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SC to hear AAP
MLA's plea
challenging arrest in
money-laundering
case today

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear AAP MLA Jaswant Singh Gajjan Maira's plea challenging his arrest and remand by the Enforcement Directorate in a money-laundering probe linked to a bank fraud case on Monday. A vacation bench of Justice CT Ravikumar and Justice Manoj Misra is likely to hear the matter. The top court had earlier refused to grant interim bail to the Punjab MLA to campaign for the Lok Sabha polls. The Punjab and Haryana High Court had also dismissed a plea by the legislator challenging his arrest, observing that there was no illegality.

Former India
midfielder
Bhupinder Singh
Rawat dies

SURAT: Former India midfielder Bhupinder Singh Rawat, who played in the 1969 Merdeka Cup in Malaysia died after a brief illness, the All India Football Federation (AIFF) stated.

He was 85 and is survived by his wife, one son and daughter.

A darling of the crowd for his speed and ability to cut through the rival defence despite his diminutive figure, Rawat was nicknamed "Scooter" by the fans.

EAM Jaishankar
arrives in Qatar
on day-long visit

DOHA: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar arrived here on Sunday on a day-long official visit during which he will hold talks with Qatari Prime Minister Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani with a focus on exploring ways to expand bilateral cooperation in areas of trade, investment and energy. Jaishankar's visit comes four-and-half months after Qatar released eight former Indian Navy personnel, who were sentenced to death after being arrested in August 2022.

UP: Elderly
woman killed, six
injured in attack
over land dispute

AZAMGARH (UP): An elderly woman was killed and six people were injured in an attack by a mob over a land dispute in Saraimir police station area here, police said on Sunday. Following the incident on Saturday night, an FIR was registered against 13 people, including four women, on a complaint by the deceased's son Virendra Kumar Gautam.

Indians showed unwavering faith in
Constitution, democratic system: Modi

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, JUNE 30

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said Indians again displayed their unwavering faith in the country's Constitution and the democratic system in the recent Lok Sabha election, where a world record of 65 crore people cast their votes. Resuming his Mann Ki Baat programme after a four-month break due to the General Election, Modi said, "The 2024 elections were the biggest elections in the world in which 65 crore people cast their votes. This has never taken place in any other country in the world". "For this, I congratulate the Election Commission and everyone involved in the voting process. My dear countrymen," he said in the 111th episode of his popular talk show. He mentioned that although the Mann Ki Baat broadcasts were suspended for a few months, its spirit continued in the country. The PM said



he had "missed the communication" since the last episode on February 25. Highlighting the 'Hool Diwas' celebrated by the tribal people on June 30, he said the day is associated with the indomitable courage of brave leaders Sidhu Murmu and Kanhu Murmu, who strongly opposed the atrocities of foreign rulers.

"Today, 30th June is a very important day. Our tribal brothers and sisters celebrate this day as 'Hool Diwas'. This day is associated with the indomitable courage of brave Sidhu-Kanhu, who strongly opposed the atrocities of foreign rulers," he said. Modi also underscored the advancements made by women in society. "Nobody would have imagined a few years ago that women in our villages would fly drones. But today, this is becoming a reality." The prime minister also discussed topics like promoting wildlife conservation. Highlighting the campaign 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' launched on World Environment Day June 5, the Prime Minister said, "I have also planted a tree in the name of my mother. I have appealed to all the countrymen; people of all the countries of the world to plant a tree or in the name of their mother". "And I am immensely happy to

see that the campaign to plant trees in memory of the mother or in her honor is progressing rapidly" he added. Modi also congratulated the Indian sportspersons set to represent the country in the Paris Olympics slated to be held from July 26 to August 11. He said, "In the coming days, I will also get an opportunity to meet the Indian team. I will encourage them on your behalf. And yes, this time our hashtag is #Cheer4Bharat". The Prime Minister said the performance of the country's competitors in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics had won the heart of every Indian. "Right after the Tokyo Olympics, our athletes began wholeheartedly preparing for the Paris Olympics," he said. He also mentioned that Indian products were now getting world recognition for their quality. "The people of Jammu and Kashmir are also not behind in making local products global. What Jammu and Kashmir has achieved last month is an example for the people of the entire country.

IMD issues alert for widespread
rainfall across multiple regions

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 30

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued an alert for widespread rainfall and thunderstorms across several regions in India on Sunday. Recent satellite imagery indicates the presence of convective clouds, signalling the possibility of light to moderate rainfall at many locations. Intense spells of rain, accompanied by isolated thunderstorms, cloud-to-ground lightning, and gusty winds, are expected in Punjab and adjoining Himachal Pradesh, southwest and adjoining extreme northwest Madhya Pradesh, east Uttar Pradesh and adjoining extreme north Chhattisgarh, southeast Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, south Gujarat, south Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, south Karnataka,

north Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Sikkim, Assam, and Meghalaya, as per the IMD. In addition to these areas, light to moderate rainfall is anticipated at a few places, with isolated thunderstorms, cloud-to-ground lightning, and gusty winds likely to affect Odisha, Konkarn, Goa, south Madhya Maharashtra, Kerala, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Lakshadweep, and the Nicobar Islands. Earlier this week, the national capital received highest rainfall in 88 years. According to the Indian Meteorological Department, Delhi experienced 228 mm of rainfall from 8:30 am on Thursday, June 27, to 8:30 am on Friday, June 28. This is the highest 24-hour rainfall in June that the national capital has seen since 1936 when 235.5 mm was recorded. India Meteorological Department (IMD) scientist Soma Sen on Saturday said that heavy rainfall is expected in Delhi over the next two days. "Rain is expected to increase in the coming days in North India. Monsoon has advanced more in Eastern UP, and in the next 2-3 days, Western UP and Haryana will also be covered. An orange alert has been issued for UP, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, and East Rajasthan. Heavy rain will be witnessed in the entire central India. Warnings have been issued for Arunachal Pradesh and Assam for extremely heavy rainfall. Rainfall will increase in the West Peninsular region by tomorrow. North Indian states will also witness extremely heavy rainfall. We have declared heavy rainfall in Delhi over the next two days," Sen said.



Kohli, Rohit, Jadeja retire from
T20 after World Cup heroics

AGENCY
BRIDGETOWN, JUNE 30

Two of Indian cricket's all-time greats, skipper Rohit Sharma and superstar Virat Kohli, announced their retirement from T20 Internationals after playing monumental roles in the team's second world title conquest in the format here. Seasoned India all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja also announced his retirement from T20 Internationals, joining his illustrious teammates Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma in bidding adieu to the format a day after winning the World Cup here.

Kohli was the first to declare his decision after being adjudged player of the match for his sublime 76 in the seven-run win over South Africa in the final here. Soon after, Rohit also announced that having achieved what he came for, it was time to step aside. "This was my last T20 World Cup and this is exactly what we wanted to achieve. This is an amazing game. I was telling Rohit (Sharma) when we went out to bat, I was like, one day you feel like you can't get a run and then you come out and then things happen. God is great," the 35-year-old Kohli told host broadcasters Star Sports after bagging the player of the match award.

"I bow my head in gratitude. I'm just really grateful I was able to get the job done for the team on the day that it mattered the most," he added. Rohit, whose searing 41-ball 92-run knock in the Super 8s clash against Australia would be remembered for years to come, chose the post-match press conference for his statement. "This was my last game as well. No better time to say goodbye. I wanted this (trophy) badly. It's very hard to put in words," Ro-

hit told the post-match press conference after ending India's over-a-decade long title drought. "This what I wanted and it happened. I was very desperate for this in my life. Happy that we crossed the line this time," he added.

The 37-year-old had led India in the 2022 T20 World Cup where the team was ousted in the semifinals by eventual champions England. A year later, India reached the final of the 50-over World Cup at home under his leadership, but succumbed to Australia in the



BHANGRA IN BARBADOS

When the Punjabis in Virat Kohli and Arshdeep Singh came out to celebrate T20 World Cup win

After PM, Amit Shah
makes congratulatory
call to Team India

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah enchanted the cricketing world on Sunday when he reached out to India head coach Rahul Dravid and captain Rohit Sharma, immediately following a magical congratulatory call from Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the entire Team India onafter winning T20 World Cup 2024. Shah, renowned for his cryptic powers in politics, commended the 'Men in Blue' for their enchanting triumph over South Africa in the final of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup. This victory marked India's breaking of a 17-year spell without the T20 World Cup title, coinciding with the farewell of Rohit and Virat Kohli from the international T20 format.

summit clash at Ahmedabad. Rohit leaves T20Is with 4231 runs from 159 matches, having made five hundreds and 32 fifties. He continues to be active in the Test and ODI formats. Kohli hoped that the next generation of players will take India to loftier heights. "It's time for the next generation to take over. It's a two-year cycle (for next T20 WC), there're some amazing players playing in India. They're going to take the team forward in the T20 format and do wonders as we've seen them do in the IPL. "I have no doubts that they'll keep the flag waving high and really take this team further from here now." In 125 T20I matches, Kohli scored 4188 runs at an average of 48.69 with 122 being his highest.

New criminal laws
to come into
effect from today

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 30

Three new criminal laws will come into effect across the country from Monday, bringing widespread changes in India's criminal justice system and ending colonial-era laws.

The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam will replace the British-era Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure and the Indian Evidence Act, respectively.

The new laws will bring in a modern justice system, incorporating provisions such as Zero FIR, online registration of police complaints, summonses through electronic modes such as SMS and mandatory videography of crime scenes for all heinous crimes.

They have tried to address some of the current social realities and crimes and

provide a mechanism to effectively deal with these, keeping in view the ideals enshrined in the Constitution, official sources said.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who piloted the laws, said the new laws would give priority to providing justice, unlike the British-era laws that gave primacy to penal action.

"These laws are made by Indians, for Indians and by an Indian Parliament and marks the end of colonial criminal justice laws," he said.

Shah said the laws were not just about changing the nomenclature but bringing about a complete overhaul. "Soul, body and spirit" of the new laws is Indian, he said.

Justice is an umbrella term that encompasses both the victim and the culprit, the home minister said and added these new laws would ensure political, economic and social justice with an Indian ethos.

Gen Upendra Dwivedi
takes charge as
Indian Army Chief

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 30

General Upendra Dwivedi has taken over as the Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) from General Manoj Pande, who took charge in May 2022.

Prior to this, General Dwivedi was the Vice Chief of the Army Staff. He is the recipient of Param Vishisht Seva Medal, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal, and three General Officer Commanding-in-Charge (GOC-in-C) commendation cards.

A resident of Madhya Pradesh, he studied in Sainik School Rewa, and joined the National Defence Academy (NDA) in January 1981. He was commissioned into the 18th Battalion of the Jammu and Kashmir Rifles in December 1984, which he later commanded in Kashmir valley and the deserts of Rajasthan. From his school days, he grew up as an outstanding sportsman and excelled in both the NDA and the Indian Military Academy (IMA), where he won 'Blue' in physi-



cal training. He continued to excel post commissioning and received a gold medal in the physical training course. General Dwivedi has a unique distinction of balanced exposure along the northern, western and eastern theatres, in varied terrain and operational environment including deserts, high altitude, riverine, built-up area, northeast, and Jammu and Kashmir. He commanded his battalion in counter-terrorist operations in Kashmir valley and in Rajasthan's deserts.

Temple desecrated over dispute
in Thane; FIR registered

THANE: The police have registered a case after a temple was allegedly desecrated by members of a minority community in Maharashtra's Thane city, an official said on Sunday. Based on a complaint lodged by a woman, the police on Saturday registered a first information report under section 295 (destroying, damaging or defiling a place of worship or sacred object with intent to insult the religion of any class of persons) and other relevant provisions of the Indian Penal Code, the official said. The alleged incident occurred in the Hazuri area of the city on June 23, he said.

Devarshi Narad: Ideal proponent of journalism, says CM Nayab Singh

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, JUNE 30

Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh said that Devarshi Narad was an ideal proponent of journalism. Devarshi Narad analyzed events and presented the truth positively from different perspectives. From independence to modern times, journalism has played a significant role, CM added.

Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh was speaking as the chief guest at the 9th State Level Journalist Award Ceremony organised on the occasion of Devarshi Narad Jayanti organized by the Vishwa Samwad Kendra Haryana in Panchkula. Upon his arrival, the president of Haryana Vishwa Samvad Kendra, Dr. Markandey Ahuja, Secretary Rajesh, and Dr.

Rajesh Chauhan welcomed him with bouquets.

Congratulating journalists on Devarshi Narad Jayanti, the Chief Minister said that from ancient times, it has been embedded in our culture and traditions that facts should always be true and accurate. Devarshi Narad practiced journalism based on truth. Although the form of journalism has changed over time, the path of truth remains the same. Devarshi Narad set new standards in journalism by analyzing events in adverse circumstances.

Speaking to the media, Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh said that the double engine government has imple-



mented welfare schemes on the ground in the state. The government is working for the welfare of the people. The Chief Minister said that the BJP will form the government for the third time in the upcoming assembly elections.

On this occasion, a large number of media persons were present.

Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh said that journalism in the country is a mission. Journalism and journalists played a significant role in the freedom struggle. The British rulers tried to suppress journalists, imposing fines and punishments.

However, ambitious journalists did not lose courage and continued the struggle for independence. Dev Rishi Narad is an inspirational figure who practiced journalism to keep culture and values alive in society.

BJP government has failed on every front: Rajendra Balla



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, JUUNE 30

Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee member and former member of Haryana Police Recruitment Board and strong contender for Congress party ticket from Nilakhedi assembly constituency Rajendra Balla, while addressing the workers in villages Barasal, Bakipur and Barana under the Jan Sampark Abhiyan said that the BJP government of the state has proved to be a failure on every front. Unemployment was at its peak in the state, the youth have to wander here and there for employment and the results of all the examinations conducted for employment were still pending. After the order of the Supreme Court, the result was released again by removing the five marks of grace marks and now the portal has been opened for registration again. Hence, it is clear that the aims of the BJP government were only to mislead the youth. Why the government could not provide employment? The way rigging has come to the fore in NEET-2024 and the government has not yet canceled the examination, it has made it clear that somewhere

the paper leak gang was getting the protection of the BJP.

He further said that there was an atmosphere of anarchy in the state and there was no such thing as law and order. The way ransom was demanded from three different businessmen in the recent past and firing took place at their establishments, it was clear that the morale of criminals in the state was so high or they have government protection somewhere. He further said that 50 rounds of firing in broad daylight in Hisar took place, miscreants fled after throwing a ransom note. Under the BJP government, criminals were fearless and the public was unsafe. He questioned were these the 'good days' of BJP?

He further said that the unorganized sector has also suffered due to the bad policies of BJP. In the last seven years, 18 lakh industries in the unorganized sector have closed down and 54 lakh jobs have been lost. The economic policies of the BJP government have pushed the country into the quagmire of unemployment.

Rajendra Balla further said that a new fraud has come to light in the schools of Haryana.

Niswarth Yoga Seva Sangathan celebrates 4th foundation day

MANISH KUMAR AMBALA, JUNE 30

Under the banner of Mera Mission Swasth Ambala, founder of Niswarth Yoga Seva Sangathan and yoga guru Rakesh Verma ji thanked the hundreds of yoga practitioners who had come on the occasion of the fourth foundation day from the bottom of his heart and made all the yoga practitioners do yoga exercises and told them how we can keep our kidneys, liver, heart, pancreas and lungs healthy through practice and pranayam. He urged everyone to come here every day and make their bodies healthy by taking advantage of the free yoga services of Niswarth Yoga Seva Sangathan. Verma said that when I thought of name of my organization as Niswarth Yoga Seva Sangathan, there was only one thing in my mind that how can I serve my city and its residents selflessly so that



everyone benefits. At that time, my only aim was this because I was the only one who had started on this path. Gradually, the people of Ambala started supporting me and the caravan kept growing. The general secretary of the organization, Ashok Arora Ji, told that our yoga guru Rakesh Verma, while discussing religion along with yoga, advises all the yoga practitioners to take Brahma

bath. Under the leadership of Verma Ji, with the cooperation of all the yoga practitioners, the organization does religious work like giving copies, books and steel plates, glasses, spoons etc. to the poor children in government schools for eating in mid-day meal. Providing green fodder and jaggery to the cows in the cowshed and going there and meditating on the feet of the Lord, doing kirtan etc.,

Haryana Physical Education Association members thank Kanwar Pal

RAHUL KOHLI JAGADHRI, JUNE 30

Members of Haryana Physical Education Association thanked Haryana Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Kanwar Pal for promotion from PTI to TGT and DPE Physical Education and felicitated him with a flower garland. On Sunday, members of Haryana Physical Education Association reached the residence of Agriculture Minister. Haryana Physical Education Association member Dr. Sukhwinder Panjeton said that promotions from PTI to TGT and DPE Physical Education have been done in various districts of Haryana, the number of

which is 297.

The Agriculture Minister said that all these recruitments were done during the time of Bhupinder Singh Hooda of the Congress government. Members of Haryana Physical Educa-

tion Association met me several times; after a lot of efforts, today they have been promoted from PTI to TGT and DPE, for which I congratulate them and wish



that all of them will work with honesty and dedication on their posts. On this occasion, members of Haryana Physical Education Association, Gopal Singh, Agnivesh, Devendra, Navdeep, Rajkumar, Vishal, Shakti, Satpal,

Ajay, Narendra, Vishal, Kuldeep, Ajay, Rohit Arora, Omkar, Vikas Mahla, Harjinder Singh, who came from various districts of Haryana were present.

Haryana government on path of progress: Dr. Sherwal

PREETI SAINI SADHAURA : Ashok Sherwal and Dr. Kusum Sherwal met Union Minister Manohar Lal.

Several topics were discussed. The minister also shared his experiences. How to strengthen the BJP party so that it can fight the upcoming assembly elections strongly. The workers of the BJP party are given a lot of respect, especially if I say that the SC community is being given full support by Manohar Lal and CM Nayab Singh Saini. All the schemes that were mentioned are being implemented simultaneously. The state of Haryana is moving forward on the path of progress. The high command expresses confidence in the workers that they have to work hard and form a strong government.



IGNOU launches new course in MBA Health Care and Hospital Management- Dr. Dharam Pal

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Dr. Dharam Pal, Regional Director, National Open University (IGNOU) Regional Center, Karnal, while giving information said that IGNOU has recently launched a new program in MBA Health Care and Hospital Management. The aim of this program is to develop a pool of trained workforce, which can be employed by health care institutions, related organizations and hospitals in both private and government sectors to provide efficient support and ensure quality health care across the country including remote areas. He said that the objective of this program was to identify and analyze the major issues in the effective management of national and international health care institutions. Along with this, the main objectives of this program were to project national and global thinking and inter-cultural understanding in the health care sector to communicate effectively with all stakeholders for multi-disciplinary team management and to achieve quality health care, social accountability and ethics, to adopt the latest technologies in the context of hospitals and health care, to develop innovative and evidence-based practices in health care management through analytical and practical approach using research on emerging and ongoing business challenges in health care administration. He said that to get admission in this program, as per the norms of Government of India, candidates who have passed graduation with at least 50 per cent marks for general category and 45 per cent marks for reserved category candidates can take admission. The minimum duration of this program will be two years and maximum duration will be four years. In this program, the fee for the first and second semester will be Rs 15500 per semester, the fee for the third semester will be Rs 19500 and the fee for the fourth semester will be Rs 17500.

