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BSF kills Pak intruder on border in Pb

AMRITSAR: The Border Security Force shot dead an intruder from Pakistan in Punjab's Tarn Taran district, official sources said on Tuesday. On Monday night, BSF troops observed suspicious movement of an infiltrator from Pakistan who was approaching the border fence after crossing the International Border near village Dal, a BSF spokesperson said. The troops challenged the intruder but he did not stop and continued his advance towards the border security fence, forcing the troops to open fire and kill him, he said.

SC closes contempt case against Baba Ramdev with warning

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday closed the contempt matter against Yoga guru and Patanjali Ayurved founder Baba Ramdev and the company's Managing Director (MD) Acharya Balakrishna in the misleading advertisements case. A Bench comprising Justice Hima Kohli and Justice Ansuuddin Amanullah, while accepting the unconditional apology tendered by them, discharged the Contempt Notices issued and closed the contempt proceedings against the duo. The Court also warned them not to violate its orders in future. Baba Ramdev and Acharya Balakrishna were accused of advertising, branding some of the products.

DRDO, Army successfully test portable anti tank missile system

NEW DELHI: The Defence Research and Development Organisation or DRDO has successfully test-fired the made-in-India 'Man-Portable Anti Tank Guided Missile or MPATGM'. The test was conducted at the field firing range in Rajasthan's Jaisalmer recently, officials said. The Man-Portable Anti Tank Guided Missile system consists of the missile, launcher, Target Acquisition System, and a fire control unit.

Notorious drug smuggler Billa Havelian detained, sent to Assam jail

CHANDIGARH: Notorious drug smuggler Balwinder Singh was detained under the stringent Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, a senior Narcotics Control Bureau officer said on Tuesday. This was the first such action, which aims to break the jail-based drugs mafia link in the region, initiated by the bureau in Punjab. Under the stringent Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (PITNDPS) Act, a habitual offender can be put under preventive detention.

Sirsa Dera chief walks out of jail on parole, to remain in Bhagpat

UNI
CHANDIGARH, AUG 13

Ahead of Haryana Assembly polls in October-November, rape and murder convict and Dera Sacha Sauda chief Gurmeet Singh Ram Rahim was released on a 21-day parole on Tuesday.

Sources said that after coming out of prison on parole he left for an ashram in Bhagpat in Uttar Pradesh.

Ram Rahim was serving a 20-year sentence in Sunaria jail of Rohtak district after being convicted in cases related to raping his two disciples and a case related to the murder of journalist Ramchander Chhatrapati. He was convicted for the first time in 2017.

The Punjab and Haryana High Court had recently disposed of a petition by Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee against granting parole to Ram Rahim.

This is the eighth time since February 2022 that Ram Rahim has been released on parole, almost each time coinciding with some elections or the other.

Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh is serving a 20-year sentence for raping two of his disciples and is lodged in the Sunaria jail in Haryana's Rohtak district.

He was sentenced in 2017. The Dera chief and three others were also convicted in 2019 for the murder of a journalist more than 16 years ago.

In May, the high court acquitted him and four others in the 2002 murder of the sect's former manager Ranjit Singh, citing "tainted and sketchy" investigations in the matter. A special CBI court had



sentenced them to life imprisonment.

Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh mostly got paroles and furloughs during state or local body polls. He will once again come out of jail ahead of the Haryana Assembly elections, which are due later this year.

The Dera chief, known to have a large number of followers in Haryana, Punjab, and Uttar Pradesh, was granted a 50-day parole in January.

Prior to that, he was granted a three-week temporary release in November last year, just days before the Rajasthan legislative assembly elections.

He had also come out of jail on 40-day parole in July, ahead of panchayat elec-

tions in Haryana.

Singh had got a 40-day parole in January. It was during the same parole period he was seen celebrating the birth anniversary of former dera chief Shah Satnam Singh by cutting a cake with a sword.

In 2022, he got out of jail thrice - first in February for 21 days during the Punjab assembly polls, then in June for a month when civic body elections were held in Haryana, and then in October for 40 days during Haryana by-polls.

Before that, he came out on a 40-day parole in October 2020, when the Haryana assembly elections were held.

Delhi Lt Governor picks Kailash Gahlot for flag hoisting

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, AUG 13

Delhi Home Minister Kailash Gahlot has been chosen - by Delhi Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena - to unfurl the national flag during the Delhi government's Independence Day celebration on Thursday.

Mr Gahlot will do so as Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal - who would normally lead celebrations - remains in jail following his arrest by the CBI in the alleged liquor policy case.

The choice of Mr Gahlot will fan the flames of conflict between Mr Saxena and the ruling Aam Aadmi Party after Mr Kejriwal wrote to the LG to declare that Education Minister Atishi would do the



honours in his absence. Mr Saxena, however, immediately declared Mr Kejriwal's direction "invalid".

In a brief statement issued Tuesday evening Mr Saxena's office said Mr Gahlot had been nominated since Delhi Police "is responsible for the ceremonial march-past parade after un-

furling of the national flag" and "matters related to (the) police have been assigned to the Home Department".

"In view of the above, Lieutenant Governor is pleased to nominate Home Minister Kailash Gahlot to unfurl the national flag at the state-level Independence Day celebrations..." Mr Saxena said. "Kejriwal's Decision Legally Invalid" Earlier Arvind Kejriwal had written to Mr Saxena to formally convey his choice. However, Mr Saxena's office declared it did not receive any communication. Jail authorities later told the Chief Minister his letter was an "abuse of privileges" granted to him under the Delhi Prison Rules and was, therefore, not sent to the Lieutenant Governor.

Hindenburg: Cong announces nationwide protest on Aug 22

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, AUG 13

Amid the raging row over the Hindenburg allegations, the Congress on Tuesday announced that it will hold a nationwide agitation on August 22 demanding SEBI Chief Madhabi Puri Buch's resignation and a Joint Parliamentary Committee probe into the Adani issue.

The announcement was made after Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge held a meeting with all general secretaries, state unit chiefs and AICC state in-charges

here as the party gets battle-ready for the upcoming round of assembly polls to discuss organisational matters and various issues of national importance for election preparedness.

"The shocking revelations of a nexus between the SEBI and Adani needs a thorough investigation. The money of small investors in the stock market cannot be jeopardised," Kharge said in a post on X after the meeting.

The Modi government must immediately seek the resignation of the SEBI chair-

person and constitute a JPC in this regard, he said.

Briefing reporters on the meeting, Venugopal said it was unanimously decided at the meeting that the party will hold a nationwide agitation on August 22, demanding the SEBI chief's resignation and a JPC probe into Adani issue.

Hindenburg Research on August 10 alleged that SEBI Chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch and her husband Dhaval Buch had stakes in obscure offshore funds used in the alleged Adani money siphoning scandal.

Haryana CM dedicates 600 projects worth Rs. 3400 Crores

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, AUG 13

Following the mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Prayas, and Sabka Vishwas', the present state government has reaffirmed its commitment to ensure equitable development in Haryana.

The Chief Minister said this while addressing the gathering after the inauguration and laying the foundation stones for 600 projects worth Rs. 3400 crore across the state through video conferencing during a state-level programme held in Panchkula district. The Chief Minister inaugurated 220 projects worth Rs. 1190 crores and laid the foundation stones for 380 projects costing Rs. 2210 crores.

On this occasion, the Chief Minister also handed over appointment letters to 104 TGT-Punjabi and 3878 Group-D candidates. He congratulated the selected candidates

and their families, highlighting that their hard work has made it possible to get government jobs on a merit basis.

During the event, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini took a step towards fulfilling the dream of the poor to own a home by launching a portal for Mukhya Mantri Gramin Awaz Yojana-Expansion. Under this scheme, plots of 100 yards will be provided in villages and 50 yards in Mahagram villages to those who do not own land.

He criticized the previous government for its discriminatory practices in allotting plots, stating that they failed to provide possession or documentation, leaving people struggling. The present state government has rectified this by giving plot possession to those who were previously

denied. The Chief Minister said that this is the 10th event where projects have been inaugurated or foundation stones laid online, adding up to a total of 2891 projects worth Rs. 24,221 crores.



Protest continues in Bengal's doctor rape, murder case ; CBI probe ordered

AGENCY
KOLKATA, AUG 13

The Calcutta High Court on Tuesday ordered a CBI investigation into the sexual assault and murder of a woman post-graduate trainee (PGT) doctor at Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, on August 9.

The Court has asked the Kolkata Police to hand over all documents to the CBI immediately.

A protesting doctor reacted to the news, "We are very happy and relieved that the case

has been transferred to CBI. The accused will be arrested soon now..." Earlier today, doctors and medical students held a protest at AIIMS Delhi on Tuesday after the Federation of All India Medical Association (FAIMA) called for a nationwide shutdown of OPD services from Tuesday in solidarity against the sexual assault and murder of a woman doctor. Earlier, The Calcutta High Court asked the former principal of RG Kar Medical College Sandip Ghosh to submit a leave application. This comes after Ghosh's appointment as principal of Calcutta National Medical College.

Will act as bridge between Centre and State for the development of Punjab: Gulab Chand Kataria

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 13:

The Punjab Governor and UT Chandigarh Administrator Shri Gulab Chand Kataria today reviewed the central development projects and public welfare schemes with senior IAS officers of Punjab at Punjab Raj Bhawan. On this occasion, after a formal introductory session with the IAS officers, the Governor said that he will work as a bridge between the Centre and the State for the development of the Punjab.

He said that everyone should work collectively to ensure that the benefit of all welfare schemes reaches the real beneficiaries, for which he will also contribute his due part. The Governor further said that review meetings regarding central development works and public welfare schemes will be held from time to time. "For the proper implementation of Public Welfare



Schemes and to review the central development projects will reach ground level alongwith the State Government functionaries," added the Governor.

The Governor asked the officers that the common people should not suffer in government offices for this the IAS officers and their subordinate staff should fix time for public dealing on

working days. On this occasion, Shri Gulab Chand Kataria said that the state officers should remain in constant contact with the concerned central officials for the approvals of development proposals sent by the state. Besides this, he said that if there is an obstacle in the clearance of any project at any level, he is ready to provide all support and help.

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People worried due to flooding on road

RAMPURA PHUL (KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA): The entire gram panchayat of Kotra Kaura village of Maur assembly constituency on the 18-feet road from Rampura-Maur road to village Kotra Kaura on the nearby houses of Amrit Lal BKO. The Gram Panchayat of village Kotra had given a written report on



March 26 to the Exion of the Road Department regarding the deliberate release of water on the road that the passers-by were facing a lot of problems with this water and there was always fear of loss of life and property. is At that time, this matter was also told to the journalists by the village panchayat of Kotra Kaura and at that time the news was printed in different newspapers, but despite the passage of time, no action is being taken to stop the water from the road.

Bharat Sevak Samaj celebrates its foundation day at Rupnagar



BAHADURJEET SINGH RUPNAGAR: In order to succeed in life, the youth need to adapt and empower themselves according to the needs of the present time. This was stated by noted social worker of Rupnagar, Dr. R. S. Parmar during a function organized by the district unit of Bharat Sevak Samaj, Rupnagar on the occasion of the foundation day of the organisation at old age home 'Agra Ghar' at Haveli Kalan here. He said that after independence, the NGO Bharat Sevak Samaj was formed with the approval of the Planning Commission to contribute to the development of the nation at the national level. With this aim, this organization is making continuous efforts to put the youth on the development and constructive side of the country. Dr. Parmar encouraged the youth to educate themselves with new technology for success. He assured for all possible help to promote the organisation. During the event, he honored 32 students of the tailoring and Embroidery centre being run by the district unit of Bharat Sevak Samaj for the empowerment of girls by giving them certificates for successful completion of the course.

Taxation lawyer faces cyber fraud, FIR filed

SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON: A renowned taxation lawyer of Jagraon, Arun Beri has been subjected to cyber fraud as the accused withdrew 5 lakh 75 thousand rupees from his account without his knowing. DSP Daljeet Singh, talking about the case, said that according to the information, Arun Beri son of Nataraj Beri filed a complaint on 15th April related to cyber crime in which he alleged that amount of rupees 5 lakh 75 thousand has been withdrawn from his account illegally. "According to the complainant, the sharp accused committed fraud on the name of KYC and made him download a wrong app and took money from his account," he added. Police has filed FIR in this case and initiated further investigation.

Baba Farid Group of Institutions hosts 'Pitch Pulse' event sponsored by startup Punjab



ANANTDEEP KAUR BATHINDA: Baba Farid School of Entrepreneurship (BFSE), Baba Farid Group of Institutions (BFGI) successfully organized "Pitch Pulse," a prestigious startup investor connect event sponsored by Startup Punjab on 12th August 2024. The event provided a dynamic platform for budding entrepreneurs to pitch and exhibit their innovative startup ideas to prominent investors and industry experts. The event began with a warm welcome and an inaugural session led by Prof (Dr) MP Poonia, Campus Director of BFGI. Ms. Iqbalpreet Kaur Sidhu, Incubation Manager, BFSE, introduced the esteemed investors for the event. Attendees were then treated to a comprehensive audio-visual presentation on Startup Punjab and the various incentives offered by the state government. This session was conducted by Mr. Shyam Sundar and Mr. Amarpal Singh, Joint Managers, Startup Punjab.

Respect Indian national flag, hoist tricolor in high places



VERMA GURDASPUR: The entire nation bows before the Indian National Flag, the Tricolor, and every citizen of the country respects it from the heart. These sentiments were jointly expressed by Advocate Dilip Singh Suryavanshi and Advocate Shalendra Suryavanshi. They stated that the identity and existence of all Indians are represented by the Tricolor. According to the Constitution of India, disrespecting the Tricolor is considered a punishable offense, with penalties established for such acts. They explained that the three colors of the Tricolor—saffron, white, and green—are symbols of the nation, with saffron representing sacrifice, white symbolizing peace, and green signifying prosperity and freedom.

Students of Shaheed Bhagat Singh Senior Secondary School Malkana wrestled in zone level Games



ISHWER GARG TALWANDI SABO: The students of Shaheed Bhagat Singh Senior Secondary School, Malkana (Bathinda), have made the name of the school institutions and parents bright by hitting the mallet in the zone level games. School Principal Madam Jawsant Kaur Sidhu informed that in these competitions, under-19 boys won first place, under-19 girls won first place, under-17 girls yoga second place, under-14 boys skating Sahibji Singh Chhatra, 1st Place and Anshpreet Singh 2nd Place, Under-14 Girls Badminton Indpreet Kaur and Karamveer Kaur have secured the second position.

