reduction of commutation period for HPSEB retirees
SANJEEV MAHAJAN NURPUR: The Nurpur unit of the HPSEB Pensioners Forum, led by unit president Man Singh Dhiman, conducted a door-to-door membership campaign in the Bhabdar area. During this event, forum members highlighted the ongoing financial strain on retirees due to monthly deductions from their pensions. Currently, 40% of a retiree's pension is commuted, and they receive a lump sum payment, which the government recovers over a lengthy 15-year period. The forum members emphasized a ruling by the Punjab and Haryana High Court that reduced this commutation period to 11 years, considering the financial burden on pensioners. They are now urging the Himachal Pradesh government to follow suit and reduce the commutation period from 15 years to 12 years. In addition to the commutation period reduction, the forum expressed strong opposition to the HPSEB management's attempt to operate powerhouses through contractors. They called on the Chief Minister to expedite the recruitment process within the HPSEB, appoint a permanent Managing Director, reinstate the old pension scheme, and settle all pending dues for retirees. Prominent members present at the event included Sukhdev Singh Dhiman, Kishan Dhiman, Kuldeep Singh, Ukar Singh, Jagdish Singh, Dhyani Singh, Man Singh, and Jayaram Sharma.

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International Drug Prohibition Day celebrated at Outreach Drop-in Center Kotla Kalan



KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA: By organizing events at the Outreach Drop-in Center in Kotla Kalan, the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment celebrated International Drug Prohibition Day 2024 under the supervision of Una District Welfare Officer and with the participation of Shama Foundation. The program was chaired by Executive District Welfare Officer Una, Jatinder Kumar. During the program, the District Welfare Officer informed the attendees about initiatives undertaken by the department for drug prevention and took an oath to make Una district drug-free. During the event, awareness sessions on drug prevention and solutions were conducted by Shama Foundation's director, Dr. Rajinder Singh Dadwal, and information about local facilities provided by Counselor/Center Incharge Komal Sharma at the ODIASC Center was also provided. On this occasion, Sonika, Neha Jatinder, and Hariom expressed their views on drug prevention and were encouraged and honored for their contributions.

BJP always resorted to lies to gain power: Naresh Chauhan

SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, JUNE 26

Himachal Pradesh Congress Party Vice President Naresh Chauhan said during a press conference in Dharamshala on Tuesday that the Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu government of the state will serve the people of the state for five years. He said that the people of three assembly constituencies of the state, Hamirpur, Nalagarh and Dehra, are going to elect Congress candidates in the by-elections, because the people do not want to vote for BJP candidates and put them in the opposition and not let their areas develop. He said that BJP has resorted to cheap politics regarding

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Monsoon likely to be slow, deficient in first leg

AGENCY SHIMLA, JUNE 26

The conditions are conducive for the onset of Southwest Monsoon in the next 24 hours in some parts of northern India, however, the first leg may be deficient and enter at a slow pace, the MeT office said Wednesday. Deep fog and humidity is soaring, above 75 per cent horizon are covered but sky is partly cloudy, the India Meteorological Department said, and also forecast that the monsoon system is likely to be active in Himachal Pradesh, part of Punjab, Gujarat, and Haryana in coming two days. The IMD said pre monsoon showers would lash many places by Wednesday



afternoon and the frequency of rain may increase on Thursday. Monsoons would cover most places on June 28 and 29, the weather office said. Normally Monsoon enters Himachal Pradesh in the last leg June 24-25, but this year it has been delayed by couple of days. Humid conditions and heatwave continued in plains and mid hills but the mercury was expected to come down in next two days, the IMD said. Pre monsoon showers doused a number of forest fires in the state, where 1,500 jungle blazes have been reported this season gutting

Governor inaugurates Sampoorna Kranti Andolan Mahotsav

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, JUNE 26

Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla inaugurated the Sampoorna Kranti Andolan Mahotsav at the India International Center in New Delhi on Tuesday evening to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the JP movement. Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla said that Jai Prakash Narayan dedicated efforts to strengthen democracy were commendable. His role in the Nav Nirman Andolan of the country could not be forgotten and his struggle for the independence of the country and later for its stability would be inscribed in golden letters in the history of the country, said the Governor. Shiv Pratap Shukla



highlighted Jai Prakash Narayan's commitment to principled politics and urged everyone to draw inspiration from his realistic and pragmatic approach. He praised the Loknayak Jai Prakash International Study Development Centre for its commendable efforts over the past decades to preserve Jai Prakash Narayan's legacy. During the event, 12 individuals who played significant roles in the Total Revolution Campaign were honored with the Jai Prakash Narayan Senani Samman by the Governor. Former Prime Minister of Central Tibetan Administration Prof. Samdong Rinpoche, former Union Minister B.K. Tripathi, scholars, thinkers and social workers were also present on the occasion.

Hill View Society Jharmajri turns in colors of Shrimad Bhagwat Katha

SHANTI GAUTAM BADDI, JUNE 26

In Hill View Residential Society, Jharmajri, the Shrimad Bhagwat Katha is being organized with Acharya Jagmohan Dutt showering his discourses like a monsoon of nectar. The Katha will continue until 29th June, followed by daily feasts. Organizers Mangesh, Sajal, Ravi, Kapil, and Manish Bharadwaj mentioned that the Katha timings are set from 6 PM to 9 PM every evening. During his discourse, Acharya Jagmohan emphasized that only through righteous deeds can a person make their life successful. He cautioned against arrogance, stating that pride in one's position, prestige, knowledge, and wealth deprives one of wisdom and intellect.



Arrogance is considered humanity's greatest enemy. On Wednesday, he recounted the occasion of Lord Shri Krishna's birth celebration. The narrative filled the devotees with deep reverence. He narrated how, due to the sins of the tyrant Kansa shaking the earth, Lord Krishna had to incarnate. After seven children, when Devaki became pregnant, she feared for her child's life. Upon the birth of Lord Krishna, all the bonds of jail broke, and Lord Shri Krishna reached Gokul. He mentioned that whenever righteousness declines on Earth, the Lord incarnates to restore it. The entire pandal resounded with cheers as Lord Shri Krishna's birth was celebrated during the Katha. The event witnessed the presence of hundreds of devotees, including Hill View Society President Mahendra, Vasu, Suraj Bhan Gurudev, Mahesh Kaushal, Sunil Sharma, and Kalidas Sharma.

HP Speaker warns LOP of contempt action

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA: Himachal Pradesh Assembly Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania on Wednesday warned the Leader of the Opposition Jairam Thakur of initiating contempt proceedings against him if he continued to give public statements casting aspersions

on actions of the presiding officer of the House. Addressing a press conference after recent statements of Jairam Thakur and another BJP MLA Vikram Thakur, the Speaker said, "It is my request to LOP to not discuss my role as Speaker in the public domain. If he has any grudge against the Chair, he can discuss it in the House." The Speaker warned the LOP and the other member of Assembly not to drag the Chair into politics and keep the level of political discourse dignified, failing which it will be treated as contempt of the Chair or the House.

Vartalap on New Criminal Laws held in Shimla

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, JUNE 26

What is going to change with the implementation of the three new criminal laws, namely, The Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and The Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023? What are the key features of these legislations and what do they aim to achieve? The Press Information Bureau (PIB), under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India organized a Vartalap in Shimla today, June 26, 2024, to familiarize the media about the provisions of the three new laws, which are set to come into force in a few days from now, from July 1, 2024. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Additional Director General of Police, Law and Order,



Himachal Pradesh, Shri Abhishek Trivedi. Commandant, 1st HPAP Battalion Junga, Shimla, Shri Rohit Malpani; Professor of Law, HP National Law University, Shimla, Prof. (Dr.) Girjesh Shukla; and Associate Professor of Law, HP National Law University, Shimla, Dr. Santosh Kumar Sharma are the other subject-matter experts who addressed the media. "All Cases registered since stroke of midnight hour ushering 1st July to be dealt with under the new criminal laws". The Chief Guest and Additional Director General of Police, Law and Order, Himachal Pradesh, Shri Abhishek Trivedi said that all cases registered since the stroke of midnight hour ushering in July 1st, 2024 will be tried as per the new criminal laws. He informed that the preparation for moving to the new system has been going on in full swing. "Training of all officials, at all levels, is being done and will be completed soon. Judicial officers, forensic officers, prison officials - whoever is involved in administration of criminal justice - needs training."

Himachal Pradesh's educational infrastructure undergoing extensive changes: Mukesh Agnihotri

KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA, JUNE 26

At the prestigious Shining Star Awards ceremony organized by The News Radar English News Network in Haroli, Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri highlighted significant developments in Himachal Pradesh's educational framework. He noted the establishment of several nationally and internationally acclaimed institutions in the state, providing opportunities for higher education to the youth. This strengthening of the educational infrastructure in Himachal Pradesh aims to facilitate the advancement of talented youth and encourage their educational pursuits. During the event, over



300 meritorious students from more than 50 schools in Una district, who scored over 85% in the 10th and 12th board examinations conducted by various education boards of Una, were felicitated. District Magistrate Una, Jatin Lal, also attended the event as a special guest. Mukesh Agnihotri emphasized that Himachal

Pradesh has seen the establishment of institutions such as the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs), Indian Institute of Information Technology (Triple IT), along with various medical colleges and a satellite center

of PGIMER Chandigarh. He underscored that these comprehensive changes in the state's educational infrastructure provide ample opportunities for the talented youth to excel and contribute to the state's progress. Agnihotri encouraged the students to set ambitious goals in life and work hard to achieve them, acknowledging the sacrifices parents make for their children's future. He emphasized that these talented children from the district can play a crucial role in advancing Himachal Pradesh. He also called upon them to contribute to creating an environment against substance abuse, which has spread across distant and tribal areas of the state.

PWD Minister directs for completion of projects where 75 percent work is complete

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, JUNE 26

Public Works Minister Vikramaditya Singh has directed the officials of the public works department to accord top priority for the completion of those projects where 75 percent of the work has already been completed. He was presiding over a review meeting of the construction works of hospitals, primary health centres (PHCs) and community health centres (CHCs) of the health and family welfare department, here today. Vikramaditya Singh also directed to prepare and prioritize the list of different projects in various departments in each Assembly constituency of the state. He stressed the



need to lay special emphasis on completing these projects in stipulated time period. The Minister stated that the government would not award new construction works to those contractors who have failed to ensure the completion of two satisfactory works on the analogy of Pradhan Mantri Grameen Sadak Yojana. He also emphasized that construction work should only commence when there was adequate budget provision to prevent cost escalations. He said that this measure was intended to ensure financial efficiency and the smooth progression of projects. Later, while interacting with the media, the Minister assured that the public works department was fully geared up for the upcoming monsoon season.



Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla called on Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, Union Health and Family welfare Minister at New Delhi, today. It was a courtesy call.

RBU to start new courses in nutrigenetics, cancer biology

LK BANSAL MOHAL: Rayat Bahra Group of Institutes, in partnership with the Institute of Nutrigenetics and Nutrigenomics Research (INNR), announced the launch of India's first comprehensive Nutrigenetics program. This pioneering initiative aims to offer cutting-edge education and research opportunities in the rapidly evolving field of Nutrigenetics, which explores the relationship between nutrition and genetics. The RBU has also decided to introduce an extensive Cancer Biology program in North India. This marks the first time such a comprehensive curriculum, including B.Sc., M.Sc., and PhD courses, is being offered in the region. Gurvinder Singh Bahra, Chancellor of the RBU, announcing this here today said the Nutrigenetics program includes a range of courses designed to cater to various levels of academic and professional aspirations and includes B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D. and Diploma and certificate courses. The collaboration with INNR brings a wealth of expertise and resources to the program. INNR is renowned for its research in nutritional genomics and personalized nutrition. This partnership ensures that students receive education and training that is aligned with the latest scientific advancements and industry standards, he added.

