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**Kejriwal lost 2 kg in prison, being monitored by AIIMS medical board**

NEW DELHI: A day after the AAP claimed that Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had lost 8.5 kg in prison, Tihar jail sources on Monday said he had only lost 2 kg and he was being regularly monitored by a medical board of AIIMS. The sources said the jail administration has written to the Delhi government's Home Department regarding the allegations levelled by AAP ministers and leaders, saying that such a narrative "confuses and misleads the public". Senior AAP leader Sanjay Singh said that with this, the Tihar authorities have accepted that Kejriwal has lost weight.

**India, US carry out mega wargame in Indian Ocean**

NEW DELHI: Indian Navy's frontline warships carried out a mega military exercise with the Theodore Roosevelt carrier strike group of the US in the Indian Ocean, demonstrating the growing strategic congruence between the two sides in the key maritime domain. The USS Theodore Roosevelt is a Nimitz-class, nuclear-powered, aircraft carrier of the US Navy. A carrier battle group or carrier strike group is a mega naval fleet comprising an aircraft carrier, accompanied by a large number of destroyers, frigates and other ships.

**Rains cause waterlogging and traffic chaos in Delhi**

NEW DELHI: Delhi commuters faced a harrowing time Monday morning as they had to wade through waterlogged roads following rains in parts of the city. The Delhi police issued a traffic advisory after waterlogging was reported at Chaudhary Fateh Singh Marg, asking people to take diversions from Mall Road signal to Burai via Khyber Pass, Majnu ka Tila and Wazirabad flyover. Commuters were asked to avoid the affected stretch which is under construction.

# Flight operations to begin from Ambala Airport from August 15

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, JULY 15

Haryana Civil Aviation Minister, Dr. Kamal Gupta said that flights from Ambala Airport will commence from August 15 and the directions have been issued to the officers concerned to complete civil and electrical works, including the boundary wall, parking area, main building, entrance road, canteen, and water tank, before August 15. The Civil Aviation Minister was chairing a review meeting held in Chandigarh with officers of the Civil Aviation, Power, Public Works (Buildings & Roads), and Fire Service Departments. Dr. Kamal Gupta stated that the runway at Ambala Air Force Station will be used for the take-off and landing of aircraft at Ambala Airport. This airport will benefit travellers from Haryana as well as neighbouring states like Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, and Uttar Pradesh, will be able to avail the flight services to various cities. He further shared that a memorandum of understanding (MoU) will soon be signed between the airlines and the Haryana government for flight operations under RCS-UDAN.

Additional Chief Secretary, Civil Aviation Department, Sh. Sudhir Rajpal, Advisor and Secretary, Civil Aviation Department, Sh. Shekhar Vidyarthi, Managing Director, Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited, Dr. Saket Kumar, Director General, Haryana Fire Service, Sh. Manish Chaudhary, Deputy Commissioner, Ambala, Dr. Shaleen, and officers from the Air Force, Army, and other departments also remained present on this occasion.



## HM Amit Shah in Mahendragarh today

NEW DELHI: The BJP is going to organise a state-level 'OBC sam-melan' in Mahendragarh on July 16. Union Home Minister Amit Shah will address it. This will be Shah's second visit to Haryana in the past 20 days. Earlier, he chaired a party meeting in Panchkula on June 29 and instilled enthusiasm among party workers ahead of Assembly poll that are scheduled in October.

## People being provided free pilgrimage facility

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, JULY 15

Haryana Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister, Sh. Kanwar Pal flagged off an AC bus filled with pilgrims from Yamunanagar district to Ayodhya Dham under the Mukhyamantri Teerth Darshan Yojana on Monday. This bus carried 26 pilgrims who will visit Ayodhya.

Sh. Kanwar Pal said that a divine and grand temple of Lord Shri Rama has been built in Ayodhya, which is a matter of great fortune for us. Under the Mukhyamantri Teerth Darshan Yojana, devotees from the state will get

free darshan of pilgrimage sites in the country. So far, dozens of AC Volvo buses have been sent by the government from various districts across the state, and hundreds of pilgrims have visited Ayodhya and other pilgrimage sites. This unique scheme also honours the faith of the devotees, he said. On this occasion, the Minister also interacted with the pilgrims going to Ayodhya Dham and extended his best wishes to them. The pilgrims expressed to the Minister that it is a great initiative by the government to make special arrangements for those who cannot afford to visit pilgrimage sites due to financial constraints.

## FIR filed on IAS Pooja Khedkar's parents for threatning farmers

AGENCY PUNE, JULY 15

A case has been filed against IAS Pooja Khedkar's parents, Manorma Khedkar and Dilip Khedkar for allegedly threatening farmers with a pistol.

Pune Rural SP Pankaj Deshmukh said that the accused are on the run, and we have been trying to contact them, however, because their phones are switched off, we are not able to get through them. "The accused are on the run; we are trying to contact them but they are not reachable as their phones are switched off. We have also tried to reach their residence but they are not available."

Further, he said, "Several teams, including officials from the local crime branch and local police stations, are searching for them in Pune and nearby places where they have some farmhouses and other residences. If found, we

will question them and take action accordingly." The trainee IAS officer Khedkar who is now serving in Washim refused to comment on the FIR against her parents.

"I have said earlier also that I cannot comment on



this. Rules do not allow me to say anything. I cannot share anything with the media, whatever is required I will share with the committee," she said. Earlier, the Pune Police had decided to take action against the Audi car that was used by the IAS officer Puja Khedkar, who was transferred from Pune to Washim in Maharashtra for misusing her authority.

## SC agrees to hear plea challenging validity of laws passed as money bills

AGENCY NEW DELHI, JULY 15

The Supreme Court on Monday said it will consider the plea requesting the establishment of a constitutional bench to hear petitions challenging the validity of passing laws like the Aadhaar Act as money bills, allegedly to bypass the Rajya Sabha.

On the request of senior advocate Kapil Sibal, who is also the president of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA), a three-judge bench comprising Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, Justice JB



Pardiwala and Justice Manoj Misra agreed that this matter needs consideration.

A money bill is legislation that can only be introduced in the Lok Sabha. The Rajya Sabha cannot amend or reject a money bill, it can only make recommendations, which the lower house may choose to accept or ignore.

When Advocate Sibal, earlier in the day, mentioned before CJI DY Chandrachud-led bench that the laws are being passed by the government in the garb of money bills, the CJI said, "When I form Constitution Benches I will see." To this, Sibal replied, it is already on the list.

Senior Advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi also said that the pleadings in the case are already done

Senior Advocate Indira Jai Singh also appeared for the case and said there is an LIC issue as well relating to money bills.

The CJI then agreed and said, we will list it. "I will take the call when I form the Constitution Benches," the CJI said.

The Chief Justice had earlier announced that a seven-judge bench Constitutional Bench would be constituted to address the issue of the validity of passing laws like the Aadhaar Act as money bills.

## K P Sharma Oli sworn in as Nepal's Prime Minister

AGENCY KATHMANDU, JULY 15

K P Sharma Oli on Monday was sworn in as Nepal's Prime Minister for the fourth time.

The leader of Nepal's largest communist party was appointed Nepal's Prime Minister on Sunday by President Ram Chandra Paudel to



lead a new coalition government that faces the daunting challenge of providing political stability in the Himalayan nation.

Oli, 72, succeeds Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' who lost the vote of confidence in the House of Representatives on Friday, leading to the formation of the new government headed by Oli.

## Delhi court extends Manish Sisodia's judicial custody till July 22

NEW DELHI, JULY 15

A Delhi court on Monday extended the judicial custody of AAP leader and former deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia in a corruption case related to the alleged excise policy scam.

Special judge for CBI and ED Kaveri Baweja extended the custody of Sisodia till July 22 after he was produced before the court through video conference on the expiry of his judicial custody. The court on April 30 dismissed the bail pleas of Sisodia in corruption and money laundering cases lodged by the CBI and the ED in relation to the alleged Delhi excise policy scam.



## BJP's Rajya Sabha tally dips, NDA now 4 below majority mark

AGENCY NEW DELHI, JULY 15

The BJP's strength in the Rajya Sabha fell by four Saturday after as many nominated members - Rakesh Sinha, Ram Shakal, Sonal Mansingh, and Mahesh Jethmalani - completed their term.

All four were chosen - as non-aligned members - by President Droupadi Murmu on the advice of the ruling party, and formally allied with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government afterwards.

Their retirement brings the BJP's strength down to 86 and that of the



party-led National Democratic Alliance to 101, which is below the current majority mark of 113 in the 245-member House. The NDA does, however, have the support of the seven remaining nominated MPs and an independent.

The current strength of the Rajya Sabha is 225. The Congress-led INDIA bloc has 87, of which the Congress has 26, Bengal's ruling Trinamool 13, and the Aam Aadmi Party and the DMK, in power in Delhi and Tamil Nadu, have 10 each. Parties not aligned with either the BJP or the Congress - such as ex-Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao's BRS - nominat-

ed MPs and independents hold the rest.

It means the government is still reliant on non-NDA parties - such as ex-ally AIADMK of Tamil Nadu and former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy's YSR Congress Party - and others, like nominated MPs to pass bills in the Upper House. This will be the case till the BJP can fill the four nominated seats and an election for 11 vacant seats, due this year, is completed. The BJP is expected to win at least eight of these seats. As of now the BJP needs NDA parties' 15 votes and 12 more to pass bills.

## Sensex, Nifty race to record closing highs

MUMBAI, JULY 15

Benchmark Sensex and Nifty closed at new record high levels on Monday following buying in PSU bank shares and fresh foreign fund inflows.

The 30-share BSE Sensex rose by 145.52 points or 0.18 per cent to settle at a new record high of 80,664.86. During the day, it advanced 343.2 points or 0.42 per cent to hit a high of 80,862.54.

The NSE Nifty rallied 84.55 points or 0.35 per cent to settle at an all-time closing high of 24,586.70. During the day, it surged 132.9 points or 0.54 per cent to hit a new record peak of 24,635.05.









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SDIC discusses how to redress their problems from govt



**SUMER GARG**  
**SUNAM:** A meeting of Sangrur District Industrial Chamber(SDIC), block Sunam was held under the leadership of its President, Rajiv Makhan, District President, Sajeev Sood, Senior Vice Chairman, Ghanshyam Kansal and Vice Chairman Sanjeev Chopra Kitty were especially present. In the meeting the various problems being faced by the industrialists and how to get to redress these problems from the centre as well as from State governments were discussed. Besides the other demands the Industrialists demanded that the power load limit for small scale industries should be increased from 20 KW to 50 KW, the industrial units which have been established long ago as per the norms of the then time, the new policies and norms should not be imposed on the old existing industry. Prabhat Jindal said that the old industry is unable to bear the burden of new policies and it will break the backbone of the old industry. Manpreet Bansal said that when the industry was established in the past, it was established under the policies & norms of that time, hence governments should not impose new norms on the existing industry now.

LCBO workers continue to protest against govt matter of changing liquor policy



**RAKESH JINDAL**  
**NABHA:** Jagjit Singh Bhangu came to support the protest of the LCBO workers who have been on strike for the past several days. The government and Vardya said that the Canadian government of Moke should not be concerned about such sensitive issues should be dealt with at the right time and in the right manner so that the public does not have to face any hardship. Recession to our children who will lose their jobs are facing and the new decree of the Canadian Government may be more heavy on our student children. As opposed to the Canadian government this issue do not take it lightly because many such issues become international issues. In this event, Una's team distributed refreshments, cold drinks and bottles of water to the workers on strike. In this event, Jaggi Chawal, Deep Grewal, Gagan Grewal, Gurjot Singh, Hanif Kha was present.

Kishanpuri Foundation launches campaign to plant 5000 saplings



**KULJIT SINGH**  
**JANDIALA GURU:** Today Dr. Mangal Singh Kishanpuri Director St. Soldier Group of Schools Dr. President of Kishanpuri Foundation (Ahsaas) to get out of the crisis of increasing pollution and decreasing water level in Punjab. Mangal Singh Kishanpuri has been active for the past three years. Every year with the support of the children of St. Soldier Elite Convent School Jandiala Guru and Rotary Club Amritsar (Aastha), they managed to plant 8000 saplings in 2022-23 and 5000 saplings in 2023-24. By including these plants in the children's project, their care was also made mandatory. They have also planted Shaheed Udhham Singh garden. Today, Kishanpuri Foundation (Ahsaas) and Rotary Club Amritsar (Aastha) started planting 5000 saplings with the support of Saint Soldier Elite Convent School, Jandiala Guru. In this DFO of Forest Department. Anmeet Singh, Gurveer Singh, Jatinder Singh, Hardev, Davinder and Rotary Club (Aastha) President Ranveer Singh Berry, PP. Pramjit Singh, Secretary Adesh Bhalla, Assistant Governor Vijay Bassin, PP. Mannohan Singh, Project Organizer Mamta Arora, Rajesh Badwar, Sarabjit Singh, Aman Sharma, Ashwini Awasthi etc.

