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Father of Bihar leader murdered at home

DARBHANGA (BIHAR): Jitan Sahani, father of Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP) chief Mukesh Sahani, was allegedly found murdered at his ancestral home in Bihar's Darbhanga district, police said on Tuesday. Jitan Sahani's body, with several stab injuries and cut marks on his chest and stomach, was found inside his room at his house in Biraui area this morning. Darbhanga Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Jagunath Reddy said a team of senior officers have reached the spot and are investigating the matter.

4 feared dead as vehicle skids off on Ladakh highway



SRINAGAR: At least four people are feared dead after a vehicle in which they were travelling skidded off the road and fell into a deep gorge on Zojila Pass on the Srinagar-Ladakh highway on Tuesday, officials said. The accident took place at Panimatha on the old Zojila when a Sumo vehicle skidded off the road this morning and fell deep into a gorge, traffic officials said. "The driver of the vehicle has survived, and his phone is coming out of reach," they added. A rescue operation has been launched by the police and civil administration, they said.

Jaishankar reaffirms India's continued support to Mauritius

PORT LOUIS: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Tuesday reaffirmed India's consistent and continued support to Mauritius in its quest for progress as he held wide-ranging talks with the country's leadership to cement the bilateral ties which are critical for the future of the Indian Ocean region. Jaishankar is here for a two-day visit for "productive engagements" with the leadership of Mauritius to take forward the special bilateral ties. The visit to the Indian Ocean island nation marks one of the first bilateral engagements undertaken by Jaishankar following his re-appointment in the third term of Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government.

Army Captain, 3 soldiers martyred in gunfight with terrorists in Doda



AGENCY JAMMU, JULY 16

In yet another fierce gun battle with terrorists, four Army personnel, including a Captain, were martyred in the Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir, official sources said on Tuesday. The gunfight broke out between the security forces and terrorists on Monday evening in the Uradbagi forest area of village Desa, they said. "Five security personnel, including four Army soldiers, sustained critical injuries in the exchange of fire," an official said. Four of these soldiers later succumbed to their injuries. The deceased soldiers are: Captain Brijesh Thapa, Naik D Rajesh, Sepoy Bijendra and Sepoy Ajay. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh hailed their sacrifice and posted on X, "Deeply saddened by the loss of our brave and courageous Indian Army sol-

diers in a counter-terrorist operation in Urrar Baggi, Doda (J&K). "My heart goes out to the bereaved families. The Nation stands firmly with the families of our soldiers who have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty. The Counter Terrorist operations are underway, and our soldiers remain committed to eliminate the scourge of terrorism and restore peace and order in the region," the Defence Minister posted. Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha also expressed anguish over the attack. The L-G posted on X, "I am deeply anguished to learn about the cowardly attack on our Army soldiers and JKP personnel in Doda district. Tributes to brave soldiers who made supreme sacrifices protecting our nation. My deepest condolences to members of the bereaved families. "We will avenge the deaths of our

Deeply saddened: Rajnath

NEW DELHI: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday said he is "deeply saddened" by the death of four Army soldiers in an anti-terror operation in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district and asserted that the security forces are committed to eliminate the scourge of terrorism in the region. Chief of Army Staff Gen Uppendra Dwivedi briefed Singh on the ongoing operation. Four army personnel, including an officer, have been killed in action during the operation against a heavily-armed group of terrorists. "Deeply saddened by the loss of our brave and courageous Indian Army Soldiers in a counter terrorist operation in Urrar Baggi, Doda (J&K)," Singh said on X. "My heart goes out to the bereaved families. The Nation stands firmly with the families of our soldiers who have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty," he said.

soldiers & thwart the evil designs of terrorists and their associates. I call upon the people to unite in the fight against terrorism & provide us accurate information so that we can intensify anti-terror operations & neutralize the terror ecosystem," he posted.

Prosecution concludes arguments in 2017 Haryana Judges paper leak case

AGENCY NEW DELHI, JULY 16

The prosecution concluded its arguments in the 2017 Haryana Judges' paper leak case before the Special Judge, Cum Principal District and Sessions Judge, Anju Bajaj Chandna, who fast tracked the proceedings on the directions of Delhi High Court on a day-to-day basis. The prosecution advanced arguments on various dates and the prosecution have finally concluded its arguments on Tuesday. Charanjit Singh Bakhshi, Special Public Prosecution assisted by advocate Amit Sahni advanced arguments on behalf of prosecution. Bakhshi, SPP submitted that this is an open and shut case wherein the material adduced by the prosecution clearly establishes that HCS (Judicial) Paper - 2017 was leaked by the then Registrar (recruitment) Balwinder Kumar Sharma. It was also argued that the chain of events against the accused persons is conclusive, which leaves is no doubt for which the accused can claim any relief. The oral, electronic, documentary and scientific evidence establishes that the

then Registrar had handed over the question paper of this prestigious examination to his close friend namely Sunita, who then shared the same for illegal gratification with several prospective candidates. SPP Charanjit Singh Bakhshi also submitted that the act of the accused persons



deserve no leniency as their ghastly acts has shaken the public conscious, trust and confidence in an institution of Judiciary and the same has tarnished the image of Punjab and Haryana High Court as well. Bakhshi also submitted that even the apex court has taken a serious view on such a crime, viz., the paper leak case and invited the attention of the Special Judge cum Principal and District Judge regarding the NEET paper leak case, which has traumatised the confidence of the public.

Farmers announce to march to Delhi

AGENCY CHANDIGARH, JULY 16

Farmers will resume march to Delhi as soon as borders are opened to demand the Union government to fulfill its promises made to farmers in 2021. Meanwhile, Haryana government has approached Supreme Court against the order of High Court to open Shambhu Barrier. The announcement to this effect was made by Jagjit Singh Dallewal in Chandigarh after a meeting of various farmer organisations' leaders. Last week, hearing multiple petitions, the Punjab and Haryana High Court asked the Haryana government to open the Shambhu and Khanauri borders within a week. The Haryana government has approached the Su-



preme Court. Dallewal said farmers were not making any new demands and only asking the Union government to fulfill its promises made to farmers in 2021. Farmers demands included a law guaranteeing MSP. However, the Haryana government sealed its Punjab borders with concrete blocks, and barricades. Since then, farmers have been camping at Shambhu border. The farmer leader said if they are stopped again and the road is blocked, "the government will be responsible". Mr Dallewal said they have planned a peaceful protest at Ambala tomorrow and the day after to express solidarity with Navdeep Singh. Navdeep Singh was arrested during the protest in March and faces multiple charges.

SC agrees to hear Sisodia's bail pleas; seeks replies from CBI, ED

AGENCY NEW DELHI, JULY 16

The Supreme Court on Tuesday agreed to hear AAP leader Manish Sisodia's pleas seeking bail in corruption and money laundering cases linked to the alleged Delhi excise policy scam. A bench headed by Justice B R Gavai sought responses from the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Sisodia's pleas and posted the matter for hearing on July 29. The bench, also comprising Justice Sanjay Karol and Justice K V Viswanathan, was hearing Sisodia's pleas seeking bail along with an application to revive his petitions in the excise policy-related corruption and money laundering cases.



All-party meet on July 21 ahead of Parliament session



NEW DELHI: The government has convened an all-party meeting on July 21 ahead of the Monsoon Session of Parliament which will start next Monday, sources said. This will be Leader of Opposition and Congress MP Rahul Gandhi's first time at the customary session-eve meeting of floor leaders from all parties if he attends it. Trinamool Congress sources said no representatives from the party will attend the meeting as July 21 is observed by the party as Martyrs Day. The July 21 Martyr's Day is observed in memory of 13 Congress supporters

who were shot dead in firing by the Kolkata Police in 1993 during a march to the state secretariat - Writers Buildings - when the CPI(M)-led Left Front was in power in West Bengal. Mamata Banerjee was the state Youth Congress chief at that time and she continued to mark the day by holding a rally every year even after forming the Trinamool Congress on January 1, 1998. The Monsoon Session of Parliament is scheduled to begin on July 22 and will conclude on August 12. The Budget will be presented on July 23.

BMW hit-and-run case: Main accused Mihir Shah gets 14-day judicial custody

AGENCY MUMBAI, JULY 16

A court here on Tuesday remanded Mihir Shah, the prime accused in the BMW hit-and-run case, in 14-day judicial custody. Shah, 24, was arrested on July 9, two days after he allegedly rammed his BMW car into a two-wheeler, killing a woman, identified as Kaveri Nakhwa (45), and leaving her husband, Pradeep, injured in Mumbai's Worli area. The main accused in the case was produced before Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (Sewri court) S P Bhosale at the end of his remand on

Tuesday. Police sought extension of his custody saying the accused has not given information about the persons who harboured him while he was on the run. He has still not given information about the missing number plate, the police, represented by public prosecutors Ravindra Patil and Bharti Bhosle, submitted in the court. The probe is underway and considering the gravity of the offence, the custody should be extended, the prosecution said. Advocates Ayush Pasbola and Shudhir Bhardwaj, appearing for



Shah, opposed the remand saying the police have recovered whatever they needed to seize from the accused. The police have recorded the statements of 27 witnesses and enough time had been given to the investigators to find out who all the accused contacted while he absconded, the defence said. After hearing from both sides, the court remanded the accused in judicial custody. Mihir, the son of the ruling Shiv Sena leader Rajesh Shah, had fled after the fatal crash. According to the police, Rajesh Shah took an active part in ensuring his son's escape and also had plans to tow away the offending vehicle.



NEWS BRIEFS

General public should be cautious about protection from malaria: Dr. Krishna Kumar

DR ASHOK KUMAR KARNAL: Chief Medical Officer Dr. Krishna Kumar said that in the summer season, due to waterlogging and dirt at various places, outbreak of mosquitoes increases, which also increases risk of infection of mosquito-borne diseases like malaria, dengue. In such a situation, it is very important to properly dispose of places where mosquitoes breed around house and inside house or waterlogging around houses, pots and drinking water vessels for animals and birds and unused items kept on roofs of houses.CMO said that the general public has to be alert and vigilant about malaria, dengue etc. in summer season. He has appealed to public to wear full sleeve clothes to avoid mosquitoes and use mosquito nets while sleeping. In case of fever, get blood tested and treated at the nearest health center. Do not take any medicine on your own. Malaria causes high fever, chills, vomiting, diarrhea, heavy sweating, body temperature rising above 100 degrees centigrade, headache, body burning.

CHANDIGARH, WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2024

## Physical measurement process for recruitment of 5000 constables in Police begins

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, JULY 16

Haryana Staff Selection Commission Chairman, Sh. Himmat Singh stated that the Commission prioritises conducting the recruitment process transparently and fairly, ensuring candidate satisfaction. Today, the physical examination for candidates who passed the Group C Joint Eligibility Test and have opted for constable general duty in Haryana Police began at Tau Devi Lal Stadium in Panchkula and will continue until February 23. Sh. Himmat Singh stated that 20 digital measurement stands have been set up for candidate satisfaction. Coaches from the Sports Department and other experts are stationed at each stand. Candidates can view their height and weight measurements on display boards at these digital stands. The first slot started at 6:30 AM, the second at 8:30 AM, the third



at 10:30 AM, and the fourth at 12:30 PM. On the first day, 2000 candidates underwent the physical examination. Tomorrow, 3000 candidates will be examined, and from July 18 to 23, 5000 candidates per day will be tested. For the first phase, six times the number of candidates compared to the 5000 constable positions were called for the physical examination. The Chairman said that the physical measurement process has been made foolproof, as soon as the candidate enters

for measurements, their biometric details, including eye scans and videography, are recorded. This process is even repeated as they exit after the digital display. Help desks have been set up at various points for the convenience of candidates. Officers at the Under Secretary level have been specially deployed by the Commission to address any complaints, he added. Vikas from Kaithal Habra, Manish from Rohtak Sampla, Arvind from Hisar, and

Divyanshu from Uchana expressed their satisfaction with the improved arrangements compared to previous years and felt honoured to see the Commission's Chairman among them. Sh. Himmat Singh acknowledged that there might have been minor management issues on the first day but assured that they would be rectified. He also stated that, at the Commission's request, Haryana Transport has arranged special buses to transport candidates from Zirakpur.

## Deepender Hooda reaches Yamunanagar under 'Haryana Mange Hisaab' campaign

RAJNI SONI YAMUNANAGAR, JULY 16

MP Deepender Hooda today took out a padyatra in Yamunanagar Vidhan Sabha on the second day of 'Haryana Mange Hisaab' campaign started by the Congress Party and demanded answers against the 10 years of misrule of the BJP government. The march started from the Civil Hospital and went till Sardar Bhagat Singh Chowk. During this, despite the intense humidity and sunshine, a crowd of people gathered on the roads. At many places, people showered flowers from JCB and gave a grand welcome to the march. On the march route, representatives of farmers, advocates and various organizations welcomed MP Deepender Hooda and informed him about their problems. Prominent among them were INTUC Union, Motor Market Union, E-Rickshaw Union, Stone Crusher Union, Plyboard Union, Mee-na Bazaar Association etc. Congress MP from Ambala Varun Mulana, MLA BL Saini were present with Deepender Hooda. People

said that they are fed up with the portal and all kinds of IDs and are tired of visiting government departments. On this, Deepender Hooda assured them that when the Congress government comes, they will be freed from these anti-people portals. He said that



the people of Haryana have halved the BJP in the Lok Sabha and will now clean it in the Assembly.

Deepender Hooda said that for the last 10 years, the ministers of the BJP government at the Centre go to Haryana only asking for votes. They should also give something back to Haryana.

## Sukhmani Sahib Path at Guru Nanak Khalsa College

RAHUL KOHLI JAGADHRI: The new academic session at Guru Nanak Khalsa College, Yamunanagar commenced on a spiritual note with the recitation of Sukhmani Sahib Path and Kiran in the college Gurudwara Sahib. The entire college community gathered together in a spirit of unity and devotion, marking the beginning of the session 2024-25. Following the soulful prayers, a heartfelt Ardaas was conducted by the college management, staff members, and stu-

dents, seeking blessings for a successful and fruitful academic year ahead. Dr. Harinder Singh Kang, Principal of Guru Nanak Khalsa College, expressed his optimism and shared. This auspicious start sets a tone of harmony and dedication for the upcoming academic endeavors. The Langar Sewa was done by Vice Principal Dr. Kamalpreet Kaur, symbolising the spirit of community and sharing that defines the ethos of Guru Nanak Khalsa College.



## Atreja gets important responsibility with blessings of Gurus



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, JULY 16

Haryana State Staff Selection Commission member Kapil Atreja was honoured at Dera Kar Seva Gurudwara by Haryana Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee and Gurgurpur Management Committee. He was honored by the country's well-known sect preacher and Dera Kar Seva chief Jathedar Baba Sukha Singh by presenting him a Siropa. Kapil Atreja bowed his head at the feet of the Guru. On this occasion, Kapil Atreja said that his family and he have been blessed by the Gurus. Due to

this, he has got such an important responsibility. He will fulfill his responsibility with full honesty. On this occasion, HSGPC head Jathedar Bhupinder Singh Asandh Meet Pradhan Gulab Singh, General Secretary of Gururpur Management Committee Jathedar Indrapal Singh, Gurgul Singh, Doni Sarpanch Jaspal Singh and Sangat were present who presented him with a Siropa. Kapil Atreja, member of Haryana State Staff Selection Commission, took blessings of Baba Sukha Singh. On this, all the people present congratulated Kapil Atreja.

## Possessing, consuming, buying, selling, banned drugs punishable: Vats

SUBHASH SISODIA GHARAUNDA, JULY 16

Awareness programmes against drugs are being organised under the guidelines of Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau Chief, Additional Director General of Police O.P. Singh and under the guidance of Superintendent of Police Nikita Gehlot IPS and Pankhuri Kumar. In this series, in the seminar organised today on three Indian laws and crime against drugs, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Headquarters of Narcotics Bureau Satish Vats made the students as well as the entire staff aware about the three Indian laws against drugs in Haryana Police Public School, Madhuban. Awakening the feeling of patriotism among the students, Satish Vats said that banned drugs are a curse for the young generation of our country, which is mostly coming from other countries. Although drugs are being seized in large quantities,



criminals are being sent behind bars, illegal properties of big drug smugglers are being bulldozed, however awareness is a weapon that works to awaken the sleeping humanity and loyalty towards the country.

In the convention of 2016, the government had made it clear that both ways of working are required to end drug abuse. The Deputy Superintendent of Police of the Bureau, while making the youth aware to stay away from drugs, said that according to the data of the National Crime Records Bureau, the root cause of most

of the 90 percent crimes is only and only drug abuse. On this subject, he asked the youth to find a solution and through conversation, made them aware to stay away from drugs. While discussing the causes, prevention and solution of drug abuse, Vats said that according to the law, keeping, consuming, buying and selling banned drugs, producing and helping someone in such work is completely prohibited and punishable.

Satish Vats said that the Haryana Government is also doing very important work for a drug-free society. If a person

has become a victim of drug addiction and wants to quit, he can get free treatment at the de-addiction center of the civil hospital. He told that the bureau has so far provided free treatment to more than 600 youth. At the end of the program, all the students present were made aware about the Indian Judicial Act, Indian Civil Defence Code and Indian Evidence Act and the youth took an oath with their hands on their hearts that they will inspire people not to take any kind of drug in their lives. Apart from this, if anyone deals in drugs, then inform them on 90508-91508. On this occasion, Amar Ujala's Karnal Deputy Bureau Chief Gagan Talwar, Crime Reporter Rakesh Chauhan, Photo Journalist Bhagwandas, Karnal IT Head Sunil Kumar, DAV Public School Principal Mantosh Pal Singh and staff and Haryana Narcotics PRO Dinesh Kumar were present.

## Tribute meeting of Police Inspector Rajiv Ahuja's father Aagya Ram held

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA AMBALA, JULY 16

SIS Inspector Rajiv Ahuja's father Aagya Ram, son of late Malik Chand, posted in Ambala Superintendent of Police office, passed away on Sunday, July 14. Today, a tribute meeting of Rajiv Ahuja's father Aagya Ram was held at Aggarwal Bhawan in Sector 9. On this occasion, Ambala SP Surendra Singh Bhoria and National President of Anti Terrorist Front India Veeresh Shandilya paid tribute to Inspector Rajiv Ahuja's father and said that father is the shield of the family, father is the courage of the family, father is the



nurturer of the family and father is the banyan tree of the family. Today, it can be understood how much pain the family is in due to the departure of the father. SP Bhoria and Veeresh Shandilya said that the thinking and values of a promising officer working in the police department like Rajiv show what values Aajya Ram ji gave to the family. Veeresh Shandilya said

that today every section of society, every person, people from religious, political, social organisations have come in thousands to pay tribute to Aagya Ram.

