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Pb Sewa Kendras to remain operational on Raksha Bandhan

PHAGWARA: All Sewa Kendras in Punjab will remain operational from 11 a.m to 5 p.m in Punjab on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan festival on August 19, the state government announced on Sunday. The government has urged all visitors to visit Sewa Kendras on August 19 after 11 a.m to avail the benefit of citizen services. The Punjab government had instituted the Sewa Kendras in August 2016 for streamlining service delivery and improving citizen engagement in the state. They provide over 400 citizen services like birth and death certificates, caste certificates, marriage certificates and Aadhaar Card.

UP: 10 killed, 27 injured as pickup collides with bus

BULANDSHAHR : Ten people were killed and 27 others were injured when a pickup van collided with a bus in Salempur area of Bulandshahr district here in Uttar Pradesh on Sunday, police sources said here. Police sources said that the incident took place on Bulandshahr-Shikarpur road when the pickup van collided head on with the private bus. "While five persons died on the spot, five others succumbed to their injuries in the hospital," they said. Police sources said that all the victims were residents of Raiipur Khas village in Atruli tehsil in Ali-garg district.

Several Jaipur hospitals receive email bomb threats

JAIPUR: Several Hospitals in Jaipur received email bomb threats on Sunday, police said. Bomb disposal squad teams have been dispatched to the hospitals. The emails claimed that bombs had been planted under hospital beds and in bathrooms, police said. "So far, four hospitals have said that they received such (bomb threat) emails. More hospitals are likely to confirm as and when they check emails," Jaipur Police Commissioner Biju George Joseph told.

Air India cabin crew assaulted at London hotel

NEW DELHI/MUMBAI: A female cabin crew member of Air India was allegedly assaulted by an intruder at a London hotel earlier this week, with the airline saying it is pursuing the matter with the local police. Sources in the know said a homeless man barged into the room at the hotel where the female cabin crew was staying.

SC takes cognisance of Kolkata rape-murder case, hearing tomorrow

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, AUG 18

The Supreme Court has taken suo motu cognisance of the alleged rape and murder of a trainee doctor at Kolkata's R G Kar Medical College and Hospital.

According to the cause list of August 20 uploaded on the apex court website, a bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud is scheduled to hear on Tuesday a matter titled 'In Re: Alleged rape and murder incident of a trainee doctor in RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, Kolkata and related issue'.

The Calcutta High Court recently transferred the probe from the Kolkata Police to the CBI.

Meanwhile Kolkata Police on Sunday summoned TMC MP Sukhendu Sekhar Roy, hours after he demanded that the CBI interrogate Kolkata Police commissioner and former principal of RG Kar Medical College and Hospital.

Roy had earlier in the day called upon the Central Bureau of Investigation, which is probing the rape and murder of a woman doctor at state-run RG Kar MCH, to act fairly and demanded the custodial interrogation of former principal of the medical establishment and the CP to know "who and why floated the suicide story".

Kolkata Police asked Roy to appear before its officers at its headquarters in



Lalbaraz at 4 pm on Sunday for allegedly posting wrong information regarding the incident, a police source said. "He has been asked to come to Lalbaraz at 4 pm. This is related to some of his posts on social networking sites," he said. Asked if the summons had anything to do with Roy's comment on the CP, the source declined to reply but said that the TMC MP had, a couple of days back, made a comment on sniffer dogs being taken to RG Kar MCH by Kolkata Police.

Govt asks states to provide 2-hourly situation report in wake of doctors' strike

NEW DELHI: The Union Home Ministry has asked all state police forces to provide it situation reports every two hours in the wake of protests by doctors, nursing staff and others against the alleged rape and murder of a postgraduate trainee doctor at the state-run RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata. In a communication to the state police forces, the home ministry said that the law and order situation of all states should be monitored in view of the protests. "Henceforth, a continuous two-hourly law and order situation report in this regard may kindly be sent to the MHA control room (New Delhi) by Fax/ Email/ WhatsApp from 1600 hours today," the communication sent on Friday said. On August 9, a postgraduate trainee doctor was allegedly raped and murdered while on duty at the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata. A civic volunteer of Kolkata Police was arrested in connection with the crime the next day. The Calcutta High Court handed over the case to the CBI on Tuesday.

Bengaluru student, returning from party, raped by biker who gave her lift

AGENCY
BENGALURU, AUG 18

A woman was allegedly sexually assaulted in the early hours of Sunday by an unknown biker whom she had hitchhiked, a senior police officer said.

According to the Additional Commissioner of Police (East Zone) Raman Gupta, the woman, who is a final



year degree student in a city college, was returning home to Hebbagodi after a get-together in Koramangala.

"A man from whom she had taken a 'lift' made a criminal assault and raped her. We have registered a rape case and started an investigation," Mr Gupta told reporters here.

He said prima facie it appeared she had gone for a get-together in Koramangala.

Pb girl gang-paped in public bus in Dehradun

NEW DELHI: A minor girl from Punjab was allegedly gang raped on a public bus in Dehradun late Tuesday evening. The incident occurred at the city's inter-state bus terminus (ISBT) on her arrival from Moradabad.

The police registered a case late last night, prompting an investigation into the matter.

A roadways employee has been taken into custody, police said. Latest crime data suggests over 31,000 rape cases were reported across the country in 2021.

"There is only one suspect. The man who gave her a lift is suspected to be the rapist and our investigations are on," the officer said.

According to Mr Gupta, he and other police officers visited the spot and spoke to the victim and her relatives.

Corruption flourished during previous Congress govt : Hry CM

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, AUG 18

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Sunday alleged that corruption flourished under previous Congress governments and was that the party is "known to work for commissions".

Hitting out at the Congress's 'Haryana Maange Hisab' campaign, Saini accused the party of land grab and said the Congress had no development work to speak of.

"When the opposition has no issue to raise, they are taking out 'hisab yatra'. Hooda sahab, we give account to people regularly," said Saini stepping up his attack on the Congress following the announcement of the assembly polls in Haryana.

"I have asked Hooda ji many things, including questions pertaining to farmers, but he has not answered even one of them," the chief minister said addressing a rally in Yamunanagar district.

"I want to tell Hooda ji that he can keep dreaming about coming to power, but on October 4, BJP will form the government for the third time with a big mandate," he said.

The Election Commission announced on Friday that assembly polls will be held on October 1 and results will be declared on October 4.



during the Congress regime, which was known to work for commissions, while the BJP government in Haryana is working on a "mission mode" to achieve equitable development in the state.

EAM Jaishankar calls on Kuwait PM, Crown Prince; discuss bilateral ties

KUWAIT CITY: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Sunday called on Kuwait Prime Minister Sheikh Muhammad Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah and Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Sabah and discussed ways to take the bilateral ties to a higher level.

Jaishankar, who arrived here on Sunday on a day-long visit, appreciated Sheikh Sabah's perspectives on the deepening of India-Kuwait ties and conveyed the greetings of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"Pleased to call on His Highness Sheikh Dr. Muhammad Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah, Prime Minister of Kuwait. Conveyed the greet-



ings of PM @narendramodi," Jaishankar said in a post on X.

Rahul Gandhi expresses concern over lateral entry in top govt jobs

NEW DELHI: Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi has expressed concerns over the lateral entry of individuals into top government positions on Sunday, alleging that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is appointing public servants through the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) rather than following the traditional Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) route.

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Pb CM felicitates members of Indian Hockey squad with cash prize

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, AUG 18

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Sunday felicitated the players of the state, with cash prize worth Rs 1 crore (each), who were part of the Bronze medal winning Indian Hockey team in the recently concluded Paris Olympics.

In his address, the Chief Minister said that it is a historic occasion as these sons of soil who have brought laurels for the state and country are being honored. He said that these players have brought immense pride and satisfaction for the entire country by this momentous win. Bhagwant Singh Mann said



that he had personally watched every hockey match of the team and the spectacular performance by these players have made us all feel proud.

The Chief Minister said that it was elated to see the Indian team de-

feating Australia after a gap of 52 years adding that equally superb were the matches against Spain, England and others. He said that winning a medal by the team is like a dream come true for every countrymen and the best thing is that the

team was led by Captain Harmanpreet, who steered the team to victory. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that this leadership capability was outstanding and it led to the team bagging a bronze medal in the Paris Olympics.

The Chief Minister said that Harman scored 10 goals alone in the Olympics adding that he is elated that the state government is today felicitating these gems. He said that the entire country is today extending best wishes to these players and are overwhelmed over their feat. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that Indian Hockey is on the path of revival adding that Punjab is mulling to hold a league tournament between

four world class teams of Hockey in the month of November.

The Chief Minister said that the state government is working wholeheartedly for the promotion of sports and no stone will be left unturned for it.

He said that the third edition of the Kheda Watan Punjab Dian will commence from August 28th, which will act as a catalyst to promote sports in the state.

Bhagwant Singh Mann further said that the state government will develop sports clusters like Football in Mahilpur area, Boxing in Sangrur, Hockey in Jalandhar, Athletics in Ludhiana and others to promote sports in the state.

PUBLIC NOTICES

I, Balwinder Singh S/o Mukhtiar Singh R/o Vill-Ahmedgarh Chhanna, Teh-Ahmedgarh Distt Malerkotla (Punjab) declare that my Wife Gupreet Kaur Aged 48 Years and my Son Jaswinder Singh Aged 23 Years in the wrong company for being out of my control. So I disown with them from my movable/immovable property. If anybody dealing with them at his/her own risk.

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I Rama Rani W/o Late. Krishan Sham R/o Laxman Colony, Gali No. 01, Gidderbaha (Sri Muktsar Sahib) do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that my son Prince and his wife Mamta Rani were falling in bad company and out of my control . So we evicted above said Prince and his wife Mamta Rani from all my moveable and immoveable property. If any person will deals with above said perosns, he will be himself responsible, I and my any family member will not have any concern/relation with that.

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Jaswinder Kaur W/d/o Sukhwinder Singh R/o H.No.690, Allam Street, Near Cheema Chowkn, Guru Ram Dass Nagar, M.K Road, Khanna (Ludhiana) declare that my son Gurtej Singh, his wife Gagandeep Kaur & his son Jaskirat Singh are out of my control. I disinherit them from my entire moveable/immovable properties. I have no relation with them, anybody dealing with them at their own risk.

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I, Sahavir Sahu S/o Malu Sahu R/o 247 Vill: Nawadhi Post Office Adar, Thana Ghaghra Distt. Gumla, Jharkhand-835231, I known two names as Sahavir Sahu and Vinod Kumar. I am one and same person of two name.

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It is for General information that I Amarjit Singh C/o Pakhar Singh, Vpo. Gumbali, Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar (Punjab) Pin code 144039, declare that my Wife's name has been wrongly written as Miliminder Kaur in my passport (S2493469). The actual name of my Wife is Maninder Kaur, which may be amended accordingly.

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I, Akash Deep S/o Dev Dutt R/o Vill: Panjdhera Mohalla Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) declare that my mother Santosh Kumari has been expired. She was known by two names Santosh Kumari and Neelam Dubey boths names was one and the same person.

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I, Pawanpreet Kaur Dhaliwal D/o Jagdeep Singh Dhaliwal R/o Madheke (Moga), declare that in some documents my mother's name was written as Harjinder Kaur, which is wrong. While my mother's real name is Harjinder Kaur Dhaliwal My mother's name should be changed from Harjinder Kaur to Harjinder Kaur Dhaliwal.

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I, Pawanpreet Kaur Dhaliwal D/o Jagdeep Singh Dhaliwal R/o Madheke (Moga), declare that in some documents my father's name was written as Jagdeep Singh, which is wrong. While my father's real name is Jagdeep Singh Dhaliwal. My father's name should be changed from Jagdeep Singh to Jagdeep Singh Dhaliwal.

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I Basanti Devi Mother of Number 17007664P Rank NK Name Mahesh Kumar Yadav Of Unit 422 (I) Engr Sqn c/o 56 Apo presently residing at VPO Garsanda P-S-Jamui Distt Jamui State Bihar Declare that I have change my DOB From (01-01-1970) To (01-01-1953) Vide Affidavit Number Before notary Pathankot Punjab.

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I Musho Yadav Father of Number 17007664P Rank NK Name Mahesh Kumar Yadav Of Unit 422 (I) Engr Sqn c/o 56 Apo presently residing at VPO Garsanda P-S-Jamui Distt Jamui State Bihar Declare that I have change my DOB From (01-01-1966) To (01-01-1959) Vide Affidavit Number Before notary Pathankot Punjab.

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I Kavita Mother of Number 16124491X Rank NK Name ArunKumar Parappa Navi Of Unit 422 (I) Engr Sqn c/o 56 Apo presently Residing at H-No- 784/8 SYNO 258 Sarathi Nagar Kangrali KH Vtc Belgaum PO-Kangrali KHSUB Distt Belgavi State Karnataka Declare that I have change my Name From Kavita To Kavita Parappa Navi Vide Affidavit Number Before notary Pathankot Punjab.

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I Parappa Father of Number 16124491X Rank NK Name ArunKumar Parappa Navi Of Unit 422 (I) Engr Sqn c/o 56 Apo presently Residing at H-No- 784/8 SYNO 258 Sarathi Nagar Kangrali KH Vtc Belgaum PO-Kangrali KHSUB Distt Belgavi State Karnataka Declare that I have change my Name From Parappa To Parappa Mahadevappa Navi Vide Affidavit Number Before notary Pathankot Punjab.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ਮੈਂ ਅਸ਼ੋਕ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰਨਾਮੀ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਤਲਵੰਡੀ ਮਿਹਮਾ ਭਾਕ: ਨੌਬੂ ਚਾਹਲ ਤਿਹਸੀਲ ਵਾਸਿ ਜਲਾ ਕਪੂਰਥਲਾ ਹਰੀ ਖ਼ਆਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰਾ ਲੜਕਾ ਗਗਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਿਹੜੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੈ ਤੇ ਅਪਨੀ ਮਨਮਰਜੀਅ ਕਰਦਾ ਰਿਹੋਂਦਾ ਹੈ . ਿੰਦਾ ਲਈ ਮੈਂ ਇਸਨੂੰ ਅਪਨੀ ਤਮਾਮ ਚਲ-ਅਚਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ। ਮੇਰਾ ਜਾ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਿਤਵਾਰ ਦਾ ਗਗਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਨਾਲ ਕੋਈ ਤਲਕ ਵਾਸਤਾ ਨਹੀ ਹੈ। ਅੱਜ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਦ ਅਗਰ ਕੋਈ ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਕਸੇ ਪੁਕਾਰ ਦਾ ਲੈਣ-ਦੇਣ ਕਰੇਗਾ ਤਾਂ ਉਹ ਖੁਦ ਜਿੰਮੇਦਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।

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ਮੈਂ ਗੁਰਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸ੍ਰ. ਸੋਣਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਲਕਸੀਆਂ, ਡਾਕਘਰ ਜਲੀਸੀਆਂ ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਸ਼ਾਹਕੋਟ, ਜਲਿਆ ਜਲੰਧਰ ਮੇਰਾ ਲੜਕਾ ਜਤਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਾਡੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹਨ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚੱਲ ਅਚੱਲ ਸੰਪਤੀ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ। ਅੱਜ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਮੇਰਾ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਕੋਈ ਸੰਬੰਧ ਨਹੀਂ, ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁਦ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ ਮੈਂ ਨਹੀਂ।

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LOST SALE DEED

It is hereby inform to the general public that property which is in name of Mr Gurvinder Singh S/o Bakshish Singh R/o Moga Distt Moga. Previous Sale deed of the said property bearing waska no 3404 dated 12/07/2012 has been lost/misplaced. Anybody in the general public has any objection/claim regarding the above said property can raise objection within 10 days before the undersigned. Otherwise no objection/claim whatsoever will be entertained after 10 days of publication.

Adv. B. K. Manager Canara Bank Branch Cupakiti (Moga)

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Tajinder Singh S/o Gurcharan Singh R/o 216, Sector-5 Karnal that some document of my property including Original Transfer Deed No. 42461/1 dated 07/08/2018 in the name of Neena Aggi W/o Mahinder Kumar have been lost somewhere. Despite a lot of searching, the above papers were not found, for which I have also lodged a police complaint. The application no. of which is 132310562401114. I will not misuse the above transfer deed. If any person find it, contact at the following address.

Hemant Sharma, Advocate Chamber No. 47, District Court, Karnal Mobile No. 9896260977

I, Naveen Goyal S/o Sh. Jagdish Chand one of the Director BLG Industries Pvt Ltd M/s Shakti Industries Jagaria Road, Tehsil Ahmedgarh, Distt Malerkotla, hereby give public notice to the General Public that I am the owner of the property comprising 48-08 Complied Khata no 3005338 Kharsa no 1522-23/12918683-0. 1524/12918681-0 and one parcel bearing 2019-20 Situated at Vtc. Bhogivali vide sale deed bearing Wasika No. 2877 Dated 25/11/2004. However, the original previous title deed bearing Wasika No.2325 dated 16.10.1990 & 4433 dated 29.10.1990 (both in the name of M/s. Almarj chemical Pvt.Ltd) has been misplaced from us and is not traceable. This title deed is not mortgaged by me nor any previous owner(s) in any bank or any other financial institution etc. and have also lodged a Lost Information report vide SR No. 50449692 dated 17/08/2024 registered with P.S. City 1 Malerkotla. . We, intend to mortgage the above said property given Punjab National Bank Ltd. If anybody, bank or financial institution etc. has any objection qua the mortgage or the previous sale deed Wasika No. 2325 dated 16.10.1990 & 2433 dated 29.10.1990 then he shall inform the Branch Managers, Punjab National Bank, LCB Branch, Ludhiana (Mob. 98722-21613) in writing with due acknowledgement within 7 days from the date of publication and thereafter no claim of any kind whatsoever shall be entertained.

COURT NOTICE

(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC) IN THE COURT OF Sh. Abhimanyu Rajput Civil Judge Jr. Div. Chandigarh STATE BANK OF INDIA SCo NO 103 110 SECTOR 17-B CHANDIGARH

Vs. M/S BODY SENSE THROUGH ITS PROPRIETOR SHEELA DEVI SHOP NO 901 NEAR IQBAL RADIO MAIN MARKET BURAIL SECTOR 45 CHANDIGARH

SUIT FOR RECOVERY CNR No. CHCH02-002788-2023 Next Date:- 21.08.2024

PUBLICATION ISSUED TO: M/S BODY SENSE : THROUGH ITS PROPRIETOR SHEELA DEVI SHOP NO 901 NEAR IQBAL RADIO MAIN MARKET BURAIL SECTOR 45 CHANDIGARH SHEELA DEVI HOUSE NO 3301, SECTOR 35 D, CHANDIGARH (In above titled case, the defendant(s)/ respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 21.08.2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Civil Judge Jr. Div. Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE BEFORE SH. SANJAM GARG, HCS, ASSISTANT ESTATE OFFICER, EXERCISING THE POWERS OF ESTATE OFFICER, U.T., CHANDIGARH

SUBJECT:- Transfer of Ownership in respect of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 4112, Sector 46-D, Chandigarh, to the extent of 100% Share on the basis of Intestate Death of Late Kedar Nath.

It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office Sh.Kedar Nath is the owner/lessor of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 4112, Sector 46-D, Chandigarh, to the extent of 100% Share. It has been informed by Indu Puni, Sanjiv Sharma, Savita Prashar that Sh.Kedar Nath expired on 13/05/2023 and they have also intimated the following legal heirs of the deceased owner sessee:- (1) Sanjiv Sharma (Son), (2) Indu Puni (Daughter), (3) Sunder Sharma (Wife Deceased) (4) Savita Prashar (Daughter) Now, Indu Puni, Sanjiv Sharma, Savita Prashar have applied for the Transfer of Ownership in respect of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 4112, Sector 46-D, Chandigarh, to the extent of 100% Share held by Late Kedar Nath in their favour, on the basis of Intestate Death. If anybody has any information about any other legal heir(s) of the deceased other than mentioned above, the same may be intimated to the Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh, immediately. If anybody has any objection upon the mutation of the said share in the said property, in favour of the above named applicants, they may furnish the same in writing supported with affidavit duly attested by Magistrate/Notary in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the said share in the said property will be mutated accordingly in the name of above said beneficiaries and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained at any later stage.

SH. SANJAM GARG, HCS, ASSISTANT ESTATE OFFICER, EXERCISING THE POWERS OF ESTATE OFFICER, U.T., CHANDIGARH

I Man Aman Singh, son of Harinder Pal Singh, in residence of House Number 2266, Phase-10, Mohali, Punjab, now I have changed my name Man Aman Singh Chhina to Man Aman Singh.

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My son Harshit Jain does not obey me. I have disowned and disinherited him from my movable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with him will do so at his/her own risk. Rekha w/o Rajesh Jain, Ward 13, Safidon, Distt. Jind.

98732 I, Rajender Kumar son of Sh. Rameshwar Dass, resident of Ward 11, Anaj Mandi, Safidon, Tehsil Safidon, Distt. Jind have changed my name from Rajinder Kumar Gupta to Rajender Kumar.

98732 I, Bhanga Singh S/o Sh. Karnail Singh, R/o Village Gatwali, Tehsil Talwandi Sabo, Distt. Bathinda, have changed my name Bhanga Singh Bhullar to Bhanga Singh.

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My son Harshit Jain does not obey me. I have disowned and disinherited him from my movable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with him will do so at his/her own risk. Rekha w/o Rajesh Jain, Ward 13, Safidon, Distt. Jind.

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2 accused arrested in grain theft

MANISH KUMAR AMBALA: Under the instructions of SP, Ambala Surendra Singh Bhoria, during the special campaign launched by Ambala Police to curb incidents of theft/robbery/snatching, in a case of theft from Thana Naggal area, on 17 August 2024, Am-



bala Police took immediate action and arrested the accused Happy and Vijay Kumar, resident of village Bibipur Police Station Shahabad District Kurukshetra and sent them to judicial custody as per the order of the Court. Complainant Amit Kumar, resident of village Gorsia Police Station Naggal District Ambala had lodged a complaint in Police Station Naggal on 17 August 2024 that on 17 August 2024, some unknown person has stolen a steel grain from the Dargah of Baba Lala Wala Peer in the village. On this complaint, the police registered a case and took immediate action and arrested the accused.