DC Faridkot visits Aam Aadmi Clinic



SURINDER DAMDAMI FARIDKOT: Deputy Commissioner Vineet Kumar, while returning from the Suvinda camp set up at village Deep Singh Wala to take a ground level assessment of the efforts being made by the Punjab government towards the health facilities of the people, established an Aam Aadmi clinic in the village itself visited. Expressing his satisfaction with the facilities provided by the government in this clinic, he also interacted with the villagers and patients present in the clinic apart from talking to the staff and doctor. They visited all the clinics and talked about the shortage. By collecting information about the health services being provided, the problems related to shortages and suggestions for further improvement were sought. Maintenance of records, availability of medicines, basic amenities, drinking water, fans, coolers, A.C. etc. He encouraged the employees present on the occasion and said that the Aam Aadmi Party Clinic is a great initiative of the Punjab Government, under which we should all work together to serve the people as much as possible.

Gopal Sweets' opens its 18th outlet in Dugri Ludhiana



RN KHERA CHANDIGARH: Gopal Sweets, a well-known name in sweets, dairy products, fast food and Indian cuisine, has expanded its business area by launching its new outlet. This 18th outlet of Gopal has been started from today in Dugri- Ludhiana. This outlet of Gopal Sweets in Dugri, Ludhiana will not only delight the taste lovers but will also spread the gift of happiness with its sweets, multi-cuisine food and wedding and party gift packing. On this occasion, , MLA Gurpreet Gogi, MLA Kulwant Sidhu, MLA Ashok Parashar, Ex-Minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu and MLA Ajit Pal Singh Kohli were present, while famous dignitaries of Ludhiana Sanjay Jain Barnala, Sanjeev Sood Banke, Bhola Ji- Maharaja Regency, Satish Gupta, Rohit Puniyani (GK Group), Madan Goyal and Ashok Gupta were also present.

MP Arora calls on Home Minister Amit Shah



SHARIMA LUDHIANA: MP (Rajya Sabha) from Ludhiana Sanjeev Arora on Wednesday met Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Delhi. In a statement, Arora said, "This was a courtesy call during which I congratulated him for once again assuming the charge of the Ministry of Home." He said during this meeting, he discussed issues in general and few on Punjab with Home Minister.

Eligible beneficiaries under Ashirwad Scheme 79 lakh 56 thousand rupees released: DC

JAGDEEP SINGH GILL JAITU: Under the Ashirwad Scheme run by the Punjab Government, an amount of Rs. 79,56,000 has been approved by the Punjab Government within the district which is being provided online soon in the bank accounts of the beneficiaries. Giving information in this regard, Deputy



Commissioner Mr. Vineet Kumar Ne Told that financial assistance of 51000 rupees is given by the government at the time of marriage of girls belonging to scheduled castes, backward classes and economically weaker sections. Payment of Rs. 79,56,000 is being made to 156 beneficiaries within the district between the months of April 2023 and May 2023 directly into their personal bank accounts through DBT mode.

Police officers asked to focus on point-of-sale, trace forward and backward linkages of all NDPS act cases: Gaurav Yadav

SHASHI PAL JAIN CHANDIGARH, JUNE 26

Amidst the ongoing war against drug waged on the directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Punjab Police, to mark the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on Wednesday, destroyed over 83 kg of heroin, 10,000 kg of poppy husk, 100 kg of ganja, 4.52 lakh pills/capsules at 10 different locations across the state.

Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav made a surprise visit at a drug disposal site— Punjab Chemical and Crop Protection Limited—in Dera Bassi, SAS Nagar to check the ongoing disposal of drug consignments belonging to districts including Kapurthala, SAS Nagar, Fatehgarh Sahib, Roopnagar and all STF Ranges. The DGP was accompanied by Special DGP Special Task Force (STF) Kuldeep Singh, Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) Rupnagar Range Nilambari Jagdale and Senior Superintendent of Police



(SSP) SAS Nagar Dr Sandeep Garg. DGP Gaurav Yadav, while addressing the media, said that this huge quantity of drug consignments pertaining to 626 NDPS cases are being disposed of in a transparent manner by 33 Districts/Commissionerates and Units of Punjab at 10 different locations in the state. He also took a stock of ongoing drug disposal/destruction of the remaining districts/units via Webex meeting. Pertinently, Punjab Police has dis-

posed of at least 2700 kg of heroin, 3450 kg of opium, 1.77 lakh kg Poppy Husk, 1.40 crore pills/tablets and 2 lakh injections since the formation of the CM Bhagwant Singh Mann led Punjab Government. The last drug disposal was held on June 7, 2024 throughout the state of Punjab. The DGP, while unequivocally giving message of "Say No to Drugs", appealed the people to stay from any kind of drugs as addiction to narcotics could cost

them their life. He also exhorted the people of the State to join Punjab Police in its fight against drugs and do share information if they found anyone smuggling or supplying drugs.

"Together, let us pledge to fight against drugs with unwavering resolve. Let us protect our youth, our families, and our future," he said, while reiterating the commitment of the Punjab Police to make Punjab a drug-free state.

DIG urges NGOs, start war against drugs to make 'MS' great success



SUMER GARG SANGRUR, JUNE 26

Under the leadership of Chief Minister of Punjab, Bhagwant Singh Maan, to make the state completely free from drugs, DIG Patiala Range, Harcharan Singh Bhullar, while calling upon the Punjab Police and administration to make the 'Mission Sehyog' ('MS') successful in district Sangrur,

said that active cooperation of all citizens is needed in the fight against drugs. In the presence of Deputy Commissioner(DC), Jitendra Jorwal and SSP, Sartaj Singh Chahal at the District Administrative Complex, DIG while chairing the meeting of the 'Police Public Coordination Committee' under 'Mission Sehyog' said that this is not just a program, but a movement for the elimi-

nation of drugs from the society in which the main purpose of including every class is to jointly eliminate this social evil. He said that the mischievous elements, who push the innocent people in the swamp of drugs for their personal interests in the society will be brought behind the bars, legal action will be taken and exemplary punishments will be given to them.

CP vows to make Jalandhar drug-free city



PARAMJIT SINGH JALANDHAR, JUNE 26

Jalandhar Commissionerate Police led by Commissioner of Police Swapan Sharma on Wednesday commemorated the International Day against Drug Abuse and Trafficking by disposing off huge quantities of drugs confiscated from the smugglers during a period of time.

Divulging the details, the Commissioner of Police said that in the war against drugs Police had recovered a huge quantity of drugs by registering various cases against the

drug peddlers. He said that u/s 52 A of NDPS Act, the case property is destroyed by the drug disposal committee. Mr. Swapan Sharma said that the drug disposal committee destroyed the drug property in the city and renewed its pledge to make Jalandhar a drug free city. The Commissioner of Police said that the drug property was destroyed at Village Beerh, Nakodar, Jalandhar and it included 933 grams of heroin confiscated in 11 cases. While reiterating the firm commitment of the Commissionerate Police to wipe out drug menace from the district.

Punjab cotton factories, ginners association meets PAU VC



AVTAR SINGH BHANWARA CHANDIGARH, JUNE 25

A crucial interaction meeting between the Punjab Cotton Factories and Ginners Association and scientists from Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) was held today under the chairmanship of Dr. S. S. Gosal, Vice-Chancellor of PAU Ludhiana. The meeting aimed to address pressing issues faced by the cotton industry in Punjab.

The delegation from the association included notable members such as Sh. Bhagwan Bansal, President; Sh. Janak Raj Goel, Vice President; Sh. Pappi Aggarwal, Director; and Sh. Kailash Garg, Vice President of the Punjab Cotton Factories and Ginners Association, Bathinda. The group expressed concerns over several key issues impacting cotton cultivation in the region. Scientists from PAU, Ludhiana and Regional Research Stations in Bathinda and Faridkot were also present.

Among the primary challenges highlighted were the decline in cotton acreage due to pink bollworm infestations, the inconsistent supply of high-quality seeds and pesticides, the need for timely canal water availability.

Appeal to CM to redeploy JE Kamaldeep Singh in Mirthal: Jathedar Lakhi

BUREAU PATHANKOT, JUNE 26

Keeping the paddy season and summer season in focus, Sarpanch of village Abadgarh and Gurdwara President Jathedar Lakhwinder Singh Lakhi appealed to Power Corporation and Chief Minister Punjab Bhagwant Singh Mann and said that in view of the growing problem of electricity, dozens of villages in Mirthal area JE Kamaldeep Singh, who was previously posted in the office of Mirthal Electricity Department, was very supportive but now due to his transfer from Mirthal to Mukeria, dozens of villagers and farmers are facing huge problems. Dozens of people have also sent a demand letter to Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann demanding that JE Kamaldeep Singh be brought back to this office. Jathedar Lakhwinder Singh Lakhi said that JE Kamaldeep Singh who



was a resident of the area had a good knowledge of the entire area. Even at night, if there was any electricity problem, he would get the problem solved on a priority basis on the phone of the residents of the area. He said that along with the increasing heat, the paddy season will start in the next few days and the risk of frequent shutdown of electric motors has also increased for the people. They demanded that JE Kamaldeep Singh should be re-deployed in Mirthal electricity office keeping in mind the problems of the residents of the area so that the people can get relief from the problems.

Open auction for various public services at Tehsil Complex Hoshiarpur today

DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, JUNE 26

SDM Hoshiarpur Preetinder Singh Bains said that the open auction of various public service contracts for the financial year 2024-25 in Tehsil Complex Hoshiarpur will be con-

ducted on 27 June 2024 at 11 am by Tehsildar Hoshiarpur at Tehsil Office Hoshiarpur. He said that the bidder will have to deposit 10 thousand rupees in advance as security before bidding, which will be returned to the unsuccessful bidder after the bid. He said

that if there is any outstanding due to any person or existing contractor, he will not be entitled to bid. S. D. M Hoshiarpur said that according to this bid, the bidder will be entitled to keep the possession from 1st July 2024 to 31st March 2025.

Senior Journalist writes to CM Punjab to form grievance redressal committees at Sub Divisional level

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, JUNE 26

Shashi Pal Jain, a Senior Journalist from Kharar, who has been working as a journalist for the last 5 decades, has written a letter to the Chief Minister of Punjab and demanded that in order to solve the problems of the people at the ground level and to keep an eye on the bureaucracy. It is necessary that Grievance Redressal Committees should be formed at sub-division level in the state.

He has written in his letter that he is feeling that the problems of the poor and the

most backward people of the society are not being solved and the poor person goes round the offices all day. Similarly, there is no monitoring regarding the standard of the development works being done at the ground level.

In the same way, nothing is known about why the development works have stopped due to the lack of interaction between different departments.

The Grievance Redressal committees which are working at the district level have become meaningless. Common people don't understand whom they should talk to

about their complaint and what happens to their complaint. Jain has demanded that Grievance Redressal Committees should be formed at the sub-division level in the state, in which neutral, competent and reputable persons should be members along with politicians. The meeting of this committee should be held at least once or twice in every month in which all officers are present. Honorable MLA and MP of that area should participate in that meeting so that people's problems can be solved and development works can be accelerated.

Letter to DC regarding disposal of rainy water, by traders of Arya College Road

SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, JUNE 26

The shopkeepers of Arya College Road have written a letter to the Deputy Commissioner of District Mohali and other officials and demanded that before the coming rains, arrangements should be made to drain the standing water on Arya College Road.

They have written in this regard that they have

been requesting for many years that rain water gets stagnant on Arya College Road and adjoining shops and after that it flows into people's houses and shops, which causes a lot of damage.

They have written that on their repeated requests, the Municipal Council had installed a new pipe for drainage of water from Landran Road to the wall of FCI Godowns and beyond

but did not connect the new pipe to the drainage. Surprisingly, soil was poured upon this pipe.

They have requested several times that the Municipal Council should connect this pipe with rain water drainage, but nothing has happened. They have demanded that the Deputy Commissioner should immediately issue an order to the Municipal Council for action in this regard.