This shows the social relations between Aajya Ram, Rajiv and Sanjeev. Shandilya said that by wearing khaki, Aajya Ram's son Rajiv is doing his work honestly and bringing glory to his father and family.

## Chunky Pandey distributes Global Achievers Awards

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, JULY 16

Anti Corruption Foundation of India and Human Rights International Federation organized a grand Global Achievers Award ceremony at Rutba Resort under the chairmanship of Founder and National Supremo Narendra Arora. In which film actor Chunky Pandey and former Miss India Simran Deans Ahuja participated as celebrity chief guests. VVIP guests in the programme were International Director Ramnarayan Sahu from Chhattisgarh, National Director Dr. Barnali Sharma from Assam, National Chief Chairperson Payal Mittal, National Women President Dr. Nisha Gupta, International Supremo Jarnail Singh and National President Political Cell Gaurav Gaba. On this occasion, top leaders from different states of the country who made major contributions to the Foundation's Corruption Free India Campaign and Satyanshtha Shapath Abhiyan were honored with Global Achievers Award.



The Global Achievers Awards were given to Atmaram Sahu, Hemant Kumar Sahu, Ramnarayan Sahu, Tokharam Sahu, Advocate Surinder Singh Rana, Rupesh Kumar Thakur, Hardayal Sahu, Rajkumar Sahu, Shadab Khan, Kartikeshwar Kumar, Ramesh Kumar Sahu, Rajesh Garg, Chandra Prakash Sahu, Tulsinand Sahu, Digesh Kumar, Prakash, Chaman Sahu, Imran Haroon Sheikh, Sandeep Joshi, Vijay Kumar Sahu, Nitin Jain, Santosh Kumar Yadav, Rupesh Kumar Sahu, Ravinder Kumar, Sanjay Ku-

mar Kewat, Harish Chandra, Ashok Kumar Patel, Dinesh Kumar Sahu, Dharambir, Puneet Gupta, ND Goyal, Ashwani Kumar, Pawan Sharma, Rahi Rahi, Sat Narayan Garg, Chasham Pal, Alok Mittal, Ajit Singh, Rakesh Kole, Satish Jangra, Sanjay Chawla, Poonam Goyal, Sumit Pujana, Subhash Chand, Sunil Kumar, Sonu, Dr. Dinesh Goyal, Chuneet Bansal, Suman Dhiman, Anjali Mahanta, June Rajkhwa, Gagandeep Malhotra, Sumita Gupta, Kiran Bala and Isha Chaudhary.

## Shopkeepers hold langar

PREETI SAINI SADHAURA

Shivam Agarwal said that all the shopkeepers organised a langar today, praying for rain, so that God gets pleased with this small public service. Shivam said that only rain can bring some relief in this scorching heat. But this time, even after almost the entire Chaumasa has passed, the rain is missing. That is why all the shopkeeper brothers together organised this langar of Kheer for the people visiting the market with devotion. During this, Jai Gopal, Jaipal Saini, Mukesh Kumar, Chirag Garg, Karan, Gursimar, Varun, Vishu Shivam Garg were present on the spot.

## Goal is to get development works done in ward: Godara

VIJAY KAUSHIK

BABAIN: Zila Parishad member Sukhwinder Singh Godara said that his main goal is to get development done in a respectable manner in all the villages of the ward. Zila Parishad member Sukhwinder Singh Godara was talking to journalists after inaugurating a water cooler in village Khairi. Sukhwinder Singh Godara said that there was a demand for water cooler in village Khairi for a long time and the need for water increases in extreme heat, so the villagers will get a lot of benefit by installing water coolers in the village.



power for 10 years in the state. Congress government has also always treated the people of Jagadhri step-motherly.

He said that the people have seen the tenure of both Congress and BJP governments and this time the people have made up their

mind to form the INLD-BSP alliance government. INLD-BSP has always been the party of farmers, exploited, deprived and working class, which knows the pain and needs of the common people very well. On the occasion, the villagers gave a warm welcome to

Darshan Kheda and assured him of their cooperation and support. On this occasion, Brahmamal, Dr. Ramkumar, Nanak Chand, Satpal Singh, Jora Singh, Rameshwar Das, Shravan Kumar, Sanjeev Kumar, Jassi and others were present.

## AAP's Pooja Nagra campaigns in Pabni Kalan

PREETI SAINI SADHAURA, JULY 16

On Tuesday, Aam Aadmi Party leader Pooja Nagra went to meet people door to door in village Pabni Kalan of Sadhaura and discussed about the policies of AAP. Pooja Nagra said that during this time she met some players and got to know about their problems. After meeting the players, she came to know that they want to play at the national level but the current government is not giving them any kind of support, neither any advertisement for players is being found in the village till date. The current government has not done anything to encourage the players. The way players want to move forward, if they



get some assistance from the government, then the players can move forward by working very hard to make their country proud. But the players said that ever since this

government is in power, it has done injustice to us. Before this, Congress has also done injustice to us.

The condition of the ground for playing in our vil-

lage is also not good, neither do we have suitable instruments for playing. There is no solution for playing indoors. Advocate Pooja Nagar assured that as soon as her government comes to power, first of all, financial assistance will be provided to the players and proper arrangements for the game will be made and she will always stand with the players. Along with the players, the people there also had many problems which were heard very carefully. Even before this, Advocate Pooja Nagra had raised her voice against the turn of Pabni Kalan which had always been the cause of accidents, only then it has been rectified, the government is taking some notice.

Jimpa comes forward to help Subhash injured due to dog bites



**DALJEET AJNOHA**  
**HOSHIAHPUR:** A dog bite Subhash Chander at several places in Siliya Mohalla of Municipal Corporation Ward No. 37 and 38. The people of the locality admitted him to the Civil Hospital. He has got around fifty stitches on his body. Former councillor of ward no. 37 Sudarshan Dhir met Cabinet Minister Brahm Shankar Jimpa along with the residents of the locality regarding this matter. On this occasion Minister Jimpa was given complete information about the case of Subhash Chander being bitten by a dog. On which Cabinet Minister Brahm Shankar Jimpa immediately directed the Civil Surgeon to get the medicines which are not available in the hospital from other medical stores, for which no money should be taken from the patient while Mr. Jimpa contributed to that person from his personal amount. On this occasion, Sudarshan Dheer said that Shri Jimpa asking the civil surgeon to provide free help for the treatment of Subhash Chander and donating money from his own side is a noble thought and serving the humanity of the society is a virtuous act. All the residents of the locality also thanked the Cabinet Minister Brahma Shankar Jimpa.

Dev Mann inaugurates work of new interlocking road at Bhadson



**RAKESH JINDAL**  
**NABHA:** Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann is continuously releasing funds for the development works of cities under which Gurdev Singh Dev Mann, MLA Nabha started the interlocking road work at Sub Division Bhadsof of Halka Nabha today. Talking to reporters said that in the coming daysLarge-scale development works will be started in Bhadson city. He said that today the road construction work has been started at Bhadson along with the ice factory at a cost of about 3 lakh rupees. He said that they are present at the service of the people 24 hours Barjinder Singh E U Bhadson, Kuljinder Singh JE with him on the occasionKapal Mann, Narinder Joshi Samaj Sevak, Rupinder Singh President Truck Union Bhadson, Siv Lal, Professor Rajinder Singh Mohal, Lucky Bhados, Madam Jaswinder Kaur Bhullar, Vicky Bhados, Kala Bhikhiwala and other dignitaries were present.

Seminar conducted at Sudesh Vatika Convent School Bhagivander



**ISHWER GARG**  
**TALWANDI SABO:** At Sudesh Vatika Convent School Bhagivander, Sardar Kuldeep Singh (Fire Station Officer) told the children about different methods of fire fighting. The children were given complete information about the causes of fire, methods and how to control it by taking immediate action. Also, the children were taught how to control fire by experimentally setting it and controlling it through various means. In this LPG Fires caused by cylinders, electrical appliances, oil, paper, cloth etc. were explained in detail, how to control them and what important things to take care of. The children were also taught how to set fire to a cylinder and extinguish itSchool Chairman Shri Vinod Khurana and Principal Meen Garg thanked Sardar Kuldeep Singh and his team for coming to the school and imparting information to the children by presenting mementos. I Team Senior Coordinator Beant Kaur and Junior Coordinator Kirandeep Kaur were also thanked on this occasion by Madam Parminder Kaur, Nirmal Kaur, Parmajit Kaur, Kulwinder Kaur, Jaspreet Kaur, Sukhpreet Kaur, Indjeet Singh, Anu Bala etc.

Babbu Mann visits Darshan Lakhewal's residence in village Lakha



**SUKH NAHAR**  
**JAGRAON:** Highly renowned singer Babbu Mann visited residence of singer Darshan Lakhewal at village Lakha to offer condolence to him and his family on demise of his father Sadhu Singh. Babbu Mann visited Lakhewal's residence with his team and stayed there for more than 2 hours and expressed grief with the family. It is notable that nearly 7-8 years back, a young boy from village Lakha, Darshan Lakhewal uploaded a song on social media and received huge appreciation from Babbu Mann. Mann had searched for him after his video went viral and applauded his talent. At this occasion, Munish, Jawsant Singh Deewana, Babla Khrant, Ajit Singh Akhara, Restham Singh, Gora Kaunke, Jaspreet Singh, Sarjeet Singh, Anjanpreet Singh and others were present.

## Police busts another interstate weapons smuggling module in Amritsar

AMRITSAR, JULY 16

Delivering yet another blow to the interstate weapon smuggling networks amidst the ongoing drive to make Punjab a safe and secure state as per directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, State Special Operation Cell (SSOC) Amritsar has arrested three arm smugglers and recovered three .32 bore pistols from their possession, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Tuesday.

Those arrested have been identified as Sukhdev Singh alias Mattu of Chhota Haripura in Amritsar, Sahil Kumar alias Mast of Chhota Haripura in Amritsar and Prabhot Singh alias Prabh of Guru Nanak Pura in Amritsar. Apart from recovering three pistols, Police teams have also recovered three magazines and six live cartridges from their possession.

The development came a day after the SSOC Amritsar busted a weapon smuggling module backed by foreign-based terrorist Lakhbir alias Landa with the arrest of two



operatives after recovering six .32 bore sophisticated pistols along with magazines and ammunition from their possession.

DGP Gaurav Yadav said that SSOC Amritsar had received a secret information that some persons from Am-

ritsar are involved in interstate weapons smuggling and they have procured a weapon consignment from illegal weapon dealers of Madhya Pradesh to further deliver it to some criminal elements in the area of Guru Tegh Bahadur Market in Vallah area.

Acting swiftly on the intel-inputs, Police teams from SSOC Amritsar launched an operation and apprehended the trio accused persons when they were waiting in Vallah area to deliver the consignment and recovered three pistols from their possession, he added. The DGP said that preliminary investigations have revealed that two of the arrested accused persons including Sukhdev Singh alias Mattu and Sahil Kumar Mast have a criminal history including involvement in a murder case. Further investigation to establish backward and forward linkages are going on, he added.

Sharing more details, AIG SSOC Amritsar Sukhminder Singh Mann said that investigations are on to identify the weapon dealer in Madhya Pradesh and persons to whom the weapon consignment was to be delivered. In this regard, a case FIR No. 42 dated 15.07.2024 has been registered under section 25 of the Arms Act and 61(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) Act at Police Station SSOC Amritsar.

## Govt to set up centre of excellence in beauty & wellness sector



SUMER GARG  
CHANDIGARH, JULY 16

With an aim to open new job avenues for the state youth as committed by Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann led Punjab Government, the Punjab Skill Development Mission (PSDM) has decided to set up a Centre of Excellence in Beauty and Wellness sector.

The PSDM, on Tuesday, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Hair Raiserz (Tress Lounge) to train and employ 300 candidates in a year. The agreement was signed by Ms. Amrit Singh, Mission Director of PSDM and Mr. Munish Bajaj, Managing Director of Hair Raiserz in the presence of Mr. Aman Arora, Minister of Employment Generation, Skill Development, and Training, Punjab. Aman Arora said that Hair Raiserz will offer the train-

ing free of cost to the candidates. This collaboration under the SANKALP Scheme of PSDM is aimed at providing skill development training in various skill development courses including Assistant Hair Dresser & Stylist, Professional Makeup Artist, Assistant Nail Technician and Nail Technician. PSDM will provide guidance, funding, and support for effective implementation, engage with relevant stakeholders, and assist in mobilising candidates, he added. Congratulating both the parties in this endeavour for bringing youth into the ever expanding service sector, the Employment Generation Minister said that the MoU signifies a major step towards empowering the youth of Punjab with the skills to enhance their employability and contribute to the state's economic growth. He also urged the youth of the state to explore the possibility of en-

trepreneurship development and generate employment while making an honourable living. Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann led state government has been striving to enhance employability of the youth through skill development and facilitating them with suitable employment opportunities including self-employment avenues, he stated. The candidates trained under this MoU will also additionally get a 4-day training and certification program by L'Oréal. Hair Raiserz has multiple skill training centres and will be responsible for managing the Centre of Excellence, training & certifying the candidates and facilitating their placements, besides ensuring that the project is implemented as per the guidelines, with regular monitoring conducted by the District Program Management Unit appointed by PSDM.

## DC chairs meeting of society for prevention of cruelty against animals

RAWEL BHINDER  
PATIALA, JULY 16

Deputy Commissioner, Patiala, Shawkat Ahmad Parry presided over a crucial meeting of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), emphasizing the urgent need to enhance animal welfare measures in the district.

During the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Parry directed Dr. Gurucharan Singh, Deputy Director of Animal Husbandry, to implement comprehensive measures to prevent cruelty towards animals. He highlighted the importance of proactive initiatives and strict enforcement of existing animal protection laws to ensure the well-being of all animals. "We must take all necessary steps to prevent any form of cruelty to animals," stated Deputy Commissioner Parry.



"Our society has a moral obligation to protect those who cannot speak for themselves. It is imperative that we create a safe and nurturing environment for all animals."

The meeting also discussed the construction of a new office for the SPCA, which will serve as a central hub for coordinating animal welfare activities. This new facility will enable the society to operate more efficiently and provide better services to the community. Deputy Commissioner Parry ad-

ressed the need for an emergency vehicle dedicated to animal rescue operations.

He proposed that the society provide an ambulance to Guardians of All Voiceless Animals, a local NGO, to facilitate emergency services for animals in need. "An emergency vehicle is crucial for timely intervention and rescue operations," he said.

"By partnering with NGO, we can ensure that animals in distress receive immediate care and attention."

## Special efforts needed to protect, conserve environment: Sandhwan



GAURAV GOEL  
CHANDIGARH, JULY 16

Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker Kultar Singh Sandhwan on Tuesday emphasised that humans directly required safe environment and special efforts needed to conserve the same.

Launching a special campaign by planting a sapling at the Punjab Vidhan Sabha, Mr. Sandhwan said that the campaign aims to plant 2000 saplings in the official area of the Vidhan Sabha. He urged

everyone to plant at least one sapling, stressing the need to increase the forest area in Punjab. Sandhwan highlighted the decrease in forest areas due to deforestation, leading to environmental pollution. He emphasized the importance of planting more saplings to maintain a healthy, pollution-free and green environment. Sandhwan urged to social organizations, eco clubs, youth clubs as well as religious organizations to participate in this initiative for the sake of humanity.

## Results of arts department of Fateh Group of institutions Rampura excellent



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA  
RAMPURA PHUL, JULY 16

The results of Arts Department of Sirmaur Educational Institute Fateh Group of Institutions Rampura of Malwa region were excellent. Sarmandeep Kaur Mandi Khurd of Fateh College got 82.2 percent, Arshjot Kaur Mehraj got 82 percent and Navjot Sharma secured first, second and third positions respectively in BA Semester 5 announced by Punjabi University Patiala last day. Degree College Head and Assistant Director Prof. Jaswinder Singh Talwandi Sabo said that the results of the arts department have been very good due to the hard work

and dedication of the students and staff. Chairman of the organization S.S. Chatha said that success always comes with hard work. He said that the main objective of the organization is to build a brighter future for boys and girls. On this occasion MD of the institution Manjit Kaur Chatha, Assistant Director Harpreet Sharma, Executive Principal Dr. Rajinder Kumar Tripathi, Education Department Head Sandeep Kaur, Prof. Charanjit Kaur, Prof. Anika, Prof. Robil Mangala, Prof. Khushdeep Kaur, Prof. Mandeep Kaur, Head of Commerce Department Prof. Anita, Head of Science Department Prof. Apart from Karamjit Kaur.

## PCA expresses concern over illegal online drug sales at AIOCD national meeting

KULWINDER BHATIA  
NANGAL, JULY 15

The All India Organization of Chemists and Druggists (AIOCD) held a national-level meeting on Sunday, July 14, at the Trident Hotel in Hyderabad, which was attended by representatives from all state associations across the country. The Punjab Chemists Association (PCA) utilized this platform to highlight critical issues emerging in the state's pharmacy sector.

Among the primary concerns raised by the PCA were the unchecked illegal online sale of drugs in Punjab, excessive interference from police and other departments, mandatory CCTV installation, and continuous bans on certain drugs. PCA representatives detailed the challenges faced by chemists due to these factors.



AIOCD President Mr. JS Shinde assured the PCA delegation that the organization would prioritize these issues and soon hold a meeting with PCA representatives to find effective solutions. Shinde praised the work of the PCA and acknowledged the contributions of all officials present at the meeting. In a significant development, AIOCD has en-

trusted Punjab with hosting its next national meeting in November. Additionally, PCA President Mr. Surinder Duggal has been appointed as a member of AIOCD's Trade Affairs Committee.

Duggal will represent the association in a crucial meeting with the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on July 31.