DAV Police Public School students celebrate Raksha Bandhan

RAHUL KOHLI JAGADHRI, AUGUST 18

Relationships have a lot of importance in our life. We share our joys, sorrows, happiness and problems with our close relatives. After parents, the most unbreakable relationship is that of brother and sister. Both stand like a shield in each other's happiness and sorrows throughout their lives. The festival of Raksha Bandhan is a symbol of brother-sister love in which the sister ties a Rakhi wishing for the brother's long life, progress and good health and the brother promises to protect his sister throughout his life and support her in every happiness and sorrow. Reflecting this beautiful tradition of the festival, the students of DAV Police Public School celebrated the festival of Raksha Bandhan. Students from nursery to second class made beautiful Rakhis. The students recited poems, sang songs and presented lectures explaining the importance of Rakhi. The students participated in the activity under



the leadership of teachers Krishna, Rajwant Kaur, Kusum, Kirti Sharma, Nisha and Neelima. Principal Anup Kumar Chopra congratulated everyone on the festival of Raksha Bandhan and said that the relationship between brother and sister is very beautiful and unbreakable. We remember our brothers and sisters first in every happiness and trouble. While the festival of Raksha Bandhan fills us with happiness, excitement and enthusiasm, it also makes us understand the importance of relationships in life.

Everyone should take pledge to protect daughters by taking responsibility of safety: Women



KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI, AUG 18

Rakshabandhan festival has historical, social, spiritual and national importance. It's festival symbolizing emotional relationship between brother and sister. Sister ties a silk thread on brother's wrist and wishes for his long life and safety. This festival strengthens soulful bond as well as develops sociality within us. When women associated with social organizations were talked to about Rakshabandhan festival, they said that Rakshabandhan festival is a symbol of unbreakable bond of brother-sister relationship. Former Mayor Renu Bala Gupta and BJP leader Meena Chauhan Raisan said that bond of relationships is strengthened even by raw threads. On Rakshabandhan festival, all sisters will spread

love by tying a thread of protection on their brothers' wrists. BJP leader Savita Kabirpanthi and Suman Bansal, associated with social organizations, said that in today's modern era, bond of relationships is constantly breaking. People do not have enough time to understand importance of each other apart from their families, relatives and friends. This is reason that in today's time, instead of understanding each other's feelings, relationships are being forgotten. Garg Rice Industries Tarawadi's CMD Santosh Gupta and K.S. Overseas Tarawadi's CMD Mamta Goyal said that we have to keep bond of relationships tied by realizing importance of relationships. Rakshabandhan festival is such festival of Indian traditions, which not only strengthens affection of brother and sister but also every social relationship.

INLD-BSP alliance meeting held, emphasis laid on election preparations

MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI , AUG 18

The first meeting was held after alliance of Bahujan Samaj Party and INLD in Ravidas temple of Indri. It was decided that both parties will support candidate in assembly elections, whether candidate is from BSP or INLD. It was presided over by INLD Halka Pramukh Bharat Mandhan. Many youths joined INLD party. Bharat Mandhan gave them a warm welcome on joining party. Bahujan Samaj Party's state secretary Sohan Ambedkar was as chief guest. BSP and INLD party leaders gave him warm welcome. Bharat Mandhan said that BJP is in power for 10 years, before that Congress was in power but unemployment kept on increasing in state, no government paid any attention towards em-

ployment. Till date no attention has been paid to any Polytechnic College, TTI, Medical College in Indri, due to which level of education is continuously falling and youths are



running away towards foreign countries. Sohan Ambedkar said that public has made up its mind for change, days of BJP are over, INLD- BSP alliance will contest elections strongly in state. There is great enthusiasm among public about election and people are continuously joining alliance.

Before asking account from BJP govt, Cong should give account of its misrule: CM

RK KASHYAP CHHACHHRAULI, AUG 18

Agriculture and Farmer Welfare Minister Kanwar Pal Gurjar has counted development works done during BJP's rule in Jagadhari Vidhan Sabha, Congress should also show courage to tell about works done during its misrule. Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini said above while showing mirror of truth to Congress at Anaj Mandi Chhachhraulhi today. Addressing crowd at Jan Ashirwad Rally organized at Anaj Mandi Chhachhraulhi CM said that I have come to seek blessings of victory from you people. Your enthusiasm, passion and zeal is telling that blessings of people of Jagadhari and Haryana are with BJP and BJP government is going to be formed for 3rd time. He challenged Congress and Babu-Beta and said that along with their 10 years of tenure, they should also make public things about poll manifesto of Congress party. Our account is ready because we have fulfilled our promises. CM said that pace of development in double engine government led by PM Narendra Modi has been continuously increasing. He appealed to the people and said that you should give a befitting reply to those who spread such lies in the upcoming assembly elections. All BJP workers

should take a pledge that they will go to every house and work to form Bharatiya Janata Party government in Haryana with full majority for the third time in the upcoming assembly elections in October. Chief Minister Naib Saini said that today 50 lakh families of Haryana are getting cylinders for 500, more than 3 lakh elderly people are getting pension of 3000 in their accounts. Hooda had left



800 old age pension in his time. Haryana will be first state in country which has taken historic decision to buy all produce of farmers at MSP. Lakhs of people of Haryana are getting benefits from Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Ayushman Chirayu Card Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi, Free Ration Distribution Scheme. Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Kanwar Pal, while addressing the crowd in the Jan Ashirwad Rally, said that Chief Min-

ister Naib Singh Saini is giving more speed to Haryana nonstop. Today he has given a series of gifts to the farmers. Agriculture Minister Kanwar Pal Gurjar said that today Congress Party is challenging and demanding account. We have to give account to citizens of state, not Congress. There should be a comparison of what was condition of Haryana from year 2004 to year 2014 and how Bharatiya Janata Party has served from year 2014 to 2024. There was looting in state in previous government and now in Bharatiya Janata Party government, non-stop development is happening with a sense of service, whereas in Congress government, development was put to full stop. Agriculture Minister Kanwar Pal Gurjar said that in last 10 years, present BJP government has provided jobs to about 141000 people on basis of merit without any expenditure or slip. Congress should tell whether they have given jobs to even 1500 youths on basis of merit. They have provided government jobs to their relatives, family members and servants only on basis of slip and expenses. He said that Congress should give the account because they looted farmers by giving thousands of acres of land to builders at very low prices.

Congress Sandesh Yatra to be welcomed on August 20: Mukesh

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: Youth Congress Kamal President Mukesh Chaudhary said that the moment the people of Haryana were waiting for has arrived. The time has come to take revenge for the atrocities committed by the BJP government on the common people in the last ten years. To take account of the last ten years from the government, National General Secretary, popular MP Selja is arriving with the Congress Sandesh Yatra on 20th August at 10 am. Sandesh Yatra will start from Kamboj Dharamshala and will end at Sector 12 Madanlal Diganda Chowk via Namaste Chowk, Committee Chowk, Hospital Chowk. Selja has been successful in taking the message of BJP's misrule and Congress national leaders Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi, and National President Mallikarjun Kharge to the people. Congress government will be formed under the leadership of sister Kumari Selja and will win with a huge majority. He claimed that the people of the state want to see Selja as the Chief Minister and the Congress is desperate to welcome the Sandesh Yatra.



Congress will free business community from Inspector Raj: Hooda

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, AUGUST 18

Former Chief Minister and Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda on Sunday said that the Punjabi community has played a leading role in the progress of the entire country, including Haryana. He said Congress has always given full respect and representation to Punjabi society, but BJP government could not provide security to the community, let alone giving it its rights. He said crime in Haryana is completely out of control and businessmen have to pay ransom to miscreants to stay alive. "That is why we have resolved that as soon as the Congress government is formed, we will end crime from the state and will not let criminals stay in Haryana," he said. Addressing the state level Punjabi Samaj Sammelan organised on the remembrance day of Veer Shaheed Madanlal Dhingra in Karnal today. Many big leaders of the party and Punjabi society including Haryana Congress President Chaudhary Udaibhan, senior leaders Raj Babbar, Ashok Aroa, BB Batra, Subhash Batra and Kuldeep Sharma were present. Leaders and dignitaries of Punjabi society from across the state today announced full support to the Congress for the assembly elections. All the leaders including Hooda paid tribute to Shaheed Madanlal Dhin-



Allegation of driving out woman Seva Dal VP from Punjabi conference

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: Allegations have surfaced that a woman officer of Congress Seva Dal was thrown out of the programme during a Punjabi conference organised in Sector 4 of Karnal. The woman's name is Santosh and she is the state vice-president of Haryana Congress Seva Dal women's wing. She had come to the programme with her Punjabi friend and Congress Seva Dal district president Neelam Malhotra. It is alleged that Santosh was thrown out of the programme saying that this is a social program of Punjabis only. After this incident, Neelam Malhotra reacted strongly. She said that she is a member of Congress Seva Dal and her colleagues had also



come with her to participate in the programme. Calling it insulting, Neelam Malhotra said that we are people of Seva Dal and our brothers and sisters will come with us. These people have insulted us, so we are leaving the programme. I appeal to Bhupinder Hooda that if this conference is only of Punjabis, then only they should be invited, and no local person should be invited.

ingra ji and spoke of dedication towards serving the country by taking inspiration from his life. In his address, Hooda said the demands of the Punjabi society will be fulfilled and a separate welfare board will be formed for the society after the formation of the Congress government. "A senior leader of the community would be made its chairman who is fully aware of the issues and demands of the Punjabi society," he said. He said the Punjabi community was always given a fair share during the Congress government, be it Lok Sabha, Vidhan Sabha tickets, place in the cabinet, chairmanship of boards and corporations or appointment in the Chief Minister's office.

ed. Santosh also expressed his displeasure over this incident and asked whether Bhupinder Hooda is a Punjabi, who was present in the programme? She said that we have also come to grace the programme. We did not even get a chance to climb the stage, we were standing on one side, yet we were shown the way out. Neelam Malhotra appealed to the Congress leadership regarding this incident that if the party wants to take all the 36 communities along, then every community should be respected. She said that no one has the right to bring anyone down from the stage or throw them out of the programme by insulting them.

Top leaders honoured for Corruption Free India campaign

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, AUGUST 18

Anti Corruption Foundation of India and Human Rights International Federation organised a grand event of Top Leaders Meet and Azadi Ki Sham Shaheedon Ke Naam programme under the chairmanship of National Supremo Narendra Aroa. On this occasion, tribute was paid to the martyrs of the country through patriotic songs. On this occasion, Narendra Arora said that the Corruption Free India campaign is being run by the foundation across the country. On this occasion, top leaders who made



significant contribution in the Corruption Free India campaign were honoured.

The top leaders who were honoured include Ramnarayan Sahu, Payal Mittal, Dharam-

bir, Shanta Ram Sahu, Dr. Ankit Verma, Dr. Ramesh, Atmaprakash, Trivedi Deepakchandra, Subhash Chand, Sanjay Chawla, Manoj Kumar Pradhan, Deepa Khanna, Anita Devi Sahu, Pawan Kumar Agarwal, Rajkumar Sahu, Dwarka Prasad Sahu, Imran Haroon Sheikh, Suraj Kamal Sahu, Dr. Barnali Sharma, Roopnarayan Dewangan, Akash Anand, Sandeep Joshi, Praveen Singla, Maganlal Yadav, Pawan Sharma, Sukhminder Kaur, Bhavik Kumar Patel, Joshi Mahesh Kumar, Yogendra Kumar Ritesh, Liladhar Sahu, Safaruddin, Ujjal Somnathie, Ad-

halkha Roshanlal, Suresh Kumar, Vinod Kumar, Rohit Kumar, Ajay Singh, Yogesh Goyal, Bhupendra Sompura, Paramjit Bhatti, Srikanth, Rajan Day, Sanjeev Kumar Bansal, Trinamurthy, Kumari Ami Shah, Shiv Lal Mehta, Devkumari Sahu, Neetu Singh, Bodhran Patel, Pawan Devgan Thakur, Bhikkham Lal Sahu, Lal Sahu, Ravi Sharma, The names of Balram Yadav, Gaurav Gaba, Rana Tabassum, Raj Gaurav Arya, Rajender Kumar, Rama Tiwari, Sat Narayan Garg, Surendramohan Gaba, Dr. Anand Mukherjee etc. were included.

With big media houses, govt should pay attention to small-medium papers: Diwakar

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA FATEHABAD, AUGUST 18

In a programme organised by Press Club Fatehabad, Rajya Sabha member from Haryana Subhash Barala honoured Haryana Government Pension Patrakar Sangh's state president BK Diwakar on behalf of the club by giving him a memento, shawl and gifts. In his address on this occasion, Shri BK Diwakar said that Haryana government should adopt a special cooperation policy for the newspapers published at various district headquarters, tehsil level and block level in Haryana along with big media houses. And also organize seminars from time to time at the district headquarters in collaboration with senior journalists and District Information and Public Relations Officer to educate the budding young journalists about doing journalism in the current circumstances so that the current generation joining journalism can also get complete knowledge about journalism.

He also urged the young journalists to pay special attention to investigative journalism along with informative journalism, only then they will be able to make their special place in the understanding. And the continuously falling dignity of journalism will also get encouragement. BK Diwakar said that the government is giving advertisements worth crores of rupees every month to big media houses, whereas special attention needs to be given to small and me-



dium newspapers being published in the state. He said that if the government gives only seven to eight crore rupees every month to the small and medium newspapers of Haryana state, then it would be very beneficial for the small and medium newspapers. And if advertisements are also given to the youth doing journalism through YouTube in electronic media, then it will bring meaningful results. While these young journalists will become financially strong, the government will also be promoted and propagated well.

BK Diwakar said that despite the government's announcement to provide a cashless treatment facility to journalists, there is dissatisfaction among journalists due to its non-implementation. The delay by the government in not increasing the pension of journalists has also become a matter of concern. Apart from this, there is also a need to provide interest-free loans to strengthen journalists financially.

Girls tie Rakhi on wrists of brothers in Pratap Public School

KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI, AUGUST 18

Raksha Bandhan, the festival of unbreakable love between brother and sister, was celebrated by the students in Pratap Public School Tarawadi. On this auspicious occasion, sisters tied Rakhi on the wrists of their brothers and wished them well. After tying Rakhi, sisters also fed sweets to brothers and brothers repeated their pledge to protect their sisters and presented them attractive gifts. Director Honey Chaudhary and Director Pithi Chaudhary



Rupnagar Press Club elections held, Satti elected president



BAHADURJEET SINGH RUPNAGAR: Satnam Singh Satti was elected as the president of Rupnagar Press Club for the year 2024-26. This announcement was made by Returning Officer Rajinder Saini at the during the general house meeting of the club. He said that no one opposed the nominations for the election of all office bearers of the club and all the office bearers of the club were unanimously elected unopposed. The returning officer said that Tejinder Singh was elected as secretary, Jagjit Singh Jaggi Senior Vice President, Kamal Bharaj Vice President, Rajan Vohra Joint Secretary and Vijay Sharma, Satish Jagota and Sarabjit Singh Kaka have been elected as executive members of the club. The right to fill the remaining vacant posts has been given to the newly formed team of the club. During the meeting, the new president of the club, Satnam Singh Satti thanked all the members of the club for expressing their faith in him and said that they will make all possible efforts to fulfill the responsibility assigned to their team.

Daughter dies in tragic road accident, mother seriously injured

KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL: A girl died while her mother was seriously injured in a road accident at T point on the local Bathinda-Zirakpur national highway. According to the information received, Sarabjit Kaur, wife of Sukhmandar Singh, resident of village Rampura, along with her two daughters Gurnleen Kaur

(12) and Sahajpreet Kaur (6) started to cross the road from T point when they were hit by a horse trolley coming from Barnala side. Due to which Gurnleen Kaur died on the spot while Sarabjit Kaur was seriously injured. Police of Thana City Rampura reached the spot and took the injured to the hospital and took possession of the horse trolley. While his driver escaped from the spot. Investigating officer Gurmait Singh said that Sahajpreet Kaur, the second daughter of Sarabjit Kaur, survived the accident.

Three unknown robbers loot about four, half lakh rupees at gunpoint from PNB branch

KULJIT SINGH JANDIALA GURU: In a complaint to the police, Nareesh Malik, resident of Gilwali Gate, Amritsar, said that he is posted as a peon in Punjab National Bank branch, village Basakre Gila, Amritsar, and yesterday at about 4 o'clock, he was present in the bank when suddenly two unknown persons entered, whose faces were covered with cloth. One of them had a pistol and the other had a chisel-like thing. They threatened the bank staff. He entered the cabin of the head cashier of the bank, Madam Romi, wife of Sarabjit Singh, with his bag and told her to give him all the money she had, or else he would attack her with a sharp object. Madam panicked on hearing this and that person took out Rs 4,41,420 from the iron box lying on the table and put it in the bag. Both of them went out threatening the staff. When he went outside and looked, there was another companion of theirs riding on a black motorcycle. All three fled from the spot. Three unknown persons have been arrested in Police Station Gharinda. A case has been filed against the robbers and action has been initiated.

Jalandhar police arrest two smugglers linked to interstate drug cartels



BUNNY SODHI JALANDHAR: In a major operation against interstate drug cartels, the Jalandhar Commissionerate Police, under the leadership of Commissioner Mr. Swapan Sharma, arrested two smugglers and seized a significant amount of heroin and opium. Acting on a tip-off, the police set up a checkpoint near T-Point Rhode Saprai Morh on Jansher Road, Jandiala, where they intercepted Manjit Singh, a resident of Village Umrewal, Jalandhar, and recovered 1.25 kg of heroin from his possession. Further investigation revealed that Manjit was working with Jugraj Singh, a farmer from Himachal Pradesh, who was also involved in smuggling drugs from Madhya Pradesh. Jugraj was arrested in Himachal Pradesh, and 5.58 kg of opium was seized from him. Both individuals have criminal records under the NDPS Act and were wanted in multiple drug-related cases.



Mr. Harwinder Singh Khaira took over charge as new DSP, Sunam. (Photo Sumar Garg)

Now, people can search 'Farishtey' hospitals using mapppls mobile app

SHASHI PAL JAIN CHANDIGARH, AUG 18

In line with Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's vision to enhance road safety and emergency care in the state, the Traffic and Road Safety Wing of Punjab Police, in collaboration with the State Health Agency (SHA) and Map My India, has made Hospitals, empanelled under Farishtey Scheme, searchable on the Mapppls Mobile App, said Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav here on Sunday.

He said that this initiative aims to offer seamless navigation assistance, allowing users to locate and reach nearby hospitals quickly, especially in the event of road accidents. Notably, the Punjab Government had launched this ambitious Farishtey Scheme with the intent of lowering the morbidity rates resulting from injuries sustained in road accidents and providing immediate, hassle-free treatment in the available Government/empanelled private hospitals. As of now, the Farishtey Scheme has successfully regis-



tered 384 hospitals across Punjab, including 238 private and 146 state hospitals. These hospitals, having completed the Punjab Farishtey Scheme Apply Online 2024 process, are now accessible on the Mapppls Mobile App. Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Traffic and Road Safety Punjab AS Rai, terming this initiative as a

significant step in enhancing the emergency response capabilities, said that the integration of Farishtey Hospitals into the Mapppls Mobile App will ensure that road accident victims receive timely medical attention, which is critical for saving lives. The Sadak Surakhiya Force (SSF) will also utilize this system to transport accident victims within the critical golden hours, improving survival rates, he added. He said that to encourage common people to come forth and help accident victims and save the lives of the victims, such "Farishtey" are being felicitated with cash rewards, commendation certificates and provided immunity from legal complications and police inquiries.

Pertinently, under the Farishtey system, individuals who assist in transporting injured persons to hospitals are being recognized as "Farishta" by the government and rewarded with Rs 2,000.

In addition to the general public, the newly launched Sadak Surakhiya Force (SSF) will leverage this online

Woman commits suicide, in-laws booked

PHAGWARA (UND): Mother of a three-year-old son reportedly committed suicide by consuming celphas at her parental house in Village Khojkipur on Saturday night. Balwinder Ram, the father of the deceased, told the police that his daughter Kirandeep Kaur was married with James Ghaat on March 2021. He alleged that James Ghaat went abroad and gradually called his parents in a foreign country, but whenever his deceased daughter insisted her husband call her abroad, he demanded Rs 50 lakh to arrange her settlement. Balwinder Ram alleged that his daughter committed suicide in deep disappointment after being harassed by her in-laws. On a complaint lodged by Balwinder Ram, police have registered a case against her husband James Ghaat, his father Paramjit, mother Saroj, brother Mehniish, and his wife Sonia on the charges of abetting Kirandeep to commit suicide. No arrest has been made so far, as all the accused are still abroad.

State sees 12.58% growth in basmati cultivation area



GAURAV GOEL CHANDIGARH, AUG 18

Punjab Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister S. Gurmeet Singh Khudian, on Sunday, informed that the crop diversification drive has received a significant boost in the state as Punjab witnessed a notable 12.58% increase in the area dedicated to Basmati cultivation this Kharif season.

The Agriculture Minister mentioned that the cultivation of long-grain rice has expanded to 6.71 lakh hectares currently, a significant increase from the 5.96 lakh hectares planted during the previous Kharif Season 2023-24. Listing the district-wise statistics of Basmati cultivation, S. Gurmeet Singh Khudian highlighted that Amritsar district led the way with 1.46 lakh hectares dedicated to this aromatic rice.