Banwari Lal Purohit calls on Prime Minister in New Delhi



CHANDIGARH (RAJIV JAIN): The Governor of Punjab and Administrator, Union Territory, Chandigarh, Shri Banwari Lal Purohit called on Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi in New Delhi on June 26, 2024.

The Governor apprised the Prime Minister about the important issues of Punjab and Chandigarh. The meeting took place at New Parliament Building and was marked by a warm and cordial exchange.

S. Pritpal Singh given special honor by Prof. Dr. Kirpal Singh Badungar



FATEHGARH SAHIB (AJAY MALHOTRA): On the appointment as a Vice-Chancellor of the Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University Fatehgarh Sahib, a special honour was given to Pritpal Singh by Former President of Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee Prof. Kirpal Singh Badungar. On the occasion Prof. Badungar said that Pritpal Singh is a skilled administrator with long experience in the field of education. He said that he proved his efficient management by running the university well even during the financial crisis. Dean Academic Affairs Prof. Sukhwinder Singh Billing thanked President of SGPC and Chancellor of the University Advocate Harjinder Singh Dhami, Pro-Chancellor Prof. Ajaib Singh Brar and Trust Secretary S. Harpal Singh Bhatia for his foresight. Assuring the Pritpal Singh Prof. Billing said that he and all the staff members of the university will work with him with more determination for the progress of the university. Talking to the media, the P.R.O. of the university and the coordinator of the internal quality assurance cell Dr. Ankdeep Kaur Atwal said that Prof. Pritpal Singh started serving as Registrar in the University in 2011.

MRSAFPI is feeding institute for armed forces: Chauhan

SUMER GARG CHANDIGARH, JUNE 26

The Maharaja Ranjit Singh Armed Forces Preparatory Institute (MRSAFPI), SAS Nagar, today, honoured its alumni with the Achiever awards. The Achiever's Award Meet was presided over by Major General BS Grewal, VSM (Retd.), the Founder Director and Member of the Governing Body of the Institute.

As many as 43 Ex-MRSAFPIans, including 10, who had been commissioned into the Indian Armed Forces in May-June 2024, were felicitated with the Achiever Award. The other Achievers were those who had passed out from the National Defence Academy (NDA) and those presently undergoing training at



NDA/other training academies. There were three Achievers also from the 1st Course of AFPI who had taken leave from their place of duty and who had come down for the ceremony.

Major General, BS Grewal complimented the successful cadets and expressed the hope that the training at the MRSAFPI will continue to give cadets a good launch

pad to achieve excellence during their training at the service academies. He said joining the Army was not like any other career, it was much more than that and demanded passion. While asking the cadets to prepare themselves to become extraordinary, he also urged them to discover their hidden talent, overcome their shortcomings.

LSCs receives overwhelming response: DC



SUMER GARG SANGRUR, JUNE 26

Under the direction of Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann, the government has started Lok Suviddha Camps (LSCs) to provide administrative services, related to various Govt departments near their homes to the citizens living in the cities and rural areas of the state. Today, LSCs were held at various places, in the sub divisions of district, in Sunam LSC was held at Shaheed Udham Singh Dharamshala; in Dhuri, LSC was held village Ladda; in Lehra, camp was held village Kotra Lahal; in Dirba, LSC was held village Khetla, in these LSCs a large number of needy

people benefited. Under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner (DC), Jitendra Jorwal, a target has been set to organize 22 such LSCs, in all sub-divisions of the district on every Wednesday, so that people do not have to go to government offices to get their work done and the valuable time & money of the citizens can be saved.

In this regard, DC said that every week 14 LSCs will be organized in the sub-divisions, in which various services related to the departments, including revenue department, service centers, health department, labor department, Powercom, district social justice and empowerment department, pensions etc.

Health min assures to hold meeting with staff of Health dept soon

JAGDEEP SINGH GILL JAITU, JUNE 26

The meeting of Asha workers and facilitator with Health Minister Balveer Singh was inconclusive. Giving information through a press note at Faridkot after the meeting in this regard, Amarjit Kaur Ran Singh Wala said that the Facilitators Joint Front Punjab is going on a continuous strike from June 21 to June 28.

He said that yesterday at CHC Bajakhana, in the ongoing protest under the leadership of ATC Head Office Chandigarh, the group of joint front convener Amarjit Kaur Ran Singh, Honorable Vidhan Sabha Speaker S. Kuldar Singh Sandhawan arrived specially with his staff and Health Minister Punjab Dr. A. phone call meeting with Balveer Singh was



scheduled at the Punjab Vidhan Sabha Secretariat in Chandigarh. Today, the convenors of the four organizations of the joint front reached the meeting of the health minister of Punjab. In this meeting, the Health Minister assured to increase the age limit of Asha Workers Facilitators to 62 years instead of 58 years and the pension of the workers will also be arranged and from the government of the neighboring state Haryana, Rajasthan which is applicable to the workers of Punjab as well.

The Health Minister assured to schedule a meeting with the staff of the Health Department to discuss the implementation of such a policy. After this meeting Dr. Health Welfare Welfare Office. Hiten Kaur MD Radiology Director Health Services Punjab forwarded the requisition marked to schedule a final meeting. On this occasion Dr. Madam Chief Secretary immediately emailed the demand letter and assured that a meeting will be scheduled soon with all the staff of the health department.

Inspector Ronnie Singh takes charge as SHO Nabha



RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA: Inspector Ronnie Singh has taken over the post of SHO Ktawal Nabha, he has shifted from SSP office Patiala to Gurpreet Singh Samrao's place and on this occasion, DSP Nabha Davinder Attri, Reader Amarjit Singh, SHO Thana Sadar Sukhdev Singh, Inderjit Singh SHO Thana Bhadosh, Harvinder Singh Chowki in-charge Rohi Bridge welcomed Inspector Roni Singh on his posting here and congratulated Gurpreet Singh Samrao on his promotion to Inspector. It is worth mentioning that Inspector Samrao was promoted by the department as the second in-charge at the Ktawal police station due to his honest and good services, after which he was transferred to the police district Khanna. He rebuked the public for cooperation and said that they are committed to maintaining peace in the city.

Special cell team arrests junk dealer

RAHUL KOHLI
JAGADHRI: The police spokesperson Chamkaur Singh said that the team of Special Cell succeeded in arresting Amit alias Mita, resident of Dadwa Deha Basti, in the case of buying stolen goods from thieves. The accused was produced in the court and sent to judicial custody. In charge Rajesh Rana told that his team took action and arrested Vicky, a resident of Dadwa. The accused confessed of committing seven thefts.

When the accused was questioned about the stolen goods, it was revealed that the accused had sold the stolen goods to a junk materials dealer Amit alias Mita, a resident of Dadwa and his shop is located there. The accused used to commit thefts at night and sold the stolen goods to the junk dealer during the day.

Two arrested for stealing motorcycles



DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA: Kurukshetra Police has arrested two accused of stealing motorcycles. Anti Vehicle Theft Team has arrested Surjan alias Singa son of Chandra Bedi and Sajan son of Bindra residents of Ajrana Khurd district Kurukshetra on charges of stealing motorcycles and has succeeded in recovering 14 stolen motorcycles. Giving information, the police spokesperson said that in his complaint given in police station KUK on May 2, Ravi son of Sheeshpal resident of Singpura Sidhana Panipat told that he had come to LNUP Hospital Kurukshetra on his motorcycle. He had parked his motorcycle in the parking lot.

SHO Bilaspur raises awareness on substance abuse and prevention in Kapalamochan and Milk Khas

PREETI SAINI
SADHAURA: As part of the 'Nasha Mukht Bharat Pakhwada' initiative, a special campaign against substance abuse has been launched by Haryana Police. Under this campaign, police teams at all police stations and checkpoints in the district are raising awareness among the general public about the harmful effects of substance abuse and preventive measures. In line with this effort, SHO Bilaspur Ray Singh and ASI CID Ashok Kumar conducted awareness sessions among youths and the general public in Gurudwara Ravidas Mandir, Dera Baba Lal Das, Kapalamochan, and Milk Khas villages. SHO Ray Singh addressed the children and congregation of Gurudwara Ravidas Mandir's hostel,

Allow voice of Opposition: Rahul Gandhi to Speaker Om Birla

AGENCY NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

In his first speech as Leader of Opposition of the 18th Lok Sabha, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday congratulated BJP's Om Birla for being re-elected as Lok Sabha Speaker

Gandhi said that the Lok Sabha Speaker is the final arbiter of the voice of the people, and the Opposition this time represents that voice significantly more than the 17th Lok Sabha.

Clad in a white kurta pyjama, Rahul Gandhi speaking as the Leader of the Opposition said, "I would like to congratulate you for your successful election that you have been elected for the second time. I would like to congratulate you on behalf of the entire Opposition and the INDIA alliance."

"This House represents



the voice of India's people and you are the final arbiter of that voice. The government has political power but the opposition also represents the voice of India's people and this time, the opposition represents significantly more voice of the Indian people than it did last time," the Congress MP said.

Rahul Gandhi also assured the Speaker on behalf of the entire opposition of assisting the speaker in the functioning of the House.

"The opposition would like to assist you in doing your work. We would like the House to function often and well. It is very important that cooperation happens based on trust. It is very important that the voice of the Opposition is allowed to be represented in this House," said Rahul Gandhi.

"We are confident that by allowing the Opposition to speak, by allowing us to represent the people of India, you will do your duty of

Chest and TB Department of Aadesh conducts 100 successful bronchoscopes'



KAPIL ARORA
SHAHABAD MARKANDA: Chest and TB department of Adesh Hospital and Medical College conducted 100 successful bronchoscopes. This information was given by Dr. Nitin Tangri of Chest department. Dr H.S. Gill, Chairman of Adesh Group praised Dr. Nitin Tangri of Chest department and his team for curing patients by conducting 100 bronchoscopies. He said that it was the duty of every doctor of Adesh Hospital that the patients coming here should get better medical facilities and the patient went back home cured. He said that good treatment and patient satisfaction was the resolution of Adesh Hospital.

Dr. Nitin Tangri of Chest department told that bronchoscopy was used in chest diseases to get different samples of sputum to detect frequent bleeding in sputum, TB or pneumonia and cancer. He said that bronchoscopy proved helpful in removing obstructions from the lungs and detecting and treating serious lung problems.

Congress will form govt in Haryana after assembly elections: Lali Sharma

KULBHUSHAN SHARMA GUHLA CHEEKA, JUNE 26

Lali Sharma Tatiyana, state president of Rahul Gandhi Youth Brigade Congress said that after the assembly elections, Congress government was sure to be formed in the state and the next Chief Minister of the state would be Bhupendra Singh Hooda. He said this while talking to journalists after meeting MP Deepender Hooda. He said that it was clear from the results of the Lok Sabha elections that the people of the state were fed up with the BJP and now wanted a change in power. He said that the people have completely lost their faith in the policies of the ruling BJP.

Lali Sharma said that the workers were filled with enthusiasm due to the victory of Congress on five seats in the Lok Sabha elections in Haryana and every worker was excited. With this enthusiasm, Congress will write another new history of success in the assembly elections. He said that the state government has proved to be a failure on every front. Haryana was number one in unemployment, drug addiction and crime. Every person of the state was upset with the



current state government. Even today the fight for the rights of farmers was going on, the youth was wandering for employment, drug addiction was at its peak due to which every section of the state was fed up with this dictatorial government. He said that BJP has no new plan for the development of the state and it has no policy, that was why the state has lagged behind in terms of development.