Youth laud CM for giving them govt jobs completely on merit

GAURAV GOEL CHANDIGARH, AUG 13

The youth of the state on Tuesday gave affirmative response to the campaign of the Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann led state government to give jobs to the youth completely on the basis of merit.

Sharing his views Manish Sharma said that he had completed his masters in 2021 and since then he has been vying for a government job. He said that though earlier jobs were on sale in the state but now the things have completely changed and youth are getting jobs completely on merit. He said that this job has changed his fortune as earlier he had planned to go abroad but now he has got the job along with all his classmates.

Another youth from village Sherpur Sodhian near Dhuri said that he has been working in a private firm for the last 14 years. He said that due to the apathy of the previous governments they had lost hope that he would ever get a government job. However, he said that now things have



changed in the state and youth are getting jobs completely on the basis of merit.

Maninder Kaur, a private teacher from Ludhiana, while airing her views, said that it is a dream come true for her. She said that the reverse trend is visible in the state as a number of students from abroad are now coming to the state in hope of getting jobs.

She said that hundreds of students are getting coaching from her centre in Ludhiana after coming from foreign countries. Komal Sagar said that she had been waiting for this day since long and had appeared in



a number of competitive exams. She said that unfortunately during previous regimes the results of exams were not cleared due to which youth were depressed. However, she said that a paradigm shift is being witnessed today as youth are getting jobs in a transparent manner. Randhir Singh, a class wrestler, said that he was selected to Punjab Police in 2008 but was ousted in 2012 after which he went to US and Canada. However, he said that now he is running a wrestling academy here and has got the job of Patwari without any recommendation or bribe. He said

that this is a revolution in the state for which the credit goes to Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann.

Harpreet, another youth who had done IELTS to migrate to foreign shores said that he was frustrated due to the callousness of earlier governments towards youth who did nothing to provide government jobs to youth.

He said that after the formation of the state government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, a hope rekindled and prior to moving abroad he decided to appear in an exam for a government job.

DC attends ID rehearsal ceremony as chief guest

SUMER GARG SANGRUR, AUG 13

As preparations for the 78th Independence Day (ID) celebrations a full dress rehearsal was held at the Police Line stadium here today, while Deputy Commissioner (DC), Jatindra Jorwal attended rehearsal as chief guest and performed the national flag hoisting ceremony. Earlier, DC paid tribute to the martyrs at the martyr's memorial located at Police Line. SSP Sartaj Singh Chahal was also with him on this occasion.

Today, after the national flag hoisting ceremony during the final rehearsal, the chief guest inspected the troops participating in the parade and later the various troops under the leadership of the parade commander DSP Dirba, Prithvi Singh Chahal took a grand march past. After this, the stu-



dents of different cultural schools presented cultural varieties based on patriotism. At the end, the students of Akal Academy Cheema performed the national song. Later, in a meeting with the working officials to implement various arrangements at the Police Line Stadium, DC said that on August 15, Cabinet Minister Punjab, Dr. Balbir Singh will participate as the chief guest and perform the ceremony of hoisting the national flag. He said that during the district level ceremony tri cycles and sewing machines will be dis-

tributed to the needy and personalities who have done commendable work in various fields will also be honored.

Besides others, Additional Deputy Commissioner (G), Akash Bansal; Additional Deputy Commissioner (D), Varjit Walia; Assistant Commissioner (under training), Dr. Aditya Sharma; Sub Divisional Magistrate, Charanjot Singh Walia; Assistant Commissioner, Upinderjit Kaur Brar & other officials of administration and police were present during the final rehearsal.

AAP to launch 'Aapka MLA Aapke Dwar' programme soon

RAJIV JAIN CHANDIGARH, AUG 13

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) is set to launch the 'Aapka MLA Aapke Dwar' program in Punjab soon. On Tuesday, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann convened a meeting with party MLAs and MPs to discuss this initiative and related matters. The Chief Minister also reviewed the development work in each constituency and discussed it with the respective MLA. After the meeting, AAP MP Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer addressed the media, emphasizing that the people of Punjab have high expectations from their elected representatives. He highlighted that understanding the issues faced by the people requires direct interaction, and as directed by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, the party's MLAs are committed to engaging with the public personally. He mentioned that, similar to the

'Sarkar Aapke Dwar' (Government at Your Doorstep) program being run by our government in Punjab, where officials visit villages to address and resolve issues directly, the MLAs will now also visit people's houses to address their concerns. Regarding Rajpura-Chandigarh railway connectivity, Meet Hayer criticized Union Minister of State for Railways Ravneet Bittu. Hayer found Bittu's response dubious, as Bittu claimed that the Punjab government's failure to provide land was causing delays in the railway project. Bittu's request for free land, despite the high cost of land in the area, raises questions about his intentions, said Hayer.

AAP MP Malvinder Singh Kang stated that in today's meeting, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann solicited feedback from all the MLAs regarding the work done by the AAP government over the past two and a half years.

Lady Municipal Councillor in Budhlada climbs atop water tank to get her demands met

NARESH GOYAL MANSANA, AUG 13

Just realising that the concerned authorities are not ready to concede her "genuine" demands, a lady councillor (MC) in Budhlada, 20 kilometres from here, opted to climb atop the water tank of the water works in the town and created the scene.

MC Sukhwinder Kaur 'Sukhi' of ward number 7 in town Budhlada of district Mansa is stated to have been demanding to find solution to the choked sewer pipes as well as paying heed to the pitiable condition of the ward she has been representing. The streets of ward number 7 lack sanitation and other basic facilities. Though MC Sukhi raised these issues before the civic authorities of Budhlada MC and brought the matter of choked

sewer pipes to the notice of concerned sewerage authorities a number of times, but nobody did anything to sort out these problems. Irrked over the attitude of these officials Sukhi, along with many other women climbed atop the water tank in the town and started raising slogans against Punjab government, MC officials and officers of the sewerage board.

Sukhi threatened to end up her life by jumping from the water tank. However, on getting the information SHO of Budhlada's city police station immediately rushed to the spot and started persuading Sukhi and her companions to come down. Sources revealed that Sukhi and her companions could be persuaded to come down only after a desilting machine to clear the choked sewer pipes was pressed into service in Sukhi's ward.

Jalandhar rural police conducts extensive flag march ahead of I-day



PARAMJIT SINGH JALANDHAR, AUG 13

In a show of preparedness for Independence Day celebrations, the Jalandhar Rural Police conducted a district-wide flag march on Tuesday. Led by DIG Jalandhar Range Naveen Singla and SSP Harkamal Preet Singh Khakh, the exercise covered key locations and sensitive areas across the district.

The police interacted with community members during the march, strengthening the bond between law enforcement and the public. Officials assured that all necessary security measures are in place for a safe Independence Day celebration.

DIG Singla reiterated the department's commitment to public safety, stating, "Our flag march today is a clear message that we are vigilant and ready to tackle any situation." SSP Khakh emphasised the importance of such exercises in maintaining law and order during national events. He urged the public to remain vigilant and report suspicious activities to the 112 helpline.

Dhaliwal holds review meeting with various departments regarding development works



BUREAU PATHANKOT, AUG 13

A special review meeting has been held at district Pathankot regarding the on-going development works in various departments. The work done by all the departments regarding the development work is commendable.

The development works of some departments are running in the pipeline and those works will be completed within the next three months. The decision is to bring every department under him to the level of development. This was expressed by Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal, Cabinet Min-

ister, Administrative Reforms and NRI Affairs Department, Punjab, while reviewing the development works being carried out by various departments at District Administrative Complex, Malikpur, Pathankot. On this occasion, Aditya Uppal Deputy Commissioner Pathankot, Ankurjit Singh Additional Deputy Commissioner (J), Ammit Mantu Constituency In-charge Sujjanpur, Sunil Gupta Chairman PESCO Punjab, Vikas Saini Chairman Market Committee, Gautam Mann State Joint Secretary AAP, Paramjit Singh Additional Deputy Commissioner (D), Major Dr. Sumit Mudh

SDM Pathankot, Kala Ram Kansal SDM Dharkalan, Abhishek Sharma Assistant Commissioner General, Dr. KD Singh, Press Secretary Surinder Rahi and other district officers of various departments and party leaders were also present. Cabinet Minister Punjab Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal said that the land of district Pathankot is very good for litchi and maize cultivation and more maize production can be done by making the farmers aware, but due to lack of maize market, the farmers face hardship. It happens because the farmers do not get the right rate of corn.

Roop Lal of Jalandhar wins Rs 1.50 cr



JALANDHAR (JS SODHI): The Directorate of Punjab State Lotteries conducted the draw of Punjab State Dear 200 Monthly Lottery Scheme in Ludhiana on 06.08.2024. The first prize of Rs 1.50 crore in this scheme is guaranteed to be drawn only from the tickets sold. In this draw, the prize of Rs 1.50 crore has been won by Mr. Roop Lal, a resident of Jalandhar. The prize winner is retired Executive Engineer from the Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Punjab in Jalandhar itself. The prize ticket claim form was submitted by the prize winner in the office on 13.08.2024. Expressing his wish, he said that he wanted to get a poor and needy girl married with this money. The prize winner has expressed happiness and said that the draws were conducted by the Punjab State Lottery with complete transparency, so the general public was very excited about the lottery schemes being run by the Punjab State Lottery. In future, Punjab State Hiran Rakhi Bumper Scheme draw is to be conducted by the department on 24.08.2024 in which the first prize of Rs 2.50 crore (out of the tickets sold) will be drawn and other prizes worth crores of rupees are to be drawn.

'Full dress rehearsal' of I-Day celebrations held

KULJIT SINGH JANDIALA GURU, AUG 13

The full dress rehearsal of the Independence Day program being celebrated at the district level was conducted today at Guru Nanak Stadium Amritsar, Deputy Commissioner Mr. Ghansham Thori specially arrived to inspect it.

On this occasion, various teams of Punjab Police, Women's Platoon of Punjab Police, Punjab Home Guard, NCC Children's Police Band and School Band participated in the parade. On this occasion Deputy Commissioner Mr. Ghansham Thori performed the tricolor hoisting ceremony and took salute from the parade.

ADCP Satbir Singh Atwal, Additional Deputy Commissioner Ms. Jyoti Bala and Additional Deputy Commissioner General Ms. Paramjit Kaur, SDM Mankanal Singh



Chahal and Mr. Lal Biswas, Assistant Commissioner Madam Gursimran Kaur were also present with them. Under the leadership of parade commander Maninder Pal Singh, a magnificent parade was performed by the youth and children. PT by the students of different schools.

Show, choreography, giddha and bhanga were performed. Deputy Commissioner Mr. Ghansham Thori said that on Independence Day, Mr.

Gurmeet Singh Khudian Cabinet Minister Punjab is arriving as the chief guest in the function and he will perform the ceremony of hoisting the tricolor at the stadium on this day.

He also invited the residents of the district to participate in this program. He said that this is our national festival and not only for children or government employees. So we all should celebrate this festival together with enthusiasm.

Civil and police administration conduct crucial meeting with schools of Jagraon



JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR): SDM Gurbir Singh Kohli conducted a crucial meeting with representatives of various schools and other concerned officials in order to discuss about safety of students. He instructed the school principals and management member to abide by the rules set by government carefully. In the past few days, 2 incidents involving school vehicles have occurred risking precious lives of children. "The school authorities need to ensure that they follow all instructions set up for them to ensure that no such unfortunate incidents get repeated in future. Under the safe school vehicle policy, grills should be installed in the vans, first aid kits, fire safety, GPS, speed register should be maintained and uniforms should be provided to the bus stand," he added. Kohli said that the schools should ensure that the vehicles are fit for use and the school vehicle staff fulfills all the requirements. "The schools must have proper record of the staff name, names of owners of vehicles, their addresses and other required information and should ensure proper training for drivers as well as the helper staff.

Dr. Surinder Singla is new chief of RACS

SANGRUR (SUMER GARG): Dr. Surinder Singla, Retired assistant civil surgeon, Sangrur & former state secretary, Indian Medical Association (IMA), Punjab at a general body meeting of Old Students's Association (OSA) of Govt Ranbir College, Sangrur held in auditorium of college here on Sunday has been unanimously elected as President of the Ranbir Alumni Club Sangrur (RACS), which is a registered body and the sitting Principal of college as its Patron. On the occasion, the followings have been unanimously elected as the office bearers, Principal Major Singh Chattha, Senior Vice President, Mr. Amanjot Singh, Vice President, Rupinder Kumar Sharma, Secretary; Ms Simranjit Kaur Cashier; Mr. Navdeep Kler as joint secretary and elected executive committee members are Mr. Ravicharan Singh Deol; Mr. Ravinderpal Singh; Mr. Iqbal Singh, Mr. Sanveer Singh, Mr. Kuldeep Kumar & Ms. Reetinder Kaur. While addressing the gathering, the newly elected President, Dr. Singla said that the association will lay stress for the enrollment of membership drives, so that the majority of students of college settled in the country or abroad are motivated to be the members of RACS, which is being formed for the welfare of college & its students. The college was set up in 1939, many prominent public figures as its old students, besides others it includes, Adv. Harpal Singh Cheema, finance minister to GoP; former Punjab Chief Minister, Mrs. Rajinder Kaur Bhattal & Former union minister & Rajya Sabha Member, Mr. Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa.



Sukhu govt providing improved sports facilities: Ranjit Singh

RAJNISH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR: Suja npur MLA Captain Ranjit Singh visited Bagehra Panchayat to inspect the site for the upcoming sports ground. He was accompanied by officials from the sports department. MLA Ranjit Singh announced that the government will allocate a budget for developing sports



grounds in every Panchayat, provided the Panchayat can secure the necessary land. He revealed that he has already sanctioned Rs. 10 lakh for the construction of the Bagehra sports ground. He emphasized that the construction will commence soon, offering better sports facilities to the youth.