NIT Jalandhar secures sanction for 15 research, dev projects from BIS worth 1.2 cr

**PARAMJIT SINGH**  
**JALANDHAR:** Dr B R National Institute of Technology (NIT) Jalandhar has been sanctioned 15 research and development projects by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Government of India. This prestigious recognition acknowledges the institute's commitment to innovation and excellence in various fields of science and technology. The Research and development projects are the outcome of a Memorandum of Understanding between NIT Jalandhar and Bureau of Indian Standards, with an aim to utilize the intellectual capital that resides with the faculty and the research scholars of NIT Jalandhar for the purpose of updating and developing Indian standards for various products of industrial use. The Standards developed through these projects will ensure that products meet consistent quality levels of defined specifications and parameters to help manufacturers maintain uniformity in their products, reducing defects and enhancing reliability. This will also lead to building trust among international consumers and businesses, enhancing the product's marketability and acceptance abroad.

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## Police busts weapons smuggling module backed by Lakhbir Landa

GAURAV GOEL  
CHANDIGARH, JULY 15

Amidst the ongoing drive to make Punjab a safe and secure state as per the directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, State Special Operation Cell (SSOC) Amritsar has busted an inter-state weapon smuggling module with the arrest of two operatives of foreign-based terrorist Lakhbir alias Landa and recovered six .32 bore sophisticated pistols along with magazines and ammunition from their possession, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Monday.

Those arrested have been identified as Sumitpal Singh of village Thathian in Tarn Taran and Arpandee Singh of Chamba Kalan in Tarn Taran. DGP Gaurav Yadav said that acting on intel-inputs that associates of Lawrence Bishnoi has retrieved weapons consignment from Madhya Pradesh (MP), Police teams from SSOC Amritsar launched an operation and apprehended

### Two held with 6 sophisticated pistols



both the accused persons from near Railway Station Amritsar. Preliminary investigations have revealed that accused persons were directly in touch with MP based illegal

weapons dealer, he said, while adding that about a fortnight back they went to MP by bus to procure this weapon consignment and travelled back to Amritsar by train.

The DGP said that this is the second consignment procured by the arrested accused persons from same MP based weapon dealer in last two months, who has been identified by the Police. Investigations are going on to establish backward and forward linkages to further arrest remaining accused persons and dismantle illegal weapon smuggling operating from Madhya Pradesh.

Sharing more details, AIG SSOC Amritsar Sukhminder Singh Mann said that arrested accused persons revealed that they procured this weapon consignment to further sell it to criminal elements to carry out criminal activities. Accused persons also confessed to have sold out two .32 bore pistols to two unknown persons in the area of Harike a month back, he said.

In this regard, a case FIR No. 42 dated 14.07.2024 has been registered under section 25 of the Arms Act and section 61 (2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) at Police Station SSOC Amritsar.

## E-KYC mandatory to continue benefits of PM Kisan Samman Yojana: DC

**HOSHIAHPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA):** Farmers of district Hoshiarpur are benefiting under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana run by the Government of India to boost the economic level of farmers. Under this scheme, financial assistance of 6000 rupees is provided to the farmers annually, which is transferred to the farmers' accounts in three installments of 2 thousand rupees each. To continue the benefit of this scheme, the beneficiary farmer must get his E-KYC done. Giving information in this regard, Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal said that since the inception of the scheme 17 installments have been successfully deposited in the accounts of farmers. According to the instructions of the Government of India, it is mandatory for the beneficiaries of the scheme to get their E-KYC, which can be done from their nearest service center. She said that about 30,274 beneficiaries have E-KYC padding in the district.



## Dr. Baljit Kaur emphasizes to ensure speedy delivery of public welfare schemes to needy



RAJIV JAIN  
CHANDIGARH, JULY 15

Social Security, Women and Child Development Minister Dr. Baljit Kaur, presided over a crucial review meeting at Kisan Bhawan, Chandigarh. The meeting was attended by Head Office, District Program Officers, District Social Security Officers and Child Development Project Officers to Assess the Performance of Departmental Schemes. The focus was on ensuring that the benefits of the department's public welfare schemes reach the needy promptly and effectively.

During the meeting, Cabinet Minister reviewed the department's performance with Special Chief Secretary, Social

Security Women and Child Development, Mrs. Raji P. Shrivastava, Director Dr. Shena Aggarwal, Deputy Director Rupinder Kaur, Amarjit Singh Bhullar and Sukhdeep Singh Jhaaji.

Dr. Baljit Kaur emphasized the necessity of efficient implementation of social welfare schemes, particularly those are for women and children. She instructed the officials to ensure speed and transparency in their work to ensure timely benefits for the needy. Dr. Kaur also stressed the importance of regular inspections of old age homes, Bal Ghars and Anganwadi centers, maintaining consistent personal contact to better understand and address the needs at the ground level. Key

topics discussed included the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), the Poshan Tracker Application, the repair and construction of Anganwadi centers under the MNREGA Scheme, the provision of certificates for the construction of toilets and the Supplementary Nutrition Program Scheme. The review also covered pension and financial assistance programs, regular inspections of Bal Ghars and reform homes and the implementation of initiatives addressing child labour, child begging and child marriage. Additionally, the meeting reviewed the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, verification of pending cases, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao and One Stop Center.

## Students of Vasant Valley Public School visit Shaheed Udhham Singh Memorial



VIKAS VERMA  
DHURI, JULY 15

In a gesture of reverence and learning, students from classes VII and VIII of Vasant Valley Public School, Ladda, undertook a poignant visit to the Shaheed Udhham Singh Memorial on 13 July 2024. The memorial, dedicated to the legendary freedom fighter Udhham Singh, resonated with historical significance as the young learners paid homage to his indomitable spirit and sacrifice. Accompanied by their teachers, the students engaged in a guided tour that showcased ar-

tifacts, photographs, and detailed accounts of Udhham Singh's life and his pivotal role in India's struggle for independence. The visit was not merely an educational outing but an opportunity for the students to connect deeply with the nation's history and draw inspiration from the courage and determination exhibited by Udhham Singh. Speaking on the occasion, The Principal Mrs Anitha Rajagopalan emphasized the importance of such visits in fostering a sense of patriotism and appreciation for the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters.

## Police recovers 41qtls poppy husk from Bathinda; one held



GAGAN JAIN  
CHANDIGARH, JULY 15

Amidst the ongoing war against drugs waged on the directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Counter Intelligence (CI) Bathinda has arrested a drug smuggler and seized a massive 4100 Kg (210 bags) of poppy husk being smuggled in a container-truck from Madhya Pradesh, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Monday. The arrested drug smuggler has been identified as Sandeep Singh

alias Kaka (Truck Driver), a resident of village Raipur Arrian in Nakodar, Jalandhar. Apart from recovering big haul of poppy husk, Police teams have also impounded the container-truck bearing registration number NL 01AB 0377. DGP Gaurav Yadav said that swiftly acting on a secret information about trafficking of poppy husk in large quantity, Police teams from Counter Intelligence Bathinda along with District Police Bathinda laid a joint Naka and stopped a suspected container truck for checking.

## SainDass School gets High-Tech makeover with MBD's AASOKA robotics, language labs



BUNNY SODHI  
JALANDHAR, JULY 15

MBD Group is revolutionizing education at SainDass Anglo Sanskrit Senior Secondary School in Jalandhar with the inauguration of the AASOKA Robotics and Coding Lab and a state-of-the-art Language Lab.

This initiative aims to blend modern technology with traditional learning methods, enhancing students' creativity and interest in learning. The new labs feature cutting-edge robotic kits, modern furniture, AC classrooms, and 16 PCs in the Language Lab,

which includes tongue-twisting elements to help students speak clearly and learn new languages. The project, part of the "Love to Learn" initiative by the Ashok Kumar Malhotra Charitable Trust, was launched on MBD Group's Foundation Day. Key attendees included Chairperson Smt. Satish Bala Malhotra, MD Ms. Monica Malhotra Kandhari, and JMD Ms. Sonika Malhotra Kandhari. Ms. Monica Malhotra Kandhari emphasized that this is MBD's first CSR initiative, introducing a new style of education that fosters creativity and learning.

## 441 employees of MC given appointment letters by Cabinet Minister

BUREAU  
PATHANKOT, JULY 15

About 441 employees of the Municipal Corporation who have been working on outsource for a long time have been taken on contract today. Among these 441 employees, about 327 are sanitation workers and the rest are sewer-men, and in the coming time these workers will get more promotion, now these workers have come out of the contract system and have come under the purview of the government along with cleaning the city and more.

The system will also improve. This was revealed by Lal Chand Kataruchak Cabinet Minister Punjab during a function organized at Municipal Corporation Pathankot. On this occasion, Ankurjit Singh Additional Deputy Commissioner (J) Pathankot,



Vibhuti Sarma Chairman Tourism Department Punjab, Panna Lal Bhatia Mayor Municipal Corporation Pathankot, Satish Mahindru Chairman Hindu Corporate Bank Pathankot and other party workers were also present.

Addressing on this occasion Lal Chand Kataruchak Cabinet Minister Punjab said that the cleaners and sewer-men working outsourced under Corporation Pathankot who were struggling for a

long time, today Bhagwant Singh Maan, thanks to the Chief Minister of Punjab, to these workers. Outsourced to contract.

He said that offer letters have been distributed to around 441 employees today. He also congratulated the families of these employees and said that the Punjab government had taken the initiative to provide employment to the youth and under this, offer letters have been given to the employees today.

## Case of burning Bible turned out to be fake, Rural police arrested two accused

**JANDIALA GURU (KULJIT SINGH):** Yesterday, a case of burning of the holy book of Christianity, Bible, came to light in village Madoke. In this case, a case was registered against Kirpal Singh alias Samma son of Sardara Singh, Gurpreet Singh alias Sonu son



of Sukhdev Singh resident of village Madoke on the complaint of Sikan-dar Singh alias Daniel resident of Chugawa district Amritsar in police station Lopoke. In this case, as per the instructions of SSP Rural, Harinderpal Singh, Nagra DSP Special Branch and Criminal Intelligence, Amritsar Rural, action was taken by registering a case by Inspector Balkar Singh. In the investigation, it came to light that Kirpal Singh alias Samma son of Sardara Singh had a fight with his nephew Avtar Singh over the wall. Its construction was done by mason Gurpreet Singh alias Sonu. Avtar Singh was helped by mason Gurpreet Singh in their fight. Due to this rivalry, Kirpal Singh hatched a conspiracy to implicate him in a false case. He went to Gurpreet Singh alias Sonu's house and set the Bible lying in his house on fire and threw it on the road. Mangal Singh son of Ajaib Singh made a video of this false story and himself informed the Christian community about it. Kirpal Singh and Mangal Singh have been arrested and are being questioned.

## PHDCCI organises regional food processing meet at Ludhiana



SACHIN MOUDGILL  
LUDHIANA, JULY 15

PHD chamber of commerce and industry organized regional food processing meet with the collaboration of Ministry of food processing industries government of Punjab at Ludhiana.

On this occasion Ravneet Singh Bittu Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Food Processing Industries participated as chief guest and said that the food processing is increasing day by day, it not only increasing the growth of farmers but also enhancing the industry.

On this occasion, he said that there are several schemes run by the Centre government for the industrialists for food processing. He said that the schemes given by government can be amended if any one want that it's not aid the industrialist. He also said that the schemes and ratio seem good while watching Videos and sitting in Delhi but the reality on ground in Punjab is different. In addition, he also encouraged the FPOs, local entrepreneurs, experts in food processing, progressive framers to join the upcoming program of GOI "world food India 2024" in Delhi.

## Arora gives job letters to the kins of 13 martyred farmers



SUMER GARG  
SANGRUR, JULY 15

Aman Arora, the Cabinet Minister of the Punjab Government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, today organized a program at the local PWD rest house and the family members of 13 martyred farmers belonging to Sunam assembly constituency (SAC) were given appointment letters for government jobs. While Speaking on the occasion, Cabinet Minister Aman Arora said that Punjab is an agrarian state, agriculture is its core and the farmers fought

against the coercion through a peaceful movement to withdraw the three black laws brought by the BJP-led central government for the farmers. He said that many farmers had to lose their lives in this long agitation and as per their promise, the Punjab government is supporting the affected families. Arora said that hundreds of families of martyrs have been given jobs by the government in Punjab and the pending families will also be given government jobs after completing the necessary investigation.