Revenue officers call off their proposed strike



CHANDIGARH: The Revenue officials have called off their proposed strike from August 19 Monday. The strike was called off after a meeting of the office bearers of the association with Revenue Minister Mr. Bram Shanker Jimpa and FCR Mr. KAP Sinha in Chandigarh. The Minister has assured the revenue officers that the state government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann will sympathetically consider the genuine demands of officers.

Following Amritsar were Muktsar with 1.10 lakh hectares, Fazilka with 84.9 thousand hectares, Tarn Taran with 72.5 thousand hectares, and Sangrur with 49.8 thousand hectares, showcasing maximum Basmati cultivation in these districts. The Agriculture Minister also highlighted a substantial 46.5% growth in the area under Direct Seeding of Rice (DSR) in comparison to the previous year.

Brahma Kumaris tie Rakhi to Ajayveer Singh Lalpura

DAVINDER SHARMA RUPNAGAR, AUG 18

Rupnagar's District BJP President Ajayveer Singh Lalpura reached Brahmakumari Ashram. On this occasion, Kumari Anju tied a Rakhi on his wrist at Brahmakumari Ashram.

On this auspicious occasion of Rakshabandhan, after getting the Rakhi tied, Ajayveer Singh Lalpura said that the festival of Rakshabandhan was not just about tying a thread. No, rather it was a symbol of love, affection and trust. He said that he felt peace and intimacy by coming to the Brahma Kumari Ashram. Expressing his gratitude to Brahma Kumari Anju, he said that this Rakhi would always be a source of inspiration for him and would help him in the society. This



will give him more strength in the service of society.

On this occasion Ajayvir Singh Lalpura met the members of Brahmakumari Ashram and appreciated the social work being done by them. He said that Brahmakumari Ashram was not only a centre of spirituality but also a centre of social

work in the society. It was also an important source of promoting moral values. He assured all possible support to the members of the ashram. On this occasion, other members of the ashram and BJP workers Abhishek Agnihotri, Vishnu Kumar Bhatnagar were present, who enjoyed this holy festival together.

Press Club Mahilpur formed



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, AUG 18

A special meeting of the journalist Organised under the leadership of senior journalist Gurnam Singh Bains in which journalists of Dateline Mahilpur participated. On this occasion Press Club Mahilpur was formed. In which Paramjit Singh Bhuno was unanimously elected President and Baljinder Mann was

elected Patron, Gurnam Singh Chairman, Satnam Loi Vice President, Rajinder Singh General Secretary, Sukhwinder Saffri Secretary, Jasvir Viridi Media Secretary, Chanchal Verma Media Secretary, Nirmal Singh Muggawal Cashier and Mohit Kumar Assistant Cashier. On this occasion all the journalists decided to work with mutual love and brotherhood in Press Club Mahilpur.

Teej festival celebrated with Great Enthusiasm



VERMA GURDASPUR, AUG 18

The Teej festival was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Igen Edutronics, Pathankot, under the leadership of Abhinav Mahajan and Nishtha Mahajan. A large number of children participated and showcased their talents. The main objective of this event was to raise awareness among the younger generation about their culture. Abhinav Mahajan expressed concern over how today's youth are gradually drifting away

from their culture and adopting Western civilization, which is a matter of deep concern. During the program, children were given detailed information about their culture and were encouraged not to forget their roots. They were also urged to raise awareness among other children and their families about the importance of preserving their cultural heritage. Natasha Mahajan, Rohini Gupta, Poonam Jamwal, Sonia, Mehak Malhotra, Surman, Bhavna, Mehak, Arshiya, Shilpa, Bhoomika etc.

We are committed to serve people: Dr Balbir Singh

RAKESH JINDAL NABHA, AUG 18

Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Medical Education and Research of Punjab Dr. Balbir Singh started the program 'Your MLA' today on the orders of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Maan. Met with people in the villages of Patiala Rural Constituency under 'Among you'. ADC with them to solve the problems of the people on the spot. (Rural Development) Dr. Harjinder Singh Bedi, SDM Nabha Tarsem Chand, Civil Surgeon Dr. Officials of other departments including Jitendra Kansal were also present.

On this occasion Dr. Balbir Singh said that while he is the health minister for the whole of Punjab, he is also his MLA for the people of Patiala Rural Constituency, so he will go to the people to do the work of the people, just as he came to the people to



seek votes earlier. He visited the villages of Dhanori, Dhanora, Dantrala Kharod, Dayalgarh, Lot, Nawana Fatehpur, Kathmathi, Lachkani and Rongla villages. Addressing the people, the Health Minister said that on the orders of the Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab government is going to the people's homes and solving their problems and is also providing administrative services to the people. He said that in the villages where there are no dispensaries, a state-of-the-art ambu-

lance will come every week and medicines will be given to the people after setting up a special camp. The health minister further said that due to the brutal accident that happened to our daughter doctor in Kolkata, doctors across the country were on strike, we are all united against this, that's why on the instructions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, all doctors' organization of Punjab came. M.A., P.C.M.S. An important meeting is also being held with the association on Monday.

Dashmesh youth services club Green avenue honoured at District-Level I-Day celebrations



RUPNAGAR (DAVINDER SHARMA): The Dashmesh Youth Services Club Green Avenue, Rupnagar, was honored by the district administration during the district-level Independence Day celebrations held at Nehru Stadium, Rupnagar. The club received this recognition for its significant contributions to social service.

The club's efforts have been noteworthy in various areas, including raising awareness about the Punjabi language, aiding people during floods, organizing gyms for youth, and providing assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic. The club has also been active in organizing Gata (Sikh martial art) and turban-tying camps, blood donation camps, medical camps, and sports events on Baisakhi. Additionally, they have led rallies against drug abuse and conducted tree-planting drives to promote environmental purity. Club President Gurbpreet Singh Nagra shared that on August 15th, the district-level event was graced by Jai Krishan Singh Rodi, Deputy Speaker of Punjab, who was the chief guest. Accompanying him were Advocate Dinesh Chadha, MLA from the region, Rupnagar Deputy Commissioner Dr. Preeti Yadav, SSP Rupnagar Gulnesh Singh Khurana, Olympian SP Rajpal Singh Hundal, DPR Karan Mehta, and members of the club.

Kunwar Vicky honoured on Independence Day for Commendable Services

VERMA GURDASPUR, AUG 18

Kunwar Ravinder Singh Vicky, the Secretary of Punjab's only non-political organization, Shaheed Sainik Parivar Suraksha Parishad, has been tirelessly working for the past 28 years to uphold the honor and rights of martyrs and their families who sacrificed their lives for the nation.

In recognition of his commendable services, he was honored with a certificate of appreciation during the 78th Independence Day celebrations held at Shaheed Lieutenant Navdeep Singh Ashok Chakra Stadium. The event was graced by Cabinet Minister Lal Chand Kataruchak, Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Sarangal, IG STF Gautam Cheema, SSP Daima Harish Kumar, Chairman of Punjab Health System Corpora-



tion Raman Behl, ADC Subhash Chander, and Assistant Commissioner Ashwani Aroa. Honored with State Award on Republic Day, Also Recognized Abroad

Three years ago, during the state-level Republic Day celebrations, the then-Honorable Governor V.P. Singh Badnore recognized Kunwar Ravinder Singh Vicky's services by honoring him with the State Award. Kunwar Vicky has been organizing tribute

ceremonies in memory of martyrs, inspiring patriotism among the youth, and constantly fighting for the restoration of the honor and rights of martyrs' families, helping them stand on their feet again. Additionally, Peterson, a Canadian citizen who has been following Kunwar Vicky on social media for many years, was so impressed by his services that he honored him with the "Pride of India" award through an NRI.

DC declares holiday on death anniversary of Longowal

SUMER GARG SANGRUR, AUG 18

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Jitendra Jorwal announced a holiday in district Sangrur on August 20, on the occasion of the death anniversary of martyr saint Harchand Singh Longowal.

According to the orders the DC has declared this holiday under section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act 1881 along the government/semi-government offices, government/private schools, colleges, universities, educational institutions, Government/Private offices, Banks of district Sangrur on August 20, 2024, so that the people can pay their homage to the martyr.

"This holiday will be applicable under the Negotiable Instruments Act. and these orders will not apply to the educational institutions /universities, boards, schools, colleges etc. where the examination is going on", DC added.



Tree plantation drive conducted at Morinda police station to celebrate Van Mahotsav



MORINDA (RADHESHYAM SHARMA): Under the leadership of Sub-Inspector Inderjit Singh, the Wakarj Club of Morinda organized a tree plantation drive at Morinda Police Station to celebrate Van Mahotsav.

The event aimed to promote pollution-free air and provide shade to people during scorching heat by planting trees like mango, jamun, and peepal.

The occasion saw the participation of various dignitaries, including Colonel Malkeet Singh, Principal Gurdev Singh Toor, former Inspector Davinder Singh, Health Inspector Gurmeet Singh, SDO Jagtar Singh, Professor Paramjit Singh, Surjeet Singh, Dr. Nirmal Dhiman, and Clerk Gurmeet Singh.

KISHORI LAL BAINS

UNA: Under the special initiative 'Samarthya' by the Una district administration, Deputy Commissioner Jatin Lal provided guidance to youths preparing for the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission



(HPPSC) civil services exams. The guidance and counseling session was held at Himcaps College in

Badhéra, where Lal addressed around 500 students, offering valuable tips on how to prepare for civil service and other competitive exams.

During the session, Lal shared insights on subject selection, syllabus understanding, and his personal experiences to boost the students' morale.

Minor girl molested, accused arrested

DAULAT CHAUHAN

JAWALI: A disturbing incident of molestation involving a minor girl has been reported from a village in the Jawali constituency. The police have arrested the accused after registering a case against him under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act based on a complaint filed by the girl's mother. According to the information received, the incident occurred when the accused, a married man, lured his eight-year-old neighbor into his room and engaged in inappropriate behavior. The minor girl immediately informed her mother about the incident, who then lodged a complaint at the Jawali Police Station. Following the complaint, the police recorded the girl's statement and, based on it, registered a case under the POCSO Act, leading to the arrest of the accused. DSP Veeri Singh confirmed the incident, stating that the accused has been arrested under the POCSO Act. The President of the Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP), Suresh Guleria, condemned the incident and demanded strict action against the perpetrator.

Saijal accuses CM Sukhu of killing democracy



DINESH AGARWAL

SHIMLA: Dr. Rajeev Saijal, BJP State Vice President and former minister, has accused the Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu-led government of undermining democracy in Himachal Pradesh. Saijal alleged that the current Congress government is destroying constitutional norms in local bodies such as Panchayats, Municipal Councils, and Municipal Corporations for political gain, calling it a conspiracy to kill democracy. He pointed to the recent election for the Mayor's post in Solan as a prime example of this erosion of democratic principles. Saijal criticized the urban development department for issuing an unconstitutional notification that requires elected ward members to show their votes publicly. He argued that if elected representatives must display their votes, it negates the purpose of voting, suggesting that elections could be conducted by merely raising hands. Saijal also expressed disappointment with the Election Commission of Himachal Pradesh for remaining silent on this issue. He accused senior officials of issuing such notifications at Congress's behest, thereby undermining democratic values for the party's benefit. He contended that issuing such a notification after the election process has begun undermines the very essence of democratic elections.

Teacher brings changes in life and thinking: CM College rationalization plan to enhance education system

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, AUG 18

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today rolled down two key initiatives in Education department-the distribution of tablets to primary school teachers and the introduction of the 'Mukhyamantri Bal Paushtik Aahar Yojana' in Hamirpur today. The Chief Minister said that 17,510 primary school teachers across the state would receive tablets as part of the government's efforts to promote digitization in educational and administrative processes. This initiative aims to modernize teaching methods, improve access to digital educational resources and simplify administrative tasks, such as recording attendance and updating data. By equipping teachers with these tools, there would be improvement in the overall quality of education and enable teachers to effectively present teaching materials. Additionally, the tablets would allow teachers to participate in online training programmes, further enhancing their professional development.



The Chief Minister also launched the 'Mukhyamantri Bal Poshtik Aahar Yojana', a scheme designed to provide nutritious food to children in government schools. This scheme, which would complement the existing Mid-Day Meal Scheme, targets students from nursery to class eight across 15,181 schools in the state. "Currently, about 5,34,293 children were getting benefitted from the Mid-Day Meal Scheme would now receive additional nutrition under the new

initiative. The scheme would provide children with boiled eggs or fruits once a week, with schools sourcing fresh fruits from local markets based on the preferences of the children," said he. The state government has allocated an additional budget of Rs. 12.75 crore for the 'Mukhyamantri Bal Poshtik Aahar Yojana' for the current financial year.

The Chief Minister said that the state has declined to the 18th place in terms of quality education ranking during previous BJP government, but

the present state government is making efforts to improve educational standards. Since coming to power, the present state government has taken significant steps to enhance the quality of education. Thakur He said that the present state government was working on three levels to improve education. "There would be no shortage of funds in providing quality education to the students. Teachers were being sent on exposure visits abroad and in the first phase, 217 teachers have been sent to Singapore. Additionally, to strengthen the educational infrastructure, Rajiv Gandhi Day-Boarding Schools were being established in every assembly constituency of the State. Teachers bring changes in life and thinking and they inspire progress, which is why they have a significant responsibility."

He said that the state government has taken a decision to transfer teachers in government schools only once a year to ensure that students receive good education. Previously, 5,000 teachers remained under transfer throughout the year. Staff would be recruited on an outsourced basis to carry school letters.

Guv presides over closing ceremony of IFFS 2024

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, AUG 18

The 10th edition International Film Festival of Shimla (IFFS) concluded today with a grand closing ceremony held in Shimla today. Hon'ble Governor of Himachal Pradesh, Sh. Shiv Pratap Shukla presided over the closing ceremony of the 10th International Film Festival of Shimla (IFFS) at Gaiety Heritage Cultural Complex in Shimla.

The three-day monumental event was held from 16th to 18th August,

2024 at Shimla aimed at showcasing the best of world cinema and providing a platform to filmmakers and film talent from across the world. The third day of the festival saw a legion of visitors thronging the Gaiety Heritage Cultural Complex to enjoy the mega carnival of cinema.

The Best Feature Film in International category was awarded to On My Way directed by Thierry Obadia while The Passion of Mahmoud won the Best Long Documentary award at IFFS 2024 awards ceremony.

SBlian Mohit Malik climbs Mount Yunam in Himachal Pradesh

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, AUG 18

Mohit Malik from Village PIPLIKHERA Tehsil Ganaur District Sonipat, Haryana.

Joined State Bank of India on 17 June 2013. Posted at SBILD Panchkula. He lives in Sector 23 Chandigarh. Mohit started Trekking from 2014 with small treks like Triund, Kheerganga, Churdhar etc. He did Basic Mountaineering Course from Nehru Institute Of Mountaineering, Uttarkashi and Advance Mountaineering Course From Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling. He has climbed many peaks in Indian Himalaya like Mount Rudugaira, Mount



Friendship, Mount Hanuman Tibba, Mount Deo Tibba and Mount Bhagirathi-2 etc.

Mohit has climbed Mount Kilimanjaro (Highest Peak of African Continent) in January 2023 and Mount Elbrus (Highest peak of



European Continent on State Bank Day i.e 1 July 2024 and Hoisted State Bank Flag with our National Flag on all the Peaks. Today he completed his summit of Mount Yunam, Himachal Pradesh (6111 meters).

Himachal Pradesh leading the way to a green and sustainable future

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, AUG 18

Himachal Pradesh is making remarkable strides toward becoming India's first green energy state by March 31, 2026. The state government was working with utmost dedication to achieve this ambitious goal through the promotion of renewable energy sources and stringent environmental policies. These efforts were not only transforming the energy landscape of the state but also setting an example for the rest of the country.

A key pillar of this green energy revolution witnessed great demand for setting up solar power projects as the solar energy, being both



renewable and environmentally friendly offers a sustainable alternative to fossil fuels. The State was capitalizing on this potential by supporting the installation of solar panels across the state. Under the Rajiv Gandhi Start-up Yojana, the government was providing a subsidy of 45 percent for solar panel installations of 100 to 500 KW on private land. Additionally, the state is

issuing 10,000 permits for e-taxis with a 40 percent subsidy, further reducing the carbon footprint in the transport sector.

In its quest to combat climate change, the state government was initially promoting green energy projects in regions like Spiti and Una. The proposed Mega Solar Park in Spiti, with a capacity of 1,000 MW of hybrid solar and wind energy,

exemplifies this commitment. Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has actively advocated for central assistance to harness this potential through the Green Corridor Transmission. The state's natural resources offer immense possibilities and these initiatives were pivotal in mitigating the effects of global warming.

The state's dedication to green energy was further demonstrated by the successful completion of the 32 MW Pekhubela Solar Power Project in Una district. This project is expected to generate 6.61 crore units of electricity annually, resulting in a reduction of 2,532 tonnes of carbon emissions per year.

Baddi Police's strong crackdown on drugs

SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI, AUG 18

In a significant breakthrough, the Baddi Police has intensified its crackdown on drug-related activities, registering three cases under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act within the last 24 hours. On Sunday, the police team from Ramshahar Police Station conducted a search at a woman's residence in the village of Simni based on suspicion. The search led to the recovery of 1.992 kilograms of *bhukki* (poppy husk), resulting in the woman's arrest. This marks a major success for the Baddi Police in their ongoing efforts to combat drug trafficking.

SP Baddi, Ilma Afroz, IPS, emphasized the police department's unwavering commitment to eradicating drugs from the district. She noted that two additional cases were registered under the NDPS Act in separate police stations, further highlighting the police's proactive approach and dedication to their anti-drug campaign. SP Afroz has urged the public to come forward with information about drug dealers and



assist in breaking the chains of this harmful trade. She stressed the importance of collective efforts to eliminate the pain and suffering caused by drug addiction. In another incident on Sunday, the police team from Nalagarh Police Station, while patrolling on the Dherowal Medical Device Park Link Road, searched the belongings of Kuldeep Kumar, son of Dev Kumar, a resident of Bairsan village. The search yielded 796 grams of *bhukki* (poppy husk). A case has been registered, and further investigation is underway.

Finna Singh, Siddhatha and Sukhahar irrigation schemes worth Rs 1375 cr will prove to be boon

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, AUG 18

The work of Finna Singh irrigation project under construction in Kangra district will now move forward at a fast pace. So far, the state government has spent Rs 300 crore for its construction. Rs 287 crore has also been approved by the central government for this project to be built at a cost of about Rs 646 crore. Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri, who arrived on a one-day visit to Fatehpur assembly constituency, expressed these sentiments while talking to journalists here. He said that the construction work of this project was pending for a decade. After the formation of Congress government in the state, this matter was continuously raised before the Center. After continuous efforts and hard work, now



the budget has also been approved from the Center for this. Mukesh Agnihotri, along with irrigation, construction of power project is also proposed from this project pending for almost a decade. This project will prove to be a boon for the area. On one hand, this will enable farmers to cultivate on five thousand hectares of land, while on the other hand, electricity will also be generated from the dam being built on it. He said that

the construction of the dam and canals being built for irrigation distribution under the project is almost complete. Apart from this, the department will produce 1.88 MW of electricity without any additional cost from the power house being constructed under the project. The Deputy Chief Minister also inspected the damaged part of the Shahanhar irrigation project under Fatehpur assembly constituency.

Sukhu govt failed on every front: Rajeev Bhardwaj

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, AUG 18

While addressing the journalists, newly elected BJP MP of Kangra-Chamba parliamentary constituency Dr Rajeev Bhardwaj said that he has talked to Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari and the officials of the company which is constructing the four-lane between Pathankot-Mandi four-lane in Kandwal-Jasur-Bhedkhar area. He said that the officials of the company cited rain as the reason for the delay and said that this work of Kandwal-Jasur will be started with full vigor from the month of September. On the question of Mother Child Hospital Nurpur, Dr Rajiv Bhardwaj said that the Mother Child Hospital of Nurpur is the gift of Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda. The entire related machinery and Sajjo Samman had also come here, but as soon as the government changed, ignoring the people of Nurpur area, the entire machinery was sent to the Deputy Chief Minister's home district Una. On the ultrasound machine in Nurpur indoor stadium and hospital, the MP took a dig at Chief Minister Sukhu and said that this is his matter, it would be better if he answers this question there. He said that the Sukhu government of the state has failed on every front. Development work in the state has been stalled for two years.



Agriculture Minister inspects Gokul Gram and Gaushala in Thanakhas

KISHORI LAL BAINS

UNA: Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Minister Prof. Chandra Kumar inspected the under-construction Gokul Gram and Gaushala in Thanakhas, part of the Kutlehar Assembly constituency. During his visit, he reviewed the maintenance of animals at the Gaushala in detail, accompanied by Kutlehar MLA Vivek Sharma. Prof. Kumar reiterated the state government's commitment to strengthening Gaushalas. He emphasized the need for proper care and protection of animals to ensure their health and safety. He instructed officials to ensure adequate feed for the cows and proper disposal of deceased animals. The minister was in Una as the chief guest for the district-level Independence Day celebrations. Following the event, he toured the Kutlehar constituency with MLA Vivek Sharma, focusing on promoting agriculture and animal husbandry activities to boost self-employment.

He noted that the state government is enhancing the milk-based business through the Him Ganga scheme, improving the quality of milk procurement, processing, and marketing. Himachal Pradesh is the only state in India to provide a minimum support price (MSP) for milk, raising the MSP for cow milk from Rs. 32 to Rs. 45 per liter and buffalo milk from Rs. 47 to Rs. 55 per liter. Prof. Kumar highlighted that the state government is also encouraging natural farming as a means of self-employment.

Ensuring doctors' safety is govt's primary responsibility: Jeevan Sharma

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, AUG 18

Retired Deputy Director of the Himachal Pradesh Education Department, Jeevan Sharma, has expressed deep concern over the recent incident in West Bengal, where a junior doctor was allegedly assaulted and murdered in a medical college. This tragic event has sparked protests from doctors across the country, demanding better protection. Sharma emphasized that ensuring the safety of doctors is the government's foremost responsibility. He pointed out that incidents of violence in hospitals are becoming increasingly common, and there is an urgent need for



strict laws to prevent such occurrences.