Block-level Under-14 sports competition concludes at Suliali School



SANJEEV MAHAJAN
NURPUR: The block-level Under-14 sports competition concluded at the Government Excellent Senior Secondary School, Suliali, under the education block of Nurpur. Retired Colonel Satish Pathania graced the event as the chief guest, with Panchayat President Sunil Kumar, Vice-President Nareish Sharma, the School Management Committee President, members, and other local dignitaries in attendance. The school's Principal, Kartar Chand, warmly welcomed the chief guest and shared that 437 students from 37 schools participated in this block-level competition. The school staff ensured all arrangements were well-organized for the students and their teachers. In volleyball, the boys' team from Government High School Thana emerged victorious, with the team from Government Senior Secondary School Gehi Lagod as the runners-up. In the girls' category, the team from Government Senior Secondary School Hali won, with Government Senior Secondary School Kandwal securing second place. In kabaddi, the boys' team from Government Senior Secondary School Kukhed was the winner, while the girls' team from Government Senior Secondary School Khairia took first place, followed by Government High School Chowki as the runners-up. In kho-kho, the boys' team from Government High School Chowki emerged victorious, with Government Senior Secondary School Ladodi as runners-up, while the girls' team from Government High School Chowki won, and VTC Government Senior Secondary School Nurpur took second place. In badminton, the boys' team from Government Excellent Senior Secondary School Suliali emerged victorious, while the team from Government Senior Secondary School Kukhed was the runner-up.

CM advocates expansion of natural farming and enhances agricultural support

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, AUG 13

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu while reviewing the various schemes of the Agriculture department here today emphasized on the need of expanding natural farming in the State. He said that products grown using natural farming methods would be branded and marketed under distinct trademark to ensure better prices to the farmers associated with the sector. He directed to evolve a comprehensive system for certification, packaging and marketing of natural farming produce and said that special lab would also be set up in the State for soil testing and to certify the produces. He expressed serious concern over the rising cases of cancer in the State and urged the farmers to adopt chemical-free farming practices.

Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu also directed the officers to rationalize the agriculture



department and assured the vacant posts in department would also be filled to address the shortage of the staff. He said that 70 percent of the population was associated with agriculture sector and therefore, the State Government has laid a special focus on enhancing the income of the people living in the rural areas. He said that rural economy is the priority sector of the State Government and special initiatives have been taken in

the budget 2024-25 to boost the economy.

The Chief Minister said that in future agriculture department, Jal Shakti Vibhag in collaboration with JICA and SHIVA projects would implement integrated irrigation schemes to maximize the benefits to the farmers and make these schemes viable. He said that government would ensure adequate funds for remodeling and repair of the

traditional kuhals. He directed to set up cold stores according to the requirements and specific crop production needs in the respective district. He said that silos would be set up for the storage of wheat and maize under JICA.

He said that the state government is also making earnest efforts to enhance the milk production in the State and procurement rates for buffalo and cow milk has been increased to Rs. 55 and Rs. 45 per litre respectively. He said that animal rearing and natural farming was allied activities, therefore, the State Government was also contemplating to enhance financial assistance to the farmers for purchasing indigenous cows and buffalos in the natural farming clusters. He said that the climate of the State is best suited for the dairy sector and by capitalizing on this, farmer's income could be significantly improved, thereby strengthening their economy. He stressed the need for integrating natural farming, animal rearing, fisheries and bee keeping.

IIT Mandi ranks 8th in NIRF's innovation category

AGENCY
MANDI, AUG 13

The Indian Institute of Technology-Mandi has secured the 8th position in Innovation category of the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2024, conducted by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, a statement said on Tuesday.

Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan announced the results of the ninth edition of the NIRF India Rankings on Monday in New Delhi, it said.

In addition to its success in the Innovation category, the Institute has also made notable progress in other areas. IIT Mandi has improved its rankings to #31 in the Engineering category and #72 in the Overall category this year.

Commenting on IIT Mandi's achievement, Dr. Kumar Sambhav Pandey,



Registrar of the Institute, said, "We are thrilled to see IIT Mandi achieve the 8th position in the Innovation category of NIRF 2024. This recognition reflects our dedication to fostering a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship among our students and faculty. We are committed to pushing boundaries and contributing meaningfully to the nation's technological advancements and innovation ecosystem."

The ninth edition of NIRF includes rankings across various categories such as overall, university, colleges, engineering, management, pharmacy, law, medical, and architecture.

Call for BPL survey in Nalagarh Assembly Constituency as genuine beneficiaries remain deprived

ANWAR HUSSAIN
NALAGARH: Residents of the Nalagarh Assembly constituency have raised concerns over the absence of a Below Poverty Line (BPL) survey in the region for several years. They are urging the state government to conduct a new survey to address the discrepancies in the BPL list. Many families who were included in the BPL list 15 to 20 years ago continue to benefit from it, even if their financial status has significantly improved. Reports indicate that some BPL cardholders own three-story houses and expensive vehicles, while genuinely needy families remain excluded from the list. In the village panchayats, BPL cardholders are typically selected every five years by the panchayat head. Families living below the poverty line or those struggling to meet basic needs are usually included. However, it has been observed that elected representatives often favor their associates for BPL card inclusion, leaving deserving families overlooked.

NH 03: Accident averted near Bari Mandir, traffic jam for half an hour

RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR, AUG 13

An accident narrowly averted once again on the Bari Mandir climb, the most dangerous spot of NH 03 under construction during the rainy season. A truck loaded with iron rods going from Hamirpur to Avahadevi suddenly stopped on the climb and started to reverse out of control. The truck stopped due to the obstruction of a big stone. After this incident, the National Highway remained closed for about half an hour. Just last week, the tipper of the NH construction company fell at this spot. Despite about a dozen accidents, the construction of the bridge has not been completed at this place for about one and a half years. Due to this negligence of the NH construction company, anger is increasing among the local people. The steep climb, narrow turn and the road which has taken the form of a ravine are the main reasons for accidents. After the incident, the truck was safely taken to the side with the help of a JCB which was digging nearby. Local people Pratap Chand, Sunil Kumar, Harbans Singh, Jai Raj, Bhumi Raj, Desh Raj, Hansraj, Pratap



Singh etc. have said that accidents are happening at this place again and again but the administration and the NH construction company are sleeping. They have said that the negligence of the construction company can lead to a major accident.

When a supervisor of the NH construction company present on the spot was asked when this dangerous spot will be made safe, he was seen avoiding talking.

International Film Festival of Shimla set to host special screenings for inmates for sixth time

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: Remembering Mahatma Gandhi's famous words, "Hate the sin, not the sinner," the International Film Festival of Shimla (IFFS) is once again embracing this philosophy in its 10th edition.

Following the noble tradition of its previous editions, IFFS will once again hold special screenings of the film festival at Model Central Jail Kanda distt Shimla and Model Central Jail Nahan, Distt Sirmour, which is scheduled to take place from 16th to 18th August, 2024 at the Gaiety Heritage Cultural Complex in Shimla. This marks the sixth time that IFFS is extending its reach to three different venues. The decision to include the two prisons as screening locations aims to bridge the divide between the inside and outside worlds through the prowess of cinema, while also nurturing the creativity of the inmates. Through this initiative, IFFS hopes to inspire and motivate those who are trying to reclaim their place in society.

Festival Director Pushp Raj Thakur said that IFFS film screening in Prison is one of the important annual activity for inmates now. This initiative provides an enriching experience to inmates to reintegrate with the society and rejuvenate the spirit of life in them. I hope this will surely prove a great step in prison reform.



DIG cyber crime calls on Guv

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: Deputy Inspector General of Police, Cyber Crime

Mohit Chawla called on Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla at Raj Bhavan here today and apprised him about cyber crime landscape in the State. The Governor expressed concern over the increasing cases of cyber crime in the State and said that there was a need to strengthen cyber security measures. He highlighted the importance of increasing public awareness about cyber threats and educating citizens on how to protect themselves. Additionally, the Governor stressed the necessity for specialized training for police forces to effectively handle cyber crime cases. He commended the cyber crime team for their efforts in combating these challenges. Chawla informed the Governor that, as off now, 83 cases have been registered in cyber police stations, with 8,290 complaints received this year. He said that Rs. 2.51 crore has been refunded to complainants by cyber crime stations. Furthermore, he outlined the establishment of cyber commandos in Himachal Pradesh and the integration of the national cyber crime helpline 1930 with the National Cybercrime Reporting Portal (NCRP) to ensure real-time response to complaints.



Aim of the Tiranga Yatra is to maintain integrity: Sudhir Sharma



SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, AUG 13

BJP leaders took out a Tiranga Yatra from Kachehari Chowk to Shaheed Smarak in Dharamshala. All the officials of the BJP Mandal were present in this Yatra led by BJP MLA Sudhir Sharma. In his address, Sudhir Sharma said that the Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan is an effort to maintain the unity and

integrity of the country. The Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan gives an opportunity to pay homage to those who sacrificed their lives for the country's pride.

He said that the Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan has been started on the call of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. By hoisting the tricolor in every house, we should ensure the feeling of respect towards the freedom fighters. The tricolor

tells us about our dedication towards the nation and the spirit of national service. Therefore, it is our duty that we do not make any kind of compromise for the pride of the tricolor.

The Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan is an effort to maintain the unity and integrity of the country. MLA Sudhir Sharma said that the tricolor teaches us to unite, to move forward together.

Situation of Tibetan people highlighted to BJP leaders

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, AUG 13

Tibetan Parliamentary Delegation successfully concluded the Tibet Outreach Campaign to seek India's support for Tibet Independence. The Tibetan Parliamentary Delegation led by Speaker Khenpo Sonam Tenphel comprised MP Atuk Tseten, MP Lopon Thupten Gyaltsen, MP Tsanetsang Dhondup Tashi, MP Geshe Ngaba Gangri, MP Geshe Atong Rinchen Gyaltsen and MP Tsering Yangchen. Divided into two groups, the delegation reached out to 44 prominent Indian leaders. It included 2 Union Ministers, 28 MPs from 11 different political parties and one independent MP representing 18 different states, including 13 MPs who attended the dinner, Speaker of Delhi Assembly



and one MLA, General Secretary of Bharatiya Janata Party and two spokespersons of BJP, General Secretary of Janata Dal (United), 6 former MPs and MLAs and two leaders of Tibet support groups. They highlighted the dire situation of the Tibetan people under the Chinese Communist rule, as well as the cordial relations between India and Tibet based on geographical, cultural and religious ties, as well as focused on China's

increasingly expansionist and aggressive policies and the need to hold the Chinese government accountable for its actions. Additionally, the Convenor and Co-Convenor of the All Party Indian Parliamentary Forum for Tibet (APIPFT) were appointed with the successful revival of the Forum. The delegation also visited the new Indian Parliament building and observed the ongoing Parliament session, the 265th session of the Rajya Sabha.

Puneet Kumar shows honesty by returning lost gold earring



JOGINDER DEV ARYA

BANGANA: The lost gold earring of Sushma Devi, a resident of Lamlaihari in Bangana area, was found back thanks to an honest citizen. The incident took place on Monday at the Sadashiv temple, when Puneet Kumar, a resident of Damohad, found a gold earring in the temple premises, which was estimated to be worth Rs 26,000. Puneet Kumar immediately showed his honesty and kept the earring safely and informed the temple management Parveen Sharma and Deputy Pradhan Ashok Kumar. After this, he started inquiring with the people around, from which he soon came to know that this earring belonged to Sushma Devi, wife of Kishan Chand Lamlaihari, who had recently come to visit the temple. Sushma Devi, who was already worried about losing her earrings, heaved a sigh of relief when Puneet Kumar returned the earrings to her and appreciated the noble act of Puneet Kumar. Puneet Sharma gave this earring to her sister Shalini Kailvi in the presence of Deputy Pradhan Bangana Ajay Sharma.

Indian athlete reaches Sweden for World Masters Athletics Championship



JOGINDER DEV ARYA

BANGANA: Indian Master Athlete Ashwini Kumar Sharma arrived in Govardhanvarg, Sweden, on Monday evening to participate in the World Masters Athletics Championship. Speaking via phone, Ashwini Kumar Sharma shared that in Govardhanvarg, Sweden, the days are unusually long, with daylight lasting up to 17 hours. He mentioned that when it's 7:30 AM in India, it's 4:00 AM in Sweden. Ashwini Kumar Sharma also informed that the competition is set to begin today, and he will be representing India in the 800-meter race. Alongside him, other Indian athletes will also showcase their skills in the championship. MLA Vivek Sharma expressed confidence that India's master athletes will deliver strong performances and bring honor to the country.

Regional Director of RBI calls on Chief Minister

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, AUG 13

The Regional Director of the Reserve Bank of India Anupam Kishore called on Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu here on Monday evening. They discussed recent advancements in the banking sector as well as significant initiatives aimed at improving financial literacy and inclusion in Himachal Pradesh.

The Chief Minister congratulated the RBI on its 90th anniversary and lauded the institution's unwavering commitment to financial stability and economic



growth. He also acknowledged the RBI's crucial role in supporting national development goals. Anupam Kishore briefed the Chief Minister on various initiatives by the RBI to enhance financial literacy and inclusion in the state. He also apprised the Chief

Minister about the nation-wide as well as a state level quiz on financial literacy held in Shimla for undergraduate students organized as part of RBI's 90th anniversary celebrations. Banking Ombudsman S.K. Yadav was present on the occasion.

Children made aware in Degree College Una through digital literacy camp

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, AUG 13

A digital literacy camp was organized in Government Degree College Una on Tuesday. The camp was presided over by SDM Una Vishwa Mohan Dev Chauhan. During this, the SDM said in his address that the objective of the program is to make the students pursuing education aware about cyber crime, social media, fake news, artificial intelligence (AI), online fraud, fraudulent calls.

The SDM said that in the present time, the use of computers and mobiles is increasing. To do every work with ease, computers and online facilities are being



connected. Due to lack of complete information about the online process, people are becoming victims of cyber crime and digital fraud every day. He said that people share their personal information with others due to greed, due to which these crimes are increasing day by day. To stop this crime, an important step has been taken by the government to give a message about cyber crime to the people and suggestions

to avoid it should reach the people so that more and more people are aware about cyber and avoid it. He said that cyber crime is a crime in which using a computer or mobile, one obtains personal information online and misuses it, the same is called cyber crime. Through this, they steal personal information, bank details, Aadhaar details of any user and then commit cyber crime.

CHANDIGARH (R N KHERA): In celebration of the "Har Ghar Tiranga" initiative from 13th to 15th August 2024, commemorating the 78th Independence Day of India, the Sports Department of the Chandigarh Administration organized a grand Cyclothon at Sukhna Lake. The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of around 200 sports persons. The Cyclothon was flagged off by the Shri Rajeev Verma, Advisor to the Administrator, U.T., Chandigarh, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The event commenced and concluded at the Lake Sports Complex. The event was part of a nationwide campaign, an initiative by the Government of India, to honor the sacrifices of those who fought for India's Independence and to reflect on the nation's progress since 15th August 1947.



Dr. Balbir Singh flags off Marathon



LK BANSAL MOHALI, AUG 13

Gian Jyoti Institute of Management and Technology Phase Two organized Red Run Marathon in collaboration with Punjab State AIDS Control Society stressing the importance of collective action to prevent the HIV & AIDS epidemic.