Poor families to benefit from Prime Minister's Surya Ghar Free Electricity Scheme: DC

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh announced that under the Prime Minister's Surya Ghar Free Electricity Scheme, one lakh poor families in Haryana will receive solar energy with subsidies of up to Rs 1.10 lakh from the central and state governments. The scheme aims to reduce household electricity bills and promote green energy to decrease reliance on other power sources in the future, benefiting the environment. He mentioned that the Prime Minister's Surya Ghar Free Electricity Scheme has already been launched in the state. Families with an annual income of up to Rs 1.80 lakh will receive Rs 60,000 subsidy from the central government.

Dr. Ashok gives message against drug abuse



DR ASHOK KUMAR

YAMUNANAGAR: Under the drug-free Haryana campaign, Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau chief OP Singh is working with utmost sensitivity to create a drug-free society. Under the guidance of Bureau's Superintendent of Police Pankhuri Kumar, Bureau's awareness programme and rehabilitation in-charge/sub-inspector Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma is going to different districts of Haryana every day to take this campaign forward. He mostly uses a bicycle. In this series, he gave the message of drug addiction through a bicycle journey from Kurukshetra to Yamunanagar. People passing by were also asking questions about the drug-free campaign after seeing him.

While talking to truck drivers, he also said that many times they try to transport banned drugs from one place to another in greed for money. This is a very serious crime. He said that it is everyone's duty to avoid such crimes and stay alert. He said that the police are paying special attention to such people. He said that other truck drivers should also be made aware. Sharing the bureau's helpline number 9050891508, he said that by giving secret information about people involved in drug smuggling, they became a part of the drug-free campaign.

Rotary Club's women cell serves food in city kitchen



RAHUL KOHLI

JAGADHRI: Rotary Club Women's Cell provided its services in the city kitchen on Sunday. Under the leadership of Women's Cell in-charge Pooja Matia, women members served food to more than 500 people who came to eat in the kitchen. Women members served in the kitchen for 2 hours. On this occasion, Pradhan Pooja Matia said that on the last Sunday of the month, women members serve in the kitchen. Rotary Club is working for the service of humanity all over the world.

No amount of praise is enough for it. She said that by joining Rotary Radaur, women members are contributing better in the field of social service. We should encourage women to move forward so that women can contribute enthusiastically in the field of social service. On this occasion, Pradhan Pooja Matia, Neelam Banchal, Rani Saini, Lakshmi Chopra, Sakshi Puruthi, Neelam Mehta, Kanchan Arora, Sunita Ahuja, Khushi Kakkar, Leela Rohila, Anju Sharma, Suman Sharma, Dr. SC Saini, Mohanlal Arora, Bharat Matia, Ravindra Sharma etc were present.

Take a pledge to protect trees along with planting them: Anurag



NIRMAL SAINI

RADAUR: A plantation drive was launched at Hanuman Mandir in village Jubbal on Sunday. In the programme, Anurag Kamboj, State Co-convenor of BJP Beneficiary Cell, started the campaign by planting trees. On this occasion, Anurag Kamboj said that the continuously decreasing number of trees is having a very negative impact on the environment. If the situation remains the same, then the future generations may have to bear the brunt of it. He said that BJP has also started a campaign in the name of 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' in this regard under which the party workers themselves are planting trees and others are also being made aware about plantation. He said that along with planting trees, we all should take a pledge to protect them. On this occasion Rishpal Kamboj Dohli, Ankush, Sunny, Anuj, Rohit Kamboj, Sulekh Chand, Yogesh, Himanshu, Deepak, Surendra Dhiman and Rajesh Kamboj etc. were present

Fake teachers, fake degrees, fake exams in Haryana: Selja

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA CHANDIGARH., JUNE 30

All India Congress Committee General Secretary, former state president of Haryana Congress, in-charge of Uttarakhand, former Union Minister and Congress Working Committee member and newly elected Congress MP from Sirsa Lok Sabha seat, Selja said that fake teachers, fake degrees, fake exams have become the identity of Haryana schools. In the name of development, only and only fraud has been done in the school, which is engaged in breaking its own record every year. By making fake admissions of four lakh children in the schools, the mid-day meal, scholarship, uniform and other funds were embezzled and distributed. There is no doubt that BJP's policies start with

fraud and end with fraud. In the upcoming assembly elections, Congress will uproot this corrupt rule of BJP and free the people from corruption. In a statement issued to the media, Selja said that 4 lakh fake admissions took place in government schools of Haryana between the years 2014 and 2016.

In the vigilance investigation, such irregularities were revealed in 12924 schools, seven FIRs were registered, in 2019 the High Court had ordered the CBI to investigate and submit a report in three months, but it took CBI four years in this too. CBI has now registered three FIRs in this case, in which documents have been filed regarding embezzlement of mid-day meal, scholarship, uniform and other funds. She said that in June 2015, when the education department had issued a notice to re-

move 719 guest teachers, the guest teachers filed a petition in the court, on which the government, while presenting its side, had said that the number of students in schools has decreased, when the court asked for the records, it was found that out of 22 lakh, four lakh admissions were fake. He said that a vigilance investigation was conducted, SIT was constituted twice and investigation was done but no action was taken. The education department did not cooperate with the vigilance in the investigation, why did the government not take action against those who did not cooperate and those who embezzled mid-day meal, scholarship, uniform and other funds.

Selja said that despite the CBI registering three FIRs, BJP leaders, the then education minister and the chief minister were saved. Their names were not

included in the FIR, they were not questioned, raids were not conducted on them and neither was it investigated how much role they had in this corruption of crores of rupees. He said that if the name of a non-BJP minister or Chief Minister was coming up in this, then by now the BJP government would have put him behind bars. But the CBI did not take action against any BJP leader, minister and Chief Minister in this scam. She said that the day the state government changes, all their cases will be investigated and strict action will be taken against those who embezzle and commit corruption in the name of children's education. She congratulated Team India on winning the T20 World Cup-2024 and said that your spectacular victory against South Africa has made the whole country proud.

DR ASHOK KUMAR KURUKSHETRA, JUNE 30

Today the executive branch of Prayas Foundation branch Kurukshetra was expanded. The founder of Prayas Foundation, which came into existence in the year 2000, is retired Indian Police Service officer Shrikant Jadhav who started it in Fatehabad. Prayas branch was formed in Kurukshetra in the year 2020. The work of Prayas is linked to the drug-free campaign. Today the Prayas executive was expanded under the chairmanship of Prayas's head Professor Sushila Chauhan. The members unanimously nominated Professor Sushila Chauhan, Director of Kurukshetra University Law Faculty, as Mahila Pramukh while Professor Ritu Beniwal of Government College Radaur was nominated as Vice President. Along with this, Naresh Saini was elected as the head in the male category. Dr. MM Singh, retired Principal



from Senior Secondary School of Kurukshetra University, was made Vice President and teacher and social worker Bharatendu Harish was also made Vice President. Kuldeep Singh Kirmach was elected as the General Secretary and retired Deputy Police Inspector Karm Chand as Treasurer and Praveen Kumar as Co-Treasurer. Engineer Kanwal Sachdeva was given the responsibility of coordinator. Journalist Tarun Wadhwa was appointed as the media in-charge. After the election of the executive,

Mahila Pradhan Professor Sushila Chauhan said that this is a burning issue on which everyone will have to work together and will also work to make the helpline number 9050891508 of Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau reach the masses. Newly appointed Pradhan Naresh Saini said that at least one program will be organised every month. People willing to quit drugs will be treated through Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau. On this occasion, Awareness Program and Rehabilitation In-charge/ Deputy Inspector of Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma congratulated all the elected officials and said that the cooperation of Prayas Foundation in the campaign against drugs has been very commendable and in future also, meaningful results will be achieved in completely eradicating drugs with the Bureau.

Punjab

Mann govt wasted Rs 670 crore rupees to gain popularity: Sidhu

BALWINDER AZAD BARNALA DEHATI: The Bhagwant Mann government of Punjab did cheap politics in view of the Lok Sabha elections and started the scheme of sending flour from house to house to mislead the people and today the



Mann government has stopped this scheme. Turning this information, the State President and National Vice President of Punjab State Depot Holders Union, Eng. The first thing that has not been heard is that the state government does not have any

authority to convert NFSA wheat into flour and give it to the beneficiaries. Sidhu said that the government did a lot of advertising of this scheme, opened 628 shops in the village and wasted 670 crores of money on the people of Punjab.

AAP accuses BJP's Jalandhar West candidate Sheetal Angural of extortion

GAURAV GOEL CHANDIGARH, JUNE 30

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Punjab exposed the BJP candidate for Jalandhar west Sheetal Angural in the case of extortion. Sheetal Angural's brother Rajan Angural, on the behalf of his brother, threatened and extorted lakhs of rupees from a person named Sandeep Kumar. AAP Punjab chief spokesperson and member parliament Malvinder Singh Kang, along with chairman Jagtar Singh Sanghera and Jalandhar district (urban) secretary Gurinder Singh Shergill, addressed a press conference in Jalandhar on Sunday where he with evidences told the media about this criminal case against the Angural brothers.

Malvinder Singh Kang said that every day people are coming forward and exposing



that Sheetal Angural cheated us, Sheetal Angural extorted money from us, he did a fraud and indulged in gambling. Kang said that there is a family in Jalandhar which was going through some disputes and their son Sandeep Kumar lives in Australia. A few months back this matter reached the police station, then Sandeep Kumar approached then MLA Sheetal Angural to be the middleman and help his family sort this matter. Kang said that

Sheetal Angural's brother Rajan Angural took 5 lakhs and 20 thousand rupees from Sandeep Kumar to sort this matter. He said that Sandeep Kumar has recordings of Rajan Angural when he was asking for money. Kang said that Sheetal Angural and Rajan Angural compartmentalized their illegal work. He said that Sheetal Angural was the political influence and Rajan Angural executed all criminal activities on the behalf of his

brother. Kang said that they introduced Sandeep Kumar to Ayub Khan who is the right hand of Sheetal Angural and said that he will help him in the police station to sort this dispute. But the matter didn't end there. Sandeep Kumar and his family were still getting calls from the police station regarding this dispute, so Rajan Angural demanded Rs. 2 lakhs more from Sandeep Kumar. Kang said that this is not the only case against Sheetal Angural. He is a habitual criminal. Kang appealed to the people of Jalandhar west to choose wisely in the upcoming by-election. Kang said that because of his illegal and selfish motives, Sheetal Angural left the AAP and joined the BJP, because in the AAP government he wasn't getting free hands to do his illegal activities.

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, JUNE 30

Punjab Rural Development and Panchayat Minister S. Laljit Singh Bhullar, on Saturday, directed officials to reclaim public spaces earmarked for community development across various villages in the state. The Cabinet Minister has instructed the department's regional offices to collaborate with Panchayats and Gram Sabhas to immediately free these lands from illegal encroachments and ensure regular inspections.

S. Laljit Singh Bhullar informed that during his recent village tours, widespread concerns about unauthorized occupation of lands designated for essential



public infrastructure came to his notice. These areas include village peripheries (firmis), link roads, ponds, cremation ground access paths and sites for schools, dispensaries, veterinary clinics and Panchayat houses. The Cabinet Minister categorically stated that such encroachments have significantly hindered the utilization of these spaces for

public benefit. S. Bhullar said that the poor maintenance of existing public buildings such as Panchayat houses, community centers and veterinary dispensaries also came to the fore. Reports also indicate that some residents have been misusing these facilities by dumping household wastewater and garbage, rendering them unusable for their intended purposes.

In light of these issues, Minister Bhullar has directed officials to implement stringent measures to remove illegal encroachments from public lands, conduct regular inspections to prevent future unauthorized occupations and ensure proper upkeep and maintenance of existing public buildings.

Bathinda to get three more Solar Power Plants soon

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, JUNE 30

Taking yet another firm step towards decarbonising the agricultural sector by adopting solar power energy, Punjab Government led by Chief Minister S Bhagwant Singh Mann is all set to come up with three more Solar Power Plants of 12MW (4MW each) in Bathinda district, revealed Mr. Aman Arora, Minister of New and Renewable Energy Sources, Punjab.

He said that Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA) has recently commissioned a 4MW Solar PV plant at Tarkhanawala village in Bathinda to meet the agriculture power demand. The power generated from the project is exported to the nearest PSPCL grid sub/station at Sekhu village. The project will generate around 6.65 Million units power annually.

The upcoming three 12MW Solar PV Power projects worth 50 crores are expected to be commissioned by June 2025, said Mr. Aman Arora while adding that Panchayat land has been taken on lease near the 66 KV Sub-stations of PSPCL at villages of Bhagi Vadar, Shergarh and Kotha Malluana in Bathinda district to set up these projects.

The New and Renewable Energy Sources Minister said that these projects shall demonstrate the concept of solarisation of agriculture power and shall provide the many benefits to the people in the State, besides supporting PSPCL to meet its power demands at a very low cost. The solar power being supplied from these projects to PSPCL in a long term PPA is at a tariff of Rs 2.748 per KWh, he added.

Drug De-addiction Employees Union to go on strike from July 5 and hold protest rally at Jalandhar on July 6

DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, JULY 30

Employees of Drug De-Addiction Centers and OOAT clinics in Punjab, have been working day and night like frontline soldiers to help the government make Punjab drug-free for the past 10 years. These employees were recruited on contract basis through public appointments according to the Punjab government's rules, with full and transparent process. Previous governments had given them nothing but false promises, but the contract employees of Drug De-Addiction Centers had a glimmer of hope from the 'Bhagwant Mann' government, which now seems to be fading away.

While speaking to reporters, Parminder Singh, State President of the Punjab Drug De-addiction Employees Union, said that employees in many departments in Punjab are working on very low salaries and are being exploited by the government, while the Chief Minister had promised to address the issue of employees in his election manifesto. Instead of new recruitments, the problems of old employees should be solved first. The Delhi and Haryana governments have equated the salaries of contractual employees with those of regular employees. We request the Bhagwant Mann government to implement the same role



model in Punjab, and to release the pending financial allowances of the employees and regularize their services by taking them out of the contract system.

Amrik Singh, District President said that the employees of the Health Department and Drug De-Addiction Centers have defeated the Covid by working day and night by putting their lives at risk, and are supporting the government's Drug De-Addiction Campaign. Every day 200 to 300 patients come to these Drug De-Addiction Centers to take medicine. These employees are still waiting for the reward of getting salaries equal to regular employees from the government, so that the employees can fulfill their important role with utmost honesty. In the last two years, the union has held about 20 meetings with the Health Department and the Health Minister, which have been fruitless.

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SUMER GARG CHANDIGARH, JUNE 30

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Function held to commemorate memory of late Surjit Singh Patar



RADHE SHYAM SHARMA BATHINDA: Senior Citizen Council Morinda organized a function dedicated to the memory of late Surjit Singh Patar in the local Khalsa Girls College Morinda. Council President Amarjit Singh Kang informed that in this program, the famous personality of the area, Master, writer and theater worker Tejinder Singh "Baz" gave information about Patar ji's biography and said that he wrote 09 poetry collections, translated books, Vartik and dialogues of Shaheed Udharn Singh film. After starting his studies from the village school, he completed 10th class from Khalsa High School Khaira Majha, BA from Government College Kapurthala, MA (Punjabi) from Punjabi University Patiala and PhD from Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar. He was also the President of Punjab Arts Council Chandigarh and Punjabi Sahitya Academy Ludhiana. He was honored with many awards by the lovers of mother tongue Punjabi in the country and abroad. Prominent among these are Sahitya Academy Award, Shiromani Kavi Samman by Language Department Punjab and Padmashree Award-2012.

Amritsar Rural Police arrest 6 persons with drugs

KULJIT SINGH JANDIYALA GURU: Satinder Singh SSP Rural has issued instructions to all senior officers and SHOs to adopt zero tolerance policy against drug smugglers and anti-social elements. Under these instructions, the team of CIA Staff District Amritsar Rural got a major success when, on the basis of secret information, they arrested 6 drug smugglers namely Juvraj Singh alias Bal son of Sakattar Singh resident of Dhanoye Clan, Ranjeet Singh son of Nirmal Singh resident of Bhagwanpura Police Station Bhikkhi Wind, Prabhjeet Singh alias Bhaana son of Satnam Singh resident of Madan Lal Dhingra Colony Mahal, Mangal Singh alias Mitthu son of Shinder Singh resident of Rajetaal Police Station Gharinda, Jagroop Singh Raju son of Amrik



Singh resident of Dhingra Colony Mahal and Akashdeep Singh alias Akash resident of Raja Tal Police Station Gharinda and recovered 500 gram of ice drug, one kg heroin, Rs. 495850 drug money, three 12 bore rifles, two cars one Corolla and one Brezza, gold ornaments 7 rings, one chain and one necklace and 9 mobile phones. Cases were registered against them under different sections of Police Station Kamboke.

Under this, a case has been registered and action has been initiated. Investigation revealed that the three 12 bore rifles recovered from them were provided by Gopi UK. While the arrested Juvraj Singh, who is a resident of Lee Dhanoye Clan, used to take shelter in his house and along with his other arrested associates, used to supply heroin in Khairabad, Dhingra Colony, Kambo and other areas of Amritsar city.

No stone will be left unturned to make Pb drug-free with public support: Jimpa

DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR: Under the activities being carried out by the Punjab Government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann to unite the people against drugs, the district police organized a district level sports event on the theme 'Yes to life, no to drugs' at the Police Line Ground, in which 34 teams of football, basketball and kabaddi participated. During this, Cabinet Minister Punjab Bram Shankar Jimpa attended as the chief guest. During this, Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal, Mayor Surinder Kumar, SSP Suresh Lamba and other dignitaries were also present.

Cabinet Minister Bram Shankar said that the Punjab government under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann will



leave no stone unturned in its resolve to make the state drug-free.

He said that the attention of the youth has been attracted towards sports due to these sports events organized from village to district level and the youth who is attracted towards sports will never go towards drugs. He said that the district and police administration are working together to eliminate

drug abuse from the state to the district level, but the administration can succeed only when it gets full support from the people. Therefore, the district residents should cooperate with the administration so that the drug dealers can be arrested. Bram Shankar Jimpa said that he hopes that we all together will soon realize the dream of Chief Minister Punjab of 'Rangle Punjab'.

Development work of Nagar Council Balachaur is in sight, people worried about digging of street

JATINDER PAL SINGH KALER BALACHAUR, JUNE 30

As the old saying goes, the city council Balachore is carrying out development works at a cost of lakhs of rupees, but the slow pace of development work has become a bone of contention for the people and now people are protesting against the bad management of the city council. They have started demonstrating in the streets and if the pace of these development works continues like this, the day is not far when people will be forced to besiege the Municipal Council office. Ward No. 14 (Old Ward No. 02) near Bababalak Nath Mandir Balachore resident Vijay Kumar Varman, Surinder Pal said that first a concrete road was built in front of their house, but now the city Kausalbalachore has climbed the ladder of development. After digging the road built at the cost of lakhs of rupees, the construction of the interlock road has been started at this place, but the concerned contractor has left it in the middle



by making the road interlock and laying a pipe for draining water. Due to which the residents of Mohalla had to pass their vehicles through this bumpy street, even walking on one side became difficult. He said that it was the first light rainfall yesterday that due to careless use of water pipes in the street, the rain water entered their house due to which they had to face a big problem. He said that even after repeatedly contacting the concerned office, his route which has been left unfinished for a long time has not been completed by installing an interlock in the street.