He urged the central government to promptly enact a national law focused on the security of doctors and to hold security personnel in hospitals accountable. Jeevan Sharma also called for stringent action against perpetrators of violence against medical

professionals, stating that lenient law enforcement allows offenders to escape punishment, which emboldens them further.

He welcomed the central government's recent decision that hospitals, rather than individual victims, will file cases and fight them in court when doctors face violence. This decision ensures that any attack on a hospital or a doctor during duty will result in an FIR being filed within six hours, with the complaint lodged by the head of the institution. Sharma's statements underscore the critical need for robust measures to protect those who dedicate their lives to saving others.

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, AUG 18

BJP's Chief Spokesperson Rakesh Jamwal has raised concerns about security at IGMC following the recent incident at RG Kar Medical College in Bengal, where a trainee female doctor was attacked, leading to nationwide outrage and calls for justice from Kashmir to Kanyakumari. Amidst ongoing demands from doctors in Himachal for their rights, a tragic incident occurred in Shimla when a youth fell from the fourth floor of the IGMC Medical Hostel. According to police, the youth fell from the girls' hostel located at Lakkur



Bazar around midnight on Saturday. He was rushed to IGMC hospital by ambulance, where he was declared dead by the doctors. IGMC's Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Mahesh, reported that there was a sound of something falling outside the girls' hostel late at night. Upon investigation, the students found the youth

lying against a wall. They called the 108 ambulance, but the youth had already succumbed to injuries sustained from the fall. The deceased was a student from a private university and a resident of Palampur. Police are currently examining CCTV footage to determine how the youth reached the fourth floor of the girls' hostel at such an hour. The incident has raised significant concerns about the hostel's security arrangements. Rakesh Jamwal emphasized the importance of doctor safety and called for the strict implementation of the State Health Protection Act in Himachal.

National Conference
"Mentality" by SIF
movement paves way
for gender neutral laws
and men's rights

R N KHERA
CHANDIGARH: The National conference "Mentality" hosted by SIF (Save Indian Family) Chandigarh, a conglomerate of NGOs working on men's issues, concluded successfully on 16 August at Hotel Sunday, Zirakpur. Over 20 NGOs from across India and more than 160 men's rights activists participated in the 2-day conference, making it one of the largest gatherings on men's issues in the country. The conference aimed to address pressing issues such as misuse of gender-based laws, men's mental and physical health, rehabilitation of homeless men, need for shelter homes for men victims of domestic violence, and the need for gender-neutral laws. Eminent speakers, brainstorming sessions, panel discussions, open mic sessions, and fun activities marked the event.

Mr. Satya Pal Jain, a two-time MP and presently serving as Additional Solicitor General, Union of India, graced the event as the Guest of Honour. He resonated with the concerns of the participants, acknowledging that certain laws are being misused against men, posing a threat to the life and liberty of innocent citizens. Mr. Jain appreciated the efforts of the participating NGOs in addressing these issues.

The conference saw exchange of thoughts between men's activists, people from legal fraternity, media and film persons and eminent persons from across fields, united in their quest for gender equality and justice. The magnificent conference emerged as a platform for men's rights activists to share their experiences and concerns.

IMA holds
candle march at
Rampura Phul



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL: The Indian Medical Association (IMA) today at Rampura Phul to get justice for the resident doctor in Kolkata after he was raped and murdered.) held a candle march. Giving information I.M.A. President of Rampura Phul Dr. Gurpreet Singh Mahal said that this candle and flame march has been taken out to get justice in the case of forced murder and murder of a doctor in Kolkata. He said that the march started from Civil Hospital Rampura Phul and went to Bhagat Singh's statue in Main Chowk. After this, a minute's silence was observed by lighting candles. Dr. Mahal said that until the Kolkata doctor gets justice, IMA will be fought by. He also demanded the government to provide adequate security for doctors in health institutions.

On this occasion, IMA Rampura Phul General Secretary Dr. Dr. Anita Grover, Vice President Gurkirat Singh, Joint Secretary Dr. Pushpinder Kaur, Dr. Apart from Gurinder Singh Mann, PCMS, Association, Dental Doctors Association, Ayurvedic Doctors Association, Homeopathic Doctors Association also participated.

Indian Public School
Girls tie rakhi on wrists
of police personnel



VERMA
GURDASPUR: In a heart-warming celebration of Raksha Bandhan, students from Indian Public school Kidzee Kathua visited the City Police Station to tie rakhis on the wrists of police officers, including SHO Ajay Chib, sub-inspectors, ASIs, and other personnel. Thereafter students along with their mentors visited District police line to celebrate Rakshabandhan with policemen under the able guidance and supervision of DSP Ragbir Singh.Students expressed their gratitude by tying rakhis, symbolizing protection, appreciation, and strength. They prayed for the policemen's long life and good health.

Shiv Sena Hindu Youth
President Arvind Gautam
calls special press confrence



TILAK RAJ
MOHALI: In protest against the vandalism of Shivaling and damage to other idols in the Shivpuri temple in Khanna, the youth state president of Shiv Sena Hindustan Arvind Gautam has asked that why those mischievous members who took money from the temple and stole jewels are still not arrested. During the press conference, he expressed his anger against the police administration. While addressing the press, Arvind Gautam said that Hindu temples are being vandalized across Punjab and mischievous elements are creating an atmosphere of fear in the hearts of Hindus by attacking Hindu leaders. Which Shiv Sena Hindustan will not tolerate at any cost. He warned the police administration and said that if the government does not arrest and punish the mischievous members who disrespected Khanna's Shivpuri temple, then the Shiv Sena Hindustan will be forced to give up the struggle with the support of the Hindu organizations of Punjab. It will be the responsibility of the Punjab government.

Pb govt prioritizes safety of
medical professionals under
CM leadership:Balbir Singh

RAWEL BHINDER
PATIALA, AUG 18

Punjab's Minister of Health, Family Welfare, and Medical Education, Dr. Balbir Singh, has affirmed the government's unwavering commitment to ensuring the safety of medical professionals under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann.

During a visit to Government Rajindra Hospital, Dr. Singh met with doctors who were participating in the nationwide protest following the horrific rape and murder of a postgraduate trainee doctor from Kolkata Medical College. Expressing deep condolences for the victim, Dr. Singh joined the protest by symbolically drawing blood from his finger and placing it on his apron, signifying his solidarity with the medical community. Dr. Balbir Singh said that he would be addressing the Prime Minister and the Union



Health Minister, urging them to convene a meeting of all state health ministers to discuss and implement stricter measures for the protection of medical professionals. He emphasized the need to enforce the resolution passed by the Indian Medical Association (IMA) in 2019, advocating for a new law that would make assaulting medical profes-

s a non-bailable offense with a minimum six-year prison sentence. In line with Chief Minister Mann's directives, Dr. Singh will hold an important meeting with the Punjab Civil Medical Services (PCMS) Doctors' Association and the Indian Medical Association (IMA) on Monday to discuss further steps. The Punjab government is determined to imple-

ment robust security measures to prevent any such tragic incidents involving healthcare workers in the future, he added. Dr. Balbir Singh also called for severe punishment for those responsible for such heinous crimes, suggesting that swift and stringent action, including a death penalty, would send a strong message across the nation.

Sukhbir Badal urges Union Govt to reduce MEP of Basmati rice

CHANDIGARH: Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Singh Badal today urged the union government to reduce the minimum export price (MEP) of basmati from \$ 950 per tonne to \$750 per tonne to ensure a better price for Basmati farmers as well as ensure competitiveness of the variety in the international market. In a statement here, the SAD president said even though a bumper harvest was expected this year Basmati farmers would not be benefitted from the same in case the government did not review the MEP for the rice variety.

"This is also necessary to fulfil the government's intention to double farmers' income", he added. Sukhbir Badal said Basmati exporters were in no position to purchase the variety from farmers this year because their godowns were full due to restrictive export policies since the last two years.

RBU VC Dr Singh honoured
at I-Day function



LK BANSAL
MOHALI, AUG 18

Dr Parvinder Singh, Vice-Chancellor of the Rayat Bahra University, was honoured by Punjab Minister for Higher Education Harjot Singh Bains at the Independence Day function at Mohali for his valuable contribution in the field of education. Dr Singh is a renowned

academician and administrator.

He has earlier served as Controller of Examinations at the Panjab University, Chandigarh and is known for his innovative approach in inter and trans-disciplinary learning environment. Dr Parvinder Singh took over as Panjab University Controller of Examinations in 2013 and before that he was teaching

Chemistry in the Post Graduate Government College, Sector-42, Chandigarh for 22 years and also remained head of the Chemistry Department there for six years. Dr Singh is Chandigarh RattanAwadee, former member of PU Academic Council, Faculty of Science, Board of Studies and also a nominated member by Governor of Punjab to implement NEP-2020.

MC sets up eco-friendly, sustainable
products stall 'Prarambh' at Sec 15 market

RAJIV JAIN
CHANDIGARH, AUG 18

In a dedicated effort to promote eco-friendly and sustainable products, the Municipal Corporation Chandigarh has set up a 'Prarambh' stall at the bustling Sector 15 market.

This initiative is part of the "Celebrating One Year of PRARAMBH; the One-Stop Store for Eco-Friendly and Sustainable Products, Empowering Communities in Line with RRR Principles" campaign and is also in preparation for the upcoming festivities. This initiative aligns with MCC's vision of creating a cleaner, greener, and healthier city under the Safai Apnao Bimaari Bhagao campaign. Visitors to the stall can explore a wide array of unique, socially, and environmentally responsible products. These



include incense sticks and cones made from floral waste, handmade and intricately designed candles, captivating wall paintings, and traditional Janmashtami hampers.

MC Commissioner Anindita Mitra, IAS highlighted that the PRARAMBH initiative, launched a year ago, aims to raise awareness about sustainable and eco-friendly alternatives to commonly used products for daily use and during festivities. By opting for

these products, individuals can actively contribute to waste reduction and support a cleaner, greener, and healthier environment. The Commissioner further said that during the financial year 2023-24, MCC's initiative of providing a prime shop in Sector 17 and festive stalls at prominent locations across the city has given self-help groups (SHGs) a platform to showcase their talents and achieve financial independence.

Blossoms Convent School celebrates
Rakhi with great enthusiasm



JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR): Blossoms Convent School Jagraon conducted a special program in order to celebrate the festival of Raksha Bandhan in the school campus. Students of nursery, first, second and fourth to fifth classes made Rakhis and tied them on wrists of each other.

They also prepare greeting cards on Rakhi. School principal Dr. Amarjeet Kaur Naaz said that students prepared beautiful rakhis and cards in order to express love for their siblings. "Such celebrations should be encouraged in schools as they help in building stronger bonds among students," she added. The teachers also informed students about importance of this day. At this occasion, Chairman Harbhaan Singh Johal, President Manpreet Singh Brar and others were present.

Rotaract, Brahmakumaris and 13 Battalion
CRPF celebrate Rakshabandhan



CHANDIGARH (R N KHERA): In a heartwarming event, the 13 Battalion Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) soldiers, in collaboration with the Rotaract District 3080, Brahmakumaris, NCC Students from Chandigarh University celebrated the festival of Rakshabandhan with great enthusiasm. The event, held in the premises of the 13 Battalion CRPF in Sector 43, Chandigarh, was marked by the tying of Rakhis, tree plantation, and messages of security and self-reliance.

Battalion Commandant Mrs. Kamal Sisodia addressed the gathering, emphasizing the significance of Rakshabandhan and the unwavering commitment of the CRPF to the nation's security. "CRPF is the security guard of the nation. We are always ready to protect our citizens till our last breath and will not hesitate to sacrifice our lives for the country. From internal security and law and order to handling riots, elections, natural disasters, terrorism, and Naxalism, CRPF is fully capable of dealing with any challenge," she said Following the address, women from Brahmakumaris and Rotaract clubs tied Rakhis to the CRPF soldiers, expressing their deep appreciation for the soldiers' sacrifices and contributions to the country's security. In

Release of poetry collection
Kai Rang Zindagi ke



CHANDIGARH, AUG 18

Dr. Vinod Kumar, Chandigarh: Sangeeta Sahitya Manch released the newly published poetry collection Kai Rang Zindagi Ke 3 by poet Shams Tabrezi, writer Prem Vij and Dr. Vinod Sharma in Sector 38.

This book has been compiled and edited by Dr. Sangeeta Sharma Kundra 'Geet'. It includes the poetry of ten poetesses from different states. This poetry collection is trilingual.

It includes the poems of Usha Garg, Ritu Dhawan,

Neha Arora, Sangeeta 'Pukhraj', Rashmi 'Lahar', Mugdha Arora, Vimala 'Gug', Harsimranjit Kaur, Sita Shyam Kamboj and Dr. Sangeeta Sharma Kundra 'Geet'.

In the ceremony, everyone was presented with certificates of honour, tricolour and plants. In this programme, all the poetesses presented poems related to society, life, environment etc. During the program, famous writer Prem Vij said that in this collection of poems, different aspects of life are beautifully presented.

Awaj Shiksha and Environment Mela
by Awaj organization concludes

JATINDERPAL SINGH KALER
BALACHAUR, AUG 18

On this occasion, more than 500 students and sportsmen were honored by Padma Sant Baba Balvir Singh Ji Seechewal.

The fair was started by lighting a torch by Awaz Patron Member Tarsem Lal Khepar, Satnam Singh Chechi Chairman District Planning Board, Prem Hakla Davinder Chhabila, Lucky Khepar, Awaz office bearers and the visiting guests, after which a quiz competition was held with the children. Children were encouraged by giving cash prizes. Career coach Maninderjit Ahuja and Dr. Kapil Bhatia gave a lot of information to the children. S. K Chowdhury Social Service Director Cefax Chemical India Limited gave tips on how to succeed in children's business.



Dr. Rakesh Shardha, Principal Scientist, Punjab Agricultural University shared his valuable ideas with the children on how to save the environment from pollution. Baba Satnam Singh Kar Seva Wali also blessed the children. Constituency MLA Balachor Santosh Kataria also shared his views with the children. On this occasion, Padmasree Sant Balbir Singh Seechewal Member Rajya Sabha came to the Awaj Shiksha and Environment Fair 2024 and inaugurated this

Shiksha Mela. He asked the children to work hard to illuminate their names, parents' names, teachers' names and localities. He said that every human being should plant at least 5 saplings every year to save the environment from pollution. He said that we should guard the path shown by Guru Nanak Sahib Ji. The air and water should be protected from pollution, he said that organizing education and environment fair by Awaj organization is a commendable initiative of Awaj organization.

Training conducted by 2nd BN SDRF in
collaboration with national cadet corps at
NCC training academy, Nagrota

VERMA
GURDASPUR, AUG 18

The 2nd BN SDRF, Jammu in collaboration with the National Cadet Corps (NCC) is conducting an enlightening two-day training program at the NCC Training Academy Nagrota. The event is aimed to equip 500 NCC cadets with essential skills and knowledge to effectively respond during calamities and accidents.

The first day of training witnessed a dynamic and engaging session, where cadets were exposed to various scenarios and actions they can take when facing emergencies. The program emphasized the importance of quick and efficient responses during natural disasters, accidents, and other critical situa-



tions. Expert trainers from SDRF Jammu delivered hands-on demonstrations and theoretical knowledge on disaster management techniques. Cadets were trained in first aid, search and rescue operations, fire-fighting, and providing immediate assistance to those in need. Practical exercises and simulations allowed cadets to apply their newly acquired skills, fostering

confidence in their abilities to respond effectively. The SDRF team comprised of ASI Ashok Kumar, SGCT Kuldeep Singh, SGCT Aman Singh, SGCT Anil Sharma and SGCT Amit Sharma. Col RS Jasrotia, SM** the Battalion Commander of 2J&K BN NCC, expressed that "Overall Aim is to create a generation of young leaders who can step up during emergencies.

PPS celebrates 78th Independence Day



NABHA (RAKESH JINDAL): The 78th Independence Day was celebrated at The Punjab Public School with great fervour and enthusiasm. The proceedings got underway with the arrival of the chief guest Mr. Jatinder Singh Aulakh, IPS and currently the Chairman of Punjab Public Service Commission. All the three wings of the NCC were in attendance. Mr. Aulakh, an alumnus of PPS, hoisted the tri-colour to the delight of everyone present and inspected the guard of honour.

Chehac Kaur, Mannat Tangri and Ishmeet Kaur expressed their thoughts on the relevance of the day in English, Hindi and Punjabi respectively. Two patriotic songs Vande matram and Jaag utha hai saara vatan saathiyon by the school choir lent a new feel to the atmosphere. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Aulakh called upon the student community to nurture the values of discipline, integrity and character. Headmaster Dr. DC Sharma proposed the vote of thanks and gave the chief guest a token of deeply felt respect and gratitude.

Government College of Education,
Sector 20, organises orientation
programme

CHANDIGARH, AUG 18

Government College of Education, Sector 20, Chandigarh organized an Orientation Programme and Talent Hunt for students of B.Ed., M.Ed. and PGD&C semester I students on 16th and 17th August, 2024. Dr. Sapna Nanda Principal of the college addressed the students and extended hearty welcome to the Chief Guest of the day Swami Bhitiharananda, the secretary of Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Chandigarh.

In his address congratulated students on being a part of the prestigious institution and also put some light on the importance of teachers in nation building. Swami ji, emphasized the significance of teaching as a passion, with "Gyan Daan" being the highest form of giving. He stressed that the essence of



education lies not just in the transfer of information but in the communication of knowledge, encouraging students to cultivate a thirst for learning.

He referred the teachers as sculptors, responsible for shaping the best abilities of their students, and underscored the importance of the mantra "Tamaso Ma Jyotirgamaya" (from darkness to light) as the true purpose of education.

Rajesh Kalia takes charge as 48th SP of Kaithal



RAMAN GUPTA
KAITHAL: Giving information, police spokesperson said that IPS Rajesh Kalia took charge as the 48th SP of Kaithal on Saturday. After joining SP Railway Ambala as Kaithal SP, IPS Rajesh Kalia talked about giving priority to law and order, women safety and drug prevention in the district. Newly appointed Superintendent of Police Rajesh Kalia said that the security system will be further strengthened to prevent crime, especially to curb criminals and to protect the life and property of the common people. He said that the upcoming assembly elections have been announced, the police is committed to conduct the assembly elections in a fair and transparent manner. Law and order will not be allowed to deteriorate under any circumstances. Appealing to the general public, he said that everyone should follow the model code of conduct.

Nihshwarth Yoga Seva Sangathan plants 128 saplings in Ambala Cantt



MANISH KUMAR
AMBALA: Members of Nihshwarth Yoga Seva Sangathan planted 128 saplings in Saavan with Yoga Guru Rakesh Verma. Rakesh Verma said that members of organization will take complete care of all saplings planted in Ambala Cantt. Yoga Guru Rakesh Verma said that all members of organization will nurture these saplings just like they nurture their children. Head of organization Ashok Singla said that organization keeps organizing social and religious programs from time to time. Intention of organization is healthy Ambala, happy Ambala.

People will vote BJP out of power: Vikram Saini



NIRMAL SAINI
RADAPUR: The BJP government has nothing to offer the public but false promises, claimed Vikram Saini, District President of the Congress OBC Cell, during his outreach campaign in the villages of Jalmipur, Alahar, Barsan, Mohri, Fatehpur, Masana, Gundyana, and Uncha Chandra. He accused the BJP of misleading the public by making false promises, such as securing the jobs of temporary employees, and stated that the BJP has become known for its empty declarations. Vikram Saini criticized the BJP for the rise in crime under its rule, noting the frequent incidents of robberies and thefts.

Doda to vote in first phase, last date for nomination filing is Aug 27

AGENCY DODA, AUG 18

Doda District Election Officer Harvinder Singh said that the code of conduct has come into force with the three constituencies of the district voting in the first phase on September 18.

During a press conference on Saturday, Harvinder Singh said that the last date for the filing of nominations is August 27.

The Election Commission of India (ECI) announced the schedule for the election in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir on August 16. The polling in the UT will be held in three phases on September 18, 25, and October 1.

Singh said that the notification of the polling



will be issued on August 20 and the last date for withdrawing candidature will be on August 30.

"A model code of conduct was enforced when the date was announced. We have convened training and interactive sessions with political parties," the district election officer said.

According to the ECI, the counting of the votes will take place on October 4. The election body has directed the enforcement agencies to be impartial and transparent for smooth and fair polling, ensuring a level playing field.

There are a total of 90 assembly constituencies, of

Lions Club Pehowa Royal holds plantation programme under Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam campaign

YAGYADATT SHASTRI
PEHOWA: Lions Club Pehowa Royal President Shashwat Chakrapani said that only through programmes like Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam campaign, Dharamnagari Pehowa can be brought into the category of Green City. To achieve this goal, every member of Lions Club Pehowa Royal is associated with campaign. Shashwat



Chakrapani was talking to residents of local Model Town today under tree plantation programme organised by Lions Club and making them aware about this campaign. He said that our club keeps doing social work from time to time, under which Lions Club has organised tree plantation in Girl School, DAV School, Akshara School.

BJP failed to fulfill promises made to Public: Jasbir Valmiki

KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI, AUG 18

Jasbir Valmiki, member of Zila Parishad Ward No. 7 and senior Congress leader, stated that the formation of a Congress government in the upcoming assembly elections is inevitable. The people of Haryana now desire change and are fully prepared to establish a Congress government in the state.

Valmiki criticized the BJP for failing to deliver on the promises it made to the public after coming to power. Jasbir Valmiki is actively conducting a public outreach campaign in rural areas, making people aware of Congress policies. Addressing the villagers, he emphasized that Congress has been growing stronger under the leadership of MP Kumari Selja, who has consistently received support from all communities.