This Red Run Marathon starts from Gian Jyoti Institute. About two hundred young boys and girls participated in this race and gave a message to the society to avoid this unwanted disease. The marathon was inaugurated by the Minister of Health and Family Welfare of Punjab, Dr. Balbir Singh. Special Secretary of Health and Family Welfare Department, Varinder Kumar Sharma, IAS, Addition Project Director Dr. Bobby Gulati also attended the ceremony.

Dr. Balbir Singh highlighted the importance of continuous education and awareness to fight against AIDS. He also launched an ICTC mobile van to spread awareness. While speaking at the moment he said that we need to overcome the negativity associated with the disease.

He also gave information about the importance of comprehensive testing and prevention efforts. It is an important step to reach the remote and backward areas of Punjab. This van is an important step to ensure access to health services in the remote area of Punjab. Director

of Gian Jyoti, Dr. Aneet Bedi and JS Bedi, Chairman of Gian Jyoti Group reiterated the organization's commitment to support public health campaigns while advocating this social welfare initiative taken by the government.

Prizes were distributed to the top three winners in the girls and boys categories. In the girls' category, Shaan Veer Kaur, Babita Kumari, Manpreet Kaur and Shweta secured first, second, third and fourth position respectively. In the boys' category, Mukesh Singh Rana, Uttam Kumar, Vikas and Bijesh Singh secured the first to fourth positions respectively. These winners will represent Punjab in the upcoming National Red Run Marathon.

Kolkata rape incident: Doctors, nurses, and staff at Dhakoli Hospital lodge protest

VICKY BHABAT ZIRAKPUR, AUG 13

In connection with the rape and murder of a female trainee doctor in Kolkata, the medical staff, including doctors, nurses, and other employees, staged a protest at the Dhakoli Civil Dispensary in Zirakpur, demanding justice. Without disrupting their work, they registered their protest on Tuesday morning, urging Prime Minister Narendra Modi to take strict action and implement proper security measures for all doctors. The incident was so emotional that some doctors became teary-eyed while recounting the events in Kolkata.

Among those present at the protest were Dr. Rajesh Singla, Dr. Pomi (SMO), Dr. Mausam Kapil, Dr. Virendra Gayni, Dr. Satpinder, along with staff members Renu, Hardeep, Rimpi, Renuka, Sister Baljeet (NS), Gagandeep Singla (Pharmacy Officer), Kamaljit Singh (Ophthalmology Officer), Shivdeep, Shiv Pandey, and Vishal.

Speaking to journalists, Dr. Rajesh Singla criticized the Punjab government and administration for failing to



protect doctors and called on PM Modi to arrange better safety measures for them. He highlighted that women doctors at Dhakoli Hospital work night shifts and are often subjected to abuse by patients or their intoxicated relatives, leaving them helpless. SMO Pomi added that the govern-

ment's inability to provide adequate facilities has led to a significant shortage of doctors in Punjab, with only 2,500 doctors remaining out of the 5,500 needed. The lack of even a single security guard at Dhakoli Hospital has further exacerbated the difficulties faced by the doctors. Surgeon Dr.

Mausam Kapil expressed concern over the declining respect for women in society, noting that incidents of rape and infanticide are becoming alarmingly common. She remarked that this erosion of values is driving wealthy individuals to leave India for other countries.

Partap World School distributes 2000 saplings to students, staff under 'Ek Phantha Maa De Naam' campaign

BUREAU PATHANKOT, AUG 13

In a wonderful initiative to promote environmental protection and honor the valuable contribution of mothers, Partap World School Pathankot distributed over 2000 saplings to its students and staff members under the leadership of Director Sunny Mahajan and Principal Shubhra Rani.

On the occasion, Director Sunny Mahajan said that the campaign titled One Plant Mother aims to promote a sense of responsibility towards nature and honor the nurturing spirit of mothers. The event was enthusiastically attended by the entire school community, where students and staff members took a pledge to take care of the sapling as a tribute to their mothers. Sunny Mahajan said that the initiative aims not



only to highlight the importance of planting trees but also to encourage the younger generation to develop a deeper connection with nature and understand the role of greenery in sustaining life.

Director Sunny Mahajan, highlighting the dual importance of this campaign, said that this initiative is a heartfelt tribute to mothers, who are the foundation of our lives. By dedicating a sapling to our mothers, we too are taking steps towards a greener future. This campaign is in line with the

school's commitment to holistic education, which includes promoting environmental awareness and social responsibility among students. He said that the distributed plants include different types of fruit and shade trees, which have been carefully selected to thrive in the local environment, so that they can contribute to the ecosystem in the years to come. Students and staff members expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to participate in this worthwhile campaign.

Sant Kirpal Singh 50th anniversary to be celebrated at Kirpal Sagar Chairman Dr. Karamjit Singh



NAWANSHAHR (CHET RAM RATTAN): The 50th anniversary of the founder of Unity of Man, Param Sant Kirpal Singh ji, is to be celebrated on August 21 at Kirpal Sagar. In this regard, Dr. Karamjit Singh, president of the organization, while giving information to the press, said that the annual anniversary of Sant Kirpal Singh ji is to be celebrated on August 21 at Kirpal Sagar by the followers of the country and abroad. At 11.30 am at Chairman's Office, Sant Kirpal Singh who was born in Pakistan on February 6, 1894. He founded the Spiritual Sat-sang Society and the Unity of Man. Sant Kirpal Singh ji brought people of all religions together on one platform. They were supporters of the unity of all religions. The works started by them were carried forward by the founders of Kirpal Sagar, Dr. Harbhajan Singh ji and Biji Surinder Kaur ji, with the support of the members of the country and abroad. The creation of Kirpal Sagar is the biggest example of this. Kirpal Sagar is giving the message of world peace and unity to the entire humanity. On August 21, the 50th anniversary of Sant Kirpal Singh Ji will be celebrated at Kirpal Sagar in the presence of followers from home and abroad.

Kharar Municipal Council establishing 17 open gyms in different wards of Kharar



SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, AUG 13

Open Gyms are being established in 17 wards of the city in a good effort by Kharar Municipal Council. Giving information in this regard today, Mrs. Jaspreet Kaur Longian, president of Kharar Municipal Council, said that 17 open gymnasiums are being set up in different wards in Kharar based on the pattern of Chandigarh and Mohali.

She said that it is expected to spend about nine and a half lakh rupees on the construction of each gym. She said that this is being done so that the youth can go to these gyms and benefit from it.

Panel of President of Saini Group declared elected unopposed, after withdrawal of 2 nominations



GAGAN JAIN CHANDIGARH, AUG 13

Madan Verma, Chairman, Chandigarh 12th August, The two years tenure of Panel of President of Sh. Ravinder Kumar Saini, which was declared elected on 13.05.2022 ended and on 14th May, 2024, the Executive Body of PGI Employees Union (Non-Faculty) announced fresh elections for 2024-26, and as such appointed Sh. Narinder Malik, former Executive Engineer (Civil) as Chief Electoral Officer. The fresh voters list of more than 2000 was prepared, and new members were also enrolled by

the Election Committee. On 25.07.2024, the Election Committee invited nomination for Panel of President with 7 Office Bearers and last date of withdrawal was fixed for 10th August, 2024.

The date of scrutiny was fixed for 12th August, 2024 and the date of election by secret ballot was fixed for 21st August, 2024. The following two Panels of President filed nominations on last date of filing i.e. 05.08.2024. List of Panel of Shri Beant for President is as under: 1. Sh. Pankaj Sachan, Smt. Vice President 2. Smt. Nitika Chandel, Vice President, (Reserved for Female).

Lions Club Kharar Umang organizes special awareness camp regarding environment and drugs

SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, AUG 13

On the occasion of International Youth Day, a 15-day campaign was started by Lions Club Kharar Umang to plant trees for the protection of environment and drugs.

On this occasion, the club members sensitized the general public during a special drug awareness camp at National Highway Authority of India, Toll Plaza Bhago Majra. Apart from this, trees were planted by the club members along with the workers of Highway Authority of India.

On this occasion Amandeep Singh Maan President from Lions Club Kharar Umang, Amandeep Singh General Secretary, Subhash Aggarwal Director, Nares



Singla, Ashok Bajheri, Youth Ardeep, Amit Kumar, Akas Sharma and Harinder Singh, Vikram Singh, Daljit Singh,

Ram from Highway Authority of India, Masih, Tarvinder Singh etc. workers were specially present.

"Teej festival celebrated at Punjab Public School"



BALWINDER AZAD BARNALA DEHATI, AUG 13

Punjab Public School Manan Pindi Dhanaula Road Barnala celebrated the festival of "Teej" with great fanfare. In the beginning of the program Madam Anupinder Kaur gave detailed information about the festival of Teej to the children.

The month of Sawan is a special occasion in Punjabi culture. It is important, especially for girls, this month comes after long waits. On these days, girls apply henna, apply hair dye and express their feelings. Keeping this

importance in mind, this is done by the children and staff of Punjab Public School. The festival was celebrated with great fanfare. The girls and teachers of the school participated in it and performed Gidha and Bhangra. During the program, the children presented mesmerizing songs. The preparation was done by the class in-charges of the school. Children up to the class participated. In which the children showed the culture of Punjab by performing solo, folk song, group dance pace. After that, the school staff also participated in the festival of Teej.

Jimpa, MP Dr. Raj Kumar meet families of victims of flood accident in Jaijon Choa and expresses condolences

DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, AUG 13

Cabinet Minister Punjab Bram Shankar Jimpa and MP Dr. Rajkumar Chhabwal today reached the mortuary of Civil Hospital Hoshiarpur and met the families of the victims of the flood accident in Jaijon Choa and expressed condolences and deep condolences.

Cabinet Minister Bram Shankar Jimpa expressed deep condolences on this accident and said, this incident is very painful and we stand with the affected families in this hour of grief. He said that the Punjab Government will provide all possible help to the affected families. He said that in this tragic accident, an Innova car, in which 12 people were travelling, was swept away in the



strong current of water. 9 people died tragically in this accident, while two people are still missing. One person has been rescued. He said that under the leadership of SDM Garhshankar and DSP Garhshankar, a team of SDRF and people from nearby villages is being formed to search for both the missing people and announcements are also being made in the villages. Apart from this, an attempt has been

made to find them by calling sniffer dogs but the missing people have not been found yet. He said that the district administration has worked very fast and seriously in this entire matter and he hopes that the missing people will be found soon. MP Dr. Rajkumar Chhabwal also expressed deep grief over this tragic incident and said that the government is working with full seriousness in this matter.

DYSP celebrates International Youth Day, with motorcycle rally dedicated to drug-free Punjab



MOHALI (TILAK RAJ): On the occasion of International Youth Day, dysp department celebrated international youth day and started moterbike rally from Fateh Burz took place from Chapachridi (Mohali) to Virasat-e-Khalsa Sri Anandpur. In this rally around 200 youth took out a motorcycle rally till Sahib. Giving brief details about this rally Deputy director Youth Services Department Mr. Kulwinder Singh said that on Sunday 11th August, a convoy of 200 motorcycles and 400 horse-drawn carriages left for Anandpur Sahib from different villages of the region at Chapachridi, which was called by Chairman Punjab Youth Development Board Parminder Singh Goldi flagged it off. In this drug-free awareness rally, youth from youth service clubs of different districts of Punjab participated. This rally started from Chapachridi and proceeded to Palanpur, Abhipur Khizrabad, Binderakh where tea was organized by Youth Services Club Binderakh.

58th Jalsa Salana UK concludes with inspirational address by Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad

VERMA GURDASPUR, AUG 13

More than 238,500 people join the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community The World Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalifa (Caliph), His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad concluded the 58th Annual Convention (Jalsa Salana) of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community on 28th July 2024 with an inspirational address. More than 43,400 people attended the Jalsa Salana, which took place at Hadeeqatul Mahdi in Alton, Hampshire. The entire event, which saw participants attending from 121 countries, was broadcast live on MTA International and streamed online. A highlight of the three-day Jalsa Salana was the pledge of allegiance, known as Bai'at, on Sunday

afternoon. The participants once again formally pledged allegiance to Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad as the Fifth Khalifa (Caliph) of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) in order to elevate their spiritual standards and to fulfill the rights of all humanity. The participants formed a human chain leading to the Khalifa as they repeated the words of the pledge in unison. Prior to the ceremony, His Holiness announced that 238,561 people had joined the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community during the past year from 114 countries around the world. During the concluding address, His Holiness outlined the virtues of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) in light of the writings of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him).

Former union minister meets Railway Minister to discuss Punjab's railway problems



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR: Former Union Minister Som Prakash had a special meeting with Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav and during this, the former minister discussed railway projects, railway bridges and connectivity facilities in the state and improvement in rail connectivity and former Union Minister Som Prakash expressed gratitude for the expansion of railway stations in the state, construction of ROB-RUB, doubling of railway lines and development works of railway infrastructure. And also requested to expedite the development work of railway projects.

Construction work of dilapidated road of Sabzi Mandi starts after arrival of CM during Tiranga Yatra



SUBHASH KOHLI KALKA: Tirpa social worker and leader Chatar Singh, while talking to the journalist, said that a few days ago he himself had made the administration aware of the dilapidated roads of Kalka constituency through videography at night and social media. Yesterday, during the Tiranga Yatra, it was seen how school children were saving themselves from one side of the road filled with mud and potholes, everyone saw that scene. Seeing the dilapidated road, people were cursing the administration and the government. Shopkeepers along the road, Umesh Kumar, Arvind Bansal, Simran Singh, Gurpreet Singh, Akash, DN Sharma, Anil Sobti, Madan Lal Sharma, Tek Chand Saini etc. say that they have been seeing the same condition of the road for the last 15-20 years, there is no one to take care of it. Social worker Chatar Singh said that every year on 26th January and 15th August, a government program is held here, apart from this, the famous Dussehra festival is also celebrated in the Sabzi Mandi ground. In which high government officials and all the leaders of political parties participate, but no one notices this rough road. Hundreds of people come to shop in the Sabzi Mandi held every Sunday, everyone has to face difficulties.

