

Russia agrees to release Indians working in its Army

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In a significant diplomatic win for India, sources have told that Russia will discharge and facilitate the return of all Indians who are reportedly working for the Russian Army. This matter was raised by PM Modi in his interaction with the Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had met Russian President Vladimir Putin at the President's House in Moscow on Monday. Putin welcomed PM Modi and the two leaders shared a hug. The two leaders shook hands and warmly greeted each other before proceeding to the meeting. They also had a private meeting and

sia." The issue of Indians working for the Russian Army had also been raised by the opposition with the Congress questioning the government's stance on the issue.

Congress RS MP Jairam

Ramesh raised the issue in a series of questions to the PM saying "According to the Indian Embassy in Moscow, at least 50 Indian nationals have joined the Russian Army. At least two individuals have already been confirmed as fatali-

ties of the war. Many others have been 'duped' into fighting a war where they have no stake, aside from a chance to escape the poverty and unemployment crisis that the non-biological Prime Minister has perpetuated domestically. Will the non-biological

Prime Minister take up the cause of these youth? Will he ensure their safe return to India as soon as possible?" The two leaders also discussed the situation in Ukraine and further comprehensive discussions will be held later today. According to government sources, the Indian view is that the solution to the Ukraine conflict cannot be found on the battle-

Hathras stampede: SIT blames organisers for incident, 6 including SDM suspended

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The Special Investigative Team (SIT) constituted by the Uttar Pradesh government to probe the Hathras stampede case, in which 121 people were killed, has primarily held satsang organisers and local administration responsible for the incident, official sources said here on Tuesday.

Sources said that in its report submitted to the state government, the SIT, comprising ADG Agra Zone and Divisional Commissioner Aligarh, has not ruled out the conspiracy behind the incident and has recommended an in-depth investigation.

Sources said that on the basis of the report submitted by the SIT, the government has suspended the Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) of Sikandra Pao, the Circle Offi-

cer of Sikandra Rao, the Station Officer of Sikandra Rao, the Tehsildar of Sikandra Rao, the outpost in charge of Kachora, and the outpost in charge of Pora.

The SIT, constituted immediately after the accident during the Satsang on July 2 in Sikandra Rao in Hathras district, inspected the incident site on July 2, 3, and 5.

NEWS BRIEFS

Chd AAP leader Pardeep Chhabra passes away



CHANDIGARH: AAP leader and former Chandigarh mayor Pardeep Chhabra passed away here on Tuesday. He was 65. He is survived by his wife, son and two daughters. The AAP leader's son, Puneet Chhabra, said his father had been undergoing treatment for jaundice and complained of ill health in the morning.

Kathua terror attack: Uttarakhand mourns its 5 martyrs

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Five soldiers from Uttarakhand were martyred in a terrorist attack in Kathua, Jammu and Kashmir, and Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Tuesday led residents of the state in paying homage to the bravehearts.

Dhami expressed his condolences, praying for the souls of the martyrs.

The soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice are Rifleman Adarsh Negi from Thati Dagar in Kirtinagar Block, Naib Subedar Anand Singh from Rudraprayag, Havildar Kamal Singh from Lansdowne, Naik Vinod Singh from Tehri Garhwal, and Rifleman Anuj Negi from Rikhanikhel.

The news of their martyrdom has left their families devastated and grief has engulfed their villages.

The terrorist attack occurred in the Barnood area near Janda Nala in Bhadnata, Billawar sub-district of Kathua.

Terrorists ambushed an Army vehicle, resulting in the deaths of five soldiers and leaving five others severely injured. Despite a high alert and intelligence inputs, this is the most significant terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir in the past month.

Justice Sheel Nagu administered oath as Chief Justice of Punjab & Haryana HC

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, JULY 9:



Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit today administered the oath of office to Mr. Justice Sheel Nagu as the Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, in a swearing-in ceremony held at Punjab Raj Bhawan, here.

Mr. Justice Sheel Nagu has also served as the Acting Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court.

The oath ceremony, proceeding of which was conducted by Punjab Chief Secretary Mr. Anurag Verma, was attended by Punjab Chief Minister Mr. S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, Haryana Governor Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Haryana Chief Minister Shri Nayab Singh Saini, family members of Mr. Justice Sheel Nagu, serving and retired Judges of Punjab and Haryana High Court, Punjab Finance Minister S. Harpal Singh Cheema, New and Renewable Energy Sources Minister Mr. Aman Arora, Revenue Minister Mr. Bram Shanker Jimpia, Health Minister Dr. Balbir Singh, Agriculture Minister S. Gurmeet Singh Khudian, Haryana Vidhan Sabha Speaker Shri Gian Chand Gupta, Punjab

Advocate General Mr. Gurminder Singh, Punjab DGP Mr. Gaurav Yadav and other senior Civil and Police officers of Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh.

The appointment of Mr. Justice Sheel Nagu as the Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court was formally notified by the Ministry of Law and Justice on July 4, 2024.

Mr. Justice Sheel Nagu was born on January 1, 1965. He was enrolled as an advocate on October 5, 1987 and practised in civil and constitutional matters in the High Court of Madhya Pradesh at Jabalpur.

Badoli appointed as Haryana BJP president ahead of Assembly polls

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, JULY 9

Ahead of the Assembly elections in Haryana, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has appointed Mohan Lal Badoli as the state president of the party.

Badoli replaces Chief Minister Nayab Saini, who continued to hold the charge, after his elevation as head of the state government.

In the 2019 Haryana Assembly election, Badoli won the Rai constituency after defeating Congress' candidate Jai Dahia with a margin of over 2,600 votes.

However, in the recently concluded Lok Sabha polls, Badoli faced defeat from Haryana's Sonipat constituency. He lost to Congress' Satpal Brahamchari with a margin of over 21,816 votes.

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er Backward Classes, his predecessor and current Union minister Manohar Lal Khattoor hailing from the Punjabi community and the new BJP president from the Brahmin

Polls are expected to be held in the state in October along with Maharashtra, another state where the BJP is in power as part of a three-party alliance and is

squarely up against a resurgent opposition combine that trounced it in the Lok Sabha elections. JP sources said the party is likely to make more key appointments, including of state presidents, in the coming days and weeks as it follows up on its review exercise following the Lok Sabha polls.

caste, the party hopes to enter the polls with a strong social coalition in its bid to repulse the challenge from the Congress.

The BJP has been in power in Haryana since 2014 but the Congress displayed strong signs of revival in the recent Lok Sabha elections, winning five of the 10

constituencies in the state.

With Saini from the Oth-

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Rahgiri program will be organized on July 14: DC

MANISH KUMAR AMBALA: Rahgiri program will be organized on July 14 on road adjacent to Ambala Herbal Park. Haryana Chief Minister Naib Singh will participate in this program as the chief guest. Another special thing in Rahgiri will be that plants will also be distributed for free during this time. Regarding Rahgiri, OSD Pankaj Nain of CMO Haryana and Ambala DC Dr. Shalin held a meeting of officials and gave necessary guidelines. He said that Raagiri will start with a cycle rally. Chief Minister Naib Singh will first flag off cycle rally. He will address general public from first stage. He will reach the second stage while meeting participants of different activities. Chief Minister Naib Singh will also meet general public from second stage.

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Students to get bus pass facility up to 150 kms : Aseem Goel

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Haryana Minister of State for Transport, Sh. Aseem Goel, has announced that the bus pass facility for students studying in government and recognized educational institutions in the state has been extended from 60 kms to 150 kms.

He informed that the discounted bus passes will be issued to all students studying in such schools/colleges/institutions within the state that are recognized by the state government or affiliated with any university or board in the state.

This decision by the government is expected to benefit several students across the state and is considered a major step taken in the interest of students.

The Transport Minister stated that the Transport Department will issue bus passes for a maximum distance of up

to 150 Kms from the educational institution, which was previously limited to only 60 kms. These bus passes will be issued on a semi-annual basis upon the recommendation of the school/institution authorities.

According to the letter issued by the Transport Department, any school/college/institution wishing to obtain bus passes for their students must provide a verified copy of their institution's recognition/affiliation certificate

Free pilgrimage for devotees to prominent religious sites

CHANDIGARH: Haryana Minister of State for Urban Local Bodies, Sh. Subhash Sudha, today flagged off a bus carrying pilgrims from Kurukshetra to Ayodhya Dham under the Mukhyamantri Teerth Darshan Yojana. On this occasion, the minister boarded the bus to interact with the devotees and extended his best wishes for their journey. Subhash Sudha said that under the Mukhyamantri Teerth Darshan Yojana, devotees are being provided free travel to Ayodhya Dham via Haryana Roadways AC buses. He also mentioned that previously, based on the demand of devotees from Thanesar, buses have been run to Shree Khatu Shyam Mandir, Mathura, and other pilgrimage sites.



along with a list of students to the relevant Roadways depot. This certificate must be issued by a competent authority. After verification, bus passes will be issued by the General Manager of the depot or an appointed officer as per the provided list. The departmental letter also mentioned that the design/format of the bus passes will remain the same, although the color of the pass may be changed for easy identification.

Badoli as BJP president will benefit party in assembly polls: Jile Ram

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, JULY 9

Former MLA of Assandh and former Chief Parliamentary Secretary Jile Ram Sharma congratulated the newly appointed state president of BJP Mohan Lal Badoli. He also wished Badoli a successful tenure over the phone. Jile Ram Sharma expressed confidence that the world's largest party will become stronger in Haryana under the leadership of Mohan Lal Badoli. He said that this is a commendable decision of the party's top leadership. Just before the assembly elections, the Bharatiya Janata Party has worked to strengthen its stronghold GT belt. He said that Sonepat district also comes under the GT belt.

MLA Mohan Lal Badoli from here has been made the state president. While CM

Nayab Saini, who comes from the same GT belt, is handling heavyweight ministries in the central government after being elected MLA from Karnal seat and Manohar Lal MP from Karnal. Manohar Lal is the only cabinet minister from Haryana in the central government. While the third big appointment was given in the form of Mohan Lal Baroli. He said that with Baroli's experience, energy and strategic skills, BJP will again achieve historic success in the upcoming Haryana assembly elections. The central leadership has made such an experienced worker the state president, which will definitely benefit the BJP in the state. Jile Ram Sharma said that Mohan Lal Baroli has been the district president, general secretary and is an MLA, he takes the workers along. The party has given him this responsibility because of his ability to work and take everyone along.



Complaints being resolved on priority in Samadhan camp: DC

RAHUL KOHLI
JAGADHRI, JULY 9

Deputy Commissioner Captain Manoj Kumar organised a Samadhan camp in the auditorium of the District Secretariat on Tuesday. In the Samadhan camp, the complainants are satisfied by listening to the problems of the people and solving them. In the Samadhan camp, problems of citizens related to property, ID, family identity card, ration card and various social security pen

sion schemes etc. were heard. In the organized camp, about 54 complainants arrived with their problems related to family identity card, property, ID, family identity card, ration card. The problems of the citizens were resolved on the spot through the officials of the concerned departments present on the spot.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Ayush Sinha

said that in these camps,

mainly the problems related

to property ID, family

identity card, land registration, house map and no

dues certificate related to the local urban body, social security pension schemes, ration card and ration distribution, electricity, wa

ter, irrigation etc. apart from crime related prob

lems were heard and they were resolved on the spot.

In the same series, the fam

ily identity card of Salma,

resident of Shiv Nagar, and

Pooja, resident of Jhagudi,

was corrected.

Bharat Bhushan Juyal elected President of Dist. Football Association



RAJNI SONI

YAMUNANAGAR: The triennial elections of District Football Association Yamunanagar concluded today. The elections were conducted by the members of the ad hoc body appointed by the District Registrar Societies, Pankaj Chug, Om Prakash and Sanjeev Dutta in the presence of the patron of the association Madan Chauhan. Bharat Bhushan Juyal was unanimously elected as the President, Narendra Chug as the General Secretary and Ashish Sharma as the Treasurer by the members of the association present. Among other office bearers, Rajesh Bhardwaj was elected as the Senior Vice President of the association, Santan Kumar and Om Prakash as the Vice President, Sanjeev Dutta as the Secretary, Pankaj Chug as the Organising Secretary, Ranjeet Sharma as the Deputy Secretary and Lavi Sharma as the Deputy Treasurer.

All the newly elected office bearers were presented with best wishes by the ad hoc committee and the members of the association. Newly elected President Bharat Bhushan Juyal expressed his gratitude to all the members and said that with the support of all of you, the district association will achieve new heights of success in the coming season. On this occasion, senior players and coaches Naresh Kumar, Aditya Kumar, Sunil Kumar, Mayank Joshi and former captain of Indian women's football team Manpreet Kaur were specially present.

Discussions held on policies of party and govt

DARSHAN SHARMA

NILOKHERI: A meeting of Nising Mandal of Nilokheri Assembly was held in village Guniana which was chaired by former MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi and started the meeting by lighting the lamp along with all the colleagues and in his address he discussed organisational matters about the party with everyone and told about all the schemes, projects and various types of schemes by the Central and State Government of Bharatiya Janata Party which can benefit the common people and appealed to everyone that you also go to your respective areas, villages, neighborhoods and awaken the common people so that the common people get benefit and Bharatiya Janata Party gets more strength and also had some special discussion about the upcoming assembly elections and the upcoming programs, strengthen your booth further and register victory. In today's Mandal Executive, Mandal President Mahipal Rana, Gurjeet Gondar, Amarnath Sodha, Mohanlal Rana, Ransingh, Ved Taneja, Ravinder, Vinod, Rajinder, Johnny Sarpanch, Ashok Sharma, Pradeep, Vinod Rana, Pawan, Mukesh, Surender, Samsher, Meghraj, Rajkumar, Ramkisan, Gujjar Singh, Kashmir Singh, Pratap Singh, Sushil, Balwinder Fauji, Ravindra Rana, Sonu Rana, Rakesh, Narendra, Samsher, Surender, Dimple, Karamchand and all other executive members were present.