He expressed confidence that the upcoming assembly elections will see the formation of a Congress government in Haryana under her leadership. Valmiki highlighted the public's enthusiasm and support for Congress during the Lok Sabha elections, indicating that the people are eagerly waiting to bring Congress to power in the state. He declared that the party is fully prepared and strong. Valmiki also spoke about Kumari Selja's upcoming padayatra, which he believes will generate a wave of support for Congress.

He mentioned that during this journey, Kumari Selja will convey the messages of Rahul Gandhi and party president Mallikarjun Kharge to the public. The main objective of this padayatra is to liberate urban citizens from the grip of BJP's misguided policies. Valmiki pointed out that ordinary urban residents in Haryana are entangled in the complexities of property ID and PPP. The imposition of GST has severely impacted traders and small shopkeepers, leading to significant distress among urban voters.

Hindu organizations hold protest in Dhuri City



VIKAS VERMA
DHURI: Hindu organizations held a protest in the Dhuri City today against the killings of Hindus in Bangladesh and the continuous desecration of the religious places of the Hindu community. In this protest, Punjab General Secretary of International Hindu Parishad Vimal Kumar Mittal, District Co-Minister Sanjeev Bansal, Math Mandir Head Ramesh Thapar, City Vice President Sanjay Sharma, Anil Khosla, District Vice President of Rashtriya Bajrang Dal Sanjeev Sharma, City Deputy Head Ramesh Nagar, Ashish Dheer, District Head of Vishwa Hindu Parishad Vinod Kumar Happy, RSS Yogesh Singla, Narendra Kumar, District Head of Bharatiya Janata Party Dharmendra Singh Daulat, Pradeep Garg, Bhupesh, Neelu Mittal, Jagran Sudhar Mandal and Jagdeep Sharma from Hindu Takhat along with all the major workers were present. The protest started from Kranti Chowk, passed through the main markets of the city and ended at Kranti Chowk itself. Speaking at the protest, Punjab General Secretary of International Hindu Parishad Vimal Kumar Mittal said that the way Hindus are being killed in Bangladesh and the continuous desecration of Hindu temples in Punjab is intolerable.

Voluntary blood donation camp organized in memory of Subhash Chandra Bose

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, AUG 18

Voluntary blood donation camp was organized in the memory of Subhash Chandra Bose, the great hero of the freedom struggle, in the premises of Shiv Shakti Mandir Sector 7 Kurukshetra. This camp was presided over by Ramesh Kumar Goyal, General Secretary of Shiv Shakti Mandir Sabha, while the stage was conducted by Pramod Shastri. Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma, National Gold Medalist, Shatakveer Diamond Blood Donor and Environment Guard, awarded with President's Police Medal, was the coordinator of the camp. Roti Bank's treasurer and social worker Naresh Saini was present as a special guest. The camp was completed with the cooperation of Jai Maa Seva Samiti, Manas Jigyasu



Mandal and Kamal Saini Ratgal. The camp was completed with the joint efforts of Shiv Shakti Mandir Sabha's general secretary Ramesh Kumar Goyal, vice-president Maya Devi, treasurer Shyam Prakash Sharma, Praveen Garg, Pramod Shastri, Ramkumar Sharma, Balbir Gaur, Kamlesh Devi, Harish Singla, Sanjay Mittal, Subhash Gupta, Kamal Saini, Rajni Batra, Rakesh Mehta, Lajpat Goyal, Ramsaroop Singla. Pradeep Garg Sirsama was specially

present on this occasion. Camp coordinator Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma, while putting badges on the blood donors, said that Subhash Chandra Bose had said that you give me blood and I will give you freedom. Today the country is independent and today blood should be donated for those who are sick, unhealthy. Other youth should stay away from drugs and instead of getting injected with drugs, youth should get injected for blood donation so that the country gets its benefits.

Retired Employees Union, Sadhara holds meeting regarding their demands



PREETI SAINI
SADHAURA: On Saturday a meeting of Retired Employees Union Haryana, Block Sadhaura was held in B and R Nagar Palika Park under the chairmanship of Block Pradhan Dilawar Hussain. The stage was managed by District Secretary Jot Singh. District Pradhan Som Nath, Dilawar Hussain told that the retired employees of all the departments, boards and corporations of the state have been struggling for their demands for a long time but even after ten years have passed, the government has ignored the elderly employees by not giving them time for talks. The present government had earlier given the retired employees a new job. An agreement was made with the employees that the pension will be increased by five per cent, 10 per cent, 20 per cent till the age of 60, 65, 70 years, medical allowance will be increased to Rs 3,000, cashless facility should be implemented without any condition for diseases. The letter in this regards has not been issued till date. He further informed that the state level rally scheduled to be held in Karnal on August 21 has been postponed due to the model code of conduct. Madan Lal Arya, Dharampal Singh, Akhtar Ali, Chaman Lal, Kasturi Lal Rameshwar Dayal, Gopal Singh, Pawan were present in the meeting.

Haryana Staff Selection Commission will issue advertisements for 7200 new recruitments

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, AUG 18

Haryana Staff Selection Commission member Bhupendra Singh said that complete transparency was being maintained in the examinations conducted by the commission. In the coming time, the Haryana Staff Selection Commission was preparing to issue advertisements for 7,200 new recruitments which also included 5,600 police recruitments. Commission member Bhupendra Singh said that due to the code of conduct, the examinations may be affected in some circumstances and legal advice may also be needed. However, he refused to give any information on questions asked about 1.20 lakh permanent jobs. The Commission member Bhupendra Singh was talking to journalists at DAV College



in Karnal. In a press conference held in Karnal, he said that Group 56 and 57 examinations were conducted in the whole of Haryana. There were about 16,000 posts, in which about 25,000 and 45,000 candidates participated.

The examination was conducted after a long struggle with enthusiasm and zeal. The candidates were very excited. He said that the commission has made good arrangements. Be it welcoming the candidates,

giving information, monitoring, all this information was given. The commission has completed joining of around 12,000. Around 40,000 to 45,000 recruitments were in the pipeline. Recruitments were going on from time to time. Today there were about 57 group centres in Karnal, 14,664 were present in Karnal district itself those appeared in the Group 57 examination. There will be 72,000 recruitments. There is information about various posts. He said that a total of 45,000 candidates have participated in all the examinations conducted so far. The commission made excellent arrangements at the examination centres, in which special efforts were made to welcome the candidates and give them all the necessary information related to the examinations.

Tiger footprints found in Jhabua of Bawal

BD AGARWAL

REWARI: There is news of tiger coming to Jhabua forest of Bawal once again. Due to which the district administration is also on alert mode. It was learned from the wildlife officer that this is the same tiger which came to Rewari district of Haryana from Sariska Sanctuary of Rajasthan last year. The wildlife team of Rajasthan and Haryana blocked the Sahibi area a lot but nothing was found except its footprints. The number of this tiger is ST 2303 which is now about three and a half years old. The video of injuring 2 people in Darbari Pur village of Rajasthan adjacent to Rewari district is also going viral. Alwar Range Officer Shankar, who is part of this rescue team from Rajasthan, said that it is true that this is the same tiger which had come to Haryana earlier also. The tiger is hiding in the forest of Jhabua of Bawal. There is no shortage of food and water for the tiger there. According to the officer, the wildlife team of Sariska, Rajasthan has set up camp in Jhabua. This team includes Dr. Arvind Mathur from Jaipur Range, Dr. Deen Dayal from Sariska Alwar, Prem Kumar Forest Division Officer Bawal, Wildlife Officer Bawal Charan Singh, Guard Deepak, a team of about 15 people from Forest Department Rajasthan as well as the team of Rewari Forest Division. He told that the tiger has no movement during the day, it comes out only at night. He has appealed to the villagers not to go alone in the forest.



Punjabi Welfare Sabha organises blood donation camp on martyr Madan Lal Dhingra's martyrdom day

RAMAN GUPTA KAITHAL, AUG 18

On the occasion of 115th Martyrdom Day of Amar Shaheed Madanlal Dhingra who sacrificed his life for the freedom of the country, 11th massive blood donation camp was organized by Punjabi Welfare Sabha at Madanlal Dhingra Memorial. 111 blood donors touched the sacred feeling of donating blood in this camp which was inaugurated by Amarjeet Chhabra, a prominent social worker of the city and State President of Rice Mill Association. The blood donors in the camp experienced the feeling of donating blood, while all the blood donors were also honored during the camp. Who sacrificed their lives in this sacred yagya by donating blood. Also helped in saving



many lives. A formal event was organized before this.

In which, after dedicating a wreath on the statue of Amar Shaheed Madan Lal Dhingra ji and lighting the lamp, Chief Guest Amarjeet Chhabra called upon the gathering of people present to not only fulfill their social responsibility by donating blood, but the blood given by them can rejuvenate many lives. Gives life. He

also said that being responsible citizens of the society, it is the responsibility of all of us to think not only about ourselves but also about the welfare of others. While thinking, remain engaged in the holy work like donating blood. Amat Chhabra said that today we Not only remembering the great freedom fighter rather than their freedom.

DD Jan Ashirwad Yatra sets new record in Kurukshetra politics

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, AUG 18

DD Jan Ashirwad Yatra of senior BJP leader Jai Bhagwan Sharma is setting a new record in the politics of Kurukshetra. Under the Pranam Thanesar, Nirman Thanesar campaign, DD Sharma has been strengthening his electoral claim by running a public relations campaign with the issues of the common people and the development of the area. In the same series, on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan, the program 'Meri Behan, Meri Shaan' was organized in a



private palace situated on Pipli Road. Thousands of women gathered in the program and blessed DD Sharma by tying Rakhi to him. Thousands of people reached the program. The blessings of mother power

and the love and support of sisters have made Jai Bhagwan Sharma the voice of Thanesar constituency. It was worth mentioning that today in Kurukshetra, Minister of State Subhash Sudha also showed her

strength on the occasion of Rakshabandhan, while Sandeep Garg in Ladwa and Sandeep Omkar in Pehowa organized various programs but DD has surpassed all in terms of crowd gatherings and successful programmes.

DD Sharma's hard work and the support of the sisters made the program 'Meri Behan, Meri Shaan' wonderful and memorable one. Jai Bhagwan Sharma while addressing the program organized on the occasion of Rakshabandhan festival, said that the program 'Meri Behan, Meri Shaan' was proving that his sister his pride, honour and dignity.

Students of Indian Public School Kidzee honored for Sub-Junior National Kabaddi players



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GURDASPUR: Students of Indian Public School Kidzee, Kathua have achieved another milestone. Providing this information, Principal Balwinder Kaur stated that the school is proud to announce that 8th grade students Akriti and Prakriti have been declared Sub-Junior National Kabaddi Players. She mentioned that this event was organized under the banner of the Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India at the Patliputra Sports Complex, Patna. Congratulating these talented students for their hard work and impressive achievement, the school principal and management honored them with awards. She further congratulated both students, saying that this recognition is a result of their dedication and hard work. We are confident that you will continue to achieve such accomplishments in the future and bring more glory to your school.

JAC will hold meeting after Rakshabandhan and decide on further course of action

BUREAU
GUHLA CHEEKA: Recently, a delegation of the organization led by the Executive State President of the Retired Employees Organization Haryana, Pahal Singh Tanwar, met the Chief Minister on his call and met him at his residence. Disclosing this, Kulbhushan Sharma, state convener of Joint Action Retired Employees Haryana, said that the Chief Minister had assured the Organization that within a week, he will discuss the demands of retired employees with the officials. A decision will be taken after discussion. The Election Commission has announced assembly elections in Haryana. Because of Code of Conduct the government will now delay the demands of retired employees. They have warned the government that the government would not be able to resolve the issue again within a week, a decision should be taken on the demands of the retired employees by talking to their delegation. Otherwise the Retired Employees Joint Action Committee Haryana will call a meeting soon after Raksha Bandhan and announce a movement.



Editorial

Free the shelves

Where the mind is without fear and knowledge is free — public libraries are emblematic of this sort of freedom. Even in the age of the internet, when information is available at the fingertips, accessibility to knowledge may not be egalitarian or affordable. This is because evolving technologies may be expensive for those on the margins; the elderly may also find them difficult to navigate. A free public library, on the other hand, is a space that is open to all regardless of social or economic background. In a country like India, with a long history of gatekeeping knowledge and systemically excluding specific communities from reading and learning because they belong to the ‘wrong’ caste or gender, free public libraries can democratise knowledge in the truest sense. It is in this context that the work being done by the Free Libraries Network, a collective of more than 250 libraries around South Asia, assumes importance. The FLN recently released a policy memo, The People’s National Library Policy 2024, drawn from its years of activism at the grass-roots level, which can be instructive in India where libraries, in spite of their challenges, continue to serve as the gateway to reading and learning.

Public libraries are a state subject in India. Data from the Union government show that of a total of 27,671 government-run libraries in India, only 7,836 exist outside southern states like Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. The fact that this geographical imbalance echoes state-wise literacy rates is instructive. Most of these public libraries are also not free, even when state laws mandate them to be so. A library cess, derived from state revenue taxes, pays for the upkeep of public libraries: in other words, taxpayers fund them as well as pay to use their services. To achieve equitable access to knowledge as envisaged by the National Policy on Library and Information System in 1986 — this draft, though, was never ratified into policy — public libraries must be free from any kind of fee, be it for membership, penalty, or services like the use of the internet.

But at a time when states face severe fund crunches — is the strain on federalism to blame? — libraries are increasingly experiencing cuts in budgets or, worse, shutting their doors. The Union government, when it does get involved, is often misguided in its efforts. The National Mission on Libraries came into being in 2014 under the Union ministry of culture to revive and modernise public libraries. But the lion’s share of its budget has been spent on creating digital libraries, including the National Digital Library of India, which barely makes a ripple in a country with embedded digital inequity.

Jaranwala attack: Pak minority Christians await justice

Amnesty International on Friday condemned Pakistan for its treatment of religious minorities, particularly after the Jaranwala incident where 26 churches were burnt by a mob.

The report released by the human rights watchdog commemorating the completion of one year of Pakistan’s Jaranwala incident highlights that over 90 per cent of the suspects are still at large and trials have not started, leaving the Christian community in fear. In a post on ‘X’ Amnesty International stated, "It has been a year since the arson and attacks on churches and Christian neighbourhoods in #Jaranwala, Pakistan. The victims continue to live in fear as the perpetrators of mob violence continue to evade accountability."

The report lamented the Pakistani administration for failing to deliver justice for the minority Christian community and prevent further misuse of blasphemy laws.

More than 90 per cent of the suspects of the attack in Jaranwala, in Punjab’s Faisalabad district, are still at large, said Amnesty International quoting a Right to Information Request filed at the Faisalabad City Police Office.

Many are still awaiting government compensation and face continued threats and marginalization. Amnesty International urged the Pakistan government to ensure justice and protect minority groups.

The Amnesty International report also stated, that the trials of those arrested in connection with the attacks, trig-



gered by false allegations of blasphemy against two Christian residents, are yet to start and around 40 per cent of the minority Christian families affected by the violence are still awaiting government compensation.

"Despite the authorities' assurances of accountability, the grossly inadequate action has allowed a climate of impunity for the perpetrators of the Jaranwala violence. A year on, the minority Christian community is being forced to reconcile with the fact that their aggressors continue to live amongst them without repercussions. Pakistan government must ensure that justice is delivered and minority groups are protected against discrimination and violence," said Babu Ram Pant, Amnesty International’s Deputy Regional Director for South Asia.

On 3 August 2024, a Right to Information Request filed at the City Police Office Faisalabad, indicates that of the 5,213 accused, 380 were arrested with 4,833 still at large. Of those arrested, 228 are now out on bail granted by the Anti-Terrorism Court in Faisalabad and 77 had the charges against them dropped, the same report claimed. While elaborating on the continued marginalisation of the reli-

gious minorities in Pakistan the Amnesty International report mentioned that many have lost their jobs due to heightened tensions that have also affected businesses and public life in the city.

Frightened Christian families continue to face threats from perpetrators of the violence who were released over the last year. Some Christian families have even migrated to neighbouring cities, while the religious leaders who incited the mob still roam free and continue to exercise influence in the area.

The same report quoted a statement by Khalida Bano, a Christian woman from Jaranwala stating, "We saw our houses in complete shambles, like the building would soon collapse. To date, we have received no support. It has been a year, and my husband is unemployed because no one hired him (due to stigma). Many people received the promised compensation of 2 million rupees or USD 7,200, but we did not receive it."

Samuel Payara, the lead petitioner for the Christian community in cases related to the Jaranwala attacks at the Supreme Court, described a culture of impunity for violence against religious minorities.

He stated "Despite the police accusing thousands for the mob violence, only about 400 were arrested. Of those, most roam free.

Even more alarming is that the individual who incited the mob using a mosque’s loudspeaker has also been granted bail, and some groups are harassing victims to prevent them from participating in the cases [as witnesses]."

Literature & Health

Eco-friendly Israeli Aquaponics System might redefine sustainable agriculture

Israeli researchers developed a groundbreaking aquaponics system that promises to revolutionize sustainable food production while minimizing environmental impact. Aquaponics is a method that combines fish farming with hydroponic vegetable cultivation, creating a symbiotic environment where fish waste is used to nourish plants. In traditional aquaponics, fish are raised in tanks, and the water containing their waste, (effluent) is circulated to the plants. The plants absorb the nutrients from the fish waste, effectively filtering the water, which is then recirculated back to the fish tanks.

But a team of researchers at Ben-Gurion University is taking aquaponics a step further. Their closed-loop system not only reuses the effluent but also treats fish solid waste through anaerobic digestion – a process in which microorganisms break down organic material in the absence of oxygen, recovering energy and nutrients. This process results in a near-zero waste unit, which significantly reduces environmental impact. "In terms of vegetable pro-



duction, we increased it by over two and I believe that it can be doubled nearly very soon," research leader Professor Amit Gross told The Press Service of Israel. Gross is the director of the Zuckerberg Institute for Water Research at BGU’s Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research. With the innovation, he told TPS-IL, "We reduce the amount of waste produced by the system so it was all treated on-site, and that saves a lot of effort in terms of environmental burden and energy and costs related to the aquaponics practice."

Shiveluch volcano erupts after 7.0 magnitude earthquake strikes off eastern Russian coast



Shiveluch volcano in Russia erupted after a 7.0 magnitude earthquake that struck off the eastern coast of the country, CNN reported, citing TASS.

As per the visual evaluations, the ash column is rising as high as 8 kilometres above the sea level, CNN reported, citing TASS. The report said that the volcano had released a gush of lava. No reports of injuries have been made.

Shiveluch volcano is located around 280 miles from Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, a

coastal city that has a population of about 181,000 that lies in Russia’s Kamchatka. The US Geological Survey (USGS) said that the earthquake’s epicentre was about 55 miles from Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky and had a depth of about 30 miles. The quake caused no "major damage." However, buildings are being examined for potential damage, with special attention paid to social facilities, CNN reported, citing TASS. The Russian Emergencies Ministry did not issue a tsunami warning due to the tremor.

POEM

The Child-Angel



Rabindranath Tagore

They clamour and fight, they doubt and despair, they know no end to their wrangling. Let your life come amongst them like a flame of light, my child, unflickering and pure, and delight them into silence. They are cruel in their greed and their envy, their words are like hidden knives thirsting for blood. Go and stand amidst their scowling hearts, my child, and let your gentle eyes fall upon them like the forgiving peace of the evening over the strife of the day. Let them see your face, my child, and thus know the meaning of all things; let them love you and thus love each other. Come and take your seat in the bosom of the limitless, my child.

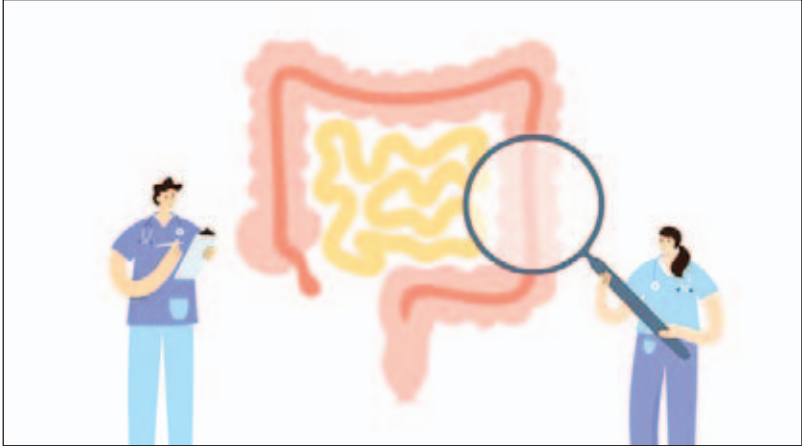
Rabindranath Tagore

Researchers reveals ways of preventing cancer cells from colonizing liver

Nine times out of ten, metastasis is the cause of cancer deaths. This is the point when the primary tumour has sent out cells, like seeds, and invaded other organs of the body. Despite significant advancements in the treatment of primary tumours, medicine remains mainly powerless against metastases. As of right now, there are no drugs that stop this process.

Researchers from the Department of Biosystems Science and Engineering at ETH Zurich in Basel, under the direction of Andreas Moor, have now published findings in the journal Nature that demonstrate how colorectal cancer cells colonise the liver. Their research will aid in the creation of therapies that might impede the spread of disease.

Cancer is said to metastasise when cells from the primary tumour break off and travel via the circulatory system to other parts of the body. "Colorectal cancer metastasises to the liver because of how our blood flows," Moor says. Blood is first enriched with nutrients in the intes-



tines before it goes to the liver, which metabolises the nutrients. For colorectal cancer cells, the liver is the last stop. "They get caught in the liver’s capillary network," Moor says.

Costanza Borrelli, a doctoral student, and other members of Moor’s team have

now shown that the liver cells also play a large role in whether or not the cancer cells lodged there can colonise their new location. Science has known for over a century that, much like plant seeds in soil, cancer cells are dependent on their environment, yet it was previously un-

known which molecular mechanisms play a role here.