GoC-in-C, ARTRAC calls on Governor



DINESH AGARWAL  
SHIMLA: General Officer Commanding-In-Chief (GOC-in-C), ARTRAC Lt. Gen Devendra Sharma called on Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla at Raj Bhavan, today. It was a courtesy call. The Governor honoured him by presenting Himachali Cap and Shawl on the occasion. Lady Governor Janaki Shukla was also present.

150 positions to be filled at Vardhman Steel Industries Bathri

KISHORI LAL BAINS  
UNA: Vardhman Steel Industries Bathri will be filling 150 positions exclusively for men in various categories. District Employment Officer Akshay Sharma provided this information. The positions include 10 for Melter, 10 for Fitter, 5 for Crane Operator, 10 for Welder, 15 for Assistant Melter/Bari Men, and 10 for Helper. The interviews for these positions will be held on 18 July at 10 AM at the District Employment Office in Una. Sharma detailed the qualifications and age limits for each position: Melter: 10th grade education, age 25 to 40 years. Fitter: 10th grade education, ITI in Fitter, age 18 to 40 years. Crane Operator: 10th grade education, age 22 to 40 years. Welder: 10th grade education, ITI in Welder, age 20 to 40 years. Assistant Melter: 10th grade education, age 25 to 40 years. Helper: 5th grade education, age 18 to 40 years. He mentioned that the salary will be provided according to the standards set by the Government of Himachal Pradesh. Interested candidates can attend the interview with their educational certificates, birth date proof, employment office registration card, Aadhaar card number, and two passport-sized photographs. For more information, they can contact 76962-00743. Travel allowance will not be provided for attending the interview.

7 cases of goods without bills detected during roadside checking

KISHORI LAL BAINS  
UNA: The State Tax and Excise Department of Una conducted a special roadside checking campaign last Saturday, inspecting vehicles for compliance with GST regulations. During this operation, seven instances of various goods being transported without proper bills were identified. The department imposed fines totaling Rs. 2,18,510 in accordance with regulations, including two significant cases involving iron scrap. On the spot, the department collected fines amounting to Rs. 1,85,860. The special checking campaign included the efforts of STEO Shiv Mahajan, Sanjeev Kumar, Suresh Kumar, and Lakhwinder Singh. Vinod Singh Dogra, Deputy Commissioner of State Tax and Excise Una, emphasized the department's commitment to preventing tax evasion. He urged all traders to ensure they carry complete documentation related to purchases and sales, including original purchase/sale bills and e-way bills, during the transportation of goods. Dogra warned that stringent action will be taken against any future instances of tax evasion detected by the department.

It is necessary to have complete knowledge of the Right to Information Act: SS Guleria

SANJAY AGGARWAL  
DHARAMSHALA, JULY 15

State Information Commissioner, SS Guleria said that the Right to Information is an important act to ensure transparency and accountability in the functioning of the government. He said that it is necessary for everyone to have complete knowledge of the Right to Information Act. Inaugurating a one-day workshop of Public Information Officers in the auditorium of the Deputy Commissioner's office on Monday, the State Information Commissioner provided detailed information about the Right to Information Act and its provisions. He said that before providing third party information under the Right to Information Act, it is also necessary to take consent from the person concerned whose personal information is sought and in public interest in this information. He said that as per the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, all departments will have to ensure that the information related to the budget and the government's welfare schemes, beneficiaries is made available on the department's website. He also talked about updating the department's websites from time to time. He said that the Commission is also keeping an eye on the departmental websites.



Senior Congress leader Sh PL Punia and Rajya Sabha MP Rajni Patil called on Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu at his official residence, Oak Over, on 14th July 2024. It was a courtesy call.

# Himachal

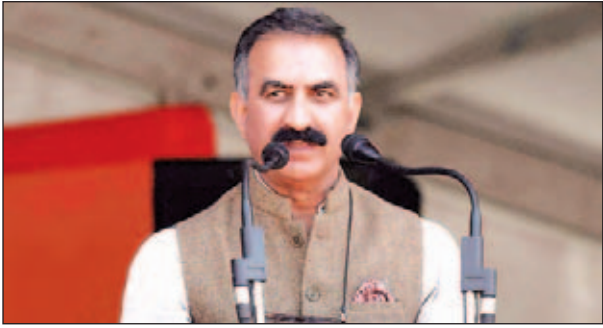
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## State Award to Teachers and Head of Schools Scheme' to recognize excellence in education: CM

DINESH AGARWAL  
SHIMLA, JULY 15

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said here today that the State Government was launching a new scheme 'State Award to Teachers and Head of Schools'. This initiative aims to recognize and honour the exceptional services rendered by the teachers in the state. Under the scheme, 24 teachers would be awarded in two categories: general areas and tribal/hard areas. He said that 15 awards would be designated for teachers in the general areas and nine awards would be for teachers in the tribal/hard areas. The Chief Minister said that this scheme aims to minimize subjectivity in the selection process by focusing on learning outcomes,



quantifiable indicators and educational innovation. He stated, "This initiative is intended to foster an interest in teaching as a career, motivate high-quality teaching and enhance the reputation of educators within the community. It would also encourage the adoption of best teaching and learning practices in schools."

He said that in addition to

the 24 state teacher awards, the government would also confer six special awards to outstanding teachers who have made extraordinary contributions to innovation, the implementation of flagship state programs and special initiatives, which may vary annually. Eligible candidates for these special awards include teachers posted in District Institutes of

Education and Training (DIETs), State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERTs), Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA). Recipients would be selected based on recommendations from the State Level Committee constituted under the State Award Scheme and will receive a memento, medal, Himachali cap and shawl, citation, and certificate.

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## BJP's strength in Assembly increases from 25 to 28: Kashyap

DINESH AGARWAL  
DHARAMSHALA, JULY 15

Former BJP State President and MP has stated that in December 2022 or January 2023, the Congress government was formed in Himachal Pradesh. At that time, the Congress party had 40 assembly members and 3 independent members, making a total of 43 members. In contrast, BJP had only 25 assembly members. The people of Himachal Pradesh had high hopes from the Congress government and Chief Minister Sukhvinder Sukhu due to the grand promises and guarantees made before the government was formed. Kashyap highlighted that BJP achieved significant victories in the Lok Sabha elections and also won three by-elections, increasing their number of assembly members to 28, while the Congress reduced to 40 members.

He further stated that from the beginning of 2023, the dreams of the people started to shatter. The first statement from the Chief Minister was that the state treasury was empty. The months of January, February, and March 2023 were spent debating why and how the treasury was empty. As the main opposition party, BJP became aggressive towards the government. The big question arose: how did the treasury, which had everything to serve the public until December 2022, become empty as soon as the Congress government came into power? So far, the government has taken more than Rs. 25,000 crores in loans, which seem to have been consumed like butter, leaving people wondering where the money went. Kashyap also pointed out that the next claim by Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri was that the previous BJP government, led by Jairam Thakur, left a debt of Rs. 70,000 crores on the state, which became a widespread issue.



SANJAY AGGARWAL  
DHARAMSHALA, JULY 15

PM Narendra Modi goes to the wedding of the family of the person whom he calls a black money collector, PM should answer this. BJP has lost in Badrinath in the recent election results, earlier it lost in Ayodhya and has also lost in Chitrakoot. This was said by Unorganised Workers and Employees Congress National President and All India National Congress National Spokesperson Dr. Udit Raj in a press conference in Dharamshala on Monday. He said that even now people of India Alliance are being kept in jail, harassed. ED, CBI and Income Tax are all after them. Dr. Udit Raj said that the people have now understood PM Modi's Hindu-Muslim card. An attempt was made

## Rajesh Dharmani refutes allegation of BJP on Him Resort at Auhar

DINESH AGARWAL  
SHIMLA, JULY 15

Refuting the allegation of the BJP leaders of laying the foundation stone of Tourism resort at Auhar in district Bilaspur twice, Town and Country Planning Minister, Rajesh Dharmani today said that the foundation stone of the 'State-of-Art Him Resort' at Auhar which was laid by Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Sunday was completely different from the Hotel, the foundation stone of which was laid by the then National BJP President Jagat Prakash Nadda in October 2022, just before a day before declaration of the Model code of Conduct before the Vidhan Sabha elections, without any budgetary provision and was still lying in limbo. The foundation stone of Rs 33.75 crore Him Resort laid by the Chief Minister, on 14th July, 2024, will have various facilities such as a conference hall, banquet hall, health club, food court and will be integrated with Govind Nagar reservoir for water sports activities. Dharmani said that 25 Bighas land each on both side of the four lane, i.e on the lake side and opposite to it, has been made available for expansion of the project and to equip it with State-of-Art facilities. He said that the current 'Him Resort project' offers multiple facilities. The foundation stone laying ceremony by the Chief Minister marks the beginning of a project which would be unique and one of its type catering to all the needs of the tourists. Therefore, the allegations made by BJP leaders are baseless, unfounded, and lack factual support. Apart from this, the Minister said that even the 'Tourism Cafe' at Auhar was set up and developed by the Congress government in 2017, the inauguration of which was done by him. The BJP leaders should check the facts before issuing unfounded statements in media, he advised.



to topple our government in Himachal, but BJP did not succeed. Recently Congress has won two seats in the by-election. BJP government has been formed for the third time in the center, now BJP has come up with a false figure of 10 crore jobs. It is surprising how much PM lies, because in ten years only 8.5 lakh permanent jobs have been created in the government sector and even today 30 lakh posts are lying vacant in the central

government, they have not been filled and they say that we have given 10 crore jobs. There are unorganized workers in Himachal Pradesh, more attention is being given to them. Himachal government has taken the problems of workers of unorganized sector very seriously. Now our government has become stable in Himachal, now Congress will do special work for unorganized workers.

## FIRs to be registered against false news on social media

DINESH AGARWAL  
SHIMLA, JULY 15

Principal Advisor (Media) Naresh Chauhan today here informed that the government has taken strict action against the dissemination of false news targeting the Chief Minister on social media. He said that

instructions have been issued to register FIRs against those responsible for spreading misleading information.

He said that, for the past few days, there has been a concerted effort to tarnish the image of the Chief Minister through unfounded propaganda on social media. This is an unfortunate and

deliberate conspiracy.

In response, the Chief Minister's Office has directed that FIRs be filed against the channels involved in this false propaganda. Besides this legal action would be taken to put an end to the baseless and malicious content being circulated.

## SPO shoots himself in HP

SHIMLA, JULY 15

A Special Police Officer (SPO) in Himachal Pradesh's Chamba district committed suicide by shooting himself with a 12 bore gun, police said on Monday.

Om Prakash, 45, a resident of village Sandhara under Khairi police station, shot himself on Saturday night on the terrace of his house, police said.

Superintendent of Police Abhishek Yadav said the reason behind the victim's extreme step remains unclear.

Village Sandhara, located near sensitive border areas, has historically faced issues related to militancy. Following a terrorist attack in 1998, the government appointed Special Police Officers (SPOs) to enhance security. Currently, 407 SPOs are active in Chamba district.

## Mridul and Robin's team wins Badminton Tournament Final

DAULAT CHAUHAN

JAWALI: The 2-day badminton championship organized by the Himachal Pradesh Jal Shakti Department in Jawali has successfully concluded. The closing ceremony was presided over by the state's Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Minister, Chaudhary Chander Kumar. Upon arrival at the tournament venue, he was warmly welcomed with flower garlands by Jal Shakti Department Executive Engineer Ajay Sharma and the players.

During the event, the tournament organizers introduced the chief guest, Agriculture Minister Chander Kumar, to the participating teams. The competition saw participation from 18 teams from the region. The final match was contested between the team of Mridul and Robin and the team of Amit and Ashish Kumar. Mridul and Robin's team emerged victorious and were awarded a cash prize of Rs.11,000 and a trophy by the chief guest, Chander Kumar. The



runner-up team received a cash prize of Rs. 5,100 and a trophy. Additionally, Kuldeep Kumar from Nagrota Surian was named the Best Player. In his address, the chief guest, Chander Kumar, praised the Jal Shakti Department for promoting sports through the badminton tournament. He emphasized the need to encourage sports to divert youth from harmful addictions and mentioned the importance of sports in today's society. Kumar also announced that a multipurpose sports stadium would soon be constructed in Jawali, providing facilities for both outdoor and indoor games under one roof.

