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NEWS BRIEFS

Sensex, Nifty nosedive nearly 3% to month low

MUMBAI: Stock market benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty crashed nearly 3 per cent on Monday following extremely weak trends in global equity markets amid fears of a slowdown in the US economy. The 30-share BSE Sensex plummeted 2,222.55 points or 2.74 per cent to settle at over a month's low of 78,759.40, marking its worst single-day retreat since June 4, 2024. During the day, it tanked 2,686.09 points or 3.31 per cent to 78,295.86. The NSE Nifty slumped 662.10 points or 2.68 per cent to settle at 24,055.60.

Rs 20 lakh looted from PNB Patna

PATNA: Some criminals laced with fire arms looted over Rs 20 lakh from a branch of Punjab National Bank located under the Dulhnbajjar police station area in Patna district on Monday. According to police, four criminals entered the branch of the bank in Koraiya village and took the employees and customers captive at gunpoint. The criminals looted nearly Rs 20 lakh and escaped. The senior police officers reached the spot after the incident. The matter was being investigated.

Vijender Gupta elected new leader of opposition in Delhi Assembly

NEW DELHI: BJP's Rohini MLA Vijender Gupta was on Monday declared by the party as the new leader of opposition in the Delhi Assembly, a statement said. Gupta, a former Delhi BJP president, will succeed Ramvir Singh Bidhuri, who resigned from the post after being elected to the Lok Sabha. A meeting of the legislative party at the state BJP office elected Gupta as the new leader of opposition, the statement said.

Manika-led India beat Romania 3-2 to enter quarterfinals of women's TT team event

PARIS: Star player Manika Batra led from the front as India prevailed over higher-ranked Romania 3-2 in a thrilling tie and made a memorable entry into the quarterfinals of the women's table tennis team competition at the Paris Olympics here on Monday. Leading 2-0, India saw Romania fight back to draw level at 2-2 but in the decider, Manika delivered for her side. Sreeja Akula and Archana Kamath started the proceedings with a 11-9 12-10 11-7 win over Adina Diaconu and Elizabeta Samara in a doubles match.



BANGLADESH BURNING

PM Hasina flees, lands at Hindon airbase, may seek asylum in UK



AGENCY DHAKA, AUG 5

An Army coup in troubled Bangladesh on Monday forced Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to step down and leave the country amid deadly quota protests that reached her official residence in the morning posing a threat to her life. Later Bangladesh leader Sheikh Hasina has landed at the Hindon Air Force base in Uttar Pradesh's Ghaziabad. Hours earlier she had quit as Prime Minister after violent protests left over 300 dead.

The protest-hit nation's Army

chief General Waker-Uz-Zaman, to whom the 76-year-old PM submitted her resignation, has announced the formation of interim government, reports said.

"After holding a fruitful discussion with all political parties, we have decided to form an interim government. We will speak with President Mohammed Shahabuddin now to resolve the situation," the Army chief was quoted as saying in the Dhaka Tribune.

He called for a halt to all

Sheikh Hasina meets NSA Doval

NEW DELHI: Bangladesh leader Sheikh Hasina met National Security Advisor Ajit Doval Monday evening after landing at the Hindon Air Force base in Uttar Pradesh's Ghaziabad - around 30 km from Delhi. Hours earlier the 76-year-old five-time Prime Minister had been forced to resign from her position after more than 300 people died in violent protests over a quota for government jobs in that country.

violence in the name of protest and promised that the new government will ensure justice for all the deaths that took place during the Anti-Discriminatory Student Movement, it said.

Hasina's forced exile followed a 45-minute ultimatum given to her by the Army chief, a day after clashes killed nearly 100 people across the country, said media reports. On Monday, protesters stormed the PM's official residence, Gono Bhaban, shouting slogans and waving flags, media reports said.

BSF issues high alert on Bangladesh-India border

NEW DELHI: In light of the current law and order situation in Bangladesh, the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) has put the India-Bangladesh border on high alert for two days starting Monday. BSF Director General Daljit Singh Chawdhary reached Kolkata today to keep close watch and monitor the developments. Bangladesh Army Chief Waker-Uz-Zaman said that there is no need for an imposition of a curfew or any emergency in the country and that they will find a solution to crisis by tonight.

Delhi HC dismisses Kejriwal's plea challenging his arrest by CBI

AGENCY NEW DELHI, AUG 5

The Delhi High Court on Monday dismissed Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's plea challenging his arrest by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) case concerning the Excise Policy matter.

Delhi High Court stated that it cannot be said that the arrest of Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal was without justifiable reason.

Regarding the bail application, the court has disposed of it, granting Kejriwal the option to approach the trial court for further relief.

Earlier today, Arvind Kejriwal's legal team mentioned the matter before the bench of Justices Neena Bansal Krishna, urging the court to expedite the decision on his petitions.

The same bench had reserved its



order on Arvind Kejriwal's regular bail plea in the CBI case related to the Excise Policy on July 29, 2024. Additionally, on July 17, 2024, the court reserved its order on Kejriwal's plea challenging his arrest by the CBI in the same case.

During the hearing, the Central Bureau of Investigation opposed the bail

plea, referring to Kejriwal as the "sutrardhar" of the case. During the arguments, CBI's Special counsel DP Singh informed the Delhi High Court that as their investigation progressed, they discovered more evidence implicating Arvind Kejriwal. The chargesheet had been filed naming six individuals, including Kejriwal, but five of them have not been arrested.

The CBI informed the Delhi High Court that they had completed their investigation and filed a chargesheet within a month. They claimed that Arvind Kejriwal was the central figure or "sutrardhar" in the excise policy scam. The CBI counsel stated that Arvind Kejriwal, as the head of the cabinet, signed the excise policy, circulated it to his colleagues, and received their signatures within a single day. This occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic.

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, AUG 5

The Haryana Cabinet on Monday gave approval to the proposal of buying 10 more crops at the minimum support price.

This came a day after Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini announced at 'Vijay Shankhnad' rally in Kurukshetra that the state government would buy all crops at MSP. Besides this, he had also announced waiving outstanding canal water irrigation charges.

These announcements came ahead of the Haryana Assembly polls due later this year. Addressing the media after chairing a Cabinet meeting here on Monday, CM



Saini said the Cabinet has given its nod to the proposal of buying crops at the MSP.

The state government is already buying 14 crops at the MSP.

Saini said 10 more crops, including 'ragi', soybean, 'jowar', and 'moong', will be

bought by the Haryana government at the MSP.

This move will boost crop diversification, said the chief minister.

With this, the state government will buy a total 24 crops in Haryana at the MSP, he said.

Coaching centres have become death chambers : Top court on Delhi tragedy

AGENCY NEW DELHI, AUG 5

Coaching centres have become "death chambers" and are playing with the lives of children, the Supreme Court said today, issuing notice to the Centre and the Delhi government over the death of three Civil Service aspirants. The three drowned in the flooded basement of a coaching centre - operating in violation of civic and fire safety rules - in Rajendra Nagar amid heavy rain - last month.

During the hearing the Supreme Court, which had taken suo moto cognisance of the tragedy, accused the coaching centres of "playing with the lives of children".

The court also demanded to know what rules, if any, had been laid down for coaching centres, of which there



are hundreds, potentially, in Delhi alone, many of which charge exorbitant fees to prep students for the IAS entrance exam and yet operate in unsafe environments.

"These places have become death chambers. Coaching institutes can operate online unless there is full compliance of safety and basic

norms for a dignified life. Coaching centres are playing with the lives of aspirants..." Justice Surya Kant and Justice Ujjal Bhuyan said.

These norms should include proper ventilation and safe entrances and exits, the court said.

The Supreme Court also imposed a fine of 1 lakh on a

petition - the Coaching Institute Federation - for challenging a Delhi High Court order to shutdown all such business that have not passed civic and fire safety checks; nearly three dozen such centres were closed.

The students' deaths - the result of drains failing to clear stagnant rainwater that was washed back into the basement with sewage - have triggered a row over infrastructure in the city.

The Delhi High Court ripped into police and city officials last week; "Some officer has to be liable..." these people must be alive," the court said before it transferred inquiries to the CBI.

A furious court asked serious questions of the Municipal Corporation and its ability to plan and maintain city infrastructure, particularly

in times of crises like floods.

"They are not equipped to deal with it... maybe they don't understand how civic planning works. MCD officials are responsible for ensuring drains are functional... there is criminal negligence. It is not a swimming pool here," the High Court said.

Inquiries so far have unearthed multiple violations by the building and coaching centre owners, including using the basement without due clearance and lying to obtain a certificate from the Fire Department. They are among seven people to have been arrested till now. Also, last week a city court dismissed the bail pleas of the building's co-owners, noting the matter was out of its jurisdiction following the transfer of the case to a federal agency.

Bihar : Nine Kanwariyas electrocuted to death two injured

AGENCY HAJIPUR, AUG 5

At least nine Kanwar Yatra pilgrims were electrocuted to death and two others sustained injuries when the vehicle they were travelling in came in contact with a high-tension overhead wire in Bihar's Vaishali district, a senior official said on Monday.

The incident took place in Sultanpur village in Industrial police station area around 11.15 pm on Sunday.

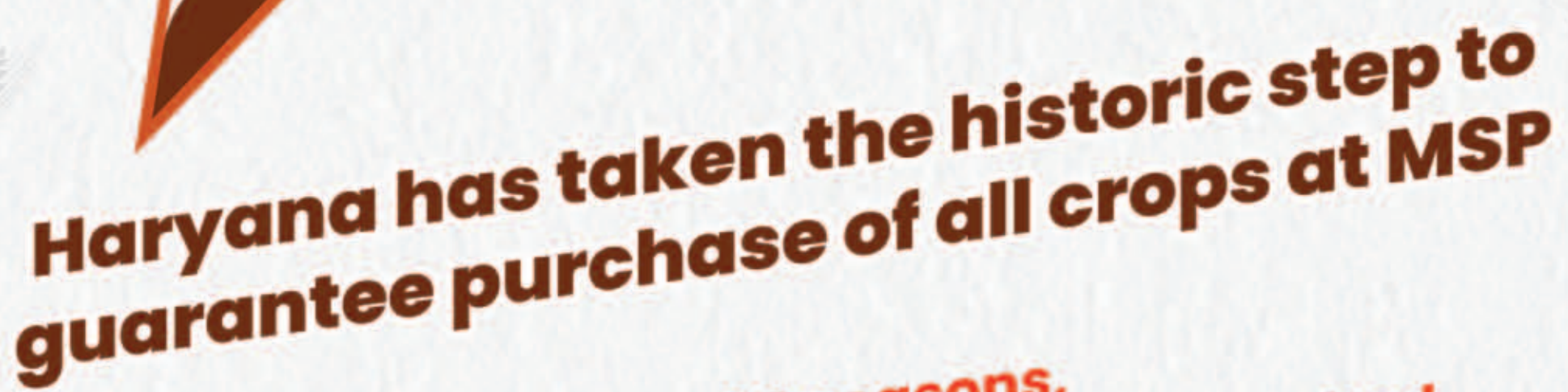
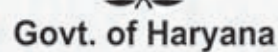
Officials investigating the matter said action will be taken if lapses are found on anyone's part.

"Nine pilgrims (Kanwariyas) died and two others sustained injuries when the



top portion of their vehicle touched a high-tension overhead wire in Sultanpur village under the jurisdiction of Industrial police station. They were going to Baba Harihar Nath Temple in Sonapur to perform Jalabhishek," Vaishali District Magistrate

Yashpal Meena told agency. "Preliminary investigation suggested that the victims did not take the dedicated route fixed for the Kanwariyas. The two injured persons have been admitted to a hospital. Both of them are out of danger."



**In the last 8 seasons,
Rs. 1.12 lakh crore for crop purchase deposited
directly into the accounts of farmers**

Haryana Government will ensure sale of each and every grain produced by farmers at MSP or above

Unwavering commitment towards Farmers' Welfare Continues



2 robbers flee away with motorcycle, FIR filed

SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON: A shocking incident has been reported from Jagraon where two robbers robbed 2 brothers of their bike and cash. According to the information, the complainant was returning home when 2 robbers, with sharp edged object threatened them and fled away with their motorcycle and cash. PS City ASI Dharminder Singh giving more information about this said that Sukhwinder Singh son of Seva Singh resident of Bhamipura Kalan filed a complaint in which he mentioned that he alongwith his brother was returning home from work on their motorcycle when two robbers, riding a motorcycle stopped them. "According to the complainant, the accused threatened them with a sharp edged object and they fled away with their motorcycle and 800 rupees cash," he added. Singh informed that police has filed FIR in this case and commenced further investigation.

Free distribution of devices to differently abled under ADIP scheme



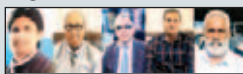
SURINDER DAMDAMI FARIDKOT: Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India and agency Alimco Mohali with the help of District Administration Social Security Department and Red Cross Branch Faridkot distributed free equipment to the disabled under ADIP scheme in local Amar Ashram. In which Speaker Kuldar Singh Sandhawan specially participated. On this occasion, Speaker Kuldar Singh Sandhwan said that persons with special needs are an integral part of our society and it is our moral duty to help them. He said that distribution of assistive devices to the disabled is a small effort to integrate them into the mainstream of society, so that they do not face any kind of problem. He said that these needy disabled persons have been given tricycles, wheel chairs, holding and ear machines as per requirement. He appealed to the people to give due respect to the disabled.

Students perform well in Mandi Kalan zone games



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL: Under the direction of District Education Officer Secondary Education Shivalp Goyal and District Sports Coordinator Jasveer Singh Gill and under the chairmanship of Zonal Tournament Committee President Principal Kulwinder Singh, the hot season of Mandi Kalan Zone Games are running successfully. A lot of enthusiasm is being seen among the students regarding sports. Giving information about today's competitions, General Secretary Lecturer Gurcharan Singh Gill and Press Secretary Gurjit Singh Jhabbar said that Yog Asan among girls under 17 Mandi Kalan Girls 1st, Sassas Rampura Mandi Girls 2nd, Yoga Under 14 Boys Govt High School Bhundar 1st, Govt High School Ballon 2nd, Kho-Kho Under 19 Girls Sassas Pittho 1st, Hargobind Singh School Pittho 2nd, under 17 girls Baliawali got the first position, Adarsh ??School Chowke got the second position. Government High School Khokhar got first place in Karate under 17 kg category 50, 46 kg Parmest Kaur Bhundar School got 26 kg category Mandi Kalan Rajpreet Kaur got first place. Lecturers Bhinderpal Kaur, Davinder Pal Sharma, Suresh Sharma, Jagmohan Singh, Lovepreet Singh Ralla, Harpreet Singh, Iqbal Singh, Inderjit Singh, Gagandeep Kaur, Rupinder Kaur, Balkaran Singh.

Education, environment fair organised by Awaz organisation



JITINDER PAL SINGH KALER NAWANSHAH: Like every year, this year also on August 17, KB at Bhadi Road Balachore. An education and environment fair is being organized in the palace. The whole arrangement of this education and environment fair was done by our Punjabi brothers living in Doaba, who are living across the seven seas and still love their land and Punjabiness. And they never back down in taking initiative in every work for the welfare of Punjabiat, of which there are many examples. Giving information in this regard, Prem Pal Hakla, German patron, Iarsem Lal Khepar, American patron, Devinder Chhabla, German patron, Lucky Khepar, American patron, Pammri Bagri Rattewal, USA. Talking to the journalists, he said that the main purpose of this will be to honor the students, sportsmen and children who have contributed in other fields by encouraging them and to make the children aware of contributing to the conservation of nature and environment according to Gurbani. . He said that the chief guest Padma Shri Sant Balveer Singh Seechewal special Eminent social worker SK Chaudhary, Dr. Rakesh Sharda Principal Scientist Punjab Agricultural The winning children will be awarded with cash prizes will reach the university He said that during the academic session 2023-24 of district Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, the children who come in merit in 10th, 12th and any other board will be honored by giving cash and badges of honor.

Ahead of I-Day, police busts cross-border smuggling module

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, AUG 5

Amidst the ongoing special drives to ensure peaceful celebrations of forthcoming Independence Day-2024 as committed by the Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Punjab Police has busted a cross-border smuggling module with the arrest of an operative of Pak-based smuggler Rana Dyal, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Monday.

The arrested accused has been identified as Rajwant Singh alias Raju, a resident of village Attalgarh in Amritsar. Police teams have recovered two sophisticated 9MM Glock pistols along with two magazines from his possession, besides, impounding his motorcycle CT-100 (PB02AL7481), on which he was going to deliver the consignment.

DGP Gaurav Yadav said that State Special Operation Cell (SSOC) Amritsar had received an intel-input that Rajwant Singh Raju has recently procured a consignment of smuggled weapons and narcotics, and was on his way to deliver it to a



party near Khurmanian Morh on Attari-Amritsar Road. Acting swiftly on the input, police team from SSOC Amritsar cordoned off the specified area in a planned manner and apprehended accused Rajwant Raju and recovered weapon consignment during the search, he added.

The DGP said that the arrested accused has been in contact with Pak-based smuggler Rana Dyal, who was pushing huge consignments of weapons and drugs into Indian territory through drones and other

means. Further investigations are underway to determine the previous smuggling activities carried out by the accused, he said. Sharing more details, AIG SSOC Amritsar Sukhminder Singh Mann said that during preliminary investigations, it was discovered that Rajwant Singh has been receiving consignments of drugs and illegal weapons sent by Pak-smuggler Rana Dyal for quite some time. The smuggled weapons were meant for sale to local buyers, he added. In this regard, a case FIR No. 46 dated 04.08.2024 has been

VB registers corruption case against SHO, ASI for accepting Rs 50000 bribe

CHANDIGARH: The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB) during its ongoing campaign against corruption in the state has registered a corruption case against Sub-Inspector (SI) of Police Inderjit Singh, posted as SHO at police station Bhadson, district Patiala and his colleague Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) Amarjit Singh for demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 50000. Disclosing this here today an official spokesperson of the state VB said this case was registered after verification of a complaint lodged against both the above mentioned police officials by complainant Harman Singh on the Chief Minister's Anti Corruption Action Line.

registered under sections 21, 25 and 29 of the NDPS act, 25 of the Arms Act, 61 (2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) act at Police Station SSOC Amritsar.

CM makes surprise visit at Tehsil complex in Rajpura

BHUPINDER KAPOOR
RAJPURA, AUG 5

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Monday paid a surprise visit in the local Tehsil complex and inspected the deliverance of the citizen centric services to the people.