Safe Transportation Policy for students meeting held



CHANDIGARH: Safe Transportation Policy for Students (STRAPS) meeting was held today under the Chairmanship of Sh. Vinay Pratap Singh, IAS, Secretary Transport, Chandigarh Administration at UT Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh. The meeting was attended by Ms. Shriya Bansal, Chairperson Chandigarh Commission for Protection of Child Right (CCPCR), Sh. Rupesh Kumar, IAS, Secretary State Transport Authority, Sh. Pradhuman Singh, HCS, Joint Secretary-cum-Director Transport, Sh. Rajan Jain, Deputy District Education officer, Ms. Niyati Mittal, DSP Traffic, representative from Independent Schools Associations, Chandigarh School Buses Operator Welfare Associations and other Stake holders and officials of Chandigarh Administration. The meeting revolved around providing safe transportation for school children. During the meeting Sh. Vinay Pratap Singh, IAS, Secretary Transport emphasized on importance of the safety of school children during transportation to and from school. He emphasized that the drivers should be professionally sound, attendant should wear uniform properly and every school bus and vehicle ferrying the students should have fire extinguisher & first aid kit in their vehicles.

MCM celebrates International Youth Day



CHANDIGARH: To mark the celebration of International Youth Day, the Viksit Bharat Abhiyan Committee of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, organised a Public Speaking Competition on the topic 'Relevance of Swami Vivekananda's Teachings in Contemporary Times'. 54 students participated in this competition that envisioned to reflect on the enduring legacy of Swami Vivekananda who is the true icon of transformation and continues to inspire all to shape a better world. The participants put forth their views and opinions on Swami Vivekananda's philosophy as a guiding light for today's youth and, his teachings on youth empowerment, education, self-discipline, service and unity. Parishiti Thakur (BA 1st year), Ritika Sharma (BA 2nd year) and Shriya Gulera (BA 2nd year) won the first, second and third prize, respectively. Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava appreciated this wonderful initiative taken by the Viksit Bharat team. She also shared her experiences and the knowledge which she gained by reading Swami Vivekananda's literature. She inspired students to gain knowledge and wisdom by reading Swami's literature and also advised them to start the practice of yoga and pranayam for a happy and successful life.



VERMA QADIAN: On the seventh day of the zonal games of Zone Harchowal, chess competition was conducted under the supervision of BNO Vijay Kumar at Government High School Basrai. Giving information in this connection, he said that these competitions are

being conducted under the chairmanship of Zonal President Principal Lakhwinder Singh and Zonal Secretary Amarjit Singh. On this occasion, he said that in today's competition, Government High School Basrai, Government School Bhattian, Government

School Kahlwan stood first, second and third respectively in the under-14 boys singles. Thus, GHS Kahlwan and GHS School Basrai stood first and second respectively in Under 14 doubles. St. Joseph Convent School Dalla stood first in Under 14 Girls Singles. GHS Basrai stood first under 14 doubles.

Teej celebrated in Kallar Majri



RAKESH JINDAL BHADSON: Teej festival is being celebrated continuously in the villages of Punjab. Likewise, Teej festival was celebrated at Government Elementary School Kallar Majri in which Gurdeep Kaur Kallar Majri Vice President Women Wing Punjab Aam Admi Party participated in a dignified manner. They did it with the school staff and with the children. Teej festival was celebrated by putting Gita on this occasion and stationery was also distributed to the children talking to the media on this occasion, CHT Ramanjit Kaur and Gurdeep Kaur Kallar Majri said that it shows the rich culture of Punjab. In the olden days, married girls used to come and gather in their homes to celebrate Teej. Now again, Teej should be celebrated in many villages.

Grand I-Day celebrations planned in Rewari



BD AGARWAL REWARI: Independence Day will be celebrated in a grand and dignified manner across Rewari district, including Bawal and Kosi sub-divisions, on Thursday, August 15. ADC Anupama Anjali presided over the full dress rehearsal held on Tuesday, under the guidance of DC Abhishek Meena, to ensure a flawless execution of the district-level celebrations. In Bawal, SDM Manoj Kumar oversaw the rehearsal, while in Kosi, SDM Uday Singh managed the preparations. The district-level event will be held at Rao Tularam Stadium in Rewari, where Pataudi MLA Satyaprakash Jarawata will hoist the national flag and take the parade salute as the chief guest. ADC Anupama Anjali reviewed the arrangements during the rehearsal, providing necessary guidelines to officials.

Haryana Mange Hisaab programme in Pehowa on Aug 16: Sandhu



YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI PEHOWA: People of constituency are excited about program Haryana Mange Hisaab to be held in Anji Mandi Pehowa on August 16, people of state are fed up with populist announcements under BJP rule and are in favor of change. Senior Congress leader Jastep Singh Sandhu said that today he went to villages Amaicha, Rua, Bhatoli, Sarasa and invited people and listened to their problems, he said that problems of constituency will be made known to youth Congress leader MP Deepender Hooda so that problems can be solved on priority as soon as Congress government is formed.

54 Crore GST refund scam exposed by Delhi's Anti-Corruption branch

AGENCY NEW DELHI, AUG 13

In a massive crackdown, the Anti-Corruption Branch (ACB) of Delhi has uncovered a scam involving fraudulent GST refunds within the Trade & Taxes department of the Delhi Government and arrested a Goods and Service tax officer along with six associates. Seven people were arrested for allegedly running the racket of fake invoices and getting GST refunds from the department. The seven arrested persons include a GST officer, three advocates, two transporters, and a fake firm proprietor, informed ACB.



According to ACB, They created 96 fake firms, which were cunningly used to siphon off taxpayer money by claiming fraudulent GST refunds. Shockingly, refunds worth rupees 35.51 crore were approved between 2021 and 2022. In the first year, only refunds worth rupees 7 lakh were approved but later the remaining were transferred to Ward No. 22 in July 2021, Sharma, in a highly suspicious move, swiftly approved the migration of 53 firms to her ward. These firms, which were later found to be non-existent during a physical verification by GST officials, were mere paper entities, set up solely to claim bogus refunds. Within just 2-3 days of filing refund applications, these refunds were sanctioned without the mandatory verification of Input Tax Credit (ITC), a crucial process to identify fraudulent claims, informed ACB. The fake firms, which supposedly conducted business worth Rs 718 crores, were found to be engaged in nothing more than a paper trail of deceit. Some firms even claimed to export medicines and medical items, but a closer inspection revealed that these transactions were built on forged purchase bills.

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It was found that the same group of offenders operated 23 out of these 96 fake firms. Using common email IDs and mobile numbers, they created fake invoices worth rupees 176.67 crores, pocketing Rs5.81 crores in fraudulent refunds.

CM gives unique gift of about 106 cr rupees to Rewari district

BD AGARWAL REWARI, AUG 13



Haryana Chief Minister Naib Singh on Tuesday gave a unique gift of development works worth more than 106 crore rupees to Rewari district from the state level function organized in Panchkula in 'Sankalp se Parinaam Varsh'. 5 development schemes were inaugurated for Rewari district at a cost of Rs 20.93 crore and the foundation stone of 10 development projects was laid at a cost of Rs 85.24 crore. The state level inauguration and foundation stone laying ceremony of Chief Minister Naib Singh was shown live in the auditorium located at Rewari Mini Secretariat. Public Works and Public Health Engineering Minister in Haryana Government Dr. Banwari Lal was present as the chief guest in the district

level function. Kosli MLA Laxman Singh Yadav and other dignitaries were present in the function. DC Abhishek Meena welcomed the guests. Addressing the function, Public Works and Public Health Engineering Minister in Haryana Government, Dr. Banwari Lal said that today has brought the gift of development schemes for Rewari district. He said that in the Haryana Government led by the visionary and energetic leadership of Chief Minister Naib Singh, Southern Haryana is being

given full respect. He said that Chief Minister Naib Singh has today launched a series of development schemes in the entire state. Today, the district has received the gift of development schemes worth more than Rs 106 crore from the hands of Chief Minister Naib Singh. The government has changed the system and freed the people of Haryana from the shackles of regionalism, casteism, nepotism, unequal development and corruption.

Trident Group Chairman donates Rs. 21 crores to Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams



KARANPREET KARAN BARNALA: Rajinder Gupta, Chairman Emeritus of the Trident Group, has made a significant philanthropic contribution of INR 21 crore to the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD), embodying his commitment to philanthropy and community welfare. The donation was made by Shri Rajinder Gupta along with his family members personally handing over the cheque of donation to TTD Additional Executive Officer Ch Venkaiah Chowdhary at the latter's camp office in Tirumala. The development posted by TTD on its social media handles, said, "Rs. 21 Cr whopping donation made to SV PRANADANA TRUST, Shri Rajinder Gupta of Trident Group, Punjab has donated Rs 21 crore towards SV Pranadana Trust of TTD. The donor has handed over the cheque for the same amount to the TTD Additional Executive Officer Sri Ch Venkaiah Chowdhary at the latter's camp office in Tirumala".

Three miscreants arrested after shootout with police in Taraori

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, AUG 13



In a late-night operation, Karnal police successfully apprehended three miscreants following a fierce shootout in the Taraori area. The police received information that three youths were attempting to rob passersby on the Anjanthali Road near Tarawadi. Upon reaching the spot, the police spotted the suspects from a distance and warned them to surrender. Instead, the miscreants attempted to flee and opened fire on the police team. In response, the police returned fire, injuring one of the suspects in the leg. Before the other two could react, the police swiftly overpowered them.

individuals were identified as Anuj from Sonipat, Jaideep from Panipat, and Sagar from Sonipat. A case has been registered against them under FIR No. 320 dated 12.08.2024, under sections 132, 121(1), 221, 109(1) of the Indian Penal Code, and relevant sections of the Arms Act at Tarawadi Police Station. Deputy Superintendent of Police (Headquarters) Naib Singh confirmed the arrests, stating that Anuj, also known as

Banni, was hospitalized due to the gunshot wound. He revealed that Sagar, also known as Ankit, has prior cases registered against him in Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh, under robbery and arms-related offenses, while Jaideep is already facing charges related to a brawl at Israna Police Station. The police recovered a country-made pistol, two rounds, a battery-operated torch, and five empty shells from the scene.

Police arrests accused for demanding ransom by calling from foreign numbers



KHUSHAV SINGLA MANDI GOBINDGARH, AUG 13

The district police, under the direction of SSP Dr. Ravjot Garewal, achieved success in a campaign aimed at maintaining law and order and taking action against anti-social elements. This campaign, carried out under the guidance of DSP Shri Mohit Singla of Bassi Pathana, was led by Inspector Amardeep Singh, the Station House Officer (SHO) of Badali Ala Singh, along with Sub-Inspector Balwinder Singh and other members of the police party. They successfully apprehended the alleged culprits involved in making extortion calls and attacking a house at night using modern investigative techniques. This information was shared by SP (D) Shri Rakesh Yadav while addressing a press conference at the District Administrative Complex. He stated that Ankur Madkan, who runs a grocery store in Badali Ala Singh, had lodged a complaint with the police, reporting that he had been receiving extortion calls from foreign numbers. On July 21, 2024, the alleged culprits had also attacked his house in the village of Badali Ala Singh to intimidate him. Shri Yadav further explained that based on the statement of Ankur's father, Rakesh Kumar, the police registered a case under FIR number 68 dated 03.08.2024, under Section 308, 3(5) of the Indian Penal Code, at Badali Ala Singh police station, and began the investigation. During the investigation, the police used modern technology, including CCTV footage from the area and records of calls made at the time of the incident, to trace the alleged culprits, Prince Kumar, a resident of Samana, Patiala district, currently residing in the village of Neelpur, Patiala district, and Satinder Singh, a resident of Muktsar, currently residing in Khamanon.

Akal University students celebrate International Youth Day

ISHWER GARG TALWANDI SABO

The students of the Department of Education at Akal University Talwandi Sabo celebrated International Youth Day on 12th August 2024. This annual event emphasises the empowerment and development of youth. The theme for 2024, "From Clicks to Progress: Youth Digital Pathways for Sustainable Development," highlighted the connection between digitalisation and the acceleration of sustainable development goals, underscoring the significant contributions of young people in this transformative process, as noted by the United Nations Organisation. The event was organised under the guidance of Honourable Vice-Chancellor Dr. Gurmail Singh, who emphasised the university's commitment to fostering skills in youth, recognising their potential as strong agents of positive change for the holistic development of society. Dr. Birender Kaur, Head of the Department of Education, also stressed the crucial role of youth in societal development, noting that they are the future builders of our nation. The activities celebrating the day aimed to raise awareness about critical issues affecting young people, including education, gender equality, and good health and well-being. This program was coordinated by Dr. Jasvir Kaur Gill and Mr. Aarif, Assistant Professors in the Department of Education. Students from the four-year integrated B.A. B.Ed. and B.Sc. B.Ed. programs actively participated in the event, engaging in Slogan Writing and Poster-making competitions.



New academic session 2024-25 inaugurated at NIILM University Kaithal

RAMAN GUPTA KAITHAL, AUG 12



An orientation program was organized for the students of the new academic session 2024 at NIILM University Kaithal, which started in the morning by performing Havan Yagya. 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 and extended his best wishes to the newly admitted students. Dr. Ekta Chahal conducted the stage management in the program. In the program, motivational Motivational advice for career success in his inspirational address. Yash Attri asked the students to remain focused and focus 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.

Inclination of public constantly increasing towards Congress: Vikram Saini



NIRMAL SAINI RADAUR: BJP government has cheated people. Promises made to public before polls have not been fulfilled till now. Employees are protesting to get their demands accepted, but government has turned a blind eye. These words were said by District Head of Congress OBC Cell, Vikram Saini, in villages of Dusani, Ismailpur, Chari and Potli of constituency under his public relations campaign. Vikram Saini said that there is a grudge in mind of BJP. BJP government has not done anything in name of development in last ten years. It has continuously taken anti-people decisions due to which public is troubled. He said that for last ten years reins of state are in hands of BJP and today we have to look for development. When unemployed youth and farmers raise demands for their rights, they are lathi-charged. Education and health services are in bad state. Law and order is completely in shambles.

GM reviews security and safe operation of trains in wake of I-Day

NEW DELHI, AUG 13



Shobhan Chaudhuri, General Manager Northern Railway held a performance review meeting with the departmental heads of Northern Railway and DRMs at Baroda House, New Delhi. Amongst many issues deliberations were held on prioritizing security ahead of Independence Day and ensuring smooth operation of trains during the monsoon season. Chaudhuri instructed the concerned to elaborate security arrangements and deploy more security staff in view of Independence Day and remain vigilant to take all necessary measures to ensure the safety of passengers and assets. The GM emphasized that Northern Railway is consistently improving its service to meet the evolving needs of the passengers. He advised the departments to regularly conduct enhanced training programs for staff on safety procedures and informed of the working of the system to minimize human error. He instructed all divisions to take all necessary remedial actions to proper & efficient working of the signaling system. Sh. Chaudhuri emphasis on quality control of raw material during manufacturing of consumables used in safety related works & products.