## Congress Seva Dal reforms Youth Brigade

DINESH AGARWAL

SHIMLA: The Himachal Pradesh Congress Seva Dal has restructured its Youth Brigade. The entire executive committee has been changed, and MLA Sudarshan Bablu has been reappointed as the president of the Youth Brigade. The orders for the new appointments were issued by State Congress Seva Dal President Anurag Sharma under the directions of National President Lalji Desai.

According to the orders issued on Monday, Sudarshan Bablu will be the president. Sanjay Bhardwaj and Mast Ram Thakur have been appointed as working presidents. The vice presidents include Chetan Chauhan, Shalini Rana, and Saurabh Kalia. The list of general secretaries includes Ghulam Qadir, Pravesh Sharma, Ravi Patial, Varun Patial, Yograj, Gaurav Lath, and Sunil Kumar.

## First leg of SW monsoon turns 35 pc dry in Himachal

AGENCY  
SHIMLA, JULY 15

The first leg of the South West Monsoon remained deficient in rain by 35 percent, as since July 7, the state received scattered rainfall (78 pc less than normal), the Indian Meteorological Department said, attributing subdued rain to the El Nino effect.

IMD releasing a byatase of monsoon rain in Himachal today stated that after onset of monsoon on June 27 till July 14, state had received cumulatively only 132 mm rain compared to 203 mm normal, which is 35 pc less than normal. Lahaul Spiti is deficient by 67 pc in rain during this period, Sirmour 57 pc, Una 54 pc, Kinnaur 48 pc, and Chamba 41 pc. All districts received less

than normal rain in the first leg of the monsoon season.

IMD attributed the prevailing E-nino effect on the entire Indian continent to a subdued monsoon, which is likely to continue till mid-August.

Since July 7, the state received very negligible rain at most places, and during a week, the monsoon is almost dormant in most districts. According to IMD, monsoon rains were down by 78 p.c. in the last week, creating humid and heatwave conditions in the mid- and plain.

Lahaul Spiti district did not receive rain in the last one week as it is 100 pc dry, Una had 97 deficient rain, Mandi 84 pc, Chamba 81 ov, Bilaspur 80 pc, Kangra 79, and Kullu 74 pc. All districts received deficient rainfall as

compared to 58.6 mm of normal rain in the state, only 12.6 mm was recorded in one week, and dry weather conditions could prevail for the next two days.

In the last 24 hours, the state has received three mm of rain in tourist resorts Dalhousie, Chamba (one mm), Kalpa in Kinnaur (0.8 mm), and Nahan (0.5 mm).

IMD predicted that the monsoon may revive after July 17 onwards, and few places can experience moderate to heavy rainfall.

Amid the dormant monsoon conditions, Mercury jumped five to six degrees Celsius, as Una was 36.8 degrees and 3.8 degrees above normal. The maximum temperature of Shimla also increased to 26.1 degrees, which is three degrees above normal.



Sarbat Da Bhala Charitable Trust distributes pension checks to needy



**KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL:** Managing Trustee Dr. SP Under the leadership of Singh Oberoi, National President Jassa Singh Sandhu and Director Health Services Dr. According to the directions of RS Atwal, 283 checks of assistance money were distributed to the needy by Sarbat Da Bhala Charitable Trust Bathinda unit today. Giving information, General Secretary Prof. Jaswant Singh Brar said that Dr. Daljit Singh Gill, director of health services, has started the work of two more Sunny Oberoi clinical labs and diagnostic centers at villages Mehrai and Chowke, apart from Talwandi Sabo, Mauri Mandi, Bantihia city, Balianwali in Bathinda district. All the tests in these laboratories are done at 5th to 10th of the market rates. For example ECG 20 rupees only and regular medical camps by the trust, RO donation to government schools, free blood group test in government schools, building houses for the needy, distributing blankets to the needy in cold weather, affordable rates for kidney disease patients.

Cabinet Minister Jimpa appeals to children to plant saplings



**DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR:** Cabinet Minister Punjab Bram Shankar Jimpa while planting saplings during the Van Mahautsav held at Van Chetna Park Bassi Old appealed to the district residents to plant maximum saplings during the monsoon season. He said that special instructions have been given by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann to plant maximum number of trees in the state. He said that a target of planting 38 lakh trees in the district has been set, which will be achieved with the support of the people. Meanwhile, Mayor Sunder Kumar, Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal, C. F. North Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Tiwari, Senior Deputy Mayor Praveen Saini and DFO Nalin Yadav were also present. Meanwhile, the Cabinet Minister thanked Gram Panchayat Bassi Kurini, which has extended its full support in the construction of Van Chetna Park. He said that the village panchayat always contributes fully in implementing all the schemes of the government.

Maharishi Dayanand Public School's Sikandra Devi Multimedia Hall receives two air conditioners

**CHANDIGARH:** Maharishi Dayanand Public School, MDVA Bhawan, Daria, Chandigarh's Smt. Sikandra Devi Multimedia Hall received two air conditioners as donation. These air conditioners have been provided by the school's Patron NRI Sudarshan Garg and Smt. Sikandra Devi Memorial Trust. The main objective of the school is to provide quality education to the children. With the support of Garg, He also helped to establish library, computer lab, indoor games hall and provided furniture for the Smt. Sikandra Devi Multimedia Hall. He awards stationery to the students with high attendance and cash prizes to the teachers. When he comes to India, he also gives his valuable time to the school. As a result of his guidance, the school is getting a distinct identity. Smt. Sikandra Devi Multimedia Hall is equipped with a projector which makes the school smart. In this, about 130 students can easily acquire at a time information on different subjects through the projector.

SDM Nabha Tarsem Chand honored by Jai Shri Ram Seva Samiti for his good services



**RAKESH JINDAL NABHA:** Tarsem Chand G. SD.M Nabha was specially honored by Jai Shri Ram Seva Samiti Reg: Nabha for his good services by being a pioneer in religious, social work and helping the needy in the area. After receiving the honor 'Hon'ble S.D.M. Sahib Nabha thanked all the members of Jai Shri Ram Seva Samiti and said that I consider myself very fortunate to have been specially honored by the organization even though it is our moral duty to always be active in the service of the people. It is a duty, he said, for every citizen of Nabha Constituency. The door of my office remains open at all times for any legitimate act of prejudice and no trouble of any kind will be allowed to the people of Nabha. At this time, the managers of Jai Shri Ram Seva Samiti Register Nabha, while talking to the journalists, said that in today's materialistic era, when bribery and corruption are rampant in the society, honorable Mr. Honest and thorough in his duties. The meeting of a sincere officer is a sign of the good deeds of the people of Nabha and such people are very difficult to meet, even though those who follow the truth and the path have to face a lot of difficulties. Even if a person follows the path of truth, his praise also fills the world. It is our duty to honor such officers so that more may be inspired by them and become scholars of the path of truth and we also become true and supportive. On this occasion, organization chairman Shri Kumar Kaushal, president Mohit Arora, general secretary Kamal Chopra, cashier Sanjeev Jindal, Vikas Mittal, Mohinder Garg, Ajay Garg etc.

Adviser UT Chandigarh reviews developmental programmes under "Chandigarh Master Plan 2031"



SHASHI PAL JAIN CHANDIGARH, JULY 15

A meeting was held today on 'Implementation of Chandigarh Master Plan 2031' at Chandigarh Secretariat under the Chairmanship of Sh. Rajeev Verma, Adviser to Administrator UT Chandigarh. The meeting started with a presentation on brief back-

ground regarding Integrated Planning and Development of Chandigarh and various major projects undertaken by different departments of Chandigarh Administration and their status of completion. Regional issues were taken up and detailed deliberations were done on important issues in Chandigarh related to environment, land use housing,

residential, commercial and industrial, heritage conservation, social infrastructure, physical infrastructure, rural and peripheral areas and co-ordinated plan of Chandigarh Region. The Adviser reviewed the sectoral growth and instructed to implement the Master Plan accordingly. Anindita Mitra, Commissioner Municipal Corporation, Sh.

Ajay Chagti, Secretary Local Govt., Ms. Hargunjit Kaur, Secretary Finance, Sh. Vinay Partap Singh, Deputy Commissioner, Chandigarh Sh. Hari Kallikatt, Secretary Culture, Sh Rupesh Kumar, Secretary State Transport Authority and other senior officials of Chandigarh Administration were present in the meeting.

Representatives from various religious, social and political organizations express condolences on death of Chaudia

LKBANSAL MOHALI, JULY 15

The death of Jailedar Satvinder Singh Chaudia, President of the Ropar District Congress Committee and former Chairman of PRTC, has deeply saddened representatives from various religious, social, and political organizations. Jailedar Choudia was known for his active participation not only in politics but also in social service, sports, and religious activities.

He was always present to support and uplift the youth, particularly encouraging them to stay away from drugs by attending every sports tournament. The loss of Jailedar Choudia has been a significant blow to his family and the local community. Former Speaker of the Punjab Legislative Assembly, Rana KP Singh, expressed that the demise of



File Photo

Jailedar Choudia is a substantial loss not only to his family but to the entire region. Other prominent figures such as former Chief Minister and Lok Sabha member Charanjit Singh Channi, Lok Sabha member Manish Tiwari, former ministers Jagmohan Singh Kang and Balbir Singh Sidhu, former District Congress President Sukhwinder Singh Viski, Vijay Sharma Tinku, and Amarjit Singh Saini,

Ramesh Goyal, MLA Advocate Dinesh Chadha, Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh Desh Bachao Naujawan Sabha President Navin Dardi, Advocate Aminderpreet Singh Bawa, Municipal Council President Sanjay Verma Belewale, councillors Bharat Kumar Walla, Pomi Soni, Kiran Soni, Amarinder Singh Bawa, Amarjit Singh Jolly, Charanjit Singh Channi, Mohit Sharma, Gurmeet Rinku, Rajesh Sharma, Mintoo Saraf, BJP leader Satinder Nagi, AAP leader Sandeep Joshi, Jatheadar Bhag Singh, BB Daljit Kaur, Kanwaljit Singh Baba, Jatinder Tinku, Shiv Dayal Chauhan, Advocate Mandeep Modgil, Sant Baba Hardeep Singh, Comrade Gurdev Singh Baghi, BSP leader Jagdish Singh Haveli, Sukhwinder Singh Gill, Baldev Singh Gill, commission agent Nirmal Singh Nimma, singer Lakhveer Lakkha.

Environment week celebration at Swami Shivranda Sarvhitkari Senior Secondary School, Morinda



RADHE SHYAM SHARMA MORINDA, JULY 15

Environment Week was celebrated at Swami Shivranda Sarvhitkari Senior Secondary School in Morinda, where 40 plants were planted by Principal Laxman Singh Rawat, Chetan Sharma, Shivpal Verma, Ram Kumar, Kapil Bhardwaj, and school students. The initiative aimed to raise awareness about the importance of keeping the envi-

ronment clean and preserving it for future generations. The event highlighted the school's commitment to environmental conservation and the role of education in fostering a sense of responsibility towards nature among students. Through this celebration, the school emphasized the significance of collective efforts in maintaining ecological balance and protecting our natural resources.

After meeting held by 21 rebel councillors, matter goes to court



**ZIRAKPUR (VICKY BHABAT):** Today, after the secret meeting of 21 councillors in Zirakpur Municipal Council in a very dramatic manner, Municipal Council President Udevir Singh Dhilo knocked the door of the court and called today's meeting as unconstitutional and demanded a stay of the judgment held in the meeting. While hearing the matter, the Honorable Court has appointed DC Mohali Ashika Jain as the observer of Municipal Council Zirakpur and the next hearing of the matter has been scheduled for next Monday, until then the chair of the Municipal Council President of Zirakpur will remain vacant. While speaking, President Udevir Singh Dhilo said that the honorable court while hearing them has asked the administration for the videography of the proceedings on the 5th and a copy of the paper proceedings on that day till the next date. He said that the court has also kept the proceedings of today's meeting pending till the next hearing. It is worth mentioning that on July 5, a meeting was held by the city council regarding the motion of no confidence in which none of the rebel MLAs attended and the executive officer canceled the meeting citing lack of security, but Udevir Singh Dhilo and Their support councillors completed the meeting.

Babbu Singh Mann, Hans Raj Hans release poster of song 'Kithe tur gyann yaara' dedicated to Surinder Shinda

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, JULY 15

Shiromani Singer late Surinder Shinda have chosen to remember him in a novel manner with a song the poster of which was released here today at the press club by eminent lyricist Babbu Singh Mann, Padma Shri Hans Raj Hans and Harpreet Sekhon.

The song titled 'Kithe tur gyann yaara' and the video would be released on the first death anniversary of late Surinder Shinda on July 26th. The vocals have been rendered by Hans Raj Hans and the lyrics are by Harpreet Sekhon.