Poor farmers, employees taking advantage of CM Saini's schemes: Dr. Ganesh Dutt

NARESH GARG

LADWA: Former National Executive Member of BJP Intellectual Cell and State Member of Good Governance Department, Dr. Ganesh Dutt said that every section of the society is benefiting from the schemes of Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini in the state. The steps taken by the government for poor farmers and employees are being appreciated by the public. After the programs started by government for solving problems and development, the opposition does not have any issue, due to which an atmosphere of disappointment has been created among them. Giving information about the government schemes in the village of Bhutmajra in the area, Dr. Ganesh Dutt said that about 22.5 crores in the form of pension to 75330 new beneficiaries in the state from the Employees' Security Pension, more than 15 crores for the repair of houses to 2003 beneficiaries under Dr. Ambedkar Housing Renovation Scheme and financial assistance of 100-100 square yard plots to 6300 beneficiaries under the Rural Housing Scheme and Rs 1 lakh each to others have benefited the poor and needy society. He said that farmers in the state are getting financial help from the Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, along with this, they have also got the price of their crops under Meri Fasal Mera Mera. The scheme of giving agricultural tubewell connection to farmers applying till 31 December 2023 is also a big step in the interest of farmers. He said that the government has expressed its commitment towards Gaudhan by giving Rs 10 thousand per acre for growing fodder for cowsheds. He said that Naib Singh Saini is continuously working in the public interest, poor interest and farmers' interest and is moving ahead on the path of Haryana Ek Haryanvi Ek. The people of the country have handed over the reins of power to the strong hands of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the third time and in the state also, for the third time, BJP government will be formed with full majority under the leadership of Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini.

BJP govt wants to suppress voice of people in Parliament: Balla



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, JULY 9

Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee member and former member of Haryana Police Recruitment Board and strong contender for Congress ticket from Nilokheri assembly constituency Rajendra Balla while addressing the workers during the public relations campaign in the assembly constituency said that the opposition is the voice of the people in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. The BJP government is trying to suppress the voice of the people by suppressing the voice of the opposition. The government will have to listen to the voice of the people. In democracy, everyone has the right to speak their mind and the government will have to listen to it. The way the mic of the Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi

in Lok Sabha and Congress Party President Mallikarjun Kharge in Rajya Sabha was switched off, it is clear that the government has no intention of listening to the opposition and the government only wants to suppress the voice of the opposition. Rajendra Balla said that the people are unhappy with the policies of BJP and the property ID will prove to be the nail in the coffin when BJP rule ends. The policies run by the state government are anti-people. Crime is at its peak in the state. Every day businessmen are being threatened and intimidated for ransom. Despite Karnal being the CM city, crime is increasing day by day. In the last 180 days, 465 murders, 720 rapes and 813 kidnappings have taken place in the state, which clearly shows the failure of the Haryana government in law and order.

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Shiv Kumar Sharma
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Senior Congress leader, former Union Minister and MP Selja has announced to take up a padyatra in urban areas. Welcoming this, senior Congress leader and All India Kisan Congress national spokesperson Inderjit Singh Goraya said that the hope and enthusiasm shown by the people of the state towards the Congress party during the Lok Sabha elections, this yatra will turn that enthusiasm into a wave. He said that this yatra will be the best medium to reach the voters of urban areas. Goraya said sister Selja will reach the people with the message of Rahul Gandhi and party president Mallikarjun Kharge.

He said that today a common urban citizen of Haryana is trapped in the web of property ID and PPP. Shopkeepers, traders and small shopkeepers are troubled by GST. The condition of the sewerage system and drinking water system is bad. Through this padyatra, the public will be made aware of the anti-people decisions of BJP and the message of Congress will be taken to every house. Inderjit Goraya said that under the guidance of the top leadership of the party, this programme is being started at the end of July, which will be led by the newly elected MP and National General Secretary of All India Kisan Congress.

running the Khalistani movement, and will demand that a resolution be passed in the Punjab Assembly and sent to the Center that Amritpal Singh's membership be canceled to save the peace and tranquility of Punjab. Anti-Terrorist Front India's National President Vireash Shandilya said that Amritpal Singh took oath on July 5 and on July 4, Khalistani cut down the Hindu leader wearing Nihang with swords in Ludhiana. The Hindu leader is fighting for life and death. By doing this, Khalistanis have started spreading terror in the Hindu society. Not only this, Amritpal Singh attacked the police station by running a Khalistan movement and

hit and Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann to cancel the membership of Amritpal Singh, who is lodged in Dibrugarh jail for

tried to incite riots in Punjab in the name of Guru Granth Sahib, but it is beyond limits that why did the Central Government and the State Government allow Amritpal Singh, who was under NSA, to contest the Lok Sabha elections?

Today the dignity of the Lok Sabha was not tarnished, but by Amritpal Singh taking oath as a Lok Sabha member, the Government of India itself has put the Khalistanis on the head of India, which the Anti-Terrorist Front India will not tolerate. Shandilya said that Amritpal Singh is against the Constitution, against the law, against the tricolor and is a supporter of Pakistan's ISI and wants to bring back the era of terrorist Bhindranwala. Which is a conspiracy to destroy the Hindu Sikh brotherhood.

Modern Shishu Vatika to be built in Geeta Vidyalaya

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA: Alumnus of the school and Urban Bodies Minister Subhash Sudha, who attended the program of Geeta Vidyalaya as the chief guest, announced a contribution of Rs 21 lakh from the government fund to build a Shishu Vatika equipped with modern facilities in the school. Vidya Bharati North Region General Secretary Deshraj Sharma said that Vidya Bharati is the only institution that prepares the

syllabus from class one to 12 on its own. School manager Virendra Walia said that a Shishu Vatika equipped with modern equipment will be built in the school so that the students can develop in all aspects. School's Principal Anil Kulshrestha informed that this modern Shishu Vatika, which will be built in accordance with the new education policy, will have 12 subjects like education through play, swimming pool, bird sanctuary, swings, sports school, drama school, modern laboratory, classrooms equipped with modern equipment. The school's principal also expressed his gratitude to the guests present. Vidya Bharati North Region Minister Deshraj, Sanjayarany Gupta, Patron, Hindu Education Committee Senior Vice President of the school Ashok Prasad, Vice President Dr. Vijendra Kumar Sharma, School Management's Virendra Walia, Treasurer Ramesh Gulati, Member Kanwar Jang Bahadur Singh, Alumnus Rakesh Mehta, Prabhat Samiti's Education Scholar, Member Sister Rita, School's Acharya, Brothers and Sisters and Principals of other schools and Management Committee members were present.

again. Vireash Shandilya, while talking to journalists at Pipli Vishram Grah today, said that he will give a memorandum to the country's Home Minister Amit Shah, Speaker Om Birla, Punjab Governor Banwari Lal Puro- ra as the patron. Newly elected Pradhan Chaudhary Vijay Pal Advocate said that to achieve the goals of Sarvajatiya Mahasabha, everyone will work together as a team and will create brotherhood, love and harmony in the society and all communities. It will work on topics like eliminating the evils in the society and moral and intellectual development of children and youth, environmental protection, saving water and stopping the migration of talents from the society to foreign countries. He said that with the blessings of all of you, we will try to take the organization to new heights and the new executive will live up to everyone's expectations.

President K.P. Agarwal, Jaipal Dahiya, Ramal Agarwal, Gaurav Sharma, Joint Secretary Gulshan Kumar Madan, Treasurer Sham Sundar Paruthi were elected. He informed that the members of the executive committee were Prithvi Singh Grover, Pal Singh Sandhu (former DSP), Parminder Pal Singh, Narendra Singh Chauhan, Vijay Pal Kamboj, Satbir Narwal. After the formation of the executive committee, Vijay Pal Advocate Pradhan nominated Shamsher Singh Sandhu as the chief patron and Jai Gopal Aro-

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JATINDER PAL SINGH KALER
NAWANSIHALI: The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB) during its ongoing campaign against corruption in the state, on Monday, has arrested Mukhbir Singh, Panchayat Secretary, a resident of village Sona, and Harbhajan Kaur, former Sarpanch of village Hiala in district Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar for committing misappropriation in Panchayat funds received from the state government for development works. Disclosing that here today an official spokesperson of the state VB said this case has been registered against both the said accused and others based on an inquiry regarding the fraud committed in the grants received by the Gram Panchayat Hiala.

Rumors of closure of 2-year Bed course being spread on social media platforms: Dr. Rupinder Kaur

BUREAU PATHANKOT: Principal of Pathankot College of Education Dr. Rupinder Kaur said that rumors are being spread on social media platforms, YouTube, Facebook and Instagram that the 2-year B.ed course is going to be closed in the country. This course is recognized by NCTE, will not give. It is also stated that only 4 years B.ed will be valid. Principal Dr. Rupinder Kaur said that it is wrong that the 2-year B.ed course will be discontinued. Forms for B.ed session 2024-2026, second year are out. This time its entrance exam is being conducted by Punjab University Chandigarh. The last date to fill this form is 16th July, 2024. She appealed to the students to stay away from false rumors and remove the illusion from their minds that the B.ed 2-year course will be discontinued. She said that a support center for students has been established in the college. Students should enroll in this course with enthusiasm and serve the country by becoming good teachers.

Manual scavenger Act and scheduled castes, held meeting under prevention of atrocities Act



SURINDER DAMDAMI
KOTKAPURA: The meeting of the district level committee under the Scheduled Caste Prevention of Atrocities Act 1998 and Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers Act 2013 was held under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner (J) Jagi Singh. On this occasion, the district level committee meeting formed under the Atrocity Act 1989 reviewed the cases registered under the SC/ST Act in the district. Member Secretary of the Committee Gurjeet Singh Barah said that a total of 11 cases are registered under the SC/ST Act in the district, out of which 05 cases are submitted to the court, 03 cases are under investigation and 02 cases are pending and 01 case is acquitted. In 04 cases, compensation has been given to the victims as per rules. Non-governmental member Kamaljit Singh MC said that the investigation in these cases is not completed for a long time, due to which the victims do not get justice on time.

Farmers in Hoshiarpur will not face shortage of water for crop irrigation: Jimpa



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR: Cabinet Minister Punjab Bram Singh Jimpa said that irrigation tubewells are being installed continuously in district Hoshiarpur by the Punjab government. He said that Chief Minister of Punjab Bhagwant Singh Mann thinks that the farmers of the state should not face any problem related to farming. He was addressing the villagers while inaugurating an irrigation tubewell constructed at a cost of about Rs 55 lakh in village Thathlan today. The Cabinet Minister said that there was a long-standing demand for irrigation tubewell in the village, which has been fulfilled, which will also benefit the small farmers of the village. He said that about 2 km long pipeline has also been laid, which will provide irrigation facility to about 100 acres of land. He said that providing water for crop irrigation is one of the main priorities of the Punjab government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, for which the government is constantly making efforts. Expressing gratitude to the Chief Minister of Punjab, he said that he has left no stone unturned in the development of any area of the state. During this, he also motivated the officers of the Water Resources Department to work harder and with honesty. On this occasion, Stephen Bhatia, Rajan Bassi Ghulam Hussain, Lucky, Recham Chand, Gurjeet Chand, Gurdev Chand, Krishna Lal Sarpanch, Sarabjit Kaur Panch, Gurkashish Rai, Bashi Ram, Sheetal Ram, Hajukram, Saroj Kumar, Shindo, Satyadevi, Manjot Kaur, Saroj Rani, Daljit Kaur, Gyan Kaur, Dakshina Devi, Kaushalya Devi etc.

CM hands over cheque of Rs 1 crore and letter of job to family of Shubkaran

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, JULY 9

Fulfilling the promise made with the family of a young farmer who attained martyrdom at Khanauri border during farmer agitation, the Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Tuesday handed over a cheque of financial assistance worth Rs 1 crore and appointment letter of government job to his family members.

Interacting with the bereaved family members after handing over the cheque and appointment letter, the Chief Minister said that the state government is committed for the well-being of the food growers of the state and no stone is being left for ensuring their welfare.

He said that the young farmer Shubkaran Singh had attained martyrdom during firing at the border. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that this barbaric and tragic incident had bruised the psyche of every Punjabi. The Chief Minister said that the martyrdom of a farmer is a huge and irreparable loss for the family which cannot be compensated by any means. However, he said that Rs 1 crore financial assistance and government



JIMPA lauds CM for enhancing cover of citizen centric services in state

CHANDIGARH: Revenue Minister Bram Shanker Jimpa on Tuesday lauded the Punjab Government, led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, for the further expansion of online citizen centric services available to the people thereby bringing the services at their doorsteps. The Minister said that now Patwari has been integrated into the e-governance system, through their online IDs which allows citizens to access most services related to document verification from their homes. He said that this enhancement in ambit of online schemes will streamline the verification process for various certificates, including those for caste, residence, old age pension schemes, income and others. The Revenue Minister emphasized that with patwari now part of the online system, applicants will no longer need to visit their offices for verification reports as upon submission, applications will be electronically forwarded to the relevant patwari for verification. Minister Jimpa highlighted that many civic services provided by the Revenue Department's officials and employees will be delivered without hassle, corruption, or unnecessary delays.

job to the family is a humble initiative of the state government to bail out the family in crisis. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that this is a humble gesture of the state government in recognition of the supreme sacrifice made by the young farmer for the cause of food growers of the country.

meeting aimed to strengthen the tax administration, enhance revenue mobilization, and promote a culture of tax compliance among service sector stakeholders.

"By focusing on GST compliance in the service sector, Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann led Punjab Government aims to unlock additional revenue streams, boost economic growth, and contribute to the state's economic progress", said Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema. During the review meeting of the Excise department, the Minister directed officials to develop strategies to recover outstanding arrears dating back to FY 2016-17, intending to convert these long-overdue

Sudhanshu Maharaj to perform Sankirtan in Sirhind from October 3 to 6: Ashwani Garg

AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGHAR SAHIB, JULY 9

Internationally renowned Param Pujya Sudhanshu Ji Maharaj will perform Sankirtan in Sirhind on 3 to 6th October 2024. In this regard a meeting with all the Mandals was organized at Guru Kripa Sewa Sansthan in Sirhind. CA Ashwani Garg expressed his honor and gratitude that Guru Ji accepted his request for Satsang in Sirhind. He urged the team to spread awareness and thanked the Mandals of Vishva Jagriti Mission Punjab.

Ajay Allopuria President Punjab, Satpal Malhotra President Rajpura, CA Ashwani Garg President Sirhind, Pardeep Garg, Krishan Kumar, Sunil Gupta, CA Ashok Bansal, Baldev Raj, Ravi Una, Praveen Gupta, Dr. Hitendra Suri, Vinay Gupta, Rakesh



Gupta, Ashwani Singh, Karan Gupta, Parveen Kumar, K.C. Joshi, Sukhdev Chand, Devinder Kumar, Hari Om Verma, Sunil Verma, Jagdish Verma, Dr. Shubham Suri, Gulshan Rai, Mamnoon Lal Verma, Satish Sharma, Rajeev Aggarwal, R.C. Dingra, Kamal Kumar, Yidhu Garg and Sushila Jindal etc.

who attended the meeting said that they will make people aware to attend the gathering and in the coming days flexes will also be installed at various public places in the city. They appealed to all religious organizations and social workers to make as many people as possible aware about this gathering.