Using sophisticated tests on genetically modified mice, Moor and his team have discovered that the secret lies in certain proteins on the cell surface. When liver cells have a protein called Plexin-B2 and the colorectal cancer cells possess certain proteins from the semaphorin family, the colorectal cancer cells can attach themselves to the liver cells.

Cancer cells that have semaphorins on their surface are especially dangerous, as attested by clinical studies cited by Moor’s researchers in their paper. The study data shows that colorectal cancer metastasises earlier and more frequently to the liver if the tumour has large amounts of semaphorin.

Plexin and its counterpart semaphorin were previously known to the research community for their function in the nervous system, where the two proteins steer growing nerve cells and ensure they form the right pathways. "Why liver cells also create plexin and what this

protein does in healthy livers is anything but clear - and interests us immensely," Moor says. In other words, the question of its function remains open.

What Moor and his team have discovered, however, is that direct contact between plexin and semaphorin triggers fundamental changes in colorectal cancer cells. To break off from the primary tumour, the cancer cells have to change their identity: they free themselves from the surface layer of the intestine, or epithelium, severing their close connections to neighbouring cells.

Once in the bloodstream, the cancer cells resemble those from connective tissue called mesenchyme. Yet once they find their new niche - thanks to the plexin on some liver cells - the cancer cells turn back into their sedentary form. "An epithelialisation process takes place," the researchers wrote in their paper. Moor expands: "You can spot this immediately if you look at the cancer cells, as they form invaginations similar to the folds or crypts in the intestines."

The researchers’ discovery will have an impact on more than colorectal cancer patients: further tests have shown that plexin also encourages the formation of metastases in melanoma and pancreatic cancer. For Moor and his team, this throws up many new research questions. One in particular is drawing their focus: when cancer cells cluster together to form a tumour, they also influence cells in their environment. "Cancer cells set up their own ecosystem," Moor explains.

Efforts to inhibit the crucial interaction between plexin and semaphorin succeed, it may be possible to prevent the cancer from establishing new tumours in the first place. That’s because early on, when the relationships among the cells in this ecosystem have not yet been firmly established, tumour metastases are especially vulnerable, Moor explains. He appears confident that an answer lies within this "critical period of time in the development of metastases", even though the path to any potential treatment is still long.

Sarveshwar Foods Ltd. Reports Earnings for Q1FY25

CHANDIGARH: Sarveshwar Foods Limited (BSE: 543688, NSE: SARVESHWAR), engaged in the business of manufacturing, trading, processing, and marketing of branded and unbranded basmati and non-basmati rice and other products in the domestic and international markets has reported earnings for the quarter ended 30 June 2024. For Q1FY25 (Consolidated), the company reported revenue from operations at Rs. 23305.44 Lakhs, a growth of 24% YoY. EBITDA came in at Rs. 1406.45 Lakhs, growing 11% YoY. PAT grew 6% YoY, from Rs. 290.06 Lakhs (Q1FY24) to Rs. 308.87 Lakhs (Q1FY25). EPS was reported at Rs. 0.13 per share. Further, the board approved up to Rs. 250 Cr fund raise by issuance and allotment of equity shares, by way of QIP's, ADR, GDR, FCB or any other method or combination thereof including the Right Issue(s) subject to all regulatory and members approval.

Motisons Jewellers Ltd. Board Approves up to INR 170 Cr Fund Raise

CHANDIGARH: Motisons Jewellers Ltd. (BSE: 544053, NSE: MOTISONS), a leading player in the jewelry industry, has announced that the board has approved the proposal for raising of funds to augment the financial resources of the Company, by issuance of fully convertible warrants on preferential basis, subject to such regulatory / statutory approvals as may be required including the approval of shareholders of the Company. The issue will see participation from FIIFII investors such as North Star Opportunities Fund VCC-Bul Value Incorporated VCC Sub-Fund, Eminence Global Fund PCC-Eubilla Capital Partners Fund 1, and Nexpect Limited, that are named amongst the proposed allottees. Earlier, the company reported its earnings for the quarter ended 30 June 2024. The Company reported its Revenue from operations at Rs. 88.71 Cr. The Operating profit came in at Rs. 10.71 Cr. PAT was reported at Rs. 6.33 Cr. EPS came in at Rs. 0.64 per share.

Srestha Finvest Ltd. Reports Excellent Earnings for Q1FY25

CHANDIGARH: Srestha Finvest Ltd. (BSE: 539217), a leader in financial solutions, has announced excellent earnings for quarter ended 30 June 2024. For Q1FY25, the company reported Revenue from operations at Rs. 39.50 Cr, a growth of 1634% YoY. PAT grew a staggering 6665% YoY, from Rs. 0.44 Cr (Q1FY24), to Rs. 31 Cr (Q1FY25). PAT margins grew from 19.27% to 78.50% (Q1FY25). Earlier, the company announced that its board will meet on August 19, 2024 to consider funds raising by way of issue of equity shares/convertible instruments/other securities through preferential allotment, right issue, QIP's, ADR, GDR, FCB, subject to member and other necessary approvals.

"Organizing community kitchens or 'bhandaras', a good way of fulfilling your social responsibility": Social worker Amitabh Rungta

Panchkula: 'Karma' is considered important in the scriptures and there are many deeds described in them through which a person can fulfil his or her 'social responsibility'. Organising a community kitchen or 'bhandara' is also one such deed which if done with true feelings, can help a person fulfil his or her 'social responsibility' very well. This was said by the founder of Non-Governmental Organisation, or NGO, Shree Shyam Karuna Foundation and social worker Amitabh Rungta at the 127th community kitchen organised by the Foundation in Industrial Area, Phase 1, Panchkula. Amitabh Rungta, has set an example by holding 127 community kitchens - so far thereby fulfilling his social responsibility well. He said that the peace that feeding a needy passerby provides to the mind is difficult to describe in words, it can only be felt. He said that common people, social workers and organizations should also come forward to organize 'Ann Bhandaras'.

Empowering Punjab's MSMEs:Unlocking Potential with CIBIL Rank and Company Credit Report

Ludhiana: For entrepreneurs diving a business through the dynamic landscape of today's rapidly evolving economy, understanding and utilizing financial tools like CIBIL Rank and Company Credit Report (CCR) is pivotal. To aid this understanding, TransUnion CIBIL and the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) came together to conduct a workshop in Chandigarh on 'Easing Credit Availability Through Improved CIBIL Score and CIBIL Rank' on August 9, 2024. The workshop saw Bhushan Padil, SVP and Head, Direct to Consumer Business, TransUnion CIBIL in attendance which further provided the attendees (MSME cluster of Chandigarh) with a deeper understanding of CIBIL Rank and CCR and how Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) can leverage these to significantly enhance their ability to not only secure capital but also propel their business forward. During the workshop, Bhushan reiterated that CIBIL Rank and Company Credit Report (CCR) can provide a crucial snapshot of your business's financial health, encapsulating your creditworthiness which plays an important role in securing business loans and negotiating favorable credit terms.

Mahindra Launches 'THE' SUV: Thar ROXX

Ludhiana : Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. has launched the Thar ROXX, a new SUV designed to disrupt the market with its bold design and powerful performance. Priced starting at ₹12.99 Lakh, the Thar ROXX is built on the All-New M. GLYDE platform, offering a smooth ride and precise handling. It has been rigorously tested in extreme conditions, ensuring reliability and robustness for diverse terrains. Bookings for the Thar ROXX will open online and at Mahindra dealerships from Oct 03, 2024, and Test Drives will start from Sept 14, 2024. Deliveries will commence this dussehra, ensuring customers can enjoy their new Mahindra SUV as soon as possible. The Thar ROXX features advanced safety and performance technologies, including the G20 TGD1 mStation and D22 mHawk producing Max. Torque of 380 Nm and 370 Nm respectively for strong, reliable performance. The versatile transmission choices encompass a 6-speed manual and a 6-speed AISIN torque converter automatic transmission, ensuring seamless shifts and impressive acceleration. A range of luxurious features and a flat floor design in the second row for increased passenger comfort enhance the appeal. Safety is paramount as Thar ROXX is engineered to achieve the highest B-NCAP safety rating and offers best-in-class crash performance.

Smartworks coworking spaces Limited files DRHP with SEBI

GURUGRAM : Smartworks Coworking Spaces Limited ("Smartworks" or "The Company"), has filed its Draft Red Herring Prospectus ("DRHP") with market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"). Smartworks is an office experience and managed Campus platform. The Company is the largest managed campus operator, amongst the benchmarked peers, in terms of total stock as of March 31, 2024. (Source: CBRE Report). The Company plans to raise funds through initial public offering of Equity Share Capital (face value ₹ 10 each) comprising of fresh issue of Equity Shares aggregating up to ₹ 5,500 million [₹ 550 crores] (The "Fresh Issue") and offer for sale up to 6,759,480 equity share by Selling Shareholders (The "Offer for Sale"). (The "Total Issue Size") The Company proposes to utilize the Net Proceeds towards funding – (i) Repayment/prepayment/redemption, in full or in part, of certain borrowings availed by Company estimated amount to be ₹ 1,400 million [₹ 140 crores] to be deployed in FY 2025; (ii) Capital expenditure for fit-outs in the New Centres and for security deposits of the New Centres estimated amount to be ₹ 2,823 million [₹ 282.30 crore] to be deployed in FY 2025, FY 2026 and FY 2027.

All you need to know about the Atkins diet

As more than half of the population is going crazy about losing weight, it is no surprise that our social media feeds are full of methods telling us how to lose weight. You will be shocked to know that according to data from World Health Organisation, more than 1.9 billion adults are overweight from across the world. Out of these, 650 million were obese. Needless to mention, obesity brings along a lot of health problems. While there are so many diets and plans given everywhere, you really don't know which one to try and which one not to.

Lately, the diet that got really famous was Keto diet, though it has been around since 1924. This diet was initially designed by Dr. Russell Wilder as a non-pharmacological option for treating epilepsy. Similar to Keto diet is Atkins diet. This diet was created solely with the purpose of helping one to lose weight by restricting the intake of carbohydrates.

Difference between Keto diet and Atkins diet Though both the diets are almost similar but they aren't actually the same. The basic difference between both the diets is the nutritional breakdown and guidelines. Keto diet centers around moderate protein intake with more calories coming from healthy fat. While in Atkins diet, you get the major number



of calories from proteins. Atkins diet gives you more flexibility and therefore, is easy for people to follow. Atkins diet The proponents of this diet claim that you can lose weight by eating foods high in fats and proteins, and avoiding food

high in carbs. Atkins diet has been designed by physician Dr Robert C. Atkins, after whose name the diet is named. His book on the same was also the best-selling diet book in 1972. Although being high in fat, this diet does not raise the LDL (bad cholesterol), though this may

happen in some individuals. Another main reason behind people losing weight through this diet is when people reduce carbohydrate intake and eat more protein, their diet automatically goes down and thus, they end up consuming fewer calories without even realising. The 4 phases of Atkins diet 1. Phase 1 (Induction): This phase includes eating under 20 grams of fat every day for two weeks. High-fat, high-protein and low-carb vegetables like leafy green vegetables give your weight loss programme a kick-start. 2. Phase 2 (Balancing): Start adding more nuts, low carb vegetables and small amounts of fruits back to your diet after 2 weeks. 3. Phase 3 (Fine-tuning): When you feel you are closer to your goal, you can add more carbs to your diet until your weight loss slows down.

Embark on an exciting journey with 'PEPPA PIG's Adventure', brought to India by BookMyShow Live

CHANDIGARH: Get ready to join everyone's favourite little piggy, Peppa Pig, on an unforgettable adventure filled with laughter, friendship and fun! 'PEPPA PIG's Adventure', a brand-new live stage show produced and promoted by BookMyShow Live,

the live entertainment experiential division of BookMyShow, licensed from leading toy and game company, Hasbro, Inc. and presented by Kotak White Credit Card, promises to delight audiences of all ages. Children's favourite and one of the most charming,

animated characters, Peppa Pig is coming to India for a third oink-tastic season, as she brings her friends and family on a trip, for a brand-new fun-filled season that promises a snout-standing spectacle complete with bucketful of surprises and fun.

Aakash Educational Services Limited Kurukshetra organizes a tree plantation drive to celebrate its NEET and JEE results



KURUKSHETRA : Aakash Educational Services Limited, the national leader in the test preparatory services, conducted a plantation drive in Kurukshetra to celebrate its outstanding results in 2024. The institute planted 356 saplings at Police line, Kurukshetra as a whopping 356 students from the Kurukshetra branch have qualified for NEET UG, JEE (Main) & JEE Advanced 2024. Mr. Sushil Sarwan, Deputy Commissioner of Kurukshetra, Dr. Vaishali Sharma, Additional Deputy Commissioner

(ADC), Mr. Surendra Pal, Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM), and Mr. Om Prakash, Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), were the honorable chief guests. They were accompanied by senior academic members, students of Aakash along with other company officials. The speakers educated the students regarding the importance of nature and the environment. The importance of sustainable growth and how to preserve the environment. All the students participated with great enthusiasm.

27th Anukama Fashion Show of NIIFT Mohali, Ludhiana, and Jalandhar Held

Mohali: The 27th Anukama Fashion Show showcased 51 collections



from graduating fashion design students of NIIFT Mohali, Ludhiana, and Jalandhar. The event fea-

tured remarkable designs and celebrated student creativity. The Chief Guest was Sh. Tejveer Singh IAS, with Sh. DPS Kharbanda IAS as the Guest of Honour. Among the models, Harshita Sharma stood out for her exceptional poise and elegance on the runway, becoming a highlight of the evening. Their performance was highly praised by the audience and the jury. The show was a testament to the hard work and talent of NIIFT students, guided by their dedicated mentors. Dr. Kanu Thind, Director of NIIFT, expressed pride in the exceptional talent displayed and the growth of the students.

KALPATARU LIMITED FILES DRHP WITH SEBI

GURUGRAM : Kalpataru Limited has filed its Draft Red Herring Prospectus ("DRHP") with market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"). Kalpataru Limited is a prominent real estate devel-

oper in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region ("MMR") in Maharashtra and are present across all micro-markets in the MMR (Source: Anarock Report). The company is an integrated real estate development company involved in all key

activities associated with real estate development, including the identification and acquisition of land (or development rights thereto), planning, designing, execution, sales, and marketing of their projects.

Royal Enfield Celebrates Chandigarh's "Bullet Di Gedi" Spirit With An Exclusive State-Inspired T-Shirt Collection

Chandigarh: Royal Enfield, timelessly representing wanderlust and camaraderie, proudly unveils its latest tribute to India's rich cultural tapestry - the Regional T-Shirt Collection. In a celebration of diversity and the shared passion for motorcycling, Royal Enfield presents 16 exclusive designs, each paying homage to the distinct heritage, culture, and spirit of

different Indian states. Every design encapsulates the essence of a region, resonating with riders who cherish their roots. Crafted with meticulous attention to detail, the State-Inspired T-shirts embody local pride. From majestic monuments to celebrated landmarks, every T-shirt highlights the unique charm of its respective region - with the unmistakable silhouette of the iconic Bullet/Classic subtly woven



into each design. Riders in Chandigarh can showcase their local pride and love for their iconic motorcycles with the "Bullet Di Gedi" T-shirt. This shirt goes beyond mere clothing; it's a celebration of the state's unique spirit, its cherished dialect, and the rider's trusty Royal Enfield. Priced at INR 990, these t-shirts are designed with 100% BCI cotton, promising equal parts comfort and style. They seamlessly transition from the open road to everyday adventures, making them a must-have addition to any rider's wardrobe.

Students of GSSS Mohi Khurd & GHS Dhakansu Kalan-Punjab Win Brillio Cluster Round

Bathinda: Students from Govt. Sr. Sec. School-Mohi Khurd Govt. High School-Dhakansu Kalan-Punjab triumphed at the cluster round of the Brillio National STEM Challenge 2024, an initiative by Brillio, a leading digital transformation services and solutions company, in partnership with STEM Learning, a social enterprise dedicated to promoting STEM education among school children.



Speaking on the celebration, Mr. Ashutosh Pandit, Founder of STEM Learning, said, "I am thrilled about the fourth edition of the National STEM Challenge and equally excited to see these young participants advancing to the Zonal rounds. STEM Learning is dedicated to empowering K12 education

by creating a platform that highlights the hidden talents among school children where our science centers are installed."

The cluster round, held at Govt. High School - Dhakansu Kalan celebrated the success of these

students as they were felicitated by STEM Learning Team and Teachers. These winners will now advance to the zonal round, with the ultimate goal of competing in the grand finale in Bengaluru on August 27, 2024.

Citroën launches basalt India's first mainstream Suv Coupé -suv attitude and Coupé Elegance



SHIMLA: Citroën India proudly announces the launch of the Basalt, India's first mainstream SUV Coupé that masterfully merges the rugged allure of an SUV with the sleek elegance and spacious refinement of a coupé. The Citroën Basalt delivers an unparalleled driving experience, distinguished by its bold, commanding stance, class-leading spaciousness and aerodynamic silhouette. Upholding Citroën's commitment to innovation and comfort—a hallmark of its 100-year legacy—the Basalt ushers in a new era of automotive excellence, emphasizing advanced features and driving pleasure. The deliveries of the Basalt will start from first week of September, 2024 through the 85 La Maison Citroën

phygital showrooms in the country. Dual tone available in Max variants at an additional cost of INR 21,000 Shailesh Hazela, CEO and Managing Director, Stellantis India said, "The official launch of the Citroën Basalt is a proud moment for us, as it represents our commitment to delivering vehicles that combine innovation with accessibility. The Basalt's distinctive SUV Coupé design, coupled with advanced technology and unparalleled comfort, is a direct response to the evolving preferences of Indian consumers. The strong initial bookings indicate the market's readiness for such a product, and we expect this momentum to grow as more customers experience the Basalt. With the Basalt, we aim to redefine the SUV ownership experience."

Ginni Soyabean launches in a new avatar



SHIMLA: Bunge India, a prominent name in the global agribusiness and food industry, proudly announces the launch of GinniSoyabean in a fresh new avatar. A company with over 200+ years of expertise in agribusiness and food processing, Bunge India remains steadfast in its commitment to delivering high-quality, affordable products to consumers. Ginni Soyabean, a popular choice among consumers who value both taste and quality, is making a comeback targeted at the economy and affordable segments. This launch underscores Bunge India's dedication to meeting the needs of a diverse consumer base while maintaining cost-effectiveness without compromising on quality. Contains vitamins A, D, and E, Ginni Soyabean helps contribute to overall well-being. Additionally, it is a source of Omega-3 fatty acids and Polyunsaturated Fatty Acids (PUFAs), which are crucial for maintaining normal blood cholesterol levels. These features make Ginni Soyabean a favorable choice for those looking to enhance their diet with nutritious and beneficial oils.

realme leads the World in Fast Charging Innovation with 320W SuperSonic Charge, creating the 4-Minute Power "Miracle"



CHANDIGARH, August 13th, 2024: realme, the Most Popular Brand Among Indian Youth, today unveiled its next-generation 320W charging technology that is set to redefine the industry standards. The 320W SuperSonic Charge achieves unprecedented breakthroughs in power, safety, and efficiency, bringing fast-

charging to new heights and transforming the user experience across the industry.

In addition to the groundbreaking 320W SuperSonic Charge, realme also announced the imminent launch of a new addition to its "Number Series" - the realme 13 Series 5G. realme has emphasized that the new Number Series will have a

strong focus on 'performance'. This strategic shift is aimed at catering to the evolving needs of consumers who demand more from their smartphones in terms of multitasking capabilities, gaming experiences, and overall responsiveness.

A 4-Minute Miracle: Rewrites Charging Experiences The 320W SuperSonic Charge marks yet another unprecedented milestone for realme in the fast-charging arena, following the brand's introduction of the previously unmatched 240W with the realme GT3 launched in February 2023.

This trailblazing technology offers the world's fastest charging power of 320W, by far the world's fastest charging power of 320W, setting a revolutionary milestone by enabling a smartphone to be fully charged in just 4 minutes and 30 seconds. In only one minute.

Chocovic Unveils a World of Exquisite Gifting In Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH: After successfully providing the best gifting options to the people of Ludhiana, Chocovic, a destination for unparalleled gifting experiences, is thrilled to announce its grand opening in the City Beautiful - Chandigarh. The store, located at SCO 28-29-30, Sector 9D, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh, opened its doors to the customers, which offers an exquisite collection of meticulously curated gifts, catering to a diverse range of occasions and preferences.



He said that currently Tri City has only the option to get wedding invitations from the sweet shops of the city with very limited option in boxes designs and eatables, but with our presence we are the first premium luxury brand dealing exclusively in wedding invitations, concept invitations, premium hampers, luxury gifting to the customers of Tri City. Adding further about the offerings, Mr. Gupta adds, "Our brand deals in wedding cards & boxes, baby shower gifts, anniversary or birthday favors, festive hampers, corporate gifting and much more. We load these beautiful boxes and hampers with our delectable food items that our completely in-house." "Ever since the inception in 2009, we have strived to bring quality products in the market and giving the authentic flavours to our customers. All our products are free from any kind of preservatives and artificial colors and what adds to the U.S.P. of our products is that they come with a longer shelf life which is up to 3 months," adds Mr. Sahil Gupta.

Fastway Revolutionizes Entertainment Industry with Launch of IPTV Set Top Box

CHANDIGARH: Fastway, a leading provider of digital cable TV & broadband services, has announced the launch of Next Gen IPTV Set Top Box, that is set to revolutionize the way consumers experience entertainment.

The all-new IPTV STB offers a wide array of features designed to enhance the overall entertainment experience. Subscribers will have access to over 500+ live TV channels, including 100+ channels with popular regional content ensuring that there is always something to watch for every member of the family.

The powerful Catch Up TV feature allows users to access content up to 7days, ensuring they never miss out on their favorite shows. Whether you missed a live broadcast or want to re-watch your favorite part of a show, Catch Up TV has you covered.

The Video on Demand



(VOD) feature provides access to a staggering 10,000+ movies giving users unlimited options for entertainment.