On the occasion, Hans Raj Hans said that Surinder Shinda would always remain in our hearts and can never be



forgotten while Babbu Singh Mann said that the voice of Surinder Shinda would always echo in this world and this song is a tribute to him. Harpreet Sekhon said that Surinder Shinda sung popular songs such as 'Jatt Jeona Mour', 'Putt Jattan De' and 'Yaaran da truck balliye' which have become folk legends and the Chief Minister

Issue of increasing insurance amount by amending law of MNREGA workers to be raised in Parliament: Dr. Gandhi

**NABHA (RAKESH JINDAL):** An accident occurred during the last day while working in MNREGA at Tuga village of Nabha constituency. MNREGA worker) died at whose last prayer Today, Gurudwara



Chubara Sahib Chhitana-wala, the land touched by the feet of Guru Nanak Dev ji, was found on this occasion by Lok Sabha Constituency Member Dr. Dharamveer Gandhi gave them a gift.

Chandigarh commemorates Kargil Vijay Diwas with soil from Bajrang Post: Guv leads tree plantation drive

RAJIV JAIN CHANDIGARH, JULY 15

In a tribute to the valour and sacrifice of the Indian Army and to mark 25th anniversary or Rajat Jayanti of Kargil Vijay Diwas on July 26, Jammu and Kashmir Study Centre (JKSC), Chandigarh Chapter have procured soil from Bajrang Post, the point where the Kargil War started and Lt. Saurabh Kalia was martyred along with his men after being brutally tortured as a POW.

The plantation drive using some soil from the Bajrang Post was started today from Raj Bhawan Punjab, Chandigarh. Governor Banwarilal Purohit planted tree on premises along with members of JKSC Chandigarh Chapter on this occasion.

Speaking on the sidelines of the function, the Punjab Governor said that this campaign will also give a boost to the ongoing tree plantation campaign 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' (one tree for mother) launched by the Government of India under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Sh. Narendra Modi.

Prominent members present o the occasion were Vice Chancellor Panjab University Prof. Renu Vig, Emi-



nent Social worker Deepak Batra, Eminent Lawyer Chetan Mittal, Chairperson Law Department Panjab University Dr. Devinder Singh, Advocate Vivek Chauhan, President JKSC Chandigarh, Secretary, JKSC Chandigarh Dr. Simrit Kahlon, Executive Members JKSC Chandigarh Vijay Vaishnavi, Dr. Shivani Sharma, Jai Kumar, Rahul and Rakesh Sharma.

Jammu and Kashmir Study Centre (JKSC), Chandigarh Chapter has planned plantation drive using some soil from the Bajrang Post, poster making/slogan writing competition among students, screening of a documentary on the Kargil War and lecture by eminent deco-

rated soldiers of Armed forces in schools and colleges of the tri-city in coming two weeks period. JKSC Chandigarh aim is to promote and entrench a feeling of love, devotion for the nation and respect for our armed forces among younger generation.

Tree Plantation was also conducted in CRPF 5D Signal HQ Hallomajra, Chandigarh, using some soil from the Bajrang Post by Vishal Kandwal Commanding Officer, Sanjay Kumar Deputy Commandant along with others, CRPF officials. Vishal Kandwal Commanding Officer 5 D Singal speaking on the occasion emphasized the role and valour of the Indian forces in maintaining unity.

Colony residents may boycott upcoming assembly elections

**KALKA ( SUBHASH KOHLI )** : Due to torrential rains during the rainy season in the year 2023, the condition of the main street of Sharma Colony has gone from bad to worse due to the tiles getting uprooted. Sunil Verma, the head of the colony association, said that he has appealed several times to the officials of the Municipal Council and the Ward Councilor to get the street repaired. The leaders of all the political parties have given assurances after seeing the opportunity, but till date the street has not been repaired.

Even after a year has passed, the condition of the street is the same. The colonies say that nowadays water supply is being given on alternate days, due to bad roads, even water tankers are not able to reach the house. Due to this being the main street, the drivers have to face a lot of difficulties in commuting. Due to the dilapidated road, two-wheeler drivers have fallen and got injured. But the officials of the Municipal Council are ignoring everything despite knowing it, due to which resentment is being seen in the colonies.



Dr Balbir Singh order authorities to take immediate action to prevent diarrhoea, vomiting, dengue, malaria and chikungunya



RAKESH JINDAL NABHA, JULY 15

Madhav Singla Punjab Health Minister Dr. Balbir Singh has instructed the officials of Municipal Corporation, Municipal Councils, Water Supply and Sewerage Board to stay in the field to save people from diarrhoea and vomiting, dengue, malaria, chikungunya.

The Health Minister also reviewed the arrival of vomiting and diarrhoea patients in ward number 15, Jhill and adjoining areas and New Mahindra

Colony and directed the officials to work urgently in these areas. Deputy Commissioner Shaukat Ahmed Pare, Additional Deputy Commissioner Urban Development Navreet Kaur Sekhon, Municipal Corporation Joint Commissioner Babandeep Singh Walia, Civil Surgeon Dr. During the meeting with the officials of other departments including Sanjay Goyal, Health Minister Dr. Balbir Singh also apprised the officials of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann's instructions regarding taking care of people's health.

MCM celebrates Van Mahotsav



CHANDIGARH, JULY 15

Department of Botany and Eco Club- Parivesh of the Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, under the aegis of Swachhta Committee (Sciences), marked the celebration of Van Mahotsav with a plantation drive as per the directions of the Department of Environment and Forest Department, Chandigarh Administration. The main objective of the drive was to raise awareness about the importance of planting trees for a sustainable future. During the

drive, Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava along with the staff members planted saplings of guava, apple, mulberry, lagerstroemia and pomegranate in the campus. Dr. Bhargava informed that with a vision to spread the message of the need to plant more trees for gifting the future generations a cleaner and greener environment, the college has undertaken this initiative. She added that even seemingly insignificant individual acts like planting trees, following sustainable practices can contribute to making our planet cleaner and greener.

Manish Tiwari chairs 23rd meeting of Chandigarh Smart City limited advisory forum

CHANDIGARH, JULY 15

The 23rd Chandigarh Smart City Advisory Forum meeting was held under the chairmanship of Manish Tewari, Member of Parliament, Chandigarh, today. In the meeting, projects both completed and under execution, were reviewed.

NP Sharma highlighted the impact of the ICC project and its benefits such as the 40 % reduction in traffic violations, reduction of around 31% in Fatal Crashes from Jan. 2021-Dec-2023. He said that with around 22.11 lakh violations recorded in 12 months (April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024), more than 8.5 lakh challans have been issued, a revenue of 10 crore is expected to be generated by Traffic Police. The project has aided in the resolution of criminal cases via enhanced CCTV surveillance, he added. Ms. Mitra briefed the chair that with the implementa-



tion of solid waste management system, waste now being collected at source with 100% segregation, Material Recovery Facilities and removal of legacy waste and STP upgradation, the city has been relieved of issues of environmental degradation and Pollution.

Speaking about sub-surface underground utility mapping systems, Sh. Manish Tewari mentioned that the advance planning should be done for at least one quarter. He emphasized the importance of interdepartmental coordination and the need for col-

laborative planning to avoid public inconvenience. He also suggested that solar lights should be used for street lighting to promote sustainable energy efficiency. Sh. N.P. Sharma, Chief General Manager, Chandigarh Smart City Limited, briefed the Chair of the status of various projects, such as Smart Solutions in Public Toilets, 'Tm Chandigarh' App, Battery Operated Carts for Elderly and Specially Aabled, and Sanitary Landfill at Daddumajra, emphasizing their positive impact on the city.



Farm activists receive notices ahead of Ambala protest

ASHOK DHINGRA  
TA PA MANDI : With two days left to a farm protest planned in Ambala to demand the release of farm activist Navdeep Singh Jalbera on July 17, farm organizations have claimed that their activists have started getting notices from police stations in Ambala in cases prevailing against them. SKM (Non- political) and kissan Mazdoor Morcha have said the notices are being sent to stop farmers from participating in the proposed protest. Farmer activists who are getting notices have been participating in the protest on Punjab- Haryana boarder at Shambhu. Tejveer Singh from BKU who recived notices from Ambala Sadar police station to appear before police on July 17 said they will go ahead with the protest.

Special Lok Adalat will be organized in SC from July 29 to Aug 3: Amit Verma

BD AGGARWAL  
RE WARI : A special Lok Adalat will be organized by the Supreme Court from Monday 29 July 2024 to Saturday 3 August 2024 to dispose of the cases pending in the court. He said that if the parties related to the



long running case in the Supreme Court want to put it before the Special Lok Adalat, then they can contact the office of the local District Legal Services Authority before July 28. Giving information, CJM and Secretary District Legal Services Authority Amit Verma said that under this, pre-conciliatory meetings will be organized in the office of the local District Legal Services Authority through online or hybrid mode in which the possibilities of reconciliation between the parties will be examined. Further action will be taken on the cases. In cases where the party is in government, such cases are likely to be settled in the Special Lok Adalat.

B. Vac (JMT) Semester 1 result is excellent



KULDEEP SOOD  
BARNALA : Students of B.Vac Journalism and Multimedia Technologies (JMT) Semester 1 of SD College Barnala have performed well in December 2023 University Examinations. Head of Department Prof. Giving information, Gurpraveesh Singh said that in these results announced by Punjabi University, Patiala, Rajinder Kaur from the university has secured the first place with 7.8 SGPA marks. Apart from this, Simrandeep Kaur and Harpreet Singh got 7.6 SGPA marks jointly second, while Ramandeep Kaur and Hanish Singh got 7.4 marks jointly got the third position. On this achievement of the department, President of College Management Committee Mr. Anish Prakash, Vice President Mr. Nareesh Singla, General Secretary Mr. Jatinder Nath Sharma, Director Mr. Hardeep Singh Attri, Finance Secretary Dr. Mukand Lal Bansal and Principal Dr. Rama Sharma along with the students, teachers of the department Prof. Amandeep Kaur and Prof. Congratulations to Lakhveer Singh.

Home Minister speaks to CMs of Assam, UP, Gujarat on flood situation

AGENCY  
NEW DELHI, JULY 15

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday spoke to Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and took stock of the flood situation in the state. The Home Minister also spoke with the Chief Ministers of Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat and inquired about the increased water level in both states. He also assured the CMs of providing Central assistance as well as support of the National Disaster Response Force to combat the crisis.

Shah reached out to the Chief Ministers of Assam, Uttar Pradesh, and Gujarat in separate telephonic conversations to assess the flood situation as well as the surge in water level due to heavy rainfall.

The proactive engagement by the Union Home Minister comes as the



Assam flood and the resulting surge in waters continue to affect thousands of people across these states.

The flood situation in Assam remains grim, with the death toll rising to more than 90 as per the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA). More than 5 lakh people across 18 districts are reeling under the

deluge, with Assam's Cachar being the worst-hit district.

The flood-affected districts in Assam include Cachar, Chirang, Darrang, Dhemaji, Dhubri, Dibrugarh, Goalpara, Golaghat, Jorhat, Kamrup, Kamrup Metropolitan, Karimganj, Majuli, Morigaon, Nagaon, Nalbari, and Sivasagar.

On the other hand, 1,342

Self Awareness Session at YS Public School Handiaya

KARANPREET KARAN  
BARNALA: A self awareness session was conducted at the YS public school. Self-awareness session was conducted by Principal madam, Dr. Anjita Dahiya for eleventh and twelfth class students. In this session madam told the students about self-



awareness and explained that today girls and boys are same, she informed the students about four types of emotions in their mind like happiness, anger, disappointment, fear. So that students can get out of these feelings. Madam told the students how you can motivate yourself, and overcome your

mental stress. Meanwhile, the students asked questions to the principal madam and the students shared their thoughts with her. Finally, the principal of the school, Madam Dr. Anjita Dahiya said that this session is very important for the growth and development of students.

‘Haryana Mange Hisaab’ campaign march led by Vaid reaches Karnal

DARSHAN SHARMA  
NILOKHERI, JULY 15

Rajesh Vaidh, along with hundreds of supporters, arrived in Karnal to participate in the "Haryana Maange Hisaab" campaign march. To intensify the campaign in the entire Neelokheri constituency, teams will be formed, stated Rajesh Vaidh.

Starting from 15 July, the "Haryana Maange Hisaab" campaign was inaugurated by MP Deepender Hooda in Karnal. The campaign began with a padayatra (foot march) and included the ceremonial launch of a suggestion chariot for the Congress manifesto by MP Deepender Hooda. The Congress workers were urged to reach every booth under this campaign. Rajesh Vaidh, a former member of the Haryana Public Service Commission, expressed these thoughts during a press



conference as he set out to join the campaign from Neelokheri.