## PAU-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Hoshiarpur organizes kisan goshthi on maize cultivation



HOSHIAHPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Hoshiarpur under the aegis of Directorate of Extension Education, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana and ICAR- Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute, Zone-I, Ludhiana recently organized a kisan goshthi on maize cultivation under cluster frontline demonstrations at its campus to promote improved crop cultivation and plant protection practices for maize. At the outset, Dr. Maninder Singh Bons, Associate Director (Training), KVK Hoshiarpur welcomed the participants and gave an insight into the purpose of the cluster frontline demonstrations on maize. He said that this kisan goshthi was being organized regarding integrated weed and pest management of maize. Dr. Bons also dwelled upon the improved crop production practices including fertilizer and weed management in maize. Different technical lectures were delivered by KVK Hoshiarpur experts: Dr. Prabhot Kaur, Assistant Professor (Plant Protection), Dr. Ajai Singh, Assistant Professor (Agricultural Engineering) and Dr. Karmvir Singh Garcha, Assistant Professor (Vegetable Science) regarding identification & integrated pest management of major pests of maize-maize stem borer & fall armyworm, water conservation techniques in kharif crops and integrated nutrition gardening.

## Unique role of Gauri Shankar Seva Samiti in field of social service



VERMA  
GURDASPUR, JULY 16

The efforts being made by Gauri Shankar Seva Samiti have been fully appreciated by the public and the people of the area are seen everywhere praising Chairman Sanjeev Malhan. Under this series, Gauri Shankar Seva Samiti, giving further impetus to the series of its social service works, with the blessings of Sarprast Bhagat Kunal ji, organized a camp to distribute free plants in the memory of late Shri Yashpal Gupta today on Tuesday, 16 July 2024 at 5 pm at Rickshaw Stand, Model Town Pathankot. In which

Rajiv Gupta and Joginder Pal attended as chief guests and first of all they expressed their gratitude to Shri Malhan and presented plants to the people coming and going. Rajiv Gupta and Joginder Pal said that they have never seen a social worker like Sanjeev Malhan who has played an important role in the field of social service not only in his country but also abroad and his name is resonating loudly. He said that all of us need to make efforts together with Sanjeev Malhan, this is a work of public welfare in which everyone should come forward and play an important role by registering their presence.

## Complete ban on pregabalin capsules, tablets

SURINDER DAMDAMI  
KOTKAPURA, JULY 16

While imposing a complete ban on pregabalin capsules and tablets with formulations above 75 mg in the district, Deputy Commissioner Vineet Kumar said that this drug is used as a drug by some bad elements, due to which its sale has been banned.

He said that to realize the dream of Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann to make Punjab drug free. In order to not comply with these orders, under section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, this medicine (pregabalin more than 75 mg) is completely banned. According to these orders, wholesalers, retailers, chemists, medical store owners, pharmacists in

hospitals and any other person shall not sell Pregabalin 75 mg without original prescription. Apart from this, as per the order, sellers will also ensure that they keep a record of the tablets and capsules sold up to Pregabalin 75 mg and keep a bill of sale and purchase.

Along with the stamp on the original slip, they will also ensure these things like name of chemist / retailer / trade, date of purchase of tablets and number of tablets etc. According to these orders, every wholesaler/retailer/chemist, medical store owner and pharmacist in the hospital shall also ensure that the purchaser has not already purchased this medicine (pregabalin) from any other shop against the original prescription.

Tree plantation drive at DAV Public School under 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign



**RAJNEESH SHARMA**  
**HAMIRPUR :** Today, under the guidance of Principal M.S. Dogra, a tree plantation drive was carried out at DAV Public School, Darkoti. Dajjeet Dogra, Managing Director & CEO of Zoroastrian Co-operative Bank Ltd. (Mumbai), participated in the campaign by planting mango and arjuna trees. He emphasized the importance of trees and encouraged the preservation of cultural heritage. The event was attended by school staff members including Ritu Bala, Sunita Kumari, Soni Devi, Rita Kumari, Poonam, Kumari Sapna, clerk Mahendra Singh, assistants Summa and Nisha, and scouts and guides students Kartik Chauhan, Shivangi, Shanvi, Shagun, and Sonal Heer. Principal M.S. Dogra expressed gratitude to Dajjeet Dogra for visiting the school and contributing to the campaign.

Swing of Sawan month has started in Gaushala Jamli Dham Hamirpur



**KISHORI LAL BAINS**  
**UNA :** Swing of the Sawan month has started in Gau Shala Jamli Dham Hamirpur today. State President of Gau Seva Samiti Fasil Singh Mankotia inaugurated it by swinging first on swing at 8 AM morning on Tuesday today in Gau Shala Jamli Dham Hamirpur today Cow devotees and Sanatan lovers will get the opportunity to swing during the entire month of Sawan till August 16. The tradition of swinging was started by Shri Krishnan Dwarap era in the month of Sawan in Gokul. Which has special importance in Hinduism. From the Gau Shala committee Balak Ram, Jagdish Chand, Onkar Chand, Ashish Sharma, Ramesh Sharma, Sanjiv Sharma, Pardeep Kumar and all staff of Gau Shala Jamli Dham Hamirpur were present on this occasion.

Small businesses to launch over 3,200 new products on Amazon.in

**SHIMLA :** This Prime Day, small businesses are launching 3200+ new products on Amazon.in across categories like home and kitchen, fashion and grooming, jewelry, handmade products, and many more. Brands like Behoma, Dream of Glory, Orika Spices and others will be showcasing their unique products on Amazon.in and reaching customers across different parts of the country. Tens of thousands of small businesses will be participating in one of the most awaited shopping events on Amazon.in offering lakhs of Prime-enabled products to customers across India.

## CM urges PM Modi to support Himachal's green state initiatives

AGENCY  
SHIMLA, JULY 16

Shimla: Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi at New Delhi today and urged for supporting Himachal Pradesh for becoming a complete green state. He appraises the Prime Minister about the state government's initiatives to achieve this goal. The Chief Minister also requested for suitably compensating the state to come out of its obligation of purchasing thermal power. He highlighted the state's goal of sustaining entirely on green energy in the near future. He said that switching over to electric buses, was one of the green initiative for which he requested approval for RIDF



loans under NABARD to fund these buses. Apart from this he also discussed the potential for generating 1000 MW of hybrid solar and wind energy in Spiti, which could be transmitted through a green corridor utilizing the solar, wind and hydro potential of the Sutlej basin. He sought support for a mega solar project in Spiti.

Thakur Sukhvinder Singh

Sukhu raised several power-related issues pending with the Central Government. He mentioned the long-pending arrears of Himachal Pradesh's share from BBMB and requested the restoration of the Shanan Project rights and assets as the lease period has expired. He also discussed the issue of free power royalty in power projects under SJVN and NHPC, urging for a

favourable decision.

He informed the Prime Minister about state's efforts to boost tourism, with Kangra being developed as the tourism capital. He emphasized the importance of expanding Kangra airport and requested the Centre to bear 50 percent of the land acquisition costs and provide a special grant for the expansion. He also suggested establishing a Tourism SEZ to promote tourism, create jobs and spur economic development, with Himachal Pradesh being an ideal starting point. The Chief Minister also briefed Prime Minister Modi on various development initiatives in the state and requested substantial financial assistance to recover from the massive losses suffered during the previous monsoons.

## Only six students enrolled in Tauni Devi College

**RAJNEESH SHARMA**

**HAMIRPUR:** In the newly established Government Degree College in Tauni Devi, only six students have enrolled for the current session. This low enrollment is attributed to the delayed admission process. The Directorate of Education issued the admission notification for



Tauni Devi College on July 5. As a result, only six students enrolled within the subsequent ten days. Unlike Tauni Devi College, other colleges in the

district received admission process directives from the Education Department starting on June 3, allowing students ample time to secure admission in the first year. However, due to the late issuance of admission directives for Tauni Devi College, students could not enroll on time.

## Ambedkarite organization to form ten-member committees at Panchayat level

**RAJNEESH SHARMA**  
**HAMIRPUR, JULY 16**

The Ambedkarite organization has taken the initiative to work in coordination with the government to address the needs of the people. To achieve this, the organization plans to establish ten-member committees at the panchayat level, comprising five men and five women.

Recently, a meeting was organized at the Public Works Department Rest House in Bijhri, located in the Barsar Assembly Constituency, with participants from all panchayats in Barsar belonging to the Scheduled Castes. Former MLA from Bilaspur district, Viru Ram Kishore, attended the



program. The meeting was collectively organized by Ramesh Chand (Sakroh), Raj Kumar (former Sarpanch of Samaela), Rikhi Ram (Samaela), Sunil Dutt (former BDC member Maharal), Engineer Harish Kumar (Sakroh), Dharm Singh (former Sarpanch Sohari), Pritam Singh (former Sarpanch Jajhiyani), Ramesh Chand (current Vice President Dhabeeri), retired SDO Sadhu Ram (Chukhnir), and Subedar Sudu Ram

(Chukhnir), among other social activists. The meeting also saw the participation of Charan Das, Madan Lal, Vidhi Chand, Ram Ji, Surendra Kumar, Dharmi Devi, Pritam Singh, Kishori Lal, Sadhu Ram, Chatar Singh, Kushal Kumar, Vishan Das, Purushottam Das, Roshan Lal, Jeet Ram, Dharam Pal, Jagdish Chand, Kaku Ram, Madan Lal, Dhan Shyam, Parveen Kumar, Pawan Kumar, Balwant Singh, Kushal Kumar, and others.

## Nauni Varsity's Natural farming initiative lauded

**DINESH AGARWAL**  
**SHIMLA, JULY 16**

The 96th Foundation Day of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) was celebrated today at New Delhi. The two-day event was inaugurated by Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, at the NASC complex in Delhi.

A Technology Day is being celebrated alongside the ICAR Foundation Day. This event features exhibits from various ICAR Institutes and two universities, including Dr. YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry (UHF), Nauni which were invited to display their technologies at the event.

UHF showcased a variety of products such as juices, jams, herbal tea, gulal, and



pasta. Additionally, the university displayed its natural farming products and items from five natural farming-based Farmer Producer Companies, which receive technical support and guidance from UHF. The exhibition also highlighted the success story of NAHEP IDP in the university.

The exhibition, which spanned two days, was attended by numerous dignitaries, including Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj

Singh Chouhan, Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying Rajiv Ranjan Singh, Union Ministers of State- George Kurian, Prof. SP Singh Baghel, Ramnath Thakur and Bhagirath Choudhary, and ICAR Director General Dr. Himanshu Pathak. These dignitaries, along with others, visited the university stall and appreciated the products and technologies developed by the university and its natural farming initiatives.

## Memorandum submitted by Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh, Kangra District, on employees' issues



**SANJEEV MAHAJAN**

**NURPUR:** The Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS) of Kangra District submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister through the SDM Nurpur, addressing various employees' issues. The memorandum was presented under the leadership of district president Purushottam Sharma. All members and office bearers of the BMS participated in the program. Sharma explained that the memorandum highlights issues across various departments. Key demands include the pending payments of the seventh pay commission and installments of dearness allowance. The BMS also requests that the retirement age of employees be increased from 58 to 60 years, similar to other states. Additionally, they demand that the minimum wage for ASHA workers and other departmental employees be set at Rs. 18,000. Present at the occasion were BMS Nurpur president Veer Singh, Jasur general secretary Anoop Singh, Mid-Day Meal head Asha Devi, and members Anu, Kavita, Manju, Krishna Singh, Ranjita Devi, Champa Devi, Jeevna Devi, Mamta Devi, Malkit Singh, Karn Singh, among hundreds of other employees.

## CM calls on Union Minister for MPP and Power



**DINESH AGARWAL**  
**SHIMLA, JULY 16**

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu called on Union Minister for MPP and Power Manohar Lal Khattar at New Delhi today and discussed about the issues of the state pending with the Ministry.

He sought the intervention of the Union Minister for restoring the rights of Shanan Power Project to the State as the lease period has expired and to take a decision for amicable solution on the matter. He also requested him to release the pending share due from the BBMB which is being awaited since many years and causing losses to the state. Chief Minister also requested for support for the mega solar park in Spiti. The Union Minister assured of looking into the issues and directed the officers to take necessary steps. Principal Advisor to the Chief Minister Ram Subhag Singh, Principal Secretary Finance Devesh Kumar and Resident Commissioner Meera Mohanty and Senior officers of the Ministry were present in the meeting.

## Himachal: 9 by-elections, 3 re-elected, 6 out, 6 newcomers

**RAJNEESH SHARMA**

**HAMIRPUR:** The much-discussed political drama of Himachal Pradesh, which began in the last week of February, concluded in the second week of July. The Congress maintained its strength with 40 MLAs in both February and July after the by-elections. The BJP, which had 25 MLAs in February, has now increased its tally to 28. There are no independent MLAs in the assembly anymore.

Out of the three independents who resigned and joined the BJP, two lost the by-elections. Additionally, four of the six rebel Congress members who joined the BJP and contested the by-elections also lost. The defeated candidates include Rajendra Rana from Sujanpur, Ravi Thakur from Lahaul Spiti, Devendra Bhutto from Kutlehar, Chaitanya Sharma from Gagret, Hoshiyar Singh from Dehra, and K.L. Thakur from Nalagarh.

In the nine by-elections in Himachal, Ashish Sharma from Hamirpur, Inder Dutt Lakhanpal from Barsar, and Sudhir Sharma from Dharamshala were re-elected despite their discontent and rebellion against the Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu government. These three, now BJP legislators, won due to their personal vote banks and support from the BJP cadre. In CM Sukhu's home district, Hamirpur, the Congress lost two out of three seats in the by-elections.

Six new members were elected to the assembly in the recent by-elections, all from the Congress party. The new Congress MLAs are Captain Ranjit Singh Rana from Sujanpur, Kamlesh Thakur from Dehra, Anuradha from Lahaul Spiti, Vivek Sharma Vikku from Kutlehar, Hardeep Baba from Nalagarh, and Rakesh Kalra from Gagret.

## Joint Patwari and Kanungo Federation demands district cadre status

**SHANTI GAUTAM**  
**BADDI, JULY 16**

A meeting of the Joint Patwari and Kanungo Federation Baddi unit was held on Tuesday in Baddi, where the demand to maintain the district cadre status for Patwari and Kanungo was strongly raised. The federation warned that if the government does not reverse its decision, they will go on a pen-down strike. Following the meeting, a memorandum was sent to the Chief Minister, Revenue Minister, DC Solan, and SDM through Tehsildar Baddi.

In the letter, the federation stated that the Himachal Pradesh government decided to convert the district cadre of Patwari and Kanungo into a state cadre during the cabinet meeting on July 12. In response, an emergency virtual meeting of the Joint Patwari and Kanungo Federation of Himachal



Pradesh was held on July 13 under the chairmanship of state president Satish, with district representatives from all 12 districts participating. The representatives unanimously opposed the government's decision, and the federation expressed strong opposition from across the state. The federation had previously appealed to the government on various platforms about this issue but found the imposed decision concerning despite receiving positive assurances. The meeting concluded

with a unanimous decision that, in protest, all online work and WhatsApp groups (except for disaster-related work) would be immediately halted from Monday across the state by Patwaris and Kanungos. It was also decided that during lunch breaks, units at tehsil and sub-tehsil levels would hold gate meetings and submit memorandums to the government through the sub-divisional officer (Naib Tehsildar). Following this decision, the Baddi unit today sent a memorandum to the government.

## People's power won, money power lost: Trilok Suryavanshi

**DINESH AGARWAL**  
**SHIMLA, JULY 16**

Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee Central War Room Media Team spokesperson and Himachal Pradesh Kisan Congress State Joint Coordinator, Trilok Suryavanshi, stated that Congress's victory in the Himachal Pradesh assembly by-elections reflects the popularity of the Sukhu government and its welfare schemes. Suryavanshi highlighted that the Sukhu government, upon coming to power, implemented the ambitious "Sukhashray" scheme. Under this scheme, nearly 4,000 homeless children in the state will be considered "Children of the State" until the age of 27, with the government covering their educational expenses. Suryavanshi emphasized that this scheme



demonstrates the government's sensitivity and humanity towards its citizens, not just in the state but across the country. He further noted that the Sukhu government has fulfilled five out of ten guarantees within a year and a half. The Congress government has always been employee-friendly, reinstating the old pension scheme immediately after coming to power, which benefited the employees. Suryavanshi criticized the BJP for undermining the public mandate by engaging in horse trading of elected

representatives. However, the educated electorate of the state responded firmly by re-electing Congress candidates, acknowledging the welfare decisions and schemes implemented by the Sukhu government in the past one and a half years.

He stated that the public, by ignoring BJP's propaganda and money power, voted in favor of the Sukhu government's public welfare policies and schemes in these by-elections. He reiterated that the public mandate is supreme. The people had previously elected forty of their candidates and have now increased the number of Congress MLAs to forty again. Suryavanshi warned the BJP leadership that disrespecting the public mandate through money power is never acceptable, as the public will always respond decisively.

## Dr. Reddy's laboratories successfully concludes week-long tree plantation drive in Baddi

**BUREAU**  
**BADDI, JULY 16**

As part of its CSR initiative, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Limited, a global pharmaceutical company, successfully concluded a week-long tree plantation drive today. Over 100 volunteers from the company came together to plant 550 trees at the Police Line in Baddi. This initiative is in line with Dr. Reddy's commitment to the environment and community well-being. The event, was graced by esteemed guests including Sh. Khajana Ram, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Baddi, and Sh. Ashok Verma, Additional



Superintendent of Police, Police District Baddi. Representatives from Dr. Reddy's, including Vincent John, Site Head, and Raman Angra, Lead Corporate Affairs, and other CSR members were also present along with the Site leadership team. Sandesh Chaturvedi,

Senior Manager, Dr. Reddy's Foundation, was recognized for the timely execution of the monsoon 2024 project, highlighting the company's collective effort and the importance of community engagement in environmental conservation.

## Heat breaks records of many years in Himachal, people are sweating

**SANJAY AGGARWAL**  
**DHARAMSHALA, JULY 16**

This time people are suffering from heat in Himachal Pradesh. For the first time people are facing huge problems due to intense heat. Monsoon has arrived in the state, but there is no sign of rain anywhere.

This time tourism business has also suffered a major setback due to heat. The Meteorological Department is continuously predicting strong storms and rain, but the claims of the Meteorological Department are also seen failing continuously. The sun is continuously spewing fire from the sky. Due to lack of rain, heat like conditions are prevailing in the hilly areas. This time the

heat has broken records of many years in the state. The heat in the month of July has broken the record of the last 17 years. The maximum temperature in almost all the districts of the state is above normal. Due to this, the weather has started to remain very hot during the day in the state. In this rainy season, where rivers and streams were seen in full spate, they are seen dry. According to the Meteorological Department, till now, rainfall has been recorded in much less quantity than normal.