In a statement at the press conference, Dr. Prem Ojha, CEO expressed his excitement about the launch of the IPTV STB. "We are extremely delighted to bring to you next gen IPTV STB and offers world class converged services including high speed unlimited Broadband , Video , Voice and OTT on a single platform .Launch of IPTV

services will further enhance value for our consumers and take their experience to next level.

Mr. Gurdeep Singh, Founder & Chairman, Juihar Group commented, "This launch represents a power-packed value proposition that the brand proudly offers to its consumers. It delivers the most cost-effective and affordable form of entertainment. The brand is deeply committed to understanding and addressing the needs of its customers.

Spotlighting Incredible India's Diversity of Accomplishments Documented in the Limca Book of Records!

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: As India celebrates its 78th Independence Day, we reflect on the remarkable journey of a nation brimming with talent, resilience, and boundless ambition with the Limca Book of Records. Serving as a testament to India's progress across diverse fields, this corpus of commendable records showcases individuals who have not just reached new zeniths of success but have rewritten the limits of what is possible. Standing true to its own legacy as India's first-ever record book, now in its 33rd edition, Limca Book of Records' vast collection of exceptional performances never fails to impress the readers.

Dev Samaj School marks I-Day celebration

CHANDIGARH: I.S. Dev Samaj Sr. Sec. School, celebrated the 78th Independence Day at its campus in Sec 21 C, Chandigarh. The school paid homage to the freedom fighters during the Independence Day celebration.



A programme was initiated with national song 'Vande Matram', followed by flag hoisting by the officiating principal Sabeeha Dhillon Mangat in the presence of manager Dr. Jaspal Kaur, staff members and students. Students gave dance performances and delivered speeches on the importance of Independence Day. They recalled the contribution of freedom fighters and those who sacrificed their lives by singing patriotic songs. In the end Dr. Jaspal Kaur encouraged the students to be responsible members of society and contribute towards nation building. The principal & manager of the school honoured the students with certificates for their brilliant performances in different activities.

Mahindra Launches 'THE' SUV: Thar ROXX

Amritsar/Jalandhar, August 18 :- Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. has launched the Thar ROXX, a new SUV designed to disrupt the market with its bold design and powerful performance. Priced starting at ₹12.99 Lakh, the Thar ROXX is built on the All-New M. GLYDE platform, offering a smooth ride and precise handling. It has been rigorously tested in extreme conditions, ensuring reliability and robustness for diverse terrains. Bookings for the Thar ROXX will open online and at Mahindra dealerships from Oct 03, 2024, and Test Drives will start from Sept 14, 2024. Deliveries will commence this dussehra, ensuring customers can enjoy their new Mahindra SUV as soon as possible.

The Thar ROXX features advanced safety and performance technologies, including the G20 TGD1 mStation and D22 mHawk producing Max. Torque of 380 Nm and 370 Nm respectively for strong, reliable performance. The versatile transmission choices encompass a 6-speed manual and a 6-speed AISIN torque converter automatic transmission, ensuring seamless shifts and impressive acceleration. A range of luxurious features and a flat floor design in the second row for increased passenger comfort enhance the appeal. Safety is paramount as Thar ROXX is engineered to achieve the highest B-NCAP safety rating and offers best-in-class crash performance. It comes standard with 6 airbags, 3-point seat belts and seat-belt reminder for all seats along with passenger airbag on/off for child safety, ISO-FIX child seats with top-tether, among others, providing comprehensive protection for all occupants. It L2 ADAS (L1RV) suite with 10 features including Automatic Emergency Braking (AEB), 360-degree surround view system with blind view monitor, adaptive cruise control which adds to the safety, comfort and convenience. The Tyre Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS) and Tyre Direction Monitoring System (TDMS) add an extra layer of safety. Thar ROXX is equipped with Electronic Stability Program (ESP) 9.3 system with BLD (Brake locking differential). Designed at the Mahindra India Design Studio (MIDS) in Mumbai, engineered at the Mahindra Research Valley (MRV) near Chennai, and developed and tested at the Mahindra SUV Proving Track (MSPT), the Thar ROXX is built at Mahindra's advanced facility in Nashik. This SUV embodies the expertise and innovation of Mahindra's global design and engineering teams.

I-Day celebrated at St.xavier Convent School



ISHWER GARG BATHINDA: Independence Day was celebrated at St.Xavier Convent School singo (Bathinda). The students presented a colorful program and sang patriotic songs. Principal Madam Parminder Kaur, management Bhupinder Singh and Kuldeep Singh along with staff and students were present on this occasion.

SSP Rural takes action on video which went viral on social media and suspended misbehaving employee



KULJIT SINGH JANDIALA GURU: SSP Amritsar Rural has taken serious note of the video circulating on social media, which shows an altercation involving Constable Sukhraman Singh. The officer has been promptly suspended pending a thorough investigation. The SSP assures the public that such behavior is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. The Amritsar Rural Police is committed to maintaining discipline and professionalism within the force, and swift action will be taken against any misconduct to preserve the trust of the community we serve.

St. Xavier Convent School, Sengo celebrates Teej



ISHWER GARG TALWANDI SABO: At St. Xavier's Convent School, Sengo, under the leadership of School Principal Madam Parminder Kaur, the Teej Festival was celebrated in the school yard. School management Sardar Bhupinder Singh and Sardar Kuldeep Singh Sidhu attended the program as chief guests. Students, staff and all the guests enjoyed the festival. The ancient culture was introduced to the students and staff of the school.

BJP govt has neglected Jind district: Kumari Selja

SHIV KUMAR SHARM JIND, AUG 18

The General Secretary of Congress, Incharge of Uttarakhand, former Union Minister, and MP, Kumari Selja said that wherever we go every day, we are met with love and crowds. Jind district is a revolutionary district, but it has not received what it deserved. Jind district has been subjected to discrimination. In the last ten years under the BJP government, Jind has seen more neglect than ever before. She was addressing a rally in Jind on Sunday. Kumari Selja said that the BJP will have to account for its ten years in power. The time has come to demand accountability from the BJP for the last ten years. She said that whenever Randeep Surjewala raises the voice of



Haryana in the Rajya Sabha, the BJP has no answer. She said that farmers have faced discrimination, and the BJP will have to answer for this. Kumari Selja said that there has been no hearing for the farmers. The BJP is making promises about MSP, but they should clarify what law they have made for MSP. She

said that the BJP government has mistreated various sections of society, including Dalits, employees, backward classes, farmers, women, and traders. This is why all sections are angry with the BJP, and the public will take revenge on October 1 with the power of their votes. Kumari Selja said that

due to the BJP's anti-people mindset, there is an outcry among all 36 communities today. She said that scholarships have been stopped so that children cannot study, and there are scams in jobs. Youths are forced to go abroad for employment.

She said that anyone who raises their voice for their rights is beaten with sticks. She urged the people that the time has come to get rid of such a government. The Congress government will be formed in the state, and after that, we will protect your interests. She said that today, crime has increased so much in the state that no one feels safe. We will provide a safe environment for the people. We started the struggle for the well-being of the people, and we will continue this fight.

MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI, AUG 18

In the meeting of Haryana Banao Abhiyan, it has been decided to start a padyatra from August 20 in support of the issue of new capital of Haryana and separate High Court. Along with this, it was also decided to hold Janta Darbar of Haryana Banao Abhiyan. Haryana Banao Abhiyan will invite all the candidates in each assembly constituency and take their commitment to support the new capital and separate High Court after the elections. If no candidate of the assembly election was in favor of the issue of Haryana Banao Abhiyan then the organization should be informed. They would oppose the candidate and request the public to oppose such candidates who were not



in favour of two issues.

During this padyatra, the team of Haryana Banao Abhiyan will reach every village and will seek support in favor of a new capital in the state of Haryana and a separate High Court for Haryana. It will create strong public opinion. During this padyatra, lakhs of people will take part in this program. Convenor of Haryana Banao Abhiyan Randhir Singh Badharan Advocate and Chandveer Mandhan, Bharat Bhushan Balmiki, Kuldeep Kalsora Advocate, Karan Singh Mandhan Advocate, Bharat

Bhushan Balmiki Advocate, Gurdev Singh, Other officials including Rishipal Kalsora, Rinku Chaudhary, Jai Prakash, Sandeep were present. Besides Balinder Singh, Munish Tiwana Virendra Kalsora, Krishan Lal Parveen Javed Khan and many others were present in the meeting.

Randhir Singh Badharan, convener of Haryana Banao Abhiyan, said that Haryana unemployment would be a major issue for the youth in Haryana and to solve this issue, a separate High Court and a new capital were very much needed for Haryana.

Jan Ashirwad Rally in Assandh on August 25: Yogendra Rana

DR ASHOK KUMAR

KARNAL: Mhara Haryana Non Stop Haryana Jan Ashirwad Rallies are being taken out in the entire state to reach the welfare policies of the government to the people in Haryana state. In this series, Jan Ashirwad Rally is being held in Assandh Assembly of Karnal district on 25th August, today BJP District President Yogendra Rana held a meeting with the main workers engaged in the preparations of this rally. On this occasion, BJP District President Yogendra Rana gave information and said that Jan Ashirwad Rally will be organised in Assandh Anaj Mandi at 10:30 am on 25th August, in which apart from Haryana Chief Minister



Nayab Saini, other senior BJP leaders of the state will be present. In this meeting, all the senior workers were consulted and given proper guidelines for the success of 'Mhara Haryana Non Stop Haryana' Jan Ashirwad Rally and to make it grand. On this occasion, District President Yogendra Rana said that the election bugle has been sounded in the state and we have to work together showing unity to form the

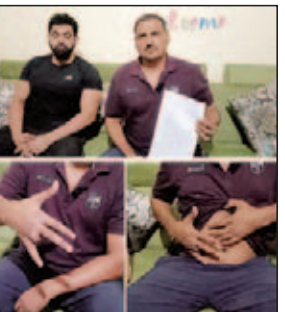
BJP government for the third time in the state. Referring to the public welfare works in Haryana, he said that in the last 9 and a half years, first the then Chief Minister Manohar Lal and now the current Chief Minister Nayab Saini have put Modi's Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas mantra on the ground. The government has tried to provide relief to every section. A lot of development work has been done in every district.

'BSF soldier who served for 24 years forced to struggle for justice'

JATINDERPAL SINGH KALER

NAWANSHAHR: We Indians sleep peacefully because of the troops deployed on the border. But when he comes home after retirement, he has to face a lot of problems. In a similar incident, Ashwani Kumar son of Jagannath, a resident of village Nawan village

Tapriya in tehsil Balachaur of district Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, has been struggling for justice for the last four months. Talking to reporters, Ashwani Kumar said that he has returned to his home after retiring from BSF about eight months ago. He has worked in this job for 12 years in Srinagar. A fight was going on for the last two years over a place in his neighborhood. He told that the deed of that place is in our name, not yet registered. On March 29, he had a fight with those neighbors, in which only his hand was worn and his elder brother Proshant Lal rescued him there. After that, when he was coming to Balachore for some work, some people stopped him on the way and beat him up and also hit him with a kirpan, due to which a cut became bigger on his right hand with a kirpan.



AAP is the third strong option in state: Anurag Dhanda



RAMAN GUPTA KAITHAL: Senior Vice President of Aam Aadmi Party Anurag Dhanda held a press conference in Kaithal on Sunday. Master Satbir Goyat was also present with him. During this time, BJP leader Kulwant Vyas joined Aam Aadmi Party along with his supporters. He was holding the post of Deputy President of BJP Yuva Morcha in Jind district. Anurag Dhanda said that the BJP government is continuously making false announcements. Despite imposition of code of conduct, BJP transferred 86 officers. BJP wants to remain in the elections by using Sama, Daam, Dand and Bheda. BJP not only betrayed 1 lakh 20 thousand youth. In fact, he also cheated 1500 assistant professors. He said that the recruitment of all assistant professors was done as per the rules. But, despite working for 12 years, he was not confirmed. BJP kept out of the plan to confirm all the posts with salary above Rs 50 thousand.

Buta Singh Chauhan's translated novel 'Bheed' released



KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA: Sahitya Charcha Manch Barnala released the translated novel 'Bheed' of versatile writer and member of the Governing Council of Indian Sahitya Academy Delhi, Buta Singh Chauhan, at the residence of famous novelist Ram Sarup Ankhi, Kacha College Road, Barnala. The function was conducted by Dr. Karanti Pal, Chairman of Modern Indian Languages, Aligarh Muslim University. He said that today the sale of translated literature in Punjabi on a large scale raises questions in front of Punjabi writers, which Punjabi writers should accept as a challenge to create their own literature. He said that it is a matter of happiness for me that Buta Singh Chauhan, who is close to my father Ram Sarup Ankhi, has released the third novel of famous Marathi writer Sharan Kumar Limbale. Earlier, Buta Singh Chauhan has also translated six books including four novels of Marathi writer Laxman Gaikwad into Punjabi. Buta Singh Chauhan said that casteism is still at its peak in Maharashtra. In the novel, a Dalit teacher is hanged on the basis of caste.

Rotary Chandigarh Midtown in association with Inner Wheel City Beautiful and District Rotract 3080 celebrates Raksha Bandhan



BUREAU CHANDIGARH: Rotary Chandigarh Midtown in association with Inner Wheel City Beautiful and District Rotract 3080 celebrated Raksha Bandhan with CRPF 13 Btallion, Sector 43, Chandigarh and having Mrs. Kamal Sisodia, Command Officer, as the Chief Guest must have made the occasion even more special. Such events are great for fostering community spirit and showing appreciation for the hard work and dedication of our armed forces.

By highlighting the importance of self-reliance and independence, Mrs. Kamal Sisodia is emphasizing that the values of Raksha Bandhan can extend beyond traditional roles and expectations. Encouraging women to be self-reliant and confident in their own abilities aligns with contemporary ideals of empowerment and gender equality.

Programme held under Nutrition Awareness Month



PREETI SAINI SADHAURA: On Saturday, a healthy baby show and healthy boy-girl competition was organised in Anganwadi Play School Sadhaura Mohalla Prem Nagar under Nutrition Awareness. Mothers of newborn children and other women participated enthusiastically in this programme. All the women present were explained about the grades of healthy children through the growth monitoring chart of the children and were told about nutritious food for the nutrition of children. The ward councilor honored the healthy children by giving them baby towels and other gifts and the pregnant women were also given baby showers and were told to eat tricolor food through a nutritious plate. During this, Anganwadi worker Saroj Bala explained in detail to all the women present about including coarse grains like millet, barley, sorghum, ragi, sprouted moong, sabut dal etc. in their food items and consuming them as much as possible.

Commissionerate Police solves multiple incidents of snatching



PARAMJIT SINGH JALANDHAR: Jalandhar Commissionerate Police led by Commissioner of Police Swapan Sharma on Sunday arrested a snatcher involved in multiple incidents of snatching. Divulging the details, the Commissioner of Police said that Police has arrested Gurpreet Singh alias Gopi, s/o Jeet Singh, r/o HNo 1/62 Kile Wala Mohalla Kapurthala, now residing at Village Jandiala, Police Station Banga, District Nawanshahar. He said that Gurpreet was one of the accused from the theft and snatching gang. Mr Swapan Sharma said that police recovered stolen gold Bali and the motorcycle used in the snatching. The Commissioner of Police said that a FIR No 183 dated 16-08-2024 u/s 304 (2) at BNS PS Ramamandi, Jalandhar, has been registered. He said that during the investigation, Gurpreet confessed to have conducted 20 to 25 incidents of snatching and also confessed to stealing one motorcycle and one Activa and sell to other.

Youth urged to embrace history of freedom fighters by SP Chauhan

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, AUG 18

In a recent address on the death anniversary of Subhas Chandra Bose, SP Chauhan, coordinator of the Navchetna Manch, honored the sacrifices of Indian martyrs and freedom fighters. Chauhan emphasized that the freedom enjoyed today is due to the sacrifices of leaders like Bose, Bhagat Singh, Chandrashekhar Azad, and others who endured immense hardships for India's independence.

Chauhan urged the younger generation to study the histories of these freedom fighters to understand the true value of freedom. He noted that young people, often engrossed in mobile and internet distractions, should look into the lives of these heroes to gain perspective and contribute meaningfully to the nation. During the event at Atal Park, Chauhan also highlighted the need for youth to stay away from various vices and distractions, urging them to align their lives with the ideals of the nation's true heroes. He encouraged young people to reflect on their contributions to the country rather than focusing solely on what the country has given them. Chauhan's message included a call to action for the youth to make significant contributions to the nation and honor the legacy of its freedom fighters. Chauhan, who is also the subject of the biographical film "SP Chauhan: The Struggling Man," expressed hope that the youth would be inspired by the sacrifices of past leaders to drive positive change in India.



18th Prabhat Pheri by Shri Radha Madhav Sankirtan Mandal reaches HUDDA R-4



KULBHUSHAN SHARMA GUHLA CHEEKA: The 18th Prabhat Pheri in the series organized by Shri Radha Madhav Sankirtan Mandal, Gaushala Cheeka Mandi, reached HUDDA R-4 today. The residents of the colony warmly welcomed the palanquin of Thakur Ji with flower petals. The Sankirtan began with Ravinder singing the Guru Stuti and Guru Vandana, "Satguru Main Teri Patang Hawa Vich Uddi Janwaangi." Following this, Shivam, Roshni, Pooja, Rajat Bindal, and Nisha Jindal presented beautiful and heartfelt expressions before Thakur Ji, which were attentively listened to by all the devotees. As Kamal Singla shared his devotional expression, the devotees became deeply immersed in the atmosphere, dancing joyously. The Prabhat Pheri continued with melodious bhajans, creating a spiritual ambiance. The President of the Gaushala honored the colony residents by presenting them with a sacred image of Thakur Ji. Among those present were the Gaushala President Darshan Lal, Pawan Mangal, Vinod Bhargava, Sushil Kumar, Ram Kumar Singal, Gaurav Jindal, Rajesh Jindal, Subhash Poonia, and all members of the HUDDA R-4 Welfare Society.

Congress leaders fighting for their own seats: Dhanpat Saini



NIRMAL SAINI RADAUR: The BJP government has accelerated development work since coming to power. The state BJP government has carried out development activities that benefit all sections of society equally. All the promises made to the public during the election campaign have been fulfilled during the BJP's tenure, said BJP leader and member of the District Public Relations and Grievance Redressal Committee, Dhanpat Saini, during his outreach campaign in the villages of Akbarpur, Jhagudi, Chhari, Thaska, and Alahar. Dhanpat Saini criticized the opposition, stating that they have lost their public support and that Congress leaders are more focused on fighting for their seats than addressing the people's concerns. He emphasized that the public has witnessed the performance of both BJP and Congress governments and now understands that the BJP is the true well-wisher of all sections of society. He expressed confidence that the BJP will form the government for the third consecutive time in the state, just as it has done at the center.

Australia to host England in one-off match in 2027 to mark 150 years of Test cricket

NEW DELHI : The historic Test match between Australia and England in 2027 will take place at the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG). The match will mark 150 years of Test cricket since it was first played between the two teams in March 1877. It follows the 1977 Centenary Test which Australia won, like the first-ever match, by 45 runs. Cricket Australia (CA) has also announced the allocation of hosting rights for various men's international Tests, ODIs, T20Is and other matches over the next seven summers, spanning from 2024-25 to 2030-31.

These arrangements are part of a series of strategic partnerships between CA and State and Territory Governments, designed to offer greater certainty for fans and communities while expanding cricket events nationwide, as per the ICC. As part of this arrangement, the MCG will maintain its tradition of hosting the annual Boxing Day Test, while the Sydney Cricket Ground will continue to stage the New Year's



match. The Adelaide Oval is set to host the "Christmas Test" each December starting from the 2025/26 season, featuring a mix of Day-Night and Day Tests. Meanwhile, Perth Stadium has secured the rights to host the first

Men's Test of the summer until the 2026/27 season. The chairman of Cricket Australia, Mike Baird asserted that it is hard to host the clash at the Brisbane Stadium because of its infrastructure.

"Quite a few players who have never beaten India in Test series": Australia's Josh Hazlewood

AGENCY CANBERRA : Josh Hazlewood, Australia's premium fast bowler, acknowledged that Australia's recent results against India have been a significant gap in their record.

The first Test of the series between Australia and India will be played at the Optus Stadium, Perth from November 22.

"There are quite a few players who have never beaten India in a Test series. It's quite astounding to say that," Hazlewood was quoted by ESPNcricinfo.

Australia is determined to resolve a decade of unfinished business in their pursuit of reclaiming the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. Australia has not held the Border-Gavaskar Trophy since the 2014-15 series, which they won 2-0. Since then, they have suffered consecutive series defeats to India on home soil.

"That's one we need to



tick off, definitely, in particular at home - we should pretty much win every series here at home," he added.

Notably, in the 2020-21 series, India famously rebounded from being bowled out for 36 in Adelaide to secure the series with remarkable victories at Melbourne Cricket Ground and Gabba, along with a gritty draw in Sydney.

Feels really good when Chief Minister supports and motivates you: Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen on meeting Dhami

Dehradun: After returning from the recently concluded Paris Olympics, ace Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen shared his experience after meeting the Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami at his residence on Sunday. Sen faced a narrow defeat in the bronze medal match, he made history by becoming the first Indian shuttler to reach the semi-finals in the men's singles event at the Olympics. The World No. 22 asserted that the Uttarakhand K CM has motivated him to do well at the recently concluded mar-quee event.

"I received a lot of support from everyone...I had breakfast with Uttarakhand CM. He always motivates me to perform well...As an athlete, it feels really good when the Chief Minister supports and motivates you", the 22-year-old player told ANI.



Talking about the mega event, India ended its campaign at the Paris Olympics with six medals including five bronze and a silver.

Manu Bhaker opened India's medal tally in the Olympics after she secured third place in the women's individual 10m Air pistol event, becoming the first-ever woman shooter to win an Olympic medal for India. Following that, Sarabjot Singh and Bhaker

lete from the Indian contingent after independence to get two medals in a single edition of the Paris Olympics.