The Chief Minister visited the office of Tehsildar and witnessed the process of ongoing registries in the office. He also had detailed interaction with the people who lauded the Chief Minister and his government for ensuring delivery of foolproof services to them. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the feedback of people is of immense importance for efficient working of the state government and this mechanism will be promoted by all means.

The Chief Minister said that Sarkar Tuhade Dwaar is a flagship program of the state government which is aimed at delivering doorstep services to the people. He said that as a part of this campaign only he had inspected government offices in the complex and assessed the situation at the grass root level. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that people had apprised him about the functioning of the



offices due to which he had taken this exercise for the well being of people adding that now most of the officers sit in their offices during the working hours.

The Chief Minister said that this is not aimed at any sort of fault finding of officers but the motive is to further streamline the things in the government offices. He said that people of the state had seen this for the first time that a Chief Minister of state is visiting the government offices. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the aim is just to ensure the well being of the people of state by ensuring citizen centric services to them by all means. The Chief Minister said that all the government

officers must perform their duties honestly and meticulously to ensure that people do not face any sort of inconvenience during their visit to the government offices. He said that the state government is committed for ensuring hassle free services to the people which is the need of the hour in this hi-tech era. Bhagwant Singh Mann unequivocally said that he can visit any government office, school or hospital at any point of time adding that any sort of dereliction in duty is unacceptable. The Chief Minister said that the state government is according top priority is to resolve people's day-to-day office work promptly, ensuring hassle-free services.

Dr Baljit Kaur assures Anganwadi unions of meeting their legitimate demands

RAJIV JAIN
CHANDIGARH, AUG 5

Under the chairmanship of Dr. Baljit Kaur, Minister of Social Security, Women and Child Development, an important meeting was held with senior officials of the Department of Education to discuss the development of pre-primary children and various departmental issues in detail.

During the meeting, Dr. Baljit Kaur listened to representatives of various unions of Anganwadi workers. Their main demands included granting Anganwadi workers the status of pre-nursery teachers and the return of children aged 3 to 6, who were shifted to government primary schools in 2017, to Anganwadi centers.

The Minister of Social Security and Women and Child Development discussed the de-



mands of the Anganwadi Unions in detail with senior officials of the Education Department. The Minister assured the union members that all possible efforts will be made to fulfill each of their legitimate demands.

The Minister further emphasized that the period from 0-6 years is crucial for every child, as it is when they need the most physical, emotional, psychological and social support, laying the foundation for their future. Therefore, she directed the department to form committees comprising District Education Officers (Primary) and

District Program Officers under the leadership of the Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development) at the district level. These committees will visit the Anganwadi centers in their respective districts and submit a report within a week regarding their basic needs.

Reiterating the commitment of the government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Cabinet Minister stated that while the government is striving for the welfare of all sections of society, it is also continuously working for the development of children.

Sound of clapping & screams of joy echoed MBCT hall



AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, AUG 5

Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships, and because of this teamwork, the Indian Hockey Team can defeat Australia after a gap of 52 years.

These were the words with which Chairman PIT-NDSPA Board, Punjab- Justice Shabihul Hasnain (Allahabad High Court) addressed the players of the MBCT hockey team in Bassi Pathana af-

ter watching the live telecast of the India-Australia hockey match.

In the presence of Guests of Honour Gen. H J Singh, PP Rtn. Manmohan Singh, Justice Hasnain said that it was indeed a nail-biting match with both sides equally matched and dangerously raiding each others Dee. The hall would resound with clapping and screams of joy every time India scored a goal or Australia missed to convert a penalty corner.

Selection Committee shortlists performances for 15th August



SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, AUG 5

Preparations for Independence Day celebration on 15th August are on full swings in Jagraon.

The program shall be conducted at School of Eminence in Jagraon. Selection for cultural performances to be enacted on 15th August was done today. Selection committee including Tehsildar Sukhcharan Singh, Captain Naresh Verma, Principal Rupinder kaur, Principal Gurwinder Singh, Jatinder

Singh and Nirmal Kaur short-listed the performances of various schools. Giving more information about this, Captain Naresh Verma said that on 15th August, School of Eminence, Government School for Girls, St. Mahapragya's School Wizdom Convent School, Satya Bharti School Sherpur, DAV School, LR DAV College Jagraon shall perform during the celebration. "Rehearsals for PT, NCC and Band shall be conducted on 9, 12 and 13 while final rehearsal shall take place on 13 August," he added.

Rayat Bahra International School clinches first position in girls' Kho-Kho zone competitions

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, AUG 5

Rayat Bahra International School has once again demonstrated its leadership not only in education but also in sports. The school's girls have brought immense pride by securing first place in both the Under-14 and Under-19 Kho-Kho zone competitions.

Congratulating the team, Dr. Hardeep Singh, Principal of Rayat Bahra International School, remarked, "Our girls have once again proven their ability to face and overcome any challenge. Their achievement is a matter of great pride for our school, and we hope they will continue to excel and make us proud in the future." In this context, Sports Officer Harjit Singh mentioned that the competition was held on the school prem-



ises and was inaugurated by Principal Rajan Arora and Lecturer Prabhjot Singh. Teams from various schools participated in this event. Rayat Bahra's teams impressed everyone with their hard work, dedication, and exceptional sportsmanship. Their outstanding performance has instilled a sense of pride among all the teachers, students, and parents of the school.

School Chairman Gurvinder Singh Bahra and Campus Director Dr. Chander Mohan also extended their congratulations to the team for their remarkable achievement. They stated,

"This is a significant accomplishment for our school, and we are incredibly proud of our students. Such achievements reflect our school's unwavering dedication to excellence."

Former IG Khatra's statements against SGPC in case of sacrilege are misleading and lack facts: SGPC Secretary

AMRITSAR (CHARNJIT SINGH ARORA): Taking strict notice of misleading and factless media statements by former IG Ranbir Singh Khatra against the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), in the cases related to the beadbi (sacrilege) of Sri Guru Granth Sahib at Bargari in Faridkot district in the year 2015 regarding the closure report submitted in the court in 2019 by Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), the SGPC Secretary Partap Singh has asked Mr. Khatra to refrain from misleading Sangat with such statements, otherwise, the SGPC will take legal action against him.

In a statement issued here, SGPC Secretary Partap Singh said that the CBI had submitted a closure report in the court in July 2019 in connection with the sacrilege cases committed at Bargari by followers of Dera Sirsa at the behest of their Dera head, which was strongly objected and subsequently rejected by the SGPC. The SGPC had strongly condemned CBI's closure report through its executive committee resolution no. 515 on July 17, 2019, terming it very unfortunate and painful, while Mr. Khatra is making a mischievous attempt to prove that the SGPC had given an affidavit in favor of the CBI closure report by making base allegations against the Sikh organisation.

He said that the SGPC filed a protest petition through expert lawyers to get the CBI's closure report canceled and the legal proceedings in the sacrilege cases were initiated with immediate effect, which are still ongoing.

Facilities like shooting range, astroturf, swimming pool to be available in government schools: ETO



KULJIT SINGH
JANDIALA GURU, AUG 5

Harbhajan Singh ETO Cabinet Minister Punjab has said that now all those facilities will be available in government schools which have been the dream of the students of model and convent schools till now. Construction of astroturf, hockey ground, football ground, all weather swimming pool and shooting range has started in government schools and government schools are being prepared as nurseries of future

Olympians. He today inspected schools in Government Primary School Gehri and Government Senior Secondary School Navan Kot and spent time with the students. He said that earlier a sport like shooting was for the children of rich people, which we are bringing for the students of government schools. He said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Sardar Bhagwant Singh Mann, Punjab is continuously moving forward in the direction of education revolution, new dimensions are being established.

Three accused found with Chitta, case registered

RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR: The police have apprehended three individuals and recovered chitta (heroin) under the jurisdiction of Bhoranj Police Station. The accused are Rajendra Sharma, son of Karamchand from Ruhan village; Rajat Sharma, son of Hemraj from Kahrwi village; and Anoop, son of Kashmir Singh from Aman village and post office. A total of 2.09 grams of chitta was seized from them. An FIR (No. 84/24 dated 4/8/2024) has been registered against the three under Sections 21 and 29 of the NDPS Act at Bhoranj Police Station.

Dhabas, Sweets Shops, Langars, inspected by Health Department Una during Chintpurni Navratras Fair



KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: Dhabas, Sweets Shops, Langarisinspected by Health Department Unaduring ChintpurniNavratras Fair on Monday today.And directions were given to shopkeepers for cleanliness and purity of drinking water. From the Health Department team MHS Mohan Lal, Jaswant Singh, Ram Pal and Nirmal Singh were present.

All Hamirpur pilgrims return safely from Shrikhand



RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR: All pilgrims from Hamirpur who were stranded due to the cloudburst in the Shrikhand hills have safely returned home. There are currently no pilgrims from Hamirpur or any active langar committees remaining on the Shrikhand Yatra route. Tarsen Lal, President of the Shrikhand Langar Seva Committee Hamirpur, stated that their committee had set up a langar at Bheem Dwar on the Shrikhand Yatra route from July 13 to July 23. Despite intermittent bad weather, all members of the committee and pilgrims from Hamirpur have returned home safely. Additionally, in recent days, a rescue operation successfully evacuated 250 devotees, including the Devta Sahab Nagela's devarath, 400 pilgrims, and 64 police personnel, safely to Bagipul. DCP Chandra Shekhar of Aani reported that the heavy rains had caused massive landslides and large stones to fall, blocking the Shrikhand Mahadev path and the Jao-Bagipul road. The DSP, in collaboration with the staff of Mirmand Police Station, formed a rescue team that ensured the safe evacuation of all stranded individuals.

Chamba to get State's first Green Hydrogen Based Mobility Station

Dedicates projects worth Rs. 120.44 crore

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, AUG 5

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today virtually presided over the closing ceremony of the International Minjar Fair from Shimla. During the event, he inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of various developmental projects totalling Rs 120.44 crore. Speaker, Vidhan Sabha Kuldeep Singh Pathania also accompanied the Chief Minister on this occasion.

The Chief Minister said that due to inclement weather conditions he could not make it to the closing ceremony of Minjar fair and eulogized the efforts of the people and the district administration for conducting the fair successfully. After virtually



performing the foundation stone of the Pilot Project of the Green Hydrogen Mobility Station at Chamba to cost around Rs 14 crore the Chief Minister said that Chamba was set to become the first district in Himachal Pradesh to establish such a project making a beginning in Green Hydrogen initiative. This significant green initiative, led by the current state government, will be

constructed by the National Hydro Power Corporation (NHPC) to be completed by August 2025.

The Chief Minister said "The project would be located near NHPC's Chamera-3 power station and would include a 300-kilowatt grid-connected solar power plant to meet its energy needs. The plant will produce 20 kg of green hydrogen per day, which will be stored at pressures of

450 bar or higher to fuel a green hydrogen bus. Additionally, a hydrogen dispenser unit will be set up to facilitate bus refuelling.

He said that this groundbreaking project would introduce green hydrogen buses to the region for the first time, aiming to significantly raise awareness about green hydrogen in one of India's remote areas. The Chief Minister mentioned that NHPC has already started the tender process to procure a green hydrogen bus for Chamba, ensuring its availability once the pilot project becomes operational. "The launch of this project in Chamba district is expected to generate revenue and create employment opportunities, contributing to the region's economic development.

Water crisis persists despite complaints; Residents write to CM

RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR: Residents of Bhurana and Tarighar villages in Hamirpur district have been facing severe water shortages for several months, disrupting their daily lives. Despite repeatedly informing the department officials, the relief was temporary,

lasting only a couple of days before the situation reverted to its dire state. The villagers have voiced their concerns on social media and through phone calls to the officials numerous times. However, the department's response was short-lived, often resolving the issue for just two to

three days, after which the residents had to struggle for water for up to a week. The villagers reported that a water tank was constructed, but the officials began distributing the water from this tank to other areas, further reducing the already scarce supply to the villages.

CM announces free medicines for cancer patients

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, AUG 5

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu announced here today that free of cost treatment and free medicines will be provided to cancer patients in the state. The state government will provide 42 medicines free of cost to cancer patients in government hospitals for their treatment and these medicines have been included in the state's essential medicine list. This was stated by the Chief Minister while presiding over the first meeting of the State Advisory Board on Cancer and Palliative Care Program here today. He said that the highest number of cancer cases have been reported in the north-eastern states of the country. He said that Himachal Pradesh has come second in the country in cancer cases which is a



matter of concern for the state. "In view of this, this revolutionary decision has been taken to provide relief to cancer patients. This facility will be provided in various government hospitals," stated the Chief Minister. These free of cost medicines also include Trastuzumab vaccine used for cancer treatment, which costs about Rs 40 thousand. A breast cancer patient needs 18 such vaccines in a year for treatment. To provide this vaccine, the state government will spend about seven lakh rupees on each patient. These medicines will

be made available at the doorsteps of the people in various government hospitals. Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu also approved Rs. 300 crore to strengthen cancer treatment facilities in the state. The government would provide Rs. 75 crore for developing infrastructure of Center of Excellence, Cancer Care Hamirpur. Another Rs. 75 crore for bone marrow transplant facility in Chamiyana, Shimla, and Rs. 150 crore for providing world class cancer treatment equipment in Center of Excellence Hamirpur.

DC Jatin Lal Offers IAS preparation tips to youth

RAJNEESH SHARMA
UNA, AUG 5

In a significant initiative, the Una district administration organized a special guidance and counseling session on Monday at Una Degree College for youths preparing for the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) Civil Services Examination. Deputy Commissioner Jatin Lal personally interacted with the students and provided valuable tips for their exam preparation.

During the session, Deputy Commissioner Jatin Lal shared detailed insights on subject selection, syllabus, and preparation strategies. By sharing his experiences, he boosted the morale of the students and



addressed their queries and concerns related to the examination.

He advised the youth to set clear goals and prepare with passion. He emphasized, "The Civil Services Examination tests one's patience. Therefore, persistence and efforts in the right direction are more important than speed. Don't be swayed by negative comments from others and

focus on your fitness."

Highlighting the purpose of this session, Jatin Lal stated that many youths often lack essential information regarding the UPSC exam, leading to various challenges. The aim of such events is to provide correct guidance to the youth and resolve their issues. He assured that more such sessions would be organized in the future.

CM Sukhu releases newsletter of APG University Shimla

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, AUG 5

The second edition of the AGU Newsletter, published by the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication of APG Shimla University, was released by Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu at the State Secretariat on Monday. On this special occasion, the editorial team of the newsletter and senior officials from APG Shimla University paid a courtesy visit to the Chief Minister.

Chancellor Er. Suman Vikrant, Pro-Chancellor and Editor-in-Chief of the newsletter Prof. Dr. Ramesh Chauhan, Head of Department Prof. Dr.



Ashwani Sharma, Assistant Prof. Dr. Neelam Sharma and Assistant Prof. Vijayashree briefed the Chief Minister of University's academic and overall achievements.

The Chief Minister appreciated the efforts of APG University in the field of professional education, emphasizing the importance of providing quality

education and practical self-reliance to students. He encouraged the university to continue its excellent work in enhancing student's facilities and education.

During this event, the senior officials and dignitaries of the university reaffirmed their commitment to enhancing the quality of education for students. The

CM praised the university's recent orientation and welcome program for new students, highlighting the importance of guiding students correctly and helping them progress in life. He noted that a newsletter serves as a mirror of an institution's achievements and information, and appreciated the creative work presented by the students and faculty in the newsletter.

Health Minister Dr (Col.) Dhani Ram Shandil, along with the CM's Media Advisor Naresh Chauhan, were also present at the release event. They commended the creative work presented by the faculty and students of the University.

299 road projects and 22 bridge projects approved for state

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, AUG 5

Union Minister of State for Rural Development Kamlesh Paswan told Rajya Sabha MP Indu Bala Goswami in Parliament that central assistance of Rs 624.76 crore was released to the Himachal Pradesh government during the year 2022-23 under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana. Kamlesh Paswan said that the Central Government has fixed the deadline of completion of road projects started under the first and second phase of Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana in Himachal Pradesh as March 2024 and the deadline of completion of road projects started under the third phase as March 2025. Since the start of Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana 3, 299 road projects worth Rs 3204.91 crore and projects for construction of 22 bridges have been approved for Himachal Pradesh. Under this scheme, central assistance amount is given on the basis of proposals submitted by the State Government, implementation capacity of the State Government and funds pending with the Government.



MLA Vivek Sharma addresses public grievances in Nari

JOGINDER DEV ARYA
BANGANA, AUG 5

Vivek Sharma, the MLA of Kuthlehar constituency, conducted a public meeting at Laxmi Palace in Nari, where he listened to the grievances of the local residents and expressed his gratitude for their overwhelming support in the elections. Sharma dedicated the hours from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM to address various issues brought up by the people, including water supply, road infrastructure, and electricity problems. He instructed the concerned departments to take prompt action on these matters, resolving many of them on the spot. The MLA assured the residents that development work in the area would be conducted impartially and transparently, and efforts would be made to resolve their issues swiftly. He emphasized his commitment to utilizing the



mandate given by the people for the development of Kuthlehar, aiming to make it one of the leading constituencies in the state. Sharma highlighted that within a month of his election, he had facilitated a visit by Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu to Kuthlehar to discuss local issues. The Chief Minister had assured him of addressing these concerns. Additionally, Sharma announced the opening of offices in Bangana and Basal within two months to provide a dedicated platform for the residents to voice their problems and seek solutions without unnecessary delays.

To address the water scarcity issue, Sharma inaugurated a drinking water project worth Rs. 1.39 crore in Nari Panchayat, which is expected to benefit approximately 750 households. Prominent attendees included Deshraj Gautam, Secretary of the Pradesh Congress Committee; Ram Asra, President of the Block Congress Committee; Sumit Sharma, Vice President of the Block Congress Committee; Urmila Sharma, President of the District Mahila Congress; Manish Kumar, General Secretary of Kuthlehar Congress; Manish Vais, and other notable personalities.

Sukhu govt is playing with health of poor in the name of system change: Sudhir Sharma

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, AUG 5

BJP leader from Dharamshala Sudhir Sharma said that in the name of change, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu is busy playing with the health of the poor. BJP's schemes are being closed down. Sudhir Sharma said that Congress came to power by giving 10 guarantees, but forget about guarantees, BJP's schemes are being closed down.

He said that treatment will not be available in the private hospitals of the state with the Himcare Yojana card run by the government. This will cause problems to lakhs of people. This scheme was providing health facilities to thousands of poor families in difficult times, but the failed



Congress government did not like this either. This scheme was benefiting thousands of families who could not get their treatment done in expensive hospitals. Now once again the Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu government of the state has played with the health of the people of Himachal. Sudhir Sharma said that Congress leaders are saying that there is no need to provide such

facilities in private hospitals. This is a very sad thing. In public interest, the Congress government should not stop this scheme in hospitals. Its benefits should be equally available in government and private hospitals. Sudhir Sharma said that what should have happened was that the government should have removed all the deficiencies in all the health institutions, but instead of removing its own deficiencies, the public is being targeted.