Trees, plants make life happy and balanced: Agrawal

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL:



Taking forward the initiative of social work, the officials of Punjab National Bank planted trees in the park in front of the branch located in Sector 6. Under the PNB Palash Green Initiative, AGM DKS Agrawal along with LDM Sushil Handuja planted trees in the Four Square Park and said that tree plantation is the responsibility of human society. Trees keep our life happy and balanced. Therefore, people should be encouraged to plant trees along with giving importance to tree plantation in the curriculum. Trees and plants are necessary to keep the environment clean. He said trees give us oxygen for life, fruits to eat and shade in summer. To make the earth green and save life, everyone needs to take a pledge to plant trees. Tree plantation is everyone's responsibility. We all should plant as many trees as possible. Life is healthy only when the environment is clean. When the plants grow, they give us oxygen to live life along with fruits, flowers and shade. Staff members were present on this occasion.

YS public school student clears CA foundation exam

KARANPREET KARAN BARNALA:



The YS public school is one of the top 50 schools in India. Abhishek, a YS public school student, has passed the CA Foundation Test. It is a matter of great pride for the school. CA course is conducted under Institute of Chartered Accountants All India (ICAI). To become a CA there is an entrance exam called CA Foundation, in which the entire syllabus is divided into four sections. Based on this syllabus, an expert team of YS public school teachers prepares students for this exam at times outside of regular school hours. To help students reach their goals, mock tests are conducted every month based on the syllabus and information related to this exam is given from time to time. Due to these initiatives, 42 students have passed CA foundation exam so far and many students are rendering their services in the society by getting the post of Chartered Accountant. Principal Dr. Anjita Dahiya congratulated Abhishek and his parents for this wonderful achievement.

Editorial

Clean air as a right

Health Effects Institute's State of Global Air 2024, released in June in partnership with UNICEF, is a stunning indictment of societies that allow ambient air to be polluted with impunity. Some of the statistics about air pollution in 2021 should spur political establishments the world over into immediate action.

In India, we must focus on the headline statistic: 464 children under the age of five died breathing polluted air every day. The report also says that air pollution was the second biggest cause of death after hypertension. It accounted for 8.1 million deaths worldwide, of which 2.1 million were in India and 2.3 million in China, the two countries accounting for over 50% of deaths. Unsurprisingly, China is the world's largest emitter of greenhouse gases; India ranks third.

Poor air quality was linked to 70% of deaths from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, 41% of deaths from strokes, and 40% to deaths from heart diseases. The corresponding figures were 33% for lung cancer and 20% for Type 2 diabetes. The link between GHG emissions and poor health outcomes pushes us to a clear conclusion: emerging economies like India and China cannot hide behind metrics like per capita emissions, nor arguments about the necessity to push growth to lift people out of poverty. Not when it comes with this kind of cost. Before we proceed further, it would be germane to note the economic costs of the pollution-related 'burden of disease': in India, in 2019, the World Bank estimated the average total costs at \$36.8 billion, or 1.36% of GDP.

It makes economic sense to transition to clean fuel, but here we are concerned with the human costs. To begin with, it is the State's ethical duty to ensure that citizens lead healthy lives. Clean air is a precondition alongside food, shelter and affordable healthcare. The right to clean air is, from this point of view, a basic right. In July 2022, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution recognising the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment, including clean air, as a human right. In 2021, a study of 'climate constitutionalism' identified 11 countries that had 'climate clauses' in their constitutions: Algeria, Bolivia, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Thailand, Tunisia, Venezuela, Vietnam and Zambia. In 2024, India was ranked third from the bottom in terms of air quality according to a study by the Swiss agency, IQAir. Is it then not time to give legal shape to the right to clean air? We could also factor in that in 2024 India was ranked 176 out of 180 countries by the Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy and the Center for International Earth Science Information Network in their Environment Performance Index.

China trains a 'patriotic' generation' of 'future warriors'

Give me a child until he is seven, and I will show you the man," said Aristotle. The Greek philosopher was referring to the power of education and environment to shape the character and reason of a growing child. However, the same principle applies in shaping children into nationalistic, diehard supporters, something the Nazis knew all about.

In Hong Kong, which is attempting to show its "redness" and newfound allegiance to the communist creed, the state is fighting to win the hearts and minds of children. Schools are mandated to inculcate patriotism and teach "national education". Hong Kong has quietly removed books that might offer alternative viewpoints from public libraries, and publicly commemorating the Tiananmen Square massacre is a criminal offence. Even schools not singing the national anthem with sufficient gusto are called out for criticism by the education ministry.

Beijing says Hong Kong's National Security Law is designed to "unify thoughts" and "gather strength for building a strong country". However, multiple parents told ANI they would rather permanently depart from Hong Kong to an uncertain future overseas than allow their children to undergo such a blatant brainwashing campaign.

Modern China has continually prosecuted a campaign to mould the minds of the younger generation, but its efforts are becoming ever more frenzied. Currently, the Communist Youth League boasts 74.2 million members and 4.3 million organizations throughout China, but Beijing wants to control the thoughts of every single child.

China calls it "patriotic education", but in the nation's classrooms it is brainwashing pure and simple.

On October 24, 2023, the National People's Congress (NPC) codified the Patriotic Education Law, which mandated indoctrination in state-directed ideological content throughout



all sectors of society. One professor from the China University of Political Science and Law said "implementing the patriotic education law will enhance the daily practice of patriotic spirit" among the people.

The law states patriotic education must be "channeled into the compulsory education system," and that it must "run through the entire course of school". Furthermore, "The parents or other guardians of minors should merge passionate love of the country into household education" following the end of the school day.

The purpose is to entrench the vital necessity of the CCP and to oppose any contrary ideology. It is all about boosting and entrenching the legitimacy of the CCP. The party was horrified at the sudden collapse of communism in Russia, and it fears the same thing happening at home.

In the most extreme cases, young children dressed in Mao Zedong-era tunics sing, "We are the new generation of little Red Army warriors, we march onwards with incomparable

firmness," as they learn about China's revolutionary history.

More than 150 Red Army schools have been established in China since 2007. These attract, in particular, the "red nobility", the offspring of communist commanders and leaders of yesteryear. Of course, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) whitewashes all the excesses of its sordid history, and glorifies its achievements.

Chairman Xi Jinping has continually called for the nation to rectify its ideology, and there has been significant focus on schools so young people can "inherit red genes". As John Dotson of The Jamestown Foundation think-tank in the USA observed, "The clearest message contained in the law is that the fundamental element of 'patriotism' consists of absolute loyalty to the ruling CCP." It also encourages "red tourism", visiting sites important to CCP history.

This is just one symptom of Xi Jinping's greater emphasis on socialist ideology. It is

more than that, however, for Xi is stoking nationalistic fervor and building Chinese bastions against Western thought and influences. The USA and the West are the enemy.

The CCP has been taking back control of all levels of education. It banned for-profit academic tutoring and tutorial schools for primary and middle school students, ostensibly to reduce financial burdens on parents, in 2021. Such moves underscore how government-regulated schools are the main permissible form of education in China.

China has instituted national defence education nationwide too, as Xi breeds a generation of young people who view militarism as positive. As the website of one model national education school stated, "We will create a strong atmosphere of national defence education, carry out rich and colorful activities, cultivate students' patriotism, love for the army and organizational discipline, and cultivate their ambitions to build and defend the motherland from an early age."

The number of such model schools nearly doubled in January 2024 after the Ministry of Education expanded its list. Then in April the NPC gave a first reading to the National Defense Education Law. Previously schools had guidelines, but this new law is far more prescriptive as it advocates military training for high school and tertiary students. It also expands training to younger children. In elementary schools, children as young as six hold fake handguns and assault rifles, while others practice military-style drills and salute visiting PLA soldiers.

The draft law said, for instance, "All state organs and armed forces, all political parties and public groups, all enterprises and institutions and grassroots self-government organizations of a mass character shall, in light of their specific conditions, organize national defense education in their respective regions, departments and units."

Literature & Health

India, Australia hold Maritime security dialogue

The sixth India-Australia Maritime Security Dialogue was held in Canberra on Tuesday, an MEA release said. As per the release, the Indian delegation was led by Muanpui Saiawi, Joint Secretary, Disarmament and International Security Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs and the Australian delegation was led by Sarah Storey, First Assistant Secretary, South Asia and Central Asia Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Bernard Philip, First Assistant Secretary, International Policy, Department of Defence.



sustainable use of marine resources. This included cooperation in Search and Rescue (SAR), pollution response, blue economy and Port State control. Both sides also discussed ways and means of further strengthening their bilateral cooperation in these areas.

They also conferred on the way ahead for collaboration in the maritime ecology pillar of the Indo-Pacific Ocean Initiative (IPOI).

'Study in US' education fair across India from August 16 to 25

The US higher education sector is organising a series of education fairs across India, starting in Hyderabad and concluding in New Delhi, according to an official statement from the US Embassy in India.

The EducationUSA Fairs will take place from Friday, August 16, in Hyderabad, to Sunday, August 25, in New Delhi, covering eight cities across India over the course of 10 days. These fairs will provide a platform for students seeking admission to undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs in the United States to connect with representatives from over 80 accredited US universities and colleges. According to the release, the events are free to attend, but registration is mandatory for students who wish to explore higher education opportunities in the US and meet with university representatives in person. US Ambassador to India Eric Garcetti emphasized the importance of these education fairs, stating, "The EducationUSA fairs are a fantastic way to explore the amazing educational opportuni-



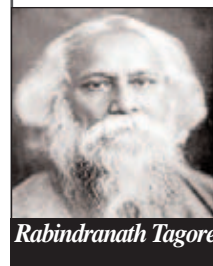
ties that the United States has to offer. Whether you're interested in science, technology, engineering, arts, or business, there is a program to help you achieve your dreams."

"These fairs provide the chance to meet representatives from a wide range of US colleges and universities and attend information sessions about the college application and visa processes. You will receive firsthand information on admissions, scholarships, campus life, and much more about studying on a US campus.

POEM

The Banyan Tree

You shaggy-headed banyan tree standing on the bank of the pond, have you forgotten the little child, like the birds that have nested in your branches and left you? Do you not remember how he sat at the window and wondered at the tangle of your roots and plunged underground? The women would come to fill their jars in the pond, and your huge black shadow would wriggle on the water like sleep struggling to wake up. Sunlight danced on the ripples like restless tiny shuttles weaving golden tapestry. Two ducks swam by the weedy margin above their shadows, and the child would sit still and think.



Rabindranath Tagore

Educating leaders a necessity of higher education for the security forces

It has been experienced over the years that there is a need for the armed forces to stay abreast with modern military technology. There has always been a felt need to educate and prepare the armed forces to enable them to look at strategic security challenges holistically and formulate policies based on well researched and informed inputs to achieve the desired state of deterrence and ensure capability development to meet future challenges. Concurrent to the raising of theatre commands there is a need to have a tri service joint training institution to impart quality higher education in defence and strategic studies, defence management and defence technology to the armed forces, para military forces, central armed police forces, bureaucrats, civilians and foreign officers. It should have a separate research vertical, strategic war gaming facility and should have provision for conducting online distance learning programs. I strongly feel that the environment and the government should know the necessity of such a higher education institution of national importance like the IITs and IIMS.



It should develop, propagate and promote policy oriented research on all aspects relating to national security.

It should be able to educate the senior security leaders on all aspects of national security and create synergy among the academic community and Government functionaries. It should encourage awareness of national security issues by reaching out to our scholars and an audience beyond the official machinery.

It should be able to conduct courses for officers drawn from the Armed Forces, Civil Services, Paramilitary Forces, friendly foreign countries, diplomats, academicians, strategic planners, university students, doctoral and post-doctoral researchers who can assist the strategic leaders in wargaming future scenarios and ensure achieving

the quest for self reliance and incorporating future technological advancements. It should be a unique multi-disciplinary institution of national importance for long-term policy oriented research and teaching in defence and strategic studies, fostering synergy within the armed forces, the academic community and all Government functionaries. This should have the capability to provide human capital for management of defence of India to military leadership & other concerned civilian officials, keeping them abreast of emerging security challenges through high level scholarly research and training. Necessity of Higher Education

Higher education qualifications have several advantages for the uniformed personnel which enable them to understand the big picture and develop Leadership Skills to guide and lead with example. Higher education provides advanced knowledge based training, enables critical thinking, improves problem-solving and quick decision-making capabilities which are essential for effective leadership. It allows individuals to gain expertise, knowledge and skills which can be valuable to them in various roles within the forces. It also improves Strategic Thinking capabilities by detailed research, critical analysis, data mining and war gaming various situations, enabling officers to analyze complex situations, anticipate challenges, and devise effective strategies to address them rather than relying solely on intuition. Such qualifications can open up opportunities for competitive career advancement within the armed forces and paramilitary forces, allowing individuals to take on roles with greater re-

sponsibility and authority. It encourages adaptability and versatility, which are crucial qualities for military personnel operating in diverse terrain and operational environment. It develops a culture of research and innovation, enabling armed forces to stay at the forefront of technological advancements and strategic developments. It often involves interaction with individuals from diverse backgrounds allowing armed forces personnel to build valuable professional networks that can facilitate collaboration and information-sharing on a global scale. Tri Service Higher Education Institution

Therefore having a tri service higher education institution could offer several potential benefits. It could provide specialized education and training for military and civilian personnel in strategic studies, defense policy, military science, and related fields. Such an institution could foster strategic thinking among future military leaders, enabling them to analyze complex security challenges and develop effective solutions. It could serve as a hub for defense-related research and development, driving innovation in military technology, tactics, and strategy. Bringing together experts from various disciplines, including military, political science, economics, and technology, could facilitate interdisciplinary collaboration and holistic approaches to national security. Collaboration with defense universities and institutions abroad could promote international cooperation, exchange of ideas, and best practices in defense and security. It will offer professional development opportunities for military officers and civilian personnel at various stages of their

careers, enhancing their knowledge, skills, and leadership abilities.

At present the armed forces, paramilitary forces, central armed police forces, civil bureaucracy, and other important agencies of the government get educated from various universities where they are affiliated during their professional courses and obtain degrees from universities which are not recognized by various institutions in India and abroad. An institution of higher education would provide an ideal platform for the Nation to educate its Armed Forces and other players of security related establishments to embark on the path of knowledge progression with a strategic vision to formalise the concept of joint planning and execution of national security, integrating all the players of security arena to evolve a cohesive national security apparatus.