Vaidh explained that the campaign, initiated by the All India Congress Committee and Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee, aims to convey the policies of Congress and the government's failures to every household and voter. He mentioned that prior to this, the party has been organizing Jan Aakrosh rallies, which received massive public support.

The "Haryana Maange Hisaab Congress" campaign will now establish direct communication with voters. Workers will inform the public about Congress's commitment to fulfilling promises, contrasting it with the BJP's record of breaking promises. He cited the BJP's backtrack on the 7500 cylinder announcement in Rajasthan. Vaidh pointed out the prevailing issues of inflation and inequality across the country, forcing Haryana's youth to migrate.

BSNL launches indigenous 4G network across Punjab and Chandigarh

BUREAU  
CHANDIGARH: Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is providing telecom services PAN Indiaviz. Mobile services, FTTH, Enterprise services, Lease Lines, MPLS etc. Under the aegis of Atmanirbhar Bharat initiativeof Govt. of India, BSNL has been chosen as SPV (Special Purpose Vehicle)to deploy Made in India (Swadeshi) 4G stack in BSNL Network. The POC(Proof of concept) for this indigenous equipment was carried out at Chandigarh & Beta launch of 200 eNode-Bs was carried out at Amritsar, Pathankot & Ferozepur on 15th July 2023. The 4G services of BSNL arenow available with seamless presence throughout Punjab, UT Chandigarh and Panchkula(Haryana). This 4G network isalso upgradable to 5G. In Punjab Circle approx. 4000 eNode-Bsare being installed, out of which around 3600 are existing sites and 400 will be new sites. Till date 2400 eNode-Bs has been installed and 2300 are on air, which also includes 24 4G saturation sites (out of 37 total saturation sites). These 4G saturation sites are installed in remotest areas of Punjab where there was no Mobile Coverage of any operator since Independence, thereby providing faster internet connectivity to the rural India.

The eNode-Bsare installed in 2100 MHzbandand700 MHz band in FDD Technology. Subsequently some eNode-Bs will be installed using TDD technology in highly populated areas.

Recently Private Operators have increased tariff upto25%, but the tariff of BSNL is still very affordable and cheaper.This has resulted in high influx of customers to BSNL for which BSNL is fully equipped to provide reliable and affordable services to its esteemed customers.

4 accused arrested for firing at property dealer's house

KARAN OHRI  
THANESAR, JULY 15

Kurukshetra Police has arrested four accused including the main accused in the case of firing at the property dealer's house in Thanesar . Under the guidance of Superintendent of Police Jashandeep Singh Randhawa, the team of Crime Investigation Branch-2 has succeeded in arresting the main accused Rahul son of Amar Singh resident Patiala Bank Colony Thanesar along with Dinesh Kumar son of Jai Bhagwan resident Badli Hall resident Shahbad Delhi, Ravindra son of Rajesh Kumar resident Khorda district Jhajjar and Amit Kumar son of Satbir Saini resident Patiala Bank Colony Kurukshetra for firing at the property dealer's house. Giving information, the police spokesperson said that in his complaint given to Krishna Gate Thanesar Police on July 5, Jai Prakash resident of Azad Nagar, Thanesar said that on the night of July 4 at around 11-30 pm, he received a WhatsApp call from a foreign number on his mobile which he did not receive. After that, a voice recording message came on his mobile in which money was demanded from him and he was threatened to be killed if he did not pay. In the morning, he saw that the



light of the gate of his house was broken and bullet shells were lying on the floor of the house. There was a bullet hole in the trunk of his car as well. On the complaint of which a case was registered under various sections in Krishna Gate police station. Seeing the seriousness of the matter, Superintendent of Police Jashandeep Singh Randhawa handed over the investigation to Crime Investigation Branch-2. On July 10, the team of Crime Investigation Branch-2 in-charge Inspector Mohan Lal arrested the accused of the case Shubham alias Sahil son of Hardeep, Deepak son of Kuldeep and Nitesh alias Nitin son of Suraj Pal residents of Prem Nagar Kurukshetra from near Brahma Chowk Kurukshetra.

Nomination for PM National Child Award by July 31: DC

JAGBIR UPLANA  
KARNAL, JULY 15

Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh said that the Women and Child Development Department, Government of India has invited nominations for the Prime Minister National Child Award till July 31. Under the National Child Award, children who have achieved extraordinary achievements in the field of bravery, sports, social science, science and technology, environment, including art and culture, whose age is between 5 years to 18 years on July 31, will be awarded by the President in a ceremony to be held in January 2025. He said that the award will be announced on the occasion of National Veer Bal Diwas on December 26, 2024. The Deputy Commissioner informed that the Bal Puraskar has been divided into two categories namely Bal Veerta Puraskar and Bal Utkrisha Puraskar. A total of 25 children will be selected in both the categories. In both the awards, an amount of one lakh rupees and a citation along with a medal will be awarded. Giving information about the selection process, he said that first of all the applications received will be sorted out by the screening committee,



after which the final names will be selected by the National Committee. He informed that for the National Bal Puraskar, the State Government, Union Territory Administration, District Collector/District Magistrate, Panchayati Raj Institutions, all Central and State School Boards, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Navodaya Vidyalaya Sangathan, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, State Commission for Protection of Child Rights and National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development, Ministry of Social Justice, Department of Disability, Department of School Education in the Ministry of Education, all State Departments of School Education, Ministry of Youth Affairs, Department of Sports.

Eminent scholars attend national workshop at RBU



LK BANSAL  
MOHALI: University School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Rayat Bahra University organized a two-day national conference sponsored by Spar on “How to Isolate the Bioactive Molecule from Plant Drug”. The conference brought together leading experts, researchers, and professionals in the field to discuss and exchange ideas on Isolation of bioactive molecules from plant drugs. The workshop aimed to provide valuable insights and practical knowledge on the process of isolating bioactive compounds from medicinal plants.

Dean of the Department Dr Anju Goyal welcomed the delegates and guests. Chancellor of Rayat Bahra University Gurvinder Singh Bahra, and Vice-Chancellor Dr Parvinder Singh, lighted the ceremonial lamp to mark inauguration of the conference in the presence of Chief Guest Dr AN Kalia, Dr Suresh Kumar, Associated Professor and Dr Upendra Nagaich, Founder and CEO of SPER Market Research Private Limited. Dr Upendra Nagaich interacted with the students and shared the mantra of success in life overcoming all the challenges. The University School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Rayat Bahra University, and Spar signed a MOU to provide an enriching experience for participants interested in the field of pharmaceuticals and research.

Don't lose your money by falling prey to greedy offers on social media: SP

BD AGGARWAL  
REWARI: SP Gaurav Rajpurohit IPS, while making the citizens aware about the cyber fraud in the name of task or investment, said that the cyber criminal first sends messages on your WhatsApp from foreign or indigenous numbers in the name of giving you a part time job. . In that you are given some big YouTube channels to which you have to subscribe and send their screen shot. In return for which they give you Rs 50 for each subscription. In the beginning you are given the task of about 3 subscribers and when you complete the task and send them the screenshot on WhatsApp, then they tell you that if you want to take payment, then they give you a Telegram ID and say that through this ID But message, as soon as you



message on Telegram they ask for your bank details. After that Rs 150 comes to your account. After that they send you a link of a group on Telegram asking you to get added to this group, we will give you a similar link in this group every half hour, you have to subscribe to it and send its screenshot back to the same group. After that

you receive some money. Then you get a message from the administrator of the same group that if you want to increase your money even more then you should invest more money and some people in this group also send fake messages that have earned a lot of money through this. Due to which the person gets greedy and you start investing more money in it. After that, as you keep depositing money, they take you to a fake website, where you see your money in a virtual account but when you try to withdraw it, you are told that in the second round You can withdraw your first round of money only after investing it, the third after the second and the fourth after the third. In this way your money gets stuck and you become a victim of task fraud.

Chance to apply for e-rickshaw training programme by July 18: Jagjit Singh

JAGBIR UPLANA  
KARNAL, JULY 15

District Manager of Haryana Women Development Corporation, Jagjit Singh said that Haryana Women Development Corporation, Panchkula is starting a 10-day e-rickshaw training program for permanent resident girls/women of BPL families of Haryana. Interested women can apply in the office of District Manager Haryana Women Development Corporation till July 18. This training will be provided free of cost to the women. He said that all the eligible girls and women who were unable to apply for this training program due to any reason are being given another chance to apply till July 18. After the training, women will be provided loan on subsidy for e-auto rickshaw through the scheme of Haryana Mahila Vikas Nigam. Giving information, he said that for this training program, girls/women should have a Haryana domicile certificate and their age should be between 18-45 years. Apart from this, they should be BPL card holders below the poverty line or families whose annual income is less than Rs 1.80 lakh and their educational qualification should be at least 8th pass.

Plantation event of Guru Nanak Bagichi by Patiala Our Pride NGO

RAWEL BHINDER  
PATIALA, JULY 15

Patiala Our Pride, a dedicated NGO committed to enhancing the quality of life for Patiala's citizens, proudly announces the successful inauguration of Guru Nanak Bagichi. This significant environmental initiative aims to create a greener and healthier Patiala. The new green space, located near Sheeshmahal, spans 1 acre (87ft by 500ft) and features more than 500 plants cultivated using the Miyawaki technique of forestation.

The event, held on 15th July, was honored by the



esteemed presence of Deputy Commissioner Mr. Showkat Ahmad Parray, Conservator of Forests Mr. Ajit Kulkarni, and Technical Advisor to the Government of Punjab Mr. Ravi Chawla. DC Praises Efforts and Announces Major

Plantation Drive Praising the efforts of Patiala Our Pride NGO, Deputy Commissioner Showkat Ahmad Parray said that under the directions of CM Bhagwant Singh Mann, the district administration of

Patiala has decided to plant 15 lakh saplings in the district with the help of NGOs and local residents.

In addition to the dignitaries, a large number of concerned and prominent citizens of Patiala gathered for this noble cause. Notable attendees included Mr. C. M. Kaura, Mr. H. P. S. Lamba, Mr. Ashok Verma, Mr. Parvesh Mangla, Col. Karminder Singh, Mr. Rakesh Kad, Mr. Amarjot S. Gill, Air Marshal K. S. Gill, Mr. Harminder Singh, Mr. Davinder Singh, and local residents. All expressed their commitment to making Patiala a better place for future generations.

International Hindu Parishad Punjab seeks arms licenses for Hindu leaders in Punjab: Vijay Singh Bhardwaj



RADHE SHYAM SHARMA  
MORINDA: A delegation of International Hindu Parishad Punjab met DGP Law and Order Punjab Arpit Shukla IPS at Police Headquarters Sector 9 Chandigarh. The delegation was led by Advocate Vijay Singh Bhardwaj, President International Hindu Parishad Punjab along with Mr. Vijay Kapoor was the Executive President, Mr. Sudhir Kakkar the Senior Vice President, Vimal Kumar Mittal the General Secretary and Mr. Manoj Nanha. International Hindu Parishad Punjab have demanded in its memorandum that there was a conspiracy to disturb the atmosphere in Punjab by launching deadly attacks on Hindu leaders in the name of Khalistan.



Editorial

Shared wisdom

Tulsidas's Ramcharit-manas has earned a place in Unesco's Memory of the World Programme Asia and Pacific Regional Register alongside the Panchatantra and the Sahrdayaloka-Locana. The verses of the Ramcharitmanas have resonated with millions over centuries, offering spiritual solace and moral guidance. The Panchatantra, attributed to the ancient sage, Vishnu Sharma, is a timeless source of wisdom and morality. Through its captivating fables and keen observations on human nature, the Panchatantra continues to impart valuable life lessons to readers.

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India to enhance cooperation with Pacific partners

External Affairs Minister, S Jaishankar, delivered a message of solidarity and cooperation during the signing ceremony of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to fund four community development projects in the Marshall Islands.

"Ladies and Gentlemen, Namaskar from Bharat," Jaishankar began, adding, "It is my pleasure to deliver this message on the occasion of the signing of the MoU on annual grant in aid for the implementation of four community development projects in the Republic of the Marshall Islands."

Acknowledging the recent successes of Marshall Islands, Jaishankar extended his congratulations for hosting the 10th Micronesian Games and for their participation in the 10th International Day of Yoga celebrations. "We celebrated the 10th International Day of Yoga last month. I thank Excellency, President Doctor Hilda Hain, for presiding over the celebrations held in Majuro."