However, the Meteorological Department has said that the monsoon will be active again from July 17. Due to the heat, this time the forest

wealth has also suffered a lot. Due to the rain in the forests, along with forest wealth worth crores, animals have lost their lives. Farmers are forced to constantly look towards the sky for sowing paddy crop. Due to lack of rain, there is a drought like situation in the fields. Due to lack of rain, the problems of farmers have increased. Due to heat, the problems of farmers and gardeners are increasing. Due to heat, a situation of drought has arisen.

The fruits in the gardens are on the verge of falling and the leaves have come under the grip of various diseases. More than half of the plants planted by the

gardeners have dried up. Due to lack of water, its effect is also

being seen on the production of vegetables.

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# Girls excelling in all fields is giant leap towards making India, a vishwa guru: Guv

SHASHI PAL JAIN  
CHANDIGARH, JULY 16

In a first of its kind initiative to provide wings and empower government school students of Punjab & UT Chandigarh, the Punjab Governor & Administrator, UT, Chandigarh, Sh. Banwari Lal Purohit today honoured 300 students of class 10 & 8 of Punjab & UT, Chandigarh with cash awards and recognition certificates at Punjab Raj Bhavan.

During his congratulatory remarks on the occasion, Governor Banwari Lal Purohit said that out of 300 students honoured today, 247 are girls which shows that girls are excelling in all fields which is a giant step towards making India a Vishwa Guru.

The Governor asked the young students to enrich themselves with quality education and modern skills so that they could achieve their goals easily at the global level. He emphasized on the need to empower the students especially those hailing from the remote and underprivileged areas for better livelihood. The Governor said that former Prime Minister late Shri Lal Bahadur



Shastri, Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar & Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam and many other great Indian personalities are great examples of coming from very poor backgrounds and scaling great heights of success in life just because of their honesty and dedication.

He asked the children to adopt such heroes as their role models who lived their lives with simplicity, honesty and worked with sheer perseverance and steadfastness for the development of the Nation. He emphasized the students to live a simple and honest life. Notably, 'The Society for Empowerment of Disadvantaged Talented Youth' has taken this initiative to honour

meritorious students of class 10 and 8 of Government schools of Punjab and U.T. Chandigarh with cash scholarships worth Rs. 20.70 lakh and Certificates of Appreciation', added the Governor and said that earlier in February this year as many as 300 students were honoured on the same pattern and this practice will continue on the regular basis from now onwards.

The 300 students honoured today included 225 from Punjab and 75 from UT Chandigarh. The Prize money given is Rs. 10000 to each class 10th student and Rs. 5000/- to each class 8th student. An overwhelming majority of these high achieving students are girls, in fact there are 247 girls out

of 300 Prize winners and out of the total 225 from Punjab as many as 151 are from rural areas, also 51 of the Punjab achievers are from the border districts and about 40 are from the Kandiana area. Amongst others, prominent present on the occasion included Mr. Rajeev Verma, Adviser to Administrator, Mr. K.Siva Prasad, Additional Chief Secretary to Governor Punjab, Mr. K.K. Yadav, Principal Secretary Education, Punjab Mr. Abhijit Vijay Chaudhary Secretary Education, Chandigarh, Mr. Shiv Dular Singh Dhillon, Secretary Punjab Red Cross and Mr. Sambhant Sharma Executive member & Director Sri Aurobindo Society, Puducherry.

## Dr Charanjit Singh participates in plantation drive under Green Wave campaign

RADHE SHYAM SHARMA  
MORINDA, JULY 16

While participating in plantation of various saplings in the local grain market under the Green Wave by Baganwala Multipurpose Cooperative Agricultural Society, Dr Charanjit Singh, MLA Sri Chamkaur Sahib said that trees purified the environment and provided us oxygen.

These also provided us fruits to eat and dense shade. He said that Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann has started Haryal Wave to make the state green. Under which a target has been set to plant 50,000 saplings in Shri Chamkaur Sahib Assembly constituency. Under this series, saplings have been planted by all the members under the chairmanship of Baganwala Multipurpose Cooperative Society President Parminder



Singh Bittu Kang in the grain market Morinda, which was a very commendable undertaking. He said that all of them must plant at least four saplings. On this occasion, Aam Aadmi Party leader N. P. Rana Chairman Market Committee Morinda, Municipal Council President Jagdev Singh Bhatia, Bir Davinder Singh Ballan, Jagtar Singh Gharuna and Jagmohan Singh Rangiyana were

especially present. After planting the saplings, constituency MLA Dr. Charanjit Singh discussed with the chairman and members in the society office and got information about the functioning of the society. Cooperative Society Chairman Parminder Singh Bittu Kang thanked constituency MLA Dr. Charanjit Singh on his arrival at the office and honored him by giving him a Siropao.

## Guru Nanak Sahara Society conducts 190th pension donation program



JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR): Guru Nanak Sahara Society Jagraon conducted 190th Late Sansar Chand Verma memorial monthly pension and ration donation program under the guidance of association Chairman Gurmell Singh Dhillon and President Captain Naresh Verma. The program was conducted at the premises of LR DAV College Jagraon in the presence of chief guest Ravi Malhotra, district spokesperson Depali Delhi, his wife Indu Malhotra and several members of society. The chief guests donated monthly pension and ration to 26 needy senior citizens from their earnings and also arranged for meal for everybody present. Chemist association Jagraon president Pankaj Aggarwal and Kar Bhala Ho Bhala also donated refreshments to the senior citizens.

The chief guest reminisced fond memories of his late mother while making the donation and also applauded the society for its selfless work. He assured every possible help to the society in future as well. School principal Dr. Anuj Sharma welcomed the dignitaries on visiting college and also praised the society for their selfless work. At this occasion, Keval Malhotra, Sajjan Malhotra, Raj Kumar Bhalla, Kanhaiya Gupta, Ravi Goyal, Arun Goyal, Jatinder Bansal, Dr. Rakesh Bharadwaj, Kanchan Gupta, Sat Pal Derhka, Narinder Kochhar, Bal Krishan Syal, Rajinder Singh, Dr. Dilpreet Kaur Chakrawarti, Retd SP Dharam Singh etc.

## Gautam Mann meets Omkar Sidhu OSD CM Sahib Punjab regarding problems of district residents



VERMA GURDASPUR, JULY 16

To resolve the problems faced by the common people in district Pathankot, Gautam Mann met Joint Secretary Aam Aadmi Party Punjab Omkar Singh Sidhu (OSD CM Sahib) Punjab and apprised him of the problems.

Gautam Singh Mann apprised S. Omkar Singh Sidhu in detail about each and every problem faced by the people of district Pathankot and said that ever since the Aam Aadmi Party has come to power, the expectations of the people

have increased a lot on the AAP government because Aam Aadmi Party is the only party that thinks about the interests of the people and whatever decisions are taken by CM Sahib, they are taken for the betterment of the people of the state so that the people do not have to face any kind of problem. Gautam Mann further said that the educated youth also have high expectations from the Punjab government and the way the Punjab government has created a storm in the field of employment, the youth is very impressed by it.

## Six Vivekis selected for state level after excellent performance in district fencing competition

SUBHASH KOHLI  
KALKA, JULY 16

Students of Vivekanand School displayed exceptional talent, determination and sportsmanship in the district level fencing competition and were selected for the state level competition.

Their achievements have made our school proud and we look forward to their continued success at the state level. The competition was organised by the District Fencing Association, Panchkula. Prachi, a student of class V, displayed versatility in the foil event and won a gold and a bronze medal. Among the participants in the sabre event, Bhavya, a student of class VI, displayed concentration and strategy to win gold in his category. Harnoor, a student of class



VIII, won a gold and a bronze medal with her agility and technique.

Dhanika, a student of class IX, fought bravely and won a silver medal. Shaurya, a student of class X, displayed exceptional determination and won a gold and a silver medal. Priyanshu, a student of class XII, displayed great patience and won a bronze medal. This competition is a testament to the hard work and dedication

## Lions Club Chandigarh Nightingale organises langar sewa project

MOHALI (TILAK RAJ): Lions club chandigarh nightingale organised langar Sewa project at General Hospital sec 16 chandigarh where Approximately 300 persons were served food with rajma rice, aloo and kheer. Club President Kamal Kaur given information according to the



directions of Distt Governor MJP Lion Ravinder Saggar

LCM chandigarh nightingale always organise such kind of projects. In this project treasurer arun Bala Vij Neelam, club Pro PMJP Lion Sudarshan Kaur Bawa, Lion Vanita Puri, Lion Subleah Bansal and Lion Sushma Malhotra we're present.

## Pull up the socks to check spread of Diarrhoea: CS directs DCs

RAJIV JAIN  
CHANDIGARH, JULY 16

Taking a very serious view of outbreak of Diarrhoea in couple of towns in the State, Chief Secretary Mr. Anurag Verma on Tuesday took an emergency meeting with all the Deputy Commissioners in the State. The meeting was also attended by Senior officers of the concerned departments, Commissioner Municipal Corporations, ADCs (Urban Development), XENs, EOs and Civil Surgeons.

In the meeting Mr. Verma said that Chief Minister S Bhagwant Singh Mann has issued very clear directions that all the Municipal Corporations and Municipal Committees must ensure that 100% contamination free drinking water is available in their respective jurisdictions. He directed the Deputy Commissioners, Commissioner Municipal Corporations (CMC), and Executive Officers (EO) to personally visit the vulnerable areas and slums in their jurisdiction. Wherever there is a possibility of drinking water being contaminated, immediate remedial steps must be taken. Mr. Verma directed Secretary, Local Government to



take certificates from all the CMCs and EOs that contamination free water is being supplied in all the areas in their jurisdiction. Verma directed Principal Secretary, Water Supply and Sanitation to conduct similar exercise in the Rural areas. All the XENs and the SDOs were directed to personally visit all the villages and in particular vulnerable areas. Principal Secretary Water Supply and Sanitation was directed to take certificates from all the XENs and SDOs that contamination free water is being supplied in all the areas in their jurisdiction. As per the directions of Chief Minister S Bhagwant Singh Mann, Mr. Verma directed Secretary, Health to

double the number of water samples being taken. While doing so, special focus should be on slums and vulnerable areas.

Wherever, any sample fails, the matter should be immediately reported to the Deputy Commissioner concerned who in turn should take deterrent action against the Officer responsible for supply of water in the area. In such areas potable drinking water should immediately be made available through tankers. In addition, chlorine tablets in sufficient numbers should be supplied. Verma also directed Secretary Health to ensure free and proper treatment of persons who have fallen ill so far.

## Sanjay Tandon urges union Home Minister to address matter of converting leasehold properties to freehold

CHANDIGARH (R N KHERA): Sanjay Tandon, BJP National Executive Member and Himachal Pradesh co-incharge, in Chandigarh wrote a letter to Honourable Home Minister Amit Shah, urging to resolve the issue of leasehold to freehold conversion. Notably, a delegation of local industrialists recently met with Tandon to discuss this critical issue, prompting him to address the matter directly with Honourable Home Minister Amit Shah.

In the letter to Amit Shah, Sanjay Tandon urged for commercial entities to be converted from leasehold to freehold. Additionally, he requested that notices issued by the administration be withdrawn. The letter also urged for the implementation of the MSMED Act-2006 in Chandigarh's industrial sector.

Tandon appealed that states across the country, including Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, and Himachal Pradesh, have already converted leasehold to freehold. A gesture of freehold from the Ministry of Home Affairs to Chandigarh's traders was also requested. Notably, a delegation led by Chamber of Chandigarh Industries President, Surendra Gupta met with Sanjay Tandon. The delegation informed Sanjay Tandon about their issues. They mentioned that the administration was harassing them illegally and is suing unwarranted notices.



## Municipal Council meeting: Proposals passed for dev works



BALWINDER AZAD  
BARNALA RURAL, JULY 16

A special meeting of local councilors was held at the Municipal Council office in the presence of Working Executive Officer Ashish Kumar. During this meeting, Councillor Vinod Kumar Kala from Ward No. 2 was appointed as the Acting President, and the meeting was conducted under his leadership. The discussion primarily focused on the pending development works in the city. Various councilors highlighted

ed the issues in their respective wards. Under the leadership of Acting President Vinod Kumar Kala, several proposals were passed to address these development works. Key proposals included the installation of sewer covers, electrical repairs, street lights, and submersible motors in Ward No. 2's Guru Nanak Basti. Additionally, the duty hours for four widowed women working in the cleaning department were extended, and a major decision was taken to clean the sewers using machines.

## Mechanical Thrombectomy revolutionizes brain Stroke Treatment: Dr. Sandeep Sharma



MOHALI (TILAK RAJ): Renowned brain specialist Dr. Sandeep Sharma emphasized the revolutionary impact of mechanical thrombectomy in treating brain strokes at a Mega OPD event organized by Grecian Park Hospital. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Sharma urged people not to fear stroke or paralysis, as advanced treatments are leading to significant recoveries. He highlighted that timely examination of brain-related symptoms can prevent serious mental illnesses caused by strokes.

Dr. Sharma recounted a case where a 35-year-old woman arrived unconscious with paralysis on her right side. Mechanical thrombectomy successfully removed a clot from her brain artery, saving her life. This minimally invasive technique, along with aneurysm coiling, is advancing the diagnosis and treatment of complex brain conditions. Grecian Park Hospital, equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, provides top-tier neurointerventional care, ensuring patients receive the highest level of treatment and compassionate care. Both old and new patients shared their positive experiences at the event.

## Plantation drive conducted in various Health Centers under Health Block Tapa

BALWINDER AZAD  
BARNALA RURAL, JULY 16

Under the guidance of Civil Surgeon Dr. Harinder Sharma and Acting Senior Medical Officer Dr. Kanwaljit Singh Bajwa, a plantation drive was conducted at SDH Tapa and various PHCs and Health and Wellness Centers under the Tapa Block.

Dr. Kanwaljit Singh Bajwa emphasized the importance of planting and maintaining trees to safeguard the environment. He stated that every citizen should actively participate in planting trees and ensure their proper care. Dr. Bajwa also highlighted the need to educate children about the significance of plants in human life and to foster the habit of planting trees during both joyous and sorrowful occasions. He stressed the importance of

establishing a close relationship with nature to find peace amidst the hustle and bustle of daily life. Block Educator Jas-



pal Singh Jatana pointed out that the monsoon season is the ideal time for planting trees, urging everyone to take advantage of this period to plant as many trees as possible. He mentioned that in addition to traditional shade trees, fruit-bearing trees like guava and jamun were also planted during this drive.

## Panjab University hosts expert lecture on advanced applications of responsive soft materials



NILESH SETH  
CHANDIGARH, JULY 16

The Dr. S S Bhatnagar University Institute of Chemical Engineering & Technology (Dr. SSB UIET) at Panjab University recently hosted a highly informative expert lecture on "Responsive Soft Materials for Advanced Applications in Tissue Engineering and Energy-Related Fields." The event featured distin-

guished speaker Dr. Andrey Shibaev, a postdoctoral researcher at the Basque Center on Materials Applications and Nanostructures (BCMAterials) in Leioa, Spain. Dr. Shibaev's lecture delved into the innovative uses of soft materials in various cutting-edge fields, highlighting their potential in both medical and energy applications.

His insights provided valuable knowledge to the at-

tendees, who included students, faculty, and researchers eager to learn about the latest advancements in chemical engineering and technology.

The event underscored Panjab University's commitment to fostering academic excellence and global collaboration, providing its community with opportunities to engage with leading experts from around the world.

BJP has increased unemployment over the past 10 years: Dolke

KAPIL ARORA  
SHAHABAD MARKANDA : Congress leader Vikramjeet Dolke, speaking to journalists at his business premises, criticized the current BJP government for increasing unemployment in the country and the state over the past decade. He claimed that under Congress rule, the state excelled in sports and other areas, but now it leads in unemployment, drug trafficking, and corruption. Dolke accused the current MLA of deceiving the public over the past five years, resulting in a rise in theft, looting, and drug empire in the constituency. He stated that former MLAs who switched to BJP and then returned to Congress have completely lost the trust of the people. Dolke emphasized that the party high command has made it clear that candidates will be selected based on their work and education. Addressing the controversy over the Congress workers' conference, Dolke stated that any leader could organize such a conference, but for it to be recognized as a Congress workers' conference, the district president and district in-charge must be present. He assured that he would fully support the party's chosen candidate. If trusted by the party and blessed by Shahabad's people, Dolke's main objectives would include constructing a flood-prevention bridge over the Markanda River, establishing industries for unemployed youth, improving the education sector, and eradicating drug abuse from Shahabad.

Eminent NRI Promoter Shinku Nabha and Lali Gurdaspuria have brought success in Australia



RAKESH JINDAL  
NABHA: Eminent NR living in Australia The Hansa-like duo of I promoter Shinku Nabha and Balwinder Lali Gurdaspuria have raised the flags of success and made the glory of Punjab shine like a diamond like Kohinoor. It is to be noted that prominent promoters Shinku Nabha and Lali Gurdaspuria have warm and close relations with Hollywood, Bollywood and Bollywood actors and actresses, including Akai Kumar, Gippy Grewal, Gurdas Maan etc. There is cooperation with Eminent promoter Shinku Nabha said during a special conversation with journalists that today's youth is getting away from their heritage and history, due to which the tendency of Punjabis to go abroad has increased. He said that instead of working hard in their fields, Punjabis youths have gone abroad, which is a major concern. He said that even today when they conduct programs related to Punjab and Punjabiyat in the form of Live in Australia, the number of Punjabis is the most visible because the current generation does not have knowledge of ancient history and old customs. He said that today's young generation will have to come forward to promote Punjab heritage and culture, otherwise human love and memories will be lost for the next decade.