It would have been an institution of national importance for joint education and research on national and international security issues to prepare military leaders for undertaking the task of evaluating the national and international security challenges. The institution should have an aim to meet the specialized and future oriented requirements to enable national security establishments to keep ahead of their current and potential adversaries. It should conduct high level scholarly research by competent and selected individuals, educate national leadership and nurture the existing think tanks. It should meet the specific needs of political leadership, National Security Council, Department of Military Affairs, diplomatic cadre and bureaucracy in policy planning. It should have the wherewithal to

analyse international, regional and national security issues, provide data and suggest possible options at the national level. Act as nodal agency / pivot for interaction between national universities and foreign National Defence Universities, research institutes and Government and produce strategic policy oriented research thus playing a major role in strategic policy formulation.

Conclusion India as a fast developing nation is already gaining importance in the world as a major power. It aspires to be an economic and military regional power in short term and a global power in the long term, with a permanent membership of the UN Security Council.

Today, the armed forces, Para-Military Forces and Central Armed Police Forces deal with increasingly complex situations, tackling insurgencies and terrorism, security of vital installations and utilities, intelligence and counter intelligence, protection of country's coast line, maritime assets and disaster management in different regions of the country, a new international balance of power is evolving after the Cold War.

The political and security leadership should think in pro-active terms and develop strategic security perspectives and priorities that make India an important player in the emerging global balance of power. Therefore, there is a need for a tri service defense educational institution to achieve the desired national security objectives.

By Maj Gen (Dr) Sandeep Sharma, AVSM, VSM, PhD

Swami Gyananand becomes VP of International Gita Jayanti Mela Authority

PREETI SAINI SADHAURA: Swami Gyananand became the Vice President of International Gita Jayanti Mela Authority. Members of Shri Krishna Kripa Seva Samiti Sadhaura expressed happiness and thanked the Haryana government on Mahamandleshwar Gita Manishi Swami Gyananand being made the Vice President of International Gita Jayanti

Mela Authority. General Secretary of the committee Sudhir Bhalra said that Haryana International Gita Jayanti Mela Authority has been established and Swami Gyananand has been made the Vice President of this authority on behalf of the Haryana government. The special work of this authority is to promote the Gita. Chairman of the committee Sachdev Chugh said that Shri Krishna Kripa Seva Samiti thanks the Haryana government. Now the promotion of Gita will get more boost. On this occasion, many members including the patron of the committee Surendra Verma, convener Rajendra Chana, vice president Rajan Arora, treasurer Bhisma Chugh, secretary Wazir Chand, Pankaj Chugh, Yashpal Arora, Gopal Singh were present.



Beekeeping equipment to be available at affordable rates: Kanwar Pal

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, AUG 13

Haryana Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Sh. Kanwar Pal said that beekeeping farmers in the state will now have access to beekeeping equipment at affordable rates. The state government has fixed the prices for the same. Today, in a High Power Purchase Committee (HPPC) meeting, rates were finalised for equipment worth around Rs. 6.5 crore. Farmers have a long standing demand that the quality and pricing of beekeeping equipment should be determined.

After the meeting Chairman, High Power Purchase Committee, Sh. Kanwar Pal stated that, due to the state government's farmer-friendly policies, the beekeeping industry in Haryana has flourished over the past 10 years. Many farmers have diversi-

fied into beekeeping, which is an affirmative step, especially when agricultural land holdings are low. He also said that last year, beekeepers in the state produced 5,000 metric tons of honey, valued at approximately Rs. 55 crore in the market.

The Agriculture Minister also highlighted that the state government provides an 80 per cent subsidy to beekeepers for purchasing honey collection and other related equipment. Farmers have often complained that beekeeping equipment is either not available in the market or they are of poor quality and expensive, affecting their income.

Sh. Kanwar Pal further said that an "Integrated Beekeeping Development Center" has been established in



Ramnagar, Kurukshetra district, in collaboration with the governments of Israel and India. This centre provides training and other information related to beekeeping to the farmers. He stated that understanding the challenges faced by farmers, the state government has decided to open shops with fixed prices

at this centre, where beekeeping equipment can be easily accessed. Under one roof, farmers will find high-quality "bee boxes," "bee tool kits," "bee brushes," "bee gloves," "bee feeders," queen bee cages, honey extraction machines, and other essential equipment, he added.

Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Department, Sh. Raja Sekhar Vundru, Director Sh. Rajnarayan Kaushik, Special Secretary, Finance Department, Sh. Jaibir Singh Arya, Special Department Head, Horticulture Directorate, Sh. Arjun Singh Saini and other officers remained present during the meeting.

BJP govt exposed under 'Haryana Mange Hisaab' campaign

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, AUGUST 13

When the Congress government comes to power, poor families will be given free plots of 100 yards and a 2 room house at the cost of Rs. 3.5 lakhs and youth will be given permanent recruitment on 2 lakh vacant government posts: Sumita Singh. Under the 'Haryana Mange Hisaab' campaign, the Congress party, cornering the BJP on its misgovernance and failures of 10 years, exposed the deeds of the BJP government by going from door to door and visiting shops in the second phase in village Kachhwa with a 'charge sheet' of questions related to 15 issues. Sumita Singh, former MLA, Karnal is continuously working to spread the policies of Congress party among the people. On reaching village Kachhwa, people welcomed her and promised to support her in the upcoming assembly elections. She explained the policies of the Congress party. Sumita Singh, former MLA, Karnal said that the BJP government has stopped all the schemes running for SC class, backward class, poor class during the time of Congress government.

100 yard plots, water tanks, free water connections were stopped and water bills were given. Scholarships given to children in schools were stopped. Baba Sahab's constitution was weakened. She said that when the Congress government comes, elderly will be given 6000 pensions and employees will be given the benefit of OPS. To give relief from inflation, 300 units of free electricity

and LPG cylinders will be provided for 500. To curb unemployment, 2 lakh vacant posts will be filled. Backward class creamy layer income limit will be increased from 6 lakh to 10 lakh. Safai Karamchari, rural chowkidar, MNREGA mate will be made permanent for sportspersons. Bring medal get post policy will be implemented again, caste census will be conducted, by making Haryana free from anti-people portals, drug free and crime free, we will make Haryana number one in development, education and health. He said that support the Congress and when the Con-



gress government comes to power in Haryana, all your problems will be solved. On this occasion Dr. Chandra Mani Narang ex-Sarpanch, Satnam ex-Sarpanch, Suresh Hooda, Anil Rehja, Nanha Numberdar, Kailash Balmiki, Satinder Kaur, Gurmeet Kaur, Sukhwinder Kaur, Roshni Devi, Nirmala Devi, Satya Devi, Charanjit Singh, Vikram Singh, Sultan Road, Subhash ex-Member, Raman Sharma, Ramphal, Chetan Kumar, Anil, Sohan Singh, Vinod Kumar, Pradeep Kumar, Sanjay, Balraj, Satish Kumar and a large number of women were present.

DD Sharma takes out Tiranga Yatra in Thanesar

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, AUG 13

DD Sharma paid tribute to the martyrs by taking out a tremendous Tiranga Yatra in the markets of Thanesar. During the Tiranga Yatra, people were carrying tricolour flags in their hands. The markets of Thanesar were echoing with slogans of Bharat Mata ki Jai. The Tiranga Yatra was led by Jai Bhagwan DD Sharma. The enthusiasm of the people who were involved in the Tiranga Yatra was worth seeing. During the Tiranga Yatra, DD Sharma addressed the public and said that the tricolour is a symbol of our pride. On Independence Day, everyone should hoist the tricolour at their homes and pay tribute to the martyrs who sacrificed their lives on the altar of Mother



eradicated from the Thanesar assembly. Those who are trying to deceive the people of

India. He said that during the Tiranga Yatra, we should all take a pledge that nepotism and corruption have to be Thanesar Assembly have to be taught a lesson in the upcoming Assembly elections so that no one can dare to deceive the people of Thanesar Assembly again. The huge crowd that has gathered in DD Sharma's programmes has taken away the sleep of other politicians. DD Sharma's programmes are popular among the people of Thanesar Assembly. Jai Bhagwan DD Sharma says that if the people give me their support and blessings, I will change the picture of Thanesar Assembly. Villagers from the villages falling in Thanesar Assembly participated enthusiastically in the Tiranga Yatra and blessed and wished Jai Bhagwan DD Sharma for the Assembly elections.

Sarv Karmachari Sangh demonstrates against govt

MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI, AUGUST 13

Nagar Palika Union related Sarv Karmachari Sangh demonstrated in the city and raised slogans against the government's breach of promise. It was presided over by Pradhan Buddh Ram and conducted by Secretary Surjeet Singh. Mainly, Sarv Karmachari Sangh's Pradhan Senti Kamboj was present. Health Department Union's Pradhan Navyug, Business Pradhan from Fire, Husan Lal Pradhan from Public Health and Vijaypal from Rithari Sangh etc. were present. He said that the agreement which was made by the government with the Nagar Palika colleagues has not been implemented till date, for which they had fought for a long time and



went on a long strike. The government even refused their demands, yet they have not been implemented till date. To get them implemented, the employees are continuously staging protests, but

this useless government has not fulfilled their demands till date. If the government does not implement their demands before the 20th, then the Nagar Palika and Fire colleagues of the entire state will go on strike on the call of the

state, the entire responsibility of which will be of the Haryana government, because till date, the Haryana government has only made promises and has not fulfilled them. Right now, the government is trying to make temporary employees permanent. The government makes announcements in front of the government but does not implement them on the ground, due to which there is a lot of anger among all the employees because on the 26th, on the call of the state, the Sarv Karmachari Sangh demonstrated at all the headquarters and handed over a memorandum to the DC, but till date the government has not called them for talks, due to which the Sarv Karmachari Sangh will submit a memorandum to the Chief Minister at his residence in Kurukshetra on the 18th.

Tricolor is symbol of our sovereignty: Subhash Chandra

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA NILOKHERI:

The tricolor, a symbol of the country's pride and glory, was seen fluttering proudly in Niolekheri today. The huge tricolor yatra taken out by the Bharatiya Janata Party reached Niolekheri via various villages including Tarawadi, where on the way people welcomed the workers and volunteers involved in the yatra with garlands of flowers. The Executive Vice Chairman of Swachh Bharat Mission Haryana also participated in the tricolor yatra with a large number of his supporters and he filled the workers with enthusiasm with patriotic slogans. In his address, Subhash Chandra said that this tricolor is our pride and is dearer than our lives. This tricolor is a symbol of the sovereignty of our nation. He further said that for the honor of this tricolor, many immortal martyrs have laid down their lives.

He said that this Tiranga Yatra has been taken out to pay respect to the Tricolor and to pay homage to the immortal martyrs. He said that this Yatra tells us the importance and glory of the Tricolor. It makes us aware of our duties towards the country and the nation. He said that the passion of patriotism increases manifold due to the Tiranga Yatra. On this day, we are reminded that the nation comes first for us.



BJP govt working without discrimination: Sherwal



PRITI SAINI SADHAURA: The BJP government is working without any discrimination, said Dr. Kusum Sherwal and Ashok Sherwal in Rattuwalla village of Sadhaura constituency. They were welcomed with a convoy of motorcycles and vehicles in Rattuwalla and were taken to the meeting place with drums, garlands and flowers. People assured Dr. Kusum Sherwal that they will win their booth and put it in the lap of Chief Minister Nayab Saini. Dr. Kusum Sherwal said that the government is determined for the welfare of every section. The BJP government is working on the basic mantra of Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas. Addressing the public, Kusum Sherwal said that she is working day and night in Sadhaura constituency to take the government schemes to every house and the government has announced to give gas cylinders to 46 lakh families for Rs 500. Many people joined the Bharatiya Janata Party. Program organizers Sanjeev Sandhu, Raghuvir Nambardar, Krishna, Rinku, Gurdalay, Gurmel, Angrez, Sahil, General Secretary Surendra, Bankat Pawan Saini, Virendra, Pradeep, Pankaj Jain etc. were present on the occasion.

Parag Gaba campaigns for Congress



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: Senior Karnal Congress leader Parag Gaba went among the people under the Haryana Mange Hisaab campaign and told them how the BJP government cheated the people of the state. Only lies were told in the name of development. That is why the Congress is demanding an account from the BJP. The BJP is being asked how crime and corruption increased in Haryana. Why the promises made to the employees and farmers were not fulfilled. Why such a big scam was done in the name of Smart City in Karnal. On this occasion, Parag Gaba also distributed the Congress's Sankalp Patra to the people. The Congress has promised that if the Congress government is formed in Haryana, 300 units of electricity will be given free. LPG cylinder will be available for Rs 500. Pension will be given six thousand rupees. Unemployment will be eradicated from the root. Crime and criminals will be curbed. On this occasion Pankaj Gaba, Mandeep Singh, Rakesh Dhingra, Vaibhav Chhabra, Amit Mehta, Lalit Ahuja, Bittu Sandhu, Tony Kakkar, Mikka, Puneet Sharma, Ladi, Piyush, Sahil Dabur, Manu Balmi, Aman Sharma and Raj Kumar etc were present.

Swadeshi Jagran Manch holds entrepreneurship promotion programme

RAHUL KOHLI JAGADHRI: Under the Swavalambhi Bharat Abhiyan, Swadeshi Jagran Manch organised an entrepreneurship promotion programme in Maharishi Vidya Mandir School. District Contact Head Vivek Kumar attended the program as the chief guest. Dr. Rajni Vats Vashisht attended the program as the keynote speaker. During this, the speakers inspired the students to step into the field of business. The keynote speaker Vivek Kumar said that today there are many such examples in which the youth established their own business instead of running after government and private jobs. On the basis of which today those youth have not only become self-reliant but are also able to provide jobs to other youth. The youth who run after jobs are only able to limit themselves. But if the youth try to establish a business, then they can pave the way for success for their future generations as well. Therefore, the youth should pay more attention to their own business than jobs. The keynote speaker Dr. Rajni told the students what entrepreneurship is. He gave information on topics like examples of startups in India, organic farming and products, how to become an entrepreneur, its training, financial assistance and consultation etc. He said that the government is also encouraging the youth to set up their own enterprises so that the youth not only move ahead in the field of business.