JATINDER PAL SINGH KALER KATHGARH, JUNE 30

The first rain of monsoon yesterday left the people of Kathgarh breathless as heavy rain fell in the hills of Shivalik where the helpless wild animals breathed a sigh of relief in the sweltering temperature. The fall has come and the rains of the residents of Kathgarh have left their breath dry. Giving this information, Mahendra Pal, a former member of the panchayat, said that the pipes that the previous government had laid on the road leading to the crematorium of Kathgarh to drain the water from the gorge. Last year during the heavy rains, due to the blockage of that pipe, the



rainwater caused huge destruction in the village of Jandi. At that time, the crops of the farmers of Kathgarh were destroyed and the fields were filled with 4-4 feet of sand. No compensation has been given for the damage till date. Before this rain, none of the administrative officials or the village panchayat made any proper arrangements to clean these

closed pipes. Panchayats have been dissolved since then and the administrators who have been appointed have never taken any news from the village. They said that if these blocked pipes should be cleaned now.

So it is hoped that village Jandi can be saved from last year's crisis and farmers' crops will be saved from runoff.

PCA to hold Sher-e-Punjab T20 Cricket Cup

RADHE SHYAM SHARMA CHAMKAUR SAHIB: Under the able guidance of the Punjab Government, the Punjab Cricket Association had decided to organize the Sher-e-Punjab T20 Cricket Cup from last year 2023 so that emerging cricketers could get a better platform and this year, the 2024 Sher-e-Punjab Cricket Cup concluded on 28 June in which BLV Blaster team performed brilliantly and retained the cup for the second time. All players of this team performed well and won victory. Emerging player Simranpal Singh Simmi Pacer performed very well. This neglected cricketer was given very little chance to perform before this. It was not easy to rank as the best wicket-taking bowler in the Under 23 series and Katoch series in session 2019 in Ropar district. Not giving a chance to play by the Management Committee is also a tampering with the talent of the player and the avoidance of opportunity by the partners in the government also makes their policy towards the players clear. With the blessings of Shri Chamkaur Sahib MLA Dr. Charanjit Singh, this neglected player has now got a chance and people are feeling proud of the sports policy of the AAP government.



Prof Saxena of CUHP
nominated as member of
national level standing
committee of UGC

DHARAMSHALA: Prof Manoj Kumar Saxena, head and dean of the School of Education at Central University of Himachal Pradesh (CUHP), has been nominated as a member of the national level standing committee of the University Grants Commission (UGC). The Committee is tasked with evaluating proposals from central universities regarding the establishment of new departments and centres, as well as the creation of academic and administrative posts. Appointed by the UGC chairman, Prof Saxena's inclusion in this committee underlines his significant contributions and expertise in the field of education. His role will involve scrutinising and guiding the development plans of universities, ensuring they align with the UGC's standards of excellence and innovation. Vice chancellor Prof Sat Prakash Bansal of CUHP congratulated Prof Saxena on his nomination to the UGC standing committee. Saxena also expressed his gratitude for this opportunity, a press release said here on Sunday.

TPS School Principal
Rakesh Rana honoured
with Shiksha Padma
Samman 2024



DAULAT CHAUHAN
JAWALI: At a national level event, 101 principals from various states across the country were honored with the Shiksha Padma Samman 2024 for their outstanding work and significant contributions in the field of education. The award ceremony was held at Vijay Memorial Senior Secondary School in Indora. In this prestigious event, Rakesh Rana, Principal of Tripta Public Senior Secondary School, Chawalra, from the Jawali region, was also honored with the Shiksha Padma Samman. He received this award in recognition of his excellent performance and significant contributions to the field of education. On this occasion, the school's Chairman, Birendra Naryal, along with the management committee and entire staff, congratulated him. They expressed their hope that he will continue to contribute to the field of education with the same dedication and sincerity in the future.

19-year-old youth commits
suicide by hanging

JOGINDER DEV ARYA
BANGANA: A 19-year-old youth from Bangana, under the jurisdiction of Jhanduta police station in Una district, ended his life by hanging himself. The youth, Anmol, was the only son of his parents. According to the information received, Anmol, son of Sudarshan Singh from village Kailavi, D. Tanoha, Teh. Bangana, Una district, Himachal Pradesh, lived with his mother, Sita Devi, at his maternal uncle's house in Nakhlihedra. Sita Devi is a teacher and works in the same area. Sita Devi reported that Anmol returned from ITI Jhanduta around 5:30 PM as usual. When asked if he wanted to eat, he only requested milk, which she provided before leaving with her brother for some work.

Road safety workshop organized
at Rose Public School



SANJEEV MAHAJAN
NURPUR, JUNE 30

A road safety workshop was organized for students and their parents at Rose Public School in Sulyali, Nurpur. During the workshop, teachers provided information about common road safety malpractices. Key topics included the dangers of driving under the influence, the importance of not driving at high speeds, and avoiding driving late at night. Parents were provided with road safety guidebooks published by the Himachal Pradesh Government, courtesy of BDO Nurpur, Mr. Anshul Shandil. Additionally, a road safety pledge ceremony was held, where attendees took an oath to adhere to safe driving practices. At the conclusion of the workshop, Principal Sanjay Saugni expressed gratitude to the BDO office and the Himachal Pradesh Government for providing the road safety guidebooks.

Agriculture and Animal Husbandry strengthen the
economy of Lower Badehra's Raghuveer Singh

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, JUNE 30

For 50-year-old Raghuveer Singh of Lower Badehra in Una district, agriculture and animal husbandry have become significant sources of income. After serving in the paramilitary force CRPF for nearly 22 years, Raghuveer Singh took charge of his ancestral land and made agriculture and animal husbandry his economic foundation. Since retiring from the CRPF in 2016, he has been progressively advancing as a progressive farmer by connecting with various agricultural and animal husbandry development schemes run by the government over the past six to seven years.

Guv stresses need for maintaining balance between
development and conservation of ecosystem

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JUNE 30

Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla has appealed to all sections of the society to be a part of plantation drives and provide their support in maintaining a balance between the development and conservation of the ecosystem. He was speaking as chief guest in the ninth annual tree plantation programme organized by Sabhya Re-Foresters Society at Shamlech near Solan today. The Governor said forests were the lungs of our planet providing oxygen, absorbing carbon dioxide and supporting diverse ecosystem. Afforestation was a critical step towards preserving natural habitats and maintaining ecological balance and it was the need of the hour to launch afforestation drive especially



to combat the challenges of climate change. He added that a tree equals ten sons according to scriptures. Sh. Shukla said that the society needs to fix goals of afforestation and work towards achieving the goals for which awareness generation and community participation was important. He said every individual of the society should share the responsibility of planting trees and become a part of environment preservation and afforestation campaigns. The Governor commended the efforts of the Sabhya Re-Foresters Society for the last eight years in afforestation. He said that taking care of plants after plantation was most important, which the Society was doing in a responsible manner. As many as 10,000 plants have been planted, which are being taken care of

by this society, is an example in itself. He expressed deep concern over the rapid changes in climatic conditions in Himachal Pradesh despite being a hilly State adding that even the capital city Shimla was not an exception. He also expressed concern over the recent incidents of forest fires in various parts of the State which was one of the major causes of deforestation in the State. Sh. Shukla lauded the efforts of volunteers, especially the students of different universities and schools who participated in today's plantation programme. He expressed happiness over the efforts of Sabhya Re-Foresters Society and said that what once started like a small plant with 15 to 16 volunteers, now had turned into a big tree of 500 people who were dedicated to environment preservation.

CM created an atmosphere of terror in Dehra
for his wife's victory: Sanjay Sharma

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, JUNE 30

State BJP spokesperson Sanjay Sharma has alleged that Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu is creating an atmosphere of terror in Dehra assembly constituency to ensure his wife's victory. Government machinery is being misused in the elections. Police force has been deployed at all the entry points of Dehra assembly constituency. Vehicles of all the people coming and going are being checked, due to which people have to face problems. Sanjay Sharma said that even the vehicles of tourists are not being spared, due to which tourists are avoiding coming to Kangra district. Tourism businessmen have also suffered losses due



to this. He said that if the Chief Minister had developed this area during his tenure and understood the pain of the people in 15 months, then he would not have needed to adopt such tactics. The kind of atmosphere being created by the Congress party to win the elections is not a healthy tradition for democracy. Such actions are being written on the hearts of the voters here

and on July 10, the voters of Dehra assembly constituency will answer this. He said that the people of Dehra know who is an outsider and who is a son of the soil. If this were not so, Hoshiar Singh would not have become the MLA of Dehra twice as an independent candidate. BJP candidate Hoshiar Singh has erased the stigma on Dehra that 'Dehra koi nahi tera' and has proved himself among the people that he is a well-wisher of the Dehra region and can bring development, because the people here have seen the development done by him in the BJP government led by Jairam Thakur in 2017. Seeing that development, the people here have once again decided to make BJP candidate Hoshiar Singh win from here.

DINESH AGARWAL
NALAGARH, JUNE 30

On Sunday, the BJP Yuva Morcha organized a massive bike rally in support of BJP candidate KL Thakur, displaying their strength and enthusiasm. A large number of youths participated in the rally, waving BJP flags and urging the public to vote for KL Thakur. The rally began at a petrol pump in Bagwania, passing through Nalagarh market, Chowkiwala, Dhana, Dabhotta, Bhangla, Jhirriwala, and Panjhara, before concluding at the party office. Leader of the Opposition and former Chief Minister Jairam Thakur flagged off

Woman dies after allegedly consuming poisonous substance

JOGINDER DEV ARYA

BANGANA: In a tragic incident, a 28-year-old woman from the Bangana subdivision allegedly ended her life by consuming a poisonous substance. This unfortunate event has cast a pall of gloom over the village. Bangana police have taken the woman's body into custody for post-mortem examination. According to sources, Sonia, wife of Tilak Raj, got into an argument at her home on Saturday

morning. In a fit of anger, she allegedly ingested a poisonous substance. As her condition worsened, her family rushed her to the Community Health Center in Thanakalan. The doctors, seeing her deteriorating state, referred her to the Regional Hospital in Una after providing initial treatment. Despite the doctors' best efforts, they could not save her life. Sonia leaves behind a three-year-old daughter and her husband.

There will be equal development in
Dehra region: Kamlesh Thakur

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, JUNE 30

Congress candidate from Dehra assembly constituency Kamlesh Thakur said that the development of Dehra is my priority. I am talking to the Chief Minister daily about the problems of Dehra. The former independent MLA here has not paid any attention to development. People are telling a lot of problems in every area. Roads are broken, people are not getting water supply. There is a big problem of electricity due to low voltage. There are no bridges in many places. The people of Changar area have not seen any development till date. Being the caretaker of Dehra, I will do equal development in every area. I have not come here to do politics, I have to solve the problems of the people and bring about development.



During the election campaign, Kamlesh Thakur said that the exile of development in Dehra will end on July 13. The former MLA kept doing politics for his own selfish interests. Hoshiyar Singh has betrayed the people. The public is now asking him that he was elected for 5 years, why did he resign in just 14 months. The former independent MLA is unable to answer why he resigned. The people

of Dehra are aware and will vote for development. I request everyone to vote as much as possible so that my head can be held high in my in-laws' house and the entire state. Let the people of Dehra be my strength, I assure you that I will be your voice on every platform. The people of Dehra will never feel cheated, as they are feeling today. The face of Dehra will be changed in the next six months.

BJP Yuva Morcha's massive bike
rally showcases strength



the rally and participated on a motorcycle. Jairam Thakur noted the immense enthusiasm among the youth in the rally, appealing to the public to vote for BJP candidate KL Thakur. He asserted that the support and energy for BJP will overwhelm Congress,

ensuring KL Thakur's victory and another defeat for the Congress candidate. Prominent attendees included former Chief Minister and Leader of the Opposition Jairam Thakur, BJP Organization Minister Siddharthan, BJP candidate KL Thakur, Rajya Sabha MP

Dr. Sikandar Kumar, MLA Sukhran Chaudhary, former Health Minister Dr. Raviv Saizal, MLA Balbir Verma, former MLA Lakhwinder Rana, BJP Yuva Morcha President Tilak Raj, state spokesperson Chetan Baragta, state co-media in-charge Sudip Mahajan, among others. Before the bike rally, Jairam Thakur addressed a public meeting in Naalagadh's Raidu, reminiscing about his connections to the area and praising the local supporters. He highlighted that the ongoing elections are against the government's authoritarianism and the oppressive state administration.

Quantum jump in digital
transformation in HP

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JUNE 30

Department of Digital Technologies, Govt of Himachal Pradesh in coordination with various departments of the State Government has achieved a 100% saturation of 56 mandatory e-services in National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment (NeSDA). In an impact evaluation by the Indian School of Business, the state has made significant progress, reflecting a 40.89% improvement in just six months according to the NeSDA framework parameters. The top three departments that have performed well in the last few months are Jal Shakti Vibhag, the Education Department, and HPSEBL. This progress



will increase the state's ranking. Departments were requested to continue working on the remaining parameters to ensure full compliance with all NeSDA criteria. Department of Digital Technologies and Governance on 29th June 2024 organized a workshop in collaboration with the team at Indian School of Business (ISB) to provide training to representatives of the concerned departments on Him Data Portal and NESDA Framework. The ISB team shared the detailed report and

impact assessment of the progress made by the state in the National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment (NeSDA) framework. Speaking at the occasion, Dr. Aarushi Jain, Director Policy, Bharti Institute of Public Policy at ISB emphasized on commendable effort put by the departments of state government of Himachal Pradesh and steps taken by the suggestions provided by the first level of assessment done by the researchers at ISB.

Empowering women through Indira Gandhi
Pyari Behna Sukh-Samman Nidhi Yojana: CM

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JUNE 30

Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that in a landmark initiative, the State Government has announced the Indira Gandhi Pyari Behna Sukh-Samman Nidhi Yojana, providing Rs. 1,500 per month to women aged 18 and above with an aim to uplift the socio-economic condition of women of the State thereby offering them financial independence and respect. He said that under the scheme, the government has already disbursed Rs. 3.27 crore to 7,280 women in Haroli of district Una. Moreover, the scheme has already been rolled out for benefiting women across the state. In Himachal Pradesh 48,000 women have been receiving their first three-



month installment of Rs. 4,500 each. The government has allocated a budget of Rs. 23 crore for this initiative, ensuring that all eligible women receive the benefits they deserve. Similarly, the scheme would soon be started in all the other districts of the state in a phased manner. The Chief Minister said that this scheme reflects the state government's dedication to empowering women, ensuring they can manage their expenses independently and lead

their life with dignity. By fulfilling its election promises, the government is working tirelessly to boost rural economies and create a stronger support system for women, he remarked. Chief Minister said that the implementation of this scheme in Lahaul and Una districts has already shown positive results. The financial assistance provided under this scheme is a significant step towards gender equality and women's empowerment, enabling them to lead more self-reliant and dignified lives. He further stated that the Indira Gandhi Pyari Behna Sukh-Samman Nidhi Yojana stands as a testament to the government's efforts to ensure that every family benefits from this transformative initiative.

Highlights from PM Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat'
program at 6549 booths in HP

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JUNE 30

The 'Mann Ki Baat' program, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, was organized at 6549 booths across Himachal Pradesh, engaging 787,588 participants. Sanjeev Katwal, BJP Vice President and chief of the program, shared details about the event, emphasizing its significance in connecting the Prime Minister with the nation. Leader of the Opposition, Jairam Thakur, listened to the program in Nalagarh. BJP State President Dr. Rajeev Bindal attended in Dehra, and former Union Minister and MP Anurag Thakur participated in Hamirpur. The event saw active participation from key figures including




Organizational General Secretary Siddharthan, General Secretaries Bihari Lal Sharma, Trilok Kapoor, Dr. Sikander Kumar, along with other office bearers, legislators, and district unit members. "PM Modi highlighted several instances where India has made a significant impact internationally, which is a matter of pride for us. For example, in May this year,

Turkmenistan celebrated the 300th birth anniversary of their national poet. During this event, the President of Turkmenistan unveiled statues of 24 renowned poets, including one of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore. This honor extends not only to Gurudev but to India as a whole. In June, two Caribbean nations, Suriname and St. Vincent and the Grenadines, celebrated their

Indian heritage with great enthusiasm. Suriname observes Indian Arrival Day and Migration Day on June 5th every year, where Hindi and Bhojpuri are widely spoken. "As International Yoga Day progresses, we are setting new records. Many local Indian products are in high demand globally. Witnessing the global success of our local products fills us with pride. PM Modi asked what the most precious relationship in the world is, to which the unanimous answer is 'mother.' He said that in our lives, the status of 'mother' is the highest. In line with this sentiment, a special campaign called 'Ek Pedh Maa Ke Naam' (A Tree for Mother) was launched on World Environment Day.

Lecture organised by police admn on new criminal laws



JATINDER PAL SINGH KALER KATHGARH: In a significant move towards strengthening the understanding of new criminal laws, delivered an insightful lecture on three new criminal laws—BNS 2023, BNSS 2023, and BSA 2023—that are set to come into force from July 1, 2024. The training session was organized by the District Police Administration, Ropar, and took place at IIT Ropar. The program commenced with the arrival of SSP Rupnagar, who delivered the inauguration and welcome speech, setting the tone for the day.

First Training Session
The first training session focused on BNS 2023. Dr. Sohnu Assistant Professor, at Rayat College Of Law Raimajra near Ropar discussed the major changes introduced in BNS 2023, highlighting the new types of offenses that have been inserted. These changes are designed to address contemporary challenges and enhance the legal framework's responsiveness to evolving criminal activities. Second Training Session
In the second session, Dr. Sohnu placed special emphasis on the new changes relating to arrest and investigation in BNSS 2023. He elaborated on other relevant provisions, ensuring that the attendees had a comprehensive understanding of the updates and their practical implications.

Interactive Q & A Session
The sessions were followed by a dynamic Questions and Answers segment, providing the attendees an opportunity to engage directly with Dr. Sohnu and clarify their queries.


Disabled persons' welfare society celebrates birth anniversary of disabled Helen Keller



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR: The Disabled Persons Welfare Society organized a function on the occasion of the birthday of Helen Keller, the first woman in the world who graduated despite being unable to see and hear. Speaking on the occasion, Sandeep Sharma, president of the society, said that Helen Keller, despite being visually and hearing impaired, established herself in life and did a lot to establish the disabled in the society, which will be remembered for the rest of the world. General Secretary Jaswinder Singh Sahota said that Helen Keller achieved a lot and throughout her remarkable life, Keller stood as a powerful example. Helen Keller emerged as a messiah for Divyanga around the world. On this occasion, a check of ten thousand rupees was given for audiometry test of 31 deaf children of the district. On this occasion, Raj Kumar was unanimously appointed as the cashier of the society. On this occasion Sandeep Sharma, General Secretary Jaswinder Singh Sahota, Raj Kumar, Neelam, Sukhjinder Singh, Jaspal Singh, Harpal Singh, Makhan Singh, Jatinder Singh, Gaurav Jain, Sanjeev Arora, Amritpal Singh, Harpal Singh, Gurpreet Singh, Deepak, Kuljit Singh etc. were present.