Five Chupihra Jap Tapa Samagam organized at Nabha by Shaheed Baba Deep Singh Welfare Service Society

RAKESH JINDAL  
NABHA, JULY 16

Shaheed Baba Deep Singh Welfare Sewa Society Raji Nabha, an organization that holds hands with the grace and support of Guru Sahib in every aspect of the needy families in the area, where the voice was raised against drugs to save the youth of Punjab and the main guru of the poor. Taking the pill continuously on patients and themThe langar services of the heirs of Bhai Amandeep Singh Lovely, the chief servant of the organization, gave information and said that from 15th June 2024 to 14th July 2024, the Chupihra Jap Tapa Samagam dedicated to 5 Shaheed Baba Deep Singh Ji of Niroli Bani will be held at Gurdwara Sri Bhagat. Namdev ji's shrine on five Sundays from 12 to 4 o'clockIn all the organized events, the devotees in large numbers enjoyed Guru's Allahi Bani and offered prayers at Guru Sahib's feet in the 5th watch.

Bibi Hardeep Kaur Khokh, a member of the Executive of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee participated and appreciated the various services being rendered



by the organization for the past 10 years for people's welfare. There is a great need for institutions. In those five events

The Chief Sevadar of the Guru Ghar and Narol Bani Five Paths of Sri Japuji Sahib Two Paths of Sri Chaupai Sahib and One Path of Sri Sukhmani Sahib Ji While honoring Kulwinder Singh Jaswinder Kaur Granthi Singh, who served Guru Sahib by sitting on his tabia, Jaspal Singh, the chief servant of the Guru Ghar, was also honored by the organization, and Bibi Hardeep Kaur Khokh was also honored by the organization.

People getting benefit of BJP's interest schemes: Binjalpur

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER

BARARA: Satprakash Binjalpur, the state executive member of the BJP beneficiary scheme and the strong contender of the BJP ticket from Mulana Assembly, has waged its public relations campaign in the villages. Under which the village is going to the village and listening to the problems of the people and giving people information about the public interest schemes of BJP.

Satprakash Binjalpur said that while the people of SC society are joining them in large numbers during the public relations campaign, the Sarvasamaj is also talking about giving them full support in the election. Satprakash said that the way the Congress has received votes by making a false promise of giving 8500 rupees in the Lok Sabha elections, the public has known it and now the people will not be misled by the Congress. Because the BJP is running plans for the convenience of every class. Free roadways facility is being provided to poor people by giving Happy Card facility. Problems related to family IDs of people are being resolved by organizing Samadhan Camps. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini, the state is on the path of progress and under his leadership the next government will also be formed by the BJP. He said that if the party high command gives him a ticket from Mulana Assembly, he will feed lotus on this seat with a majority.

KARAN OHRI  
THANESAR, JULY 16

To save Birla Mandir, the ancient religious place of Kurukshetra, a meeting of the city's social, religious organizations and dignitaries was held on tuesday at Saraswat Dharamshala under the chairmanship of National President of All India Saraswat Brahmin Sabha and former councilor Narendra Sharma Nindi. In this meeting, the campaign launched by social worker Ashok Sharma Pehalwan to save Birla Mandir from being sold was supported. The representatives of all the organizations unanimously passed the



resolution that Birla Mandir will not be allowed to be sold at any cost. In the meeting, an appeal was made to all the organizations and political parties of the city to come together to save Birla Mandir and support Ashok Sharma's campaign enthusiastically.

In the meeting, Ram Pal Sharma, Principal General

Mannat crowned Miss Himachal

LK BANSAL  
MOHALI: Mannat, a student of School of Law at Bahra University, Solan, has done her university proud by bagging the coveted Miss Himachal title at the World Fitness Federation (WFF) Miss Himachal contest held at Una. Mannat has in the past



won titles including Miss Shimla 2024, MV Miss Himachal First Runner-Up, and Miss Glamour 2023. Speaking after being crowned Mannat attributed her success to the motivation provided by her mother whom she described as her inspiration. "As a single parent, my

mother did so much for me. She has always been my role model, managing both a police job and home," she said. Chancellor Gurminder Singh Bahra lauded the achievement of Mannat and expressed hope that she would win more such titles and be successful in life.

Government must take responsibility for repeated security lapses: Rahul Gandhi

AGENCY  
NEW DELHI, JULY 16

Hours after the killing of 4 soldiers including an Army officer was reported from the encounter site in Doda, Jammu Kashmir, the Congress launched an attack on the central government. The Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi alleged that the soldiers were bearing the brunt of BJP's wrong policies.

"Today, our soldiers were martyred in another terrorist encounter in Jammu and Kashmir. I pay my humble tribute to the martyrs and express my deepest condolences to the bereaved families. Such horrific incidents happening one after the other is extremely sad and worrying. These continuous terrorist attacks are revealing the poor condition of Jammu and Kashmir. Our soldiers and their families are bearing



the brunt of the BJP's wrong policies. Every patriotic Indian demands that the government should take full responsibility for the repeated security lapses and take strict action against the culprits who harm the country and the soldiers. In this hour of grief, the entire country stands united against terrorism," he posted on X.

Mallikarjun Kharge also questioned the Central government alleging that the government was acting as if it were business as usual.

"Deeply distressed by the martyrdom of 4 brave Army soldiers, including an officer, in a terror encounter in Jammu & Kashmir's Doda. Our heart goes out to the families of our bravehearts, who made the

supreme sacrifice in the service of Bharat Mata. Our thoughts and prayers are with the injured, and we wish them a speedy and complete recovery. No words of strong and unequivocal condemnation will suffice for these acts of violence being perpetrated by cowardly terrorists. The spate of terror attacks that has gripped Jammu and Kashmir in the past 36 days, needs careful recalibration in our security strategy. Modi Govt is acting as if everything is "business as usual" and nothing has changed. They must know that increasingly Jammu region is bearing the brunt of these attacks. We cannot endanger our National Security by indulging in false bravado, fake narratives and high-decibel whitewashing. As a nation, we have to collectively fight the scourge of cross-border terrorism.

GM reviews performance of Northern Railway, strict vigil on monsoon preparedness

NEW DELHI, JULY 16

Shobhan Chaudhuri, General Manager Northern Railway held a performance review meeting with the departmental heads of Northern Railway & DRMs at Baroda House, New Delhi. The GM emphasized that Safety is the main concern over Railways, for which all out efforts should be directed towards maintaining the tracks, rolling stock and signaling in top order. He instructed official to keep close and strict vigil on situation aroused due to rainfall and disruption in rail movement. He asked officials to maintain smooth rail movement without compromising safety.

Chaudhuri also reviewed the work done over the zone in improving the maintenance standard of tracks, welds,



joints and removal of scrap lying near the tracks. He instructed the divisions to expedite the works related with mobility enhancement and conducting drives to check the progress. The GM also took stock of the tree cutting activity and removal of vegetation alongside the tracks. He stressed upon the safety during ongoing monsoon season and all efforts should be done to curb any kind of obstruction during operation of trains.

On improving the

infrastructure, the GM said that, greater focus should be on the timely completion of projects related with doubling of lines, signaling etc. He further said that the monitoring system of progress of construction projects should be a prime focus area as the development/improvement of railways are very much dependent on these projects.

During the meeting, Sh. Chaudhuri also emphasized on better crew management and optimum utilization of manpower.

He instructed to maintain good record of punctuality of trains and expedites the works related with mobility enhancement and conducting drives to check the progress. Northern Railway is committed to provide safe, smooth and efficient services to its customers.

Lamrin Tech Skills University celebrates World Youth Skills Day

JATINDER PAL SINGH KALER  
KATHGARH, JULY 16

On the occasion of World Youth Skills Day on July 2024, Lamrin Tech Skills University (LTSU), Punjab organized a Master Class for more than hundred faculty members and trainers along with deans and heads of different schools. World Youth Skills Day is a United Nations - designated observance celebrated annually to recognize and promote the importance of equipping young people with skills for entrepreneurship, employment and decent work. The theme for World Youth Skills Day 2024 was 'Youth Skills for Peace and Development'.

Dr. Partap Sriram Sundar, Academic Director (MIGM, PLIIM), Adjunct Professor of



Operations Management, Indian School of Business (ISB), a distinguished expert in the field of education enlightened the audience as Resource Person. Dr. Partap Sriram Sundar, elaborated techniques for making lessons more engaging and enriching for students besides providing valuable insights into various instructional materials that can be used for an effective teaching-learning process.

He highlighted the importance of identifying the

strength of students for enhancing knowledge and skills and encouraged the participants to observe nature to get ideas for solving problems. He shared ideas for projects which may be worked upon and how the faculty can encourage students for divergent thinking. The concept of biomimicry was illustrated in a manner which motivated the participants to rethink and redesign their roles as educators.

Society can be transformed by Youth Power: Prof. Rajbir



KAPIL ARORA  
SHAHABAD MARKANDA, JULY 16

In the village of Azrana Khurd, Markandeya Sports Club president Prof. Rajbir received significant support in his campaign against drug abuse. A large number of youths voiced their determination to fight against drugs, emphasizing the need for leaders like Prof. Rajbir to guide them. Addressing the youth, Prof. Rajbir highlighted that today's young generation possesses the capability to transform society with their skills and abilities. He urged governments to develop schemes that harness the potential of youth for the nation's progress and the creation of a clean society.

Prof. Rajbir encouraged the youth to play a constructive role in social development. Expressing concern over the growing drug menace in Shahabad, he pointed out that drug addiction is weakening the youth, including girls who are increasingly falling prey to it. Prof. Rajbir called for a united effort from Shahabad's residents to combat this issue collectively. He thanked the villagers and youth for their support.

Haryana launches special campaign in Karnal District

JAGBIR UPLANA  
KARNAL, JULY 16

A special publicity campaign is being run by the Department of Information, Public Relations, Language and Culture, Haryana. During the special publicity campaign, a target has been set to cover the villages and wards of the cities of Karnal district. This special publicity campaign will be run till July 31. District Information and Public Relations Officer Manoj Kaushik while giving information said that in the special publicity campaign in the district, departmental regular and listed Bhajan parties are reaching urban and rural areas to propagate the government schemes.

Bhajan parties are making the general public



aware about the government schemes, policies and achievements through their songs and musical entertaining presentations.

He said that the purpose of the special publicity campaign is to make the general public aware about the government's developmental policies,

schemes, achievements as well as popular schemes through folk singing style. A publicity team has been assigned for the publicity campaign which is reaching the entire rural and urban areas of the district and propagating about the government's public welfare policies and schemes.

Birla Mandir will not be allowed to be sold at any cost: Narendra Sharma Nindi

Raju Chauhan, former Councilor Gaurav Sharma Gori, former Councilor Amit Garg Shanky, Road Samaj leader and former Organization Secretary of State Congress Subhash Pali, Ramesh Sharma Pai, Premjeet Sharma Pai, Rajendra Sharma, Jogna Kheda were present.

While talking to journalists, Narendra Sharma Nindi said that the identity and pride of Kurukshetra, Birla Mandir has been sold. There is a plan to build a market at this place. Birla Mandir will not be sold at any cost. We all support the campaign launched by social worker Ashok Sharma Pehalwan to save Birla Mandir.

Secretary of Shri Brahmin and Tirthodhar Sabha, former Chairman of Improvement Trust Jelesh Sharma, former Chief and former Councilor of Multan Sabha Vivek Mehta Vicky, former Councilor Manu Jain, former Councilor Om Prakash OP, former Councilor Pankaj Chochhra, former Councilor Narendra

New executive of Pal Gadaria Dharamshala forms



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: The new executive of Pal Gadaria Dharamshala was formed unanimously in Shiv Colony Karnal on Monday. In which all the dignitaries from Shiv Colony Pal Samaj were present and dissolved the old executive and unanimously formed a new executive. In which Master Chandrabhan Pal was made the head of the new executive and 31 members were given responsibility to work together. The entire Pal community congratulated Master Chandrabhan on being alleviated to the post of head and he also assured that they would lead the Dharamshala towards progress during their tenure. He will take the Pal community forward. In which Baljeet Pal, B Kuldeep Pal, Praveen Pal, Paramjeet, Tarachand, Deshraj, Kaliram Pal, Rajpal, Mahavir Pal, Veerbhan, Dinesh, Rajesh Pal, Rakesh Pal and hundreds of other people were present.

Editorial

Trickster dawn

It was hard to fight the elation while watching the United Kingdom election results coming in. The main thing, at many moments the only thing, that mattered was tracking, window by smashed window, the defenestration of so many Tory leaders and grandees by an enraged electorate. For anyone who has suffered directly under fourteen years of the most cruel, cynical and incompetent tenure of any modern British government, the moment was, to put it mildly, cathartic. For the last several weeks, the polls had been signalling the departure of the toxic Conservative circus; from 10 pm BST, on July 4, the exit polls (mostly reliable, unlike ours) confirmed it; and in the early hours of July 5, Rishi Sunak finally did something right when he announced that he had called Keir Starmer to tell him that he had conceded. By 11.30 am, Sunak was making the best and the most honest speech of his time as prime minister, taking responsibility for the debacle, apologising to the voters while accepting their verdict, and welcoming the opponent about to replace him as a decent and sincere man who would do his best for the country.

Within ninety minutes, a man with a very different energy was giving his first speech as the new prime minister of Britain. Starmer was measured, his jubilation tempered, his words precisely calculated towards raising the people's spirits while managing long-pent-up desires and expectations. "We will fight until you believe..." — this statement acknowledged that the long Tory procession of performative mendacity had shredded the faith in politicians, democracy and government. He promised that this sorry sequence was now over and his government would work to earn the trust of the people. There was an overwhelming feeling that, for the first time since Gordon Brown exited this storied cul-de-sac, there was a responsible grown-up in charge of the country.

Which brings us to the inescapable phrase, 'having said that'. There are many things to note as Starmer and his new cabinet take charge of the rickety contraption known as Great Britain. As so many have pointed out, Labour's majority is 'a mile wide and an inch deep'. As the snake-dance of the first-past-the-post system continues, let us savour the messy contradictions of the UK results to briefly distract ourselves from the cat's cradle that is our own political situation. Despite Starmer's repeated stress on a 'changed Labour Party' now taking charge, the fact is that the much-maligned Jeremy Corbyn won 40% of the vote share in 2017 as opposed to the current 35% garnered by Starmer, and 32% — just 3% less — in the 'wipe-out' of the 2019 elections where Corbyn and the Labour campaign were energetically sabotaged by elements in his own party.

Who is Usha Chilukuri Vance

Usha Chilukuri Vance, the wife of JD Vance, whom Donald Trump declared as his running mate in the upcoming US presidential elections on Monday, brings a wealth of credentials and a deep connection to Indian values and culture.

A litigator at a national firm, Usha Vance is the daughter of Indian immigrants and has an impressive academic background. She holds a bachelor's degree in History from Yale University and a Master of Philosophy degree from the University of Cambridge, according to the New York Times.

Born Usha Chilukuri, she has carved out a distinguished career in the legal field, having clerked for Supreme Court Justices John Roberts and Brett Kavanaugh before Kavanaugh's nomination to the Court.

Raised in a suburb of San Diego, California, with a strong emphasis on education and hard work, Usha's academic achievements include serving as Managing Editor of the Yale Journal of Law & Technology and Executive Development Editor of The Yale Law Journal, according to a biography from Munger, Tolles & Olson law firm.

After four years of intense extracurricular activity at Yale, she continued her studies as a Gates fellow at Cambridge, where she engaged with left-wing and liberal groups. She was a registered Democrat in 2014.

Usha and JD Vance first met at Yale Law School and were married in Kentucky in 2014, with a Hindu priest presiding over a separate ceremony, according to the New York Times. The couple has three children together.

Usha Vance has played a subtle yet significant role in her husband's success. She



assisted Vance in organizing his thoughts on the social decline in rural white America, which inspired his best-selling memoir, *Hillbilly Elegy*, which was adapted into a film directed by Ron Howard in 2020. In the past, she has made some rare appearances with Vance as he sought the Ohio Senate seat.

As the US presidential elections draw near, former US President Donald Trump made his pick for Vice President, selecting JD Vance as his running mate on Monday. Trump confirmed Vance's candidature through a post on social media.

Speaking to news agency, a US-based global real estate investment advisor and a well-known entrepreneur, Al Mason said, "Usha Vance is a highly accomplished attorney and daughter of Indian immigrants — and her husband brings youth and diversity to the Trump ticket."

"She knows the Indian culture and all

about India. She can be a big help to her husband in navigating great ties between USA and India," the entrepreneur, who is also a friend of the Trump family, said.

Meanwhile, in an interview earlier with Fox & Friends, Usha Chilukuri Vance and her Senator husband talked about the two having different faiths, and what are their views on the speculations of him becoming a pick for the Vice President of the US.

"I don't think people understand how hard he works and how creative he is. Everything he says and does is built on a foundation of so much thought. He's always trying to do better," Usha Vance said.

On being asked about the reason behind her support for JD Vance, as the US Presidential elections remain around the corner, Usha told Fox, "There are a few different reasons...One is that I grew up in a religious household. My parents are Hindu, and that

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was one of the things that made them such good parents, that makes them really very good people. And so I think I've seen that...the power of that in my own life, and I knew that JD was searching for something. This just felt right for him."

The interview was taken three weeks before the announcement of JD Vance as the running mate of Trump in the upcoming US presidential polls.

Vance was born James David Bowman in Middletown, Ohio, to a mother who struggled with addiction and a father who left the family when JD was a toddler. He was raised by his grandparents.

The Trump campaign says the former president, following his brush with death, will call for unity in the face of tragedy instead of criticising his political adversaries as he faces off with President Biden in a 2024 election rematch.

Literature & Health

Indian-American VC performs 'Ardas' at Republican National Convention

An Indian American lawyer and a former Republican Vice Chairperson, Harmeet Dhillon, performed the Ardas, a Sikh prayer in the presence of former US President Donald Trump at the Republican National Convention.

Slamming the attack on Trump as 'heinous', Dhillon said that the attack made everyone seek comfort and answers.

"Thank you, everyone. These last 48 hours have been some of the most intense, yet most prayerful of our lives... I come from a family of Sikh immigrants. I am honoured to share with you, my fellow Republicans and guests tonight, a prayer from my faith tradition practised by over 25 million worldwide. To show respect, we cover our heads when we pray." Hailing from a family of Sikh immigrants, Dhillon recited the 'Ardas' - a prayer to seek God's protection. She was seen covering her head as a mark of respect before her recital. "We recite the Ardas prayer before any new endeavour, giving thanks to God and asking for his



protection and help to uphold the values of humility, truth, courage, service, and justice for all," she said.

She called America a heaven on Earth and sought blessings for voters.