In the presence of Sub Divisional Magistrate, Sunam Pramod Singh; SP, Rakesh Kumar; Assistant Commis-

Govt to celebrate martyrdom day of SUS on July 31: DC

SUMER GARG
SANGRUR, JULY 9

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Jatindra Jorwal in a meeting with the officials at the district administrative complex here today said that the Punjab government as a state level ceremony will celebrate Shaheed Udhram Singh (SUS)'s martyrdom day at Sunam on July 31 and instructed all the officials to complete the entire work on time with mutual cooperation.

In the presence of Sub Divisional Magistrate, Sunam Pramod Singh; SP, Rakesh Kumar; Assistant Commis-

sioner, Upinderjit Kaur Brar and RTO, Kuldeep Bawa; the DC while giving directions to the officials of various departments said that cleanliness of the roads coming to the city for the people, Provision of clean drinking water, availability of ambulance and other emergency health services, decoration of the martyr's memorial and other necessary arrangements of security, smooth traffic, parking arrangements of vehicles & persons coming to pay homage to the martyrdom of Shaheed Udhram Singh should be ensured on time.

No laxity to be used by police in case of drugs: DIG skill



VERMA
GURDASPUR, JULY 9

DIG of Border Range Amritsar SSP today by Mr. Rakesh Kaushal. At office Gurdaspur, district administration, Punjab Police officials, representatives of Village Defense Committees, social service organizations and important persons met with them and sought their support in the fight against drugs. In this meeting Deputy Commissioner Mr. Special Sarangal, S.S.P. Apart from Mr. Harish Dayama, other police officers were also present. While presiding over the meeting, DIG, Border Range Mr. Rakesh Kaushal said that under the instructions of the Punjab Government, the Punjab Police is committed to eradicating drugs from the state. He said that the Punjab Police has started a decisive battle for the eradication of drugs, in which the cooperation of every section of the society is very important. He said that strict action is being taken by the police against drug smugglers and more than 30 crore worth of property of drug smugglers has been seized in the border range in the last one year. He said that no laxity will be used by the police in the case of drugs.

PS Grewal takes over as new SHO of Kharar city police

SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, JULY 9



Newly appointed SHO of Kharar City Police Inspector PS Grewal has taken over charge of his office. During his first meeting with journalists today, he said that he will take action with the support of the people to eradicate drug addiction. He has warned the drug dealers to leave this practice otherwise strict action will be taken against them. He has asked all the landlords to give full details of their tenants in the police station immediately. He said that if any wrong element is found in their houses,

action will be taken against the landlord in this regard. He said that the police will also take stern action against those who commit robberies, extortions snatching and assaults in Kharar.

Talking to the people who came for their work on this occasion, they said that this is a very good initiative of the government, the officers of all the departments meet together under one roof. By which they

Distt admin holds 'Sarkar Tuhade Dwar' camp at Sardulewala

KULWINDER KARWAL
SARDULGARH, JULY 9

Continuing the state government's 'Sarkar Tuhade Dwar' programme, which aims to make government schemes and services more accessible, the district administration held a camp at Sardulewala village of Sardulgarh. During the camp, Additional Deputy Commissioner Mr. Nirmal O listened to the problems of the people and issued directions to the officers of the concerned departments for their immediate solution. SDM Sardulgarh Mr. Nitesh Kumar Jain was also present with him.

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get relief from the hassle in offices. The Additional Deputy Commissioner said that during the "Public Hearing Camp", various departments set up their counters and heard the problems of the people of Sardulewala village, Dhani Phoo Mandi, Tibbi Hari Singh, Kahnawala, Bhundar, Mirpur Kalan, Mirpur Khurd, Rorki, Chotian, Alike, Barn, Karipur Dum. He said that 59 applications were received during the public hearing camp, out of which 47 were disposed of on the spot and 12 applications were given to the concerned authorities for departmental process and timely disposal. He said that the Punjab government is committed to provide government services to the people near their homes. He said that the district administration has issued orders to the heads of all departments to provide timely and transparent services to the people.

scooter. Mr. Swapan Sharma said that swinging into action the Police started investigations into the matter and based on technical evidence and human intelligence they identified both the culprits as Paramjit Singh @ Prince Baba s/o Sarabjit Singh r/o H.No. 290/5 Shaheed Babu Labh Singh Nagar Jalandhar now at Dhabi Mohalla near Jyoti Chowk Jalandhar and Neeraj Kumar @ Neelu s/o Sanjeev Kumar r/o H.No NM 390 Mohalla Karar Khan neevi Chakkali wali Gali near Patel Chowk Jalandhar.

CP reiterates zero tolerance policy against crime, criminals

PARAMJIT SINGH
JALANDHAR, JULY 9

Tightening noose around the culprits, the Jalandhar Commissionerate Police led by Commissioner of Police Mr. Swapan Sharma has arrested a hardcore criminal, involved in 16 cases, along with his accomplice and recovered one Laptop, two laptops and Activa with out Number. Divulging the details, the Commissioner of Police said that a resident of the city Rajiv Singh had lodged a complaint with Police that at around 10:15 pm on July 2-07-2024 two individuals entered his wine shop. He said that the faces of both the youth were covered with handkerchiefs/ bandanas and they were armed with sharp weapons, adding that they stole cash from the counter and fled on their

RD officials on spot settle 53 mutation cases

SUMER GARG
SUNAM, JULY 9



Under the guidelines of Punjab Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann, Lok Suvidha Camps (people convenience camps) are being organized to provide administrative facilities related to various government departments near their homes to the citizens living in urban and rural areas of district Sangrur.

In this regard, under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner (DC), Jitendra Jorwal, a Lok Suvidha Camp (LSC) was organized at a big village Chhahar of Sub Division Sunam, in which Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM), Mr. Pramod Singh, Finance Minister Punjab, Harpal Singh Cheema's OSD, Tapinder Singh Sohi and Pritam Singh Peet, Chairman of Nagar Improvement Trust, Sangrur, specially joined and inspected

the camp. On this occasion, Singla said that two such camps are being organized every week at urban and village level in sub division Sunam in which Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM), Mr. Pramod Singh, Finance Minister Punjab, Harpal Singh Cheema's OSD, Tapinder Singh Sohi and Pritam Singh Peet, Chairman of Nagar Improvement Trust, Sangrur, specially joined and inspected

Ratolan villages have also benefited in this cluster level camp. During this, SDM interacted with the people, who came to the camp for services and also talked about the various welfare schemes being run by the Punjab government and the efforts are being made for the betterment of the people.

"This is an important initiative being taken by the Punjab government in public



interest, so that people do not face any kind of difficulty in getting government services", SDM added. In a heartwarming initiative, young students from Vasant Valley Public School have captured hearts with their creative project aimed at nurturing love and empathy towards wildlife. As part of their curriculum on environmental awareness, the pre-primary students embarked on a unique journey to create nests for birds and small animals. Under the guidance of their teachers and with enthusiastic participation from parents, the children learned about the importance of caring for other living beings. Armed with recycled materials like twigs, leaves, and cardboard, they meticulously crafted nests designed to provide safe havens for birds and small creatures in their local ecosystem. The project not only fostered creativity but also instilled a deep sense of responsibility and compassion in the young minds. Each nest was a testament to their burgeoning love for nature and a reminder of the impact small actions can have on wildlife conservation. Principal Mrs. Anitha Rajagopalan expressed immense pride in the students' efforts, emphasizing the importance of such initiatives in early education.

tion. A total of 78 models were displayed in this competition. In this Saujanya Sharma of class IX of The Trinity School was selected at the state level.

On this occasion, Chief Guest Project Associate First National Innovation Foundation Department of Science and Technology New Delhi Madam Garima was present as the chief guest, along with her District Education Officer Dheeraj Vashist and principals of other government schools participated in this competition.

Student of The Trinity School selected in state level science project



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, JULY 9

Student of The Trinity School Hoshiarpur, Saujanya Sharma, participated in the scientific model competition organized at Meritorious School Baghpur Hoshiarpur under the Project Inspire Award Manak scheme year 2023-2024 started by the State Legislative Research and Supply Council of the Central Government. Students from three districts - Jalandhar, Kapurthala and Hoshiarpur participated in this competition.

School vehicles risking lives of students by breaching safety rules

JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR): There have been several incidents where students got injured in accidents involving school vehicles but the schools are still negligent to the same issue. The schools repeatedly risk lives of students due to lack of proper maintenance of vehicles which is highly concerning. We have a safe school vehicles policy in India to ensure safety of students while travelling in school vehicles and under this policy, the school vehicles are supposed to go through strict parameters to ensure safety of students but the schools take this policy very lightly. The civil and police administrations play a crucial role in ensuring implementation of this policy but they too have seemed to turn a blind eye to the issue. Talking about Jagraon city, several schools are not even near obeying the policy. Several vans of these schools don't even have number plates on and they are parked outside shops after dropping students that creates huge inconvenience to people. One of the private schools, when questioned about the same, denied parking their vehicles outside homes of people or shops but then they stated that they shall look into the matter.

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**Internal strife
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RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR: The BJP faces internal strife in the upcoming by-elections for the Dehra, Hamirpur, and Nalagarh seats, with just hours left before voting. The party is concerned about potential sabotage from within, which could impact its performance. Long-standing dissatisfaction among senior BJP leaders has come to the forefront, particularly in the Hamirpur seat. The BJP previously lost seats in Sujanpur, Kuflehar, Gagret, and Lahaul Spiti due to internal conflicts. The Congress party, on the other hand, has historically struggled to win these three seats. The ruling Congress, however, is less worried about internal sabotage. Despite this, the Congress has not won the Dehra seat even once and last won the Hamirpur seat in 2007. In Hamirpur, several BJP leaders are displeased with the decision to give the ticket to independent and former MLA Ashish Sharma. If Sharma wins, it could dash the hopes of other aspiring BJP leaders like former MLA Narendra Thakur. Recent events suggest growing divisions within the Hamirpur BJP. Despite the internal discord, BJP candidate Ashish Sharma remains confident in his victory and trusts his supporters and voters.

**Bangana college
student excel in BA
3rd year exams**



JOGINDER DEV ARYA
BANGANA: The results for the BA third-year exams conducted by Himachal Pradesh University in April were announced on Monday, with 92.82% of students passing. Ishita Dhiman from Government College Bangana, Una district, secured the ninth position in the university's top ten merit list. This achievement has brought immense joy to the college and the local community. Ishita Dhiman, daughter of farmer Sai Das Dhiman and homemaker Anju Kumari, credits her success to her parents and teachers. She expressed her aspiration to become a college professor and pledged to work hard towards this goal. College Principal Dr. Ramesh Thakur praised Ishita's hard work and dedication, acknowledging the significant role of proper guidance from the faculty. He highlighted that Ishita's success follows a similar achievement in 2021 when student Riya Sharma secured the fourth position in the university's top ten. These accomplishments serve as a source of inspiration and motivation for current students. A felicitation ceremony was planned for today, but it has been postponed due to Ishita being out of town and will be held in a few days.

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Vote for strengthening democracy: CM Sukhu

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JULY 9

Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has urged all voters to participate in the upcoming by-elections for the three Assembly seats on July 10. He emphasized that every voter should cast their vote to strengthen democracy. He accused the BJP of using monetary power to conspire against an elected government and forcing independent MLAs to resign as part of a deal.

This, he said, is unprecedented in history, with independent MLAs having to sit in protest and go to court to have their resignations accepted. He stated that the BJP has imposed these by-elections on the people by manipulating the political

market and buying independent MLAs, and now it is time for voters to teach them a lesson.

The Chief Minister noted that the election is a battle between truth and falsehood, honesty and dishonesty, and he is confident that voters will choose truth and honesty. He mentioned that the Congress Party currently has 38 MLAs in the Assembly and expects

this number to increase to 41 after the by-election results. He highlighted that the Congress government has a remaining tenure of three and a half years, and voters in Nalagarh, Dehra, and Hamirpur will choose development.

Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu listed the welfare measures the Congress government has implemented in the past year and a half, such as providing OPS to employees, offering a monthly pension of ₹1500 to women, starting English medium education from the first grade in all government schools, creating a ₹680 crore startup fund for unemployed youth, and becoming the first state in the country to provide a minimum support price for milk. He mentioned

increasing the rate of cow's milk from ₹32 to ₹45 and buffalo's milk from ₹47 to ₹55, providing a 4% DA to employees, and giving ₹1000 diet money to police personnel.

He contrasted this with the previous BJP government's record, which provided only 20,000 government jobs during its tenure, many of which were entangled in legal issues. In contrast, the Congress government has created more than 28,000 government job opportunities in just one and a half years. The government has also introduced free medical treatment for elderly people over 70, free education for widows' children up to 27 years, and financial assistance of ₹3 lakhs for building houses.

DC takes stock of landslide incident in Shimla, traffic restored

AGENCY
SHIMLA, JULY 9

Deputy Commissioner Shimla Anupam Kashyap took stock of the landslide situation caused by rain near the parking lot under construction along the circular road near Deen Dayal Upadhyaya (Ripon) hospital in the town.

DC arrived at the spot at 9.45 p.m. with top officials to inspect the incident. He said there has been no loss of life due to this landslide. The obstructed traffic is now running smoothly as one-way traffic. To avoid further damage to part of the sunken road, it has been completely covered with tarpaulin so that the rain does not precipitate further impact on the landslide. There is an

electricity pole at the incident site, the power supply to which has been stopped as a precaution so that any kind of damage can be prevented.

Anupam Kashyap said the SE Public Works Department has been ordered to start relief work at the incident site early in the morning so that the people of the city do not have to face any kind of problem. He said the traffic system

Misuse of power will not last long: Rajeev Bindal

SANJAY AGGARWAL

DHARAMSHALA: Dharamshala, BJP State President Dr Rajeev Bindal said in door to door campaign Dehra that misuse of power will not last long, BJP's numbers will increase in Himachal Assembly and Congress will be reined in. BJP will win all three by-elections because people do not like dictatorial

government in Himachal. He said that BJP has always worked for the progress and development of Himachal, has done work worth crores in Himachal, but this Congress government has stopped even the ongoing work in the state. The government which has pushed the entire state into darkness is now making false promises of the light of development at the time of elections. He said that the Congress government only wants to get votes by intimidation and it will fail in that, this government is only promoting corruption and mafia rule. Why is the Chief Minister and his friends silent on the cases of corruption? Who is spreading bullying in Himachal? If you are silent it means you accept that this government is corrupt.