He said that stopping the treatment facility up to five lakhs under the Himcare scheme is a betrayal of the poor families. Sudhir Sharma also said that the Sahara Pension Scheme was started by the previous government for the persons suffering from incurable diseases.

Govt releases Rs 50 crore for Bulk Drug Park: CM

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu while presiding over a review meeting of the Industries department here today said that the state government has released an amount of Rs. 50 crore for infrastructure development of the Bulk Drug Park to be built at Haroli in Una district. The Government is committed to ensure timely construction of the Bulk Drug Park, said he while directing all the departments and agencies to work in unison for the early completion of the construction work.

While emphasizing on site development, he said that the approach roads, discharge treatment plant, steam generation, ducting should be done on priority. The action plan should be moved forward firmly by keeping in mind the quality and future needs at various levels.

The Chief Minister also reviewed various other upcoming and ongoing projects of the Industries Department and directed to expedite the tender works, land transfers, judicious use of financial resources etc. so that the benefits of development could reach the people in a timely manner. Industry Minister, Harshvardhan Chauhan said that the department was working diligently for realizing the vision of Green Himachal. Adequate steps were being taken to fulfil the concept of a developed Himachal along with ensuring minimum harm to environment while carrying out the development activities.

World Breastfeeding Day celebrated

SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI, AUG 5

In collaboration with the Foundation, NGO IRG and nursing students from the University organized a public awareness campaign in Ward No. 2, Baddi, to mark World Breastfeeding Week. The primary objective of this initiative was to educate the public about the importance and benefits of breastfeeding.

Through a street play, the students effectively conveyed various myths, challenges, and health benefits associated with breastfeeding in an engaging manner. The play not only succeeded in educating the audience but also provided them with an opportunity to ask questions and engage in discussions. This event highlighted the significance of



breastfeeding within the community, emphasizing its benefits for both mothers and children. Dr. Anjali Goyal from the Glenmark Foundation explained that breastfeeding is crucial for newborns, providing essential nutrients and antibodies that protect them from illnesses. She noted that breastfeeding reduces the risk of infections and chronic diseases in

children. Additionally, Dr. Goyal mentioned the benefits of breastfeeding for maternal health, including faster postpartum recovery and a reduced risk of certain cancers and other health issues. Dr. Goyal stressed that all mothers should exclusively breastfeed their children for at least the first six months to ensure their overall development and health.

Guv presents awards to students

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, AUG 5

While presenting "Shining Star Awards" organized by The News Radar, English Digital News Channel at historic Gaiety Theatre, Shimla today, Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla said that strong foundation of the student upto plus two levels would be helpful in shaping their personality and overall development as this would also keep the students away from drugs and their energy to be used in a creative direction. He said that they should be given education which could inculcate those values towards family, society and country.

On the occasion, he felicitated the students of



Shimla district who excelled in Class 10 and 12th Board examinations. Shukla said that the hard work, determination and commitment to excellence of the students who have been awarded for their talent has brought them to this position. He called upon the students to maintain this achievement. He

congratulated the management of the digital news channel for organizing such an event.

Earlier, Gopal Puri, Political Editor, The News Radar, English Digital News Channel welcomed the Governor. Sunil Chaddha, Executive Editor honoured the Governor on the occasion.

75th Zonal Games Kho-Kho girls competition organized in Bhagat Puran Singh High School Buterkala



VERMA GURDASPUR: Girls Kho-Kho competition was organized in Bhagat Pooran Singh High School Buterkala. It is worth mentioning that the 75th School Zonal Games competitions are being organized in the district under the leadership of District Education Officer Rajesh Sharma and AEO Anita. Under this series, Kho-Kho girls competition was organized on the sixth day of the games being held under the supervision of Zonal Head Lakhwinder Singh and Zonal Secretary Amarjit Singh of Zone Harchowal. Under 14 girls category Bhagat Pooran Singh School Buterkala, St. Joseph School Dalla and Government Senior Secondary School Qadian were first, second and third respectively. Similarly, in the Under 17 girls category, Riyadki Public School Tuglawal, Dasmesh Senior Secondary School Qadian and Government Senior Secondary School Dalla were ranked first, second and third respectively. Similarly, in the Under 19 girls category, Riyadki Public School Tuglawal and Government Senior Secondary School Qadian were ranked first and second respectively.

Morinda police take strict action against drug trafficking under CASO campaign



RAJ SHARMA RUPNAGAR: As part of the campaign launched by the Punjab Government to tight noose on drug abuse and crackdown on bad elements under the directions of Senior Captain of Police of District Rupnagar Gulneet Singh Khurana and Sub-Division Morinda DSP Gurdeep Singh Sandhu, Chief Officer Police Station Sadar Morinda Inspector Gurpreet Singh's team was taking strict action against drug abuse. Under the CASO campaign different teams of Sadar Morinda police were formed and checking was being done in the area and villages in a big way. Under this, Sadar Morinda police station Police team of ASI Indrajit Singh of police party was succeeded when police party reached village Kishanpura (Dhangrali) then an Arica car No. (T) 0724P80261E like whose driver on seeing the police party took out an envelope of wax paper from the pocket of his Capri and threw it in the bushes. When the police party investigated on the basis of suspicion, 10 grams of narcotic substance was recovered.

Students of B.Sc.Computer Science excel in University May 2024 Examination



VERMA BATALA: The students of B.Sc. Computer Science Sem. V of R.R. Bawa DAV College for Girls, Batala outshined in May 2024 University Examinations. Principal Dr.EktaKhosla informed that the students of B.Sc. Computer Science Sem.VI.KumariHarmanpreet Kaurogt 75.46% marks and bagged first position in Collegewhile KumariSapreet Kaurogt 73.29% marks and KumariJashanpreet Kaurogt 71.67% marks and bagged second and third positions in College respectively. On this occasion, Principal Dr.EktaKhoslaextended her felicitations to Mr. Harish Kumar Sharma,Head, Department of Computer Science along with other faculty members and congratulated the students and their parents for their excellent performance and wished them a bright future ahead.

Admissions under Chief Minister's Wajifa Yojana starts at Govt Polytechnic College, Ranwa: DC

KHUSHAV SINGLA MANDI GOBINDGARH: The Deputy Commissioner of the district, Shrimati Parmeet Shergill, announced that Shri Guru Hargobind Sahib Government Polytechnic College, Ranwan, has received approval from the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi, to start two new three-year diploma courses in Computer Science and Engineering and Electrical Engineering. The college already offers two diploma courses in Electronics and Communication Engineering and Mechanical Engineering. Sharing this information, Ms. Shergill stated that this is the only government polytechnic college in the district and that it implements the Chief Minister's Scholarship Scheme. Under this scheme, students from all categories receive a tuition fee concession ranging from 70% to 100% based on their merit in the 10th grade. She encouraged all students to take full advantage of this scheme and choose vocational courses. Ms. Shergill also mentioned that under the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme, the entire fee is waived for students from scheduled castes (whose parents have an annual income of less than 2.5 lakh rupees). She stated that admissions are open for the above-mentioned four diploma courses and will continue throughout the month of August. Students can contact the institution for admission.

Citizens intended to migrate to 18 ECR countries for employment must undergo PDOT program: DC Aashika Jain

SHASHI PAL JAIN MOHALI, AUG 5

To ensure the safe and legal migration of Indian Nationals seeking overseas employment opportunities, the Ministry of External Affairs has undertaken two most significant initiatives including the website portal <https://emigrate.gov.in> of the Ministry, which contains all information related to Emigration regulations as per the Emigration Act, 1983, list of registered Recruiting Agents, facility of registration of grievances against agencies, foreign employers etc. and the Pre-Departure Orientation Training (PDOT) Program. Divulging the details, the Deputy Commissioner, Mrs Aashika Jain said that the PDOT Program aims to educate intending emigrants about the emigration process, their rights and responsibilities, and cultural aspects of the destination country (18 ECR countries) before proceeding for overseas employment, thereby ensuring their



safe and legal migration. The program is being implemented in Punjab in coordination with the Punjab Skill Development Mission, under the Department of Employment Generation, Punjab Govt. For imparting PDOT, a designated PDOT Centre has been operationalized in the district. The details of the PDOT scheme are available at <http://pdot.mea.gov.in/> and are also available with concerned District Employment Generation and Training Officers who have been trained as master trainers by the Min-

Divulging the details, the Deputy Commissioner, Mrs Aashika Jain said that the PDOT Program aims to educate intending emigrants about the emigration process, their rights and responsibilities.

istry. She further said that the activities of visa consultants, and travel agents operating under the license issued under the Punjab Travel Professionals' Regulation (PTPR) Act, 2012 would also be kept under monitoring because it has come to the notice of the Ministry of External Affairs that some travel agents, licensed under the PTPR Act, are engaging in overseas recruitment activities and are conducting business of work visa, work permits, hence violating the Emigration regulations. The violation of provi-

sions of the Emigration Act, of 1983 is a cognizable offence and is punishable with imprisonment of up to two years and a fine. She clarified that overseas recruitment activities, the conduct of business of Work Visa, Work Permits etc. coming under the definition of recruitment, fall under the exclusive purview of the Emigration Act, 1983, and the agency must be registered under the license granted by the Ministry of External Affairs. She cautioned the general public to keep in mind before starting the process of emigration to check whether the agency has a license under Emigration Act 1983 or not. The Deputy Commissioner also warned the travel agents, and visa consultants registered under the PTPR Act, 2012 in the district to keep away from such illegal recruitment practices, if they were not granted the mandatory license under the Emigration Act, 1983 by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

Advisors XI beat UTCA XI by three runs in thrilling end CHANDIGARH(R N KHERA): Two exhibition matches were organized under the aegis of Gully Cricket Tournament being organized by UT Cricket Association and Chandigarh Police at Tau Devi Lal Stadium on Sunday. Advisors XI defeated UTCA XI by three runs in a thrilling end, thanks to the all-round performance of Navneet Srivastava (IFS), Divisional Forest Officer. Advisors XI won the toss and opted to bat first and put up 57/4 runs in the stipulated ten overs wherein Naveen and Navneet Srivastava scored 13 runs each. In reply, UTCA XI was restricted to 54/7 runs. Navneet Srivastava took four wickets and he was awarded the Man of the Match. Earlier, Chandigarh Strikers XI (Tax Advocates) defeated IMA XI by 15 runs.



Kharar city police arrests 4 in Omega City firing case



SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, AUG 5

Kharar City Police have arrested 4 accused in firing incident of Omega City last month. Giving information about this Kharar DSP Karan

Singh Sandhu and Kharar City SHO PS Grewal said that the police have registered a case under the Arms Act on 4 July 2024 against unknown persons who escaped by firing at Omega City Kharar. They said that the police

have arrested Karan Sharma, Mohni, Nikhil Sharma, Jai Sharma. They said that an illegal pistol was found from them. They said that the accused has been remanded in police remand for two days.

We should celebrate all traditional festivals together: Dr Subhash Sharma

SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, AUG 5

The Teej festival was celebrated under the leadership of Dr. Subhash Sharma, Senior leader of Punjab BJP. A large number of local women participated in addition to BJP women leaders. On this occasion, Dr. Subhash Sharma congratulated the women on Teej and said that Teej and other heritage festivals have a great role in the cultural richness of Punjab. He said that all festivals increase our mutual bond. He said that this time everyone is celebrating with full enthusiasm. Dr. Subhash Sharma said that the land of Punjab is very blessed where many festivals and fairs are celebrated with great enthusiasm every year. These festivals and fairs are the hallmark of the rich Pun-



jabi heritage. We all should celebrate festivals and fairs together so that our mutual brotherhood remains strong. Shubhas Sharma said that India will become a world power only with the empowerment of women, he said that he will bring the benefit of all Centre schemes for women to the women of Anandpur Lok Sabha constituency. He said that I will be indebted to the support given in my favor by women during the Lok Sabha elections, and because of their support, I get the strength to serve Sri Anandpur Sahib constituency. Apart from gidha and kikali, the young women

spoke traditional dialects. Charkha spinning, Madhani pherana, Phulkari extraction etc. were the main attractions of this event. Through choreography, the young children spread their minds. Traditional dishes of Punjab were also served on this occasion. District President Sanjeev Vashist, Sukhwinder Singh Goldi, Subhash Aggarwal, Milli Garg, Jatinder Atwal, Parminder Sharma, Narinder Rana, Vijay Gupta, Jaggi Aulja, Davender Gupta, Vijay Gupta, Principal Jatinder Gupta, A large number of BJP leaders including Rajwinder Lucky, Khushwant Rai Giga, Darshan Sivjot etc.

Ajay Singla elected President of Shri Ram Leela Committee for 8th time



FATEHGARH SAHIB (AJAY MALHOTRA): The annual election meeting of Shri Ram Leela Committee Bassi Pathana was held at Agarwal Dharamshala in which Ajay Singla elected the president for the 8th consecutive time. First of all, Pritam Rabbar was appointed as Election Observer unanimously. In the election voting Ajay Singla was elected the president by majority of voters. The House gave powers to Ajay Singla (Mangi) to choose his team in which he nominated Balram Chawla as Vice President, Manoj Kumar Bhandari as Secretary, Anil Kumar Jain as Treasurer, Gurvinder Mintu as Joint Secretary, Ravinder Rammi and Jatin Parashar as Storekeepers. Thanking all the members President Ajay Singla said that the responsibility given to them will be fulfilled diligently and honestly. He requested everyone that we all should work together and everyone should fulfill their responsibilities.

BEd students of Swami Sarvanand college of education Dinanagar visit Red Cross integrated, rehabilitation centre Gurdaspur



GURDASPUR (VERMA): An awareness-cum-educational tour was made by 40 B.Ed students along with teachers Mrs Hemlata and Mr Harish Dutt of Swami Sarvanand college of education Dinanagar to Red Cross Integrated and Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts Gurdaspur. The students interacted with the youngsters who are getting treatment to know how they got indulged into addiction and what challenges they have faced during this woeful journey of addiction. The teachers also motivated the patients to get rid of addiction and join the mainstream. At this moment Mr Mahajan Project Director IRCA said that this college administration chose this centre third time to explore their knowledge about drug abuse, its prevention and treatment. He also suggested students to be good citizens of the country and never jump into the swamp of addiction. He stressed upon them to be ambassadors of this NGO to spread awareness on drug abuse and IRCA centres who are working day.

Arogya Bharti honours newly appointed SSP Dr. Pragya Jain in Faridkot



RAKESH SHARMA FARIDKOT, AUG 5

Arogya Bharti, a national organization working in the health sector, honored the newly appointed SSP of Faridkot, Dr. Pragya Jain, by presenting her with a depiction of Goddess Durga. The event was attended by Dr. Chander Shekhar Kakkar, Provincial Head of Arogya Bharti and Civil Surgeon of Fazilka, who highlighted the organization's current efforts in addiction prevention. Their mission is to mitigate the rising influ-

ence of drugs in both rural and urban areas and inspire young people to live drug-free lives. Dr. Danish Jindal urged SSP Dr. Pragya Jain to formulate effective policies to make Faridkot drug-free. The Arogya Bharti team assured the SSP of their full cooperation with the police administration to achieve this goal. Other notable attendees included Dr. Vishwadeep Goyal, SMO of Faridkot; Puneetinder Bawa, Chairman of Banda Bahadur Nursing College; Akshit Kakkar; and Rahul Sharma.

Led by Kharar DSP Sandhu local police checks judicial complex of Kharar

SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, AUG 4

The local police today checked the court complex under the leadership of Kharar DSP Karan Singh Sandhu. On this occasion, Anti-Sabotage Team and Dog Squad were also present with him. Talking to reporters on this occasion, DSP said that this checking has been done today to strengthen the security arrangements in the court complex. He said that the team has checked the bathrooms, meter boxes and dustbins kept there so that no untoward incident can happen in the court. On this occasion, information has been obtained from the security of the court



about the door of the court complex and the DFMT and they have asked the security of the court to provide strong security to the court. On this occasion, police personnel in-

cluding Ajit Singh in charge of Gharun police station and Charan Singh in charge of Sunny Enclave Court police station were also present with him.

Lion Club Active plants trees to save environment



CHET RAM RATTAN NAWANSHAHR, AUG 5

The Lion Club Active Nawanshahr 321D, under the leadership of Deputy Governor Tarlochan Singh Viradi and Zonal Chairman Kuldeep Bhushan Khanna, organized a tree-planting initiative to promote environmental conservation. The event took place at the religious site Pir Baba in the village of Sahib Balachaur, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar district, where fruit-bearing and shade-giving trees were planted. Deputy Governor

Viradi emphasized that the mission of the Lion Club is the welfare of humanity and highlighted the importance of maintaining a clean environment for the benefit of all. A total of 50 saplings were planted as part of this effort. Viradi urged community members to take responsibility for nurturing these plants. Project Chairman Chet Ram Ratan encouraged everyone to plant at least one tree and care for it as they would for their own children, to mitigate the effects of extreme heat and encourage rainfall.

FM gives machinery to MC, Ambulances to HD

SUMER GARG DIRBA, AUG 5

As part of Chief Minister of Punjab, Mr. Bhagwant Singh Maan's commitment to provide the best health facilities to the people of the state, 2 state-of-the-art ambulances were given to Dirba assembly Constituency (DAC) today. These ambulances were flagged off by the Finance Minister (FM) to GoP, Harpal Singh Cheema. On this occasion, the Mr. Cheema also gave automatic cleaning machinery and other equipment to the municipal council (MC) to improve the cleanliness of Dirba city. While addressing the gathering he said that 58 new ambulances with modern technology have been given to the health department (HD) by CM, Bhagwant Singh Mann to bring revolutionary reforms in the field of health facilities. He



further said that there is a new initiative in the direction of the health revolution, which will help a lot in saving precious human lives. He added that for the convenience of the patients, facilities are being continuously upgraded in the government hospitals of the state. Mr. Cheema said that under the same series, the work of the new building being constructed at the Primary Health Center (PHC) Kauhrian under DAC is going on rapidly and soon this building equipped with the best technical equip-

ment was dedicated to the people of the constituency. He said that with the completion of the construction of this new building, better health services will be provided to the people. Besides others, Sub Divisional Magistrate Dirba, Rajesh Kumar; OSD of the Cabinet Minister, Dr. Tapinder Singh Sohi; Civil Surgeon, Dr. Kirpal Singh; District Family Welfare Officer, Inderjit Singla; SMO Sunam, Dr. Sanjay Kamra and SMO Dr. Dirba, Manju Bansal were also present on the occasion.