Ishpreet Singh stands first in turban training competition

KAPIL ARORA
SHAHABAD MARKANDA: Martyrdom Day of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Ji was celebrated at Gurudwara Shri Mastgarh Sahib on Wednesday. Jagdev Singh Gaba, spokesperson of Shri Guru Teg Bahadur Sewak Sabha, told that with the



support of Haryana Sikh Gurudwara Management Committee, Sikh Naujwan Sewak Sabha organized a turban training camp from June 18 to June 25 at Gurudwara Shri Mastgarh Sahib. Coach Kanwaljit told that 25 children participated in the competition camp. In

the turban competition, Ishpreet Singh came first, Jasnoor Singh and Paramveer Singh came second and third respectively. Head Granthi Giani Gurpreet Singh told that the children who were winners in turban training were honored.

Govt silent despite serious condition of Ghaggar: Selja

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA SIRSIA, JUNE 26

The General Secretary of the All India Congress Committee, former President of Haryana Congress, In-charge of Uttarakhand, former Union Minister, and member of the Congress Working Committee, and newly elected MP from the Sirsa Lok Sabha seat representing the Congress (India Alliance) Kumari Seljahas said that the Ghaggar River, which is the lifeline for hundreds of villages in Sirsa, has been used for discharging all kinds of pollutants over the past decade and a half. Recently, there has been an unprecedented increase in the flow of pollutants, including factory waste and hazardous chemicals, which may be carcinogenic, treated, and untreated sewage. This has not only created a severe health threat to humans and dairy animals but also made



the lives of those living around the Ghaggar River very miserable. She has demanded the central government take appropriate steps to prevent the river water from being polluted and to take strict action against those responsible for polluting the water.

It is notable that when Kumari Selja visited the Rania area recently and stopped at the Ottu Head, she met with farmers who expressed their concerns about the increasing pollution in the Ghaggar River. The Selja had assured them that addressing the

issue of the Ghaggar River would be her first priority. She has written to Justice Prakash Srivastava, Chairman of the National Green Tribunal (NGT), C.R. Patil, Union Minister of Jal Shakti, Government of India, and Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, informing them about the farmers' concerns regarding the Ghaggar River. The Ghaggar River originates from the Shivalik Hills and passes through Himachal, UT, Punjab, Haryana, and Rajasthan, covering a vast length.

District President Yogendra Rana chairs meeting for upcoming Party initiatives



DR. ASHOK KUMAR
KARNAL: Today, at the BJP district office Karn Kamal, BJP District President Yogendra Rana chaired a meeting to discuss upcoming party initiatives. Present at this occasion were BJP district officials, Mandal and Morcha presidents.

During the meeting, District President Yogendra Rana informed about the upcoming initiatives. He mentioned that as per the party's directives, a campaign is scheduled from 30th June to 6th July under which tree plantation will be carried out at all 1147 booths across the district.

He further emphasized that Honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi initiated the 'One Tree in Mother's Name' campaign on World Environment Day, urging people across India and globally to plant a tree in honor of their mothers. He urged all workers to inspire others and ensure that each worker plants 10 trees at every booth. He likened nurturing a tree to a mother nurturing her child, stating that only then will it bear fruit and provide us with oxygen.

Police claims to solve case of murder of youth in a few hours

BALWINDER AZAD BARNALA DEHATI, JUNE 26

Yesterday, a young man from Tapa working at nearby village Dhillwan was killed with sharp weapons. The police have claimed to solve the murder mystery in a few hours. While giving a press conference in this regard, Dr. Manavjit Singh Sidhu PPS. While giving information to the press, Deputy Captain Police Tapa said that Bharbhur Singh son of Ranjit Singh, a resident of Dhillwan, has a mobile shop and a book depot in front of the university campus, Dhillwan. Babbu Singh son of Gurmeet Singh, resident of Tapa, used to work in this shop. On 23-06-2024 at around 5.00 pm in the evening, Babbu Singh left the shop with the vehicle number PB13BL-0837 brand Swift belonging to the said Boor Singh. When Babbu



Singh did not return home till late at night, when the plaintiff searched for him, Pakhho Kachian side a cellar passed his vehicle was standing on the road and Babbu Singh was lying on the side of the road, but Kulwinder Singh alias Kala Suro Bahadur Singh resident of Ghunnas Road, Dhillwan was hitting him on the head and arms with a stick held in his hand. On seeing Boroor Singh, Kulwinder Singh alias Kala

threw the ashes in his hand in the nearby fields and fled towards the market of village Sukhpura Maur. Babbu Singh was murdered by Kulwinder Singh alias Kala. The reason for the grudge is that they had to exchange money among themselves. On the basis of the statement of Bharpur Singh, case number 30 dated 24-06-24 A/D 302 Bhd Thana Shehna was against Kulwinder Singh alias Kala Suro Bahadur Singh resident.

Civil and police administration join forces for eradication of drugs



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: Today the local Y.S. International Anti-Drug Day was celebrated at the district level at the public school. Addressing the event, Deputy Commissioner Barnala Ms. Punamdeep Kaur said that the parents of the youth between the ages of 15 and 25 should take special care of the children at this age so that the youth of this age do not get involved in drugs. Don't get in the way of on this occasion, District Police Chief Mr. Sandeep Malik said that Barnala Police is continuously working against drugs. He said that along with arresting drug traffickers, the police is also informing the general public about its negative effects. He said that very soon a joint effort is being started by the students of cities, villages, schools and colleges and the police. During this time, the youth will help the police and will be supported by the students.

Copies of New criminal laws to be burnt at dist hqs on July 1

KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA, JUNE 26

Copies of the new panel and criminal procedure will be burnt at district/Tehsil headquarters on first July through out Punjab in order to protest against the approval given below by Lt Governor of Delhi for the prosecution of internationally renowned writer Arun Dhati Roy and Professor Sheikh Skaukat Hussain under UAPA and the implementation of the new criminal laws on the same day. This call was given by more than three Dazan mass organisation in a meeting called jointly by the Association for Democratic



Rights and Rationalist Society Punjab and a state level convention and demonstration on these issues at Desh Bhagat Yadgar hall Jalandhar on 21st July 2024. The meeting was of the Unanimous view that approval of prosecution under UAPA of these two intellectuals and implementation of the new criminal laws manifests once

again the Fascist face of Modi regime oriented against democratic aspirations and rights of people. The meeting called these acts of the government an attack on democratic rights to expressions of the creative writers and artists and also an attempt to bring the people under the repressive shadow of the police and other armed forces.

Poet Durbar dedicated to poet Surjit Patar in SSD College by District Language Office

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BARNALA: Under the guidance of the Chief Minister of the state S. Bhagwant Singh Mann and S. Harjot Singh Bains, Minister of Education and Languages, the Department of Languages, along with the expansion of literature, organized events from time to time to honor the late writers and their Krits are also remembered. Under this series, according to the directions of the director of the department, S. Jaswant Singh Zafar, the District Language Office, Barnala, organized a poet's darbar dedicated to Padma Sri poet late Surjit Patar at the local SSD College. SSD College attended as a special guest. In



Khuddi Kalan District Language Officer said that Pawan Harchandpuri President Central Punjabi Writers' Association (Sekhon) and Shiv Singla Director were the chief guests in the Kawi Darbar dedicated to Padma Sri poet late Surjit Patar at the local SSD College. SSD College attended as a special guest. In

the beginning of the function which started with the departmental sound of the language department, Binder Singh Khuddi Kalan welcomed all the personalities and made the promotion of literature and book culture by District Language Office Barnala. He shared information with the audience about the ongoing efforts.

Editorial

Cruel gig

The National Human Rights Commission has taken suo motu cognisance of the working conditions offered at warehouses of Amazon, a delivery giant, where workers, it was revealed recently, are forced to work without water or bathroom breaks in extreme heat. Amazon, it appears, is a repeat offender: in the United States of America, it has been investigated for high injury rates among workers; in Europe, Amazon has been fined and probed for poor working conditions; in over 15 countries, including India, it has been facing an annual 'Make Amazon Pay' protest by workers demanding better wages and working conditions. These transgressions — conditions offered by other companies to this rank of workers, reports show, are no better — highlight a pattern of commercial behemoths prioritising profits over workers' welfare. Amazon inflating its bottom line at the expense of its personnel is echoed in India's gig economy that runs on the back of underpaid and exploited workers whose livelihood depends on meeting unrealistic and dangerous targets.

It is not as if there is no legal safety net for this constituency of workers. The Contract Labour (Re-regulation and Abolition) Act mandates employers to look after the health and the welfare of contractual labourers and the proposed Code on Social Security, 2020 also recognises the rights of contractual workers to receive social security benefits like pension. The reality, though, is sobering. The recent Fairwork India Ratings show that only three Indian companies have a minimum wage policy for their non-permanent workers. Significantly, not a single company employing contractual employees has made an effort to recognise workers' collectives that can bargain for the rights of labourers; in fact, companies like Amazon have actively tried to break up such bodies. India's high rate of unemployment makes labour cheap and weakens the bargaining power of non-permanent employees. But exploitative companies and lax State supervision are not the only hurdles to ensuring a healthy working environment.

Karachi on high alert over mysterious deaths

The city of Karachi is grappling with a mysterious and concerning trend as the number of unidentified bodies found in various areas of the metropolis has now reached 22, according to a Geo News report on Wednesday.

On Tuesday, five new bodies were discovered, adding to the growing list of unexplained deaths.

According to the Chhipa Welfare Association, a non-profit welfare organization in Pakistan, three of the latest victims appear to be drug addicts, as per Geo News.

Despite efforts by the organization's volunteers, none of the 22 bodies have been identified.

A spokesperson of the Chhipa Welfare Association said in a statement on Tuesday, that volunteers found five more bodies in different areas of Karachi on Tuesday. "Three of them were seemingly drug addicts, however, not a single body was identified so far," the spokesperson added.

According to Geo News, the non-government organisation, that runs a network of ambulances in the metropolis, confirmed that the number of unidentified bodies has reached 22 after today's recoveries.

It added that nearly two dozen of those bodies were still unclaimed as no relatives of the deceased persons came to receive them.



The deaths were attributed to an ongoing heatwave in the port city which affected a vast number of citizens as many of them were admitted to different hospitals due to heatstroke.

An official of another humanitarian organisation in Karachi, Edhi Foundation's Azeem Khan told The News yesterday that most of the deceased were drug addicts who died due to severe heat while being under the influence of drugs after over a dozen unidentified persons were found dead in different areas of Karachi.

Meanwhile, In Karachi a senior citizen was brutally assaulted by a group of drug users after confronting them about openly using drugs outside his residence, ARY News reported.

According to details, the victim attempted to stop the youths from engaging in drug activity in front of his home, which provoked the youths, resulting in severe violence against the elderly man. This incident highlights the rising issue of drug abuse in Pakistan, particularly the increasing use of Ice, also known as crystal methamphetamine, in recent years.

Crystal meth is a highly addictive and potent stimulant that can have devastating effects on individuals and society as a whole. The usage of ice in Pakistan has been particularly prevalent among the younger generation. The drug is often seen as a party drug that can enhance energy, alertness, and confidence, making it appealing to young people looking for a quick high. The ease of access to ice, as well as its relatively low cost compared to other drugs, has contributed to its popularity among young Pakistanis.

Literature & Health

Study gives more insight into risk of obstetric anal sphincter injury

When a first-time mother needs medical assistance during childbirth, the chance of obstetric anal sphincter injury—a serious kind of perineal trauma between the vulva and anus—is more than halved when a lateral episiotomy (angled incision) is made in the tissue between the vaginal and anal opening.

Researchers from Stockholm's Danderyd Hospital and Karolinska Institutet conducted a randomised clinical trial, the findings of which were reported in The BMJ.

Anal incontinence and trouble holding onto gas and excrement can result from obstetric anal sphincter injury (OASI), which affects the anal sphincter muscles. In addition, it can lower quality of life and lead to sexual issues. In Sweden, around 5% of all first-time women who give birth vaginally suffer from this severe type of perineal damage.