"Dear Vaheguru, our one true God, we thank you for creating America as a unique haven on this earth where all people are free to worship according to their faith. We seek your blessings and guidance for our beloved country. Please bless our people with wisdom as they vote in the upcoming election. And please bless with humility, honesty, skill, and integrity all those who conduct the election," she said.

Donald Trump makes first public appearance after assassination attempt

Former US President Donald Trump arrived at the Republican National Convention on Monday (local time), making his first public appearance after he survived the assassination attempt on Saturday.

Wearing a white bandage on his right ear, the former US President waved at supporters and received a standing ovation from the audience. He made no remarks during the convention and stood alongside his newly announced running mate, Senator JD Vance.

He applauded the officials and guests as they addressed the convention. During the convention, he sat next to JD Vance. During the convention, Trump's supporters carried posters that read, "Make America Wealthy Again." Trump is scheduled to formally accept his party's nomination as a presidential candidate to challenge US President Joe Biden in the elections scheduled for November 5. Trump was on stage at a campaign rally on Saturday when gunshots rang out and Se-

cret Service agents stormed the stage. Hours after the shooting, Trump said that the bullet pierced the upper part of his right ear. One of the rally attendees was killed, while two more were critically injured in the shooting.



The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) identified the gunman as Thomas Matthew Crooks, 20, from Bethel Park, Pennsylvania, with the case continuing to be under investigation.

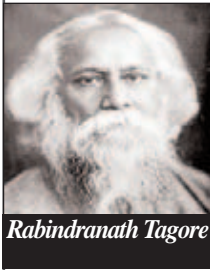
Speaking to ABC News, Donald Trump said the assassination attempt at his campaign rally on Saturday had "impact."

Asked whether the close call to the bullet striking his head "changed him," the former US President responded, "I don't like to think about that, but, yes, I think has an impact." Trump said his ear is doing fine and that he hopes the bandage will be off by the time he addresses the Republican National Convention on Thursday, according to an ABC News report.

POEM

Little Flute

Thou hast made me endless, such is thy pleasure. This frail vessel thou emptiest again and again, and fillest it ever with fresh life. This little flute of a reed thou hast carried over hills and dales, and hast breathed through it melodies eternally new. At the immortal touch of thy hands my little heart loses its limits in joy and gives birth to utterance ineffable. Thy infinite gifts come to me only on these very small hands of mine.



Rabindranath Tagore

Early life antibiotic might increases risk of asthma: Study

Early exposure to antibiotics might increase long-term vulnerability to asthma. Importantly, the study team discovered a chemical generated by gut bacteria that might possibly be used in the future as a simple therapy, in the form of a food supplement, to prevent asthma in children, according to recent study from Monash University.

Asthma affects around 260 million people worldwide, resulting in approximately 455,000 deaths each year.

Professor Ben Marsland's study, published today (TBC) in the journal *Immunity*, identified a molecule called IPA as critical for long-term asthma prevention.



Importantly the finding of the molecule produced by bacteria in a healthy gut provides an explanation as to why the recurrent use of antibiotics increases the risk of asthma, according to Professor Marsland. "We know that recurrent use of antibiotics early in life disrupts a person's healthy gut microbiota and increases the risk of allergies and asthma. We have discovered that a consequence of antibiotic treatment is the depletion of bacteria that produce IPA, thus reducing a key molecule that has the potential to prevent asthma," he said.

The first years of life are important in developing a stable gut microbiota, according to Professor Marsland. "It is shaped first by food

intake - both milk and solid foods - as well as genetics, and environmental exposures. Infants at high risk of allergies and asthma have been shown to have a disrupted and delayed maturation of the gut microbiome," he said.

"The use of antibiotics in the first year of life can have the unintentional effect of reducing bacteria which promote health, and we now know from this research that antibiotics lead to reduced IPA, which we have found is critical early in life as our lung cells mature, making it a candidate for early life prevention of allergic airway inflammation."

Working in mice predisposed to develop asthma, the research team found that - when given antibiotics

in early life - the mice were more susceptible to house-dust mite-induced allergic airway inflammation and this lasted into adulthood. Asthma is commonly triggered by exposure to house dust mite.

This susceptibility was maintained long-term, even after the gut microbiome and IPA levels returned to normal, highlighting that this molecule's function was particularly important early in life.

When these mice had their diet supplemented with the IPA molecule early in life, the researchers found that the mice were effectively cured of developing the house dust mite induced allergic airway inflammation, or asthma, in adulthood.

Sai Life sciences limited files DRHP with SEBI

**G**URUGRAM : Sai Life Sciences Limited ("SLSL" or "The Company"), has filed its Draft Red Herring Prospectus ("DRHP") with market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"). Sai Life Sciences provides end-to-end services across the drug discovery, development, and manufacturing value chain, for small molecule new chemical entities ("NCE"), to global pharmaceutical innovator companies and biotechnology firms. The Company plans to raise funds through offer of equity shares (face value ₹ 1 each) through initial public offerings. The offer comprises of fresh issues of Equity Shares aggregating up to ₹ 800 crores and offer for sale up to 61,573,120 equity share by Selling Shareholders. Sai Life Sciences proposes to utilize net proceeds from fresh issue towards- (i) Repayment/ prepayment, in full or part, of all or certain outstanding borrowings availed by Company to ₹ 600 crores and (ii) for General corporate purposes.

Rathi Steel And Power Ltd.'s Unit Declared "Pioneer Unit"

**C**HANDIGARH: Rathi Steel and Power Ltd. (BSE: 504903), a leader in stainless steel products like Wire Rods, Billets, Flats, has announced that the company's steel melting unit at Ghaziabad has been declared as Pioneer Unit under "The Industrial and Service Sector Investment Policy 2004" of Govt. of Uttar Pradesh and pursuant to which it has received an amount of Rs. 4.72 Cr from Govt. of Uttar Pradesh as Refund against its claim of Electricity Duty Exemption. Earlier, the company reported stellar earnings for quarter and year ended 31 March 2024. Revenue for the full year was Rs. 492.85 crore in FY24. EBITDA (excluding other income) was at Rs. 20.79 crore for FY24, EBITDA Margin was 4.22% for FY24. PAT for the year was Rs. 23.53 crore, while PAT Margin stood at 4.78%.

Tata Motors 'Automotive Skill Labs' initiative nurtures over 4000 students

**C**HANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Reaffirming its commitment to nurturing talent and creating a skilled workforce for the automotive industry, Tata Motors' in collaboration with Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) has established dedicated Automotive Skill Labs at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs). To date, 25 labs, fully equipped with essential tools, have been set up across select JNVs in Maharashtra, Karnataka, Gujarat, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, and Uttarakhand. This unique industry-academic joint initiative equips approximately 4000 students annually with practical automotive skills, with 30% of students enrolled being girls. Emphasizing the commitment to enriching the lives of youth and bridging the skills gap in the automotive industry, Vinod Kulkarni, CSR Head, Tata Motors, said, "Our Automotive Skill Labs empower youngsters from the underserved communities with employable skills, relevant for the evolving automotive sector in India. It creates pathways for students in grades 9th – 12th to pursue higher education and secure employment opportunities."

Bring Cinema Home with BRAVIA Theatre Bar 8 and Bar 9 soundbars for unmatched sound experience

**L**udhiana : Sony India today announces the launch of its latest BRAVIA Theatre Bar 8 and BRAVIA Theatre Bar 9. These state-of-the-art soundbars are designed to deliver an unparalleled cinematic experience at home, combining Sony's expertise in audio and visual technologies with advanced features for the ultimate in-home entertainment. Sony's new BRAVIA Theatre Bars are engineered to enrich the home viewing experience, bringing the magic of the big screen to the comfort of your living room. With the expansion of streaming services and the growing trend of home entertainment, the BRAVIA Theatre Bar 8, with 11 speaker units, and the Bar 9, with 13 speaker units, are set to transform your movie nights with exceptional sound quality and cutting-edge technology. With the newly released BRAVIA Theatre Bar 9 and BRAVIA Theatre Bar 8, you can enjoy 360 Spatial Sound Mapping.

Reliance Retail Presents The Wedding Collective

**C**handigarh: Reliance Retail proudly announces the launch of The Wedding Collective, an exclusive and meticulously curated wedding exhibition set to take place from August 23rd to 25th, 2024, at the Jio World Convention Centre in Mumbai. Offering the ultimate wedding planning experience for brides, grooms and their families, this invite-only event is designed to redefine the wedding shopping experience by bringing all the experts from different categories under one roof. From fashion to gourmet cuisine, jewellery to wedding planners, luxury beauty services to bespoke financial guidance, enjoy a range of premium services at one venue. "As someone who truly loves the spirit of weddings—the rituals, the celebrations, the traditions, the festivities—I am very excited to present The Wedding Collective at the Jio World Convention Centre. I envision the JWCC as the venue for many standout weddings; it has been designed to cater to events—both intimate and immense, and The Wedding Collective promises to be the perfect showcase."

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Neeraj Chopra's ZIDD FOR MORE' inspires Under Armour's brand campaign

**A**mritsar: Under Armour's campaign is inspired by Neeraj Chopra's grit, resilience, determination and stubbornness. The 'ZIDD FOR MORE' campaign delves deep into the Olympic and World Champion's ziddi mindset to never give up on his goal of bringing greater glory to the nation. The content for this awe-inspiring campaign was created by shooting hours and hours of Chopra's intense training sessions over several days. The film opens with the line "Har Taiyaari Se Badkar Hai Ziddi", a personal belief that Chopra lives by and demonstrates - battling exhaustion, injuries, and loneliness in foreign lands while relentlessly going about his gruelling regimen. "We are proud of our long partnership with Neeraj, one of India's greatest athletes and an icon of today's generation, who embodies the brand's core values: grit, resilience, and determination. Through this campaign we endeavour to inspire all athletes and strengthen Under Armour's position as India's most loved athletic performance brand," said Tushar Goudidas, Managing Director, Under Armour India. Exclusive India Distributor and Licensee for Under Armour.

Keep kids healthy and safe this monsoon: expert shares ways to prevention

**C**handigarh: As we welcome the change in seasons, it's important to remember that these shifts can also bring about health challenges and diseases. The increased humidity and dampness create a breeding ground for viruses, bacteria, and mosquitoes, raising the risk of illnesses in young children. Parents need to be extra cautious about the illnesses accompanying this shift. Change in seasons can impact immunological responses, increasing a child's susceptibility to seasonal diseases including flu, colds, allergies, etc. Variations in humidity and temperature can cause respiratory diseases like asthma and bronchitis.

Dr. Neeraj Kumar, HOD and Chief Consultant, Paediatrics, Motherhood Chaitanya Hospital, Sector 44, Chandigarh, explains, "Monsoon season brings high humidity and stagnant water. This creates a perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes and other pests, leading to a spike in illnesses like dengue fever, malaria, and stomach infections. Be especially vigilant if your child experiences symptoms like a sudden high fever, chills, severe headaches, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhoea. These can be signs

of monsoon-related illnesses. Early detection is crucial for prompt treatment and a speedy recovery. To stay safe from mosquitoes, keep your home clean, dry, and well-ventilated and avoid eating food from street vendors where unsanitary conditions can attract mosquitoes. Taking these simple steps at home will help protect you from mosquito-spread diseases. Don't hesitate to consult your doctor if your child experiences any of the mentioned symptoms."

Dr. Vivek Walia, Consultant – Paediatrician,

Motherhood Chaitanya Hospitals, Sec 44. Chandigarh emphasizes the importance of preventive healthcare. "With monsoon approaching and kids back in school, the flu vaccine becomes even more crucial. It works by training their bodies to recognize and fight off the specific flu viruses circulating during this time. This helps prevent them from getting sick altogether, or if they do get the flu, it can significantly lessen the severity of symptoms. Remember, vaccinations are our best defence against preventable illnesses."

Dr. Seema Sharma,

Consultant-Paediatrician, Motherhood Chaitanya Hospitals, Sec 44. Chandigarh highlights the dangers of avoiding vaccinations, quoting "Vaccines are like shields for young children whose immune systems are still developing. The flu vaccine, for example, teaches their bodies to recognize and fight off specific flu strains circulating during monsoon season. This not only helps prevent them from getting sick altogether, but it can also mean a milder illness with fewer missed school days and less disruption to their routine."

Corteva Agriscience drives adoption of DSR for improved farm productivity, reduced environmental footprint

**B**hatinda: – Corteva Agriscience, a global pure-play agriculture company, is committed to helping farmers adopt sustainable and holistic agronomic practices. Direct Seeded Rice is a method in which rice seeds are sown directly into the field as opposed to the traditional method of growing seedlings in nursery and later transplanting to farm.

Subroto Geed, President – South Asia, Corteva Agriscience, stated "At Corteva Agriscience, we understand the challenges rice farmers face and acute need to promote sustainable farming. That's why we're focused on increasing Direct Seeding Rice (DSR) adoption through a

multi-stakeholder approach. By bringing together diverse partners and leveraging advanced seed technology, crop protection solutions, and sustainable agronomic practices, we empower farmers with effective solutions for resilient rice production. This aligns perfectly with our vision of a future where cutting-edge technologies, collaboration with like-minded partners, and integrated sustainable practices propel us towards achieving our ambitious sustainability goals."

Dr Raman Babu, Seed R&D Leader, South Asia, Corteva Agriscience, added, "At Corteva Agriscience, we're committed to developing innovative solu-

tions for enhanced DSR adoption in India. Traditional rice cultivation practices are labor, water and energy-intensive, prone to erratic weather patterns, and vulnerable to pests & diseases, leading to reduced crop yields and farm profitability. Our focus remains on developing superior climate resilient DSR seed products, crop protection innovations and agronomic excellence that will contribute to solutions for water scarcity and climate variability, ultimately fostering a more sustainable and productive future for India's rice production." Traditional rice cultivation methods in India require extensive labor and massive water resources,

Modern, Bold and Muscular: Skoda Auto India shares design glimpse of all-new compact SUV

**A**mritsar : The Skoda Auto India juggernaut continues to roll on the brink of its 129th year anniversary globally, and the 24th in India. After a host of customer and product actions across the year and beginning 2024 with the announcement of an all-new



compact SUV, Skoda Auto India provided a second glimpse of this all-new car. Speaking on the release of the design teaser, Petr Janeba, Brand Director, Skoda Auto India, said: "We began 2024 with the announcement of our all-new compact SUV. Midway through 2024, we are well on

track. Our compact SUV is undergoing rigorous testing on our roads across India and we are continuously enhancing the finer nuances together with our production preparations, high competencies and quality local supplier partner ramp-ups. The new Compact SUV will truly democratize our European technology on Indian roads. As it is based on a larger car platform, our compact SUV will have the 'big car' feel within a compact footprint and thus have a great appeal for new car buyers, in line with our brand commitment to India, as the most important market for Skoda Auto outside Europe. A majority of the Skoda cars produced outside Europe are manufactured in our local factories and we are exporting locally produced Skoda cars to 14 countries."

Wavin announces India's T20 World Cup Winning Captain Rohit Sharma as its Brand Ambassador

**C**handigarh : Wavin, an Orbia business and a global leader in innovative piping solutions and advanced water management systems, announced Rohit Sharma, who recently led India to World T20 glory, as their brand ambas-



sador for the Indian market. With over 60 years of experience, Wavin is known to set the standard for performance and durability just like India's captain and 'hitman' Rohit Sharma. Wavin, consistently recognised for providing a wide spectrum of piping and water storage/management challenges, has extensively expanded its presence in India in the last couple of

years. It has also successfully set industry benchmarks by meeting the aspirational needs of an evolving nation. In India, the company operates two brands Wavin & Vectus pipes, mitigating the plumbing and drainage issues faced in the country with its internationally acclaimed products, backed by decades of research & development. Wavin's association with Rohit Sharma is in line with their overarching objective of not just enhancing their resonance with the nation's public but to highlight their commitment towards excellence that Rohit Sharma's career and standing reflects. Announcing the same, Mr. Randhir Chauhan, President, Orbia India said, "Wavin for years has been dedicated to addressing the needs of an aspirational nation by ensuring widespread penetration of quality plumbing and drainage systems across India's diverse cities."

Sreshta Finvest Ltd. Signs Fresh Agreement with Felix Industries

**C**HANDIGARH: Sreshta Finvest Ltd., a leader in financial solutions, has announced that in continuation of existing business arrangement between Sreshta Finvest Ltd. (Sreshta) and Felix Industries Ltd. (Felix) have yet again joined hands through the signing of a Facility Agreement aimed at advancing renewable energy and sustainability initiatives where in Sreshta would extend further towards lending in renewable energy and clean water related projects aimed at sustainable development. Through this fresh agreement, Felix shall secure funding for capital work of plant installation for the order procured by Felix with Aarti Industries Ltd for renewable energy, clean water and water recycle related project for the tune of about Rs. 50 million in total to be funded in two phases. With a aim to further provide robust financial support to a diverse in to Renewable Energy and water segment, fostering sustainability and marking a significant move towards Green Environment and sustainable projects this arrangement would strengthen the financial support to Felix.



**C**handigarh: Poet Dinesh Bhalla's newly published first poetry collection Tere Naam was released by Samvad Sahitya Manch Chandigarh at the Community Centre, Sector 43 here. After which the book was discussed by the poets and litterateurs present. In this program, KK Sharda President Acharyakul Chandigarh was the chief guest. The program was presided over by councillor Prem Lata, while the President of the Manch and senior littera-

teur Prem Vij was present as a special guest in this program. The program started with Saraswati Vandana which was presented by Somesh. The poets and litterateurs present expressed their views on the poetry collection Tere Naam and discussed the book and presented their poems. Poet Dr. Vinod Kumar Sharma, while expressing his views on Dinesh Bhalla's poetry collection Tere Naam, said that in the poetry book, the poet has expressed the feel-

ings of his mind in a very effective manner. Litterateur Prem Vij said that the poet has expressed the contribution of his family in his literary journey and has given a message of love to a world full of violence and hatred. Poet and Shayar Anish Garg said that the poet has expressed his feelings in a very simple manner, in which there is loneliness, there are memories and there is also a smile on the lips. Dr. Sangeeta Sharma Kundra said that while reading all the poems, a shape is formed in the mind and emotions are expressed. While discussing the poetry collection Tere Naam by poet Dinesh Bhalla, there are a total of 53 poems in the poetry collection which are immersed in the essence of love, which the reader will feel good after reading.