My remarks at the MoU signing for implementation of Four Community Development Projects in the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Reflecting on the longstanding relationship between India and Marshall Islands, Jaishankar highlighted the expansion of bilateral ties under the Forum of India Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC). "India and the Republic of Marshall Islands share a long history of friendly bilateral relations which has expanded over the years, including under the aegis of the Forum of India Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC)."

He then recalled Prime Minister Narendra Modi's commitment to the Pacific islands during the third FIPIC summit. "The islands in the Pacific are not small islands but rather large ocean countries. We consider it our responsibility to support the Pacific



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Literature & Health

India, Thailand conclude 'Maitree' military exercise

The 13th edition of the joint military exercise Maitree 2024 between the Indian Army and the Royal Thailand Army culminated with a grand closing ceremony at Tak Province, Thailand.

The ceremony, graced by Major General Narongrit Panikabutr, Commander of the 4th Infantry Division of the Royal Thailand Army, as Chief Guest, marked the successful completion of two weeks of intensive training and collaboration.

From the Indian side, Group Captain Brijesh Paul, Defence Attache to Thailand, was the guest of honour.

Major General Narongrit Panikabutr commended the dedication and proficiency displayed by the contingents of both armies throughout the exercise. He emphasised that exercise Maitree plays a crucial role in bolstering defence cooperation between India and Thailand, reflecting their commitment to addressing regional security challenges and promoting peace under the United Nations charter. The two-week event was marked by intensive training and collaboration. Lieutenant Colonel Mandan



Ojha, Contingent Commander of the Indian Army contingent, expressed gratitude to the Royal Thailand Army for hosting the exercise. He highlighted the mutual benefits gained from the exchange of best practices and expertise, reinforcing the operational capabilities of both armies. The Indian Army said that the exercise bolstered interoperability between both the nations.

In a post on X, the Indian Army said, "Exercise #MAITREE, 2024 The 13th edition of Joint Military Exercise #MAITREE between #IndianArmy & #RoyalThailandArmy concluded today at Fort Vachiraprakan, Tak Province in #Thailand.

PM Modi congratulates Nepali PM on his third term win

Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended his best wishes to KP Sharma Oli on his appointment as the Prime Minister of Nepal for the third time.

PM Modi said he looks forward to strengthening the deep friendship between the two nations.

In a post on X on Monday, he said, "Congratulations @kpsharmaoli on your appointment as the Prime Minister of Nepal. I look forward to working closely to further strengthen the deep bonds of friendship between our two countries and to expand our mutually beneficial cooperation for the progress and prosperity of our peoples. @PM\_nepal."

With the expiration of the deadline to stake a claim for the Prime Minister, Nepal President Ram Chandra Paudel appointed KP Sharma Oli as the next Prime Minister. Oli is the only leader who staked his claim for the post with the support of the Nepali Congress. President Paudel called the political parties in the Nepali parliament on Friday evening to stake a claim for the Prime



Minister after Pushpa Kamal Dahal lost a confidence motion. The President called for a claim of stake as per Article 76 (2) of the Constitution. "Honourable President Shree Ram Chandra Paudel, as per Article 76 (2) of the Constitution of Nepal, has appointed member of the House of Representatives Shree KP Sharma Oli as the Prime Minister of Nepal," the President's Office said in a statement. According to the statement, the oath ceremony for Oli has been scheduled for 11 am (NST) on Monday.

POEM

Let Me Not Forget

If it is not my portion to meet thee in this life then let me ever feel that I have missed thy sight ---let me not forget for a moment, let me carry the pangs of this sorrow in my dreams and in my wakeful hours. As my days pass in the crowded market of this world and my hands grow full with the daily profits, let me ever feel that I have gained nothing ---let me not forget for a moment, let me carry the pangs of this sorrow in my dreams and in my wakeful hours.

Rabindranath Tagore


How physical exercise prevents nerve damage during chemotherapy

Damage to nerves brought on by cancer therapies frequently results in symptoms that endure a lifetime. In some circumstances, medication has not worked. Simple exercises can prevent nerve injury, according to research.

The research was conducted by an interdisciplinary German team led by a sports scientist at the University of Basel.

Over time, advancements have been made in cancer therapy. The quality of life following rehabilitation is becoming increasingly important; it is no longer only about surviving.

Unfortunately, many cancer medications, from chemotherapy to modern immunotherapies, attack the nerves as well as the tumour cells. Some therapies, such as oxaliplatin or vinca alkaloids, leave 70 to 90 per cent of patients complaining of pain, balance issues, or feelings



of numbness, burning or tingling. These symptoms can be very debilitating. They can disappear following cancer treatment, but in around 50 per cent they become chronic. Specialists call it chemotherapy-induced peripheral neuropathy, or CIPN for short.

A research team led by sports scientist Dr Fiona Streckmann from the University of Basel and the German Sport University Cologne has now shown that specific exercise, concomitant to cancer therapy, can prevent nerve damage in many cases. The researchers have reported their findings in the journal JAMA Internal Medicine.

The study involved 158 cancer patients, both male and female, who were receiving treatment either with oxaliplatin or vinca-alkaloids. The researchers divided the patients at random into three groups. The first was a control group, whose members received standard care.

The other two groups completed exercise sessions twice a week for the duration of their chemotherapy, with each session lasting between 15 and 30 minutes. One of these

groups carried out exercises that focused primarily on balancing on an increasingly unstable surface. The other group trained on a vibration plate.

Regular examinations over the next five years showed that in the control group around twice as many participants developed CIPN as in either of the exercise groups. In other words, the exercises undertaken alongside chemotherapy were able to reduce the incidence of nerve damage by 50 to 70 per cent. In addition, they increased the patients' subjectively perceived quality of life, made it less necessary to reduce their dose of cancer medications, and reduced mortality in the five years following chemotherapy.

The participants receiving vinca-alkaloids and performing sensorimotor training had the largest benefit. A lot of money has been invested over the years in reducing

the incidence of CIPN, explains Streckmann. "This side effect has a direct influence on clinical treatment: for example, patients may not be able to receive the planned number of chemotherapy cycles that they actually need, the dosage of neurotoxic agents in the chemotherapy may have to be reduced, or their treatment may have to be terminated."

Despite the investments made, there is no effective pharmacological treatment to date: various studies have shown that medications can neither prevent nor reverse this nerve damage. However, according to the latest estimates, USD 17,000 are spent per patient every year in the USA on treating nerve damage associated with chemotherapy. Streckmann's assumption is that "doctors prescribe medications despite everything because patients' level of suffering is so high."

In contrast, the sports scientist emphasizes, that the positive effect of exercise has been substantiated, and this treatment is very cheap in comparison.

At the moment, she and her team are working on guidelines for hospitals so that they can integrate the exercises into clinical practice as supportive therapy. In addition, since 2023 a study has been ongoing in six children's hospitals in Germany and Switzerland (PrepAIR), which is intended to prevent sensory and motor dysfunctions in children receiving neurotoxic chemotherapy.

"The potential of physical activity is hugely underestimated," says Fiona Streckmann. She very much hopes that the results of the newly published study will lead to more sports therapists being employed in hospitals, to better exploit this potential.



Admission rush at Guru Nanak Girls College



**RAJNI SONI**  
**YAMUNANAGAR:** Currently, the admission season is in full swing at Guru Nanak Girls College, located at Chhoti Line. Students are eagerly selecting courses of their interest and securing admissions. The college has seen a high influx of applications, especially in the B.Sc. B.Ed., B.A. B.Ed., and B.C.A. programs, which are now completely full. Guru Nanak Girls College offers several unique courses that are rare and available in only a few colleges in Haryana. This institution is considered a boon for girls as parents prefer enrolling their daughters in a girls-only college. For the past 50 years, the college has been dedicated to educating women, fulfilling the dreams of Sant Nischal Singh Ji Maharaj, who believed that an educated girl can illuminate two households. Dr. Varinder Gandhi, the Director of the college, mentioned that nearly all seats are filled, and the college is ready to commence the academic year soon. He also assured that economically disadvantaged girls would not be deprived of education due to financial constraints, as the college is committed to supporting them in every possible way.

MP Arora & MLA Daljit Bhola study traffic problems in Ludhiana East



**SHARMA LUDHIANA:** MP (Rajya Sabha) Sanjeev Arora along with MLA East Assembly Constituency Daljit Singh Grewal Bhola on Sunday visited Sundar Nagar, Shakti Nagar, Kakowal Road, Kali Sadak and other areas adjacent to the highway passing through the city. In a statement here on Monday, Arora said the motive of the visit was to know about the difficulties being faces by the area residents with regard to traffic. He said most of the areas of East Assembly Constituency are adjacent to the highway. As a result, the area residents are facing manifold difficulties due to the heavy traffic. The area residents are seeking permanent solution to the problems related to vehicular traffic. The area residents face huge difficulty in crossing the road. Arora said he would ensure that the area residents should not face any difficulty in crossing over the road. Presently, many untoward incidents occur during cross over the road by the area residents. Further, Arora said a meeting will be held with senior officials of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) in this regard in the coming days. He added he would suggest to construct the required bridges over the highway to ensure smooth cross of the road so that no mishap should occur. A total

MLA Kashyap holds public hearing programme in BJP office

MAINPAL KASHYAP  
INDRI, JULY 15

MLA Ramkumar Kashyap organized a public hearing program in the BJP office on Monday and directed the officials of the administration to quickly resolve the problems and complaints of the people those came from various villages of the constituency. The MLA said that the speedy resolution of people's problems and complaints was the first and biggest priority of the government. He resolved most of the problems and complaints of the people on the spot and directed the officials on phone to quickly resolve those problems and complaints that were related to the administration. The people and village panchayats of the constituency put forth their demands and problems before MLA



Ramkumar Kashyap. Sarpanch Karm Singh of village Abdullapur village panchayat demanded construction of new rooms in the school, Chand Samand village panchayat demanded grant for construction of Kashyap Chaupal, Sikh Chaupal in village panchayat Dera Halwana, Indri resident Bateria Devi demanded grant under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, village panchayat Islamnagar demanded construction of Baraatghar, Anganwadi

Bhawan and Library building, village panchayat Kalsaura demanded construction of boundary wall, veranda and a room for the graveyard, along with this other village panchayats of the constituency also demanded grant for development works. Apart from this, people put forth other demands including streets, drains, roads, grant, financial assistance before him. He assured the people who came to the public hearing program that the

demands put forth by the people of the constituency will be resolved soon and as far as possible. MLA Ramkumar Kashyap said that the state's priority was to get as many development works done as possible and maximum development works were being done on priority basis in all areas of the state. He said that the government has no shortage of funds for development works in the state and he was also trying to get as many development works done as possible in his constituency. He told that most of his time was spent in solving the problems of the people of the constituency and getting development works done. He said that the state government has adopted the online system to provide benefits of public interest problems and most of the government schemes.



leaking due to old age. Residents like Rajkumar, Saleem, Mainpal, and Naseem have reported the issue online multiple times, but no action has been taken. Some officials visited the site but left without fixing the problem. As a result, residents are now forced to bring water tankers at their own

expense. Rajkumar noted that Mujafat Kalan is one kilometer away, and those living near the bus stand have to rely on water tankers. Ranbir Saini and Puneet Saini mentioned that the pipeline, being eight feet underground, has been repaired by residents at their own expense.

MLA flags off Haryana Roadways bus from Indri to Khatu Shyam

MAINPAL KASHYAP  
INDRI, JULY 15

MLA Ramkumar Kashyap expressed happiness on fulfillment of a very old demand of people of constituency and flagged off the Haryana Roadways bus from Indri to Khatu Shyam. Devotees going from Indri thanked state government and MLA along with chanting slogans of Shri Khatu Shyam Ji. People of constituency are very happy with running of this bus and it will benefit people of constituency a lot. MLA Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini, Transport Minister as well as the GM of Haryana Roadways Karnal and said that the government has given a good gift to the people of Indri constituency to visit Shri Khatu Shyam Ji. He



informed that bus going from Indri to Khatu Shyam will leave from Indri at 7 am on Monday, Thursday and Saturday at 7 am covering a distance of about 469 kms via Karnal, Jind etc. cities and will reach Shri Khatu Shyam Ji at 7-8 pm and will leave for Indri from Shri Khatu Shyam Ji at 8 am the next day. The fare of this bus will be charged at the rate of Rs 505 per person. He also interacted with the devotees going to Shri Khatu Shyam Ji

and wished them a safe journey. He said that Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini is taking the government's schemes forward with full seriousness and is respecting the faith of the people along with developing the state. The MLA said that through the ambitious scheme of the state government, Mukhyamantri Teerth Yatra Yojana, lakhs of devotees of state will gradually visit important pilgrimage sites of country for free.