MC cuts bushes in empty plots to avoid snakes coming out during rains

KALKA (SUBHASH KOHLI): Almost every colony in Kalka city has empty plots, which are causing trouble for the neighbors. This is the statement of Krishna Rana, National President of 'Mera Bharat Educational Trust'. Rana says that many people have bought plots in colonies for investment purpose and have left them empty with the intention of selling them by making only boundary wall. The huge bushes grown in these empty plots have become a cause of great trouble for the neighborhood. People say that dangerous animals like rats and snakes etc. are coming out of these bushes and entering people's houses, due to which people are forced to live in fear. Dirt remains spread in these empty plots, due to which there is a fear of spread of disease among the people in the neighborhood. The owners of these empty plots live in far-off cities, they are not concerned about getting their plots cleaned, and neither does the Municipal Council look after them. Municipal Council officials say that it is the responsibility of the plot owner to get the empty plots cleaned. Rana has taken this problem seriously and has demanded from the Municipal Council in public interest that a notice be sent to the empty plot owners to get the bushes cut, if the bushes are not cut within the stipulated time, then a fine should be imposed on the plot owners and the bushes should be cut using that fine.



Writing Khalistani slogans on school building is cowardly act: Arvind Gautam

TILAK RAJ MOHALI, AUG 5

Youth state president of Shiv Sena Hindustan, Arvind Gautam, issued a press note saying that the environment of the country is constantly being damaged by Khalistani terrorists, on which the Punjab government should crack down on these mischievous elements as soon as possible. Yesterday, these anti-national elements wrote slogans in favor of Khalistan Mission on the walls of the government school of Dabwali sub-division at Goriwala village at many places and hoisted the flags of Khalistan. The anti-national elements also insulted the Indian flag. Apart from this, empty bottles of liquor, two small cups, and a packet of jarda were also found in a room of the school. This proves that mischievous elements drank



liquor sitting inside the school and after that they shouted pro-Khalistan slogans. Gautam said that Shiv Sena Hindustan strongly condemns this incident, & Aam Aadmi Party of Punjab and DGP of Punjab Police should not take this act lightly and arrest the culprits as soon as possible and take strict action against them. Strong action should be taken so that these elements are prevented from doing such acts again.

Training course on preparing crops at Krishi Science Center will start from Aug 6

KHUSHAV SINGLA
MANDI GOBINDGARH: A training course is being conducted at Krishi Vigyan Kendra Samsher Nagar from August 6 to August 12 regarding the preparation of horticultural crops. Giving this information, Krishi Science Center Associate Director (Training) Dr. Vipin Kumar Rampal said that during this course, the trainees will be told about the preparation of fruit plants and vegetable nursery which will prove to be very beneficial for the trainees. He said that the students who want to participate in the course can reach Krishi Vigyan Kendra Samsher Nagar on August 6 at 10:00 am. Upon completion of this course, the students will also be issued certificates by Punjab Agriculture University, Ludhiana.

Monthly ration distributed



KAPIL ARORA
SHAHABAD MARKANDA: Nar Narayan Seva Samiti, which helps needy, distributed monthly ration to needy families in premises of Shri Lakshmi Narayan Mandir on Ladwa Road. Founder president of the committee, Munish Bhatia, said that committee has been distributing free ration to needy families every month for last 14 years. He said that committee provides ration to 46 needy families, assistance in marriage, medical camps, shoes, socks to children, educational expenses. Bhatia said that committee's plans are made with help of generous people.

Women of Inner Wheel Club inform students about being cautious of dangerous diseases like cancer



NARESH GARG
LADWA: Innerwheel Club informed students of Government Girls Senior Secondary School about being cautious of dangerous diseases like cancer. Club's head Shaiy Garg said that club keeps organizing such events from time to time. She said that on behalf of club, female doctor of private hospital, Dr. Asha Sharma, made students aware about avoiding diseases like cancer in Government Girls Senior Secondary School. Dr. Asha Sharma said that cancer is such a disease that if it happens to anyone by mistake, then it is very difficult to treat it. Although now treatment has started, still we all should avoid such dangerous diseases. We should pay attention to our food habits, we should not eat too much market goods, fried items. Club honoured Dr. Asha Sharma by giving her memento. School's principal Rampal Saroha thanked all club officials and Dr. Asha Sharma. Promila Kawatra, Meenu Gupta, Parmeet Kaur, Kavita Goyal were present.

Second phase of the special campaign will continue in the district till Aug 31

JAGBIR UPLANA
KARNAL, AUG 5

With the aim of reaching the public welfare policies of the Haryana Government to the general public, a special publicity campaign started under the aegis of the Department of Information, Public Relations, Language and Culture will be run from August 1 to August 31 under the second phase. Under the guidance of the Director General of the Department, Mandeep Singh Brar, in the special publicity campaign running for one month under the second phase, the general public will be made aware of the schemes and achievements of the government in Haryanvi folk style, covering the rural areas of the district.

Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh said that in view of the special publicity

NDRF rescues 94 stranded people, 8 personnel from Kedarnath Valley

AGENCY
KEDARNATH, AUG 5

A total of eight National Disaster Relief Fund (NDRF) personnel and 94 people, including both children and patients, were rescued on Monday morning from the Kedarnath valley.

The rescue operations that were hindered due to poor weather conditions in the valley resumed today.

The MI-17 and Chinook helicopters of the Indian Air Force dropped off the airlifted passengers at Chardham helipad and Gauchar airstrips respectively.

The Ministry of Defence in a post on X posted "IAF continues rescue operations in Kedarnath. Mi17 and ALH helicopters are operating from Guptakashi while Chinook is operating from Gauchar helipad conducting multiple sorties to pick up



stranded people from Kedar Valley." Meanwhile, the Uttarakhand government has also set up a medical camp in Gauchar to provide aid to those who are being rescued.

Additionally, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami took to X and thanked the local people for providing help to the administration.

The post read, "This is the

culture of 'Atithi Devo Bhava' of Devbhoomi. The administration is getting full support from the local people in the ongoing rescue operation in the Kedarnath area. Village head Shri Mulayam Singh Tindori, President of Sonprayag Vyapar Mandal Shri Ankit Gairola, Shri Dharmesh Nautiyal (Shersi), Shri Dirghayu

Empowering future of migrant workers

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH: In an innovative initiative spearheaded by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in collaboration with the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), the Pre-Departure Orientation Training (PDOT) program has successfully engaged 13



participants from prominent regions including Jammu and Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh (U.P.), and Haryana. This joint effort

is designed to equip migrant workers with essential knowledge on cultural norms, language skills, and regulatory

information pertinent to their future overseas assignments, ensuring their safety and security. Administered by the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), the program featured the esteemed Regional Centre for Entrepreneurship Development (RCED) as the facilitation hub.

Samadhaan camps proved boon for the people in resolving their complaints: DC

MANISH KUMAR
AMBALA, AUG 5

Deputy Commissioner Parth Gupta said that the Samadhan camps have been proving very effective for the people. In the Samadhan camps, the concerned officials try to resolve the complaint of the applicant on the spot. Laxman Nainiwal, a resident of nearby Cross Road 11, said that the street lights in his colony were not working for the last several days. In this matter he had gone to the concerned contractor and department and requested them to resolve this issue but his problem could not be resolved. He came to know about the Samadhan Camp being organized in the Deputy Commissioner's Court Room through newspapers and he came here on Monday. He told that the Deputy Commissioner heard his problem very patiently. After listening to the



problem, the Deputy Commissioner informed the SDM Ambala Cantonment to settle this complaint. When the applicant was talked to, he thanked the Deputy Commissioner and said that his problem has been solved. He also said that he had also complained about the collapse of the sewer cover of the colony. A complaint has been lodged. The Deputy Commissioner has also given instructions to solve this problem soon.

Similarly, Somnath

Bhatia, a resident of Kanch Ghar in Ambala city, said that the Municipal Corporation levied the development charges of his house on the higher side. Regarding which he visited the Municipal Corporation office several times but his problem could not be solved. He met the Deputy Commissioner. The Deputy Commissioner listened to his problem in detail and directed the Municipal Corporation officials present on the spot to solve the applicant's problem.

Kaithal farmer honoured by Bihar Government



RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL, AUG 5

A farmer from Kaithal, Haryana, Eishwar Singh Kundu, was honored by the Bihar Government at an inter-state agricultural conference held at Bihar Agricultural University, Bhagalpur, on August 4-5. The conference invited innovative farmers from across the country who have made significant contributions to solving agricultural problems. Out of the entire nation, only four innovative farmers were selected to participate in this conference. From North-West India, Eishwar Singh Kundu from Kaithal district was the sole farmer chosen for his groundbreaking agricultural discoveries. His son, Sushil Kundu, represented him at the event. The recommendation for Kundu's selection came from the National Innovation Foundation, Department of Science and Technology, Government of India. It is a matter of great pride that among all the innovative farmers, Sushil Kundu was the only one selected for an award. Bihar's Rural Development Minister, Mr. Shrawan Kumar, the Vice-Chancellor of Bihar Agricultural University, D.R. Singh, and other dignitaries presented the certificate to Sushil Kundu, honoring his contributions.

Pensioners of Powercom hold massive protest rally

BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA DEHATI, AUG 5

Pensioners Association Powercom and Transco Urban and Rural Division Barnala held a huge rally under the chairmanship of Pensioners Office Dhanula Road Mela Singh Kattu and then protested and blew the whistle of Chief Minister Punjab. Addressing at this time, leaders Hamek Singh Sanghera, Gauri Shankar, Joginder Pal, Jagdish Singh etc. leaders said that the Punjab government is on the way of playing a deceitful game with every section. The Punjab government is following a pro-corporate and anti-employee policy. To solve their basic issues, the hardworking people need to stick to the struggle. The leaders have accepted the demands of the pensioners from the Punjab Government and Powercom Management, such as not paying



the arrears of five and a half years of aerial, leave in cash as per the report of the Sixth Commission, pension with a coefficient of 2.59 to the workers who retired before 1-1-16. Non-implementation, non-payment of 3 installments of Dearness Allowance on the Central lines and non-payment of their balance, non-implementation of cashless medical scheme, commutation reduction, as per the decision of the Punjab and Haryana High Court against every pensioner with 18% interest after ten years.

Condemning in strong terms the conspiratorial silence of the Punjab government to stop the reduction, the struggle against the contractual system, intensifying the struggle, state leaders Sinder Dhaura, Jagga Singh Dhanula, Roop Chand Tapa, Sikandar Singh Tapa, Mohan Singh Chhannan said that The Chief Minister of Punjab has promised to hold a meeting on August 2 to the Employees and Pensioners Front of Punjab and has made this meeting on August 22.

Haryana becomes first state to give MSP on all crops: Vandana Popli



BD AGGARWAL

REWARI: On Monday, a large number of farmers reached the BJP district office and thanked the District President Dr. Vandana Popli and the entire BJP team present at the district office. He said that Haryana is the only state in the country where all the crops are being purchased at MSP. This historic decision has been taken by Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini in the BJP government. Under this sequence, he reached BJP district office today to thank the District President and his entire team. District President Dr. Vandana Popli honored all the visiting farmers and said that the BJP government has always been well-wishers of the farmers. He said that this historic decision has been taken by the BJP government under the leadership of Naib Singh Saini in the entire country. Undoubtedly, this is a unique decision of the Naib government. On this occasion, Rampal Yadav National Treasurer Kisan Morcha, District General Secretary Ishwar Chanija, Sunil Grover, Ajay Katiwal Vice President, Kisan Morcha District President Ashok Kosalia, Nitesh Aggarwal Social Media Head, Naveen Sharma IT Head, Praveen Sharma Co-Media Incharge, Rammehar, Ram Kanwar.

Lions Club celebrates Teej festival



BD AGGARWAL

REWARI: Hariyali Teej festival was celebrated with great pomp by Lions Club Rewari at Lions Bhawan located in Model Town. Giving this information, the club's media co-ordinator Lion Rishi Singhal said that Lion Ritu Bhargava was present as the chief guest in the Teej Mahotsav held under the chairmanship of club head Lion Ritesh Bhargava. Project Chairperson Lion Seema Singhal, Lion Shefali Goyal and Lion Pallavi Aggarwal contributed fully in making the program a success. Lion Pooja Bhargava welcomed all the women by giving them mehendi, bindi, bangles and chunari symbolizing Teej. All the women participated enthusiastically in the entertainment games and all the winners were rewarded. Rajrani Goyal received the Teej Rani award. Kalpana Gupta was the winner in talent-hunt, Priya Bhargava in laughter-game, Pratishtha Bhargava was the winner in Pugam-Pugai. The winning pair of jackpot was Monica Singhal and Rishi Singhal.

New academic session 2024-25 inaugurated at NIILM University Kaithal

RAMAN GUPTA
KAITHAL, AUG 5

An orientation program was organized for the students of the new academic session 2024 at NIILM University Kaithal which started with performing Havan Yagya in the morning. University Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Shamim Ahmed participated in the program as the chief guest and while addressing the students present in the program, he said that every student coming in this new academic session is welcome and every student should achieve his goal. To achieve, determination, dedication towards the goal and discipline are very important. Along with this, hard work by setting goals is the foundation that paves the way for life and career success. Dean Academics of the University Prof. R.



Gupta gave academic orientation to the newly admitted students in his scholarly address. Dr. Ekta Chahal staged the event. In the program, motivational speaker Yash Attri gave valuable advice for career success in his inspirational address. Yash Attri asked the students to remain focused on their studies and career goals. He laid special emphasis on proper time management and gave the message to avoid wasting time.

He called upon the

students to become a better person in life and become role models through noble deeds and success. Dr. Sandeep Sihag, Dean Applied Sciences of the University, gave detailed information to the students about various student welfare programs, schemes and capacity building forums of the University. University Admission Director Rajendra Goyat inspired the students to move ahead in life by teaching them the lesson of discipline.

BJP's focus on public interest and farmer's prosperity: MLA



MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRE: MLA Ramkumar Kashyap, while solving problems of people of assembly constituency by organizing a public hearing program in BJP office, said that goal of BJP is focused on interests of every section and happiness and prosperity of farmers. He said that Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini has given big gift to farmers by waiving loan of Rs 133,55, 48,000. He said that Haryana is first state in country, where most of crops of farmers will be purchased at MSP. Kashyap said that if problem is resolved quickly in time, then concerned person gets its benefit. He said that he organizes public hearing programs to solve problems and complaints of people of constituency and people of constituency bring hundreds of problems and complaints to him like financial assistance, drainage of dirty water, police related issues, employment, electricity-water, construction of permanent houses, for quick solution of which strict instructions are immediately given to concerned officials.

Suspected death of two people digging borewell in Chalmajra

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER

BARARA: Two persons who were borewelling in the fields for water died in suspicious circumstances. According to the information received from the police, Rajendra Singh (62), a resident of Malikpur Nanu Singh village of Bilaspur, used to work as a tubewell. He went to the fields of Hardeep Singh son Balbir Singh, a resident of Chalmajra yesterday, parked the machine to dig borewells. At around 9:30 pm this morning, Rajendra Singh reached Chahal Majra with Jasbir Singh (36) of his village and started the work of borewell. The farm owner Hardeep Singh went to his house to get tea for him. When he returned, he saw that both Rajendra Singh and Jasbir Singh were lying unconscious. Hardeep immediately informed the police. Police reached the spot and took both of them to MM Hospital Mulana, where doctors declared both dead. Investigating officer Baldev Singh said that after the information he reached the spot. After the post-mortem of the body, his body will be handed over to his family.



Sanjeevan Sharma National Coordinator of All India Kisan Congress Cell

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Sukhpal Singh Khaira, President of All India Congress Committee Kisan Cell, has appointed Congress youth leader Sanjeevan Sharma as the national coordinator of the organization. On his appointment, Sanjeevan Sharma has expressed his gratitude to the party's national president Mallikarjun Kharge, Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi as well as President Sukhpal Singh and MP Selja. Sanjeevan Sharma said that he will fulfill the responsibility entrusted to him by the party with honesty and hard work and will make the party strong. He said that people who have traded the nation are ruling this country. BJP has worked to make the people of Haryana fight in the name of caste and religion. I want to tell BJP and Nayab Saini's government that Nayab Saini has come Agniveer for five months and the people of Haryana are going to remove him. He said that BJP is engaged in destroying parties. If they do not win elections, they break MPs and MLAs. I had heard about car, bike and gold thieves but BJP is party thieves. It stole Uddhav Thackeray's bow and arrow, Sharad Pawar's watch and the keys of JJP.



Plantation is the religion of the future: Swami Vishesanand

DALJEET AJNOHA

HOSHARPUR: "Pran Daan-Sankalp Sanrakshan Ka" campaign was started in the memory of Swami Shri Alkhanand Maharaj Ji at Alakh Amar Vivechan Pratyakshalay located in Mahilpur on Sunday. On this occasion, Swami Shri Vishesanand Ji and Vedanta Prabodh Samiti planted trees and gave the message of saving the environment to the general public. Swami Ji called for making the plantation campaign a success and also emphasized that along with planting trees, they should also be protected. He said that plantation is necessary to save this environment. If this problem is not paid attention to in time, then in the coming time we will have to face problems like water and air crisis. Planting trees to protect nature is as important as oxygen is necessary for people to breathe. On this occasion, about 200 plants were planted by Alakh Amar Vivechan Pratyakshalay, which include mango, peepal, neem, banyan, jamun, teak etc. Swami Shri Visheshnand Ji said that such efforts to save the environment will continue in the future as well from Alakh Amar Vivechan Directorate.



Editorial

Faith's fire

Screened for the first time during the pandemic, Sar-mad Khoosat's film, Zindagi Tamasha, won many accolades at various film festivals in Pakistan and globally. The one thing it could not win was the approval of Pakistan's censor board and was thus not allowed a theatrical release. Quite a few fundamentalist outfits campaigned for banning the film, with the Teh-reek-e-Labbaik Pakistan, a group that came into existence to oppose the dilution or the altering of Pakistan's strict blasphemy laws, being especially invested in the campaign.

Zindagi Tamasha portrays the struggle of a 'Naat Khwaan' (one who recites poems in honour of the Prophet) who loses his religious credibility when a video of him performing a 'feminine dance' at a relative's wedding goes viral. The protagonist is then socially boycotted by colleagues, neighbours, friends, and even family members. When the protagonist attends a recitation programme in which he had been an honoured guest for many years, he realises that he has been banned from joining the event. When he refuses to leave, a local priest threatens to accuse him of 'raising the slogan' — suggesting a deliberate misuse of blasphemy allegations. It is at this point that the protagonist decides to back down and leaves the premises fearing for his life.