Medical camp organized by Anhad Health Care at Shri Vishwakarma Temple, Una



ASHOK KUMAR TAHLIWAL
UNA: Anhad Health Care, led by CMD Jaswinder Singh, organized a month-long medical camp at Shri Vishwakarma Temple in Hiranagar village, Una district, Himachal Pradesh. The camp, featuring acupressure, neurotherapy, physiotherapy, and natural medicine, was inaugurated by BDC member Kumar Rani. Attendees included President Baljeet Kaur, District Councilor Naresh Kumar, Vice President Harsimh Chand, ward members Suresh Kaur, Baby, Sushma Lata, Manjit Kaur, Kulwant Singh, Deepak Kumar, Pawan Rana, and Nand Kishore. The acupressure team comprising Praveen Saini, Dr. Sukhvinder Singh, Dr. Aniket Sharma, and Dr. Preet Kaur will provide their services in the village for the duration of the camp, which will be open daily from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The camp aims to treat various ailments such as cervical pain, knee pain, paralysis, and joint pain.

MLA listens to problems, urges officials to take complaints seriously



JOGINDER DEV ARYA
BANGANA: Kutlehar's MLA, Vivek Sharma, attended to the public's grievances at his office in Bangana today. While listening to the issues, Sharma emphasized that the problems of Kutlehar's people are his own and it is his duty to resolve them as soon as possible. He announced that on Wednesday, he will listen to public issues at the IPH Rest House in Lower Basal from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Addressing the issues, Sharma issued necessary directives to the concerned departments, instructing them to resolve the problems promptly. He urged the officials to take public grievances seriously and prioritize collective issues of the people. During his interaction with the public, Sharma reiterated that serving the people is his utmost duty, and he has always been dedicated to public service. Present at the meeting were Block Development Officer Subhash Atri, Congress party workers, and officials from various departments.

Sukhu panicked before defeat, deployed police behind BJP candidate: Rakesh Jamwal

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, JUL 9

Dehra Assembly by-election coordinator, BJP chief spokesperson and Sundarnagar MLA Rakesh Jamwal has said in a statement issued to the press that even after taking a loan of 30 thousand crores, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu is misleading the people of the state by making hue and cry that the treasury is empty. Even after taking a loan of crores of rupees, Sukhu has not been able to get even a penny of development done in the state. He said that Sukhu should issue a white paper to the public as to where did the crores of rupees taken as loan go. He said that a group of friends is spending billions of rupees to win the Dehra election. Sukhu

government has deployed plainclothes police behind BJP candidate Hoshiyar Singh, a video of which has also gone viral. From this, it can be guessed what kind of tactics Sukhu is resorting to get his wife Kamlesh Thakur elected.

He said that Hoshiyar Singh's victory from Dehra is certain, Sukhu is nervous about this.

He said that the government machinery is

contesting the elections in the state and Sukhu's government

is lagging behind. Despite

this, BJP will register its

victory in all these three by-elections. He said that after these elections, there is a change in leadership in the state. Rakesh Jamwal said that Sukhu government has currently become a mountain of false announcements, under which the public is suffering. The law and order situation in the state has completely collapsed due to the abundance of murder, rape, robbery. The people of the state are feeling unsafe. He said that Sukhu government is hell-bent on winning this election by creating an atmosphere of terror, but the public will soon give an answer to Sukhu government.

He said that Sukhu is blaming

others for his failures. In one

and a half years, Sukhu government has thrown dust

in the eyes of the people of the state.

Government Health Card facilities now available at Samar Hospital, Jasur Talwara Road, Nurpur

SANJEEV MAHajan

NURPUR: The Samar

Hospital located at

Bharmauli Chowk on

Jasur Talwara Road

in the Nurpur Assembly

constituency has started

providing facilities for

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Ayushman Cards, Himcare

Cards, and Chief Minister Health Cards. Samar Hospital offers advanced treatment and surgery for all types of bone-related issues using modern machinery.

Additionally, the hospital provides services in urology, X-ray, general surgery, general medicine, a computerized lab, physiotherapy, and a well-equipped canteen. Dr. Samadeep Singh, MS Ortho, a former surgeon at Civil Hospital Nurpur, is treating all patients with great expertise at Samar Hospital.

Cong govt resorted to dictatorship to win by-elections: Vishav Chakshu

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, JULY 9

BJP state media co-charge Advocate Vishav Chakshu said that the government has collected huge amounts from contractors in the name of elections, now they are asking for support for Congress. They are also threatening to face consequences if they support BJP. The Congress government has completely resorted to dictatorship to win the by-elections. It is making every effort to harass BJP supporters.

The government wants that no one should give any kind of cooperation and support to the Bharatiya Janata Party. Shopkeepers are being harassed for hanging BJP flags on their shops.

They are being targeted. An eye is being kept on any employee so that he does not say anything in favor of the BJP. The ministers of the concerned department are monitoring the employees and are strictly warning

them not to cooperate with the BJP. The government deliberately delayed the three by-elections so that it can influence the elections on the strength of its power. Vishav Chakshu said that whatever the Congress, enraged by the defeat in the Lok Sabha elections, may do, the people of the state have rejected the Congress.

This government has fallen in the eyes of the people. With the increase in the numbers of the BJP in the Vidhan Sabha, the Bharatiya Janata Party will put a check on the dictatorship of the Congress government and stop it from taking decisions related to public interest.

The 30 MLAs of the BJP will force the Congress government to take decisions in public interest and will put an end to the dictatorship of the government.

Shravan Ashtami Fair in Shri Chintpurni from August 5 to 14

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The renowned Shakti Peeth, Shri Chintpurni Temple, will host the Shravan Ashtami Fair from August 5 to 14. Deputy Commissioner Jatin Lal held a meeting with the concerned officials at Maida Sadan, Chintpurni on Tuesday, and issued necessary instructions for the successful organization of the fair.

He informed that during the Shravan Ashtami Fair, ADC Una will be the Fair Officer, SDM Amb will be the Assistant Fair Officer, while ASP Una will be the Police Fair Officer and DSP Amb will serve as the Assistant Police Fair Officer. The Deputy Commissioner announced that the temple will remain open 24 hours for

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One student, one tree: PAU VC's green initiative takes root



AVtar Singh Bhanwara

CHANDIGARH: Panjab Agricultural University (PAU), Ludhiana, has embarked on a massive month-long plantation drive as a part of its 'Clean and Green PAU Campus Drive,' initiated during the university's Diamond Jubilee year. This initiative aligns with Van Mahotsav, the annual tree-planting festival celebrated in the first week of July, which promotes environmental awareness and the concept of 'reduce, reuse, and recycle.' Dr. Satbir Singh Gosai, Vice-Chancellor of PAU, articulated the ambitious goals of the plantation drive. He envisioned a future where lush forests flourish, providing alternative fuels and boosting food production. He also emphasized the creation of shelter belts to enhance agricultural productivity.

'Sarkar Aapke Dwar' camp held at Bhandal Bet, public grievance heard & resolved



ASHISH PURI

KAPURTHALA: Under Punjab Government's ambitious program 'Sarkar Aap Ke Dwar', the District Administration, today held a special camp at village Bhandal Bet to resolve on the spot public grievances. Deputy Commissioner Amit Kumar Panchal, who personally heard the issues of villagers, directed the departments concerned to promptly redress all issues. He said that the objective of these camps was to listen to the grievance of people at nearby places of their residences and it was the second camp in district. He said that three more such camps had already been scheduled for Phagwara, Bholath and Sultanpur Lodhi in coming days. Interacting with the villagers, Deputy Commissioner patiently heard their issues and assured that adequate and prompt resolution would be ensured against their grievances. He said that several public issues had been brought to the notice of Administration thus necessary directions were given to officials concerned for requisite action.

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Shashi Pal Jain Mohali, July 9

To facilitate the residents with citizen-centric services with ease about 425 types of services related to different departments are being provided to the people in 14 rural and urban Sewa Kendras under one roof in SAS Nagar district timely, said Deputy Commissioner, Mrs Aashika Jain, IAS, at the District Administrative Complex, Mohali.

Divulgating the details of the applications processed by the Sewa Kendras, the Deputy Commissioner said that a total of 25,84,177 applications on behalf of various departments were received from January 2024 to June 2024 in 11 urban Sewa Kendras and 03 rural Sewa Kendras, out of which a total of 24,12,509 services were disposed of. She further said that as many as 8,64,459 serv-



NILESH SETH

CHANDIGARH, JULY 9

University Business School, Panjab University, Chandigarh, one of the region's top B-schools, organized its Induction Program for MBA courses yesterday. The event featured illustrious and insightful alumni lectures from notable alumni of the school.

Prof. Parmjit Kaur, Chairperson, University Business School welcomed the Chief Guest, Mr. Sunil Dutt, President at Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited and Guests of honour Mr. Ashwani Prashara, Chief Human Resource Officer- Hydrocarbons at Reliance Industries Limited and Dr. Sachin Gulati, Head of India Campus Recruitment along with thanking them for their valuable presence on the occasion. The formal induction was attended by all faculty members, staff, and the newly admitted students of the MBA batch 2024-2026.

The Program was held at the Auditorium of the English Department, Panjab University. The University Business School welcomed around 180 students in its Post Graduate

Programs offered as Master of Business Administration (General), Master of Business Administration (International Business), Master of Business Administration (Human Resource), and Master of Business Administration for Entrepreneurship.

The event commenced with the rendition of the Panjab University anthem, resonating with the pride and spirit of the institution. This was followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, symbolizing the illumination of knowledge and wisdom that the students have gained during their time at the university. In her inaugural and welcome address, Prof. Parmjit Kaur greeted all delegates including the esteemed Chief

Guest, Guest of honour, faculty, research scholars and students, setting the tone for the event.

She briefed about the strong foundations of UBS committed to nurturing the next generation of business leaders and the importance of conducting an Induction Program every year where she emphasized on the opportunities for its students to enhance their understanding of the economic, social and political environment to broaden their horizon not only to adjust to change but to become a catalyst, and to develop their power to conceptualize. She ensured the students that throughout their time here, they would be exposed to a rigorous and comprehensive

curriculum designed to challenge their intellect and broaden their perspectives. Our faculty members, who are experts in their respective fields, will guide you through a rich array of courses, case studies, and experiential learning opportunities that will deepen your understanding of business concepts and sharpen your problem-solving abilities.

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Jain Mahasadhus arrive in Kharar regarding Chaturmas

SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, JULY 9

In connection with the beginning of Chaturmas 2024, the arrival of Jain Mahasadhus is taking place today at 6.30 am at the Jain Sathank

Kharar. Giving information in this regard, SS Jain Sabha President Pravesh Jain and Secretary Vaneeet Jain Bittu said that this time Mahasadhu Pushpaji Maharaj, Asaji Maharaj, Divyaji Maharaj, Samataji Maharaj, Nehaji

Maharaj, Deepikaji Maharaj and Gauri Ji Maharaj's Chaturmas is going to be held at Kharar.

He has appealed to all the residents of the city to visit Mahasadhus on this occasion.

Police starts Sahibzada Ajit Singh football cup as part of "Nasha Mukt Punjab" campaign



LK BANSAL
MOHALI, JULY 9

gan of One Village One Team, the tournament will make our youth partners in the crusade against drugs, she added further. Deputy Inspector General Jagdale further said that the tournament would convey the message; Say No to Drugs, Yes to Sports and Life and youths of about 200 villages would be mobilized to take part in the tourney. The league would continue for two weeks. SSP Dr Sandeep Garg said that as per the commitment of Punjab Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann and further special drive being launched as per the directions of DGP Gaurav Yadag, this football cup is being inaugurated with a message to make Punjab drug-free and engage youth in sports.

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gan will easily meet the target of 200, he further said.

He said that starting from sub-divisional level matches it would be summed up to district level competition after conducting quarter-final, semi final and final matches. He said that we are committed to helping the drug victims to come out of the habit while putting the smugglers behind bars. He said that all are solicited to eradicate the menace of drugs to build a drug-free society.

Member Punjab Trader's Commission, Vineet Verma also graced the occasion. SP (Headquarters) Tushar Gupta added that all the participating players would be given T-shirts with a printed slogan of 'Nasha Mukat Punjab' apart from prizes at the district level.

Sunil Kumar Sheela appointed President of newly formed District Retail Chemists Association



PATHANKOT (BUREAU): The medical stores doing retail business of medicines in district Pathankot met and expressed solidarity in view of the problems facing their business and a new association Pathankot District Retail Chemist Association was formed to solve them. Members of medical stores from different parts of district Pathankot participated in the meeting. Meanwhile, the members of the association unanimously decided to appoint Sunil Kumar Sheela as the president of the association. Association members said that retail medical stores have been facing many problems for a long time and they were very worried about them.

He said that with the formation of the association, they will get a platform in which they can raise their problems and find their solutions. The newly appointed president Sunil Kumar thanked the members of the association and said that they will soon expand their unit and the problems faced by the shopkeepers will be solved together. Even if he has to take the path of struggle, he will not back down. On this occasion Govardhan Gopal Sharma, Vinay Kumar, Gagan Kandial, Rajeev Sharma, Anup Chauhan, Amit Gupta, Amit Kundra, Jaideep Thakur, Rakesh Dogra, Ashish etc were present.

SAS Nagar Sewa Kendras processed 23,49,145 applications related to various services: DC

SHASHI PAL JAIN

MOHALI, JULY 9

ices are related to Health and Family Welfare Department, 73436 to the Department of Home Affairs and Justice, 2,94,030 related to the Personnel Department, 24097 to the Rural Development and Panchayat Department, 1,25,921 of Social Security, Women and Child Development, 01 of NRI Department and 79 of the Department of Agriculture were disposed of in time.

All these citizen services come under the purview of The Punjab Transparency and Accountability of Delivery of Public Services' Act which bounds the concerned departments to dispose of the applications timely. The Deputy Commissioner further said that the Department of Governance Reforms, Government of Punjab has also on-boarded Patwaris in the e-Governance system. With this, people will now be able to avail most of the document verification services at home.

Apart from this, applications related to various other departments were also received, which have been disposed of on time. The remaining applications are under process and will be disposed of as per the stipulated time limit. Mrs Jain said that the token number related to the service yet to apply at Sewa Kendra can also be obtained over the phone by sending "Token Booking" in Roman script to WhatsApp number 98555-

0176. The Deputy Commissioner said that apart from these services, Punjab State monthly and Basant Panchami lottery services are also available in the Sewa Kendras including some other services such as money transfer, insurance (motor vehicle), Dengue Insurance and mobile/DTH recharge etc.

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Paramvir Chakra awardee Subedar Major Sanjay Kumar delivers lecture at 'Prerna' NHPC lecture series



CHANDIGARH (RAJIV JAIN): Paramvir Chakra awardee Subedar Major Sanjay Kumar, Shri Uttam Lal, Director (Personnel), NHPC, Shri Santosh Kumar, CVO, NHPC along with Smt. Gayatri Goyal, Chairperson, Ladies Club, NHPC and Mona Lal present during the traditional lamp lighting ceremony at 'Prerna' NHPC lecture series. Paramvir Chakra awardee Subedar Major Sanjay Kumar delivered a very motivating and invigorating lecture at 'Prerna' - the NHPC lecture series on 9th July 2024 at NHPC Corporate Office, Faridabad. Shri Uttam Lal, Director (Personnel), NHPC and Shri Santosh Kumar, CVO NHPC were present on the occasion along with a large number of NHPC employees and their family members.