Now drone will spray crops, fertilizers, starts KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL: Now crops, fertilizers and medicines are being sprayed by drones in Punjab. In Rampura Phul in Bathinda district of Punjab, IFFCO director Jagdeep Singh Nakai provided drones to 4 farmers and provided them with the facility of spraying IFFCO company's fertilizers, nano urea and nano DAP on crops and other products of IFFCO, done After 15 days of training at Gurgaon, 4 drones were given to 4 farmers with a security of 1 lakh rupees. By the way, the price of 1 drone is 15 to 16 lakh rupees for the farmers who took this training. They have started spraying fertilizers on standing crops in their fields through drones. Director of IFFCO Jagdeep Singh Nakai has handed over these drones to 4 farmers Angrej Singh resident of Koriana, Yadvinder Singh Khokhar village Sariewala (Bathinda), Jaspreet Singh Dhillon village Bahadurgarh Jandian (Bathinda), Sandeep Singh village Mjrewala (Bathinda), Jagdeep Singh Nakai said that IFFCO has brought a revolution in agriculture by bringing new technology of spraying crops and fertilizers through drones. By spraying fertilizers through drones, farmers will now use less water, less expense, less time and will also use less product. The said farmers thanked Jagdeep Singh Nakai and said that Jagdeep Singh Nakai has helped the farmers by giving them this agricultural drone of IFFCO.

Sahaja Yoga is Aaj Ka Mahayoga : Dr. Rathore



AJAY MALHOTRA FATEHGARH SAHIB: With the blessings of Mata Shri Nirmala Devi Ji, Sahaja Yoga Seva Kendra is organizing meditation in various Sahaja Yoga centers of the country. In this regard, Dr. Babu Lal Rathore of Ratlam said that meditation is being conducted in different cities of Punjab like Sirhind, Khanna, Panchkula, New Mumbai. He said that Sahajayog is such a simple solution by learning that we can free our body from many diseases. He also appealed to the youth to make Sahaja Yoga a part of their life; it will help in concentrating their mind. Dr. Rathore said that the retired GM and his wife Urmila Ben were also treated because they were ill for several months.

Chandigarh Sahitya Akademi honors literary excellence at annual award ceremony

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, JUNE 30

The Chandigarh Sahitya Akademi celebrated its Annual Award Ceremony with great enthusiasm and honor Punjab Kala Bhavan, Chandigarh. The prestigious event was graced by Sh. Banwarilal Purohit, Governor of Punjab and Administrator UT Chandigarh, as the Chief Guest who felicitated distinguished authors and poets in Hindi, English, Punjabi and Urdu languages alongwith by Sh. Rajeev Verma, Adviser to the Administrator, as the Guest of Honour. In his address, Sh. Purohit expressed his happiness and pride in being part of this annual celebration organized by the Chandigarh Sahitya Academy.

He extended his hearty congratulations and thanks to the creators, writers, and scholars who were honored at the event. He emphasized the significance of words and language, stating that they are among the most important inventions in human history. "If language is the carrier of traditions and culture, then literature is the carrier of the thought tradition of society," he remarked. He further high-



lighted the profound relationship between an awakened society and its extensive literature, stating, "No nation becomes rich only with wealth, but also with its thoughts and traditions. It also becomes rich with its literature and creation." Governor praised India's rich tradition of literature, referencing the Vedic literature, epics like the Mahabharata and Ramayana, Kalidasa's Shakuntalam and Meghdoot, Panchtantra, Jataka tales, and Chanakya's Arthashastra.

He noted that India has always been blessed with a strong literary tradition of writers, poets, intellectuals, and thinkers. Reflecting on the role of literature, Sh. Purohit mentioned, "Literature is the mirror of society, but it is also the lamp of society, showing it the path." He acknowledged the decisive role writers have played in building society, influencing both the Bhakti movement and India's freedom movement through their verses and writings. He reminded everyone of the power of the

pen, quoting, "The Pen is mightier than the Sword," and emphasized the duty of society to respect these literary warriors. He praised the Chandigarh Sahitya Academy for their dedication in enriching the literary environment of the city and for honoring writers who have devoted their lives to literature. Governor also touched upon the responsibility that comes with the freedom of expression, urging writers to use their freedom responsibly and to avoid hurting anyone's faith or sentiments.

Arora Family from Ludhiana immortalises Life and Legacy of Pooja Arora through noble act of organ donation

RAJIV JAIN
CHANDIGARH, JUNE 30

PGIMER witnessed another story of exemplary 'spirit of giving' as the brave heart Arora family from Ludhiana immortalised the life and legacy of their deceased dear one, Pooja Arora through the noble act of organ donation. Their benevolent gesture impacted four lives including two terminally ill renal failure patients with the 'gift of life' and two more corneal blind patients with the 'gift of sight' following the transplantation of both kidneys, pancreas and corneas here at PGIMER Chandigarh.

Prof. Vivek Lal, Director PGIMER, expressed heartfelt gratitude and admiration for the donor family, stating, "The decision of Pooja Arora's family to donate her organs during such a difficult time is



an unthinkable act of kindness, highlighting the impact and importance of organ donation. Her family's strength and altruism are deeply admirable and resonate with the core values we uphold at PGIMER."

Pooja Arora, a resident of Ludhiana, Punjab, a loving wife and mother, was admitted to PGIMER on June 18, 2024 in a critical condition on account of intraventricular giant tumour. Despite the re-

lentless efforts of the dedicated medical team, she could not be saved and was declared brain dead on June 26, 2024 by the brain stem death committee following the protocols of THOA.

In the meantime, transplant coordinators at the PGIMER apprised the deceased's relatives of prospects of utilizing her organs through donation for transplants to terminally ill organ failure patients.

Deputy Speaker Jai Krishan Singh Rauri distributes prizes



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, JUNE 30

Under the leadership of Chief Minister Punjab Bhagwant Singh Mann, Director General of Police, Punjab, Chandigarh Gaurav Yadav, Special Director General of Police, STF Punjab, Chandigarh Kuldeep Singh and DIG Jalandhar Range Harmanbir Singh Gill, with the aim of creating awareness against drug abuse in the state of Punjab and encouraging the children of jawans towards sports

Under the leadership of SSP Hoshiarpur Surender Lamba, District Police Hoshiarpur, finals of football, volleyball, basketball and kabaddi were organized at police station level from 24 to 26 June, at sub-division level from 26 to 27 June and at district level from 28 to 29 June. Police Line by June 2024. A total of 500 players from 42 teams took part in the final matches. In this 6-day tournament, 1000 players from 100 teams took part at police station, sub-division.

Election expenses reconciled in presence of EO and ADEO



SUMER GARG
SANGRUR, JUNE 30

Under the guidelines of the Election Commission of India, the election expenses of the candidates, who contested Lok Sabha Elections-2024, from Lok Sabha Constituency 12-Sangrur were reconciled. The Expenditure Observer (EO), Amit Sanjay Gurav in the presence of Additional District Electoral Officer, Akash Bansal held a final accounting meeting at the district administrative complex here today. During the meeting the election expenditure statements filed by the representatives of the contested candidates and the expenses lists of the deployed nodal officers were reconciled. On this occasion, DCFA-Cum- District expenditure monitoring officer, Ashwani Kumar said that the counting of votes cast under the Lok Sabha elections was held on June 4 and today, after the 26 days, as per the guidelines of the Election Commission, the election expenditure bills of the candidates, who had contested the elections, details recorded in vouchers and bank statements, account registers were tallied under the supervision expenditure observer.

Five shooters of Landa gang arrested in 15 day operation

PARAMJIT SINGH
JALANDHAR, JUNE 30

Jalandhar Police Commissioner led by Commissioner of Police Mr Swapan Sharma has arrested five shooters of dreaded Landa gang who were involved in arms and drug smuggling from across the border along with Reece and supari killings and multiple cases of extortion.

Divulging the details, the Commissioner of Police said that based on complaint of Jatinder Singh the Poicw had arrested Gurpreet Singh alias Gopy, Bhupinder Singh alias Bunt, and Jagroop Singh alias Joopa, a few days back. He said that based on further investigations the Police has arrested five more members of the Landa gang



identified as Jashanpreet Singh @ Kala s/o Balwinder Singh r/o Village Rooriwal PS Chohla Sahib Tarntaran, Gursharan Singh s/o late Balwinder Singh r/o Village Rooriwal PS Chohla Sahib Tarntaran, Harmanjit Singh @ Harman s/o Gurbaksh Singh r/o Village Tanda PS Goindwal Sahib Tarntaran, Gurbaj Singh s/o Jarnail Singh r/o Village Ganti Tarh District Tarntaran and Amritpal Singh s/o Kuldeep Singh r/o Harike

RBU gets 4th position in IIRF ranking in Punjab

LK BANSAL
MOHALI, JUNE 30

The Rayat Bahra University has got 84th rank in the country and fourth in the State in IIRF ranking announced today with a creditable score of plus 828 marks. Disclosing this here today, Gurvinder

Singh Bahra, Chancellor of the Rayat Bahra University, said the Indian Institutional Ranking Framework (IIRF) assesses business schools based on various parameters, each denoted by specific abbreviations.



The parameters include Placement Performance (PP), Teaching Learning Resource (RS), Industry Income & Integration (III), Placement Strategy & Support, Future Orientation, and External Perception & International Outlook (EPIO).

Illicit liquor suppliers will not be spared : Arora



SUMER GARG
SUNAM, JUNE 30

Punjab Cabinet Minister, Aman Arora has given financial assistance cheque on behalf of the Punjab government to the families of the 9 deceased, who lost their lives in Tibbi Ravidaspura about three-four months ago due to the consumption of illicit alcohol brought from outside states.

While expressing deep sympathy with the bereaved families at Tibbi Ravidaspura Gurdwara Sahib, Cabinet Minister Aman Arora said that those, who lost their precious lives in this extremely tragic incident that took place in the areas of Sunam and Dirba constituencies during the past months will never be compensated. But the Punjab

government in an effort to reduce the suffering of these affected families, financial assistance of five lakh rupees is being given to each family.

While handing over cheques of Rs 45 lakh as financial assistance to the 9 victim families of Tibbi Ravidaspura, Cabinet Minister Aman Arora said that the Punjab government led by Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Maan is the government of the people and this aid amount released by the Punjab government will support the household needs of these needy poor families.

He said that the Punjab government is committed to give stricter punishments to the merchants of death who sell poison under the guise of alcohol. On this occasion, while urging the people of

Sunam constituency Mr. Arora said that they should extend their support to the Punjab government to eradicate drug traffickers from the society, so that such tragic incidents do not happen again in the state and with the cooperation of all the citizens.

This big social evil should be eradicated completely. He also firmly said that the Punjab government has adopted a zero tolerance policy against the anti-social elements involved in the black business of drugs and no one will be spared for offering drugs to the innocent people. Besides others, Chairman of Market Committee, Mukesh Juneja; President Municipal Council, Nishan Singh Tony and Block Pradhan, Sahib Singh were also present on the occasion.

UT Chandigarh awarded for being one of 30 best performing districts



CHANDIGARH: Nityanand Rai, Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. Of India awarded UT Chandigarh for being one of the 30 best performing districts for successful implementation of Joint Action Plan on 'Prevention of drugs and substance abuse among children and illicit trafficking' during a felicitation ceremony being organised by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) on the occasion of national-level 'review-cum-consultation meet' on the joint action plan held on 30. 06.2024 in New Delhi. The award was received by Shri Vinay Pratap Singh, District Commissioner, UT Chandigarh along with Smt. Shipra Bansal, Chairperson Chandigarh Commission for Protection of Child Rights, U.T. Chandigarh. Dedicated efforts under Joint Action Plan have been made by the concerned stakeholders i.e District Child Protection Unit, Departments of Health, Education, Social Welfare, Narcotics Bureau and Police to wean children away from drug abuse; stop the sale of drugs in areas surrounding educational and children care institutions.

Election of new President of Lions Club Kharar

SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, JUNE 30

The election for the new president of Lions Club Kharar for the year 2024-25 was held today at the Lions office. In a meeting chaired by Lion Narinderpal Singh, Lion Naveen Kumar Gupta was elected as the president for the upcoming year. Alongside him, Lion C.A. Rajesh Gupta was appointed as the secretary and Lion Rajeev Garg as the treasurer.

Former District Governor Lion Preet Kanwal Singh

informed that the term for the new team will begin on July 1st. During the meeting, the current team stepped down and the new team assumed their positions. Discussions were held about the club's ongoing charitable laboratory and the opening of a charitable dental clinic in collaboration with Rayat Bahra Dental College and Hospital.

Other members present at the meeting included Lion Anil Gupta, Lion Devinder Gupta, Lion Sagar Vashisth, Lion Balwinder Singh, and Lion Prabhjot Singh Poonia.

24 hours water flow by group Kawad Sangh on Wednesday

RAMPURA PHUL (KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA): On the auspicious occasion of Teras on Wednesday, July 3, a 24-hour holy water program has been organized at the local fair Ram Dharamshala by the group Kavar Sangh. Giving this information, Jaldhara Director D.K. Jain, Arun Goyal, Vinod Sharma.

Banks of canal broken due to heavy rain



KULJIT SINGH
JANDIALA GURU, JUNE 30

The banks of the canal passing through Jandiala Guru's Ward No. 10 Khuh Guru Arjan Dev Verowal Road broke today due to heavy rains. Mohalla residents Kanwaljit Kaur, Baljit Kaur said that the reason for the breaking of these banks is the digging of 3 to 4 feet deep pits on the banks of the canal. Which has not been completed yet. Due to which the banks of the canal broke due to rainwa-

ter filling in these pits. Due to their breaking, the foundations of many houses on the banks of the canal have also been damaged. Not only this, cases of soil sliding from the roots of trees on the banks of the canal have also come to light, which has damaged big trees. Mohalla residents say that the PWD department and the canal department should complete the incomplete work as soon as possible, otherwise people may have to face more losses during the rainy season.

Procession of 56 devotees leave for Haridwar from Khatu Shyam Temple

RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA, JUNE 30

The first bus journey from Khatu Shyam Mandir, New Bus Stand, Nabha left for Haridwar under the leadership of Principal Sham Lal Singla and Principal Pradeep Jindal, flag ceremony on the departure of the bus by Blood Donor Stent Awardee Harsh Blood President of Donor Society Bhuvesh Bansal Bhashi, Vipam Kumar sound people performed jointly, coconut breaking ceremony was performed jointly by Gaurav Gupta Tony, social worker Madhav Sharma, Swamiji came to bless the whole community on special occasion, President Speaking, Bhashi said that these people of Nabha are always ahead in religious activities, from Nabha they always travel to Vrindavan and Khatu



Shamji, Haridwar Dham and it is my wish that the journey is completed with peace and happiness.

Meanwhile, Sangat has reached Nabha on a special route from other parts of Sahra besides Nabha, Dr. Anil Gupta, Naresh Kumar Nesha, Sanjeev Garg thanked Pradhan Bhashi and his entire team for coming on the occasion of leaving the bus and also thanked their tem-

ple committee. It is worth noting that the idol of Khatu Shyamji is installed in Nabha first in this temple and Pir's day is installed, the temple and Pir Dargah are built together, every day many devotees keep making their presence to serve in this temple. On that occasion Dr. Anil Gupta, Pradeep Jindal, Naresh Kumar Nesha, Chirag Pahuja, Bittu, Dharam Singh Dharoki were also present.

LBS by police admin
Badminton tournament
organized at college

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: Badminton tournament was organized at LBS College Barnala with the support of police administration and civil administration to keep the youth away from drugs. Giving information DSP (City) Satveer Singh said that there is a need to protect the youth of Punjab from drugs. SSP Due to the initiative of Sandeep Kumar Malik, many such programs have been conducted earlier. A large scale badminton tournament was organized at Sri Lal Bahadur Shastri Arya Mahila College Barnala. In which a large number of young boys and girls participated. SSP as the chief guest in this tournament. Barnala Sandeep Kumar Malik arrived specially. Who encouraged the young players. At the end of the tournament, the players are given fruits, t-shirts, trophies as honor by SSP. Given by Sandeep Kumar Malik. On this occasion, SHO of Police Station City-1, Baljit Singh Dhillon, Sadar Police Station SHO Lakhveer Singh, Bus Stand Chowki in-charge Charanjit Singh, ASI Jagrup Singh, former Municipal Council President Sanjeev Shourie were also present.

Minor girl abducted
under mysterious
circumstances, FIR filed

SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON: A shocking incident has been reported Police chownki Kaunka Kalan of Police station Jagraon Sadar where an unidentified person alleged abducted a minor girl. Giving detailed information about the matter, SI Surjit Singh said that police has received a complaint from missing girl's father in which he mentioned that his daughter, aged 15 years studies in class 11h at a private school in Jagraon. "According to the complainant, the victim girl used to go for tuitions in the village itself and on 26th June, she left the house saying that she was going to study but did not come back. The family members got worried, started searching for the girl, and found out that she did not went to her tuition class either," he added. Singh mentioned that the complainant suspects that his daughter has been abducted with a malicious intent and is being held in a culpable manner. Police has filed FIR against an unidentified person in this case and initiated further investigation.

Three students of
Partap World School
selected for J&K
Cricket Association's
Under-19 state camp



BUREAU
PATHANKOT: Three talented students from Partap World School Pathankot's Cricket Academy have been selected for the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) Under-19 Boys State Camp. This outstanding achievement reflects the school's unwavering commitment to nurture cricketing talent and achieve excellence in the game represents. Partap World School's Cricket Academy is known for its state-of-the-art facilities, which provide a suitable environment for the all-round development of young players.

Take advantage of Animal Husbandry
Farmer Credit Card Scheme: DC

RANVIRPARASHAR
KAITHAL, JUNE 30

DC Prashant Panwar said that under the Pashudhan Kisan Credit Card Scheme, the government provided loans up to Rs 3 lakh to farmers for the maintenance of cows, buffaloes, sheep, goats, pigs, poultry so that the economic condition of livestock farmers can improve. This scheme is being implemented with the aim of increasing the income of small farmers from animal husbandry and other sources. He called upon the farmers to take maximum advantage of the Pashudhan Kisan Credit Card Scheme. The DC said that under Pashudhan Kisan Credit Card Scheme, farmers can get loan through Pashudhan Kisan Credit Card for the expenses incurred for the care of their animals. Any animal keeper can get Pashudhan Kisan Credit Card up to the limit of Rs. 1.60 lakh without pledging any land and without any guarantee as collateral security. If any animal keeper wanted to get Pashudhan Kisan Credit Card for a limit higher than this amount, then it would be mandatory for him to provide his land or any guarantee.

DC Prashant Panwar said that the bank would provide loan to the Pashudhan Kisan

Gen Manoj Pande relinquishes
appointment of Chief of Army Staff

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, JUNE 30

General Manoj Pande, superannuated today after more than four decades of distinguished service, relinquished the appointment of the Chief of the Army Staff (COAS). His tenure will be remembered for high state of combat readiness, impetus to the process of transformation, besides his strong push towards Atmanirbharta initiatives, the Ministry of Defence said in a release on Sunday.

The release added that General Manoj Pande, as COAS, accorded the highest priority to operational preparedness along the northern and western borders. He frequently visited forward areas in Jammu & Kashmir, Eastern Ladakh, and the North East, taking first-hand account of



the operational preparedness and morale of all ranks.

General Manoj Pande initiated a holistic transformation of the Indian Army, with a focus on technological absorption under five distinct pillars. Quantifiable progress was made under these technological initiatives, which will continue to steer the Indian Army towards transforming into a modern, agile, adaptive, and technology-enabled, future-ready force, it added.

