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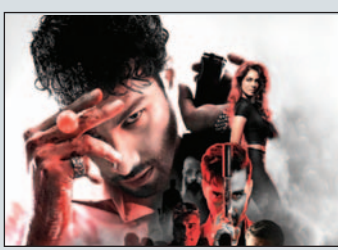


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**Court asks Omar Abdullah, his estranged wife to go for mediation**

**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court on Friday asked former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and his estranged wife to appear before the top court mediation centre at the top court in regard to settlement between the parties. The matter was listed before the bench of Justices Sudhanshu Dhulia and Ansauddin Amanullah. Let the party work out for mediation, the top court said and asked the party to appear before the apex court mediation centre. Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal appeared for Omar Abdullah while Senior Advocate Shyam Diwan appeared for his estranged wife and both of them suggested for mediation. The top court said that an attempt can be taken for a settlement though it understands some marriages are not fixable.

**SAD sends legal notice to CBFC seeking to stop release of movie 'Emergency'**

**NEW DELHI:** Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) here has sent a legal notice to the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) seeking to prevent the release of Kangana Ranaut's upcoming film 'Emergency', claiming it may "incite communal tensions" and "spread misinformation". It alleged the trailer of the film depicted "erroneous historical facts that not only misrepresent the Sikh community but also promote hatred and social discord." "Such depictions are not only misleading but also deeply offensive and damaging to the social fabric of Punjab and the entire nation. It is apparent that Ranaut has chosen the subject of the Emergency not to make a genuine political or historical statement against Congress, but rather to target the Sikh community," the notice sent on August 27 claimed.

**GDP grows by 6.7% in April-June**

**NEW DELHI:** India's gross domestic product slowed to a quarter low of 6.7 per cent in April-June this fiscal against 8.2 per cent in the year-ago period, mainly due to poor showing by the farm sector, shows government data. Growth in Asia's third-largest economy had been well above 7 per cent during previous quarters.

**I bow my head and apologise : PM on Shivaji statue collapse**

**AGENCY PALGHAR, AUG 30**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said he bow his head and apologise to the people of Maharashtra who were hurt by the collapse of the Shivaji statue at Sindhudurg.

While addressing a gathering at Malvan in Maharashtra's Palghar district, the Prime Minister also criticised the opposition for not being apologetic as he extended his apologies for the incident.

"Those who consider Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj as their deity and have been deeply hurt, I bow my head and apologise to them. Our values are different. For us, nothing is bigger than our deity," PM Modi said.

A 35-foot-tall statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in the state's Sindhudurg district collapsed on August 26.

The Prime Minister further targeted the opposition for "insulting and abusing the son of the land" Veer Savarkar while adding that his "values" are different.

"Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj is not just a name for us. Today I bow my head and apologise to my God Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. Our values are different, we are not those people who keep abusing and insulting the great son of Mother India, the son of this land, Veer Savarkar. They are not ready to apologize, they are ready to go to the courts and fight," he added.

PM Modi earlier laid the foundation stone of Vadhvan Port in Palghar, Maharashtra. The total cost of this project is around Rs 76,000 crores. He also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 218 fisheries projects worth around Rs 1,560 crores during the event.



**Govt taking various measures at policy level to help fintech sector: Modi**

**MUMBAI :** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the government is taking various measures at the policy level to promote the fintech sector, which attracted over USD 31 billion investments in the last 10 years, and the abolition of the Angel Tax is also a step towards the growth of the segment.

Addressing the Global Fintech Fest 2024 here, the Prime Minister also asked the regulators to take more measures to stop cyber frauds and further increase digital literacy among people.

"Fintech has played a significant role in democratising financial services," he said, and expressed confidence that it will help in improving the quality of life for Indians.

Modi emphasised that adoption of fintech by Indians is "unmatched in speed and scale" and no such example can be found anywhere else in the world.

He said the transformation brought about by the fintech sector in India is not just limited to technology, but its social impact is far-reaching.

He also stressed that fintech has denied the parallel economy and is bridging the gap between villages and cities on the financial services front.

The Prime Minister also said that in the last 10 years, the fintech space has attracted investments of more than USD 31 billion and fintech startups have grown by 500 per cent.

**Punjab to bring policy for skill development in aerospace & defence sector, says Aman Arora**



**SUMER GARG CHANDIGARH, AUG 30:**

With an aim to make the state a leader in the defence industry and create a conducive environment for long-term growth and sustainability, Punjab Government will bring a comprehensive policy for skill development in the Aerospace & Defence (A&D).

Punjab Employment Generation, Skill Development and Training Minister Mr. Aman Arora disclosed this while addressing a Conclave on Skill Development for the Aerospace & Defence (A&D) and MSME Sector organized by the Centre for Training and Employment of Punjab Youth (C-PYTE) with the help of ASSOCHAM Northern Region, here on Friday.

Mr. Aman Arora directed the Principal Secretary Employment Generation, Skill Development and Training Mrs. Jaspreet Talwar and Director General C-PYTE Major General Rambir Mann to form a group of all stakeholders to draft a policy for skill development within the Aerospace & Defence (A&D) and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sectors. He said that most private industry jobs in aerospace are in civil aviation, general aviation, military aircraft and missiles, communication satellites and military and commercial launch vehicles. The state's upcoming policy would exploit these sectors to provide maximum job opportunities for youth of the state.