Gayatri Goyal, Chairperson, ladies club along with Smt. Mona Lal and other members of the ladies club were also present on the occasion. The programme began with the lighting of the traditional lamp. In his welcome address, Shri Uttam Lal, Director (Personnel), NHPC welcomed Paramvir Chakra awardee Subedar Major Sanjay Kumar and expressed his gratitude to him for taking time off his busy schedule and gracing NHPC with his presence.

JE's of Powercom demand immediate withdrawal of central government pattern scales imposed on newly recruited employees

SHASHI PAL JAIN

KHARAR, JULY 9

Association of Junior Engineers, Punjab President Ranjit Singh Dhillon and General Secretary Harmandeep in a press note issued here today said that the association had put a very important demand before the management in its demand charter. The case was related to removal of Central Government pattern scales imposed on JE's and implementation of Powercom pattern scales.

The association has been requesting the Powercom management to resolve this serious issue as soon as possible through various letters, drawn up Sanharas programme, and meeting with the Powercom management. The Association was repeatedly assured by the Power-



com management that the Powercom management was in favor of applying the Powercom pattern scales to the new recruit JE's, but the power to decide on the scale was under the jurisdiction of the Punjab Government.

For which the case has been sent to the Punjab Government for consideration and whatever decision is taken by the Punjab Government will be applicable.

Lions Club Kharar Umang honours dedicated doctors

SHASHI PAL JAIN

KHARAR, JULY 9

Lions Club Kharar Umang honors dedicated Doctors at a special honor ceremony.

Dr. Tarsem Singh Director National Health Mission Punjab participated as the chief guest in this ceremony. On this occasion, Amandeep Singh Mann, President of Lions Club Khar Umang and General Secretary Amandeep, Subhash Aggarwal (Project Chairman) participated.

Dr. Tarsem Singh appreciated the club for the selfless service rendered by the club members in the medical field. Dr. Bobby Gulati, Additional Project Director, Punjab State AIDS Control Society, Dr. Parinderjit Singh SMO



khar, Dr. Gurmeet Singh, Dr. Sandeep Mavi, Dr. Saurav Legah were honored by presenting certificates. On this occasion Naresh Singh, Bharat Jain, Rakesh Gupta, Yashpal Bansal, Arun Jindal, Vijay Gupta from Lions Club Kharar Umang were specially present.

PU radio hosts talk show with ministry of chemicals, fertilisers



NILESH SETH
CHANDIGARH, JULY 9

In continuation of a project undertaken by the School of Communication Studies, PU Chandigarh in collaboration with the Ministry of Chemical and Fertilisers, PU's community radio station, Radio Jyotirgamaya 91.2MHz hosted an expert talk show 'KisanVaani'. A show focused on educating farmers about poultry farming, agri-farming, plant & animal husbandry, insect & disease management and much more. The talk show was hosted by Priyanka Sharma with Dr. Harmeet Kaur, Asst. Professor Plant Protection KVK, Mohali, as the guest. The topics of the talk ranged from 'Bee Keeping' to 'Pest management in pulses'.

Mannat Enclave loose wires invite accidents, no action taken despite complaints



ZIRAKPUR (VICKY BHABAT): In the Mannat enclave of village Bhabat, loose electrical wires are inviting accidents. The residents of Mannat enclave have complained several times to the electricity department in writing, but no solution is forthcoming. The residents of the colony warned that if the department does not resolve these wires soon, they will be forced to take strict action. While speaking, Numbardar Suba Singh, Jarnail Singh Jagdis Singh, Narinder Singh, Karam Singh, Sajat, Kirat Singh, Parv Rana, Narata Singh, Pushpa, Jasveer Kaur, Mandeep Kaur, Reena, Japjot Kaur, Gaganjot Kaur, Daman Kaur etc. said that During rainy days, when the wind blows, these wires collide with each other, causing the fuse to blow. On summer days, these strings become even more sloppy and snap at the slightest breeze. He said that he has complained several times to the SDO of the department in writing. They shrug off by saying that they have marked the application to JE but neither HE is doing the work nor the linemen are doing the work. He said that now he has also stopped ringing the phone. He has demanded that the electric wires should be tightened so that accidents can be avoided.

People are waiting for drinking water even in rainy season

SUBHASH KOHLI

KALKA, JULY 9

It is a matter of great surprise that people are yearning for drinking water even in the rainy season. Water shortage is always seen in the summer season, but people are not able to tolerate the shortage of water in the rainy season. Water crisis is being seen in many colonies of Kalka. The government is not showing any seriousness in providing drinking water to the people.

For the last several years, such situation is seen every year in summer. The claims of improving water supply by the Public Health Department seem to fail every year. People of Basant Vihar Sharma Colony are struggling with water shortage for a long time. The condition of water supply is very bad. Colony residents Sneh Lata, Geeta, Monika,



Simran, Neelam, Mandeep Kaur, Shabina, Pallavi Devi, Lata Sharma, Deepak Malhotra, Pradeep Agarwal, Pawan Kumar, Neeru Bajaj, Sumit, Raj Bala, Sudha, Poonam, Shivani, Puja, Pratik, Subhash Chandra, Chandrakant Sharma, Vijay Kumar etc. say that people get water every alternate day, sometimes after 2 days, that too sometimes it comes for 20 minutes and sometimes for 30 minutes.

Punjab witnesses increase in area under fish farming: Khudian

SUMER GARG



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB : Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad unit Amb celebrated National Students Day with great pomp by giving study material to children living in slums on the occasion of the foundation day of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad. Vidyarthi Parishad has always been working in the interest of students, society and nation since 9 July 1949. Vidyarthi Parishad does not only work in the interest of students, but whenever any incident happens in this society, the worker of Vidyarthi Parishad is the first to stand there. Talking about the Corona period, Vidyarthi Parishad was the only student organization that stood shoulder to shoulder with the administration to deal with this terrible epidemic. Vidyarthi Parishad has entered its 76th year. With this, Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad unit Amb wished National Students Day to the students of the entire state and country.

Mehr Chand Polytechnic College launches 6-Week Industrial Training Program



HARPREET SINGH LEHAL
JALANDHAR : Under the dynamic leadership of Principal Dr. Jagroop Singh and motivation by Sh. Prince Maadean (HOD), the Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) Department of Mehr Chand Polytechnic College has started an intensive on-campus 6-week industrial training on Mobile Repairing (CPU Level), Internet of Things (IoT) using Arduino and NodeMCU, and 3D Modeling & Printing. The program will be conducted by training in-charge and experienced faculty member Er. Manish Sachdeva and industry experts Er. Anil Kumar (Mobile Repairing Expert) and Er. Jaspreet Singh (IoT and 3D Printing Expert). The faculty's blend of experience and creativity is instrumental in delivering high-quality training and mentorship to the students. Mehr Chand Polytechnic College, located in Jalandhar, is a premier institution offering technical education in various engineering disciplines.

Case filed against those disrupting traffic in Darkoti

RAJNEESH SHARMA
HARIPUR : The police have registered a case against the villagers of Darkoti for disrupting traffic. According to the information received, the villagers blocked roads and stopped vehicles, causing inconvenience to the public. A case has been registered under sections 126(2) and 189(2) of the Indian Penal Code for obstructing traffic. It is noteworthy that the villagers of Darkoti took to the streets in anger against the working methods of the road construction company and the negligence of the Jal Shakti Department.

Editorial

Feel the heat

The far-Right across Europe has more voting power than ever before. In last month's elections to the Parliament of the European Union, far-Right parties across 27 nations captured over a fourth of the 720 seats. This means that the far-Right coalition could effectively immobilise EU-wide governance until the next election, five years from now. And a key area of law-making which not only impacts Europe but also the world is at risk: climate change.

Although far-Right parties across Europe are using the same anti-immigrant rhetoric that they have in the last decade, this year saw a major shift with these parties weaving in attacks on climate change policies into their rhetoric. Almost without exception, far-Right parties have remained ambiguous on concrete proposals on how to effectively respond to demands for reaching the CO2 emission targets set by the Paris Agreement, preferring instead to cast doubt on the entire decarbonisation project and attack green politicians and their initiatives as either willfully ignorant or maliciously dismissive of the concerns of voters who already feel that they are economically stretched thin.

Take Germany, for example. Last summer, the German Greens outlined a bill that would require all new buildings in Germany to install heating systems that use at least 65% renewable energy. In a leaked version of the bill, the language also mandated that any building, including private homes, with broken heating systems would be required to meet this goal. The bill was met with widespread resistance and protest. The Alternative for Germany, smelling blood in the water, quickly capitalised on the discontent. Alice Weidel, an AfD leader, called the law a "prosperity annihilation in really absolute gigantic dimensions". Almost instantly, the AfD saw a significant jump in polling, going from 15% to 21% in a matter of weeks, making the party the second most popular one in Germany. The AfD cast itself as the party of freedom and choice while the Greens and its allies became dictatorial, socialist boogymen. "They tell you which car you have to drive, what heating you have to use and what to eat and everything. It's no more a free country," one voter told Politico in October 2023.

Despite a polling dip following a scandal where a leak revealed AfD members meeting with neo-Nazis and discussing plans to deport German citizens with "migration backgrounds", the AfD saw its biggest electoral success in the EU parliamentary elections since its founding in 2013. Meanwhile, the parties of the current coalition government — the Greens, the neo-liberal Free Democrats, and the Centre-Left Social Democrats — each performed poorly. In particular, the Social Democrats, Germany's oldest party and the party of the current chancellor, Olaf Scholz, saw its worst electoral performance in the party's 161-year history.

Thousands of high-risk cancer gene variants

Scientists have uncovered over 5,000 genetic variations that allow some malignancies to grow, as well as a possible therapeutic target for treating or even preventing these cancers from arising.

Researchers from the Wellcome Sanger Institute, The Institute of Cancer Research, London, and the University of Cambridge evaluated the health effects of genetic alterations in BAP1, a 'tumour defence' gene. They discovered that almost one-fifth of these potential mutations were pathogenic, considerably raising the likelihood of developing malignancies of the eye, lung lining, brain, skin, and kidney.

The findings, published in *Nature Genetics*, are freely available so that they can be immediately used by doctors to help diagnose patients and choose the most effective therapies for them. Importantly, as all possible variants were assessed, the findings benefit individuals from diverse ethnic backgrounds, who have historically been underrepresented in genetics research.

The team also uncovered a link between certain disruptive BAP1 variants and higher levels of IGF-1, a hormone and growth factor. This discovery opens the door to developing new drugs that could inhibit these harmful effects, potentially slowing down or preventing the progression of certain cancers.

The BAP1 protein acts as a powerful tumour suppressor in the body, protecting against cancers of the eye, lung lining,



brain, skin, and kidney. Inherited variants that disrupt the protein can increase a person's lifetime risk of developing these cancers by up to 50 per cent, typically occurring around middle age.

Detecting these variants early through genetic screening can guide preventative measures, greatly enhance treatment effectiveness and improve quality of life for individuals affected. However, until now, there has been limited understanding of which specific genetic changes in BAP1 to look out for, especially for rare variants that cause it to malfunction and fuel cancer growth.

Researchers from the Sanger Institute, and their collaborators at The Institute of Cancer Research and the University of Cambridge tested all 18,108 possible DNA changes in the BAP1 gene by artificially altering the genetic code of human cells grown in a dish, in a process known

as 'saturation genome editing'. They identified that 5,665 of these changes were harmful and disrupted the protein's protective effects. Analysis of UK Biobank data confirmed that individuals carrying these harmful BAP1 variants are over ten per cent more likely to be diagnosed with cancer than the general population.

The team also discovered that people with harmful BAP1 variants have elevated levels of IGF-1 in their blood, a hormone linked to both cancer growth and brain development. Even individuals without cancer showed these elevated levels, suggesting that IGF-1 could be a target for new treatments to slow down or prevent certain cancers. Further analysis revealed harmful BAP1 variants and higher IGF-1 levels were linked to worse outcomes in uveal melanoma patients, highlighting the potential for IGF-1 inhibitors in cancer therapy.

Notably, the technique profiles all possible BAP1 variants from diverse populations, not only those prevalent in European clinical records, helping to address the underrepresentation of non-European populations in genetic studies.

Dr Andrew Waters, first author of the study at the Wellcome Sanger Institute, said: "Previous approaches for studying how variants affect function in genes have been on a very small scale, or exclude important contexts that may contribute to how they behave. Our approach provides a true picture of gene behaviour, enabling larger and more complex studies of genetic variation. This opens up new possibilities for understanding how these changes drive disease."

Professor Clare Turnbull, clinical lead of the study, Professor of Translational Cancer Genetics at The Institute of Cancer Research, London, and Consultant in Clinical Cancer Genetics at The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation, said, "This research could mean more accurate interpretation of genetic tests, earlier diagnoses and improved outcomes for patients and their families."

Dr David Adams, senior author of the study at the Wellcome Sanger Institute, said, "We want to ensure that life-saving genetic insights are accessible and relevant to all people, regardless of their ancestry. Our aim is to apply this technique to a wider range of genes, potentially covering the entire human genome in the next decade with the *Atlas of Variant Effects*."

Literature & Health

Israel and Canada are working to find asylum for refugees



dian and Israeli immigration authorities as well as finding ways to allow asylum seekers currently in Israel find sanctuary in Canada.

To that end, the Director General of Israel's Population and Immigration Authority, Eyal Siso, held a meeting on Monday with the delegation that centered on the possible cooperation between the two countries in regards to the voluntary departure of asylum seekers in Israel, exchange of information and the promotion of steps to improve professional cooperation.

Among the issues that came up at the meeting were, creating a permanent dialogue between the two authorities that would allow for a long-term work base and work hand in hand.

The Canadian Deputy Minister of Immigration, Harpreet S. Kochhar is leading a delegation to Israel that is working on strengthening cooperation and mutual learning between the Cana-

Is Laos next in line to fall victim to China's debt trap diplomacy?

Laos, a Southeast Asian nation situated between Thailand and Vietnam, is now seeking more time to pay its debts. A recent report suggests that the country's debt has nearly doubled, reaching USD 950 million in 2023, up from USD 507 million in 2022. The majority of this debt is owed to China, according to local news outlet, The Laotian Times.

Citing a report from the Ministry of External Affairs in Laos from June this year, the same news report stated that the country had deferred a debt of USD 670 million in 2023, excluding the USD 1.22 billion that had already been deferred since 2020.