"Women giving birth for the first time and requiring instrumental birth are at the highest risk of sustaining OASI," said



Sophia Brismar Wendel, associate professor in obstetrics and gynaecology at the Department of Clinical Sciences, Danderyd Hospital, Karolinska Institutet and senior consultant at the Department of Women's Health, Danderyd Hospital. "Therefore, we wanted to assess if such injury could be prevented in this group with a lateral episiotomy (angled cut in the perineum) when the baby's head is crowning." Participants were recruited to the EVA (Episiotomy in Vacuum Assisted delivery) trial at eight Swedish hospitals between 2017 and 2023.

Israel to roll out plan to replace Hamas in northern Gaza

Jerusalem will "soon" roll out a plan to replace Hamas governance in northern Gaza, Israeli National Security Advisor Tzachi Hanegbi said on Tuesday.

Speaking at Reichman University's annual Herzliya Conference, Hanegbi said that the collapse of Hamas's military ability to rule will open opportunities "for countries that want to see a governing alternative to Hamas in Gaza, with local leadership in Gaza, to join this process."

He explained that Gaza's new leadership will include Israel's Abraham Accords partners, the United States, the European Union and the United Nations, while the Israeli military continues "cleansing the area" of Hamas's presence. "We've been talking about this notion of 'the day after' for many months and the main thing that we've tried to emphasize throughout is that it's mainly the day after Hamas in the sense that we don't need to wait for it to disappear, because that process could take a long time." "The idea is, and this is what the Americans agree on, including in the conversations this week and also in the conversation that the minister of defense [Yoav Gal-



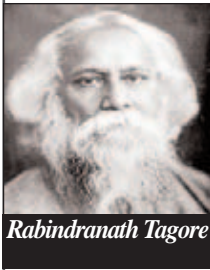
lant] is conducting right now [in Washington], is that there will be a so-called top-down leadership, and not only bottom-up," he continued. Said Hanegbi, "You cannot completely get Hamas to disappear because it's an idea, a concept."

The US has pressed Israeli officials to clarify a vision for Gaza's governance after the war. The Biden administration opposes Israel occupying Gaza or allowing the Strip to descend into chaos. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has stressed that Israel's three war aims are the destruction of Hamas's military and governing capabilities, the return of all hostages.

POEM

Baby's Way

If baby only wanted to, he could fly up to heaven this moment. It is not for nothing that he does not leave us. He loves to rest his head on mother's bosom, and cannot ever



bear to lose sight of her. Baby know all manner of wise words, though few on earth can understand their meaning. It is not for nothing that he never wants to speak. The one thing he wants is to learn mother's words from mother's lips. That is why he looks so innocent. Baby had a heap of gold and pearls.

Rabindranath Tagore

Setback for Justin Trudeau as Liberal party loses longtime stronghold in bypolls

In a huge setback for Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, the Liberal Party lost the by-elections in the party's longtime stronghold, Toronto-St. Paul constituency, on Tuesday, CBC News reported.

Stewart's victory is shocking because the seat has been held by the Liberals for more than 30 years -- even through the party's past low points, such as the 2011 federal election that returned just 34 Liberal MPs to Parliament.

Before Monday's vote, a Conservative candidate hadn't been competitive in Toronto-St. Paul's since the 1980s. The party hadn't won a seat in urban Toronto since the 2011 federal election.



In a closely-contested election, Conservative candidate Don Stewart, a consultant, claimed victory with about 42 per cent of the vote against Liberal candidate Leslie

Church, a former Parliament Hill staffer and lawyer, who took roughly 40 per cent of the ballots cast. The poor showing by the Liberal Party in a stronghold like this could prompt some soul-searching for Trudeau, who has seen his popularity plummet amid inflation, the cost of living crisis, high home prices and surging immigration levels, driving voter discontent, as per CBC News.

This Conservative upset is likely to cause some anxiety in the Liberal caucus because such a dramatic vote swing could put other supposedly "safe" seats in play for the Conservatives in the next general election. The outgoing Liberal MP, Carolyn Bennett, beat her

Conservative opponent by some 24 points in this riding in 2021.

Church lost by about two points. If that same sort of vote swing was applied to other ridings in the province, dozens of Liberal MPs could lose their seats at the next election.

Roughly 55 Liberal MPs won their Ontario ridings by a smaller margin than what Bennett posted here in Toronto-St Paul's in the last general election, according to a CBC News analysis of past election data.

Bennett, a popular figure in the party with a strong local following, resigned last year after 26 years in Parliament to become Canada's ambassador to Denmark.

Justin Trudeau reacted to the shock results and said he hears people's "concerns and frustrations", adding that he and his team have a lot of hard work to do.

"This was obviously not the result we wanted, but I want to be clear that I hear your concerns and frustrations," Trudeau said in a media statement. He did not take questions from reporters.

"These are not easy times. And it is clear, I and my entire team have much more hard work to do to deliver tangible, real progress that Canadians can see and feel," he added.

Trudeau's main rival, Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre, reacted to the results and asked PM

Trudeau to call an early election.

"Here is the verdict: Trudeau can't go on like this," Poilievre posted on X. "He must call a carbon tax election now."

Amid concerns among voters, Trudeau's approval ratings have fallen to a record low of 30 per cent, just a year ahead of the election year. Several reports have even claimed Trudeau's Liberal Party badly losing to the Conservatives in the next elections.

The general elections in Canada are expected to be held sometime next year.

Despite plummeting ratings, Trudeau has vowed to lead the Liberal Party into the elections next year.

Relive RD Burman's Magic: Airtel DTH Streams Special Collection on His Birthday

Airtel pays homage to the legendary music composer RD Burman on his birthday. As a pioneer of Bollywood music, RD Burman has left an indelible mark on the industry with his timeless hits and innovative compositions. To honor his legacy, Airtel DTH will be streaming RD Burman's greatest hits ad-free throughout the day on the Bolly Retro channel. Tune in to relive the magic of classics like "Dum Maro Dum," "Chura Liya Hai Tumne Jo Dil Ko," "Mehbooba Mehbooba," and many more. Whether you're a long-time fan or discovering his music for the first time, this celebration is sure to captivate your heart and soul. Join us in celebrating the musical genius of RD Burman and enjoy an entire day of unforgettable melodies. Don't miss out on this musical extravaganza exclusively on Airtel DTH's Bolly Retro channel.

Divyana Blames Shivika for Ishaan's Accident

In the latest episode, viewers witnessed Shivika's fierce transformation into Maa Kali as she punishes Kripal. The tension escalates when Divyana accuses Shivika of orchestrating an accident to harm Ishaan. Amidst the turmoil, Anu demands that Shivika leave the house. However, in a touching moment, Ishaan stands up for Shivika, creating a significant bond between them. The drama intensifies as the family learns that Kripal is out on bail. Will Shivika erase the accusation against her? What will be the reaction of the family seeing Ishaan and Shivika alive? Watch an interesting "Shivika-Sath Yugan Yugan Da" episode Mon to Sat at 8:00 pm on zee punjabi.

Vi Engages with Samsung for 4G-5G Radio Network Deployment

GURUGRAM / HISAR : Leading telecom operator Vi has been in an active discussion with Samsung on the new technologies, such as virtualized Radio Access Network (vRAN) solution for its 4G and 5G deployments. With an objective to expand Vi's 4G footprint and introduce 5G, Vi and Samsung have been engaged for the last 12-18 months on network trials in Chennai, India. Further to the encouraging trial response and at par performance with incumbent suppliers, Vi has extended Samsung deployments in Karnataka and Bihar circles. These setups have enabled Vi to fulfil its 5G Minimum Rollout Obligation (MRO) in these three circles (Chennai, Karnataka and Bihar) with NSA vRAN architecture.

PEDA briefed retailers on energy conservation with training workshop

Hoshiarpur, Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA), a State Designated Agency (SDA) for implementing energy conservation provisions in Punjab, organized a one-day training program for retailers on energy conservation, Retailer Training Program (RTP) under Standards & Labeling Program at Hoshiarpur on Wednesday. The program was inaugurated by Jaspal Singh, District Manager PEDA and energy experts - Tejinder Singh (Technocrat) and Er. Jaspreet Singh (Technocrat & Head- DBTO) as more than 40 retailers took part in this workshop. The trainer for the training program was Dr. H.K.Singh (Energy Manager, Design2Occupancy Services LLP) with his team of other 3 energy trainers where key in imparting technical knowledge to the enthusiastic participants. Participants were made aware of the importance of energy conservation, why star rates appliances and how they can spread awareness amongst the customers. The trainers were informed about the use of 5-star rated energy-efficient electrical appliances (like LED bulbs, BDC fans, AC, Refrigerators etc.), energy-efficient use of mandatory and voluntary appliances, etc. Organizers also appraised state and central government schemes for energy conservation sectors.

Greenlam Industries launches its exclusive display center in Abohar

Abohar:--Greenlam Industries, among the top 3 manufacturers in the world for surfacing solutions, recently inaugurated its exclusive display center at SaiPlywood in Old Fazilka Road Abohar. The display will feature an exclusive range of Greenlam Laminates, offering such a diverse collection in the laminate segment under one roof. The display center was inaugurated by Anubhav Sharma, Regional Sales Head - Chandigarh, Punjab, J&K HP & Haryana Greenlam Laminates & Allied and Anil Marwaha, Branch Sales Head - Ludhiana, Punjab, Greenlam Laminates & Allied along with architects and contractors. Commenting on the inauguration, Mr. Anuj Sangal-Country Head, Greenlam Laminates & Allied at Greenlam Industries said, "At Greenlam Industries, we are committed to delivering top-quality surface solutions that transform and beautify residential and commercial spaces. With immense pride in our expansive display center in town, we will showcase an extensive collection of products for interior spaces, offering customers the perfect opportunity to explore and immerse themselves in a diverse range of Greenlam Laminates, all conveniently located under one roof."

Mindspace Business Parks REIT holds business meet in Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH : Mindspace Business Parks REIT (Real Estate Investment Trust) officer and developer of quality Grade A office portfolio located in four key office markets of India, today hosted a media meet in Chandigarh as part of its pan India awareness drive to popularize Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs). Mindspace REIT has distributed a cumulative over INR 3,900 crores within 4 years of listing on stock exchanges in 2020 and has seen its retail unitholder base grow to over 60,000 investors. Today, Mindspace REIT sponsored by K Raheja Corp group has a portfolio of 33.2 million square feet with gross asset value of approximately INR 30,000 crores and approximately INR 20,000 crores of equity market capitalization. In the fiscal year 2024, it generated a net operating income of Rs 1695 crores (Rs 3 crores). Addressing a press conference here today, Govardhan Gedela, Head Corporate Finance, Mindspace Business Parks REIT said, "REITs in India are increasingly favored for offering investors access to Grade A commercial real estate in a transparent and highly regulated framework. REITs serve as an alternate investment avenue for diversifying portfolios."

Kartik Aaryan's mischievous side Revealed by his mom only on Netflix's The Great Indian Kapil Show

Amitrsar / Ludhiana:--Level up, Level up, Level up!!! The finale episode of The Great Indian Kapil Show is something unexpected - a rollercoaster of emotions, laughter and mischief PRO MAX!!! Get ready to welcome Superstar Kartik Aaryan as he takes center stage with mom Mala Tiwari and what transpires is nothing short of Entertainment, Entertainment and Entertainment on Netflix this Saturday at 8pm! Get to know Kartik a little more up close and personal as mom Mala Tiwari indulges in some lesser known facts about Kartik. Amidst all the fun banter, when asked by Kapil, Kartik's mom narrated a funny incident that happened during his school days. Being a strict parent when it comes to studies, she mentioned how she caught Kartik off guard once.

Are your hormones impairing your weight loss plans?

Do you often find yourself in a bad mood, feeling low or snapping at someone for no reason? It could be that your hormones are all over the place, playing havoc on your mind and body. We speak to experts about common triggers that cause hormonal imbalances and finds out how you can keep these vital chemical messengers from spiralling out of control.