134 plants distributed at Guru Nanak Khalsa college



RAHUL KOHLI JAGADHRI: 134 Plants Distributed at Guru Nanak Khalsa College, Yamunanagar on the Fourth Day of Ek Pedh Maa Ke Naam Programme On the fourth day of the Plantation Programme, Guru Nanak Khalsa College distributed 134 plants to its students as part of the initiative named "Ek Pedh Maa Ke Naam," which was initiated and directed by the Government of India. This program aims to foster environmental responsibility and enhance green cover across the nation by planting 500 Trees by 16th August under this program. The event saw active participation by the students of NCC Unit, NSS Unit, Rotract Club and various departments of the college.

Dr. Harinder Singh Kang, Principal of Guru Nanak Khalsa College, emphasised the importance of such initiatives, stating, "Plantation drives like 'Ek Pedh Maa Ke Naam' play a crucial role in raising awareness about environmental conservation. Dr. Hemant Mishra, Associate Professor of Social Work highlighted that their commitment to a greener planet was graced by the presence of Dr. Bodhraj, Dr. Amarej Singh, and Dr. RP Singh who supported and participated in the distribution ceremony appreciated the efforts of the organisers.

Chambal Fertilisers and Chemicals Ltd. organises farmer training programme

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER BARARA, AUGUST 13

Chambal Fertilisers and Chemicals Limited organised a farmer training programme in village Dhin. Agricultural scientist Dr. Rajendra Singh, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Tepla participated in the program and was welcomed by the village sarpanch. In which he trained and explained the farmers about the use of balanced nutrients and best practices for crop cultivation. Also, farmers were suggested to use minimum agricultural chemicals for prevention and pest control in crops, so that their yield is healthy and soil fertility also remains unaffected. Dr. Singh

highlighted crop diversification, in which crop production from new crops or other crop systems is added to traditional crops. In this, benefits are taken in different ways from value-added crops with complementary marketing opportunities of different agricultural production at the same time in a particular agricultural field. With this crop method, production of different types of crops can be taken at the same time in the agricultural field while maintaining biodiversity. In simple terms, farmers can get agricultural production of different types of crops from the same field through crop diversification. In many states of the country, farmers are produc-

ing crops with less water, labor and money by cultivating different crops in the same field through this method. In the present era, farmers are using processed seeds with high productivity, artificial fertilizers and pesticides and herbicides and fungicides in large quantities in traditional crops to get better production in the agricultural sector. Due to this, insects and weeds gradually develop resistance against them. This affects the production of crops. Apart from this, artificial fertilisers pollute the fertility of the soil, agricultural production, water and environment. Due to this, the agricultural cost of farmers is also increasing.

And crop production is also getting affected and the income of farmers is also decreasing. In such a situation, crop diversification is needed to prevent this situation. Farmers have to produce crops by making crop rotation of many new crops simultaneously in their fields. All these problems can be overcome through crop diversification. Along with this, farmers also get additional income from the same farm through limited resources. Crop diversification reduces the chances of insects, diseases, weeds and weather-related risks in the agricultural field and less amount of herbicides and pesticides are required in farming.

Anti Terrorist Front India pays homage to martyrs

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA AMBALA, AUGUST 13

Anti Terrorist Front India's National President Veeresh Shandilya today paid homage and saluted Subhash Chandra Bose, the founder of Azad Hind Fauj, who gave the slogan 'Tum mujhe khoo do main tumhe azadi dunga', at India Gate in the country's capital Delhi, along with hundreds of his companions on the eve of 78th Independence Day. Veeresh Shandilya, along with the members of the Front, raised slogans of Bharat Mata ki Jai, Inquilab Zindabad, Desh ki Raksha Karna Sikho, Jeena Hai To Marna Sikho at India Gate. Addressing the members of Anti Terrorist Front India at India Gate, he said that today he takes an oath from the memorial of the

martyrs that his campaign for the end of Khalistan will run throughout the nation like Subhash Chandra Bose and to end the traitors. Vireesh Shandilya said that every drop of his blood will be sacrificed for the nation.

He said that we are celebrating the 78th anniversary of independence but Vireesh Shandilya appealed to the youth from India Gate that it is not the responsibility of the governments or the Indian Army alone to fight against the anti-national forces to save the independence of the country and like Subhash Chandra Bose, Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, Sukhdev, Kartar Sarabha, Udham Singh, Ashfaqulla Khan, Madan Lal Dhillon, Lala La-



ipat Rai, we will have to come forward for sacrifices and the mothers of the country will also have to give birth to brave warriors again from their wombs. Vireesh Shandilya said that neither will we allow the Khalistani movement to run in the country including Punjab nor will we tolerate the movement of those who want

to create Khalistan in Punjab. Vireesh Shandilya has demanded from the Home Minister Amit Shah that the Lok Sabha membership of Khalistani Amritpal Singh, who challenged the Indian tricolor and the Indian Constitution, should be cancelled and he should not be allowed to enter the sacred Lok Sabha. Vireesh Shandilya has also demanded from the Prime Minister that the Amar Jawan Jyoti, which was removed from the India Gate, should be installed there. National President of Anti Terrorist Front India Vireesh Shandilya said that the place of Amar Jawan Jyoti is at the India Gate, the capital of the country.

RAHUL KOHLI JAGADHRI: Haryana BJP Government Agriculture Minister Kanwarpal Gurjar said that he was continuously getting development work done at the cost of crores of rupees in his constituency Jagadhri assembly. Impressed by the development works,



Aarti and Anju from Ward No. 6 of Jagadhri city along with

the women's team and dozens of people from village Feruwala like Gurjit Singh, Jitender, Ramnath, Sunny, Naresh Kumar Pal, Sarwan Lal Mohit Kashyap, Gaurav, Mohan, Shyam, Narendra, Ramkumar, Phoolchand left various political parties and joined BJP. He said that with

the joining of these hundreds of women and men in BJP, BJP would become stronger in Jagadhri assembly constituency. Agriculture Minister Kanwarpal Gurjar said that Chief Minister Nayab Saini has given Rs 500 to poor families with annual income of Rs 1.80 lakh.

I-Day programmes organised in Guru Nanak Khalsa College



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, AUG 13

Under the joint auspices of NCC, NSS, Youth Red Cross and Red Ribbon Club, a beautiful and grand event of Drug Free India Campaign, door-to-door Tricolor Yatra and Tricolor distribution program was organized at Guru Nanak Khalsa College, Karnal on Tuesday. In which the students of the college

participated enthusiastically. On this occasion, College Principal Dr Gurinder Singh distributed tricolor flags to the students. Tiranga Yatra was taken out as per the instructions of Government of India and Higher Education Department, Government of Haryana. On the occasion of Independence Day, a message was given to hoist the tricolor in every house. A patriotic atmosphere was created with

Under Mission Shakti workshop organized in DAV Women's College

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: As per the instructions of District Program Officer, Women and Child Development, Seema Prasad, SHO of Mahila Thana Sukhwinder Kaur, Hub Coordinator Jyoti Chauhan, Nutrition Coordinator Anju, POIC Suman, Poonam and Neha told the students about various schemes, their rights and nutritious diet.



the slogans of Bharat Mata ki Jai, Vande Mataram, long live the freedom fighters. Principal Dr. Gurinder Singh said that today they were breathing in open air because

of the immortal martyrs and revolutionaries of the freedom movement. During this time, the students were also administered an oath against drug abuse.

Haryana Sikh Unity Dal to hold conference on Sept 8 in Karnal

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, AUG 13

In an effort to unite the Sikh community of Haryana and raise a strong voice for their rights, Sikhs from across the state will gather on September 8 in Karnal. The Haryana Sikh Ekta Dal is organizing this significant event, which has garnered overwhelming support from Sikh communities throughout the state. This gathering is expected to witness the participation of lakhs of Sikhs who will come together to affirm and solidify the existence and rights of the Sikh community in Haryana. During a press conference held today at Dera Kar Sewa in Karnal, representatives of the Haryana Sikh Ekta Dal shared details about the upcoming conference. Key leaders present at the press meet included Jagdeep Singh Aulakh, Gurtej Singh Khalsa, Amrit Singh Bugga, Punjab Singh Nisingh, Sukhwinder Singh Jhabbar, Bakha Singh Goraya, Surinder Pal Singh Ramgarhia, Satinder Singh, Jospal Singh Balu, and Pargat Singh Balu. They informed that several meetings have already been held across different districts of the state, and there is immense enthusiasm among the Sikh community for this event.



The Dal has extended invitations to prominent Sikh leaders, including Jathedar Giani Raghbir Singh of Sri Akal Takht Sahib, Jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh of Takht Damdama Sahib, and Jathedar Giani Sultan Singh of Takht Kesgarh Sahib. In the coming days, invitations will also be given to the Jathedars of Takht Sri Patna Sahib and Takht Sri Hazur Sahib, ensuring guidance from the leaders of all five supreme Sikh authorities (Takhts) for the unity of the Sikh community in Haryana. Additionally, prominent saints and spiritual leaders from the state are being invited to the event with due respect.

Plant trees on special occasions of your life: Sanjeev Kumar

NIRMAL SAINI

RADAUR: Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam program was organized in village Sadhura. Village Secretary Sanjeev Kumar was chief guest in program. Sarpanch Jaswinder Singh presided over it. Fruit and shade trees were planted in village. Sanjeev Kumar and Jaswinder Singh said that trees are basis of life. While trees provide us shade, we also get fruits and many types of herbs from trees. Trees are helpful in bringing rain. Man is constantly cutting trees to fulfill his needs. Trees are not being planted as fast as they are being cut due to which problem of global warming is arising. If situation remains same, our future generation will have to suffer its serious consequences. Therefore, today the demand of time is that more and more trees should be planted.



Azad Samaj Party's Jagadhari constituency candidate Dr Ashok Kashyap visits flood affected area



RK KASHYAP CHHACHHRAULI: Azad Samaj Party's declared candidate from Jagadhari constituency Dr Ashok Kashyap visited flood affected area and enquired about condition of flood hit people. He assured to give all possible help to them. He met people in village and said that interests of every section will be kept in mind during power changes. Following ideals of MP Chandrashekhar Azad, work will be done not for power but for public service. He said that people from 36 communities are joining him. With enthusiasm of public, he will also stand by his promises. He said that it has been 77 years since country got independence.

BJP has worked to end corruption and improve the future of youth



NIRMAL SAINI

RADAUR: There is no difference between the words and actions of the BJP government. Whether it is employment or development, development work has been done equally in every field. BJP has worked to end corruption in jobs and improve the future of youth. Senior BJP leader Hemraj Kunjan said this while addressing the people in villages Dhaudang, Jubbal, Kanjnu and Fatehgarh under his public relations campaign. Hemraj said that the BJP government has worked on the lines of Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas. The tenure of BJP has been heavier than the tenure of opposition parties.

Nominations filed for Bhagwan Parshuram Seva Samiti election

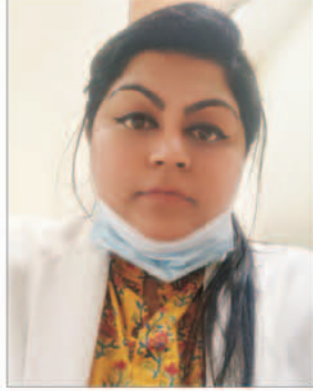
MANISH KUMAR

AMBALA: Nominations were filed in office of Election Officer Arun Kant Parashar for election of Bhagwan Parshuram Seva Samiti Regd 1069 Ambala Cantt. Atul Sharma filed nomination for post of Pradhan, Ravindra Sharma for post of Deputy Pradhan, Surendra Sharma for post of General Secretary and Rajiv Sharma for post of General Secretary, Rajesh Sharma and Suresh Kaushik for post of Secretary, Shashikant Parashar and Satish Sharma for post of Cashier. Election Officer Arun Kant Parashar said that 8 members filed nominations for election of Bhagwan Parshuram Seva Samiti Regd 1069 Ambala Cantt, in which one nomination was filed for post of Pradhan, one for post of Deputy Pradhan, 2 for post of General Secretary, 2 for post of Secretary and 2 for post of Cashier.



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- जोड़ों का दर्द
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- सेरेब्रल पाल्सी एण्ड पोलियो मोलाइटिस
- पोस्ट फ्रैक्चर दर्द ■ फ्रैक्चर के बाद प्लास्टर
- हाथ-पैरों में कंपन व सुन्नापन
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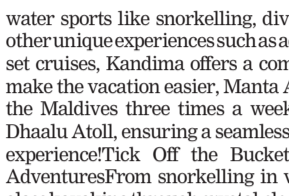
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Public Notice. 63372. Notice regarding a public hearing or similar administrative matter.

COURT NOTICE. IN THE COURT OF Sh. Akashdeep Singh Malwai Judicial Magistrate First Class-11, Jalandhar. EOS PHARMACEUTICALS INDIA LTD. Vs. KALMEEN PHARMA.

COURT NOTICE. IN THE COURT OF Sh. Akashdeep Singh Malwai Judicial Magistrate First Class-11, Jalandhar. AMARPREET PAL SINGH Vs. ARBM SERVICES.

NORTHERN RAILWAY. Invitation for Tenders through E-Procurement System. Deputy Chief Materials Manager, N.R. Jagdish Workshop-135002, for and on behalf of the President of India invites through e-procurement system for the supply of the following items:-

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Court Notice (Publication Under Order 5 Rule 20 CPC). In the Court of Smt. Sunila Khilani, Naib Tehsildar-Cum-Assistant Collector 1st Grade, Phillaur. Case No: 07/NT/2023.

In the Court of Sh. Pardeep Kumar Tehsildar-cum-Assistant Collector, Tanda. Case No.23/Partition. The party- Jagir Singh Other Vs Lakhwinder Singh and others.

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Shaping Tomorrow's Energy Landscape. Advertisement for ITUWTA (India Thermal Utility Workers Trade Union) featuring a large graphic of a power transmission tower and a gear.

NORTHERN RAILWAY e-TENDERING. OPEN TENDER NOTICE No. NIT- 24/UMB-2024-25 DATED 12.08.2024. Open tenders through e-tendering are invited on & behalf of president of India by Sr. Divisional Engineer/Coordination, Northern Railway, Ambala from the willing contractors for following work upto 15.00 hrs. on the date of closing shown against the work and will be opened thereafter.

Extract of the Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter ended 30th June, 2024. Table with columns: S. No., Particulars, Standalone (Quarter ended, Year ended), Consolidated (Quarter ended, Year ended).

NORTHERN RAILWAY e-TENDERING. OPEN TENDER NOTICE No. NIT- 24/UMB-2024-25 DATED 12.08.2024. Table with columns: S. No., Name of work, Approx. Cost (Rs.), Bid Security (Rs.), Period of Completion, Date of Closing & Opening.

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