According to The Laotian Times, Laos currently has a total of USD 13.8 billion in public debt, amounting to 108 per cent of its GDP. Notably, around USD 10.5 billion of this debt is owed to China.

This heavy debt situation surfaced as China increased its lending to small countries that lack capability to repay. As a result, China can capture the assets of these countries for its expansionist motives. Meanwhile, a depreciation in the currency of Laos, the Kip,

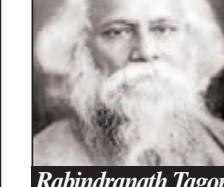


could worsen the situation for the small country. This makes Laos's economy more vulnerable to the debt trap strategy. According to the Laotian Times report, the Kip of Laos dropped by 31 per cent against the US dollar last year, making repayment difficult as 59 per cent of the total debt is denominated in US dollars. According to another report by Nikkei Asia, the Nam Ou hydroelectric plant, one of the largest power generation facilities in the country's north by capacity, was built by the Power Construction Corp. of China (Power China) for USD 2.8 billion.

POEM

Give Me Strength

This is my prayer to thee, my lord---strike, strike at the root of penury in my heart. Give me the strength lightly to bear my joys and sorrows. Give me the strength to make my love fruitful in service. Give me the strength never to disown the poor or bend my knees before insolent might. Give me the strength to raise my mind high above daily trifles. And give me the strength to surrender my strength to thy will with love.



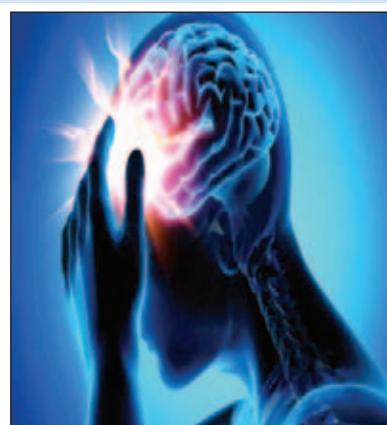
Rabindranath Tagore

Study finds how neurological symptoms associated with aura, migraine

For the first time, new research explains the relationship between the neurological symptoms of aura and the ensuing migraine, elucidating how a brain fluid flow disruption and a spreading wave of disruption cause headaches. New proteins uncovered in the study may also be the basis for future migraine medications since they may be the cause of headaches.

The findings of the study appeared in the journal *Science*.

"In this study, we describe the interaction between the central and peripheral nervous system brought about by increased concentrations of proteins released in the brain during an episode of spreading depolarization, a phe-



nomenon responsible for the aura associated with migraines," said Maiken Nedergaard, MD, DMSc, co-director of the University of Rochester Center for Translational Neuromedicine and lead author of

the new study.

"These findings provide us with a host of new targets to suppress sensory nerve activation to prevent and treat migraines and strengthen existing therapies."

It is estimated that one out of 10 people experience migraines and in about a quarter of these cases the headache is preceded by an aura, a sensory disturbance that can include light flashes, blind spots, double vision, and tingling sensations or limb numbness. These symptoms typically appear five to 60 minutes prior to the headache.

The cause of the aura is a phenomenon called cortical spreading depression, a temporary depolarization of neurons and other cells

caused by diffusion of glutamate and potassium that radiates like a wave across the brain, reducing oxygen levels and impairing blood flow. Most frequently, the depolarization event is located in the visual processing center of the brain cortex, hence the visual symptoms that first herald a coming headache.

While migraines auras arise in the brain, the organ itself cannot sense pain. These signals must instead be transmitted from the central nervous system—the brain and spinal cord—to the peripheral nervous system, the communication network that transmits information between brain with the rest of the body and includes sensory nerves responsible for sending in-

formation such as touch and pain. The process of communication between the brain and peripheral sensory nerves in migraines has largely remained a mystery.

Nedergaard and her colleagues at the University of Rochester and the University of Copenhagen are pioneers in understanding the flow of fluids in the brain. In 2012, her lab was the first to describe the glymphatic system, which uses cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) to wash away toxic proteins in the brain. In partnership with experts in fluid dynamics, the team has built detailed models of how the CSF moves in the brain and its role in transporting proteins, neurotransmitters, and other chemicals. The most widely accepted theory is that

nerve endings resting on the outer surface of the membranes that enclose the brain are responsible for the headaches that follow an aura. The new study, which was conducted in mice, describes a different route and identifies proteins, many of which are potential new drug targets, that may be responsible for activating the nerves and causing pain. As the depolarization wave spreads, neurons release a host of inflammatory and other proteins into CSF. In a series of experiments in mice, the researchers showed how CSF transports these proteins to the trigeminal ganglion, a large bundle of nerves that rests at the base of the skull and supplies sensory information to the head and face.

Health habits that are doing you more harm than good

In order to stay fit and healthy, some of us decide to hit the gym daily (if some of us are even up to it). Or we look to escape the city's hustle and bustle by plugging in our headphones and tuning it all out. Or maybe we try a new diet to cut out all the snack breaks. What you may or may not realise is that these habits may be doing you more harm than good. Here's how:

Hitting the gym daily

Myth: The gym everyday is ideal to lead a healthy lifestyle. If not the gym, you try to fit in at least 30 minutes of jogging around the neighborhood or a few push-ups and chin-ups at home.

Reality: Hitting the gym or working out too hard or too often leads to an excessive amount of weight loss or weight gain. Researchers from the Loyola University also showed that overtraining of the body leads to overstrain, which further leads to injuries. It can also upset menstrual cycles and cause amenorrhea. So, switch the intensity of your workouts, and be sure to exercise every third day rather than everyday.

Wearing flats only

Myth: Stock up on open-toed sandals, brogues,

moccasins, and ballet flats to avoid the endless bumps and bunions that come along with wearing high heels. Everyday life calls for switching out of these heels and stepping into comfy flats.

Reality: Believe it or not, podiatry experts say that women may be better off in heels than flats. The main problem caused by such shoes is the inflammation of the toes due to its tapering

form. Flats without any arch support actually place greater pressure on the ligaments of the foot. The solution: Alternate your footwear between cushioned and broad-based heels.

Cutting out junk snacks

Myth: Replace your wafers with almonds and the ice cream with a bottle of juice to aspire for a healthy lifestyle.

Reality: It's not so much

about what snacks you're

replacing, but rather the quantity of snacks you intake. Consuming foods like juices that contain sucrose, cause a sharp increase in one's blood and sugar level. More than a handful of almonds everyday can lead to excessive weight gain.

Include healthier snacks like yogurt, fruits, berries, or oatmeal to fill in your mid-afternoon and mid-evening snack cravings. This is the ideal way to snack.

How Urban India Pays" reveals India's rapid shift to digital payments

Chandigarh: Unveiling India's accelerated transition towards a cashless economy, Kearney India and

Amazon Pay India today released the "How Urban India Pays" report. This comprehensive study, based on a survey spanning 120 cities and over 6,000 consumers and 1,000 merchants, reveals a seismic shift in payment preferences.

A staggering 90% of respondents favor digital payments for online purchases, while nearly half (50%) extend this preference to brick-and-mortar stores. Recognizing this paradigm shift, Indian merchants have swiftly adapted, with a substantial 69% of their transactions now conducted through digital channels.

The survey's expansive reach across diverse regions, income groups, city tiers, age segments, and genders, offers a comprehensive lens into India's digital payment landscape. We are hoping that this report serves as a valuable resource for stakeholders to navigate and contribute to the dynamic and

inclusive digital payment ecosystem in India."

"India's digital payment revolution is firing on all cylinders, propelled by consumers and merchants alike," said Vikas Bansal, CEO, Amazon Pay India. "How Urban India Pays" report is a clarion call, underscoring the urgent need for stakeholders to innovate and collaborate to build an inclusive, secure, and future-proof digital payments ecosystem.

With digital transactions penetrating even street vendors and smaller towns, we are at an inflection point. Amazon Pay is committed to being at the vanguard of this transformation, empowering Indians across geographies with seamless access to digital payments. We will continue simplifying lives through frictionless digital experiences that fulfill aspirations and uplift communities, he added.

MobiKwik gains market share, becomes largest Wallet player

Chandigarh/ Ludhiana: MobiKwik (ONE MOBIKWIK SYSTEMS LIMITED), one of India's largest digital financial products and services

platforms[1], has achieved a significant milestone by recording the largest number of PPI Wallet transactions by value for the months of April and May 2024.

Commenting on the milestone, Upasana Taku, Co-founder & CFO of MobiKwik, said,

"The Company's growth in PPI Wallet transactions by value in May 2024 after excluding

FASTag issuance. MobiKwik commanded a 48% market share for PPI Wallet transactions by value in May 2024 after excluding

FASTag-related transaction value." According to data published by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), MobiKwik has gained its market share in financial transactions through PPI Wallet for purchasing goods and services, as well as for fund transfers.

Commenting on the market share, she added, "MobiKwik is not in the business of

conscious customers of Bharat."

Expanding Reach and Enhancing Customer Experience In just three years, Shopsy successfully extended its presence across the country, striving to serve customers in all pockets. Shopsy's consumer base now expands into the depths of Bharat with new ecommerce shoppers from Bilgi, Phul, Faridkot, Nagar and many more. Nearly 70% of Shopsy's customers are from Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities, and 90% of new customers are millennials and Gen Z. This is supported by a robust supply chain and logistics network.

Super 3 for Shopsy: App does 330M+ downloads by its 3rd year

Chandigarh : Shopsy, India's fastest-growing hyper-value platform,

proudly marks its third year with a

remarkable achievement of exceeding 330

million app downloads across Bharat. Over

the past three years, Shopsy has enhanced

the hypervalue online shopping experience

by providing affordable products across

1,300 categories, expanding its reach to

more than 19,000 pin codes, and fostering a

thriving seller community of 1.4 million

(including Flipkart) from cities and towns

across India. Commenting on the platform's

three-year anniversary, Prathyusha

Agarwal, Business Head at Shopsy, said,

"We celebrate this milestone with our

customers, sellers, and partners, whose

support has established us as the favorite

hyper-value e-commerce platform. Our

journey is defined by a commitment to

exceptional value, innovation, and a

customer-centric approach tailored to best

suit the needs of Bharat. With the Indian e-

commerce industry set to reach US\$300

billion by 2030, we remain dedicated to

enhancing our offerings, technological

capabilities, and delivering an unparalleled

shopping experience to the value-

Factors That May Increase Your Car Insurance Premium

Getting your car insured is a crucial

part of owning a vehicle in India. It

is mandatory by law and provides

a sense of security and peace of mind for

your vehicle. However, you might have

noticed that your car insurance premium

can fluctuate. Several factors influence

these changes, and understanding them

can help you make informed decisions.

Here are five things that can increase your

car insurance premium in India.

Car Model and Type:

The type and model of your car sig-

nificantly impact the insurance premium.

High-end cars or luxury vehicles usually

have higher premiums due to their expen-

sive parts and repair costs. For instance, if

you own an expensive SUV or a luxury

sedan like a BMW or Mercedes, expect the

insurance premium to be higher than a

more affordable hatchback or sedan. The

type of engine and its capacity also play a

critical role in determining the amount of

your premium. For example, if you have a

vehicle that runs on diesel, the motor insur-

ance premium for it is likely to be higher

than that of a car that runs on petrol. The

simple reason is diesel vehicles are more

expensive than petrol ones.

The engine's capacity is called cubic

capacity (CC). It reflects the total power pro-

duced by your vehicle engine. Your vehicle's CC is one of the critical components

that help the insurer determine your pre-

mium. The higher your car's CC, the more

expensive your premium is likely to be.

Moreover, environmentally friendly

electric cars might have higher insurance

costs. Though the Indian government en-

courages electric vehicles (EVs) with vari-

ous incentives, insurance premiums for

some electric cars could be relatively higher

CT World School Alumnus Krishna Awasthi Secures Prestigious Position in the Merchant Navy



JALANDHAR (J S SODHI) CT

World School is proud to

announce that Krishna Awasthi,

a dedicated and hardworking alumnus

of our school, has been selected for a

coveted position in the Merchant

Navy. This remarkable achievement is

a testament to Krishna's persever-

ance, commitment, and outstanding

academic performance. Krishna

Awasthi underwent a rigorous selec-

tion process, which included written

exams, physical fitness tests, and a

series of interviews. Demonstrating

exceptional skills and knowledge, he

successfully secured a place in the

Merchant Navy, where he will embark

on a promising career at sea. "We are

incredibly proud of Krishna Awasthi for

this significant accomplishment," said

Chairman CT Group, S. Charanjan

Singh, and acknowledged his efforts

and dedication. Dr Manbir Singh,

Managing Director of CT Group also

applauded his efforts. Krishna

Awasthi expressed his gratitude for

the support he received from his fami-

ly, teachers, and peers. "CT World

School has provided me with a strong

foundation and the necessary skills to

pursue my dreams. I am excited about

this new chapter in my life and look for-

ward to the challenges and adven-

tures that lie ahead."

20 Lakh SUVs strong Tata Motors celebrates a historic milestone of its SUV legacy



Chandigarh/ Ludhiana Tata Motors,

India's leading automotive manufac-

turer and also India's

leading SUV manufacturer, proudly

celebrates an historic milestone with over

2 million SUVs on Indian roads. The wide

SUV portfolio, which includes the Safari,

Harrier, Nexon, Punch, along with the

iconic nameplates of the yesteryears – the

Sierra and the Safari, have been

instrumental in achieving this milestone.

Each of these robust SUVs have been

segment defining and together embody

Tata Motors' dedication to providing best-

in-class safety, cutting-edge design, and

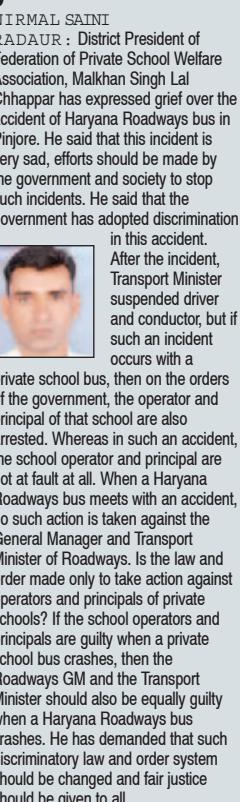


Anjuman Yadagare
Hussain organizes
Moharram Majlis



MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI: Anjuman Yadagare Hussain has been continuously organizing Moharram Majlis in village Syed Chhapa, in which Maulana Ghazanfar Abbas Chholi said that Imam Hussain saved Islam by getting his head chopped off. Imam Hussain made multiple sacrifices to save Islam. These included the martyrdom of his 6-month-old son and the sacrifice of his 18-year-old son as well. Maulana said that Yazid's rule was in many areas of Iraq, Iran, Yemen, Syria and was continuously issuing orders against humanity. It is said that he thought of making Imam Hussain his slave during his rule, but Imam Hussain refused to be slave and fought with him. Maulana said that Yazid wanted oppression and Imam Hussain wanted peace. Maulana said that Islam was a religion of peace and brotherhood. Those who were shedding the blood of innocents in the name of Islam cannot be Muslims under any circumstances. On the occasion but the convenor of Anjuman Yadagare Hussaini Raza Abbas, Ali Rehman, Maulana Abbas, Naeem Abbas, Sameem Abbas, Hasan Abbas, Majahir Hasan, Mohammad Naki were present.