Did you know that every hormone in your body affects your metabolism? And every hormone affects each other—when one is out of balance, it has profound effects on all the other hormones. They influence our appetite, metabolism and fat distribution in different ways. So if you're someone who heads to the gym a couple of times a week, sticks to a normal diet plan, and still have no control over your weight, it's time you went to an endocrinologist or gynaecologist.

Cause and effect
Dr Sunita Banerji, gynaecologist and anti-ageing specialist at



Eternesse clinic, Mumbai, says, "I know a lot of women who gave up after trying all kinds of diet plan and exercise without

hormonal imbalances are working against their efforts. Hormones influence how we build muscle, where we store fat and even our ability to lose fat. The good news is that the underlying hormonal imbalances that trigger weight gain can be corrected." That stubborn bulge!

If your mid-section is expanding like a teapot, you know who to blame now. "Extra belly fat can indicate one or more of the following hormonal imbalances—high oestrogen, low testosterone.

Ola Electric announces 'Electric Rush' offers with benefits of up to INR 15,000 on S1 scooter portfolio

Ludhiana, June 26, 2024: Ola Electric announced a range of exciting offers worth up to INR 15,000 on its S1 portfolio as part of its 'Ola Electric Rush' campaign. Effective till June 28, the offers include a flat discount of INR 5,000 on S1 X+ and INR 2,500 on S1 Pro and S1 Air. Customers can also avail additional benefits of up to INR 10,000, including exchange bonus of upto INR 5,000 on S1 X+ and a cashback of up to INR 5,000 on select credit card EMIs on the entire S1 portfolio. Ola Electric offers



an expansive S1 portfolio with six offerings across attractive price points catering to customers with different range requirements. It has recently marked its entry into the mass-market segment with the S1 X portfolio. Available in three battery configurations

(2 kWh, 3 kWh, and 4 kWh), the scooters are priced at INR 74,999, INR 84,999, and INR 99,999, respectively. Additionally, its premium offerings include S1 Pro, S1 Air, and S1 X+, which are priced at INR 1,29,999, INR 1,04,999, and INR 89,999, respectively. The company also offers an 8-year/80,000 km extended battery warranty for the entire range of products at no extra cost, a move Ola Electric believes addresses one of the barriers to EV adoption by extending the lifespan of the vehicles.

Terence Lewis reprises his role as a Judge on 'India's Best Dancer – Season 4'

CHANDIGARH : 'India's Best Dancer', on Sony Entertainment Television, has set new standards of dance on reality shows, inspiring a wave of extraordinary performers to perform on this grand stage. "Jab Dil Kare Dance Kar", urges the show's recent promo-beautifully capturing the power of dance, the emotions it evokes, and the stress it alleviates. Renowned for his impeccable dance technique, Terence Lewis will yet again reprise his role as a Judge on the show, alongside Geeta Kapur and this season's new judge, Karisma Kapoor. Bringing a wealth of experience and a keen eye for technique, Terence will be responsible for identifying the contestant's precision, control, and flawless execution when it comes to their dance per-

formances. With his nurturing approach, Lewis has been instrumental in shaping the journey of many dancers who have graced the stage of India's Best Dancer. Excited to be back on the judging panel, Terence Lewis said, "I am thrilled to return for the fourth season of India's Best Dancer. Every season, the talent we see on this stage raises the bar. I am excited to witness and nurture the incredible dancing style and uniqueness that our contestants will bring to the stage this year. Dance is a powerful form of expression, and I look forward to being amazed once again by the passion and technique of our performers." 'India's Best Dancer Season 4' will premiere on 13th July 2024 and will air every Saturday and Sunday at 8 PM on Sony Entertainment Television!



Table topper Trident Stallions ready for the finale



Mohali:Trident Stallions is one of the most successful teams in the Sher-e-Punjab T20 Cup. Team Trident Stallions, which reached the semi-finals of Season-1, is in the final of Season-2 and now they will face BLV Blasters for the title. This match will be played at IS Bindra Cricket Stadium on Thursday evening.

Talking about the points table, Trident Stallions has the upper hand and the team made it to the top after winning 7 out of 10. Both the teams were tied in the league round. On June 13, both the teams faced each other for the first time and then Trident defeated Blasters by 34 runs. At the same time, both the teams clashed again on June 20, but this time Blasters won the match by 4 wickets. Now the final will decide who has the upper hand in the season.

Trident batsmen in form: Abhay Choudhary is on the top in scoring runs for Trident Stallions. He has scored 435 runs in 11 matches and his average is 48.33. Captain Prabhsimran Singh is also not far behind. He scored 404 runs in 11 matches at an average of 44.89. Ramandeep Singh is one of the experienced players of the team. He scored 268 runs in 10 matches for the team and in the middle order, Salil Arora has contributed 264 runs in 11 innings.

Gurnoor is unbeatable in bowling: Gurnoor Brar is at the forefront in Trident's bowling department. He has taken the most wickets in season-2. Gurnoor has retained the Green Cap after taking 20 wickets in 10 matches. At the same time, Aryaman Singh has played the role of a good spinner by taking 12 wickets in 11 matches.

Aviva India's "shape Life" campaign moves to Chandigarh for nationwide agency growth



Chandigarh: Aviva Life Insurance, India's most trusted private life insurance company, has announced the continuation of its nationwide Agency Channel expansion initiative, aimed at doubling its Agency base across India. Following successful events in other cities, Aviva India is excited to organize the fourth event of this initiative in

Chandigarh.

This campaign aligns with the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)'s vision of "Insurance for all by 2047." By focusing on diversifying its hiring pool, Aviva India aims to create a robust network of Financial Planning Advisors (FPAs) who will not only assist in insurance coverage but also act as

wellness advisors, providing guidance towards holistic wellness to the customers, across demographics and geographies.

Commenting on the same Mr. Asit Rath, CEO & MD of Aviva India, stated, "After successful events across 3 cities, we are excited to kick off our Agency Channel expansion drive in Chandigarh. Our mission at Aviva India is to build stronger communities by promoting holistic wellness and financial security, and the 'Shape Life with Aviva' campaign is a testament to our commitment. We are persistent in our efforts of promoting Physical Fitness, Mental Well-being, Balanced Nutrition, Proactive Health-check and Financial Security as the pillars of Holistic Wellness."

HDFC Bank Empowers MSMEs with Special Knowledge Sessions

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA/AMBALA : Ahead of World MSME Day today, HDFC Bank, India's leading private sector bank, started an exclusive campaign for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), to provide an impetus to businesses in deeper geographies. The campaign aims to spread awareness on various banking products and services, government

policies for MSMEs and encourage them to adopt digitalisation in their business dealings. Mr. Rahul Shyam Shukla, Group Head - Commercial and Rural Banking (CRB), HDFC Bank said, "MSME entrepreneurs, through their perseverance and enterprise, play a strong role in shaping India's economic growth trajectory. HDFC Bank recognises their contribution to GDP, exports and

most importantly, employment creation. A large number of micro enterprises do not apply for credit despite being eligible for loans due to lack of access to information. We continue to address MSMEs' financial needs by providing services on a variety of government schemes, and by going beyond the usual assessment criteria.

Exciting Space Land Kids Summer Carnival at Pavilion Mall, Ludhiana

LUDHIANA - Pavilion Mall is delighted to announce the ongoing Space Land Kids Summer Carnival, a thrilling space-themed event designed to captivate the imagination of children and families. This carnival transforms the mall into an intergalactic wonderland filled with fun interactive activities and educational experiences, promising an exciting adventure for kids of all ages.



The carnival features a variety of activities and attractions, including: Virtual Reality Setups, Mini Space Models Setup, Meet & Greet with Aerospace Engineer Mr. Vinod Kumar, includes a special Meet & Greet with an Astronaut Mascot, where children can meet a life-sized astronaut mascot, take photos, and learn about space exploration in an engaging and interactive setting and already more than 1000 kids has registered for the first Space adventure at Pavilion Mall. The Space Land Kids Summer Carnival runs daily from 11 AM onwards and will continue until June 30, 2024. This event provides a perfect escape from the summer heat wave currently affecting North India, offering families a cool and engaging environment.

Utkarsh Small Finance Bank Limited expands its presence with opening of its new banking outlet in Solan

SOLAN: Utkarsh Small Finance Bank Limited (Utkarsh SFB), today announced the inauguration of its new banking outlet in Solan in the state of Himachal Pradesh. With this launch, the Bank has reached 3banking outlets in the state of Himachal Pradesh and 907 in the country spread across 26 States and Union Territories.

dour and seasonal vegetable including Mushroom farming and tomatoes production. Additionally, it is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the country. The inauguration of this banking outlet will not only support the local communities in accessing banking services but will also play a pivotal role in fostering economic development,

financial inclusion, and empowerment within the local community." The Bank is in a position to provide an array of financial products and services to its customers, which



includes savings and current accounts, fixed deposits and recurring deposits. To cater to the aspirations of its customers, the Bank offers various loan products such as housing loans, business loans and loan against property. With its banking outlet infrastructure, digital banking capabilities and ATM network, the Bank offers integrated customer service. Apart from this, the Bank offers multiple channels, such as Internet banking, Mobile banking, Unified Payment Interface (UPI) and Call Centre.

OnePlus Launches New OnePlus Nord CE 4 Lite 5G



Chandigarh — Global technology brand, OnePlus, today officially launched the new OnePlus Nord CE4 Lite 5G in India. Featuring a 5,500mAh High-capacity Battery, 80W SUPERVOOC Fast Charging, a 120Hz Super-bright 2,100 nits AMOLED Display, Aqua Touch, and a Sony LYTIA 600 Camera with OIS, the OnePlus Nord CE4 Lite 5G delivers a flagship-rivaling long-lasting and bright experience that exceeds all expectations.

exceptional fast charging, a captivating display, and outstanding photography capabilities, the OnePlus Nord CE4 Lite 5G brings users OnePlus' iconic flagship-level fast and long-lasting experience all at an unbeatable price."

Flagship-level Battery Performance Designed to go all day and night, the OnePlus Nord CE4 Lite 5G is equipped with a high-capacity battery and one of the best flash charging configurations in its price range. Thanks to a large 5,500mAh battery, the OnePlus Nord CE4 Lite 5G can provide up to 20.1 hours of YouTube video playback, 47.62 hours of video calls, or two days of regular use on a full charge, allowing users to enjoy a long-lasting, smooth smartphone experience without any anxiety about battery life. Upgrades in flash charging and battery technology also mean that the Nord CE4 Lite 5G can provide a day's power.

Xiaomi India marks 10 years in India; announces breast cancer screening initiative with Yuvraj Singh Foundation

Jalandhar/Ludhiana:-- Marking a decade of innovation and contribution to community welfare in India, Xiaomi India, a global technology leader, has announced a landmark partnership with the Yuvraj Singh Foundation (YouWeCan), a

represents Xiaomi's most extensive effort in India so far, in terms of impact and reach.

Muralikrishnan B, President of Xiaomi India, said, "In our decade-long journey in India, we have evolved beyond being a technology brand by leveraging our extensive network for meaningful social change. The stark reality that a woman in India dies of breast cancer every 6 minutes, with 70% of cases diagnosed in advanced stages due to lack of screening, underscores the urgency of our mission. We're proud to join forces with the Yuvraj Singh Foundation (YouWeCan), harnessing our technological expertise to drive large-scale impact. Together, we aim to break stigmas, spread awareness, and enable early detection - potentially saving countless lives. This initiative embodies our commitment to India, extending far beyond innovation to address critical health challenges and create lasting positive change."



non-profit organization established by cricketer and cancer survivor Yuvraj Singh. The "Swasth Mahila Swasth Bharat" project aims to screen 1,50,000 women for breast cancer over 12 months across 15 states, focusing on under-represented and under-resourced communities. This initiative

from all over India, Mauritius, Dubai and other countries. It was held on Cordelia Cruise between Bombay and Goa," said Bhinder while sharing her experience at the pageant, with the media, at Hotel Mountview here.