Gallant Play Unveils Gallant Play Arena, Redefining Sports Excellence in Panipat



**P**ANIPAT – Gallant Play is thrilled to announce the grand opening of Gallant Play Arena, a state-of-the-art multi-sports centre in Panipat. Situated at Ansals Sushant City near Sector 13-17. This premier facility offers a comprehensive range of sports options designed to cater to enthusiasts of all age groups.

With a commitment to providing world-class infrastructure, Gallant Play Arena is equipped with top-notch facilities that ensure a premium

experience for every visitor. Sports enthusiasts can engage in a variety of activities, including Football, Box Cricket, Swimming, Basketball, Badminton, Volleyball, Tennis, Cricket, Nets and Table Tennis. The arena's dedication to quality and excellence mirrors the standards set by Gallant Sports, guaranteeing an exceptional environment for both casual players and serious athletes.

Nasir Ali, CEO of Gallant Sports stated that "We are immensely proud to

launch Gallant Play Arena in Panipat, offering a world-class sports facility that caters to enthusiasts of all ages. Our mission is to nurture talent, promote a healthy lifestyle, and provide a premier environment for both casual and serious athletes. The 'Pay and Play' model is essential as it ensures everyone has access to top-notch facilities and coaching. Gallant Play Arena represents our commitment to excellence and our dedication to fostering a vibrant sports community."

Gallant Play Arena also takes pride in its team of highly skilled coaches who are dedicated to nurturing talent and promoting a healthy, active lifestyle. Coaching for kids is currently available in Football and Basketball, with plans to introduce coaching for Badminton, Table Tennis, and Swimming is very soon. Adults can also benefit from coaching sessions in Football, Badminton, Table Tennis, Swimming, and Tennis. Coaching sessions are scheduled daily from 4 pm to 7 pm, providing structured training to enhance skills.

Skyview by Empyrean to host Delhi-based artist Kritika Joshi to participate in the 'Sama-Vaya' Art Retreat in Jammu on August 22-25

**N**E DELHI : - The culturally rich and beautiful valley of Jammu is all set to welcome art-lovers and collectors from around the world yet again! Skyview by

Empyrean, a 22-acre mountain harbour that seamlessly blends premium hospitality, adventure, nature and luxury in the Sanget-Patnitop region is gearing up to host the second edition of the interactive art-retreat 'Sama-Vaya' on its premises between August 22- 25, 2024. Organised by prominent art consultant and curator Anupa Mehta and supported by crafts curator Anu Chowdhury Sorabjee, 'Sama-Vaya' which in Sanskrit means 'union', brings together acclaimed artists and

PTC Industries Ltd. Board Approves Rs. 700 Cr Fund Raise through QIP

**C**HANDIGARH: PTC Industries Limited, a leading Indian manufacturer of precision metal components for critical applications, has announced that its

board has approved Raising of funds, aggregating up to ₹ 700 Crores through Qualified Institutions Placement (QIP), subject to necessary approvals including the

approval of the members of the Company and such other regulatory/statutory approvals as may be required.

iQOO Launches the Fully Loaded 5G Smartphone iQOO Z9 Lite 5G

**C**HANDIGARH: iQOO launched the latest addition to its Fully Loaded Z series - iQOO Z9 Lite 5G in India. The smartphone is the ideal choice for first time 5G users with a powerful processor, stellar design and Sony primary camera.

Priced at INR 10,499 (Effective Price - INR 9,999) for 4GB+ 128GB, INR 11,499 (Effective Price - INR 10,999) for 6GB+128GB with an additional up to 6GB of extended RAM) along with support for up to 1TB of expandable storage. iQOO Z9 Lite will be available on the iQOO e-store and Amazon.in in two youthful and refreshing colour variants : Aqua Flow and Mocha Brown.



Commenting on the launch,

Nipun Marya, Chief Executive Officer - iQOO, said that at iQOO, we are committed to advancing technology to meet the evolving demands of our young users. Inspired by valuable consumer feedback, industry trends, and the overwhelming response to our Z series smartphones, we are thrilled to introduce the iQOO Z9 Lite 5G. This smartphone is ideal for those looking to upgrade from 4G to 5G, offering robust performance, a stylish design, and lasting durability. Engineered for Gen Z and students with fast-paced lifestyles and diverse needs, the iQOO Z9 Lite is designed to keep up with their dynamic world.

World Population Day Celebrated at Saint Soldier International School

**C**HANDIGARH : Saint Soldier International School commemorated World Population Day with an informative and engaging presentation by NSS In charge Manoj Kumar. The aim was to raise awareness among students about the rapid rise in global population and its far-reaching effects. The presentation delved into the numerous effects of overpopulation, such as environmental degradation, resource depletion, and increased pressure on healthcare and educational systems. The students were enlightened on the importance of sustainable development and responsible resource management to mitigate these challenges. Through charts, graphs, and compel-



ling visuals, the presentation made a strong impact, educating the audience on the critical need to address population issues proactively. The event concluded with a call to action, encourag-

ing students and staff to be more mindful of their ecological footprints and to support initiatives that promote sustainable living.

Karisma Kapoor sheds light on her role as a judge on 'India's Best Dancer – Season 4'

**C**handigarh : 'India's Best Dancer', on Sony Entertainment Television, has set a new standard of dance on reality shows, inspiring a wave of extraordinary performers to perform on this grand stage.

Promising a captivating journey of extraordinary talent and electrifying dance moves the fourth season of the much-cherished dance reality show urges viewers, Jab Dil Kare Dance Kar! Heightening the glamour quotient is Bollywood's dancing diva, Karisma Kapoor who takes on the role as a judge. And, joining her in this journey are Terence Lewis, and Geeta Kapur, who reprise their role as judges this season. Here is Karisma shedding light on her role as the 'Entertainment Specialist' on the show. I have been a part of several dance reality shows over the years but always preferred being a part of special

episodes where I get to have a good time. I always believed that being a full-time judge is a huge commitment however, things changed with 'India's Best Dancer'. In one of the previous episodes of the season, I had appeared as a special judge and what stayed with me is the show's energy and ethos. And this was one of the prime reasons I decided to be a part of the show as a judge. As a judge this season, I am thrilled to witness the evolution of dance styles and the boundless creativity of our contestants. This platform not only celebrates talent but also fosters a spirit of innovation and perseverance among participants. I am eager to embark on this journey alongside Terence and Geeta, where we aim to inspire, empower, and elevate each dancer's performance to new heights.



Do yoga and meditation for mental health: Dr. Makkar



**A**mritsar: Rotary Club Amritsar Premier organised a free medical camp in Central Jail Amritsar today. On this occasion, various doctors conducted physical tests of the prisoners lodged in the jail. World famous psychiatrist Dr. Harjot Singh Makkar, who was the main attendee at the camp, examined the prisoners. He gave detailed information to the prisoners about mental health. He said that drug addiction is such a curse which is slowly hollowing out the society. People who are victims of drug addiction can neither

progress themselves nor can take care of their family. Families have been destroyed due to drug addicts. Many have lost their husbands. Dr. Makkar said that one can get rid of drug addiction. He said that yoga and meditation are necessary for mental health. On this occasion, after examining the prisoners, Dr. Makkar gave them free medicines. On this occasion, many doctors including Dr. Raman, Dr. Somil Kansal, Dr. Gayatri Shur were present. The jail administration expressed its gratitude to Dr. Makkar for setting up the medical camp.

JSW Group signs MOU with MSRIT and SHARIKA to establish Center of Excellence at Bengaluru

**C**handigarh: The US \$24 billion JSW Group has entered into a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with MS Ramaiah Institute of Technology (MSRIT), an autonomous Private Engineering Institute, affiliated to Visvesvaraya Technological University, and approved by the State Govt. of Karnataka and Sharika Smartec, a division of Sharika Enterprises, a technical knowledge based consultancy & training company engaged in Design & Development of Smart Grid Technologies, to convert conventional power system into flexible power system through innovative solutions. This tripartite collaboration will establish, at the MSRIT campus in Bengaluru, the JSW Center of Excellence (JSW-COE) for Smart Grid technologies. According to the Agreement signed, JSW Group shall provide financial grant to the JSW-COE, MSRIT shall actively take on the pivotal role of establishing and hosting the JSW-COE and Sharika Smartec will be its knowledge partner and support in establishing, operating and maintaining the JSW-COE. All the three parties to the MOU will leverage the collective strength of society to propel continuous learning, skill development and knowledge enhancement for operations staff, engineers and managerial professionals.

Amazon Influencer Program Now Has Over 50,000 Creators

**C**handigarh: Amazon.in announced that the company is collaborating with more than 50,000 creators across the country as part of its Amazon Influencer Program. Hundreds of these creators are also part of Amazon Live program - an interactive platform where viewers can engage directly with creators and brand representatives. Hundreds of creators will run over 300 Live streams across categories including Mobiles, Home Appliances, Home Décor, Fashion and Beauty among many others for Prime Day 2024. In addition, 7 brands including Motorola, Samsung and Forever21 are launching flagship products on Amazon Live during Prime Day. Amazon offers a diversified portfolio of programs designed to empower creators. The Amazon Influencer Program facilitates commission-based earnings for creators who recommend products to their followers. Amazon Live Program has real-time product demonstrations, expert advice, and a more informed shopping experience for viewers. Recognizing the importance of creator education, Amazon recently launched Creator University. This program equips creators with the knowledge and tools necessary to thrive in the creator economy.

Apollo Micro Systems Ltd. Awarded First Make II project by Indian Army

**C**HANDIGARH: Apollo Micro Systems Ltd. (BSE: 540879, NSE: APOLLO), a pioneer in Design, Development and assembly of Custom-Built Electronics and Electro-mechanical solutions, has announced that Apollo Micro Systems Limited is shortlisted keeping in view the capability and was awarded Make II project by the Indian Army. This project is for the procurement of a Vehicle Mounted Counter Swarm Drone System (VMCSDS) (Version I) under the Make II category of DAP-2020. This project is very prestigious and first Make II project for the Company. The company is happy to share that the systems developed out of it are 'state of the art' and highly futuristic in nature. As a Make II project, there will be no cost obligation involved. Earlier, the company reported its earnings for quarter and year ended 31 March 2024. AMS achieved significant financial growth in FY24, driven primarily by robust order execution. The revenue for Q4 FY24 was Rs. 1,354.37 Mn, up from Rs. 1,068.46 Mn in Q4 FY23, with the full-year revenue standing at Rs. 3,716.34 Mn compared to Rs. 2,975.26 Mn in FY23 showcasing a healthy growth of 24.91%.

will be displayed at an exhibition to be held at Skyview by Empyrean on August 25.

Kritika Joshi's artistic practice is deeply rooted in her inherited legacy of Phad art dating back to the 13th century. These beautiful paintings will be a part of the retreat. Kritika started painting with her father Kalyan Joshi. She has exhibited at Paramparik Karigar in 2016 and has conducted workshops at Spic Macay in 2019, Amity Students Phad Workshop at Craft Village, New Delhi, 2019, Sushant University Phad workshop with Thailand university students in 2023 and Banasthali Vidyapith Hands-on workshop in Phad Painting, 2024.



craftsmen from across India to collaborate, exchange ideas and produce masterpieces inspired by their surroundings. The artists will work individually as well as in pairs to create their impressions of Jammu, the environment and of Skyview by Empyrean. Kritika's and heart works of all other artists

Accused arrested with stolen jewelry

RAMAN GUPTA  
KAITHAL: The case of theft of cash and jewelry from the house was investigated by the team of HC Bijendra Singh under the leadership of CIA-1 in-charge Inspector Mahendra Singh. The accused who bought stolen jewelry was arrested by Dharmesh, resident of village Ganwa Bahar, district Sambhal UP



Arrested as per rules. Police spokesperson said that according to the complaint of Kehar Singh, resident of Hooda Sector 19, his family had gone to his daughter's house in Mohali on March 23, after receiving information on March 30 that an unknown person broke the lock of the house and stole Rs 17500. Cash and silver jewelry were stolen. Regarding which a case was registered in Civil Lines police station. Two other accused have already been arrested by the police in the said case. Accused Dharmesh was lodged in the district jail in some other case of theft. For whose arrest in the above mentioned case, production warrants were issued through the Honorable Court. Accused Dharmesh runs a goldsmith shop in UP, who had purchased the stolen jewelry from other accused in the above case. After taking production warrant and completing necessary action, the accused was sent to judicial custody as per the order of the court.

Inspector Lakhwinder Singh given command of Police Station City 1 Barnala



KULDEEP SOOD  
BARNALA: District Police Chief Sandeep Malik IPS has made large scale changes in SHO's of police stations in the district. Many police officers posted in the police line have also been given the responsibility of police stations and posts. SHO of Thana Dhanaula, Inspector Lakhwinder Singh has once again been given the command of Thana City 1 Barnala. Lakhwinder Singh has successfully handled the responsibility of Barnala city even while being an SI. It is worth mentioning that Inspector Baljit Singh Dhillon, who was SHO of Police Station City 1 Barnala for a long time, has become DSP after promotion. Similarly, Sub Inspector Angrez Singh, who has worked as a reader with many SSPs, has been appointed SHO of Dhanaula police station. While there is talk of making Inspector Anrilpal Singh the reader of SSP. He has also previously worked as a Reader during the tenure of popular SSP of Barnala district Mr. Sandeep Goyal. SHO of Police Station City 2 Barnala, Nirmaljit Singh has been posted as SHO of Police Station Talwail.

Majlises organized in Syed Chhapra village by Shia community in memory of Imam Hussain



MAINPAL KASHYAP  
INDRE: Majlises were being organized for several days in Syed Chhapra, a village bordering Uttar Pradesh. In these, mourning was observed by the Shia community in the memory of Imam Hussain and 72 martyrs of Karbala. A procession was taken out in the village on Tuesday on 9th Muharram. This event was being organized by Anjuman Yadgaar-e-Hussaini Committee. In Syed Chhapra, a mourning procession was taken out from the Imamabargah on the 9th day of Muharram by Anjuman Yadgaar-e-Hussaini. Maulana Ghazanfar Ali and the convener of Anjuman Yadgaar-e-Hussaini, Raza Abbas, said that on this day people of the Shia community mourn in the memory of Imam Hussain and took out processions wearing black clothes. It is considered a month of mourning. In this month, a battle took place in the field of Karbala between the soldiers of Yazid (the king of that time) and Prophet Mohammad Saheb's grandson Hazrat Imam Hussain and on the 10th of Muharram, Imam Hussain and his 72 companions were martyred.

1115 complaints resolved in Samadhan camps in Karnal: Uttam Singh



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA  
KARNAL: Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh said that to solve the problems of the people in Karnal district, Samadhan camps were being organized daily. So far, 1115 complaints have been resolved through Samadhan camps in the district. The important aspect was that 495 problems have been resolved by the CRID department. He reviewed the Samadhan camps being organized at the district and sub-division level. He instructed the concerned officials to solve the problems of as many people as possible on priority basis in the Samadhan camps. The Chief Minister himself was also continuously reviewing the Samadhan camps from time to time. In such a situation, the officials should not show any negligence at any level in solving the problems. The Deputy Commissioner said that Samadhan camps have been started as per the instructions of the Chief Minister for the convenience of the people. The main objective of the camps were to solve the problems faced by the people in correcting income in the family identity card, change of name, correcting caste, changing profession, name of the head of the family, adding new members, taking advantage of pension schemes, correcting property ID, getting labor card made.

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## Kanwar Pal inaugurates development works worth Rs 84 lakh



RAHUL KOHLI  
JAGADHRI, JULY 16

Haryana Agriculture Minister Kanwar Pal said that the BJP government in the state was working keeping in mind the interests of every section by following the path of education, health security, self-respect and self-reliance under the motto of Sabka Saath-Sabka Vikas and through this motto, emphasis was being laid on good governance. Impressed by the good governance and development of the BJP government, the opposition parties have become issueless. So the Congress was misleading the public by sometimes spreading all kinds of misconceptions in the name of ending the Constitution and sometimes in the name of EVM whereas it was the Congress that was

ending the Constitution. The BJP has always respected the Constitution.

He said that various types of development works worth thousands of crores of rupees have been completed in the district and the incomplete development works would also be completed immediately so that people can get the benefits of these. On Monday evening, the Agriculture Minister inaugurated the construction

of streets, drains and laying of underground pipelines for drainage of water, renovation of crematoriums as well as other development works by breaking a coconut. These works would be completed at a cost of Rs 34 lakh in Gulabinagar of Jagadhari, Rs 16 lakh in Bawa Colony and Rs 34 lakh in Garhi Banjara village. He said that the BJP government of the state has done ten times more development works than the

## Keeping, consuming, buying, selling, producing banned drugs punishable: Satish Vats

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA  
MADHUBAN, JULY 16

Under the guidelines of Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau Chief , Additional Director General of Police, Mr. O.P. Singh and under the guidance of Superintendent of Police Mrs. Nitika Gehlot IPS and Mrs. Pankhuri Kumar, awareness programmes against drugs were being organized. In this series, a seminar



was held on three Indian laws and crime against drugs organized by Amar Ujala on Tuesday.

The Deputy Superintendent of Police , Headquarters, Narcotics Bureau, Mr. Satish Vats explained in details before the students as well as the entire staff about the three Indian laws against drugs in Haryana Police Public School, Madhuban. Awakening the feeling of patriotism among the students, Mr. Satish Vats said that banned drugs were a curse for the young generation of their country which was mostly brought from other countries.

## POWERGRID hands over 6 TruNat machines for testing at different TB Units in Jammu and Samba

BUREAU  
JAMMU, JULY 16

Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) handed over six (06) TruNat machines for TB Testing at different Tuberculosis Units (TU) in Jammu and Samba Districts in J&K under CSRT to Director Health Services Jammu on 16th July,2024.

Under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative of POWERGRID, the TruNatmachines were handed over by Shri Rajesh Kumar, Executive Director (Northern Region-II) on behalf of POWERGRID to Dr.RakeshMagotra. Director Health Services Jammu.Sh. Dharminder Kumar, DDC Member .Bishnah, Sh. Vinod Prakash Baxla, General Manager(HR) of POWERGRID,Dr. Harbaksh Singh, CMO,JammuDr. Jyoti



Jolly, State Tuberculosis Officer (TB),Dr Shamim Ahmad Choudhary BMO Bishnahand several senior officers from POWERGRID and Health Department, Jammu were present on this occasion. The cost of the handed over TruNatMachines is 789.20Lacs. These six machines have been installed at Sub District Hospitals (SDHs), R.S Pura, Akhnor, Bishnah,Primary Health Centre, Dansal in Jammu District and District Hospital, Samba , Community Health Centre, Ramgarh in Samba District. The main objective of CSR&S activities of POWERGRID is to have

tangible, impact, primarily around its area of operation with main focus on activities addressing the basic needs of society.Government of India through National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme has developed numerous strategies and mechanisms to achieve its vision of TB free India by 2025.