His emphasis on adaptation of indigenous weapons and equipment under the 'Atmanirbhara' initiative paved the way for the long-term sustenance of the Indian Army. He provided impetus to human resource development initiatives that had a positive impact on the lives of serving personnel, their families and the veteran fraternity, the release said.

As COAS, he encouraged bilateral and multilateral exercises,

Gurumat Samagam at Gurdwara Damdama Sahib Mirpur Colony

BUREAU
PATHANKOT: The Sarbat Khalsa organization organized a Gurmat samagam at Gurdwara Damdama Sahib Mirpur Colony Pathankot with the support of Jathedar Gurdeep Singh Gulati and the Sangat. During the Samagam, Panth famous narrator and



preacher Bhai Dr. Amrik Singh Latifpur explained the Gurbani. Later, Bhai Gurbachan Singh, Bhai Simranjit Singh's ragi jatha enthralled the congregation by performing Kirtan. On this occasion, Jathedar Gurdeep Singh Gulati, Paramjit Singh Assistant Speaker, Surinder

Singh President, Manager Sohan Singh, Jathedar Gurjit Singh, Jathedar Kulwant Singh, Jathedarni Ranjit Kaur, Advocate Jagdish Singh, Gursharan Singh, Ashprit Kaur, Roop Lal, Balwant Singh, Surjit Kaur Bedi, Paramjit Kaur, Surinder Kaur, Jaswant Kaur.

Haryana Govt working with
vision of 'Sabka Saath-Sabka
Vikas': MLA Leela Ram

RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL, JUNE 30

MLA Leela Ram emphasized that the Haryana government is implementing numerous schemes to benefit even the last person in line, working with the vision of 'Sabka Saath-Sabka Vikas.' He stated that in the past ten years, the BJP government has accomplished more than what the Congress did in the previous sixty years.

On Sunday, MLA Leela Ram attended a district-level program as the chief guest at the Government Girls Senior Secondary School at Jakhauli Adda. The event was organized to distribute social security pensions and benefits under the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Housing Renovation Scheme to new beneficiaries. He initiated the program by lighting a lamp. The state-level event was organized in Panipat, where Chief



Minister Nayab Singh Saini addressed the public and honored eligible beneficiaries with certificates.

MLA Leela Ram mentioned that before 2014, people had to visit offices repeatedly to avail benefits of the schemes, but since the BJP government came into power, eligible individuals are receiving benefits at their doorsteps. He highlighted that pensions for the elderly, widows, widowers, and

differently-abled persons are being automatically processed, with funds directly transferred into their accounts.

He proudly stated that Haryana is the state providing the highest monthly social security pension of Rs 3,000. In June, 2263 people in the district were granted various social security pensions, which will be credited to their bank accounts in the first week of July.

Bharat Vikas Parishad holds free
homeopathic camp under Shiv Pakhwada

SUBHASH SISODIA
GHARAUNDA, JUNE 30

On Sunday, Bharat Vikas Parishad branch Gharaunda organized a free homeopathic camp at Radha Krishna Mandir Ramnagar Gharaunda under the Seva Pakhwada running from June 27 to July 10 on the occasion of the birth anniversary of founder Dr. Suraj Prakash. In this camp, a team of 10 doctors of Homeopathic Organization Karnal conducted free health checkup and also distributed free medicines. Around 160 men, women and children got their checkup done in this camp. They also received free medicines. In this camp, the main support was of the head of Multani Sabha, Mr. Anil Java and his team.

The President Varun



Gupta thanked all the guests and doctors those came to this camp. He also honored them and the head of Multani Sabha by giving them a memento and thanked all the guests who came and the people came also praised this noble work of Bharat Vikas Parishad.

On this occasion former

president Rajesh Garg, former president Chand Pehal, former president Vikas Singla, Dr. Jitendra Pal, Kapil Dhiman, Harish Garg, Naveen Singla, Sunil Dhiman, treasurer Ramkumar, women coordinator Savitri Rana, Indira Garg and other members were present.

Chandigarh honored for Anti-Drug
Efforts at National ceremony



BUREAU
CHANDIGARH: Nityanand Rai, Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. Of India awarded UT Chandigarh for being one of the 30 best performing districts for successful implementation of Joint Action Plan on 'Prevention of drugs and substance abuse among children and illicit trafficking during a felicitation ceremony being organised by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) on the occasion of national-level 'review-cum-consultation meet' on the the joint action plan held on 30. 06.2024 in New Delhi. The award was received by Shri Vinay Pratap District Magistrate UT Chandigarh along with Smt. Shipra Bansal Chairperson Chandigarh Commission for Protection of Child Rights.U.T. Chandigarh Dedicated efforts under Joint Action Plan has been made by the concerned stakeholders ie District Child Protection Unit, Department of Health, Education, Social Welfare, Narcotics Bureau, Police etc to wean children away from drug abuse; stop the sale of drugs in areas surrounding educational and children care institutions; and prevent the reach of pharmaceutical drugs and other goods used as intoxicants by the children.

Sign boards in the city in bad
shape: Officials silent



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: Barnala residents have accused the administration of misusing people's money. City residents Apurv Satyawadi, Bhushan Singla, Pala Ram, Kuldeep Singh and Mahesh Kumar said that the sign boards installed in the city are almost broken. Due to which the passersby are facing problems. Along with this, there is a huge loss of government money. Sign boards installed at the turns of wards and streets have also disappeared under the trees. They said that on one hand Chief Minister Bhagwat Mann is seen ordering the officials that people's money should not be misused, but on the other hand Barnala Municipal Council officials are flouting these orders. Four to five years ago, about 15 to 20 lakh rupees were spent on these sign boards, but in just 5 years the sign boards have broken. In this regard, Nagar Council EO Vishwadeep said that the matter is not in his notice, soon the matter will be taken into consideration and duties of the concerned officers will be assigned.

Plant trees under 'Ek Ped Maa
Ke Naam Abhiyan': Rana

DR ASHOK KUMAR
KARNAL, JUNE 30

BJP District President Yogendra Rana planted trees at booth number 82 of Urban Mandal today under Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam Abhiyan and on this occasion listened to Modi Ji's favourite programme Mann Ki Baat sitting with the workers. On this occasion, District President Yogendra Rana told that Prime Minister Narendra Modi started the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign on World Environment Day and appealed to all the people in India and around the world to plant a tree as a tribute to their mother in the coming days. Following the same, Today he started this campaign by planting trees at booth number 82 of Urban Mandal. He addressed the



workers on this occasion and said that all of you workers should plant 10 trees at each booth in the name of each mother and inspire all other people for this. He said that this campaign is very important as the Prime Minister planted a tree in accordance with our commitment to protect nature and adopt a sustainable lifestyle.He said that just as a mother nurtures her child, we also have to take care of that tree, only then it will flourish and we

will give oxygen. On this occasion, while giving information about Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Mann Ki Baat programme, he said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi talks to the country, he conveys his Mann Ki Baat to the hearts of the people. But the people of the country can also convey their message to the Prime Minister. Apart from Facebook and Twitter, you have many other ways to convey your message to PM Modi.

BJP workers listen PM
Modi's "Mann Ki Baat"



SURINDER DAMDAMI
KOTKAPURA: BJP office-bearers and workers on Sunday listened to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat' program at the local Agarwal Bhawan and took a pledge to plant and take care of as many saplings as he called. On this occasion, BJP's senior leader Jaipal Garg said that after taking charge of the post of Prime Minister for the third consecutive time, during the "Mann Ki Baat" program, the great leader of the nation Narendra Modi discussed many issues and he especially appealed to the citizens of the country to plant trees in their surrounding areas and take care of them. He motivated the group of workers to plant saplings as per the Prime Minister's invitation. Former BJP district president Shyam Lal Mengi, Nareshpal Kansal, Bhushan Mittal, Kamal Garg, Ajit Prakash Sharma, Dr. Satish Sharma, etc. were also present on this occasion.

Poor families will be given the benefit of PM Surya
Ghar Free Electricity Scheme on subsidy: DC

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DC Prashant Panwar said that Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Free Electricity Scheme has been started in the state. Under this, a subsidy of up to Rs 1.10 lakh will be given by the Central and State Government to provide solar energy to one lakh poor families of Haryana.

Apart from reducing the electricity bills of people's homes, the aim of the scheme is also to promote green energy so that in future the dependence on electricity generated through other sources can be reduced.

The environment will



benefit from this scheme.

Giving more information, DC Prashant Panwar said that families whose annual income is up to Rs 1 lakh 80 thousand will be given a subsidy of Rs 60

thousand by the central government and an additional subsidy of up to Rs 50 thousand by the state government for installing solar panels up to 2 kilowatts. Will be given by the government.

He said that the production capacity of solar panels to be installed under the scheme is up to 300 units monthly. DC said that similarly, families whose annual income is between Rs 1.80 lakh to Rs 3 lakh, are given a subsidy of Rs 60 thousand by the Central Government and an additional subsidy of up to Rs 20 thousand by the State Government for installing solar panels up to 2 kilowatts.

Health check-up camp held in Retis
Colony: 120 patients examined

NEW DELHI: A health checkup camp was organized today in Retis Colony, North Campus, under the joint aegis of Shri Ram Seva Sansthan, Om Help Foundation, and Har Har Gange Foundation. The camp was presided over by Dr. Kavita Tyagi, a senior cardiologist from Sir Ganga Ram Hospital. The event was inaugurated by Subzi Mandi Police Station In-Charge Ram Manohar Mishra, who cut the ribbon to commence the camp.Dr. Kavita Tyagi, Dr. Sunil Srivastava, dental specialist Dr. Rajat Tyagi, and Deepti Joshi, Director of Global Healthcare, along with their team, examined around 120 patients at the camp. Free tests, including ECG, blood tests, BP, and sugar tests, were conducted for needy patients, and free medicines were distributed.During the camp, Dr. Kavita Tyagi provided detailed information on CPR techniques for emergency situations such as heart attacks. She demonstrated how and when to perform CPR. Dr. Tyagi highlighted that heart attack cases are rising rapidly, affecting even young people.



She attributed this to poor diet, stress, substance abuse, and lack of physical activity. She emphasized the importance of regular checkups for sugar and blood pressure levels and urged the youth to stay away from drugs. In addition to the medical checkup, Station In-Charge Ram Manohar Mishra honored the participating doctors, camp organizer Nand Kishore Gupta, and the volunteers of Shri Ram Seva Sansthan with scarves for their contribution to the event.

Editorial
Unusual lessons

The poor should know about the economics of poverty. This is what the economist, Esther Duflo, believes, but she did not stop there. She also wrote for children. Her Poor Economics for Kids is about poverty and its economy; its readers are children and young people. In a recent interview, Ms Duflo said that everyone should know about poverty, so the writing should be such as to allow readers outside her field to follow the discussion. Children absorb the subject best because they are open-minded, eager to learn new things and quick on the uptake. The economist's unusual idea was prompted by the fact that there are few discussions about poverty for younger children.

The author accords children a respect rare in Indian society. Going by her perception, the value of the book does not lie in what it 'says' alone. The 'story' of poverty must reach youngsters so that they can think about it and, more important, search for possible solutions. They need the intellectual stimulus to seek ways out of it: so far, being poor has often come across as an unfortunate or unpleasant condition. This is a different approach: Poor Economics for Kids assumes children's agency, spurring them on to exercise their imagination to defeat a major form of worldwide suffering. All of them, rich and poor, can read the book. That makes its purpose both unflinching and humane: laying bare the scaffolding of inequalities that are experienced but never explained while creating awareness, sensitiveness, compassion and positive thinking. It is being published in different languages with slight modifications. The English book is for teenagers, with a discussion at the end of each chapter meant for them, while the French one is for little children, the concluding remarks meant for their adult guardians. It communicates through stories, for that became the best means of illuminating experience since ancient people sat around their fires and literature was born. The Bengali book has just stories, without concluding remarks. "The poor" in the tales are not a homogenous mass as in most economics books, but are different persons — shy or voluble, angry or funny, brave or timid. But they are all poor, and they all share the imagination to find ways out of poverty.

Such a book could be a unique step towards learning, thinking and action. But for it to be effective in India, children from underprivileged backgrounds must have access to it in the first place. Their imagination alone will not suffice in a country where the sharp inequalities in standards of schooling and learning make a level field elusive, even intellectually. Some enabling changes must come from governments; youthful innovations and ambitions need space.

and security to grow. Unemployment, job losses, migrations in search of jobs all make up the enormous odds against which youngsters must fight. But positivity through reading can always be a powerful tool in this struggle.

Iran set for presidential run-off on July 5

Iran's snap presidential election is set for a runoff next week after reformist-backed Masoud Pezeshkian and hardliner Saeed Jalili emerged victorious but failed to clinch a majority in a poll with a record-low turnout, according to Al Jazeera.

According to the Ministry of Interior, just 40 per cent of more than 61 million eligible Iranians voted, setting a new low in presidential elections since the country's 1979 revolution.

The final data from election headquarters at the ministry revealed that Pezeshkian won more than 10.41 million votes from a total of more than 24.5 million ballots tabulated, trailing former nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili by 9.47 million votes. Only the second time since the 1979 revolution has a presidential election been held, reported Al Jazeera.

Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, the Conservative Speaker of the Parliament secured 3.38 million votes, and conservative Islamic leader Mostafa Pourmohammadi, got 206,397 votes and was therefore knocked out of the race. Two other candidates, Tehran Mayor Alireza Zakani and government official Amir-Hossein Ghazizadeh Hashemi, dropped out.

Meanwhile, Ghalibaf, Zakani, and Ghazizadeh called on their supporters



to vote for Jalili in the run-off next Friday to ensure victory for the "revolution front".

The snap election on Friday occurred inside the 50-day legally mandated deadline for selecting a new president after Ebrahim Raisi and seven others, including Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian, were killed in a helicopter accident on May 19.

The vote on Friday witnessed a low turnout, as has been the case in all key elections over the last four years, but the final figure was far lower than the 45-53 percent predicted by surveys. Raisi was elected with the lowest presi-

dential turnout in Iran's more than four-decade history, at 48.8 per cent, reported Al Jazeera.

The parliamentary election in March and May had the lowest turnout of any major poll since Iran's 1979 revolution, at slightly less than 41 per cent.

Jalili, a senior member of the Supreme National Security Council, has pledged to reduce inflation to single digits and improve economic growth to an impressive 8 per cent, while also combating corruption and incompetence. He recommends taking a stronger stance against the West and its supporters.

Pezeshkian was the only moderate among six persons authorized to run by the Guardian Council, the constitutional authority that examines all candidates. His supporters have portrayed him not as a miracle worker, but as a potential president who might make things somewhat better while maintaining that a victory for Jalili would signify a big setback.

However, it is important to note that Jalili's name is associated with years-long nuclear discussions in the late 2000s and early 2010s, which finally led to Iran's isolation on the global stage.

Literature & Health

Researchers find how precision radiation treatment supports in lung cancer

For patients with locally advanced, unresectable non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), standard use of the more accurate intensity-modulated radiation therapy (IMRT) is recommended over the alternative 3D-conformal radiation therapy (3D-CRT).

This conclusion is based on the findings of a recent study conducted by researchers at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Centre.

The research, which was just published in JAMA Oncology, showed that IMRT had comparable survival rates while having fewer adverse effects.

A prospective secondary analysis of long-term outcomes from 483 patients on the Phase III NRG Oncology-RTOG 0617 randomized trial demonstrated those treated with 3D-CRT were significantly more likely to experience severe pneumonitis - inflammation of the lungs - than patients treated with IMRT, with rates of 8.2 per cent and 3.5 per cent, respectively. According to lead author Stephen Chun, M.D., associate professor of Radiation Oncology, this study should



bring finality to what has been a longstanding debate over optimal radiation technique for locally advanced NSCLC. "3D-CRT is a rudimentary technique that's been around for over 50 years. Our findings show it's time to routinely adopt IMRT over 3D-CRT for lung cancer, just like we did for prostate, anal and brain tumors decades ago," Chun said. "The improved precision of IMRT translates into real benefits for patients with locally advanced lung cancer." 3D-CRT aims and shapes radiation in straight lines directed at tumors, but it lacks the ability to curve and bend to complex shapes, resulting in unnecessary radiation exposure of nearby organs.

Nepal marks Ropain Diwas, celebrating rice and rituals by planting paddy saplings

Nepal marked Ropain Diwas or "Ashar Pandhra (15)" all across the nation on Saturday, planting paddy saplings on the terraced farms, celebrating the rice and rituals which have been followed for ages.

Soaking in mud and water, farmers continuously worked on the field levelling the mud to ensure an even level and continuous flow of water, creating a favourable topography for the paddy saplings to grow.

The plantation of paddy saplings in the field known as "Ropain" brings on high significance for farmers in Nepal which is primarily dominant during monsoon season, starting from June and will last for four months.

"Celebration of Ashar 15 has been followed for ages, passed from one generation to the other. It has been celebrated as a day of jubilation since childhood and we plant the paddy saplings on our field. This year we ran late in transplanting the saplings in lack of enough water and sparse rainfall," Meera Magar, one of the farmers in Lalitpur told



ANI. While planting the saplings, farmers run behind each other smearing mud on faces and splashing muddy water as a means of fun.

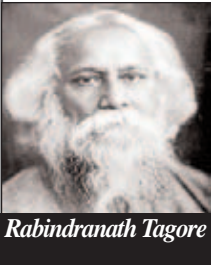
These sorts of activities are seen high in the Himalayan Nation on 15 of Ashar which has been marked as National Paddy Day since 2005 which earlier has been marked as day to indicate start of cultivation season with the start of monsoon.

As farmers gather, a feast is thrown which includes beaten rice, curd, pickle and homemade brew.

POEM

Brink Of Eternity

In desperate hope I go and search for her in all the corners of my room; I find her not. My house is small and what once has gone from it can never be regained. But infinite



Rabindranath Tagore

is thy mansion, my lord, and seeking her I have to come to thy door. I stand under the golden canopy of thine evening sky and I lift my eager eyes to thy face. I have come to the brink of eternity from which nothing can vanish ---no hope, no happiness, no vision of a face seen through tears.

Rabindranath Tagore

Venkaiah Garu- life in service of Bharat

Today, India's former Vice President and respected statesman Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu Garu turns 75. I wish him a long and healthy life and also extend my greetings to all his well-wishers and supporters. This is an occasion to celebrate a leader whose life journey showcases dedication, adaptability and an unwavering commitment to public service. From his early days in the political arena to his tenure as Vice President, Venkaiah Garu's career exemplifies his unique ability to navigate the complexities of Indian politics with ease and humility. His eloquence, wit and steadfast focus on developmental issues have earned him respect across party lines.

Venkaiah Garu and I have been associated with each other for decades. We have worked together and I have also learnt a lot from him. If there is one thing that has remained common in his life, it is the love for people. His brush with activism and politics began in Andhra Pradesh with student politics as a student leader. Considering his talent, oratory and organisational skills, he would have been welcomed in any political party but he preferred to work with the Sangh Parivar because he was inspired by the vision of Nation First. He was associated with the RSS, ABVP and

then strengthened the Jana Sangh and the BJP.