Sharing her remarkable journey and the challenges she overcame to achieve this accolade, she said: "It was an incredible experience to participate in NariFIRST. The competition was tough, but my never-say-die attitude and the support of my family and friends helped me push through."

Sharmita's victory at Nari First has earned her the honour of representing India at the 'The World Island Cultural and Tourism Ambassador Pageant,' which will be held in Mauritius from July 31 to August 5. This prestigious event aims to promote cultural exchange and tourism on an international platform.

Sharmita Bhinder makes the City Beautiful proud with 'Fierce and Fearless' title

Chandigarh, June 26, 2024: Fifty-one year old, Sharmita Bhinder, a resident of Chandigarh, has brought pride to the tricity by winning the prestigious title of 'Fierce and Fearless' at the Nari First Competition held recently. This unique international event took place on a cruise between Bombay and Goa and showcased exceptional talent and determination among women. Bhinder who took part in the 40-60 age category at Nari First has also qualified to represent India at the World Island Cultural and Tourism Ambassador Pageant in Mauritius.



Malaika Arora, a celebrated model and actress, was the Chief Guest of the event. Nari First was organised by its India founder Aikta Sharma with the support of

Anshu Buddhiraja who is also the CEO of Amway India Enterprises. The pageant saw the presence of notable personalities including Shibani Kashyap, a renowned singer, performer, and music producer, as well as Yosheena Raghooandan Naujoi, Mrs Univese Maldives and head of Women of Wonders, who is hosting the World Island Cultural and Tourism Ambassador Pageant in Mauritius.

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108 Ambulance Service organizes Reward and Recognition Program to encourage the Staff at Civil Hospital, Hoshiarpur



Hoshiarpur, - Leading Healthcare Service provider and proficient medical assistant, Ziqitza Healthcare Limited precisely reliable for handling emergency medical situations in Punjab, today organized a Reward and Recognition Program at Civil Hospital, Hoshiarpur. This initiative aims at fostering 108 Ambulance Staff, to strive for the best services, including the introduction of the prestigious "Life Saver Awards Batch" along with certificates,

honoring exceptional acts of bravery and life-saving interventions by the ambulance staff. These awards not only recognize individual efforts but also inspire others to go above and beyond in their duties. Among the recipients, Pilot Amanpreet & EMT Ranjodh Singh were recognized as the best, exemplifying unparalleled dedication and proficiency in their roles. This occasion involved conveying recognition and rewarding the EMTs and Pilots by offering them certificates and cash prizes worth Rs.

500. Emergency Medical Officer SMO Dr. Swati Semar & Dr Chitra presented the awards in the presence of Ziqitza Healthcare Limited Staff. Over 15+ EMTs and pilots attended the program organized and conducted by Ziqitza Healthcare Limited (ZHL). From now on, such programs will be held every month in all districts of Punjab to encourage the 108 Ambulance staff to work with competence. So, that advanced services can be attained by the patients. Addressing the occasion, Project Head of 108 Ambulance Services, Manish Batra said, "We endeavor to become better in every aspect of our work, whether it's providing the best medical services to people or acknowledging our diligent staff. I believe it's important to recognize and reward them and we are proud to start this great initiative in every district of Punjab."

"Beauty & Wellness sector to provide opportunities to close to 3 Crore people by 2030": Jayant

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: To empower and encourage the youth aspiring to excel in the Beauty & Wellness sector, Shri Jayant Chaudhary, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), today met and congratulated all the 270 candidates who have been certified under PMKVY 4.0 and various CSR projects under Skill India. This was at the 3rd convocation ceremony organized by the Beauty and Wellness Sector Skill Council (B&WSSC) which has till now trained more than 13 lakh candidates under the mission. Speaking at the occasion, Shri Jayant Chaudhary, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), said, "The global beauty and wellness sector is a promising sunrise industry, and the India has notably outpaced the global growth in this sector. And it is encouraging to know that over the past nine years, B&WSSC has achieved remarkable milestones, creating 106 job roles with a strong focus on women empowerment and entrepreneurship. Today, our graduates have exemplified immense resilience and determination, transforming themselves.

International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking observed: Kulbir Malik



JAGBIR UPLANA KARNAL: International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was celebrated on Wednesday under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner and Head District Red Cross Society Uttam Singh. Red Cross Secretary Kulbir Malik said that on the occasion of the said day, the Civil Surgeon Karnal and Red Cross told the people who came to Karna Park that the ill effects of drug use have an economic and physical impact on our family and society. In this connection, an awareness rally was taken out today to prevent the use of these drugs. On this occasion, a seminar was also organized to prevent drug abuse and illegal smuggling. In this seminar, detailed information was given on how human life can be saved in the future. Officers/employees of Red Cross and Civil Surgeon Office were present on this occasion.

International day against drug abuse and illicit trafficking observed



VERMA GURDASPUR: Today on the eve of International day against drug abuse and illicit trafficking the red Cross Integrated and Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts Gurdaspur has organized a beautiful and impressive program in the centre premises with the able guidance and support of Secretary Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Branch Chandigarh with the theme Evidence is clear, invest in prevention. Sh Raman Behl Ji, chairman Punjab health system corporation Chandigarh Punjab was chief guest on this occasion. Besides this Mrs Varinder Kaur, project director JK SPYM, Mrs Rajni, ion Kanwarpal Singh, president Lion's club Kahnuan Fateh and other Vips remain present. Ms. Sukhbir kaur advisory member of Red Cross society play the role of stage secretary. All the youngsters getting treatment over here and their families participated. The lectures were delivered by project director Romesh Mahajan National Awardee, Counselors and other social workers. At last the chief guest also delivered his motivational speech and blessed the patients. Five patients who have completed their treatment were also honoured by worthy guest. The motive to celebrate this day was to spread awareness for prevention of drug abuse and involve more and more youth with the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan Campaign launched by MSJE Govt Of India New Delhi. Three addicts getting treatment in the centre have also delivered their woeful stories about how they fell into addiction and had lost everything from their home including landed properties/ shops to have kick of addiction.

Seema Trikha reaches Nilokheri



DARSHAN SHARMA NILOKHERI, JUNE 26

Haryana's State Minister Seema Trikha reached Kisan Basti located in Nilokheri today. First of all, she bowed her head in Gurudwara and later heard problems of all the city residents at house of social worker Sunil Bhatia. City residents said that Government Press has been closed for years. No leader is paying attention to this. Many times we have written to the administration. But no one is paying attention to Nilokheri.State Minister assured that I will talk to government about this and soon someone will find solution to this problem and this will also provide employment opportunities to the residents of Nilokheri. On this occasion, the Kisan Basti Gurudwara Managing Committee presented a saropa to the State Minister.

DC Randhawa launches 'Panch Guthli Aam Ki' campaign to Promote Greenery in SBS Nagar



JATINDER PAL SINGH KALER NAWANSHAHR: In a significant step towards enhancing environmental sustainability, Deputy Commissioner Shri Navjot Pal Singh Randhawa officially launched the 'Panch Guthli Aam Ki' campaign today, aimed at greening the district of Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar. This initiative, which has been ongoing for the past four years, encourages the planting of mango seeds (guthlis) to cultivate a greener and more sustainable district. Speaking at the launch, Deputy Commissioner Shri Randhawa emphasized the simplicity and impact of the campaign, urging educational institutions, social service organizations, and both government and non-government bodies to actively participate. "Our goal is to plant and grow between four to five lakh mango trees throughout the district. This can be achieved at no cost—just plant the mango seeds in any available space, and with the onset of the rains, they will germinate and grow into fruit-bearing trees," he stated.

Environmental advocate Ashwani Joshi, highlighted the efficacy and benefits of natural planting methods. "The success rate of mango trees grown from seeds in this manner is as high as 99 percent.

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Law and order in HP deteriorating due to blind devotion: Sukhram

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA: Senior BJP leader and former minister Sukhram Chaudhary criticized the Congress leaders and their blind followers, stating that they are oblivious to the deteriorating law and or-



der situation in Himachal Pradesh. He remarked that the government, which began with the Chamba murder case, is destined to fall with the Bilaspur shooting incident. The police are currently searching for Pu-

ranjan, the mastermind behind the Bilaspur shooting incident. On June 20, a youth was shot outside the Bilaspur District Court in broad daylight. During the investigation, it was revealed that the master-

mind behind the shooting was Puranjan Thakur, the elder son of former MLA Bambar Thakur. However, neither any action has been taken against the former MLA nor has his son been apprehended.

Bindal praises proposal on Emergency in Lok Sabha, congratulates Om Birla

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, JUNE 26

BJP State President Dr. Rajeev Bindal has praised Om Birla, who was re-elected as the Speaker of the Lok Sabha, for bringing a proposal on the Emergency on his first day. Dr. Bindal commended this proposal, stating that it is a significant initiative by the Lok Sabha Speaker to emphasize that nothing stands above democracy.

Dr. Bindal explained that, according to the proposal, the House strongly condemns the decision to impose the Emergency in the country in 1975. Additionally, it appreciates the determination of all those who vehemently opposed the Emergency, engaged in unprecedented struggles, and took on the responsibility of protecting India's democracy. June 25,



1975, will always be remembered as a dark chapter in India's history when then-Prime Minister Indira Gandhi imposed the Emergency, severely impacting the Constitution crafted by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. India's identity as the 'Mother of Democracy' has always fostered democratic values and dialogue, ensuring their protection and encouragement. However,

Indira Gandhi imposed a dictatorship, crushed democratic values, and stifled freedom of expression.

During the Emergency, citizens' rights were destroyed, and their freedom was taken away. It was a time when opposition leaders were imprisoned, and the entire country was turned into a prison. The dictatorial government imposed

numerous restrictions on the media and curtailed the autonomy of the judiciary. That period in our country's history was marked by injustice and tyranny. The Congress government of that time made several decisions post-Emergency that trampled on the spirit of our Constitution. By amending the Maintenance of Internal Security Act (MISA), the Congress Party ensured that courts could not provide justice to those arrested under MISA. Acts like the Parliamentary Proceedings (Protection of Publication) Repeal Act, Press Council (Repeal) Act, and Prevention of Publication of Objectionable Matter Act were introduced to prevent the media from writing the truth. During this dark period, the 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, and 42nd amendments to the Constitution were made.

Samadhan camps are helping common people in resolving problems: Dr. Renu S. Fuliya

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, JUNE 26

People are getting a lot of benefit from Samadhan camps organized as per instructions of government. People are coming here and putting forward their problems easily and getting them resolved. In this series, in camp organized in the auditorium of the Mini Secretariat on Wednesday, under the chairmanship of Ambala Divisional Commissioner Dr. Renu S. Fuliya, applicants put forward their complaints.90 complaints were received in the camp, out of which 46 complaints were related to CRID and 44 other complaints. Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. Vaishali Sharma said that under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Shantanu Sharma, the work of listening to the problems of the common people is being done



by organizing Samadhan camps here since the beginning. Most of the complaints received in the organized camp are related to family identity card, property ID, old age honor allowance. The concerned officers have been instructed to ensure that the complaints of the people are resolved on priority basis. Most of the complaints are being resolved on the spot and the remaining complaints have also been instructed to be resolved within time limit.

ADC urged people to bring the documents related to the problem they are coming here with so that their problems can be resolved easily. He also told that apart from this, complaints related to electricity connection, ration card, disability certificate birth certificate and police department are also being received, efforts are being made to resolve all these complaints in time, the concerned departments are working for this.