Blasphemy allegations, as Zindagi Tamasha shows, are easy to make in Pakistan. In May, a senior Christian citizen in the Sargodha area of Punjab was attacked by a mob and his factory burnt down because of allegations of blasphemy. A case was registered against several suspects. But the police also lodged a case against the victim of the mob attack for blasphemy; the allegations had been made by a local TLP member. In June, a Punjabi tourist was lynched and publicly set ablaze in the Swat district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Initial reports suggest that the tourists had got into an argument with a local shopkeeper after which the locals accused him of blasphemy.

Many allegations of blasphemy have led to mob violence. Last year, a blasphemy accusation in Jaranwala led to a full-scale riot against the Christian community. However, the police investigation revealed that the incident was a case of personal enmity. When contract killers hired by one person to kill another failed to do the job, the former decided to accuse the latter of desecrating the Quran by planting false evidence outside his rival's house. Similar investigations into other cases have also found that incidents of blasphemy are often forged to target marginalised communities or for the purpose of settling personal scores and property disputes. In one of its reports, the Lahore-based National Commission for Justice and Peace claimed that in over 100 cases in which defendants in blasphemy trials were found to be innocent, the accusers had been, in the court's view, motivated by personal grudges or had hoped for financial gain.

Turmoil in UK as nation hit by worst riots in years

As the UK struggles with the greatest social unrest it has seen in years, rioters on Sunday set fire to and broke into hotels designed to house asylum seekers in northern England. The stabbing deaths of three young girls in Southport, northwest England, earlier this week catalyzed the violence, according to CNN.

To incite anti-Muslim and anti-immigration demonstrations, the far right has exploited and disseminated a surge of misinformation, including unfounded allegations that the assailant was an immigrant.

The suspect was born in Britain, according to police. CNN geolocated footage shows demonstrators attacking and burning two Holiday Inns in northern England on Sunday: one in Rotherham and one in Tamworth, which had previously been criticised by a local lawmaker for hosting asylum seekers.

Local officials said that demonstrators in Tamworth injured one police officer by throwing projectiles, smashing windows, and starting fires.

Meanwhile, police in Rotherham reported that demonstrators broke windows, flung wooden planks, attacked policemen with fire extinguishers and set fire to other objects



in an attempt to enter the premises.

Assistant Chief Constable Lindsey Butterfield said in a statement that the hotel in Rotherham was at the time "full of terrified residents and staff," according to CNN.

The UK's minister of police has stated that far-right rioters who have caused disturbances will be dealt with "nick them quick," but he has also stated that the army is not necessary.

Just weeks after taking office, Keir Starmer's Labour government

faces a formidable battle from the violent upheaval, which is the worst since the 2011 riots.

In reaction to recent attacks, the UK Home Office declared on Sunday that mosques would receive "greater protection with new emergency security" in the country.

Under the new arrangements, "the police, local authorities and mosques can ask for rapid security to be deployed, protecting communities and allowing for a return to worship as quickly as possible," the Home Of-

fice said, according to CNN.

Starmer shared a post on X and wrote, "I utterly condemn the far-right thuggery we have seen this weekend. Be in no doubt: those who have participated in this violence will face the full force of the law."

In his video message on X, he issued a stern warning to those involved in the recent violence and riots and emphasized that the full force of the law would be brought to bear on individuals who participated in the violence, whether directly or indirectly.

"Be in no doubt, those who have participated in this violence will face the full force of the law.

The police will be making arrests, individuals will be held on remand, charges will follow and convictions will follow. I guarantee you will regret taking part in this disorder, whether directly or those whipping up this action online and then running away themselves," said the UK PM.

"This is not a protest. It is organised violent thuggery. And it has no place on our streets or online. Right now, there are attacks happening on a hotel in Rotherham. Marauding gangs intent on law-breaking. Or worse, windows smashed. Fire set ablaze," he added.

Literature & Health

Kim Jong Un unveils 250 new tactical ballistic missile launchers

North Korea troops received a new tactical ballistic missile system on August 4, the country's state media KCNA has reported.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un oversaw the delivery of the ballistic missile system at a ceremonial event in Pyongyang, Yonhap news agency said quoting KCNA.

250 new tactical ballistic missile launchers, which serves as "pivot military hardware" were unveiled, according to Korean Central News Agency. Photos released by KCNA suggest that the weapon system is the "Hwasong-11" launcher, which is expected to be deployed in the military demarcation line area with South Korea, Yonhap said. In his speech to military troops at the event, Kim said US-led alliance has changed into a military bloc based on nuclear power and that Pyongyang will have enhanced nuclear readiness to deter nuclear threats and protect itself to respond to any challenges. The ceremony also comes North Korea suf-



fers from recent floods. In July this year, North Korea had said that it test fired its new tactical missile that followed the "Freedom Edge" military drills staged by the United States, South Korea and Japan. In June this year joint statement the United States, Japan and South Korea issued a joint statement that "strongly opposed" any unilateral attempts to change the status quo in the Indo-Pacific waters and "strongly condemned" North Korea's launches using ballistic missile technology.

BIMSTEC Business Summit in Delhi

India will host the first BIMSTEC Business Summit in New Delhi from August 6-8.

The Ministry of External Affairs, in association with the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII), will host the three-day event.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will inaugurate the Business Summit. Union Minister of Commerce and Industries Piyush Goyal and other leaders will deliver key note addresses, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said in a press release. Several Ministers of the BIMSTEC Member States from the ambit of Trade, Commerce and Industry, as well as Energy, along with high-ranking Government officials, policy makers, entrepreneurs and industry associations. In the press release, the MEA stated, "The first edition of the Business Summit aims to foster greater regional collaboration through robust trade and investment relations among the member countries of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)."

The event will bring together over 300 key stakeholders from across the Bay of Bengal region to facilitate economic collaboration and explore ways ahead in focus areas like trade facilitation, regional connectivity,

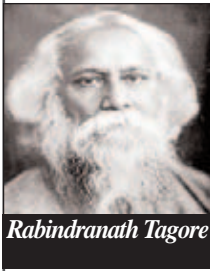


energy security, inclusive growth and sustainable development. The MEA noted, "India attaches great importance to Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), which links five countries from South Asia (Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, India & Sri Lanka) and two from South-East Asia (Myanmar & Thailand)." Earlier in July, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval led the Indian delegation at the 4th Annual Meeting of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Security Chiefs held in Myanmar's capital, Naypyitaw.

POEM

Signet of Eternity

The day was when I did not keep myself in readiness for thee; and entering my heart unbidden even as one of the common crowd, unknown to me, my king, thou didst press the signet of eternity upon many a fleeting moment of my life. And today when by chance I light upon them and see thy signature, I find they have lain scattered in the dust mixed with the memory of joys and sorrows of my trivial days forgotten. Thou didst not turn in contempt from my childish play among dust.



Rabindranath Tagore

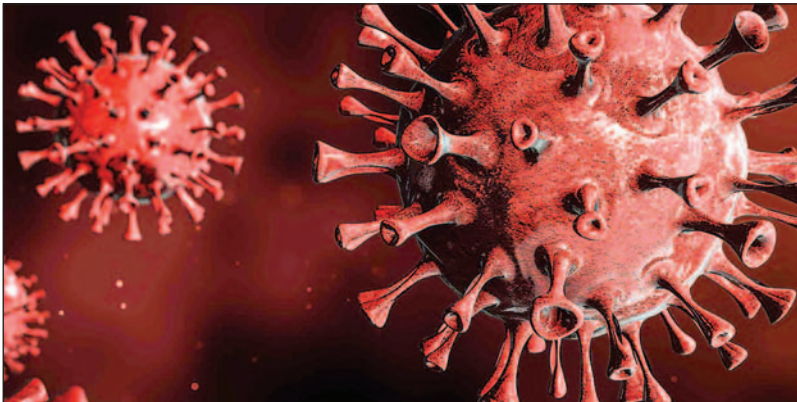
Rabindranath Tagore

Impact of long COVID

Researchers from the Universities of Arizona, Oxford, and Leeds examined dozens of previous studies on long COVID to investigate the number and range of people affected, the underlying disease mechanisms, the numerous symptoms that patients develop, and current and future treatments.

Long COVID, also known as post-COVID-19 condition, is described as symptoms that last for three months or longer following acute COVID-19. The illness can harm several organ systems, resulting in reduced function and symptoms such as fatigue, cognitive impairment (often known as 'brain fog'), breathing difficulties, and discomfort.

Long COVID can affect almost anyone, including all age groups and children. It is more prevalent



in females and those of lower socioeconomic status, and the reasons for such differences are under study. The researchers found that while some people gradually get better from long COVID, in others the condition can persist for years. Many people who developed long COVID before the advent of vaccines are still unwell.

"Long COVID is a devastating disease with a profound human toll and socioeconomic impact," said Janko Nikolic, MD, PhD, senior author of the paper, director of the Aegis Consortium at the U of A Health Sciences, professor and head of the Department of Immunobiology at the U of A College of Medicine - Tucson, and BIO5 In-

stitute member.

"By studying it in detail, we hope to both understand the mechanisms and to find targets for therapy against this, but potentially also other infection-associated complex chronic conditions such as myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome and fibromyalgia."

If a person has been fully vaccinated and is up to date with their boosters, their risk of long COVID is much lower. However, 3%-5% of people worldwide still develop long COVID after an acute COVID-19 infection. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, long COVID affects an estimated 4%-10% of the U.S. adult population, and 1 in 10 adults who had COVID develop long COVID. The review study also found that a wide

range of biological mechanisms are involved, including persistence of the original virus in the body, disruption of the normal immune response, and microscopic blood clotting, even in some people who had only mild initial infections.

There are no proven treatments for long COVID yet, and current management of the condition focuses on ways to relieve symptoms or provide rehabilitation. Researchers say there is a dire need to develop and test biomarkers such as blood tests to diagnose and monitor long COVID and to find therapies that address the root causes of the disease.

People can lower their risk of developing long COVID by avoiding infection - wearing a close-fitting mask in crowded indoor spaces, for example - taking anti-

virals promptly if they do catch COVID-19, avoiding strenuous exercise during such infections, and ensuring they are up to date with COVID vaccines and boosters. "Long COVID is a dismal condition, but there are grounds for cautious optimism," said Trisha Greenhalgh, lead author of the study and professor at Oxford's Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences. "Various mechanism-based treatments are being tested in research trials. If proven effective, these would allow us to target particular subgroups of people with precision therapies. Treatments aside, it is becoming increasingly clear that long COVID places an enormous social and economic burden on individuals, families, and society. In particular, we need to find better ways to treat.

Aakash institute launch of latest ANTHE edition and honors top students



KAITHAL (SHIV KUMAR SHARMA) : Celebrating 15 years of Aakash National Talent Hunt Exam, Aakash Educational Services Limited announced the launch of the latest edition of Aakash National Talent Hunt Exam in test preparation services. In this regard, a program was organized in the institute in which meritorious students were honored. RSGH Inderjeet of the institute said that Aakash strives to ensure that students achieve uniform excellence with dedication and innovation. Through this popular and highly sought after examination, students from class VII to class XI get the opportunity to get up to 100 per cent scholarship and significant cash prizes, enabling them to realize their dreams of a successful career in the field of medicine or engineering. To make it special and exciting this year, it includes a five-day all-expenses-paid trip to the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, USA for five outstanding students, he said. Anthe Scholarship recipients will benefit from Aakash's coaching comprehensive programs as students prepare for scholarship exams like NEET, JEE, State CET, NTSE and Olympiads.

Ballygunge 21 Palli 'Khunti Puja'

Durga Puja in Kolkata is synonymous with Ballygunge 21 Palli Sarbojanin Durgotsab Samiti. Khunti Puja is a centuries-old traditional form of autumnal ritual which marks the advent of Durga Puja. The "kathamo" or wooden frame is customary ritual before putting up of the Durga Puja Pandals. This year with the blessing of the Goddess Durga, Ballygunge 21 Palli Sarbojanin Durgotsab Samiti, Khunti Puja, was performed on the auspicious day of 4th of August 2024 at the Puja pandal. The day concluded with the spectacular presence of little students of Miranda House dressed up as 'Ambani family' members. "Durga Puja is a festival close to the heart of every Calcuttan. There can be no better way to celebrate Maa's coming than a Khunti Puja. Today's kids get such lovely opportunities to participate in events like these. These events not only boosts their confidence but also give them a lovely platform to showcase their talent."

Essilor Launches New Brand Campaign Featuring Virat Kohli

Chandigarh: Essilor®, the leading brand in prescription lenses worldwide (1), has launched their new campaign featuring the India brand ace, Virat Kohli. The campaign aims to strengthen the brand's positioning and connect the audience with Essilor's superior product offerings that provide solutions for vision correction needs. Narasimhan Narayanan, President, EssilorLuxottica South Asia, commented, "At Essilor®, we are thrilled to continue our partnership with global sports icon - Virat Kohli - and unveil a new and exciting chapter for our consumers. Kohli's phenomenal appeal and pursuit of excellence are aligned with our mission to raise awareness about clear and healthy vision at all ages whilst discovering our advanced technologies and superior products such as Eyezen® and Varilux®. Speaking about the new campaign, Virat Kohli shared, "I'm an Eyezen® wearer myself and loving the immense relaxation and protection that these lenses provide. Essilor is a leader in revolutionising vision care globally and I'm excited to share about their innovative products and how each lens is tailor made to address individual vision."

Boult's Launches Klarity Series

Chandigarh: BOULT, India's No 1 Rated Audio brand, a pioneer in audio technology, proudly announces the launch of its tailor made TWS Klarity 1 & 3, setting new benchmarks in design and audio tech. The Klarity Series represents a perfect blend of luxury, functionality, and iconic design, setting new standards in audio excellence. The latest Klarity 3 true wireless earbuds are set to revolutionize your audio experience with state-of-the-art features. Boasting up to 50 dB of Hybrid Active Noise Cancellation, 6 advanced microphones for crystal-clear calls, and seamless app connectivity via BOLT AMP, these earbuds redefine convenience and customization. Speaking on the launch of the products, Varun Gupta, Co-Founder, BOULT, said, "At BOULT, our relentless pursuit of innovation and our steadfast commitment to excellence fuels our drive to consistently redefine the landscape of audio technology."

6 in 10 People don't seek medical advice for persistent joint aches and Pain: Study

GURUGRAM : A survey conducted by healthcare provider Pristyn Care has unveiled a critical gap in awareness around bone and joint health among the Indian population. National Bone and Joint Day is celebrated in India every year to raise awareness about the importance of healthy bones and joints. The research found that a staggering 60 per cent of people with persistent joint aches and pain neglect seeking professional medical advice. The study further revealed that only 5 in 10 respondents are aware of bone and joint health issues. These findings highlight a significant disconnect between awareness and action when it comes to bone and joint health. Over one-third of respondents reported a family history of bone and joint-related issues, highlighting the genetic predisposition to these conditions. Additionally, a startling 67% of participants were unfamiliar with bone density tests, a crucial diagnostic tool for early detection of bone diseases like osteoporosis. Dr. Vaibhav Kapoor, Co-founder of Pristyn Care, emphasized, "Today, as we observe National Bone and Joint Day, the findings of our study highlight a pressing issue in Indian healthcare: a significant lack of awareness about bone and joint health. With 45% of the respondents uninformed about these critical health concerns, there is an urgent need to prioritize public education and awareness initiatives. By providing the necessary tools and knowledge, we can empower Indians to take proactive steps towards better bone and joint health, ultimately improving the overall health and well-being of our nation."

FITJEE announces FTRE, the Biggest & The Most Awaited Exam of the Year which has enormous academic benefits for all Students

Chandigarh : FITJEE – India's premier institute for the preparation of IIT/JEE and other Competitive & Scholastic exams, is conducting FITJEE Talent Reward Exam (FTRE), the biggest & most awaited exam of the year which has enormous academic benefits for all students presently in Class V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X & XI. FTRE empowers students' academic journey with the only & most comprehensive 360-degree academic diagnostic tool and gives them a chance to be rewarded with enormous scholarships. The exam will be conducted in Offline, Computer Based (CBT) & Proctored Online modes on multiple dates. Students can choose the exam date and mode which suits them the best. FITJEE Talent Reward Exam (FTRE) offers exceptional benefits and a unique platform for students to assess their competitive exam readiness. Mr. R. L. Tripathi, Director, FITJEE Group said, "FTRE is not only an admission cum scholarship test, but also a tool for accurately gauging a student's academic potential. The exam is poised to set them on course for extraordinary growth in terms of their ability to evaluate their potential, present capability, and real academic inclinations."

Easy yoga practices for busy moms

Whether you're juggling work, family, or a mountain of laundry, yoga can be your secret weapon for maintaining sanity and serenity. Let's look into five easy yoga practices that fit seamlessly into your busy schedule, giving you that much-needed energy boost and mental clarity. Kick-start your day with some Sun Salutations. This series of flowing postures is like a mini workout that wakes up every muscle. Plus, it's a great way to greet the day with a big, yogic smile.

How To Do It: Start in mountain pose (Tadasana), reach up to the sky, dive forward to touch your toes, step back into a plank, lower into a gentle push-up (Chaturanga), then lift your heart in upward dog (Urdhva Mukha Svanasana), and end in downward dog (Adho Mukha Svanasana). Repeat a few rounds and feel the difference!

When your little one is napping, steal some time for yourself with yoga nidra. This guided relaxation practice is the ultimate power nap for your mind and body.

How To Do It: Lie down comfortably, close your eyes, and follow a guided yoga nidra meditation (you can find plenty on YouTube or meditation apps). Focus on each body part, relax, and let go.

If you're working from home, this one's a lifesaver. The desk chair twist is perfect for releasing tension from long



hours of sitting.

Why It Works- It helps alleviate back pain and stiffness while boosting your spinal

flexibility.

How To Do It: Sit up straight in your chair, place your right hand on the back of the chair,

and twist to the right. After a few breaths of holding, switch sides. Easy-peasy and so refreshing!

This restorative pose is fantastic for unwinding at the end of the day. It's like pressing the reset button for your body and mind. **Why It Works-** It reduces swelling in the legs and feet, calms the nervous system, and helps you sleep better.

How To Do It: Lie down on your back with your legs extended up the wall. Get as near to the wall as you can with your hips. Close your eyes, breathe deeply, and stay here for 5-10 minutes. Ah, bliss!