When the Emergency was imposed almost 50 years ago, young Venkaiah Garu immersed himself in the anti-Emergency movement. He was imprisoned and that too for inviting Loknayak JP to Andhra Pradesh. This commitment to democracy would be seen time and again in his political career. In the mid-1980s, when the great NTR's Government was unceremoniously dismissed by the Congress, he was again at the forefront of the movement to protect democratic principles.

Venkaiah Garu has always been comfortable swimming even against the most formidable tides. In 1978, Andhra Pradesh voted for the Congress but he beat the trend and was elected as a young MLA. Five years later, when the NTR Tsunami swept the state, he got elected as a BJP MLA, thus paving the way for the BJP's growth across the state.

All those who have heard Venkaiah Garu speak will vouch for his oratory skills. He is certainly a wordsmith but he is as much a worksmith. Since his days as a young MLA, he began to be respected for the rigour he put in to legislative affairs and speaking for people of his constituency. No less than a stalwart like

NTR noted his talent and even wanted him to join his Party but Venkaiah Garu refused to deviate from his core ideology. He went on to play a big role in strengthening the BJP in Andhra Pradesh, going across the villages and connecting with people from all walks of life. He led the Party on the floor of the Assembly and even became the AP BJP President.

It was in the 1990s that the BJP central leadership took note of Venkaiah Garu's efforts and thus in 1993 began his stint in national politics when he was appointed the Party's All India General Secretary. It was truly a remarkable moment for a man, who as a teenager would go around announcing the visits of Atal Ji and Advani Ji, to be working directly with them. As the General Secretary, he was focused on how to bring our Party to power and ensure that the nation get their first ever BJP Prime Minister. After the move to Delhi, there was no looking back and he rose to become the National President of the Party.

In 2000, when Atal Ji was keen to induct Venkaiah Garu in the government as a Minister, Venkaiah Garu instantly conveyed his preference for the Rural Development Ministry. This left everyone including Atal Ji puzzled. After all, here was a leader who was being asked which

portfolio he wants and his first choice was Rural Development. But, Venkaiah Garu was clear- he was a Kisan Putra, he had spent his early days in the villages and thus, if there was one area he wished to work, it was rural development. As Minister, he was closely associated with the conception and rolling out of the 'Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana.' Years later, when the NDA Government of 2014 assumed office, he handled the crucial portfolios of Urban Development, Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation. It was during his tenure that we launched the important Swachh Bharat Mission and important urban development related schemes. Perhaps, he is one of the only leaders to have worked for both rural and urban development for such an extensive period.

When I came to Delhi in 2014, I was an outsider to the national capital, having worked in Gujarat for the previous decade and a half. In such times, Venkaiah Garu's insights were very handy. He was an effective Parliamentary Affairs Minister - he knew the essence of bipartisanship but at the same time he drew a line when it came to Parliamentary norms and rules.

In 2017, our Alliance nominated him as our Vice-Presidential candidate. We

faced a dilemma - we thought about how the big shoes of Venkaiah Garu would be impossible to fill, but at the same time, we also knew there was no better candidate for the Vice Presidency than him. I can never forget one of the speeches he gave when he resigned as Minister and MP. He could not control his tears when he recalled his association with the Party and efforts to build it.

It gave a glimpse of his deep-rooted commitment and passion. Upon becoming the Vice President, he undertook various steps that also enhanced the dignity of the office. He was an outstanding Chairperson of the Rajya Sabha, ensuring that young MPs, women MPs and first time MPs get the opportunity to speak. He put great emphasis on attendance, making the Committees more effective and also raising the level of debate in the House.

When the decision to remove Articles 370 and 35(A) were placed on the floor of the Rajya Sabha, it was Venkaiah Garu who was on the Chair. I am sure it was such an emotional moment for him- the young boy who was drawn to Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee's dream of a united India was on the Chair when this was finally achieved. Apart from work and politics, Venkaiah Garu is a voracious reader

and writer too. For the people in Delhi, he is known as the person who brought the glorious Telugu culture to the city. His Ugadi and Sankranti programmes are clearly among the most cherished gatherings in town. I have always known Venkaiah Garu as someone who loves food and also hosting people. But, off late, his self-control has also been visible to everyone. His commitment to fitness is seen in how he still plays badminton and enjoys his brisk walk.

Even after the Vice Presidency, Venkaiah Garu has led an active public life. On the issues that he is passionate about or on various developments that take place across the nation, he calls me and asks me about it. I met him most recently when our government returned to office for the third term. He was delighted and conveyed his best wishes to me and our team. I wish him once again on this milestone.

I hope young Karyakartas, elected representatives and all those who have a passion to serve learn from his life and imbibe those values. It is people like him who make our nation better and more vibrant.

Article written by Prime Minister
Sh Narendra Modi

Mangalam Global Enterprises Ltd. To Acquire Edible Oil Refinery & Packaging Unit

CHANDIGARH: Mangalam Global Enterprise Limited., a leading processor of castor oil, mustard oil, soyabean oil and their derivatives, Co. has entered in to an Agreement on June 18, 2024 to Purchase Plant & Machinery and Buildings from Shree Gurukrupa Oil and Foods and lands admeasuring 19833 square yards at Jotana, Mehasana, Gujarat. Purchase of the said Assets viz. land, plant & machinery and building with following installed capacity at cost of Rs. 10.87 Crores - Edible Oil Refinery & Packing Unit with capacity of approx. 200 metric tons per day, and Oil Seed crushing plant with a capacity of 20 metric tons per day. Mehsana Plant acquisition is earnings accretive as same will drive volumes and help improve margins.

Standard Capital, Markets Ltd. Board to Consider Fund Raise

CHANDIGARH: Standard Capital Markets Ltd., a leading player in the financial services sector, has announced that its board will meet on July 02, 2024 to consider and approve the proposal of fund raising. Recently the company announced that it has incorporated a subsidiary under the name of "Standard Insurance Broking Ltd." to act as a Direct broker under the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Insurance Brokers) Regulations, 2018. NOC of Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India already taken and now company will also apply for taking Insurance Broking License of Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI). Earlier, the company announced that its has partnered with a leading fintech company to provide educational loans to individuals seeking higher education. This collaboration aims to make education more accessible and affordable for students, empowering them to pursue their academic goals. Through this strategic partnership, Standard Capital Markets Limited will leverage the fintech company's innovative platform and expertise in student financing to offer competitive loan options tailored to the needs of students.

Remedium Lifecare Ltd. Bags Supply Contract from UK based Aster Biotech Ltd

CHANDIGARH: Remedium Lifecare Ltd. (BSE: 539561), a company engaged in trading API intermediates (KSMs and CRMs) and various other raw materials essential to API trading, has received a multi-year supply contract from Aster Biotech Ltd., a pharmaceutical distribution company based in the United Kingdom. The contract involves the supply of various Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs), Intermediates, and Specialty Chemicals. The supplies scheduled between July 2024 and June 2025 alone are valued at one hundred seventy-five crore rupees (Rs. 175,00,00,000/-). Earlier, the company set the record date for the bonus issue of shares as 06 July 2024 (if approved by shareholders in AGM).

MIC Electronics Ltd. Receives Completion Certificate from Western Railway

CHANDIGARH: MIC Electronics Limited, a global leader in the design, development, and manufacturing of LED video displays, has received Letter of Completion/Installation Certificate from Ratlam Division of Western Railway Zone for replacement of train display board, Provision of new CGS Boards at NMH PF 02, Train Display Boards & GPS Clocks at 33 Nos. stations under MEA, replacement of Analog/GPS clocks. The company also announced that it closed its QIP issue, and the board approved the issue and allotment of 1,95,65,217 equity shares to eligible qualified institutional buyers at the issue price of ₹ 46 per shares. Amongst the QIBs, the company allotted shares to Antara India Evergreen Fund Ltd., Coeus Global Opportunities Fund, and Minerva Ventures Fund. Recently the company had announced that it received a Letter of Acceptance from the Firozpur Division of the Northern Railway Zone for the provision of coach guidance display boards at major and important stations in the Firozpur (FZR) Division. The aggregate value of the said work order is Rs. 3,04,95,149.54/- . Further, the company has received a Letter of Completion/Installation Certificate from Rajkot Division of Western Railway Zone for the completion of DWK PF-1 CGDB and IPIS System work at Hapa station Earlier, the company had announced that it had incorporated a subsidiary, i.e. M/s. SOA Electronics Trading LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of MIC Electronics Limited in Dubai, UAE.

Weight Loss: 6 Healthy Snacks to Satisfy Your Late-Night Cravings

Late-night munching can be fun with friends or necessary when working late, but our snack choices directly impact our health. Choosing unhealthy options can lead to weight gain, metabolic issues, and digestive problems. Dr. Rohini Patil, MBBS and Nutritionist, recommends almonds and Greek yogurt for late-night snacks, as they satisfy cravings, support weight loss, and promote overall well-being. These foods not only satisfy your cravings or hunger but also help with weight loss and overall well-being.

Almonds: Almonds are an excellent choice and can be your go-to snack to avoid unnecessary weight gain resulting into lifestyle diseases such as diabetes and high cholesterol. Almonds are rich in 15 essential nutrients, including protein, zinc, magnesium, and dietary fiber. They have satiating properties that keep you full for a longer period and helping you stay away from fast and junk foods. Additionally, they contain magnesium, a mineral that may improve sleep quality.

One of the best things about these nuts is their versatility—they can be eaten roasted, raw, soaked, peeled, or unpeeled, and remain equally nutritious in any form.

Greek Yogurt: Greek yogurt is an excellent choice for a late-night snack, rich in protein to help you feel full and satisfied, reducing late-night cravings. Additionally, the amino acid tryptophan in Greek yogurt may promote better sleep. Enjoy it with fresh fruit, almonds, or a drizzle of honey for added flavor and nutrition.

Cherry Tomatoes: Cherry tomatoes are low in calories and high in fiber, making them an ideal choice for weight-conscious individuals. They also contain lycopene, an antioxidant that may have sleep-improving benefits. A light and refreshing snack, cherry tomatoes can be enjoyed on their own or paired with cottage cheese for a satisfying and nutritious late-night treat.

Cottage Cheese: Cottage cheese is another protein-packed option that's low in calories, making it an excellent choice

for a late-night snack. It provides casein protein, which is slow-digesting and gives a feeling of fullness throughout the night. Additionally, the protein supports muscle repair and growth while you sleep, which can aid in weight loss.

Kiwi: Kiwi is a low-calorie fruit rich in vitamins, minerals, and fiber. It's also one of the few fruits that contain serotonin, a neurotransmitter that can help regulate sleep patterns. Consuming kiwi at night, right before bedtime can promote a restful night's sleep.

Hard-boiled eggs: Hard-boiled eggs are a convenient food option that is high in protein and low in calories. They are also a good source of choline, an essential nutrient for brain health.

Remember, portion control is crucial when snacking at night, especially right before bedtime. Aim for a small and satisfying serving to avoid overindulgence. It's also important to consume these snacks at least an hour before bedtime to allow your body to digest the food properly.



KC Malkania gets Devarshi Narad Lifetime Excellence Service Award



CHANDIGARH: Well-known senior journalist and serving in journalism for the last 47 years, Shri Kashmir Chand Malkania was honored with the Devarshi Narad Lifetime Excellence Service Award. Vishwa Samvad Kendra organized the 9th Devarshi Narad Jayanti and State Level Journalist Award Ceremony at Jainendra Gurukul Auditorium, Sector 1. Haryana Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini was the chief guest in this program.

The keynote speaker in the program was Akhil Bharatiya Prachar Pramukh of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh Sunil Ambekar and special guest was renowned social worker Santram Sharma (White House Pinjore) and special guest was ABP News Channel anchor Shrivardhan Trivedi and famous industrialist Gopal Tayal were present as the guest of honor. Secretary of Vishwa Samvad Kendra Rajesh Kumar welcomed the guests and gave information about the activities of Vishwa Samvad Kendra.

Vishwa Samvad Kendra has been continuously organizing Devarshi Narad Jayanti and Patrakar Samman Samaroh at district and state level for the last 9 years. Along with the program, seminars based on the subject of Narad ji, the first journalist of the universe and current journalism and challenges were also organized in different districts of Haryana. In the same series, this time Devarshi Narad Jayanti and state level Patrakar Samman Samaroh was organized in Panchkula.

Secretary Rajesh Kumar said that on this occasion, media personnel (journalists, columnists etc.) who have done excellent service in various fields were honored, in which Kashmir Chand Malkania, editor of Desh Pyar, was honored with Devarshi Narad Lifetime Excellent Service Award. Kashmir Chand Malkania was given a memento, certificate and a prize of Rs 21 thousand by Vishwa Samvad Kendra. Kashmir Chand Malkania expressed his gratitude to the managers of Vishwa Samvad Kendra.

Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Inaugurates New Office in Patiala Focused on Driving Insurance Penetration in India

PATIALA: Bajaj Allianz General Insurance, one of the leading private general insurers in India, has announced the inauguration of its new office in Patiala, Punjab. This strategic expansion aims to boost insurance penetration across tier 2 and tier 3 cities in India and provide financial stability to our citizens.

India's growing economy is fast evolving, but with that, the landscape of risk and uncertainties are also increasing. With their expertise, Bajaj Allianz aims to bring its innovative products and solutions closer to the people of Patiala. The Company will provide a wide range of services backed by technology to seamlessly cater to customers' needs. The new office will serve as a strategic hub for Bajaj Allianz General Insurance to further strengthen its presence and reach its customers in the region.

Commenting on the inauguration of the new office, Mr. Amitesh Anand, National Head - Geo at Bajaj Allianz General Insurance, said, "Insurance plays a critical role in providing financial security during unforeseen emergencies. However, insurance awareness and adoption in our country remain low due to a limited understanding of its significance and advantages. As a company committed to offering comprehensive solutions to our customers, we are proactively working towards enhancing insurance awareness across various regions in India. We aim to provide relevant and innovative



insurance product solutions and services that are readily available and accessible to our customers. The opening of the new office in Patiala will bring us one step closer to narrowing the gap in insurance awareness and availability and help us reach every household across the country and cater to their every insurance need."

The newly inaugurated office will offer products across all lines of business and, at the same time, educate customers on the best products as per their requirements to ensure that they are adequate-

ly insured. Bajaj Allianz General Insurance is committed to extending its products and related services to every part of the country through its efficient and vast distribution channels with a mission to contribute to the noble cause of doing good for society at large.

For any insurance support, customers can reach the Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Patiala office at: 9/A First Floor Ashirwad Complex Ragbhir Marg Model Town Patiala (147001) Punjab.

NGO organizes 'Community Kitchen'

PANCHKULA, JUNE 30

Food provides energy to human beings and is a lifeline for them. So serving food to needy passersby or those who are hungry is the noblest of all deeds. Humanity can be served best by adopting 'donating fresh and hygienic food' to the needy as a way of life.

This was stated by the founder of Shree Shyam Karuna Foundation and social worker Amitabh Rungta at the 120th Community Kitchen, or 'Ann Bhandara', organized by the foundation in Industrial Area, Phase 1, here.

Rungta further said that all humans should always be involved in good deeds and

make other fellow humans also aware about the impor-



tance of working for the betterment of society and the nation. Those who helped Ami-

tabh Rungta in the organization of the 'bhandara' includ-

ed Anupama Rungta, Chaitanya Rungta, Pragati, Sukhpal Singh and Suresh Jangra among others.

Banks put on alert! RBI warns banks of 'credible threat intelligence' regarding cyberattacks

NEW DELHI : Banks on alert! The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cautioned banks across the nation to be vigilant against potential cyberattacks, following credible intelligence reports. Banks have been instructed to actively monitor their systems round the clock to detect any threats.

In an advisory issued on June 24, the RBI said, "In the light of credible threat intelligence received regarding potential cyberattacks, regulated entities are advised to put in place enhanced state of surveillance and resilience capabilities to guard against these threats."

According to an leading english daily report, RBI's communication preceded a social media post suggesting that LulzSec, a group notorious for several high-profile attacks, was targeting Indian banks.

Greenlam Industries launches its exclusive display center in Ludhiana

LUDHIANA: Greenlam Industries, among the top 3 manufacturers in the world for surfacing solutions, recently inaugurated its exclusive display center at the Gupta Pylam showroom in Grain Market, Gill Road, Ludhiana. The display will feature an exclusive range of Greenlam Laminates, offering such a diverse collection in the laminate segment. Greenlam Industries has been known for creating high-quality surface solutions integrated with elegance. Its legacy of unflinching passion for excellence, along with exceptional artistry and finesse, is clearly visible in its flagship brands' offerings. The display center was inaugurated by Mr. Parav, Owner of Gupta Pylam; Mr. Anubhav Sharma, Regional Sales Head, Chandigarh, Punjab, J&K, HP & Haryana Greenlam Laminates & Allied; Mr. Anil Marwaha - Branch Sales Head - Ludhiana, Punjab, Greenlam Laminates & Allied. 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. Our display center 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. With the chance to touch and feel our product in full-sheet format, we aim to make the purchasing process exceptionally convenient and hassle-free, providing our valued customers .

Doctors at Fortis Mohali share their inspiring mantra for success & what it takes to stay motivated at all times

MOHALI, JUNE 30

To acknowledge the relentless dedication of doctors and healthcare professionals in rendering exceptional service to patients at all times, National Doctor's Day is observed on July 1 every year.

The event also coincides with the birth anniversary and death anniversary of Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy, one of India's most renowned physicians. To honour the selfless service of doctors, Dr RK Jaswal, Head of Department and Director of Cardiology and Director – Cath Labs; and Dr Atul Joshi, Director, General Surgery, Laparoscopic and Oncology Surgeon, Fortis Hospital Mohali share tips on maintaining a healthy work-life balance and what keeps them motivated despite hectic schedules.

How to maintain work-life balance?

Stating that the latest advancements in technology had improved health services, Dr Jaswal, added, "Doctors are



now accessible to patients 24 hours a day. However, a balance needs to be maintained between work and personal life. I ensure to set my priorities right. Even if I have to attend to a cardiac emergency in the middle of the night, I do so with utmost dedication. Likewise, I don't carry work-related stress when I return home. I always give my best to my profession and leave the rest to God. That is the only way to achieve balance despite blurring lines between work and personal life."

Talking on similar lines, Dr Joshi,

said, "Endless working hours, strong work ethic, 24x7 availability for patients, a hugely understanding wife and a dedicated team have all contributed to my 17-year stint at Fortis Hospital Mohali. For me, conducting a surgery has never been 'work' in the strictest sense, but pure worship. Regular, short meditation sessions along with yoga do a world of magic. I also take off twice a year during which I render my services to underprivileged people at charitable medical camps across the country. I have also contributed to the opinion pages of The Tribune newspaper."

How to stay healthy

Giving tips on how to maintain a healthy lifestyle, Dr Jaswal, said, "Ensure to take a brisk walk for 45 minutes daily. Avoid consumption of tobacco-related products. Keep your weight under check. Be choosy about eating deep fried and junk food. Consume adequate fresh seasonal foods (250-400 grams) and 25-30 grams of nuts daily."