Federation of Private
School Welfare
Association expresses
grief over bus accident



NIRMLAL SAINI
RADAUR: District President of Federation of Private School Welfare Association, Malkhan Singh Lal Chhappar has expressed grief over the accident of Haryana Roadways bus in Pimpore. He said that this incident is very sad, efforts should be made by the government and society to stop such incidents. He said that the government has adopted discrimination in this accident.

After the incident, Transport Minister suspended driver and conductor, but if such an incident occurs with a private school bus, then on the orders of the government, the operator and principal of that school are also arrested. Whereas in such an accident, the school operator and principal are not at fault at all. When a Haryana Roadways bus meets with an accident, no such action is taken against the General Manager and Transport Minister of Roadways. Is the law and order made only to take action against operators and principals of private schools? If the school operators and principals are guilty when a private school bus crashes, then the Roadways GM and the Transport Minister should also be equally guilty when a Haryana Roadways bus crashes. He has demanded that such discriminatory law and order system should be changed and fair justice should be given to all.

Special Lok Adalat for first time
on 29th July: Raj Kumar Rawal



DALJEET AJNOHA

HOSHIARPUR: The Supreme Court is organizing a Special Lok Adalat on 29th July, regarding which Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary District Legal Services Authority, Hoshiarpur Raj Pal Rawal, during a special conversation with senior journalist Daljeet Ajnoha, said that pre-Lok Adalat reconciliation meetings are being organized by him in which the parties related to the pending cases in the Supreme Court are being called and they are encouraged to file cases in the special Lok Adalat, so that the pending cases can be settled as soon as possible. On this occasion, people are also being told in detail about the benefits of filing a case in the special Lok Adalat that filing a case in this court will save their time and money. He informed that labour related cases, cheque related cases (138 NI Act), accident claim cases (motor accident claim), family law cases, service cases, rent educational cases, maintenance cases, mortgage, consumer protection related cases, transfer petition (civil and criminal), recovery cases, land dispute related cases and other civil cases can be filed in the special Lok Adalat.

Senior Citizen Welfare Association
demands to repair road soon



DAVINDER SHARMA

ROPAR: The road from Nangal Chowk Ropar to the railway gates to petrol pump has been badly damaged. There were deep potholes on the road for about 100 meters and the tiles installed near the turn of the road near were broken. It has become difficult for the drivers to get out of here. There always is a fear of an accident due to deep pits filled with water during the rainy season. Drivers from dozens of villages coming to Ropar through the railway gates of Nangal Chowk have to ply over this broken road. Due to which it has become very difficult for heavy vehicles to pass through here. President of Senior Citizen Welfare Association Ropar, Jagannandan Singh Rehal has demanded from the executive engineer of Public Works Department, Ropar that the broken road of Nangal Chowk should be repaired soon so that the people of dozens of villages coming here can get relief and they can avoid any damage to their machinery.



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
SIRSA, JULY 9

The General Secretary of the All India Congress Committee, former Union Minister, and MP from Sirsa Lok Sabha constituency, Kumari Selja said that the BJP government of the state is mocking the poor, farmers, youth, and employees. Families living below the poverty line who were supposed to receive 100-100 square yard plots for free are now being given 30-30 square yard plots for a payment of one lakh rupees, which will have to be paid in installments. It is said that a loan of up to 6 lakhs will be made available for house construction. In such a situation, how will a poor family pay at least 13,000 rupees in installments? The

government has entangled them in the name of plots. When they cannot arrange for the money, they will have to leave the plot. In a statement released to the media Kumari Selja said that the then Chief Minister Manohar Lal had announced that in 11 cities, poor people with an income of less than 1.80 lakh rupees would be given 30 square yard plots under the Housing for All scheme. Under this

scheme, 10,000 rupees must be deposited within 30 days of receiving the provisional allotment letter, and the remaining 80,000 rupees must be deposited in six installments. According to the condition, the plot holder must build a residential unit within one year of allotment and complete the construction within 24 months. The plot can only be used for residential construction, and it cannot be sold or leased for 10 years from the date of allotment. Kumari Selja said that according to the condition, the beneficiary will be given a home loan facility of up to 6 lakh rupees from banks/financial institutions at interest. She said that the beneficiary will have to pay at least 13,000 rupees per month as plot and bank installments, which is impossible for a BPL

family. How will a family with an income of less than 1.80 lakh rupees manage to pay 13,000 rupees in installments and also support the family? If the conditions of the government are not met, they will have to surrender the plot. She said that giving 30-30 square yard plots to the poor is a mockery. Kumari Selja said that if the government had to give plots, they should have been given for free. Kumari Selja said that during the Congress rule, 100-100 square yard plots were given to the poor for free. The BJP government has mocked the poor by giving 30-30 square yard plots for money instead of following that policy. She said that when the Congress government comes to power, 100-100 square yard plots will be given to the poor for free.



J S SODHI

JALANDHAR: In a major crackdown on crime, the Jalandhar Commissioner Police, led by Commissioner of Police Mr. Swapna Sharma, has arrested a hardcore criminal involved in 16 cases, along with his accomplice. The police recovered two stolen

mobile phones, a laptop, and an Activa scooter without number plate. The arrest followed a complaint from Rajiv Singh, a city resident, who reported that on July 2, at around 10:15 PM, two individuals entered his wine shop with their faces covered and armed with sharp weapons. They

stole cash from the counter and fled on a scooter. Acting swiftly, the police launched an investigation, using technical evidence and human intelligence to identify the culprits as Paramjit Singh, also known as Prince Baba, and Neeraj Kumar, also known as Neej.

BJP govt is mocking poor by giving 30-30 sq yard plots: Selja

We all have to work together to save water and conserve rainwater: Bhumika Verma

RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL, JULY 9



Central Nodile Officer of Jal Shakti Abhiyan District Kaithal, Bhumika Verma said that the way excessive water is being exploited today, it can lead to water crisis in the coming time. We all have to work together more strongly to save water and conserve rainwater. It is very important for every person to participate in this campaign. Especially more and more women should be added to Jal Shakti Abhiyan and they should be made aware about saving water. Central Nodile Officer Bhumika Verma visited various villages with team of Public Health Department on Tuesday and inspected the works going on under Jal Shakti Abhiyan. First of all, he inspected 2 ponds built under Amrit Sarovar Yojana in village Habdi. He said that Amrit Sarovar pond is an ambitious and a good step

towards water conservation. After this, he inspected the paddy field planted under DSR technology at Tayontha village and talked to the farmers. Agriculture department officials informed that paddy planted by this method consumes less water than paddy planted in the traditional way. Nodal Officer Bhumika Verma then visited the net house installed by farmer Kuldeep at village Naina and got detailed information about this project. He said that you have done a good job in the direction of crop diversification, you should also make other farmers aware of this. Farmers should increase their income by planting other crops instead of paddy. Horticulture department officials present on the spot said that on installing net house, the state government gives 50 percent subsidy to general category farmers and 85 percent subsidy to Scheduled Caste farmers. Farmers should take advantage of these schemes of the government, so that work can also be done towards saving water.

Rs 3.12 cr distributed in Barnala under Aashirwad Scheme: Meet Hayer

KULDEEP SOOD

BARNALA: Member Parliament Sangrur Gurmeeet Singh Meet Hayer said that more than Rs. 3 crores have been distributed to 612 beneficiaries of Barnala district under the Ashirwad Scheme. The amount has been transferred directly into the bank accounts of beneficiaries. He said that 612 beneficiaries have received Rs 3,12,12,000 of January 2023 to January 2024 in the bank accounts. Apart from this, an amount of 2.34 crore of Feb to May has also been sanctioned by the government, which will soon be deposited in the accounts of the beneficiaries. He said that the Punjab government under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Maan is continuously working for the welfare of backward and economically weaker sections. Divulging details about Ashirwad scheme, Deputy Commissioner Punamdeep Kaur said that the applicant should be a permanent citizen of the state of Punjab, the age of the girl should be more than 18 years, the annual income of the family should be less than 32,790 rupees. Two daughters of such families are eligible to get the benefit of the scheme. Under this scheme financial assistance of Rs. 51000 is provided to girls belonging to schedule casts, backward classes and economically weaker families. Applicants are required to submit their applications either before or within 30 days of the marriage date.



Naveen Jindal approves installation of 108-foot national flag in Maharana Pratap Park

RAHUL KOHLI
JAGADHARI, JULY 9

A letter was sent by the international social organization Rotary Club to MP Naveen Jindal demanding the installation of the national flag in the city's Maharana Pratap Park. After which MP Naveen Jindal has approved installation of a 108-foot national flag in the city's Maharana Pratap Park. Regarding installation of flag in the park, the team of Flag Foundation of India visited the park on Monday and selected place for the installation of national flag. During this, Chief Advisor Dr. SC Saini, Vice President Bharat Matia, Treasurer Mohan Lal Arora, Secretary Devi Dayal Arora, and other members were present on the spot from the Rotary Club. Team of Flag Foundation of India said that as per the instructions of MP Naveen Jindal, a target has been set to complete this work before 15 August. After which the local people will be able to hoist the flag in the park on 15 August. It is noteworthy that the demand for installing the national flag in the park was placed before MP Naveen Jindal by the Rotary Club. On which MP Naveen Jindal had promised to get this work done through Flag Foundation of India. Rotary Club President Nirmal Singh said that the Flag Foundation had installed national flags in Ladwa, Shahabad, Kurukshetra, Kaithal and Pehowa. Seeing their grandeur, the city residents were also thinking of installing such a flag.



ISRO confers degree of Doctor of Philosophy on Sonia Saini



VIJAY KAUSHIK

BABA: Dr. Sonia Saini, daughter of Bahadurpura village of Kurukshetra, has brought laurels to Kurukshetra and her parents along with Haryana by achieving another milestone while working as a scientist in ISRO. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has conferred the degree of Doctor of Philosophy on Sonia Saini. In the programme organised in Trivandrum Puram (Kerala), in the absence of Vice President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar, his representative Padma Bhushan Dr. Suresh Barana has conferred the degree of Doctor of Philosophy to Sonia Saini. There is an atmosphere of happiness among the people of Bahadurpura village due to this great achievement of Sonia Saini and the villagers celebrated the happiness by distributing laddus on this great achievement of Sonia Saini. Born to marginal farmers Khem Chand and Sudesh Rani of Bahadur Pura, Sonia Saini completed her education from Geeta Niketan in Kurukshetra till 10+2 and then got her graduation degree from DAV College, Karnal and MSc degree from Geeta Stali, Jaipur.

Annual Inspection by Additional Director General NCC at Jalandhar Group Headquarters



J S SODHI

JALANDHAR: Major General Manjot Singh Mokha, Sena Medal, Additional Director General, NCC Punjab, Haryana, Himachal and Chandigarh Headquarters conducted annual administrative inspection at NCC Group Headquarters, Jalandhar. General Manjot Singh met the officers of Indian Army and Air Force. He was given a Guard of Honor by the Girls Cadets. Brigadier Ajay Tiwari, Sena Medal, Group Commander Jalandhar briefed General Manjot Singh about annual report, various competitions and activities of NCC. Group Commander and other officers were directed by General Manjot Singh to take more efforts to attract youth to NCC. The number of girls should be increased in NCC for women empowerment. General Manjot Singh also visited Lovely Professional University. He interacted with Air and Army cadets at the combined annual training camp held at 1 Air Squadron and taught them the basic mantras of life. General Manjot Singh said that there is great strength in honesty, loyalty and patriotism.

Rakt Sevak Parivaar plants saplings on Sri Sanatan Dharma Hanuman Mandir premises



KAPIL ARORA

SHAHABAD MARKANDA: On Tuesday, during the plantation drive by Rakt Sevak Parivaar, plantation was done in Shri Sanatan Dharma Hanuman Mandir Sabzi Mandi. Giving information, founder of Rakt Sevak Parivaar, Gagan Chahok said that these plants were planted with the help of Sukh-Dukh Ke Saathi Group and Mandir Sabha. He said that 21 fruit-bearing and shady plants were planted on the temple premises by Rakt Sevak Parivaar. Gagan said that the plants that have been planted today would also be protected by Rakt Sevak Parivaar. He said that if they take proper care of the small plants that have been planted then these plants would become big trees and provided shelter to mute birds, animals, creatures, and animals. Apart from this, trees and plants also gave life to humans by giving oxygen. Gagan said that today trees were being cut continuously. Due to which natural disasters were increasing continuously. Forests were becoming completely empty, greenery has become almost non-existent and pollution was increasing.

Lok Kalyan Seva plants saplings at start of green campaign to save environment



CHARANDEEP SINGH RATAN

NAWANSIARH: In view of the rising temperature and continuous cutting of trees, the entire team of People Welfare Service Society patron Kulwinder Singh Bhalta social worker and under the leadership vice president Varinder Kumar started a green campaign. Under which about 700 saplings were planted at various Gurudwaras and crematoriums in different villages. These plants will be looked after by volunteer members and officials of the society. President Kulwinder Singh Bhalta, while talking to journalists, said that life was incomplete without trees. If trees continued to be cut and we did not plant trees, then the day was not far when Punjab would become Rajasthan. He said that it was the duty of all of them that every person of the society should contribute in planting more and more trees for the purity of the environment. Social worker Bhalta said that today various types of saplings were planted in village Khoja, Tajpur, Garhi Bharti, Bharat Kalan and Rahon, Chet Ram Ratan, Senior Councilor and President, Welfare Organization Navshahr, apart from taking out awareness rallies for eradication of drug addiction in the interest of public welfare, today also organized Chandras for his team to save the environment. President Kulwinder Singh Bhalta was praised for the campaign of planting fruit trees at Gurudwaras and cremation grounds of various villages.