Why not turn yoga into a fun bonding activity with your kids? It's a win-win: you get your yoga fix, and they get to burn off some energy.

iQOO set to launch iQOO Z9s Series on August 21

CHANDIGARH: Iqoo is set to launch its highly anticipated iQOO Z9s Series, featuring the iQOO Z9s Pro 5G and iQOO Z9s 5G, on August 21, 2024.

iQOO Z Series is designed for young multitaskers who are always on the move. They appreciate the perfect combination of unique design, performance and an advanced camera setup to seamlessly fit into their fast-paced lifestyle. The upcoming iQOO Z9s series is 'Fully Loaded' for the Megataskers—primarily college students and young professionals who are balancing work/ academics, social life, and extracurricular activities and their need for fast connectivity and seamless entertain-



ment. The iQOO Z9s series will empower them to multitask with ease, helping them

efficiently manage their busy schedules and stay connected all day long. The iQOO Z9s Pro 5G is powered by the Snapdragon 7 Gen 3 processor and achieves an impressive 8L+ AnTuTu score that makes it the segment's fastest curved smartphone*. The iQOO Z9s 5G is powered by the MediaTek Dimensity 7300 and attains 7L+ AnTuTu score. Both iQOO Z9s Pro 5G and iQOO Z9s 5G feature a 50 MP Sony IMX882 sensor with Optical Image Stabilization (OIS), 4K video recording with OIS, and Super Night Mode. The iQOO Z9s Pro 5G additionally includes an 8 MP ultra-wide lens that is designed to expand your creative possibilities with a wider field of view.

Samsung's Solve for Tomorrow 2022 Winners Represent India at Paris 2024 Digital Olympic Community

Chandigarh: Samsung Electronics, a Worldwide Olympic and Paralympic Smartphone Partner, hosted an event with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) on July 31 in Paris to launch and promote a new digital community for people including the Olympic and Paralympic Games fans called



"Together for Tomorrow, Enabling People." "Samsung India is proud of the achievements of Shankar of Team Sputnik Brain, the winners of Solve for Tomorrow, 2022, and wishes him growth and success. We see tremendous potential in his solution to alleviate stress and improve healthcare sub-

stantially. We are also proud of the 'Together for Tomorrow, Enabling People' programme that provided the youth with an opportunity to participate in and experience the Olympics values." said SP Chun, Corporate Vice President, Samsung Southwest Asia. "Samsung Solve for Tomorrow provides an

incredible opportunity for youth to effect positive change through innovative solutions," said Shankar Srinivasan, from Team Sputnik Brain that represented India as a global

ambassador for the 'Together for Tomorrow, Enabling People' campaign. Shankar, who developed a non-invasive wearable device that aims to reduce stress, addresses the global need for chemical-free stress relief solutions, wants to improve mental healthcare in the future.

Inside Biesse 2024: A Premier Showcase of Advanced Machine Manufacturing Technology at Largest Facility

Chandigarh: Biesse, a global leader in the manufacturing of woodworking machinery, is set to host its flagship event- Inside Biesse 2024. This highly anticipated in-house exhibition will take place from August 8- August 10, 2024, at the Biesse Bengaluru Showroom, offering visitors a unique opportunity to witness the company's latest advancements and capabilities through technologies and machinery used for processing wood, glass, stone, and advanced materials.

Mr. Narsi D. Kularia, Managing Director of NARSI Group, and Mr. Jagdish Kularia, Director of NARSI Group, will be the esteemed chief guests at the forthcoming events. The event will also fea-

ture industry presentations by notable figures such as Mr. Gopal Dwivedi from LIVSPACE, Mr. Rahul Mehta from FFSC, Sh. Uday N. Scientist-G, PPPT



Division, IPIRTI, and Dr. Jimmy Thomas from Canadian Wood. Attendees can also look forward to panel discussions, industry supplier exhibition, live demon-

strations, and guided tours of Biesse's world-class factory.

This event will showcase Biesse's commitment to innovation and manufacturing excellence in machine manufacturing. These state-of-the-art solutions not only cater to the woodworking sector but also showcase Biesse's commitment to becoming a true multi-material provider, seamlessly integrating its expertise across various industries.

A highlight of Inside 2024 will be the launch of Biesse's latest edge banding solutions, the 'Akron 1300' and 'Akron 1400', proudly 'Made in India' for both domestic and global markets.

Contractor's negligence damages pipeline in Barnala

BARNALA - Near Handia Chowk in Barnala, while digging a pit from VDD for laying electrical poles by PSPCL, due to negligence, the THINK Gas pipeline laid there got damaged, due to which gas started leaking from the pipeline. On receiving the information, the emergency response team of THINK Gas reached the spot and immediately

controlled the gas leak. Due to their prompt action, a major incident was averted. THINK Gas was not given any prior information about this digging work, otherwise this damage could have been avoided. Despite the markers and warning signs installed by Think Gas, the agency/individuals did not take precautions during the digging, which caused damage to

the gas pipeline. The act of damaging the gas pipeline clearly falls under the category of offence under Section 15(1) and (2) of the Petroleum and Mineral Pipelines (Acquisition of User's Right in Land) Act, (PMP Act) 1962 as well as relevant sections of the IPC. These violations are cognisable offences and attract a penalty of up to Rs 25 crore and imprisonment of up to three years.

Teej festival celebrated by residents' welfare association

Chandigarh : Teej was celebrated with great fervour by City Beautiful Residents Welfare Association Sector 19C Chandigarh and The Last Benchur (NGO). The event was held in Community Sector 19 Chandigarh with the support of Fire & Security Association of India (FSAI) Chandigarh Chapter.

Usha Rani, SHO Police Station sector 19 Chandigarh and Lovleen Kaur, Head Chandigarh Senior Citizen Association-Eastern Chapter graced the occasion as Guest of Honour. Jasot Singh Almas, President FSAI Chandigarh Chapter stated that Teej Festival marks a time of unity and joy for families across India. Known for its vibrant customs, beautiful attire and profound significance, Teej is celebrated with immense



enthusiasm by women of India. Points regarding Fire Safety Awareness in day to day life were shared with the women. President City Beautiful Residents Welfare Association Nitesh Mahajan said that Teej is a prominent Hindu festival which falls during the monsoon season.

Nearly 80 ladies in beautiful traditional attire enjoyed the celebrations. Sumita Kohli In-charge The Last Benchur organization extended gratitude to all the participant ladies for keeping the heritage alive. Everyone enjoyed food, fun games and danced to their heart out to traditional music.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Reopens Booking for Innova Hycross ZX& ZX (O) Grades

JALANDHAR: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) announced the re-opening of bookings for the Innova Hycross ZX & ZX (O) models, effective 1st August 2024.

Since its launch (Nov 2022), the Innova Hycross has received overwhelming customer response, appreciated for its proportions & poise of an SUV with the spaciousness of an MPV. The versatile Innova Hycross, available in both self-charging strong hybrid electric variant [SHEV] as well as gasoline variant, is celebrated for its glamor quotient, advanced technology, comfort, safety features and a thrill to drive. Owing to high demand situation, the bookings for the top end grades were put on hold temporarily. During this period,

bookings for other grades of the Innova Hycross, both hybrid and gasoline, continued unabated. With the streamlining and enhanced supply, the waiting period



has been reduced & the bookings of Innova Hycross top end grades has commenced. Commenting on the announcement, Mr. Sabari Manohar – Vice President, Sales-

Service-Used Car Business - Toyota Kirloskar Motor, said, "We are thrilled to announce the re-opening of booking for top-end grades of the Innova Hycross, ZX and ZX (O), effective August 1st, 2024. This reflects our commitment to provide access to our varied product choices to cater to the customer desires. The Innova Hycross has become a highly sought-after model, appreciated for its unmatched comfort and convenience. With its advanced technology, strong hybrid electric system, and robust design, the Innova Hycross has set new benchmarks in the market. We are truly humbled by the strong acceptance and confidence entrusted by our customers on this product."

54% surveyed parents often feel that they don't have instant answers for kids' questions, Amazon Alexa study



KARNAL / AMBALA : Children are inherently curious and parents are always trying to find accurate answers that satiate their curiosity. This was apparent in a recent study commissioned by Amazon Alexa and conducted by Kantar among 750+ parents across six cities in June 2024. The survey reveals that about 54% of surveyed parents often feel that they don't have instant answers for kids' questions. It further indicates that 52% respondents instantly search and answer accurately if they don't know the answer. What's interesting to note is that 44% surveyed parents admitted to making up answers on the spot. Only 3% surveyed parents ignore the ques-

tion or change the topic to stop the kid from asking questions "How to make a car?", "How big is the universe?", "How does an aeroplane fly?", and "How do fish breathe under water?", etc. are some of the curious questions asked by kids. About 60% of surveyed parents indicated that they often find themselves stumped when kids ask seemingly easy questions such as, "What season comes between winter and summer?", "Why do parents have to work?", and "Why do we wash vegetables?", among others. Some parents even tend to deflect answers to their partner, with 37% of the survey pool admitting to asking their kids to go to the other parent with their questions.

Airtel expands its Wi-Fi service across an additional 0.7 million households in Haryana

Haryana: Bharti Airtel ("Airtel"), one of India's leading telecommunications services providers, today, announced that it has increased its Wi-Fi service to an additional 0.7 million new households in Haryana. With Airtel Wi-Fi, a customer not only gets high-speed reliable wireless internet service but a whole host of other benefits including access to unlimited streaming, 20+ OTT services and over 350+ TV channels. Customers can book Airtel Wi-Fi by placing an order using the Airtel Thanks App or

by calling 8130181301. Pushpinder Singh Gujral, CEO, Upper North, Bharti Airtel, said, "I am happy to announce that Airtel Wi-Fi has now reached every nook and corner of Haryana. With Airtel Wi-Fi, customers can unlock a wide range of entertainment options including access to 20+ OTTs, 350+ television channels and a reliable high-speed wireless Wi-Fi service at an affordable tariff starting at Rs. 699 a month. We hope customers make the most of this and enjoy endless entertainment."

Raj Babbar makes a stellar comeback after many years!



CHANDIGARH: The first and exclusive glimpse of the upcoming film Shahkot has been revealed today for the media at the teaser launch press conference. The teaser shows Guru Randhawa getting down from a police van in a strange place. With rain pouring down on him and the beautiful song playing in the background, crooned by Altamash Faridi, intensifies the feel of the teaser and expectations reaching an all-time high. The makers of Shahkot have been quite playful with the audiences in their choice of releasing the publicity material on their socials. Where the title poster was a

Passport, the motion poster exuded a feeling of separation. The release of second poster featuring Guru Randhawa and Isha Talwar was all things love and romance. This teaser, radiates a baffled feeling all together. The various emotions expressed with this film are making it a much awaited release, and topping it with this one being Guru Randhawa's Punjabi debut, opposite Mirzapur trending artist Isha Talwar.

Revealed earlier, the cast ensemble includes powerful presence of Raj Babbar, Seema Kaushal, Gurbhavad, Neha Dayal, Hardip Singh Gill, Manpreet Singh, Aulhak Madam, Jalinder Kaur.

Flipkart Flagship Sale to Start on August 6 With Discounts on iPhone 15, Galaxy S23

Flipkart Flagship Sale will take place this week. The domestic e-commerce company announced its discount sale with attractive deals on a wide array of products ahead of Independence Day. Flipkart is partnering with different lenders to provide discounts on payments through their cards during the sale. Smartphones from brands including Apple, Samsung, and Motorola are confirmed to see price cuts during the sale. Besides smartphones and electronic devices, the sale will have deals on lifestyle products, grocery, home, and furniture. Interestingly, Flipkart's sale begins on the same day as Amazon's Great Freedom Festival Sale. Taking on Amazon's Great Freedom Festival, Flipkart's Flagship Sale, themed around Independence Day, will commence on August 6 at 12:00pm IST. To make the shopping experience more affordable, Flipkart has joined hands with ICICI Bank, BoB Card, and Yes Bank to offer.

Helping Hands provides essential goods in a girl's wedding



KAPIL ARORA
SHAHABAD MARKANDA: Helping Hands organization provided essential goods in needy girl's wedding. Pradeep Kukdeja said that organization provides household goods in wedding of needy girls so that girl can live her life without problem. Pradeep said that girl's family had appealed to organization for help and considering need, organization decided to provide household goods in wedding. Pradeep said that purpose of organization is to help in marriage of needy girls, expenses for children's education, shoes, socks, stationery, giving food to the needy, giving food to mute animals, blood donation.

Bhandara organised



KAPIL ARORA
SHAHABAD MARKANDA: A Bhandara was organized by shopkeepers on Railway Road. Hundreds of devotees took Prasad. Choudhary Mayaram Habana said that every year Bhandara is organized by shopkeepers. He said that shopkeepers do activities like organizing Bhandara from time to time, setting up a stall of cold-sweet water in summers. He said that by doing social service, one can become a part of virtue. That is why people should be served by giving water to thirsty and food to the hungry.

School student crushed by speeding truck



DAVINDER SHARMA
RUPNAGAR: On Monday, in the village Lohagarh Fidia near Ghanouli, a over speeding truck crushed a school going student, Navneet Kaur. The student died on the spot. The student's father, Surendra Singh, said that his daughter Navneet Kaur was studying in the Government Senior Secondary School Navneet Kaur, a class 11 student from Lodhi Majra was going to school on a bicycle with two of her friends. He stated that a speeding truck coming from Ambuja factory hit Navneet Kaur's bicycle and dragged her to a long distance. While two other girl students who were going on their bicycles escaped with great difficulty in this accident. On getting the information about the accident, in charge of Police Post Ghanouli, Harmesh Kumar, reached the spot along with his team and started the action.

MP Meet Hayer boosts plantation drive on newly improved 25 acre road in Barnala

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: The work of a 25-acre road under the Urban Improvement Trust Barnala at a cost of about 1.58 crores is in the final stage, under which a large number of trees are being planted in the middle of the road. On this occasion, Member of Parliament Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer gave a boost to this plantation campaign by planting trees near the road. He said that mini forest is also being planted by the trust, which is a very commendable initiative. On this occasion, Member of Parliament Gurmeet Singh Meet Hare said that Chief Minister. The work of this road has been done with a special grant issued by Bhagwant Mann, the condition of which was very bad for the last several years. He said that this road under the Municipal Improvement Trust has been constructed from Fuhara Chowk to the gate near the stadium with about 86.94 lakhs. Apart from this, grills, footpaths and other works have been done from the bus stand to Valmiki Chowk and from Valmiki Chowk to the stadium at a cost of 71.77 lakhs. He said that he is continuously working for the development works of Barnala, under which he recently met the Union Road and Transport Minister Mr. Nitin Gadkari to widen the roads connecting the city to the bypass on the national highways from Barnala to Moga, Sangrur and Bathinda.



Haryana International Film Festival to begin from tomorrow



DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA: Department of Youth and Cultural Affairs, Kurukshetra University Kurukshetra, in collaboration with Sanskriti Society for Arts and Cultural Development, is going to organise the 7th Haryana International Film Festival from 7th to 11th August 2024.Kurukshetra University Vice Chancellor, Prof Som Nath Sachdeva said that this international film festival will provide a platform for exploring new worlds and facilitate the transitioning into better individuals. DYCA Director Prof. Vivek Chawla and SSACD President Dharmendra Dangi told that Haryana's only film festival dedicated to the development of Haryanvi cinema, art and culture will be organized in the Auditorium Hall and Senate Hall of Kurukshetra University. In this festival, renowned personalities of the film world including Yashpal Sharma, Akhilesh Mishra, Rajendra Gupta, Yograj Singh, Avtar Gill, Shishir Sharma, Deepika Singh, Munmun Sen, Raima Sen, Roopa Ganguly, Shikha Malhotra, Seema Vishwas and other great artists will be the cynosure.

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Celebrate Independence Day with devotion: SDM

JAGBIR UPLANA
ASSANDH, AUG 5

SDM Virendra Singh Dhul held a meeting of officers and employees of all concerned departments in his office on Monday to celebrate Independence Day celebrations in an enthusiastic manner at the sub-division level and gave necessary guidelines. He said that Independence Day celebrations are a proud day for the countrymen. Like every year, this year also Independence Day celebrations will be celebrated in a grand manner in the New Anaaj Mandi premises, all concerned departments should complete their preparations in time and discharge their responsibilities in a proper



manner. He said that Independence Day is our national festival, it should not be celebrated as a mere formality but with a dedicated spirit and heart. SDM said that Independence Day celebrations will be celebrated with great enthusiasm at the New Grain Market premises at the sub-division level. NCC platoons and teams of students from various schools will participate in the parade along with police contingent. He said that rehearsal of Independence Day celebrations will be held on 9th August, while the final rehearsal will be held at New Grain Market on 13th August. While giving instructions to the officers of all the concerned departments,

Himanshu Shekhar Upadhyay takes over as Chief Public Relations Officer, Northern Railway

NEW DELHI: Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS) officer of 2007 Civil Services batch Shri Himanshu Shekhar Upadhyay has taken over as Chief Public Relations Officer of Northern Railway. Prior to this, Shri Upadhyay was serving as Chief Public Relations Officer of North Central Railway, Prayagraj. Shri Upadhyay originally hails from Ambedkarnagar and got his early education from Almora and later on post graduated in Economics from Allahabad University and has been an inmate of the prestigious Dr. Amarnath Jha Hostel. The image of Shri Upadhyay is that of a smart officer and he has been working in many important positions in North Divisional Operations Manager, Jhansi, Senior Divisional Operations Manager (General) / Prayagraj Division, Senior Divisional Operations Manager Agra and Dy. Chief Traffic Manager cum Station Director, Kanpur etc.

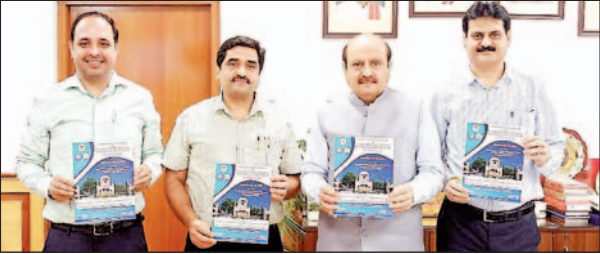


Central Railway, including Divisional Operations Manager, Jhansi, Senior Divisional Operations Manager (General) / Prayagraj Division, Senior Divisional Operations Manager Agra and Dy. Chief Traffic Manager cum Station Director, Kanpur etc.