Eraaya Lifespaces Ltd. Consortium's Bid Accepted following auction process

CHANDIGARH: Eraaya Lifespaces Ltd. (BSE: 531035) announced that the bid for the acquisition of 100% of the equity of Ebix Inc. ("Ebix") submitted by the consortium led by Eraaya has been approved and accepted as the highest and best bid for Ebix and declared as the winner following the auction process overseen by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court. Ebix ascribes the bid at an enterprise value of about \$361 million. (INR 3,009 Crores approximately). The acquisition will be effectuated through Ebix's Plan of Reorganization proposed in its Chapter 11 proceedings, which is subject to ongoing negotiations among the consortium, Ebix, and Ebix's creditors and other stakeholders. On June 27, 2024, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court allowed the Plan of Reorganization to be sent to creditors for voting and has scheduled a hearing to consider approval of the plan for July 30, 2024. The terms of the acquisition arrangement submitted by the consortium is supported by Ebix Senior Management team led by the Ebix CEO. "The Consortium" led by Eraaya Lifespaces Limited, had earlier been approved as the Stalking Horse Bidder for the acquisition of 100% of the equity of the Company by Ebix (including its Independent Directors). In due course of the process, the consortium has already deposited US\$ 7.25 Million (INR 60.4 Crores approximately) as a commitment deposit to support the bid.

Sagar Bhatia starts playback singing journey with song Khudaya from film Sarfira

MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI: Sagar Bhatia has redefined Qawwali among the younger generation by presenting it in a new style and has further highlighted the interest of people towards this genre which was once very popular among Hindi music listeners. And now, he is ready to showcase it in feature films as well, let us tell you that his first Qawwali track is going to be released in a Bollywood film. Sagar is making his playback singing debut with Akshay Kumar's film Sarfira, today his song Khudaya was released which is being liked by the fans. Sharing his thoughts about this achievement, Sagar says that "I am very proud and happy to announce my Bollywood playback singing debut! This is a milestone I have always dreamt of as we share a piece of our heart with you." Sagar is signed by Karan Johar under Dharma Cornerstone Agency and is making her film debut with this song. On the work front, Sagar has toured globally with his concept Sagar Wali Qawwali, and has won millions of fans across the world for his music.



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Jogi community hails govt for naming of college after Guru Gorakhnath

NIRMAL SAINI
RADOUR: Jogi community in subdivision Radaur expressed gratitude to BJP government and Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini for changing name of Hisar Government College to Guru Gorakhnath Government College Hisar. Master Ramesh Jogi Mahmadpur, Mangatram Jogi Khajuri, State Senior Vice President of Akhil Bhartiya Nath Samaj Amit Jogi Bahedi, State Media Incharge Sushil Yogi Bakana, Surendra Kumar, Pradeep Kumar, Karn Singh, Shriram Bakana, Mamta Rani etc. participated. The members of the community present said that BJP government is a party that takes along all sections. State government has accepted demand of the Jogi community and has infused new enthusiasm in the society.

Firing between two factions of Congress in Baddi over mining and scrap business rivalry

SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI: News has been received of firing between two factions of Congress in Thana of Baddi over mining and scrap. According to the information, there was an old rivalry between Congress related Gurmeeet Singh Bheedu and Didar Singh Chaudhary (Dara) Kaduana over mining and scrap, due to which a clash took place between the two factions on Sunday and one faction opened fire, in which injured Didar Dara Singh has been referred to PGI Chandigarh in critical condition.

In protest against crime, Hisar will observe bandh on 5 July : Garg



SUMER GARG
HISAR: The conference of traders and the representatives of the various organizations was held under the chairmanship of Bajrang Garg, Provincial President of Haryana Pradesh Trade Board and former Chairman of Haryana Confed. In this conference, it was unanimously decided to close Hisar on 5th July 2024 in protest against the continuous incidents of extortion in the city and to protest outside Nagori Gate Hanuman Temple from 10 AM to 12 PM on 1st July. On this occasion, Mr. Garg, while addressing the gathering said that the businessmen and prominent persons of the city have gathered to curb the crime. If the government does not provide a permanent solution to stop crime, then there will be a complete bandh in Hisar on 5th July and a protest demonstration will be organized on 1st July. Mr. Garg with a great regret said that even 7 days have passed, the criminals, who fired at the Mahindra showroom and demanded ransom of Rs 5 crore have not been arrested, which is proof of the failure of the government. The Haryana government has failed in protecting the life and property of the people of the state instead of the Home Ministry with the Chief Minister.

BJP govt will be formed third time in Hry: Sandeep Garg



NARESH GARG
LADWA: BJP leader and social worker Sandeep Garg in Ladwa said that Haryana Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini was working for the welfare of the people of the state, CM Naib Saini was engaged in development work in entire Haryana. He said that in the BJP meeting held in Panchkula on Saturday, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has made it clear that the 2024 Haryana Assembly elections would be fought under the leadership of Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini. Sandeep Garg was talking to journalists in his office located in Ladwa Anaj Mandi. He said that the government of Chief Minister Nayab Saini in the state has been working for the socio-economic upliftment of the poor, farmers and employees of the society. He said that a strong government has been formed in the country under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and now it was certain that the BJP government would be formed in the state for the third time. He further said that the amount of Kisan Samman Nidhi was credited in the accounts of about ten crore people. He said that in the assembly elections of Haryana, the BJP government was going to be formed in the state for the third time on the lines of the country.



GAURAG GOEL
CHANDIGARH, JUNE 30

In order to make Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann's ambitious farm diversification plan a huge success in the state, Punjab Agriculture and Farmers Welfare department has decided to provide subsidy on hybrid seeds of kharif maize and cover over 4700 hectares area under maize demonstrations.

Disclosing this here today in a press communiqué, Punjab Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister S. Gurmeet Singh Khudian informed that farmers can avail Rs.100 as a subsidy on purchase of every 1-kg of hybrid maize seeds certified and recommended by Punjab Agricultural University (PAU). The subsidy for hybrid kharif maize seeds will be

provided for a maximum 5 acres of area or 40-KGs per farmer and a total amount of 2300 quintal seeds will be made available to the state farmers at a subsidized price. Under maize demonstrations, he further said that a total area of 4700 hectares will be covered for which farmers will receive financial support of Rs. 6000/- per hectare for various inputs including

12 new Nagar Vatika projects approved

CHANDIGARH: The Punjab Government led by the Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann is undertaking every possible steps to ensure a clean and green environment. As part of this, the Forest and Wildlife Preservation Department has done yeoman's work under the guidance of Minister Lal Chand Katarachak. During the year 2023-24, under the Nagar Van Yojana, the

departments has been successful in getting a total of 12 Nagar Van/Vatika projects sanctioned from the Union Government which would entail a cost of Rs. 265.958 Lakhs. Under the State Authority CAMPA scheme, 100 toilets have been constructed in as many nurseries at the cost of Rs. 3 crore for ensuring hygienic conditions for the employees especially the females.

the state has set a target to cultivate kharif maize on a record 2 lakh hectares, almost double as compared to the last year.

fertilizers, insecticides etc. To wean off the state farmers from water-guzzling paddy crop to save the groundwater, the Agriculture Minister said

Anti-corruption Foundation organized seminar under Corruption-free India campaign

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, JUNE 30

Under the corruption free India campaign a seminar was organized by Anti-corruption Foundation under the chairmanship of National Director Maghar Das and Komalpreet in which National supremo Narendra Arora and National Chairman Business Cell Pawan Sharma participated as chief guests in the seminar.

On this occasion, Narendra Arora and Pawan Sharma were given a grand welcome by garlanding them. In the seminar, the officials and members who did excellent work in the field of corruption eradication were honored by presenting medals and mementos. On this occasion, Narendra Arora said that the Anti Corruption Foundation of India has been working to make the India of the dreams of the martyrs of corruption free India. He said that the dream of corruption free India would come true because the Government of India and



the state governments were making efforts to achieve this on a large scale and the Foundation was also playing a key role in this. The Foundation is running a Satyanshtha Shapath Abhiyan across the country, due to which people are becoming aware. He said that as soon as any activity of corruption was detected, it must be reported to the vigilance department, to eradicate corruption.

Khedi Dabdalan Youth Cricket Club organizes first cricket competition



NARESH GARG
LADWA: The first cricket competition was organized by the youth Khedi Dabdalan Cricket Club in Khedi Dabdalan village of Ladwa block on Sunday. In the competition eight teams from nearby areas participated.

Vishal Sharma of Yuva Khedi Dabdalan Cricket Team said that a cricket competition was organized in the village on Sunday. Jasbir Panjeta, district council Ward No 7 inaugurated the competition by cutting the ribbon. He said that eight teams participated in the cricket competition.

While speaking on the occasion Jasbir Panjeta as the chief guest, told the players that they should devote themselves to sports as much as possible. Today's youth was becoming prey to drugs and they should leave bad habits like drugs and focus on sports. So that not only their body developed but they also got a chance to move forward.

In the final match, the team of village Kalsi defeated the team of Bakli and captured the trophy. Bakli's team remained at the second position.

Three-day Tarang Mela organized by NABARD in Ambala concluded on June 30



PREETI SAINI
SADHAURA: A three-day Tarang Fair was started at Panchayat Bhawan, Patti Mehar, Ambala city concluded on Sunday. The objective of this event is to promote Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and the products made by them and take them towards empowerment and prosperity. In the fair 40 stalls have been set up which included hazelnut and dry fruits stalls from Pangri, a remote area of Shimla and Chamba in Himachal Pradesh, Pashmina stalls from Jammu and Kashmir, Pehowa's various products like pure desi ghee and jaggery, millet biscuits will be available for sale. On this occasion, some famous RJs of Radio Mirchi also organized programs to entertain the public. Customers those make more purchases in the fair will be given gifts in a lucky draw.

This initiative of NABARD has provided an opportunity to FPO members to connect with potential buyers and partners. It has provided a platform for FPOs and SHGs to interact with potential investors and fellow participants and industry experts to exchange ideas and promote collaboration.

Govt has worked to free people from offices, documents: Kalyan



Department in the auditorium of Mangal Sain Auditorium Hall on Sunday late evening.

Earlier, MLA Harvinder Kalyan, MLA Ramkumar Kashyap, Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh, ADC Akhil Pilani, CEO of Zila Parishad Vivek Chaudhary, DSWO Krishna Bhardwaj distributed authority letters and acceptance letters to the beneficiaries of the three schemes. After this, Chief Minister Naib Singh inaugurated the benefit distribution programme of the three schemes through video conferencing from Panipat and said that from July 1, the beneficiaries of all

the three schemes of the state will get the benefit and the amount of benefit will be deposited directly in the bank account. MLA Harvinder Kalyan said that under the Chief Minister Rural Housing Scheme, authority letters and financial assistance of Rs 1 lakh each have been issued to 6,300 people who could not get possession of 100-100 square yard plots. Social security pension was issued to 75 thousand new beneficiaries of the state and assistance amount for repair was issued to 2 thousand beneficiaries under Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Housing Renovation Scheme.

Give me your vote as a token of good luck, all your problems will be solved



DINESH AGARWAL
DEHRA: Congress candidate Kamlesh Thakur is campaigning vigorously and is communicating directly with the people in the hills. The rural people of Dehra assembly constituency are liking her desi style. On Saturday, Kamlesh addressed street meetings in Bhatoli Fakorian, Bangoli Chhabar, Jhaklehad, Bongta, Bada and Badun and said that for me all my family is equal. People of Dehra, vote for development. I have no business, I live among the people, I will work for your problems. Give me your vote as a token of good luck, all your problems will be solved. She said that I am talking to the Chief Minister daily about the problems of Dehra. The former independent MLA here has not paid any attention to development. People in every area are reporting a lot of problems.

BJP govt to be formed for 3rd time under leadership of Nayab Saini: Baldev Singh Saini

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA: In meeting of BJP workers in Panchkula regarding preparations for assembly elections, tremendous enthusiasm was seen among workers towards upcoming assembly elections. After attending workers' meeting, Master Baldev Singh Saini, Sarpanch of Kainthala Khurd, said that every BJP worker is full of enthusiasm for assembly elections. He said that in the workers' conference held in Panchkula, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Saini have given the workers the mantra to win assembly elections, now the workers will work hard at every booth with all their heart. Sarpanch Baldev Singh Saini said that the policies of the BJP government are benefiting the common people, so the people of Haryana state have made up their mind to form Bharatiya Janata Party government in Haryana for the third time. Haryana state is progressing a lot under the leadership of Chief Minister Nayab Saini. He said that every section of Haryana is happy with Chief Minister Naib Saini and wants to see Naib Saini as Chief Minister again after BJP government is formed for the third time. Sarpanch Baldev Singh Saini said that no government has given as many facilities to the common people as the BJP government has given, that is why Chief Minister Naib Saini is liked by the people as an honest and popular leader.



Seminar organized on separate capital of Hry



PREETI SAINI
SADHAURA: Under the banner of Haryana Banao Abhiyan, a seminar was organized on issue of separate capital of Haryana and separate High Court at Tilyar Tourist Complex. Mahinder Singh Chopra Deputy Director Government of India, Randhir Singh Badharan Former President Bar Council of India Surendra Kumar Bairagi Former President All Haryana Attorney Association. Dr. Mahavir Singh, Dr. Narendra Chahar, Dr. Sukhbir Singh Kinna, Dr. Dharambir Bhardwaj, Kapil Punia, Dr. Rohtas, Dr. Jogendra, Comrade Virendra Malik, SP Singh, social worker Randhir Kataria, Jagdeep Ahlawat, Vinod Pahwa, S.L. Katyal Jogendra Singh Nandal. Sulil Kharab Satyawar Narendra Kataria. Yadvinder Sheoran Bharat Bhushan Attar Singh Hooda. Paramjeet All the advocates participated in the discussion and expressed their views on these issues and made a plan to highlight public issues for building strong public opinion.

Jay Shah presents Suryakumar Yadav with 'Fielder of the Match' award

BRIDGETOWN : The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) secretary Jay Shah honoured the star India batter Suryakumar Yadav with the 'Fielder of the Match' award following their win over South Africa by seven runs in the final match of the T20 World Cup 2024. After Team India's phenomenal win over South Africa in the final match of the marquee event on Saturday, the Men in Blue ended their long drought for an ICC trophy. The X handle of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) posted a video of the medal ceremony, which takes place after every game in the dressing room. In the last over of the match, Suryakumar Yadav made a stunning catch on the long-off to remove David Miller from the crease. Miller's dismissal helped India to make a comeback in the game and win the crucial game by seven runs. The India fielding coach T Dilip praised every player of the team for rising in the final match of the tournament. "We talk about rising to the occasion in big games, today we didn't just rise, but conquered today. The intensity, the camaraderie, the resilience that we have shown not just today, but throughout the tournament, nothing short of extraordinary stuff," T Dilip said. "Like Rahul Dravid and Rohit Sharma keep saying, like a pack of wolves, we hunted every opportunity that came our way, leaving no stone unturned," he added.

Rohit Sharma lauds pacer Jasprit Bumrah

BRIDGETOWN : India skipper Rohit Sharma heaped praise on ace pacer Jasprit Bumrah for his performance in the T20 World Cup 2024 and said that the 30-year-old can create magic whenever he has a ball in his hands. The India pacer Jasprit Bumrah was named the 'Player of the Tournament' after his phenomenal performance in the 2024 edition of the T20 World Cup. Bumrah was the third-highest wicket-taker in the tournament after bagging 15 wickets in eight matches at an economy rate of 4.17. The Men in Blue won the T20 World Cup 2024 after beating South Africa by seven runs in Barbados. Speaking at the post-match press conference, Rohit talked about the factor that led to the emergence of the champions and the India skipper said that Henrich Klaasen's dismissal was 'very crucial' for them. He also praised Hardik Pandya's bowling. "In a game like this, there are a lot of turnarounds. I cannot single out one or two aspects of the game, but looking at where the game was when four or five overs were left, obviously that wicket of Klaasen when Hardik took that wicket, that was actually very crucial from our point of view. And then again, Miller's wicket at the back in the last over, that catch of Surya of Hardik's bowling was again superb," Rohit said. He also hailed Virat Kohli and Axar Patel's attacking partnership in the first inning that helped them to finish off with a good score.



They have done so much for Indian cricket : Gambhir lauds Rohit, Virat

AGENCY TIRUPATI, JUNE 30

As Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma announced their retirement from T20Is, former India cricketer Gautam Gambhir said that the two stalwart cricketers have done many things for Indian cricket. Men in Blue got hold of the prestigious T20 World Cup trophy for the second time, defeating South Africa by seven runs in Barbados. With 4231 runs in 159 games, Rohit is the format's best scorer going out. He also owns the record for most hundreds (five) in T20 internationals. He has won two T20 World Cups: the first in 2007 while competing and the current one in 2024 as captain. Speaking to the reporters, Gambhir praised Rohit and Virat for the way they ended their T20I career after winning the T20 World Cup. The former cricketer also hoped that Virat and Rohit would keep contributing to the success of the Indian Cricket Team. "What better than finishing off the T20 career with a World Cup win. They are both great players and have done so much for Indian cricket. I want to congratulate them and wish them all the best. They will play One Day and Test cricket. I am sure they are going to keep contributing to the success of the country

and team," Gambhir said. After the T20 World Cup victory, the second-highest T20I run-scorer with 4,188 runs and the highest run-getter in the history of the T20 World Cup, with 1292 runs, Kohli decided to bring the curtain down on his illustrious career in the shortest format of the game in the international cricket. He added that the entire nation is happy after Team India's T20 World Cup victory. "The entire nation is very happy. I want to congratulate Rohit Sharma and the entire team..." he added. Summarising the final match of the tournament, India won the toss and opted to bat first. After being reduced to 34/3, a counter-attacking partnership between Virat (76) and Axar Patel (47 in 31 balls, with one four and four sixes) of 72 runs restored India's position in the game. A 57-run stand between Virat and Shivam Dube (27 in 16 balls, with three fours and a six) took India to 176/7 in their 20 overs. Keshav Maharaj (2/23) and Anrich Nortje (2/26) were the top bowlers for SA. Marco Jansen and Aiden Markram took a wicket each. In the run chase of 177 runs, Proteas was reduced to 12/2 and then a 58-run partnership between Quinton de Kock (39 in 31 balls, with four boundaries and a six) and Tristan Stubbs (31 in 21 balls, with three fours and a six) brought back SA into the game.



Sachin congratulates Rohit, Virat on fairytale conclusion to T20I career

MUMBAI: Legendary Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar on Sunday extended his congratulations to star batting pair of Men in Blue, skipper Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli, who concluded their T20I career on a high with a T20 World Cup title win against South Africa. Rohit's leadership skills in the tournament, fine rotation of bowlers and Virat's ability to overcome a lean patch and deliver when it mattered the most helped Men in Blue in ending their 11-year-long ICC trophy drought. Both also announced their retirement from the short format after winning the trophy. Taking to X, Sachin said about Rohit that he witnessed his evolution from a "promising youngster" to a World Cup winning skipper and winning the trophy serves as a perfect conclusion to his T20I career. About Virat, Sachin wrote that he is a "champion of the sport" and the way he overcame his lean patch in the tournament, in which he scored just 75 runs in seven innings, showcases exactly why he is one of the greats of the sport.