Cycle rally of 30 km on International Anti-Drug Day



MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI: As per the instructions of Director General of Police Haryana Mr. Shatrueet Kapoor and under the able leadership of Superintendent of Police Karnal Mr. Deepak Saharan, on the last day of the Drug Free India Fortnight program run from 12th to 26th June, a cyclothon rally was organized by the District Police on International Anti-Drug Day today, in which the District Police Captain cycled about 20 kms with more than 400 cyclists and gave the message to the citizens to stay away from drugs. Superintendent of Police Karnal Mr. Deepak Saharan said that today on International Anti-Drug Day, this cyclothon rally has been organized to make people aware about drug abuse. He said that stay away from all types of drugs, stay healthy, stay happy and encourage your friends to stay away from drugs.

Bus stand will be completed soon in Nigdu: MLA Dharmpal Gondar

DARSHAN SHARMA NILOKHERI, JUNE 26

On Wednesday, Nilokheri MLA Dharmpal Gondar said that the construction work of the bus stand in Nigdu would be completed soon and the people of the area would soon start getting better bus facilities. The MLA said that the Nigdu area had lagged behind in development, before only empty promises were made to the people of Nigdu. The MLA said that after he became the MLA, development work worth more than Rs 100 crores has been done in the Nigdu area. The construction work of the bus stand in Nigdu was going on in full swing, which will be completed in the next three



months. Besides this there was a proposal to open a college in Nigdu for which land has been acquired and transferred. The architectural drawing has also been approved and the work of building construction will be started in the next two months.

Along with this, MLA Gondar said that an electricity

sub-division office was opened in Nigdu and the main road of Nigdu bazar was in dilapidated condition for many years and water used to stagnate on this road. A new road construction work was being completed with quality paving concrete and drains will also be constructed on both sides of the road.

Childhood values instill children with virtue and inspiration to follow path of religion: Praveen Arora



CHET RAM RATAN

NAWANSHAHR: Praveen Arora, Managing Director of Vision Way Immigration in Chandigarh Chowk near Nawanshahr, highlighted today that the values imparted to children during their childhood serve as a guide throughout their lives towards virtue and religious path. These thoughts were expressed during the celebration of his son Madhav's birthday, where Praveen Arora and Vibha Arora distributed shoes and slippers to the poor and needy. He mentioned that celebrating birthdays by cutting a cake is a part of Western culture, whereas in Indian culture and tradition, organizing social welfare activities involving children on their birthdays instills empathy towards the poor and needy. It also inspires children to tread the path of religion.

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On this occasion, a seminar was also organized to prevent drug abuse and illegal smuggling. In this seminar, detailed information was given on how human life can be saved in future. Officers/employees of Red Cross and Civil Surgeon Office were present on this occasion.

Two ambulances will be available 24 hours on the national highway in case of road accident

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Now 24-hour facilities of two ambulances will be available on National Highway 44 (NHAI). To avail the facilities, one has to dial toll free number 1033. The services of these two ambulances will be available to the injured in road accidents between Gharanda's village Kohand and Madhuban Police Academy. Credit to this service goes to the efforts of SDM Gharanda Rajesh Soni. Two days ago SDM Gharanda Rajesh Soni was returning from Karnal Deputy Commissioner's office to Gharanda, when a road accident occurred on NHAI 44 near Gharanda. To take the injured people to the hospital SDM Rajesh Soni himself called the ambulance and took the injured to the hospital.

After this incident, SDM Rajesh Soni chalked out a plan to arrange ambulances in Gharanda area and instructed NHAI officials to arrange two ambulances. While talking, he said that the administration made people aware from time to time about prevention of road accidents. Not only this, necessary steps have been taken to make Gharanda area road accident free zone. He also instructed the NHAI officials that the two ambulances should be present on the national highway 24 hours a day. In case of a road accident on the national highway, these ambulances will immediately take the accident victims to the nearest hospital for treatment.



Chief Agriculture Officer, Amritsar, pays surprise visit to dealers of fertilizer, seed and medicine



KULJIT SINGH

JANDIALA GURU: Agriculture Minister Punjab. Gurmeet Singh Khudian's instructions and Director Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department Punjab. Under the direction of Jaswant Singh, Chief Agriculture Officer Amritsar Dr. Tajinder Singh conducted an unannounced check on the fertilizer, seed, medicine dealers located at Chitra Taki Market and the records of the dealers were thoroughly checked. On this occasion, samples of various fertilizers and medicines were filled by the block level flying squad teams in the presence of the Chief Agriculture Officer. Meanwhile, the Chief Agriculture Officer said that the aim of the department is to provide standard and high quality agricultural inputs like fertilizers, seeds and medicines to the farmers. For which the department periodically conducts sampling to test fertilizers, seeds and medicines and ensure supply of quality inputs to the farmers.

20 complaints resolved at District Samadhan Camp in Karnal



DR ASHOK KUMAR

KARNAL: Today, a Samadhan Camp was held at the Mini Secretariat in Karnal under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner Akhil Pilani. Similar camps were organized in Nilokheri, Indri, Assandh, and Gharanda under the chairmanship of their respective SDMs. A total of 20 complaints were resolved on the spot during these camps. Officials listened to and resolved citizens' complaints from 9 AM to 11 AM. In the camp held in Karnal, six cases were resolved. Sarthak Grover had complained about not receiving his driving license back despite paying the fine. His complaint was resolved on the spot. Rimpi, a resident of Alpha City, had issues with the name and address on her new property ID, which was corrected. Complaints regarding income corrections from Devvrat of Gharanda and Pawan Kumar of Karnal were also resolved. Ramesh Kumar's complaint about name correction in her PPP were addressed on the spot. Similarly, three complaints related to Creed in Nilokheri, five in Indri, four in Assandh, and two related to the Urban Local Bodies Department in Gharanda were resolved by the respective SDMs.

International day against drug abuse and illicit trafficking observed at Civil Hospital Tarn Taran



KULJEET SINGH HONEY

TARN TARAN: The international day against drug abuse and illicit trafficking was observed at Civil Hospital, Tarn Taran on Wednesday. The event was held under the supervision of Civil Surgeon, Dr. Bharat Bhushan and conducted by Senior Medical Officer, Dr. Ramandeep Singh Padda. The students of various nursing colleges took part in the event against drugs. In his address, Civil Surgeon Dr. Bharat Bhushan said "The main objective of this day is create awareness against drug abuse and its illicit trafficking and the day is effective tool for the well being of society especially youth". He said "The evidence is clear, invest in prevention" is United Nations theme for international day this year so it is our responsibility to stand against drug abuse for healthy surroundings". SMO Dr. Padda said "The health department conducts rallies and seminars against drugs in the area even we are running Out patients Opioid Assistance Treatment (OOAT) clinic where we are treating drug addicts". He said "Many of addicts had left taking drug and now they are part of mainstream and many have decided to leave it through counseling session.

Heaps of gravel and sand create problems to shopkeepers of Morinda



RADHE SHYAM SHARMA

MORINDA: The work a new ITI building is to be started after demolishing the old ITI but it is not known when the construction work will start. But the contractor has already placed gravel and sand on the road. Due to which the shopkeepers nearby are facing a lot of trouble and the drivers coming from this route are also facing problems. Many two-wheeler drivers were slipped and fallen on the sand placed on the side of the road. The shopkeepers of the city say that when the work has not started yet, then why sand and gravel brought and kept on the sides of the road. In case of speedy wind the sand flies and enters into their shops the whole day and makes the shops dirty. They have demanded from the administration that this sand should be lifted from here and when the work started this material should be brought to the construction site. Talking to the ME of Nagar Council, Indra Mohan in this regard, he told that this contract has been given by the Nagar Council for Rs 30 lakhs. Under which five shops will be demolished and a big hall will be built above it. He said that he would talk to the contractor and resolve this issue.

Kangana Ranaut's 'Emergency' gets new release date

After her victory in the elections in Mandi, Himachal Pradesh, the ace actor has announced the release date of her upcoming film

Taking to her Instagram handle, she shared the poster of the film and wrote in the caption, "The Beginning of the 50th Year of Independent India's Darkest Chapter, Announcing #KanganaRanaut's #Emergency In Cinemas on 6th September 2024. The Explosive Saga of The Most Controversial Episode of The History of Indian Democracy, #EmergencyOn6Sept in cinemas worldwide."

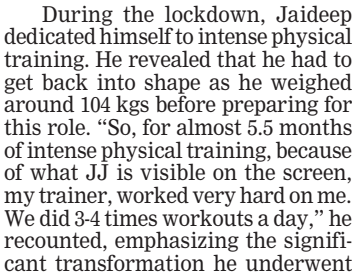
Talking about the film, Kanga-

The makers earlier took to social media handle, where they shared an update with the fans about the postponement of film

With screenplay and dialogues

Talking about Kangana, she registered her first victory on a BJP ticket from Mandi in Himachal Pradesh. She took oath as a member of Parliament on the first day of the 18th Lok Sabha on Monday. Ranaut defeated Congress candidate Vikramaditya Singh in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

Jaideep Ahlawat reflects on intense preparation for 'Maharaj'



The film, which delves into one of India's greatest legal confrontations, is now available for streaming on Netflix.

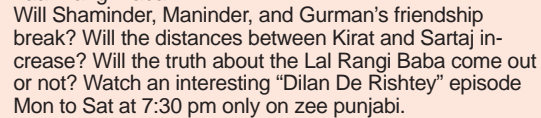
Varun Dhawan, Kiara Advani celebrate 2 years of 'Jugjugg Jeeyo'

Varun re-shared Dharma's post on his Ins-

She is also set to join the YRF spy universe in the Hrithik Roshan-starrer 'WAR 2', which will also feature 'RRR' star Jr. NTR. Apart from this, Kiara has 'Don 3' lined up, where she will star alongside Ranveer Singh.



Maninder Breaks Down "Dilan De Rishtey" with Shaminder Over Keerat Incident



Huma Qureshi starrer, "TARLA" brings a flavourful tale to the World Television Premiere on &Pictures

This movie serves as a culinary adventure that celebrates the legacy of a remarkable woman Tarla Dalal whose perseverance was the secret ingredient for her success. Tarla Dalal's unwavering determination and passion for cooking enabled her to carve out a unique identity, transforming from a housewife into a celebrated culinary icon. Her story is a testament to the power of resilience and the courage to pursue one's dreams against all odds. Huma Qureshi, who embodies the spirit of Tarla with charm and wit, shares her excitement about the premiere: "Everybody is an internet or a YouTube sensation today. But if you look at it, Tarla Dalal was the true pioneer—she was the original influencer. More than a housewife who cooked, Tarla Dalal transformed her passion for cooking into a revolutionary career, inspiring millions with her innovative recipes and warm presence. Tarla's story is a celebration of passion, perseverance, and the power of a good meal to bring people together. I'm thrilled for viewers to join us on this delicious adventure!"



new retail destination showcases the Spring Summer 2024 Collection, offering patrons an immersive journey into the world of Onitsuka Tiger's distinctive style and craftsmanship. The Dehradun store will be the 11th for the brand in India. Onitsuka Tiger's Dehradun store launch was highlighted by the presence of Bollywood actor Siddhant Chaturvedi. Known for his fresh, dynamic youthful style, Siddhant's appearance connects seamlessly with the Onitsuka Tiger's High Fashion Minimalism. He said "I am thrilled to join an athleisure brand like Onitsuka Tiger for the launch of their debut store in Dehradun. The SS24 collection is one of my personal favorites because of how it blends floral prints and other playful elements. Be it the iconic Mexico 66 sneakers or their chic ankle boots, this showcases Onitsuka Tiger's ability to seamlessly merge their heritage with current fashion trends," said Siddhant Chaturvedi while browsing through the collection at the store.



Onitsuka Tiger's SS24 collection theme is based on "Personal Layered," featuring sophisticated, modern, and elegant pieces with asymmetries, gathers, cutouts, and the use of margins.



'Ardaas Sarbat De Bhale Di' is produced by Gippy Grewal, Ravneet Kaur Grewal, Jyoti Deshpande, Kumar