KU VC releases International seminar brochure

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, AUG 5

Kurukshetra University Vice Chancellor Prof. Som Nath Sachdeva released the brochure of the International Seminar to be organized by the Department of Statistics and Operational Research from 21 to 23 December on the theme of "Innovative Trends in Statistics, Optimization and Data Science." Vice Chancellor Prof. Som Nath Sachdeva while extending best wishes for the International Seminar said that in the three day International Seminar scholars from the country and abroad will discuss new trends in Statistics, data analysis, collection and other important topics which will benefit teachers, researchers and students. Registrar Prof. Sanjeev



Sharma also wished for the International Seminar. Director of International Seminar Prof. MS Kadian and Organizing Secretary Dr. Jitendra Khatkar informed that this international seminar is being organized in conjunction with the 44th Annual Conference of the Indian Society for Probability and Statistics (ISPS) and the 8th Conference of the Indian Association for Reliability and

Statistics (IARS). Actuarial statistics, discrete mathematics, official statistics, agricultural statistics, distribution theory, optimization techniques, applied mathematics, econometrics, probability theory, applied statistics, financial statistics, pure mathematics, artificial intelligence, fuzzy logic and systems, queue theory, Bayesian estimation, information theory, reliability theory and modeling, biostatistics, data analysis.

Guru Nanak college holds induction programme for newcomers



RAHUL KOHLI
JAGADHRI: Guru Nanak Khalsa College, Yamunanagar, Organised an induction Programme for newcomers of Commerce and Arts Faculty The programme aimed to familiarise the newcomers with the college's academic environment, resources, and various opportunities available to them. Principal Dr. Harinder Singh Kang addressed the gathering, stating, "This induction programme is an essential step in ensuring that our new students feel welcomed and well-prepared to embark on their academic journey. Dr. Jaswinder Kaur, Dean of Commerce, warmly welcomed the commerce students Dr. Sanjay Arora, Head of the Commerce Department, elaborated on the Entrepreneurship Development (ED) center. Dr. Pratima Sharma, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, provided insights into the placement cell's activities and the career support available to students. arts students, emphasising the importance of a holistic educational experience. The induction programme was also attended by esteemed faculty members including Dr. Sahib Singh, Dr. Iqbal, Dr. Baljit, Dr. Hemant Mishra, Dr. Anurag, Dr. Vinay, Dr. Tilak Raj, Dr. Payal Lamba, and other staff members of the arts faculty.

AAP leader Sanjay Singh to reach Yamunanagar on Aug 10: Tyagi



RAJNI SONI
YAMUNANAGAR: Aam Aadmi Party leader Lalit Tyagi told that Rajya Sabha MP and party's leader Sanjay Singh would be coming to address the people of Yamunanagar at Jagadhri grain market of Yamunanagar assembly on August 10. Tyagi told that Aam Aadmi Party was holding public meetings for change in all the assemblies of Haryana, in which mainly the senior leaders of the party have been telling the public about the five guarantees of Arvind Kejriwal. The five guarantees included free good education, world class government hospital, free electricity, employment for all and respect for women. He said how the people of Haryana have become miserable during the ten years of BJP rule. The public was fed up of running around the government offices, sometimes for purpose of property ID, sometimes in the name of Aadhaar card, rising electricity bills fixed. Now the public was seeing only one option and that was Aam Aadmi Party. Aam Aadmi Party will contest elections strongly in Haryana.

Villagers nab 3 suspects in Jandwal, army uniform found from one

BUREAU
PATHANKOT: The apprehension of three suspects near the army's boundary fencing in Jandwal village last night sparked yet another panic as when the villagers searched their belongings, one was found wearing an army uniform. That scared people. However, during the initial investigation, one of the three identified himself as the brother of the jawan serving in the army. While the other two auto drivers turned out to be residents of Pathankot. But due to their capture, there is a lot of fear among the villagers because a few days ago two suspects were seen in the same village about whom nothing has been known yet. On the other hand, the villagers caught the three and informed the police. After which the police from Mamun police station took them with them for investigation. Giving information about this incident, the villager Prince said that last night at around half past ten, the three were seen walking suspiciously near the village wall, then they started running away after seeing the people. But after that the villagers chased them and caught them and when they were investigated, one of them was identified as Gagandeep Singh resident of village Malikzada (Firozpur) who was telling himself as the brother of an army jawan, while the other two youths They were identified as Abhishek and Fakirchand, residents of Mohalla Ghartholi, Pathankot, who claimed to be auto drivers.



Public has now decided to change government: Vikram Saini



NIRMAL SAINI
RADAUR: When Congress party was in power, people of country and state were living a happy life. But now situation is completely opposite. People of every class are living a miserable life under BJP rule. District head of Congress OBC cell Vikram Saini said this while addressing people in villages Naharpur, Khajuri, Unhedi, Barsan, Koolpur Kazibans, Jhadchandana and Faridpur of Radaur assembly constituency. He said that today farmers are troubled by payment of their crops and wrong policies, while youth are disappointed due to not getting jobs. Employees are struggling on streets for their demands and businessmen are facing losses due to tax burden. Whereas people of all classes were happy during Congress rule. Therefore, public has now decided to change the government and wants to hand over governance of state to Congress party again. In Lok Sabha elections, Congress won five out of ten seats in state. Public has proved that now they want change. Change in Vidhan Sabha is certain.

Breastfeeding is boon for mother and child: Dr Abha Kheterpal



RAHUL KOHLI
JAGADHRI: Breast feeding week was celebrated by the home science department of DAV college. During this, an extension lecture was organized on the topic 'Breastfeeding: A boon for mother and child'. In which the former principal of the college Dr. Abha Kheterpal was the keynote speaker. College principal Dr. Meenu Jain presided over the program. The program was organized under the supervision of the head of the home science department Parul Singh. The students participated enthusiastically in cooking and poster making competitions. The winners were also honored. While giving information about the importance of breast feeding, Dr. Abha Kheterpal said that breastfeeding is a boon for the child. This time is beneficial for the mother and the child. Breastfed babies can also be protected from many diseases. Due to this, the child's immunity also increases. During this time, both the mother and the child should be taken special care of.

Pensioners and Senior Citizens Welfare Association demands settlement of pending arrears



ANWAR HUSSIAN
NALAGARH: In a recent meeting, the Nalagarh unit of the Pensioners and Senior Citizens Welfare Association passed a resolution demanding the Himachal Pradesh government to make a lump sum payment of the pending pension arrears, gratuity, and other dues dating back to 2016. The pensioners also called for a special budget allocation for the settlement of medical bills, which have remained unpaid for several years. The meeting, chaired by the unit president Naresh Ghai, saw participants expressing their dissatisfaction over the lack of clear directives from the government regarding the payment of the arrears. They urged that the financial department's instructions, issued as per court orders, should apply to all pensioners for the payment of their pending dues. The unresolved dues from 2016 continue to be a major concern, causing significant discontent among the pensioners. Besides President Naresh Ghai, the meeting was attended by Jagtar Singh, Ranjodh Singh, Teerth Ram Sharma, Rameshwar Das, Anjana Sharma, Lajwanti Sharma, Poonam Gupta, Tripta, Neelam Dhiman, Kailash Rana, Pohnu Lal, Inderjeet Singh, Sushil Kumar, Bakshi Ram, Sohan Lal, Shivalal, Krishna Chaudhary, Jagat Ram, Mohan Lal Gupta, Ram Naresh Gupta, Rajendra Sharma, Babu Ram, Bakshi Ram, and others.

Annual blood donation camp organized at Nagpal Nursing Home Garhshankar

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIAARPUR: Annual blood donation camp was organized in Nagpal Nursing Home Garhshankar in collaboration with the team of Sant Gurnail Singh Blood Center Balachaur. This blood donation camp was inaugurated by the chief guest Thekedar Surinder Singh Bhullewal Rathan, on this occasion



he was accompanied by Grievance Redressal Committee members Harjit Singh Nagpal, Tarlok Singh Nagpal, senior Akali leader, Advocate Satind Raj Singh (Sukh Nagpal) Dr. Atamjit Singh Nagpal, JP Singh, Kishan Singh Badhan, Ravinder Chaudhary Kunail, Surinder Singh Darapuri, Kuldeep Singh on this occasion.

Prof Vijay seeks Congress ticket from Israna for assembly elections

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
PANIPAT, AUG 5

Professor Vijay, who is a frank and sharp speaker, educationist, always discusses national issues and is associated with the field of journalism, has presented his claim to contest the MLA election from Israna constituency. He has gone to Chandigarh with his colleagues and applied to contest the MLA election in the state Congress office. Professor Vijay, who has been associated with politics since college days, has been the district president of the student unit of Panipat and is currently serving as a professor of mass communication, public relations, journalism. Let us tell you that Professor Vijay is also the chairman of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Chair. His strong claim as a very sociable person with a clean and unblemished image has become a topic of discussion in the constituency. Today, educated youth are needed to raise the issues of the public in the assembly. Who can speed up development by raising the problems of people living in rural areas. So that youth get employment, women get respect, farmers, Dalits, laborers, businessmen want the development of Israna constituency to solve the problems of all 36 communities. In such a situation, Professor Vijay's claim has become a topic of discussion among the people. If the Congress high



command expresses its faith in Professor Vijay, then the people here will definitely give him their blessings. Professor Vijay is also a Dalit face of Haryana. He has led many campaigns from time to time to raise the voice of the people of the society. Prof. Vijay has been associated with education for a long time and his experience shows that today the youth in the state are facing the brunt of unemployment. Despite being educated, the youth are not able to get jobs. He assured the youth that if he gets a ticket from Israna constituency, then he will work to fulfill the dreams of the youth by winning from here, and will work towards making the youth self-reliant. Prof. Vijay said that he will leave no stone unturned to make Israna constituency the number-1 assembly constituency of Haryana.

NEWS BRIEF

India eye German scalp to script another historic chapter in Olympic men's hockey

PARIS: Having displayed nerves of steel to be within touching distance of a second successive Olympic medal, the Indian hockey team will fancy its chances against familiar foe and reigning world champion Germany in the semifinal of the ongoing Games, hoping to better the bronze that it claimed in the Tokyo edition. India won last of their eight Olympic gold medals way back in the 1980 Moscow Games. Paris provides them a great opportunity to make history. A semifinal win will ensure a silver for India, which they last won in the 1960 Rome edition. The Indians displayed a tenacious performance against Britain in the quarterfinal at the iconic Yves-du-Manoir Stadium on Sunday. Meanwhile defender Amit Rohidas is set to miss the semifinal clash against Germany on Tuesday after receiving a one-match ban for his foul in the quarterfinal clash against Great Britain.

In the second quarter of the match, Rohidas was given a red card after he raised his stick and caught opponent William Calnan's head. India played the rest of the match one-man down. The International Hockey Federation (FIH) released an official statement where they announced that the player is set to miss one match because of his misconduct.

"Amit Rohidas was suspended for one match for a breach of the FIH Code of Conduct which occurred during the India vs Great Britain match on August 4," the FIH official statement read as quoted by Olympics.com.

"I am super proud": Novak Djokovic after winning gold medal at Paris Olympics

PARIS: Serbian Tennis player Novak Djokovic said that he is feeling super proud after winning the gold medal in the ongoing Paris Olympics on Sunday. Djokovic turned his ultimate dream into reality by winning his first Olympic gold by overcoming Spain's Carlos Alcaraz in the men's singles final in Paris.

Speaking to ANI, Djokovic said, "God is great. Thank God. I am super proud, super happy." He also celebrated his moment by holding the Serbian flag in his hand with pride.

The 24-time Grand Slam Champion was down on his knees and tears of joy fell from his eyes after taking the game point. With the name Djokovic echoing around the stadium, the Serbian climbed the stairs and went into the stands to celebrate with his family. After Djokovic's 7-6, 7-6 win in the gold medal match, the emotions got the better of Alcaraz as he settled for the silver medal.

Now after this win, he has won 24 Grand Slam titles, the most by anyone across both men's and women's tennis. Djokovic has won 10 Australian Open titles, three French Open titles, seven Wimbledon titles and four US Open titles. Besides all this, he now finally has an Olympic gold medal, which is required for a player to complete a career golden slam.

Aside from his dominance at Grand Slam level, Djokovic has a total of 72 big titles in tennis. After spending years trying to catch up with stars like Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal, he has outshined them to become the leader of the modern-day 'Big Three' in tennis. This includes 40 ATP Masters titles as well and seven ATP Finals championship titles. Nadal is second among the 'Big Three', with a total of 59 big titles, including 22 Grand Slams.

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Paris Olympics: India shuttler Lakshya Sen misses out on bronze after suffering heartbreak in men's singles event



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NEW DELHI: India shuttler Lakshya Sen's remarkable campaign concluded on a disappointing note after he narrowly missed out on the bronze medal in the men's singles event at the ongoing Paris Olympics on Monday.

Lakshya Sen, just like many other India athletes, stood on the cusp of making history at the Paris Olympics. He was in contention for becoming the first Indian shuttler to win a medal in the men's singles event at the Olympics.

However, he came close but ended up too far from etching his name in the history books following his 21-13, 16-21, 11-21 loss against Malaysia's Zii Jia Lee and finished fourth in the event.

With Jia on the service and Sen on the receiving end, an intense rally between the two shuttlers unfolded to begin the proceedings for the bronze medal match. The Malaysian shuttler hit it too long beyond the backline to allow the Lakshya to take the first set.

A nervy start from Jia forced another error from him, handing an early two-point lead to Lakshya. He misjudged the landing spot of the shuttle, making the scoreline 2-1.

Lakshya regained a two-point lead after Jia's return went wide at 4-2. Lakshya took three consecutive points after the Malaysian continued to misplace his shots.

Jia reduced the deficit to three with a cross-court smash to make the scoreline 7-4. Once again, a couple of errors from Jia continued to haunt him and widened the gap, making the scoreline 10-4.

Lakshya, who showcased his prowess with his flawless defence, bombarded fierce smashes to extend his lead to 11-6.

Lakshya continued to exercise control in the opening set with the versatility of his shots and sealed the first set with a 21-13 win.

With the seventh-seeded Malaysian shuttler eyeing a comeback in the second set, Lakshya didn't give him much room to shift the momentum.

He raced to an 8-3 lead, but Jia restored the parity with five consecutive points. Jia took eight consecutive points to lead by three points at the half-time break.

Lakshya broke Jia's streak of points with a ferocious smash, and he followed it up with another cross-court smash to unsettle Jia.

He chased down the lead, making the scoreline 12-12. Jia once again restored a slender lead, but Lakshya didn't allow the Malaysian to extend his lead with powerful in-line body smashes.

Manu Bhaker to be India's flag-bearer for Paris Olympics closing ceremony



PARIS : India's two-time Olympic medalist and star shooter Manu Bhaker will be the flag bearer for the country at the closing ceremony of the ongoing Paris Olympics 2024. The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) issued a statement confirming the development on Monday. The choice of the male flag-bearer will be made later.

"IOA President Dr PT Usha and Chef de Mission Gagan Narang are happy to announce that pistol shooter Manu Bhaker will be a flag bearer at the closing ceremony. The choice of the male flag bearer will be made at a later stage," the statement from IOA said.

Also, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) posted a video of her reacting to being chosen as a flag-bearer.

"UNBRIDLED JOY!" @realmanubhaker finds out she has been chosen to be a flag-bearer at the closing ceremony of the #Paris2024Olympics. #Cheer4Bharat," SAI Media said in the post.

Bhaker brought her A-game in Paris and broke numerous accolades to claim two bronze medals in the Summer Games.

The Paris Olympics has been a redemption for the 22-year-old shooter. During the 10m air pistol qualification round in the Tokyo Olympics in 2021, her gun malfunctioned, which led to a loss of time.

She was left with a very short amount of time to carry out her quota of shots. She missed the top-eight finish required to qualify for the final round and finished in the 12th spot.

Bhaker opened India's medal tally in the ongoing Olympics after she secured third place in the women's individual 10m Air pistol event, becoming the first-ever woman shooter to win an Olympic medal for India. Following that, Sarabjot Singh and Bhaker won the Bronze medal in the 10m air pistol (mixed team) event, which was India's first-ever shooting team medal.

She had a shot at returning with three medals from Paris. But in her final event, she narrowly missed out on the historic grand treble and finished fourth in the women's 25m pistol shooting event. She missed out on the opportunity to become the first Indian to win three medals at the Olympics.

Bhaker is the first athlete from the Indian contingent after independence to get two medals in a single edition of the Paris Olympics.

Earlier in the 1900 Olympics, Norman Pritchard won two medals while representing India, both silver in the 200m and 200m hurdles.

Bhaker also joined an elite group of athletes to have multiple individual medals at the Olympics: PV Sindhu (badminton silver at Rio 2016 and bronze medal at Tokyo 2020) and Sushil Kumar (wrestling bronze at the 2008 Beijing Olympics and silver medal at the 2012 London Olympics).

British Deputy High Commission Chandigarh Cricket Team Showcases Diversity and Inclusion in Exhibition Match



CHANDIGARH: In a spirited display of diversity and inclusion, the British Deputy High Commission (BDHC) Chandigarh cricket team recently played an exhibition match against DAV College Alumni at a cricket stadium in Panchkula, Haryana. The match, organised by the UT Cricket Association (UTCA), carried a powerful social message advocating the fight against drugs through the medium of sports. Demonstrating a commitment to gender equality, the BDHC Chandigarh team was led by a female colleague, while a colleague from the Transport and Administration department, was named Vice-



Captain. Team members from all sections of the High Commission participated in the match, which was played under floodlights, showcasing a strong sense

League matches continues as Allengers Gully Tournament enters day 10



CHANDIGARH: The league matches continued on the tenth day of Allengers Gully Cricket Tournament being organized by UT Cricket Association and Chandigarh Police. A total of 18 matches were played on Monday while one team got a walkover due to absence of the other team. All league matches will be over by August 7 and the pre-quarterfinal stage will commence from August 8. Earlier on Sunday's night, two exhibition matches were played under the aegis of this tournament. In the first match Chandigarh Strikers XI (Tax Advocates) defeated IMA XI by 15 runs while in the second match Advisor XI defeated UTCA XI by three runs in a thrilling

end

The results of the matches were as follows:- Team No. 47 beat Team No. 41 by eight wickets, Team No. 51 beat Team No. 53 by five wickets, Team No. 38 beat Team No. 36 by 16 runs Team No. 84 beat Team No. 87 by 42 runs Team No. 57 beat Team No. 62 by six runs, Team No. 2 beat Team No. 8 by 74 runs, Team No. 106 beat Team No. 110 by seven wickets, Team No. 16 beat Team No. 11 by 27 runs Team No. 18 beat Team Team No. 23 by eight wickets, Team No. 119 beat Team No. 114 by 54 runs, Team No. 94 beat Team No. 91 by eight wickets, Team No. 30 beat Team No. 28 by 16 runs, Team No. 68 beat Team No. 71 by 69 runs, Team No.