Apply for e-rickshaw training program by July 18: Jagjit Singh

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

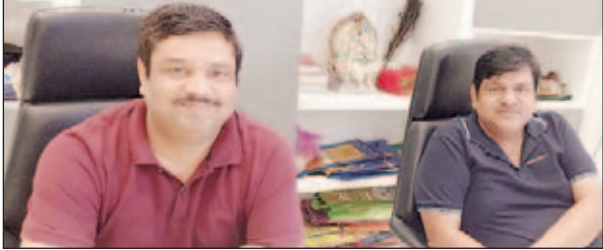
**KARNAL:** District Manager of Haryana Women Development Corporation, Jagjit Singh said that Haryana Women Development Corporation, Panchkula was starting a 10-day e-rickshaw training program for permanent resident girls/women of BPL families of Haryana. Interested women can apply in the office of District Manager Haryana Women Development Corporation till July 18. This training will be provided free of cost to the women. He said that all the eligible girls and women who were unable to apply for this training program due to any reason were being given another chance to apply till July 18. After the training, women would be provided loan on subsidy for e-auto rickshaw through the scheme of Haryana Mahila Vikas Nigam. Giving information, he said that for this training program, girls/women should have a Haryana domicile certificate and their age should be between 18-45 years. Apart from this, they should be BPL card holders below the poverty line or families whose annual income was less than Rs 1.80 lakh and their educational qualification should be at least 8th pass. The woman should have good eyesight and a valid learner's license holder.

He informed that eligible women can submit their applications within three days online on the email ID hwcdkarnal5@gmail.com or offline at the district office. Interested eligible applicants must attach their telephone/mobile number and email ID and attested copies of certificates issued by the competent authority.

Grand welcome of PM in Russia will strengthen relations: Goyal

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA  
TARAORI, JULY 15

The way Russian President Putin gave a grand welcome to the country's Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his arrival in Russia, will now further strengthen the relations between India and Russia. Although the relations between India and Russia are very old and strong, this time the Russian President has honoured 140 crore Indians of the country by giving a great honour to PM Modi in his country. Vijay Goyal and Krishna Goyal, the producers of Galaxy Basmati rice and the city's prominent social workers, said that Russia is already giving oil at a cheap rate to India. That is why the



prices of oil are stable in India at present. He said that the strategy of India and Russia is based on five major components which includes politics, defense, nuclear energy and anti-terrorism cooperation and advancement of space travel. He said that the Soviet Union was the first country which established diplomatic relations with India only four months after India's

independence. Russia has always been supporting India on the issue of Kashmir as well. He said that India has always opposed terrorism. This time the terrorist incident that happened in Russia was also opposed by the country's Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said that after Narendra Modi became the Prime Minister, mutual political relations have become stronger.

Samadhan camps effectively resolve citizen issues



RANVIR PARASHAR

**KAITHAL:** ADC C. Jaya Shraddha said that the Haryana government's new initiative, Solution Camps, is proving effective in resolving citizens' issues. These camps, held on every working day in the presence of concerned department officials, are hearing and addressing public grievances. Speaking at a Solution Camp held in the auditorium of the Mini Secretariat on Monday, she said that these camps are proving effective in resolving public grievances. At the camp, 35 complaints were received, including requests for rectifying income details in the Family Identity Card (PPP), out of which nine complaints were resolved on the spot. Directions were given to the concerned officials to resolve the remaining complaints. SP Upasana was also present at the camp.

Retired teacher Amar Singh from Nandgarh becomes HSSC member

R.K. KASHYAP

**CHHACHHRAULI:** Dalit activist and retired teacher Amar Singh from Nandgarh has been appointed as a member of the Haryana Staff Selection Commission (HSSC). Along with him, Kapil Atreja from Karnal and Bhupendra Chauhan from Wazirpur, Gurgaon, have also been appointed as HSSC members.

Amar Singh, a 56-year-old school teacher from village Nandgarh in Jagadhri constituency, will hold the position for three years. Born to Savitri Devi and Shankar Lal, Amar Singh completed his primary education at the village school and later attended Dadupur Government Middle School and Khadri Senior Secondary School. He was initially appointed as a head teacher at Geeta Vidya Mandir, Tarawadi, before joining the Haryana government as a teacher in 1995, with his first posting at Devdhar Government School.

For the past ten years, he has been serving as the headmaster of Dadupur School. Amar Singh, who has a deep interest in social work and environmental issues, gained significant attention during the last Lok Sabha elections when his name was discussed as a potential BJP candidate for the Ambala constituency. Prior to him, Bhopal Khadri from the nearby village of Khadri served as the chairman of the Staff Selection Commission.



Bakkarwala SMC honoured by Edu Minister for best results in 10th and 12th grades



R.K. KASHYAP

**CHHACHHRAULI:** On 11 July 2024, a district-level event was organized at MLN College in Yamunanagar to honor the School Management Committees (SMCs) of various high schools and senior secondary schools in the district for their exceptional performance. The event was graced by the Honorable Education Minister of Haryana, Mrs. Seema Trikha. During the event, the SMC of Government Senior Secondary School, Bakkarwala, Chhachhrauli, was honored for achieving the best annual exam results among 111 schools for 10th grade and 82 schools for 12th grade. In 12th grade, 21 out of 121 students achieved merit, and 89 students secured first division. In 10th grade, 57 out of 135 students achieved merit, with 63 in the first division and 15 in the second division. On 15 July 2024, a gathering was held at the school to celebrate the honor, where SMC members and village sarpanches were invited. Principal Ashok Dhiman thanked everyone and encouraged continued support. The event was attended by village sarpanch Yogesh Kumar, educationist Ashok Maan, panchayat member Mehboob Ali, Kamal, and Naresh Kumar, among others.

Balaji Akhara organizes wrestling competition in Mahila Wali village of Yamuna Nagar



RAJNI SONI

**YAMUNA NAGAR:** Balaji Akhara Jagadhari organized a wrestling competition in village Mahilawali on Monday. Vishwakarma Dhiman Samaj state vice president Tilak Raj Dhiman arrived as the chief guest and officially inaugurated the wrestling competition. Balaji Akhara has been organizing such wrestling events from time to time to keep the youth away from drugs. Wrestlers from different states showed their strength in this wrestling event. The wrestlers those won were also honored. Tilak Raj Dhiman, arrived as the chief guest on this occasion, said that today's young generation was seen moving more towards drugs, leaving aside all other work. The youth of the country was getting ruined by drugs and that was why such wrestling events and programs should keep happening. This not only kept the youth away from drugs but also helped in their mental and physical development. This wrestling competition was organized for this very purpose.

Congress govt will free people from portals: Adarsh Singh



RAJNI SONI

**YAMUNANAGAR:** Congress leader Adarsh Pal Singh has been holding booth level meetings in Jagadhari city for the last several days. People are very excited about the Congress party. Every person is looking towards Congress and its leaders today that this time Congress party will win in state. Congress leader Adarsh Pal Singh said that Congress party will come and free people from portal government. Today everyone is troubled by dictatorial policies of BJP. Government has entangled people in portal. Today people are leaving other parties and showing their faith in Congress party. Many friends from Raja Wali Gopal Metal Gali of Jagadhari and village Harnouli left BJP and joined Congress party. Adarsh Pal Singh said that the rainy season has started and there is no arrangement for drainage of dirty water in the district. Dirty water will be seen in every street of the city today. Dirty water is entering shops and houses due to which every city resident is troubled.

Maa Vaishno Seva Samiti Nilokheri plants 100 saplings in a day



DARSHAN SHARMA

**NILOKHERI:** Group of youth from Nilokheri wanted to do something different. It is known for doing something different, not for oneself but for society and for coming generation, so that they know how important trees are for them and what is the condition without trees. If you live in Nilokheri or come to Nilokheri, you can see there that even without the help of government, if we and you want, we can do anything. About 5 years ago, some youths of Nilokheri formed an organization and made an effort to make Poultry Area to Polytechnic Chowk and Government High School Road green. In beginning, it seemed like just an effort, but today, thanks to the efforts of those youths, these two roads have started being called Thandi Sadak. Special thing is that there is no government help, no minister's visit, no pomp and show, only and only youth of Nilokheri decided to do something in their mind and set such an example due to which youth of Nilokheri are being discussed far and wide. Passion of youth of Nilokheri about environment is not decreasing and city's people fuel their passion.

Renowned Para Cricketer to attend Aryans Scholarship Mela across 8 states from 18th July to 2nd August

BHUPINDER KAPOOR

**RAJPPURA:** Aryans Group of Colleges is going to organize a series of career counseling sessions cum scholarship mela & opportunity for on the spot admission from 18th July to 2nd August in various cities in north India. Dr. Jk Saini, Director, Aryans Group said that this 15 days scholarship events will be done in various cities in north India. Mr. Amir Hussain Lone, Captain, Para Cricket Team JK & Brand Ambassador of Aryans Group will also accompany this tour & meet the deserving students, added Kataria. He said students may also visit Aryans website www.aryans.edu.in. Dr. Garima Thakur, Deputy Director, Aryans Group & Mrs Manpreet Mann, Dean, Scholarship added that in these events in JK, Himachal, Haryana, Bihar, Delhi, Punjab, Tricity, Bihar, Jharkhand etc., the selected students would get 10%- 100% scholarship on merit cum mean basis. For any admission related queries, students can call on 98765-99888, 98781-08888, 98782-99888. Born in 1990 in the village of Bijbehara, JK, Amir met with a horrific accident that resulted in the loss of both his arms. However, this devastating setback did not deter Amir's spirit or his love for cricket. God of Cricket, Sachin Tendulkar has invited Amir Hussain to play first ball of Indian Street Premier League (ISPL). Virat Kohli, Harbhajan Singh, Navjot Sidhu, Ashish Chopra, Ajay Jadeja have also appreciated his passion for cricket. The cricketer has a unique playing style.



Indian Railways boosts innovation with 'Startups for Railways' initiative

**NEW DELHI:** To improve Railway operations & services through innovations, in a significant move towards innovation, Ministry of Railways has launched the "Startups for Railways" initiative on 13 June 2022. This program aims to leverage the expertise of Indian startups, MSMEs, Individual Innovators, R&D Organizations / Institutions, NGOs and entrepreneurs to enhance operational efficiency and safety across the railway network. As part of this initiative, Indian Railways Innovation portal has also made live at https://innovation.indianrailways.gov.in/. As on July 2024, a total number of 1942 entities engaged in innovations have registered on Innovation Portal of Indian Railways. These include startups, individual innovators, MSMEs, R&D organizations, and more. Ministry of Railways has also carried out meticulously planned workshops / meetings / Talk / VC to spread awareness among various stakeholders of Innovation policy which resulted in to the good participation of Startups/Innovators. Ministry of Railways has received total 423 offers against the 28 problem statements opened so far on Innovation portal. A total of 23 innovation projects have been awarded for 15 problem statements so far. The value of 23 awarded Innovation projects is approx. Rs. 43.87 crore with share of Railway's grant of approx. Rs. 10.52 crore to eligible entities. The problem statements for which projects are already awarded includes Design of superior elastomeric pad for heavy haul freight wagons, Light weight wagon for transporting commodities like salt, Rail stress monitoring system, Track inspection technologies for accurate inspection, Broken Rail system, Track cleaning machine, Development of sensor based load calculation device with audio visual alarm in VPUs/Power Car/SRLs, Simplified OHE cantilever design, Quick point locking clamp/system, Development of sensor based Fire/Smoke detection system for coaches of IR with wireless networking, e-Seal system for protection of booked consignments on Indian Railways.

People demand action in gurdwara theft case



PREETI SAINI

**SADHAURA:** Members of Pilkhanwala and Haryana Sikh Gurudwara Managing Committee and other Sikh community people gathered at Sadhaura police station over the police not taking any action on the theft that took place in Pilkhanwala Gurdwara a week ago. It is known that a week ago two thieves had escaped after stealing the battery of the inverter from Gurudwara Sahib of Pilkhanwala village of Sadhaura, regarding which Gurudwara Committee Pilkhanwala had lodged a complaint at Sadhaura police station, on which no action was taken even after a week, due to which there is anger among the villagers. Actually the villagers say that they themselves have told the identity of the thieves to the police, but even after that the police has not arrested those thieves yet. During this time, a large number of people from the Sikh community including Haryana Gurudwara Managing Committee members Harpreet Singh, Jaipal Singh, Kamalkant Singh, Kulwinder Singh, Sukhwant Singh were present on the spot.

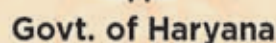












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