Timely detection of the disease contributes to a large extent in its efficient treatment and eradication and therefore, POWERGRID through Procurement of 6 machines for Government Health Centers, particularly at rural area will contribute to achievement of vision of TB free India.

## Student appointment and oath taking ceremony held at Royale Cambridge School Beas



GURDARSHAN SINGH PRINCE

BABA BAKALA SAHIB: Student appointment and oath taking ceremony was held at Royale Cambridge School Beas for the academic session 2024-25. The event started with a very wonderful performance by the school's music team. In which the newly selected students were honored by Principal Madam Dharwinder Kaur and President Mr. Paramveer Anand. Different responsibilities have been assigned to different students in this event. During the programme, the captain and vice-captain of the four houses Achiever, Warrior, Reformer and Creator as well as Head girl and Head-boy are selected. The new office bearers took an oath to perform their duties towards the school and society with honesty and diligence. The house masters, teacher in-charges along with the principal and president of the school presented the flags and badges of the respective houses to the captains of the four houses.

## BVP Radhakrishna branch distributes stationery to 240 students

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA  
KARNAL, JULY 16

In alignment with the service pledge of the Bharat Vikas Parishad (BVP), the Shri Radhakrishna Branch organized a stationery distribution program on Tuesday at the Government Model Sanskriti Senior Secondary School in Model Town, Karnal. The event featured the distribution of stationery to 240 primary school students.

The program was graced by the presence of chief guest Kapil Atreja, Provincial Vice President (Contact) of BVP, and special guests Shyam Batra, District Coordinator Karnal, Priyanka Kathpal, Provincial Culture Coordinator, President Umesh



Taneja, and Sanjay Kumar, Director of Kalpana Chawla Computech Private Limited. The students vowed to diligently pursue their studies using the provided stationery.

The initiative was led by Project Heads Prabha Sharma, Dalbir, and Rajesh Rohilla. The principal of the school, Sunil Kumar, Primary Head Sunita, Sumitra, and all staff members were present at the event. Primary School Head Sunita expressed gratitude to the Bharat Vikas

Parishad for their noble work. Branch President Umesh Taneja thanked Prabha Sharma for her significant contribution to the project.

Also present at the event were Branch Secretary Devendra Kumar Rohilla, Branch Finance Secretary Rakesh Arora, Vice President (Service) Pramod Nagpal, Nidhi Chaudhary, Anita Singh (Women's Participant), Avinash Khurana, Vikram, Rohtas Poonia, Rakesh Saini, and other branch members.

## Magic show shown to children in Mother Teresa Modern Public School



NARESH GARG

LADWA: Magic show was shown to children in Mother Teresa Modern Public School located at Mathana Chowki. Children from class 1st to 12th saw this magic show and experienced a lot of joy. School Principal Pooja Saxena said that such programs are necessary in schools for mental development of children. She said that many types of magic were shown to the children by magician. Children also participated in magic show with great enthusiasm. She told children that this magic was shown by Red Cross Society and this committee has been formed to help the poor and helpless people. Through this magic and magician, message of humanity and humanness was also given to children that how we all can cooperate for welfare of humanity.

## Sewerage cleaning work should be done soon in ward number 13: ADC



RANVIR PARASHAR

KAITHAL: ADC C. Jaya. Shraddha said that work of cleaning sewerage in ward number 13 of the city should be done soon, so that dirty water does not fill the streets. Officers and employees of Public Health Department should take this problem seriously, so that residents there do not have to face any kind of problem. Officers of other departments should also ensure timely cleaning of sewerage in their area. ADC C Jaya Shraddha was giving instructions to the officers of concerned department after hearing a complaint about cleaning of sewerage in ward number 13 during the Samadhan camp on Tuesday. On Tuesday, 35 complaints came in the Samadhan camp, out of which 12 were resolved on the spot. During camp, SP Upasana heard the complaints related to the police department.Citizens reached the camp with complaints related to many departments. Babita, resident of Mayapuri Kaithal, came to change her address in the family identity card.

## Happy world with cooperation of all: Brahmakumari Sangeeta



DARSHAN SHARMA  
NILOKHERI, JULY 16

Nilokheri Prajapita Brahmakumari Ishwariya Vishwavidyalaya Nilokheri planted saplings in the poultry area and village Lathro in Nilokheri today under the plantation fortnight. In this plantation fortnight, different types of mango, pomegranate, tamarind, blackberries, plum, litchi, drumstick, hibiscus, lemon saplings were planted. Brahmakumari Sangeeta sister said that a happy world is created with cooperation of all. Planting helps in making nature green and pollution free. Social worker Prem Munjal also gave special cooperation in the plantation work.

## Dignitaries congratulate scribe on griha pravesh



MANISH KUMAR

AMBALA: On Grihapravesh of Ambala's social worker and journalist Deepak Vohra, District Councillor Makhan Singh Labana and MML Gurlal blessed him and wished him good luck for new house. Gurlal's elder brother Pradeep Singh reached there and met all guests and congratulated them and said that Grihapravesh is a Hindu tradition that is celebrated on auspicious occasion of entering one's new house for first time. It is a ceremony or puja held during beginning of living in new house. When considering moving into a new residence and planning a Grihapravesh ceremony, it becomes important to keep in mind the auspicious days and dates. It is important to perform this ceremony only during auspicious time to ensure positive and harmonious energy in house. While Deepak Vohra performed Grihapravesh ceremony on day of Navami, Mata Rani's Gupt Navratri falls during these days. May Mata Rani always keep her blessings on me.

## Advocate Welfare Forum supports creation of separate capital, HC of Haryana



DALBIR MALIK

KURUKSHETRA: On Tuesday, the meeting of Advocate Welfare Forum Kurukshetra was held in the judicial complex in Kurukshetra under the chairmanship of Chatar Singh Jangra Advocate. In this meeting, the former President of Bar Council Punjab and Haryana Randhir Singh Badhran Advocate supported the campaign launched for separate Haryana capital and a separate High Court. The Advocate Forum wholeheartedly supports this campaign. It also demanded that Kurukshetra be made the capital of Haryana because it was a historical city which was famous all over the world. On this suggestion, the Advocate Welfare Forum will get the proposal passed from various Panchayats of the district and send it to the Government of Haryana and India. A demand letter will also be sent to the newly elected MPs in this regard. In the monthly meeting of the Advocate Welfare Forum, concern was expressed over the firing in Kurukshetra and Ladwa.

## Punjab police fails to take action after 7 months of complaint

KULDEEP SOOD

BARNALA: To make every district safe, DGP Punjab Gaurav Yadav has issued instructions to all the district heads of Punjab to speed up action against petty crimes to curb crime in the state, and to register FIRs in cases of petty crimes like robbery and theft. Instructions have been given to give priority to registration. He said that it has come to my notice that field officers usually do not register FIRs in petty crimes. As per the instructions issued by him, police chiefs of all districts should register FIRs. President of District Marriage Palace Association and former President of Halwai Union Kuldeep Sood called the above instructions published in newspapers ridiculous and said that even after giving an application to any police station, even to the SSP sahab of the district, when this application is sent to lower officials from DSP sahab, this marked application usually becomes an ornament of files. Sood said that a migrant confectioner (artisan) bought a plot of four acres with his hard work and planted 10-12 deck trees in it. When they became capable of cutting the deck trees, Ravi Kumar, a neighbour of the plot, along with some of his associates, stole the said trees in December 2023 and sold them. On coming to know about this, the owner Mam Chand complained about these stolen trees to DSP Sub Division Barnala on 27 December-2023. The investigation of which was marked to ASI Amarjit Singh Police Station City-2.



## Haryana clerical class starts symbolic strike at district headquarters



DALBIR MALIK

KURUKSHETRA: On the call of Clerical Association Welfare Society, the clerical class of Haryana has started a symbolic strike at the district headquarters from Monday. In this connection, the clerical class has sat on a symbolic strike in front of the District Secretariat in Kurukshetra. On July 7, the clerical class of entire Haryana had protested in Karnal regarding their demands. On the same day, the delegation of Clerical Association Welfare Society had held a meeting with Chief Minister Nayab Saini at the Chief Minister's residence in Karnal regarding their demands. In the meeting, the Chief Minister had assured the delegation of the association to hold talks with the officials at Chandigarh Secretariat on July 10. On July 10, the delegation of the association met Rajesh Khullar, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister. The Principal Secretary did not show much seriousness towards the demands of the clerical class in the meeting that day and asked to meet on July 16. The association has started symbolic protests across Haryana from today due to the government's lax attitude towards its demands.





# Sharvari dishes out major fitness goals amid her shoot for ‘Alpha’



Actor Sharvari, who is gearing up for her next project, ‘Alpha’, also starring Alia Bhatt, has shared a series of pictures of her workout sessions, motivating her fans to stay fit and healthy. Along with the pictures, she wrote in the caption, “Never miss a Monday..#MondayMotivation” Sharvari, who debuted with the Prime Video series ‘The Forgotten Army’ (2020) was recently seen in ‘Munjya’ and Junaid Khan’s ‘Maharaj’.

She received a positive response from the audience for her guest appearance in ‘Maharaj’. Now, she is all set for her next film, titled ‘Alpha’.

Earlier, on official Instagram, YRF dropped a title reveal video featuring Alia Bhatt’s voiceover in the background.

Alia can be heard saying, “Greek alphabet ka sabse pehla akshar Aur humare program ka motto.. sabse pehle, sabse tezz, sabse veer. Dhyaan se dekho toh har sheher mein ek jungle hai. Aur jungle mein hamesha Raj karega.. ALPHA!”

‘Alpha’ is directed by Shiv Rawail, who made his directorial debut with the studio’s popular 2023 Netflix series ‘The Railway Men’.

The title signifies a major shift for the action-packed series, previously centred on male protagonists but with strong female characters.

YRF’s spy universe began with the Tiger franchise, starring Salman Khan and Katrina Kaif, starting with ‘Ek Tha Tiger’ (2012) and ‘Tiger Zinda Hai’ (2017), and continued with ‘War’ (2019), starring Hrithik Roshan and Tiger Shroff. ‘Pathaan,’ featuring Shah Rukh Khan, Deepika Padukone, and John Abraham, was one of the biggest Indian hits of 2023, as was ‘Tiger 3.’

Sharvari will also be seen in the action-packed ‘Vedaa’ with John Abraham.

## Tejaswini Singh to play the title role in &TV’s Bheema!

**CHANDIGARH:** Since the promo for &TV’s new show Bheema aired, the industry has been buzzing about the young girl cast in the title role. After an extensive audition process, Tejaswini Singh has been chosen to play the role of 8-year old Bheema in the show, which is produced by Raj Khatri Productions.

Sharing her excitement about playing Bheema’s role, Tejaswini Singh says, “I am so happy to play the title role of Bheema! It’s super exciting for me, and my friends and family are excited too. We started shooting recently, and the team is helping me rehearse my lines and get into character. I am learning so much every day, and I can’t wait for everyone to see the hard work we’re putting into bringing Bheema’s story to screen.” Describing her character, she adds, “Bheema is a captivating blend of curiosity and inquisitiveness. She is always asking questions and seeking to understand the world she lives in. Her eyes, brimming with courage and determination, are a testament to her spirited nature. She loves playing games with her friends and sister, especially marbles. Her closest relationships are with her mom (Smita Sable) and her cousin Kundan, though she doesn’t get along with her Tai.” Tejaswini has already started shooting for the show, and sharing her experience, she adds, “My first day on set was incredibly exciting. We were shooting in the interiors of Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. I was captivated by the beautiful village setting, which featured a charming farm and a serene pond.”



## Atal ke khilaaf rachi hai badhi sazish!

**CHANDIGARH:** Atal (Vyom Thakkar) follows his brother Awadh’s instructions to take care of the Gau Mata, only to be shocked by her sudden demise. When Atal wakes up early in the morning to tend to Gau Mata, it is revealed that she has passed away. Many people blame Atal for the unfortunate incident, but Krishna Devi believes there is a larger conspiracy at play to put Atal in a difficult position. Krishna Devi, played by Neha Joshi, says, “The people of the Mu-halla and the Sarpanch gather in the courtyard/Aangan of the house. Everyone blames Atal for the incident because he went against societal norms. Tomar, trying to undermine Atal, claims it is his fault for not properly caring for Gau Mata. Krishna Bihari (Ashutosh Kulkarni), Krishna Devi, Atal’s Dadaji and brother Awadh try to take the blame to protect Atal. Despite the family’s efforts to shield Atal, everyone insists that he take the blame and pay for his mistake. As Atal gets flashes of Gau Mata, he accepts the blame and announces that he will perform the Prashchit.”



## Actors pay tribute to their gurus on Guru Poornima!

**CHANDIGARH:** Guru Poornima is to honour and acknowledge the invaluable contributions of gurus in imparting wisdom and values in our lives. On this auspicious occasion, &TV express heartfelt gratitude towards their gurus who have significantly influenced their lives. These include Rahul Jethwa (Awadh Bihari Vajpayee, Atal), Himani Shivpuri (Katori Amma, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan), and Vidisha Srivastava (Anita Bhabi, Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai. Rahul Jethwa who plays Awadh Bihari Vajpayee in Atal, says, “While I am grateful to everyone who has guided me become a better person. I especially want to thank my dear brother Vishal. He inspired me to become an actor and helped me understand the craft, enabling me to perform for the audience. Today, I want to acknowledge that he is not just my brother and friend but also my Guru. His guidance and support have been instrumental in my journey as an actor, and I owe my success to him.”



## Malaika huyi gumshuda!

**CHANDIGARH:** The upcoming track of &TV’s Happu Ki Ultan Paltan is set to deliver a major shock. Malaika (Soni Panwar), who has been proving her mettle as a police officer, has mysteriously gone missing. Talking about the shocking twist, Himani Shivpuri aka Katori Amma shares, “In Kanpur, a mysterious order asking people to leave their house is causing chaos. The order or note mentions if they don’t leave their house, a family member will go missing. The Commissioner (Kishore Bhanushali) assigns this case to Daroga Happu Singh (Yogesh Tripathi). One night, Beni (Vishwanath Chatterjee) and Bimlesh (Sapna Sikarwar) find a mysterious note outside Happu’s house and inform everyone. Happu and his family get extremely tense. Katori Amma (Himani Shivpuri) insists everyone to move to Nainital and escape the situation, but Rajesh (Geetanjali Mishra) opposes it.” Yogesh Tripathi aka Happu mentions, “While Rajesh and Katori Amma continue to argue about where to go, Malaika decides to solve the case. That night, she writes on the note that they won’t leave and waits to catch the person behind it. She does this three times. Twice, the person escapes, but the third time, Malaika gets kidnapped.” Will Happu and his family be able to find Malaika, or will they sell their house and leave the city to save her?



## Barkha Bisht’s entry as mysterious godwoman shakes things up on ‘Mera Balam Thanedaar’

**CHANDIGARH:** COLORS’ gripping family drama ‘Mera Balam Thanedaar’ is about to sweeten the plot with a miraculous changeover. After amassing love for its riveting plot, the hit show which follows the marital journey of opposites IPS Officer Veer (Shagun Pandey) and the lively Bulbul (Shruti Choudhary), will welcome actor Barkha Bisht as Meethi Maai. With the catchphrase ‘meetha meetha bolo’, the new entrant is a graceful godwoman, devoted to Lord Krishna, armed with a bansuri (flute) in one hand and a pouch full of toffees in the other. Fresh from a year of intense tapasya (penance), Meethi Maai returns to her Ajmer ashram, trailing a parade of devotees who swear by her miracle-producing prayers. It seems Lord Krishna has a soft spot for this saint, blessing her with magical powers that leave everyone humbled and awestruck. Will her mystical ways meddle with the already chaotic lives of Veer and Bulbul? Moreover, is she a miracle worker or a mischief-maker? Only time will tell. Barkha Bisht essaying the role of Meethi Maai shares, “I’m thrilled to make my return to television after so many years, and what better way than with ‘Mera Balam Thanedaar’ on COLORS.”



## Nitanshi Goel on being nominated for Best Actress at Indian Film Festival of Melbourne

**L**aapataa Ladies’ fame Nitanshi Goel is extremely happy as she has been nominated for Best Actress at the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne.

Expressing excitement, Nitanshi said, “Being nominated alongside such incredible talents is an honor. I’m grateful for the opportunity to bring Phool to life and thrilled to see my work recognized on this platform.”

Nitanshi garnered loads of love for her role in ‘Laapataa Ladies’.

Set in 2001 in rural India, ‘Laapataa Ladies’ is a story about two young brides who get separated during a train journey and what happens when Kishan, a police officer, takes it upon himself to probe the missing case.



‘Laapataa Ladies’ is produced by a team that has collaborated for such hits as ‘Delhi Belly,’ ‘Dangal,’ and ‘Peepli Live.’ Presented by Jio Studios, the film has been produced by Aamir Khan and Jyoti Deshpande under the banner of Aamir Khan Productions and Kindling Productions. It has been scripted by Biplob Goswami. The movie was released in theatres on March 1. Kiran Rao directed the project.

## Cannes Palme d’Or winner ‘Anora’ first trailer released



**S**ean Baker’s latest cinematic triumph, ‘Anora’, which clinched the prestigious Palme d’Or at this year’s Cannes Film Festival, has released its captivating first trailer.

The film, starring Mikey Madison of FX’s ‘Better Things’ fame as the eponymous Anora, promises a tale of love, glamour, and unexpected twists.

Anora follows the journey of a New York sex worker who finds herself entangled in an unlikely romance with the son of a Russian oligarch, according to The Hollywood Reporter.

The trailer shared on YouTube, presented by Neon, showcases Anora’s whirlwind adventure as she marries her newfound love in Las Vegas, only to face relentless pursuit by fixers determined to dismantle their union.

Amidst luxurious settings, party scenes, and lavish shopping sprees for furs, the film draws parallels to the classic romance of ‘Pretty Woman’.