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

Neeraj Chopra fell short of retaining his gold medal in the men's javelin throw at the Paris Olympics on Thursday, securing silver with a best throw of 89.45 meters.

Led by Harmanpreet Singh, the Indian men's hockey team won back-to-back bronze medals for the first time in 52 years at the Olympics following their 2-1 triumph over Spain.

Schedule announced for the ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2025

AGENCY DUBAI : The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced the match schedule on Sunday for the upcoming ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2025 in Malaysia.

Sixteen teams from around the world will take part in the 41-match event where the future stars of women's cricket will announce themselves over 15 days of competition from 18 January to 2 February 2025. Over and above these exciting matches will be 16 warm-up fixtures played from 13 to 16 January, in preparation for the main event, as per the ICC. The second edition of this exciting tournament comes on the back of a successful inauguration in South Africa in 2023 where India beat England by seven wickets in a thrilling final to be crowned the first-ever winners. It will also be the hosts, Malaysia's first appearance in the U19 Women's T20 World Cup as well as Samoa's first appearance in an ICC World Cup event.

The teams will be split into four Groups of four teams each.

Group A - India (A1), West Indies (A2), Sri Lanka (A3) and Malaysia (A4), playing at Bayuemas Oval in Selangor.

Group B - England (B1), Pakistan (B2), Ireland (B3) and USA (B4) playing at Dato' Dr.



Harjit Singh Johor Cricket Academy (JCA Oval), Johor.

Group C - New Zealand (C1), South Africa (C2), Africa's Qualifier (C3) and Samoa (C4) and playing at Borneo Cricket Ground, Sarawak.

Group D - Australia (D1), Bangladesh (D2), Asia's Qualifier (D3) and Scotland (D4) and playing at UKM YSD Oval in Selangor.

The excitement begins with a triple header on 18 January. In Johor, England takes on Ireland and Pakistan goes up against the USA in Group B. Samoa faces Africa's Qualifier, New Zealand goes up against South Africa in the Group C clashes at Sarawak, and Australia goes head-to-head

against Scotland and Bangladesh takes on Asia's Qualifier in Group D's fixtures at UKM YSD Oval in Selangor. Reigning champions, India will play West Indies on 19 January, with hosts Malaysia facing Sri Lanka earlier in the day at Bayuemas Oval.

The format will see teams progressing from the Group stages to enter the Super Six stage starting on 25 January, where two groups of six teams will compete to determine the semi-finalists and the subsequent finalists. If India qualifies for the semi-finals, they will play Semi-Final 2, which will take place on January 31, as per the ICC.

Fixtures: January 18: Australia v Scotland, 10:30 am, UKM YSD Oval

January 18: England v Ireland, 10:30 am, JCA Oval, Johor

January 18: Samoa v Africa Qualifier, 10:30 am, Sarawak Cricket Ground (SCG)

January 18: Bangladesh v Asia Qualifier, 2:30 pm, UKM YSD Oval

January 18: Pakistan v USA, 2:30 pm, JCA Oval, Johor

January 18: New Zealand v South Africa, 2:30 pm, Sarawak Cricket Ground (SCG)

January 19: Sri Lanka v Malaysia, 10:30 am, Bayuemas Oval

January, 19: India v West Indies, 2:30 pm, Bayuemas Oval

January 20: Australia v Bangladesh, 10:30 am, UKM YSD Oval

January 20: Ireland v USA, 10:30 am, JCA Oval, Johor

January 20: New Zealand v Africa Qualifier, 10:30 am, Sarawak Cricket Ground (SCG)

January 20: Scotland v Asia Qualifier, 2:30 pm, UKM YSD Oval

January 20: England v Pakistan, 2:30 pm, JCA Oval, Johor

January 20: South Africa v Samoa, 2:30 pm, Sarawak Cricket Ground (SCG)

January 21: West Indies v Sri Lanka, 10:30 am, Bayuemas Oval

January 21: India v Malaysia, 2:30 pm, Bayuemas Oval

January 22: Bangladesh v Scotland, 10:30 am, UKM YSD Oval

January 22: England v USA, 10:30 am, JCA Oval, Johor

January 22: New Zealand v Samoa, 10:30 am, Sarawak Cricket Ground (SCG)

January 22: Australia v Asia Qualifier, 2:30 pm, UKM YSD Oval

January 22: Pakistan v Ireland, 2:30 pm, JCA Oval, Johor

January 22: South Africa v Africa Qualifier, 2:30 pm, Sarawak Cricket Ground (SCG)

January 23: Malaysia v West Indies, 10:30 am, Bayuemas Oval

January 23: India v Sri Lanka, 2:30 pm, Bayuemas Oval

2:30 pm, Bayuemas Oval

January 24: B4 v C4, 10:30 am, JCA Oval, Johor

January 24: A4 v D4, 2:30 pm, JCA Oval, Johor

January 25: Super Six - B2 v C3, 10:30 am, UKM YSD Oval

January 25: Super Six - B1 v C2, 10:30 am, Sarawak Cricket Ground (SCG)

January 25: Super Six - A3 v D1, 2:30 pm, UKM YSD Oval

January 25: Super Six - C1 v B3, 2:30 pm, Sarawak Cricket Ground (SCG)

January 26: Super Six - A2 v D3, 10:30 am, Bayuemas Oval

January 26: Super Six - A1 v D2, 2:30 pm, Bayuemas Oval

January 27: Super Six - B1 v C3, 10:30 am, Sarawak Cricket Ground (SCG)

January 28: Super Six - A3 v D2, 10:30 am, Bayuemas Oval

January 28: Super Six - C1 v B2, 10:30 am, Sarawak Cricket Ground (SCG)

January 28: Super Six - A1 v D3, 2:30 pm, Bayuemas Oval

January 29: Super Six - C2 v B3, 10:30 am, UKM YSD Oval

January 29: Super Six - A2 v D1, 2:30 pm, UKM YSD Oval

January 31: Semi-Final 1, 10:30 am, Bayuemas Oval

January 31: Semi-Final 2, 2:30 pm, Bayuemas Oval

February 2: Final, 2:30 pm, Bayuemas Oval.



"Trust your abilities and work hard": Ishant Sharma's message to Purani Dilli 6 youngsters

NEW DELHI : Purani Dilli 6 pacer Ishant Sharma believes working hard and having trust in your abilities will help young players excel in the shortest format of the game. The veteran pacer said is a part of Purani Dilli 6 squad for the ongoing inaugural edition of the Delhi Premier League (DPL). The first edition of DPL got underway on Saturday at Shri Arun Jaitley Stadium in New Delhi. Purani Dilli 6 locked horns with South Delhi Superstarz in their opening match of the Delhi Premier League. Though the Rishabh Pant-led side had to face a defeat but Ishant Sharma was optimistic about Purani Dilli 6 journey for the upcoming games.

"I'm very excited for Delhi Premier League. The League is happening first time in Delhi. My message for young players is to keep working hard and believe in your abilities, this format might be cruel but if trust your abilities and work hard you can do wonders in any format," Ishant Sharma as quoted by a Purani Dilli 6 release.

Ishant Sharma is excited to play alongside Rishabh Pant and other players of the Purani Dilli 6 squad. Having spearheaded India's pace attack, Ishant will be looking to do the same for Purani Dilli 6.

"I have been playing alongside Rishabh for so long, so playing with him is always a pleasure for me," said Ishant.

Coming to the game, Purani Dilli 6 suffered a heartbreaking defeat at the hands of South Delhi Superstarz. The Rishabh Pant-led side made a remarkable comeback in the second half of the second innings before losing the opening match of the League.

Ahead of the start of the opening match on Saturday, the Delhi & District Cricket Association (DDCA), honoured Purani Dilli 6 batter Rishabh Pant for his contribution to ICC T20 World Cup 2024 triumph.

Purani Dilli 6 will next play against East Delhi Riders on Tuesday. Their third match will be played on Wednesday against West Delhi Lions here at the Arun Jaitley Stadium, the release added.

Purani Dilli 6 squad: Lalit Yadav, Ishant Sharma, Arpit Rana, Shivam Sharma, Prince Yadav, Rishabh Pant, Mayank Gusain, Sanat Sangwan, Ankit Bhadana, Yug Gupta, Keshav Dalal, Ayush Singh, Kush Nagpal, Sumit Chhikara, Arnab Bugga, Vansh Bedi, Manjeet, Yash Bhardwaj, Sambhav Sharma, Laxman. (ANI)

Shindo Kai Kan karate Federation of India to Participate in WKC World karate Championship in UK



Mohali : Shindo Kai Kan karate Federation of India is all set to participate in WKC World karate Championship scheduled for September 2024 in United kingdom. 4 players of the federation Jaskarandeep Singh, Navjot Singh, Jobanpreet Singh and Harwinder Singh will be representing the country under the supervision of team coach Manpreet Singh Samra. All the members of the Federation exte ded their best wishes to the contingent. The Sports Kits for all the team members have been given by the federation. Expressing confidence in the team, President Mr. Madan Lal said, " We are hopeful that our students will shine at the competition and will keep the country flag high!"



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Big B, Deepika Padukone's 'Kalki 2898' to kick-start its digital journey

After a successful theatrical run, 'Kalki 2898 AD' is now all set to be released on OTT platforms. Interestingly, the film will be out on both Netflix and Prime Video. 'Kalki 2898 AD' will be released on Prime Video in the Telugu language with dubs in Tamil, Kannada and Malayalam. On the other hand, the film will be available to watch on Netflix in Hindi language. The makers have set August 22 as the OTT release date for the film. Set in a post-apocalyptic world in 2898 AD where nature has vanished and darkness prevails, 'Kalki 2898 AD' marks the first instalment in the Kalki Cinematic Universe. The film follows the journey of Bhairava, a bounty hunter, as he navigates this dystopian future. Amitabh Bachchan, Deepika Padukone, Prabhas, Kamal Haasan and Disha Patani feature in the film. Speaking about the OTT release, director Nag Ashwin shared, "Bringing Kalki 2898 AD (Hindi) to Netflix allows us to share this story with a global audience. It's a film that delves deep into the themes of hope, destiny, and the eternal struggle between good and evil."

Kareena gives a glimpse of her night date with "apple pie"

Actor Kareena Kapoor Khan and her love for food are unparalleled. She always shares how much she loves to gorge on delicious food, especially desserts. On Saturday, she once again flaunted her love for "mitha." Taking to Instagram Story, she posted a picture of a plate filled with apple pie. "My Saturday night date with apple pie (red heart emoji)," she captioned the post. Meanwhile, on the work front, Kareena

will be seen in ace director Meghna Gulzar's new film 'Daayra'. She also has Rohit Shetty's 'Singham Again'. 'Singham Again' also stars Ajay Devgn, Arjun Kapoor, Deepika Padukone, Akshay Kumar, Tiger Shroff, and Ranveer Singh in the lead roles. It is the third installment of the super-hit franchise. 'Singham' was released in 2011, starring Ajay Devgn, Kajal Aggarwal, and Prakash Raj in lead roles, followed by 'Singham Returns' in 2014.

She also has Hansal Mehta's 'The Buckingham Murders' in the pipeline. The film is written by Aseem Arrora, Kashyap Kapoor, and Raghav Raj Kakker. It is produced by Balaji Telefilms and TBM Films alongside Shobha Kapoor, Ekta R Kapoor, and Kareena Kapoor Khan. With this film, Kareena is making her debut as a producer. Earlier this year she was seen sharing screen space with Tabu and Kriti Sanon in 'Crew'.

National Award winner Rishab Shetty gets warm welcome at home



Rishab Shetty's wife, Pragathi Shetty, along with their children, welcomed the actor in a traditional way after he won the prestigious National Award for Best Actor for Kantara. On Saturday, Pragathi took to Instagram and dropped a video in which she can be seen welcoming Rishab home with aarti. She also penned a heartfelt post for Rishab. "Over the moon with pride! His dedication and Passion for Cinema has been honoured with a National Award. The hard work, late nights, and Sacrifices have truly paid off. @rishabshettyofficial #ProudWife #70th NationalAward" Written and directed by Shetty, 'Kantara' became a pan-India hit in 2022. On receiving National Award for the film, he told ANI, "This has been possible because of my entire team. I am just the

face of the film, it is all because of their hard work. The production house, the DOP, the technicians, it is all because of them," Shetty told ANI. He also expressed gratitude towards his fans and said, "I want to thank the people of Karnataka. I want to thank the National Awards panel for recognising this film. The people have made this film a hit, I am very happy. I want to dedicate this win to the people of Karnataka." Set in the fictional village of Dakshina Kannada, 'Kantara' follows the character of Shetty, who essays the character of a Kambala champion, who has a faceoff with an upright Forest Range officer. Kantara also won the 'Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment' award. Rishab is now working to bring a divine experience like never before with the highly anticipated 'Kantara Chapter 1'.

Fatima Sana Shaikh flaunts her love for nature

Actor Fatima Sana Shaikh loves to be surrounded by greenery. Her latest photo dump from her vacation in Amsterdam is proof of this fact. On Saturday, Fatima took to Instagram and shared a few pictures from her chilling session at one of the gardens in Amsterdam. Take a look at her happiness. She is surely a nature lover. "Spent every day of my holiday chilling, sleeping, lazying around in the garden. Agar kabhi mujhe dhoondna ho, toh kisi bageeche ke kone mein main zaroor milungi," she captioned the post. Meanwhile, on the work front, Fatima will be seen sharing screen space with Ali Fazal in Anurag Basu's directorial 'Metro In Dino'. The anthology film also stars Aditya Roy Kapur, Sara Ali Khan, Anupam Kher, Neena Gupta, Pankaj Tripathi, and Konkona Sen Sharma in lead roles. Originally, the film was slated to hit theatres on March 29 this year. It will now hit the theatres on November 29. 'Metro...In Dino', a film that apparently draws its title from the popular song 'In Dino' from 'Life in a... Metro', will showcase bittersweet tales of human relationships based on contemporary times. Sharing more details about the film, Basu had earlier said, "Metro In Dino is a tale of the people and for the people! It has been a while since I am working on this one and I am glad to be collaborating with a powerhouse like Bhushan Kumar yet again who has always been like a pillar to me!" "The storyline is very fresh and relevant as I look forward to collaborating with amazing artists who bring that essence of contemporary aura with them. As music plays a very important role in any film, I couldn't be happier to be collaborating with my dear friend Pritam who has literally added life to the characters and story with his work," he added. Basu is known for his films like 'Barfi', 'Life In a Metro', 'Ludo', and 'Jagga Jasoos'.



Rakshabandhan Special: COLORS' actors share the tales of their ties with their siblings



CHANDIGARH: Tanvi Dogra, who plays Neeti in COLORS' 'Parineeti', shares how her brother Rohan is the most important person in her life. Despite their fights over Rakshabandhan gifts, she cherishes every moment with him and remains his biggest cheerleader. Namish Taneja, portraying Raghav in 'Mishri,' emphasizes the significance of Rakshabandhan, noting the unspoken bond with his sister who always supports him. Shagun Pandey, who plays Veer in 'Mera Balam Thanedaar', fondly recalls his close bond with his younger sister, despite being apart, and how they express love through small gestures. Neil Bhatt, starring as Arjun in 'Megha Barsenge,' reflects on his traditional Rakshabandhan celebration with his sister Shikha, who, despite the distance, remains a pillar of support. Deepika Singh, who plays Mangal in 'Mangal Lakshmi,' speaks of her brother as the light of her life, highlighting their bond and pride in each other's growth. Stay tuned to COLORS for more updates! Tanvi Dogra playing the role of Neeti in COLORS' 'Parineeti' says, "From the moment I held Rohan's tiny hand, I knew he'd be the most important person in my life. I've picked up so many wonderful things from our time together. Namish Taneja essaying the role of Raghav in COLORS' 'Mishri' says, "Rakshabandhan is a day I always make sure to be home for, no matter what. Our family celebrates this festival with a lot of fanfare. All the members gather in the morning and offer prayers to Matarani, and then all the cousins eat together. My sister and I never express our love for each other, but we have each other's backs. Shagun Pandey essaying the role of Veer in COLORS' 'Mera Balam Thanedaar' says, "I have a younger sister with whom I share an incredibly close bond. Even though we're in different places, she always seems to know when I'm feeling down, without me having to say a word. Rakshabandhan brings back memories—my mom would try to wake us up early. Neil Bhatt essaying the role of Arjun in COLORS' 'Megha Barsenge' says, "We celebrate Rakshabandhan in a very simple, traditional way at home. My younger sister, Shikha, ties a rakhi to my wrist, performs aarti, and we sweeten the moment with treats. However, things are bit different now. I will miss Shikha dearly as she won't be here for the celebration. Deepika Singh essaying the role of Mangal in COLORS' 'Mangal Lakshmi' says, "Being an elder sister, my brother is the light of my life, yet we fight with each other a lot. We love each other too and are there in each other's low. I have witnessed him growing up. The first time he watched Mangal Lakshmi, he said that Mangal is my onscreen alter ego."

Actors and their Special Raksha Bandhan Plans!

CHANDIGARH: Raksha Bandhan, symbolizing the cherished bond between siblings, is celebrated with great enthusiasm. &TV actresses share their plans for this year. Tejaswini Singh, playing Beema in &TV's Beema, will celebrate virtually, sending a Spider-Man Rakhi for her brother in Jaipur. Neha Joshi, aka Krishna Devi Vajpayee in Atal, looks forward to a grand celebration with her family, having already picked out a special gift for her brother. Himani Shivpuri, Katori Amma in Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, will join her family virtually but plans to visit later to celebrate in person. Vidisha Srivastava, Anita Bhabhi in Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai, will tie a Rakhi on her brother's wrist, followed by a home-made sweets session and a family dinner. Don't miss your favorite artists in Atal at 8:00 pm, Beema at 8:30 pm, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan at 10:00 pm, and Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai at 10:30 pm, airing Monday to Friday only on &TV!



Friends Adult Diapers Celebrates 25 Years of Providing Freedom and Comfort with their 'Azadi Mubarak' Initiative



CHANDIGARH: Friends Adult Diapers, India's No 1 Adult Diaper brand, is proud to announce the launch of their annual "Azadi Week celebrations" in conjunction with their Silver Jubilee anniversary. This year marks a significant milestone as the incontinence products category creator celebrates 25 years of commitment to providing comfort, protection, and freedom to its users in India and abroad. The brand has indeed come a long way from its founder being turned away by chemists on stocking visits in 1999 to now being available 1 lakh chemists and 2 lakh general stores across the country. Friends is celebrating its silver jubilee anniversary with a mega MRP slash offer on its highest selling products. The campaign hopes to battle two of the biggest barriers to the usage of adult diapers—stigma against incontinence, and a common perception that adult diapers are very expensive. "Thus, to mark our 25th Year we are taking stigma head on by proudly wearing, showing, and talking about diapers, as always. And to make the product more accessible to several more millions, we have nearly halved the prices," said Kartik Johari, Vice President of Marketing and Commerce at Friend's parent company Nobel Hygiene. Celebrations coincide with the brand's 4th annual Azadi Week, a testament to their 25-year commitment to destigmatising adult diapers in India. During Azadi Week, alongside regular campaigns on mainstream media, Friends' 800+ member, pan-India, sales team engages in a series of awareness and educational activities such as bike rallies, free diabetes-testing camps, hospital and old-age home visits, etc. Every member of the Friends Diaper sales team also wears the diaper themselves as they go about their day, pulling up the corner of their shirt to proudly reveal this product to customers and retailers. This year, the 100+ members of Friends' head office also joined the celebrations, sporting diapers to work on Diaper Day, Aug 7.

From Drama to Dream Come True: Akriti and Jashwanth Rule MTV Splitsvilla X5!

CHANDIGARH : India's biggest dating reality television show, MTV Splitsvilla X5: ExSqueeze Me Please just concluded its wildest season yet! The fiery clash of ExSqueezes topped with Uorfi as a full-time Mischief Maker, made this season explosive! The ma-saledaar 15th season, co-powered by NEWME and Fixderma Shadow Sun Protection, and Wild Stone Deos and Perfumes, culminated in an epic finale with Jashwanth and Akriti emerging victorious as the winning couple of MTV Splitsvilla X5: ExSqueeze Me Please! Akriti and Jashwanth, this season's Ideal Match, proved that true love will triumph over all challenges, standing for the essence of India's most beloved dating reality show. #JashKriti has won the hearts of millions of fans with their cute moments and unfaltering love for each other, as they powered through highs and lows of their journey on the show! Ecstatic about the win, Akriti Negi said "I can't describe my happiness! This journey was a rollercoaster of emotions. Winning MTV Splitsvilla X5: Ex-



Squeeze Me Please with my partner, Jashwanth is extremely special for me. It was truly challenging against such strong contenders but we stuck together through

it all – the winning title is more important to us than any other distractions that came in between, and we've proved it! Jashwanth Bopanna added,

"Winning the title of India's OG dating reality show is an extremely proud moment for me. Especially when I was so close to claiming the title in both my pre-

vious reality shows. But this proves hard work never goes unnoticed. I am beyond thrilled to conquer the winning title of MTV Splitsvilla X5: ExSqueeze Me Please with my true connection, Akriti. We climbed up the ranks against 30 strong contestants and we silenced all those who criticized us. I want to thank fans for their incredible support throughout the season!" Our dashing King of Hearts, Tanuj Virwani said, "This was my first season co-hosting with Sunny on MTV Splitsvilla and what a ride it's been. The contestants are all driven and focused, whether it is to find their ideal match or to win the game. I want to congratulate Jashwanth and Akriti, they have really stood out as a couple." Queen of Hearts Sunny Leone said, "Having witnessed the journeys of many contestants through all seasons of MTV Splitsvilla, Akriti and Jashwanth stood out for me this season. They truly deserve this victory. They played well, found love, and made it to the finish line. I wish them luck, and hope they continue to shine together."

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