"ENDING ON A HIGH @ImRo45, I've witnessed your evolution from a promising youngster to a World Cup-winning captain from close quarters. Your unwavering commitment & exceptional talent have brought immense pride to the nation. Leading to a T20 World Cup victory is the perfect culmination of your stellar career. Well done, Rohit! @imVkohli, you have been a true champion of this sport. You may have had a rough time earlier in the tournament, but last night you proved why you're truly one of the greats of the gentleman's game. Competing in six World Cups and clinching victory in the last one is an experience I know well. I hope to see you continue winning matches for India in the longer formats of the game," tweeted Sachin. After managing just 75 runs in the first seven innings of the competition, Virat stepped up when it mattered the most, scoring 76 in 59 balls, with six fours and two sixes. His runs came at a strike rate of 128.81. Virat has ended the ongoing edition



with 151 runs in eight innings at an average of 18.87 and a strike rate of 112.68, with one fifty. In 35 T20 World Cup matches, Virat has scored 1,292 runs at an average of 58.72 and a strike rate of 128.81, with 15

half-centuries. His best score is 89*. He is the highest run-scorer in the history of the tournament. In 125 T20I matches, Virat scored 4,188 runs at an average of 48.69 and a strike rate of 137.04. He scored a century and 38 fifties and a best score of 122*. He ends the format as the second-highest run-getter of all time. Rohit also ended the tournament with a career-best performance with the bat with 257 runs in eight games at an average of 36.71 and a strike rate of over 156. His best score was 92 and scored three half-centuries in the competition to become the second-highest run-getter. Rohit retires as a double T20 WC champion, winning the title back in 2007 as a young up-and-coming prodigy. In 151 T20I matches, Rohit has scored 4,231 runs at an average of 32.05 with a strike rate of over 140. He scored five centuries and 32 fifties in his career, with the best score of 121*. Rohit is also the leading run-scorer in the format.

Rohit Sharma believes Rahul Dravid 'deserved the trophy' for his contribution

BRIDGETOWN : As India successfully ended their ICC trophy drought, Men in Blue skipper Rohit Sharma said that departing head coach Rahul Dravid deserved the T20 World Cup 2024 trophy more than anyone in the team. Men in Blue got hold of the prestigious T20 World Cup trophy for the second time, defeating South Africa by seven runs in Barbados. Speaking at the post-match presentation, Rohit said that the World Cup trophy was the only thing that was left in Dravid's cabinet after what he has done for the Indian Cricket Team in the past 20-25 years. "HE - more than any one of us, I think he deserved that trophy. What he has done for Indian cricket for the past 20-25 years, I think this was the only thing that was left in his cabinet. I am very happy from all of us on behalf of the entire team that we could actually do this for him. You saw how proud he was and how excited he was. Really grateful to the occasion for this to happen as well," Rohit said. Recapping the final match of the tournament, India won the toss and opted to bat first. After being reduced to 34/3, a counter-attacking partnership between Virat (76) and Axar Patel (47 in 31 balls, with one four and four sixes) of 72 runs restored India's position in the game. A 57-run stand between Virat and Shivam Dube (27 in 16 balls, with three fours and a six) took India to 176/7 in their 20 overs. Keshav Maharaj (2/23) and Anrich Nortje (2/26) were the top bowlers for SA. Marco Jansen and Aiden Markram took a wicket each. In the run chase of 177 runs, Proteas was reduced to 12/2 and then a 58-run partnership between Quinton de Kock (39 in 31 balls, with four boundaries and a six) and Tristan Stubbs (31 in 21 balls, with three fours and a six) brought back SA into the game. A half-century by Heinrich Klaasen (52 in 27 balls, with two fours and five sixes) threatened to take the game away from India. However, Arshdeep Singh (2/18), Jasprit Bumrah (2/20) and Hardik (3/20) made a fine comeback in death overs, keeping SA to 169/8 in their 20 overs. Virat secured the 'Player of the Match' for his performance. Now, by securing their first ICC title since the Champions Trophy in 2013, India has ended their ICC trophy drought.

Women's Test: India enforce follow-on as Sneha Rana bags 8 wkts



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India showcased their supremacy on Day 3 of the Test match against South Africa, firmly placing themselves in control by enforcing the follow-on after dismissing the visitors for 266 runs in their first innings. The day belonged to spinner Sneha Rana, whose outstanding bowling performance saw her claim 8 wickets, dismantling the South African batting lineup with skillful variations and precise control. Starting the day at 236/8, South Africa could only add 30 runs to their overnight

total before being bowled out. Despite efforts from their lower order, none of the top-order batsmen managed to convert their starts into substantial scores, leaving South Africa vulnerable against India's disciplined bowling attack. In response, India opted to enforce the follow-on, putting pressure on South Africa to bat again after falling short of India's first innings total. India had put up a staggering 608/6 in first innings. The decision immediately paid dividends as India's spinners continued to exploit the turning pitch. Deepthi Sharma, complementing Rana's brilliance, made crucial breakthrough to further destabilise South Africa's batting lineup.

Disney + Hotstar unveils the thrilling trailer of Commander Karan Saxena, starring Gurmeet as a powerful RAW Agent

CHANDIGARH : Jab Commander aata hai toh bhavandar aata hai! Disney+ Hotstar just dropped the action-packed, thrilling trailer for Commander Karan Saxena, starring Gurmeet Choudhary, Iqbal Khan and Hruta Durgule. Targeted towards male audiences, the gripping series follows a fearless RAW agent as he dives into a high-stakes political mystery to save the nation. Directed by Jatin Wagle and produced by Keylight Productions, Commander Karan Saxena is based on a character created by acclaimed writer Amit Khan. Join Commander Karan Saxena's battle as he dives into a conspiracy that has a twist around every corner, packed with suspense, threats and betrayal that will keep you on the edge of your seats. The series releases on July 8, 2024. It'll be available to watch for free on the Dis-



ney+ Hotstar's mobile app with new episodes releasing Monday to Friday!

Talking about the series, director Jatin Wagle said, "The story of Commander Karan Saxena is in-

triguing and I've always wanted to do something like this. Amit Khan's character has so much life in him. It's the labor of all our love and passion, and I'm confident it will ignite a fire in our viewers on

Disney+ Hotstar. Gurmeet has breathed life into Commander Karan Saxena with every fiber of his being—I can't envision anyone else in the role. I can't wait for the audiences to see the series."

Gurmeet Choudhary, who plays the role of Commander Karan Saxena said, "Commander Karan Saxena is incredibly special to me. I deeply admire all the officers who wholeheartedly serve our nation. Portraying a character inspired by these heroes is a tremendous honor for me. Karan, my character embodies dedication, hard work, and courage—qualities I've always aspired to embody myself and bringing him to life on screen has only strengthened these traits within me. He is someone I have always wanted to be. Now that the trailer is out, I'm excited for audi-

ences to see what's in store. There's so much more to come on Disney+ Hotstar, and I can't wait for everyone to experience it."

Talking about the series, Iqbal Khan, who plays ISI Chief Nasir said, "This is one of the most menacing yet charming characters I've played. Nasir is bold, aggressive and is driven by whole hearted passion and unwavering faith. Through Nasir, I've had the opportunity to explore character traits completely different from who I am in real life, it was a challenging experience. Jatin, my director, ensured that my character is both real and larger-than-life and it's a tough task which he did absolute justice to. I hope the viewers on Disney+ Hotstar can see all the hard work we've put in and enjoy the series. It's sure to stimulate the minds of the audience."

Happu Ki Ultan Paltan mein hui raincoat ki chori!



CHANDIGARH: While everyone enjoys the blissful rains, trouble brews for Daroga Happu Singh and his Dabbing Dulhania Rajesh in &TV's Happu Ki Ultan Paltan. The pair finds themselves in a tense predicament over a stolen raincoat with a mysterious secret that could change their fortunes. Discussing this intriguing monsoon track, Yogesh Tripathi, who plays Daroga Happu Singh, shares, "A mysterious man steals the Commissioner's (Kishore Bhanushali) umbrella from a restaurant, leaving a poetic note that surprises him. Meanwhile, Rajesh (Geetanjali Mishra) finds her late grandfather's raincoat and becomes emotional. While heading to the police station, it starts raining heavily, and Happu asks to borrow the raincoat. Rajesh hesitates due to its sentimental value, but Happu convinces her by promising to return it safely by evening." Geetanjali Mishra, aka Rajesh, adds, "The Commissioner, having lost his umbrella, takes Happu's raincoat when leaving the police station. When Rajesh's father, Gabbar (Saheb Das Manikpur), learns that she gave the raincoat to Happu, he reveals its importance—it holds the address to a treasure, shocking Rajesh. Katori Amma (Himani Shivpuri) overhears this and informs Happu immediately. On his way back, the Commissioner meets with an accident, and someone steals his raincoat again. When Happu returns home, Rajesh is furious that he lost her valuable raincoat, while Happu is upset that she didn't disclose its secret. This leads to a heated argument between them."

Will Happu and Rajesh be able to find her grandfather's raincoat and uncover the treasure, or will their disagreement cause them to lose it all? This unfolding drama promises an exciting twist in Happu Ki Ultan Paltan. Watch this hilarious monsoon track in &TV's Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, airing every Monday to Friday at 10 PM!

Kundali Bhagya stars Adrija Roy and Paras Kalnawat bond over their love for Cricket!



CHANDIGARH: Zee TV's popular fiction drama, Kundali Bhagya, has been captivating audiences with intriguing twists and turns in the lives of Preeti (Shraddha Arya), Karan (Shakti Anand), Rajveer (Paras Kalnawat), Palki (Adrija Roy), and Shaurya (Baseer Ali). As the World Cup excitement grips the nation, the Kundali Bhagya cast finds enjoyable ways to unwind during their busy shooting schedules through cricket.

Actor Paras Kalnawat is often seen during the lunch break indulging in friendly cricket matches with his co-stars and crew and now has a new partner in crime. Adrija Roy, who recently joined the show as Palki, has quickly become a favourite among the team. Together, they make the most of their breaks by playing cricket. What's more, Paras and Adrija also watch some of the matches together and support 'Team India' as well as their favourite player, Virat Kohli.

Adrija Roy said, "Cricket is an emotion in India, and Paras is the perfect example of it. Every chance he gets on set, he plays Cricket with the cast and crew. And everyone thoroughly enjoys the fun time, from our camera person to the spot dada, everyone's enthusiastic about playing a match from time to time. When I saw them playing, I decided to join in and had lots of fun playing the game, it was quite a stressbuster."

She added "Paras and I have become really good friends in a short while, and I must say he is a great actor. I get to learn a lot from him, and our mutual love for cricket has only strengthened our bond. I am a fan of Virat Kohli and we actively cheer for Team India in the T20 World Cup 2024, which adds to the game's excitement. Watching the game on set, with everyone sharing the same energy and excitement is unparalleled. Our set feels like one big family, and I am glad I am part of it."

To know more about the exciting Jodi #Palveer (Palki and Rajveer), tune in to Kundali Bhagya every day at 9:30 pm, only on Zee TV!

"The wedding sequence felt like a big family function": Amandeep and Aakkash

CHANDIGARH: Sony SAB's Badall Pe Paon Hai narrates the story of a young spirited girl, Baani (Amandeep Sidhu), who wishes to overcome her financial struggles and take care of her family, especially her ailing sister Mannat (Noor Matharu). In the upcoming sequence, Baani is set to marry Rajat (Aakkash Ahuja), who she thinks comes from a rich family and will resolve all of her financial worries.

With the wedding preparation on, the latest couple on television, opened up about the fun and challenges they experienced while shooting for their pre-wedding functions. The actors shared how the vibrant shoot was filled with laughter and camaraderie, though not without its hurdles. The duo particularly highlighted the dance rehearsals, which proved to be a tough yet enjoyable task. Despite the challenges, Baani and Rajat cherished the schedule.

Amandeep Sidhu, who essays the role of Baani Arora, said, "Shooting for the pre-wedding functions was an absolute blast! The dance rehearsals were challenging, but they brought so much joy and laughter to the set. It was a wonderful experience, and I'm grateful for the incredible memories we created during this special time. What I absolutely loved about the whole sequence was the authenticity that was added to each ceremony. It was shot with actual Punjabi rituals. Coming to the shoot, it was tough and challenging wearing heavy jewellery and dresses in this heat in Chandigarh but the atmosphere on the set was so vibrant that it felt like we were at a real wedding."

Aakkash Ahuja, who essays the role of Rajat Khanna, said, "Rehearsals for the dance were incredibly interesting. Personally, I enjoy dancing very much, it acts like a stress buster. One of the songs we're performing to is a personal favourite of mine, making the experience even more special. The entire Khanna family blended seamlessly with everyone, turning the set into a lively family function and it was the first time that the entire cast came together for a sequence. We shot the whole wedding sequence in 5-6 days and it did feel like a real family function where everyone is under one roof."



Zee TV actors share their monsoon memories!



Chandigarh: Monsoon season is a time of refreshing spells of rain, cool breezes, and vibrant greenery. It's a time when you can relax and enjoy the soothing sound of raindrops. There's nothing like savoring hot pakoras and sipping on a cup of steaming tea while sitting by the window, watching the rain. Here is what Zee TV actors like Seerat Kapoor from Rabb Se Hai Dua, Rachi Sharma from Kumkum Bhagya, Pratiksha Honmukhe from Kaisa Mujhe Tum Mil Gaye, Adrija Roy from Kundali Bhagya, Karan Vohra from Main Hoon Saath Tere, Neeharika Roy from Pyaar Ka Pehla Naam Radha Mohan, Aishwarya Khare from Bhagya Lakshmi and Nikki Sharma from Pyaar Ka Pehla Adhyaya ShivShakti have to say about how they enjoy the rainy season.

Seerat Kapoor, who essays the role of Mannat in Zee TV's Rabb Se Hai Dua said, "Monsoon brings back a lot of memories for me. I remember making paper boats with my younger brother when we were kids. Monsoon was always my favourite season, but I fell in love with it even more after I shifted to Mumbai. My first experience of enjoying 'Garam Chai' and 'Pakoda' in this Mumbai Ki Baarish is something I will never forget. We celebrated this year's 'pehli baar-



ish' by having some amazing coffee on the sets of Rabb Se Hai Dua together. The city comes alive with its vibrant colors and the smell of wet soil fills the air, making every moment magical. There's nothing quite like the sound of raindrops dancing on the window panes, bringing a sense of peace and nostalgia."

Rachi Sharma, who essays the role of Poorvi in Zee TV's Kumkum Bhagya said, "For me, there are a lot of memories attached to the monsoon season but if I have to pick one, I would undoubtedly pick up my childhood memories from my hometown, Indore. After school, I used to go out and get drenched in the rain with my friends and my younger brother, and after reaching home, I used to eat 'Bhajiyas' that my mom used to make for me. Now that I have shifted to Mumbai and currently shooting for my show Kumkum Bhagya, I miss those days. I must say that Maggi is my saviour whenever I am on leave, I enjoy the rain with hot tea and a bowl of Maggi. Also, every monsoon season, I go to Lonavala with my friends. The clouds in the mountains and the amazing weather there are delightful. As far as monsoon songs go, I enjoy listening to romantic songs. Pratiksha Honmukhe who es-



says the role of Priyanka in Zee TV's Kaisa Mujhe Tum Mil Gaye said "There's something incredibly special about the monsoon season that makes me feel alive. The rain has a way of washing away all the stress and bringing a sense of calm. On the sets of Kaisa Mujhe Tum Mil Gaye, I often find myself pausing for a moment to enjoy the beauty of the rain. Also, sitting with my fellow cast members, sharing stories and laughter over steaming cups of masala chai, is always a great feeling. The warmth of the tea combined with the coolness of the rain creates a perfect balance that I adore. Every year, I make it a point to take a short leave to indulge in the monsoon's beauty. I love driving through the western ghats during this season."

Karan Vohra, who essays the role of Aryaman in Zee TV's Main Hoon Saath Tere said, "Monsoon is one of my favorite seasons and I absolutely love the rainy season since my childhood days. From sitting cozy at home to enjoying 'Bhajiyas' watching rain is something that reminds me of my good and happy childhood days. I remember the sheer joy of splashing through puddles, the feel of cold raindrops, and the sound of thunder that used to both thrill and scare me. My colony friends.

"Bishen is satisfied with whatever he has": Sooraj Thapar speaks about his character in 'Badall Pe Paon Hai'

CHANDIGARH : Sony SAB's new show 'Badall Pe Paon Hai' follows the journey of Baani (Amandeep Sidhu), a young and spirited girl who dares to dream big despite her limited financial means. She firmly believes that while God may have given her less, there's no harm in striving for more to lead a better life. On the other hand, the Khanna family, headed by Bishan Khanna (Sooraj Thapar), believes in being content with what they have.

Being overwhelmed by the positive response from fans regarding the Khanna family dynamics, the seasoned actor shared his thoughts on the theme of Badall Pe Paon Hai, the impactful story it brings to the audience and the love he's received by fans.

Can you share some insights into your character Bishan Khanna in Badall Pe Paon Hai? What attracted you to this role?

It is tough to find a person who is completely satisfied because we have something or the other which keeps disturbing us. We always want to achieve something bigger and always run after things. However, Bishan Khanna is a person who is satisfied with whatever he has in his life and it is very rare to find such people these days. This is what excited me about the character the most.

What characteristics of Bishan do you relate to the most?

Bishan's trait of always trying to be positive is something I relate to. Being positive in life is very important as if one just cribs about what we don't have, they will never be happy.



So, Bishan wants to be happy in life. He likes to solve problems and doesn't take them very seriously knowing that it will spoil their present and future. In my own life, I too try to stay happy, positive and stress-free. It is important to be content with whatever you have.

Bishan seems to have a strong bond with his family, especially with his son Rajat. Can you elaborate on the dynamics of their relationship and the Khanna Family?

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Bishan is a very helpful, loving and down-to-earth character. He tries to help everybody whether it's in the kitchen - peeling and cutting vegetables or helping his daughter Aastha in her beauty parlor with the clients or repairing the broken water bottles for the kids. For Bishan, his family means the world to him. He has 4 kids, two sons and two daughters and he loves them unconditionally. It will be very interesting to explore the character further as the story moves on. There are many layers of the character the audience will get to see as we go ahead.

You have moved to Chandigarh for the shooting of the show. What challenges did you face in bringing Bishan Khanna to life and shooting in another city?

Doing a show in another city, away from your house and the people you love is a very courageous step and a difficult one. I keep missing my family but I try to keep myself busy with work. Then on the days I am not shooting, I do something else, like watch films and read books, pursue hobbies. At the end of the day, I try and enjoy my job. I keep experimenting and take up new challenges in life. That's very important.

Can you share any interesting anecdotes or moments from the set while filming?

In the beginning, when the character is being formed, I get very serious. I do get jittery as we as actors have to make it look more real-

istic these days for it to be authentic. However, it is a lot of fun to shoot the Khanna family scenes. There was a scene where a client came to Aastha's parlor wearing a mask. I had no dialogue in the scene. The director told me to dry her mask and so I improvised the scene with expressions and a few dialogues to add fun elements and make it entertaining. The directors have created a very healthy atmosphere on set, we all eat together, snatching each other's food. It's always a treat and we all are very cordial with each other.

Finally, what excites you the most about being a part of Badall Pe Paon Hai, and why should viewers tune in to watch the show?

What excites me most about Badall Pe Paon Hai is the family, the characters and my character, Bishan. It's a lot of fun. And it will be more interesting as the story progresses when Baani comes to the Khanna house as their daughter-in-law. Viewers should watch the show because it is a very inspirational story and it provides us with two different viewpoints that people have. Baani will express the idea of working hard to go ahead and reach new heights while the Khanna family will emphasize the importance of being content with whatever you have in life. If the audience sees the show for just one week, they will get attached to it. The feedback we are getting for our family scenes is that people are liking it a lot. I hope the audience will continue to watch and shower their love on the show.