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APPENDIX IV (REFER RULE – 8(1)) POSSESSION NOTICE FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Axis Bank Ltd. under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice dated 26th-Dec-2023 calling upon M/S Mohan and Company through its proprietor Vineet Verma to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 73,82,474/- (Rupees Seventy three lacs eighty two thousand four hundred and seventy four only) due as on 29.11.2023 against Loan Account No.: 921080050679058 together with further unapplied interest and cost thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/ Mortgagee(s)/Guarantor(s) above said having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Mortgagee(s)/Guarantor(s) and the Public in General that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 5th day of August 2024.
The Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower (s)/ Mortgagee(s)/Guarantor(s) above said in particular and the Public in General is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the Axis Bank Ltd., for an amount of Rs. 73,82,474/- (Rupees Seventy three lacs eighty two thousand four hundred and seventy four only) due as on 29.11.2023 together with further interest thereon at the contractual rate of interest till the date of payment & expenses thereon.
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PROPERTY NUMBER 1 : All that part and parcel of Residential property measuring 77.77 having House number 2204/B situated at Lakkari Mandi, Ward No.19, Rajpura, Patiala, Punjab as per transfer deed no. 2634 dated 14.10.2013 bounded as under : Boundaries as under : East: 70' House no. 2203, West: 70' House no. 2204, North: 20' Road, South: 20' Road
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Date : 05-08-2024
Place : Rajpura, Punjab

Authorized Officer,
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The Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor (including the Legal Heirs, in case of death of any of the Borrower/Co-borrower/Guarantor (s)) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor (including the Legal Heirs, in case of death of any of the Borrower/Co-borrower/Guarantor (s)) and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the RBL Bank Ltd. has taken PHYSICAL POSSESSION of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of the section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Sl. No.	Name and Address of the Borrower, Co-Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagor	Details of Properties/ Address of Secured Assets to be Enforced	Amount Due in Rs.	Date of Demand Notice Date of possession
1.	Anup Kumar Pandey H No. Bx 1296, Lamba Pind, Jalandhar-1, Chogitli, Jalandhar, Punjab-144009	Measuring 4 Marla, Khasra No. 1248, 1247, 1249 And 1250 At Chak Hussaina Lamba Pind, Jalandhar Tehsil And District Jalandhar.	Rs.20,40,478/- (Rupees Twenty Lacs Forty Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Eight Only)	01.09.2023 01-08-2024

The Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor (including the Legal Heirs, in case of death of any of the Borrower/Co-borrower/Guarantor (s)) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the RBL Bank Ltd.

Place: JALANDHAR
Date : 02-08-2024

Authorised Officer
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H.P. Forest Department Tender Notice

E-Procurement Notice

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

1. The DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, KOTGARH FOREST DIVISION, KOTGARH, DISTT. SHIMLA, on behalf of Governor of HP invites online bids on item rate, in e- tendering system, in 2 cover system for the under mentioned material from the eligible and approved firms approved by the Competent Authority for supply of Barbed Wire etc.

Sr. No.	Particular of Item	Approximate Quantity	EMD (in Rs.)	Period for Supply	Tender Form Fee (in Rs.)	Eligible class of Firm
1	Procurement of Barbed Wire	100 Qlt.	25,000/-	2 Days after award of Supply order	500/-	As per the Terms & Conditions mentioned in the Tender Document Attached

2. **Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission:** The Bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website <http://hptenders.gov.in> Bidder would be required to register in the web-site, which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder required to have digital signature certificate from one of the authorized certifying Authorities (CA). *Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.

3. **Key Dates:-**

Sr. No.	Activity	Date and Time
1	Date of Online publication	03/08/2024 02:00 PM
2	Document download start Date	03/08/2024 02:30 PM
3	Document download end date	08/08/2024 05:00 PM
4	Bid submission start	03/08/2024 02:30 PM
5	Bid submission End date	08/08/2024 05:00 PM
6	Physical Submission of EMD and Cost of tender document	09/08/2024 11:30 AM
7	Date of Technical Bid Opening and Evaluation	09/08/2024 02:00 PM
8	Date of Financial Bid Opening and Evaluation	09/08/2024 03:00 PM

4. **TENDER DETAILS:**
The Tender Documents shall be uploaded online in 2 Cover:
Cover 1: shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Document/Eligibility information".
Cover 2: shall contain "BOQ/Financial Bid", where contractor will quote his offer for each item.

5. **SUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS:** The bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security/earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and other "Technical Documents in **O/o Divisional Forest Officer Kotgarh H.P.** as specified in **Key Dates at Sr. No. 6** on Tender Opening Date, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive.

6. **BID OPENING DETAILS:** The bids shall be opened on **09/08/2024 at 02:00 PM** in the **office Divisional Forest Officer, Kotgarh** by the authorized officer. In their interest the tenderer are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders. If the Office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

7. The bids for the above material shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than **90 days** after the deadline date for bid submission.

8. Other details can be seen in the **bidding documents**. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidder's responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

9. The acceptance of a tender will rest with the Divisional Forest Officer, who does not bind himself to accept the lowest tender and reserves to himself the authority to reject any or all of the tenders received without assigning the reason. All tenders in whom any of the prescribed conditions are not fulfilled or are incomplete in any respect are liable to be rejected.

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Backward Class-B to get Reservations for Municipalities and PRIs

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, AUG 5

In a significant move towards ensuring social justice and equitable representation, the Haryana government, under the chairmanship of Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini has decided to give reservations for Backward Classes of Citizens Block B (Schedule-II) in Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and Municipalities across the state.

This decision reiterates Sh. Nayab Singh Saini's commitment to upliftment of Backward Classes and promote their participation in the democratic process. The reservation for Backward Classes Block-B will be implemented based on the recommendations of the Haryana Backward Classes Commission. Presently the BC-A population in the state is 18.93 percent and the BC-B popula-

tion in the state is 15.05 percent.

The State Cabinet which met under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini here today accepted a report outlining the proportion of reservations for Backward Classes of Citizens Block B (Schedule-II) in the PRIs and Municipalities.

As per the report, the backward classes of citizens Block-B also require the support of reservation on the pattern of backward classes of citizens Block-A in the elections of Panchayati Raj Institutions/ Municipalities for their upliftment and to be adequately represented in the gross root of democratic set up.

The Office of Panch in every Gram Panchayat Shall be reserved for the backward classes (B) and the number of seats so reserved shall bear as



nearly as may be the same proportion to the total numbers of seeds in that Gram Panchayat as one-half of the percentage of population of backward classes (B) to the total population in that Gram Sabha area. In case the decimal value is 0.5 or more it shall be rounded off to the next higher integer. Provided that every Gram Panchayat

shall have at least one panch belonging to backward classes (B) if its population is not less than 2 percent of the total population of the Sabha area. 5 percent of the total number of offices of Sarpanch in a block and rounded off to the next higher integers in case the decimal value is 0.5 or more shall be reserved for backward classes (B).

The offices of member shall be reserved for the backward classes (B) in every Panchayat Samiti and the number of seats so reserved shall bear, as nearly as may be, the same proportion to the total number of seats in that Panchayat Samiti, as one-half of the percentage of population of backward classes (B) to the total population in that block.

Kanwarpal Gurjar hails CM for announcing to buy all crops of farmers at MSP



RAHUL KOHLI
JAGADHARI, AUG 5

Haryana Chief Minister Naib Saini has made a historic announcement that from now on, Haryana BJP government will be only state government in the country that will buy 24 crops of farmers at MSP. No matter which crop farmer brothers grow, they will get actual price of MSP declared by government. Agriculture Minister Kanwarpal Gurjar said that prosperous farmers are identity of Haryana. In last 10 years, double engine BJP government has done great job to make farmers prosperous. BJP government is realizing dream of every Haryanvi farmer. All three star companies manufacturing tube motors for irrigation in fields

will come to Haryana. Loan of Rs 133,55,48,000 of farmers has been waived. Gurjar said that new tube connections will be given to the farmers. Cost of changing the transformer will not be taken from farmers. Compensation amount of about Rs 137 crore will be distributed to farmers in next week. Double engine BJP government will be formed in Haryana for third consecutive time. BJP District President Rajesh Sapra said that farmers are main basis of economy of Haryana. Farmers will get immense benefits from these big announcements made for farmers. BJP government and organization are working for interests of farmers. We are determined, BJP District Yamuna Nagar organization thanks Haryana BJP Government and Chief Minister Nayab

Jai Bhagwan welcomed in Bhiwani Khera and Goshala Bazaar

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, AUG 5

Senior BJP leader and former candidate Jai Bhagwan Sharma DD said that if BJP gives him ticket and public blesses him, he will remove the backwardness of Thanesar constituency and create new opportunities in the field of employment, education and business here. Jai Bhagwan Sharma DD addressed the public awareness meeting in Bhiwani Khera and Kathara located in Goshala Bazaar in the second phase of Jan Ashirwad Yatra. He said that in BJP rule, a lot of money came for development in Kurukshetra but development is not possible without good planning. DD Sharma said that in Thanesar, schemes have been made to benefit selected people and families, due to which the public cannot benefit. He sought blessings, support and cooperation from the people present in the meeting. There is a need for permanent



arrangements beyond formalities in flood prone areas.

DD Sharma got a huge support in the public awareness meeting organised by Rakesh Saini in Bhiwani Khera, people showed great enthusiasm. DD Sharma said that there is no planning beyond cleanliness and formalities in flood prone areas, people have to bear the brunt of failure of leaders and administration, crops, houses and work all get affected. DD said that if the public gives him an opportunity, he will give a

new identity to the area. The Jan Ashirwad Yatra is getting huge public support. Jai Bhagwan Sharma Jan Ashirwad Yatra being taken out by DD is getting huge public support in rural and urban areas. In the first phase, DD Sharma addressed about fifty public awareness meetings, while the second phase started with a grand beginning from Ward No. 1 Goshala Bazaar and Bhiwani Kheda village. People are showing great enthusiasm about Jan Ashirwad Yatra.

NHM employees' strike continues

MANISH KUMAR
AMBALA, AUGUST 5

On the call of NHM Haryana Employees' Sanjha Morcha, NHM employees kept a fast and applied mehendi and demanded that NHM employees be made permanent. NHM employees raised slogans in the old civil hospital of Ambala city today and expressed their opinion that the strike will continue till the government does not include it in the regularization policy, which is the main demand of the employees. NHM employees of all the districts of Haryana continued their strike on the 11th day under the banner of Sanjha Morcha and talked to the organisation regarding the problems being faced by the public due to the NHM strike.

The entire Haryana is affected due to the non-availability of health services to the public due to the strike of the entire state employees. The system in the health department has collapsed but for the government and the administration, their election tours



seem more important than the health of the people of Haryana. Sanjha Morcha Committee said that in the year 2017, the Haryana Government had given the benefit of service by-laws to all the NHM employees of the state through the same Haryana Government, but now the government is going to end the rights of the NHM employees because the intention of the officials sitting in the government is not right towards the employees, due to which today the agitation of the NHM employees of the entire Haryana has entered the 11th day, but the government

did not come forward for talks. Under Sanjha NHM Morcha, the NHM employees of the entire Haryana participated in the agitation 100 per cent due to which the work of referral transport being run by the Haryana Government, which was being done by the NHM employees, is completely closed and in lieu of this, ambulances are being run for 72 hours by outsourcing drivers, in which any accident can happen to the patient. Along with this, immunization, which is done by the ANM of the NHM of our state, is completely closed.

No permanent principal for Nilokheri Engineering College and Polytechnic

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
NILOKHERI: Former member of Haryana Public Service Commission Professor Rajesh Vaid says that the 9 years of BJP government have been disappointing for the educational institutions as well as the youth and the youth are disappointed with the wrong education policies and are forced to migrate abroad. The BJP is exploiting educated youth through temporary recruitments in Kausal Nigam. After the formation of Congress government, the employees engaged under Kausal Rojgar Nigam will be made permanent as per their qualification by making a policy. In future, permanent recruitments will be done on 2 lakh vacant posts to free the youth of Haryana from the mess of temporary jobs.



Vaidya was addressing the 'Brahmin Sammelan' organised by Advocate Vishwanath Sharma, Chairman of the Social Media Department of Nilokheri Assembly, at a private hotel in Taraori today. Vaidya said that BJP has implemented its privatisation policy in the field of education as well. Congress had opened thousands of schools in the state to educate the children of poor, labourers, workers, SC and OBC. But BJP closed 5 thousand schools in the name of merger. The fees of colleges and universities are also being increased wildly. The BJP does not want the children of poor workers to get good education. But if the Congress government is formed, all such policies will be put on hold which will be anti-poor, labourer and farmer. Rajesh Vaidya said that if the Congress government is formed, the elderly will be given a pension of Rs 6000 and the employees will be given the benefit of the old pension scheme.

21 participants show talent on 'Aapka Apna Manch'

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: 21 participants displayed their talent on Sunday in the programme 'Aapka Apna Manch' started by Sarthak Sanskritik Sangh in Atal Park. So far 78 participants have shown their talent on this open stage. In the beginning Pankaj Sharma enthralled the audience by singing 'Ik Ajnabi Haseena Se Mulakat Ho Gayi', 'Kya Hua Tera Wada Wo Kasam Wo Irada'. Later Vinod Sharma's songs 'Tu Iss Tarah Se Meri Zindagi Mein Sham-mil Hai' and 'Kisi Baat Se Main Kisi Se Khafa Hoon' forced the audience to sit. Balwant Singh's ragini 'Ke bujhoge baat meri main zindagi se tang aa gaya' was appreciated for decades. Later, children from 2 to 12 years showed their skills in dance, among whom Kavaya, Divyanshi, Parisha, Nitish, Omshi, Garima, Riya, Taksh, Yashvi's enthusiasm on stage was worth seeing.

Similarly, Mani, Yagya, Komal, Harjinder Kang, Harish Kaushik charmed the audience with their singing. Every week the number of audience and participants is increasing continuously. But the number of participants has now been increased to 20. Only the one who comes first will be given a chance on stage. Sarthak Sanskritik Sangh's president Sanjeev Lakhani Pal said that from next week, certificates will also be given to the participants who get first, second and third place. On this occasion, Meghraj Luthra, Surendra Bhalla, Alkesh Arora, Satpal and other members of Sarthak were present.



In despair youth of Haryana are going abroad via Donkey route: Sumita Singh



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KARNAL: Under the 'Haryana Mange Hisaab' campaign, the Congress Party, while cornering the BJP on its misgovernance and failures of 10 years, reached Ekta Colony and Prem Nagar with a 'charge sheet' of questions related to 15 issues against the BJP government. When she reached there, the residents of Ekta Colony and Prem Nagar welcomed Sumita Singh, former MLA. On this occasion, she listened to the problems of the residents of Ekta Colony and Prem Nagar and collected suggestions. Sumita Singh, former MLA, Karnal said that every section is unhappy in the BJP rule and every section including farmers, labourers, traders, employees, youth, is out on the streets with their demands. The government is exploiting the public intoxicated with power and is misleading the public by making false announcements every day in the name of development and employment. There is anger in every section against the government. Educated youth is knocking at door to door to get employment and the government is snatching away employment instead of providing it. Today, the youth of Haryana is facing the highest unemployment in the country. Government permanent jobs are being converted into temporary ones through Kausal Nigam. Many recruitments are pending which are yet to be completed. 2 Lakh government posts are lying vacant in Haryana. Instead of Haryanvi youth, the jobs of Haryana are being given to people from other states.

Delegation to meet CM soon for separate capital of Haryana: Randhir Singh

GOLDY CHUGH
SHAHABAD, AUGUST 5

The demand for separate capital and High Court for Haryana has received the support of Mahapanchayat of Sarpanchs in Haryana and thousands of religious and social organizations of the state have passed resolutions and supported both these demands. Addressing a press conference at Karma Jogi's establishment in Shahabad, Convener of Haryana Banao Mission and former Chairman of Punjab and Haryana Bar Council Randhir Singh Badharan said that the delegation of this mission will soon meet Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini regarding these two demands and will appeal to the Chief Minister



that for the development of Haryana and employment of youth, a separate High Court and capital for the state is very important. Randhir Singh Badharan said that Haryana is the only state in the country which does not have a separate capital and High Court, whereas Him-

achal Pradesh was formed in 1966, but it has its own separate capital and High Court. Randhir Singh Badharan said that Haryana Banao Mission is a non-political organisation and it has decided that if any political party does not mention the separate capital and High Court for Hary-

ana in its election manifesto, then that party will be opposed in the assembly elections.

Randhir Singh said that due to the absence of a separate High Court, the cases of the people of Haryana remain pending for decades and people keep yearning for justice. Therefore, a separate High Court is necessary so that the people of the state get immediate justice. Devendra Sharma Kheda and Karma Jogi said that work will be done to get the support of the organisations of Shahabad assembly constituency in writing for Haryana Banao Mission. He said that if Haryana has a separate capital, then the path of development of the state will be paved. During this, the youth honored Randhir Singh Badharan by putting a turban on him.

PRAMOD VERMA
NARAYANGARH, AUG 5

Farmers in Narayangarh, protesting against unpaid dues worth crores from the Narayangarh Sugar Mill, crop loans, and arbitrary dismissals of mill employees under the guise of policy changes, organized a massive tractor march on Monday. The protest culminated in the burning of effigies of Prime Minister Modi and Chief Minister Nayab Saini in front of the local mini-secretariat.

Led by Bhakiyu Tikait Group's Youth State President Ravi Azad, the farmers gathered at the local mill and initiated the march. The tractor

convoy was so extensive that the leading tractor reached Narayangarh while the last one was still at the sugar mill. Ravi Azad himself drove a tractor at the forefront of the march.

Upon reaching the mini-secretariat, the police force halted the march and closed the gates. Addressing the farmers, Ravi Azad highlighted the pending dues of approximately 23-24 crore owed by the Narayangarh Sugar Mill to the farmers. He also mentioned that the mill had taken crop loans of about 25 crore, which had now ballooned to over 35 crore, from two banks under the farmers' names.



zad accused the local administration of forcibly retiring officials sympathetic to the farmers and the mill's interests while favoring those with an anti-farmer stance. He criti-

cized the frequent policy changes and the arbitrary dismissal of employees by the mill management.

Azad condemned the situation under Chief Minister Nayab Saini, who once represented Narayangarh as an MLA, stating that it was a matter of shame for the government that farmers in the Chief Minister's home region had to resort to such extreme measures.

He questioned the state of other regions in Haryana if this was the condition in Narayangarh.

Farmers protest with tractor march, burn effigies of CM and PM

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