Haryana Union of Journalist, Yamunanagar submits memorandum demanding to resolve their issues



RAJNI SONI

YAMUNA NAGAR: The delegation of Haryana Union of Journalist Yamuna Nagar, in a memorandum submitted to the Deputy Commissioner demanded from the Chief Minister that the rules of pension of journalists should be simplified and journalists of rural and small newspapers should also be recognized. Along with increasing the insurance amount to Rs 20 crores and two plots of 200 yards should also be given. The Yamunanagar unit of Haryana Union of Journalists, under the leadership of its head Rakesh Bhartiya, submitted a memorandum to the District Deputy Commissioner Captain Manoj Kumar. In the memorandum submitted to the Deputy Commissioner demanded that the pension amount given to journalists should be Rs 25,000 per month and the pension rules should be simplified. The age limit should be reduced from 60 to 50 years. Apart from this, if the pensioned journalist dies, then this pension should be given to his wife.

Swaraj Mazda Workers Union holds function on 37th death anniversary of martyr Dharam Pal Singh



DAVINDER SHARMA

RUPNAGAR: Under the chairmanship of Swaraj Mazda Workers Union President Comrade Parminder Singh Saini a function was held on the 37th death anniversary of martyr Comrade Dharampal Singh. The role of stage secretary was performed by Union's General Secretary Shiv Kumar. The implementation of the three criminal laws passed by the present Modi government from July 1 was strongly condemned on this occasion. Martyr Comrade Dharampal Singh's sister, Mrs. Inderjeet Kaur and her brother-in-law, Dr. Daljit Singh Gill, CITU State President Comrade Maha Singh Rodi, Kul Hind Sabha's Comrade Surjeet Singh Dher, CITU Ropar's Senior Leader Comrade Gurdev Singh Bagi, Swaraj Mazda Contract Driver Worker Union President Paramjit Singh Pamma, Balwinder Singh, Supinder Singh Ghanoli, President Parminder Singh, Supinder Singh Saini, General Secretary Shiva were also present.

Ananya Panday becomes maasi as cousin Alanna welcomes baby boy



Ananya Panday expressed her excitement as her cousin Alanna Panday and her husband Ivor McCray welcomed their baby boy.

Alanna and Ivor took to their Instagram account to drop the news with an adorable video.

In the clip, the new parents and their son can be seen dressed in blue. Along with the video, the couple added a caption that reads, "Our little angel is here." Excited Ananya reposted the video on her Instagram Story.

Sharing her happiness, the 'Gehraiyaan'

actress welcomed her nephew with a note that read, "My beautiful baby boy nephew is here." Earlier in March, the couple hosted a grand baby shower, where the who's who of Bollywood marked their presence.

Alanna Panday and Ivor McCray, who got married in Mumbai last year, announced that they are expecting their first baby in February.

Posting a video on Instagram, Alanna Panday wrote in her caption, "We love you so much already, we can't wait to meet you."

Meanwhile, on the work front, Ananya

Panday has some exciting projects lined up. She'll be starring in the TV series 'Call Me Bae' with Varun Dhawan and Vir Das.

The show follows a billionaire fashionista disowned by her family after a scandal and her journey to independence.

Earlier in May, makers took to their Instagram account to share a fresh poster of the series announcing that it will begin streaming on September 6.

With Ananya Panday leading the cast as Bella Bae Chowdhary, the series also features actors Vir Das, Gurfateh Pirzada, Varun

Sood, Vihaan Samat, Muskkaan Jaferi, Niharika Lyra Dutt, Lisa Mishra, and Mini Mathur. Produced by Dharmatic Entertainment and boasting Karan Johar, Apoorva Mehta, and Somen Mishra as Executive Producers, the series stars Ananya Panday in her OTT debut. She is also gearing up for her upcoming ventures, 'Control' and 'The Untold Story of C Sankaran Nair.'

Ananya was last seen on OTT in 'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan' for which she got a lot of accolades. It saw her alongside Siddhant Chaturvedi and Adarsh Gourav.



Suniel Shetty excited about his upcoming project 'The Legend of Somnath'



Actor Suniel Shetty has several exciting projects lined up in his kitty. From 'Welcome 3' to 'The Legend of Somnath', Suniel will be seen in varied roles in upcoming projects.

Speaking with ANI, he shared, "In the coming months, I will be seen in 'The Legend of Somnath'. I am quite excited about it. The film has already been made...only some VFX work is pending...I also have 'Welcome to the Jungle' and also a show 'Nanda Devi' with Lionsgate."

If reports are to be believed, 'Nanda Devi' is "explosive thriller" project.

In a career of over three decades, Shetty has starred in movies such as "Dilwale", "Mohra", "Gopi Kishan", "Krishna", "Vinashak", "Dhadkan", "Hera Pheri" films, "Hulchul" and "Main Hoon Na".

Fans are eagerly waiting to see him reunite with actor Akshay Kumar in 'Welcome to the Jungle'.

The film is the third installment of the hit franchise 'Welcome' which

starred Feroz Khan, Akshay Kumar, Katrina Kaif, Anil Kapoor, Nana Patekar and Paresh Rawal in the lead roles. The second instalment, titled 'Welcome Back', was released in 2015.

Actors John Abraham and Shruti Haasan replaced Akshay and Katrina in the second part. Both films were helmed by Anees Bazmee.

'Welcome 3' will arrive in theatres this December. The third part was announced on Akshay's birthday last year with a promo. Sharing the video, Akshay Kumar wrote, "Khud ko aur aap sab ko ek birthday gift diya hai aaj (Have given a birthday gift to myself and you all)."

Sudesh Berry enters 'Vanshaj' as Amarjeet Talwar, a formidable business rival of the Mahajans

CHANDIGARH : Sony SAB's 'Vanshaj' explores the complexities of inheritance, highlighting a social bias towards male heirs. These norms fuel a conflict between Yuvika (Anjali Tatrari) and Divijay Mahajan aka DJ (Mahir Pandhi) as they compete for power within the Mahajan empire. In the upcoming episodes, Yuvika takes charge of the Mahajan Empire. While advancing the business and securing multiple deals, she encounters Talwar family, who are business rivals of the Mahajans. Senior actor Sudesh Berry steps into the role of Amarjeet Talwar, a seasoned businessman and head of the Talwar family. As a former business partner of Bhanupratap Mahajan, Amarjeet harbors a deep-seated grudge against the Mahajans due to past conflicts. Amarjeet's character brings a new layer of intrigue to the storyline, intensifying the rivalry between the two families and unraveling long-buried secrets that threaten to alter their dynamics significantly.

In the new chapter of Vanshaj, Amarjeet's strong-willed attitude and determination to settle old scores will create significant challenges for Yuvika. His arrival will not only escalate the rivalry between their families but will also bring hidden truths to light.

Sudesh Berry, who will be essaying the character of Amarjeet Talwar said, "I am thrilled to step into the dynamic role of Amarjeet Talwar in Vanshaj. His complex character presents a compelling challenge for me as an actor. I look forward to playing Amarjeet who is charismatic and is a charmer, yet when it comes to decision making he is very aristocratic and ruthless. The story is set to turn a new leaf with the introducing of my character and viewers will get to see a new rivalry that will pose a significant threat to Yuvika and the Mahajans. Vanshaj has been received well by the audience, and I am looking forward to adding a new layer to the show."

"I want a partner like Aryaman," says Ulka Gupta

as she talks about her on-screen experience on Zee TV's Main Hoon Saath Tere



CHANDIGARH : Every girl has a list of qualities she desires in her partner and hopes to fulfill most, if not all, of them when choosing 'the one'. Television actress Ulka Gupta is no exception. She has a clear idea of the type of man she wants in her life.

Currently portraying Janvi in Zee TV's "Main Hoon Saath Tere," Ulka shares that she would like someone with the qualities of her onscreen love interest, Aryaman, played by Karan Vohra. When she thinks about settling down, she envisions a partner like him—practical, yet sensitive, and supportive.

Ulka Gupta said, "Whenever I think about listing the qualities I want in a partner, they would definitely include kindness, politeness, intelligence, good communication skills, and the ability to express his feelings. Aryaman's character on our show, played by Karan Vohra, is the perfect example. He not only possesses these qualities but also has immense love for his family and respects personal boundaries. Moreover, he knows how to support his partner both emotionally and professionally. These characteristics are essential because I believe they contribute to a harmonious partnership. Just like Aryaman is with Janvi, I hope my life partner will bring out the best in me and enrich every aspect of our journey together."

While Ulka wishes to have a partner like Aryaman in the future, it will be interesting for the viewers to watch if Aryaman's proposal to Janvi will make her listen to her heart. Will it be the beginning of a love story?

To know more, tune in to Main Hoon Saath Tere, every day at 07:30 pm on Zee TV!

Anand Mahindra applauds nine-year-old Indian-origin girl's performance on America's Got Talent



Business mogul Anand Mahindra recently found himself captivated by the stunning performance of nine-year-old Indian-origin singer Pranysqa Mishra on the famed reality show America's Got Talent (AGT).

Known for his keen eye for talent and frequent commentary on social media, Mahindra expressed his admiration for Mishra's exceptional musical prowess and poise on stage.

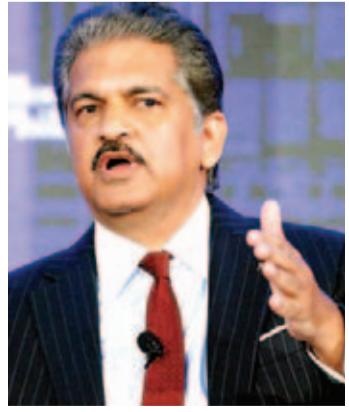
In a heartfelt post shared on his official X account, Mahindra highlighted the remarkable achievements of young talents of Indian descent on international platforms.

He praised Mishra for her rendition of Tina Turner's classic 'River Deep, Mountain High,' which left both the audience and judges spellbound.

"What on earth is going on? For the second time within the past two weeks, a young-VERY young-woman of Indian origin has rocked the stage at AGT with raw talent that is simply astonishing," he wrote, adding, "With skills acquired in indigenous American genres of music, Rock & Gospel, Pranysqa Mishra is just NINE years old. Damn, I had tears too when they called her grandmother. Yes, America's got talent indeed. And a lot of it is coming from India..." Mahindra's admiration for Mishra's performance was evident as he described being moved to tears when Mishra mentioned her grandmother's dreams of seeing her perform on a grand stage.

Mishra, clad in a radiant purple dress, charmed the audience with her introduction and choice of favourite artists—legendary singers Aretha Franklin, Whitney Houston, and Tina Turner.

The video of Mishra's AGT appearance, shared alongside Mahindra's post, quickly gained traction online, amassing over 7,000 likes and numerous comments praising Mishra's exceptional talent and confidence.



Punjab National Bank, Circle Sastra Centre-West Delhi
At 2nd Floor, Vikrant Tower, Rajendra Place, Delhi

POSSESSION NOTICE

(Under Section-13(4) of Securitization Act, 2022 read with rule 8(1) of Security Interest & Enforcement Rules 2002 for Immoveable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Punjab National Bank, Circle Sastra Centre-West Delhi at 2nd Floor, Vikrant Tower, Rajendra Place, Delhi under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as the "said act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued demand notice dated 30.09.2022 calling upon the borrower/s/guarantors/mortgagors :-

(1) M/s Riviera Textiles Pvt. Ltd. through its Directors Sh. Vivek Gupta & Smt. Prema Gupta at B-176, Ground Floor, East of Kailash, New Delhi-110065, also at Plot No.112, Sector-29, Part-I, Industrial Estate HUDA, Panipat, Haryana-132103, also at: Plot No.111, Sector-29, Part-II, Industrial Estate HUDA, Panipat, Haryana-132103 (2) Sh. Vivek Gupta (Director/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor) at House No.7, Urban Estate Sector-11, Phase-I HUDA Panipat-132103, also at: B-176, Ground Floor, East of Kailash, New Delhi-110065, also at: Plot No. 111, Sector-29, Part-I, Industrial Estate HUDA, Panipat, Haryana-132103, also at: Plot No. 96, Sector-29, Part-I, Industrial Estate HUDA, Panipat, Haryana-132103, (3) Smt. Prema Gupta (Director/ Guarantor) at House No.7, Urban Estate Sector-11, Phase-I HUDA Panipat-132103, also at: B-176, Ground Floor, East of Kailash, New Delhi-110065, also at: Plot No. 111, Sector-29, Part-I, Industrial Estate HUDA, Panipat, Haryana-132103, also at: Plot No. 96, Sector-29, Part-I, Industrial Estate HUDA, Panipat, Haryana-132103, (4) M/s Vivek Enterprises Prop. Sh. Vivek Gupta: at Plot No. 111, Sector-29, Part-I, Industrial Estate HUDA, Panipat, Haryana-132103, also at: Plot No.112, Sector-29, Part-I, Industrial Estate HUDA, Panipat, Haryana-132103, also at: Plot No. 96, Sector-29, Part-I, Industrial Estate HUDA, Panipat, Haryana-132103 as detailed below:-

S. No.	Facility	Sanctioned Limit	Balance Outstanding As on 31.08.2022
1.	150100870002374 (Cash Credit)	Rs 4,25,00,000/-	Rs 10,89,24,166.00
	Total	Rs 4,25,00,000/-	Rs 10,89,24,166.00

to repay the amount as mentioned in the notice being Rs.10,89,24,166.00 (Rupees Ten Crore Eighty Nine Lakh Twenty Four Thousand One Hundred Sixty Six ONLY) as on 31.08.2022 with further interest at contracted rate, incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. until payment in full within 60 days from the date of notice/s/ date of receipt of the said notice(s).

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this 05th day of July of the year 2024 i.e. 05/07/2024

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property mentioned here under and any dealing with the said property will be subject to the charge of Punjab National Bank, Circle Sastra Centre-West Delhi at 2nd Floor, Vikrant Tower, Rajendra Place, Delhi for an amount as detailed below:-

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Due and outstanding an amount of Rs.10,89,24,166.00 (Rupees Ten Crore Eighty Nine Lakh Twenty Four Thousand One Hundred Sixty Six ONLY) as on 31.08.2022 with further interest at the contracted rate, incidental expenses, charges, costs etc.

The Borrower/Guarantor/s/mortgagor/s attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSETS:
Primary Security: 1. Hypothecation of entire Stock lying at Shop/ Godown/ factory Situated at Plot No.96 & Plot No.111. HUDA Industrial Area, Phase -1, Panipat, Haryana -132103.

Collateral Security: 1) All that part & parcel of the property being Plot No. 96, Sector-29, Part-I, Industrial Estate HUDA, Panipat, Haryana- 132103 owned by Sh. Vivek Gupta. 2) All that part & parcel of the property being Plot No. 111, Sector-29, Part-I, Industrial Estate HUDA, Panipat, Haryana- 132103 owned by M/s Vivek Enterprises Prop. Sh. Vivek Gupta.

Date : 05.07.2024
Place : Panipat, Haryana

(Santosh Kumar Gupta)
Authorized Officer
Panjab National Bank