**Curtain down on Vistara as its operations merge with Air India on Nov 12**

**AGENCY NEW DELHI, AUG 30**

Vistara operations would be merged with Air India from November 12, 2024 further consolidating Tata group's position in Indian skies.

"Starting 03 September 2024, customers will, progressively, no longer be able to make bookings with Vistara for travel on or after 12 November 2024. All Vistara aircraft thereafter will be operated by Air India and bookings for the routes operated by these aircraft will be redirected to Air India's website," Vistara said in a statement on Friday.

Vistara will continue to take bookings and operate flights as usual till November 11, 2024.

TATA SIA Airlines Limited, known by the brand name Vistara, is a 51:49 joint venture between Tata Sons Private Limited and Singapore Airlines Limited (SIA). Vistara commenced its commercial operations on 9 January 2015.

Tata Sons, via its fully owned subsidiary, Talace Private Ltd had acquired 100% stake in Air India on 27th January 2022.

Tata group had in November 2022 announced merger of Vistara and Air India. As part of the merger deal, Sin-



gapore Airlines was required to invest Rs 2,059 crore in Air India following which it will hold 25.1% stake in Air India.

Vistara's announcement to shift its operation to Air India has come days after the Union Cabinet cleared

the foreign direct investment (FDI) by Singapore Airlines into Air India.

"The FDI approval, together with anti-trust and merger control clearances and approvals, as well as other governmental and regulatory approvals received to-date, represent a significant development

towards the completion of the proposed merger," Singapore Airlines had said in filing to Singapore Stock Exchange today. It further said, "At this juncture, completion of the proposed merger is anticipated to occur by the end of 2024.

**SC to organise two-day national conference of district judiciary**

**AGENCY NEW DELHI, AUG 30**

The Supreme Court of India will organise a two-day National Conference of the District Judiciary on August 31 and September 1, 2024, which will be attended by more than 800 participants from the district judiciary of all States and Union Territories.

The conference will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Bharat Mandapam, who will also be releasing a coin and postal stamp to commemorate 75 years of the establishment of the Supreme Court.

The inaugural function will also be attended

by Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State for Law and Justice, among other dignitaries. President Draupadi Murmu will be delivering the valedictory address on September 1 and will also unveil the flag and insignia of the Supreme Court. Under the guidance of the Chief Justice of India, DY Chandrachud, the National Conference on the District Judiciary will include six sessions to be hosted over a span of two days, which will be attended by more than 800 participants from the district judiciary across the country. The session on "Infrastructure and Human Resources" aims to explore ways to enhance the infrastructure and human capital for the district judiciary, stated the press statement issued by the Supreme Court.

**350 sanitation workers reach Vadodara to clean flood-affected areas**

**AGENCY VADODARA, AUG 30**

As six columns of the Indian Army are conducting rescue operations in the worst-affected areas as the flood-like situation continues, an additional team of 350 sanitation workers from Surat reached Vadodara to clean the affected areas after flood.

The in-charge Executive Engineer, Surat Municipal Corporation, Mahesh Rathod said, "We have been working here for the last 2 days. We have 350 sanitation workers here. We clean the dirt from the affected areas. When we came here, we surveyed to find out where to start the work from..."

When asked about the challenges they faced Rathod said, "As we reached here first we surveyed the roads as from where the work to be started, and as we have prior experience working with Surat Municipal Corporation we worked on the basis."

Notably, six columns of the Indian Army are conducting rescue operations in the worst-affected areas as the flood-like situation continues in parts of the state due to incessant rainfall. The Army has been de-

ployed to support the ongoing relief efforts.

"In response to the severe flooding in multiple districts, the Indian Army has swiftly mobilised its resources to support the ongoing relief efforts. Following a request from the Gujarat State Government, six columns of the Indian Army are undertaking rescue operations to the worst-affected areas to provide immediate Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADRR)," the Army said in a statement on Thursday.

Earlier, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had a telephonic conversation with him on Thursday morning where he enquired about the flood situation and relief measures for the affected people.

In a post on X, CM Patel said that the PM guided him on matters including restoring public life quickly. "As it has been raining heavily for the last three days across Gujarat, Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji once again had a telephonic conversation with me this morning to get information about the situation. He learned about the relief measures for the affected people of various districts of the state.

**Paralympics: Avani clinches gold, Mona bags bronze medal in 10m air rifle**

**AGENCY PARIS, AUG 30**

Reigning Paralympic champion, Avani Lekhara maintained her streak and struck gold in the women's 10m air rifle final at the ongoing Paris Paralympics on Friday. Shooter Mona Agarwal bagged the bronze medal at the same event.

India started off the Paris Paralympics on a marvellous note after bagging two medals in the women's 10m air rifle event. From



the start of the final, the two Indians were in the top three places, eying for the gold. However, it was Avani who secured the top spot in the women's 10m air rifle final event.

Lekhara dominated the final of the women's 10m air rifle and secured the top place with 249.7 points, which is also her personal best.

South Korea's Yunri Lee won the silver medal after finishing in second place with a points of 246.8.

Meanwhile, India's Mona bagged the bronze medal with a total

points of 228.7 and ended in third place. Earlier in the day, while Mona finished the qualification round with a score of 623.1 and took the fifth spot, Avani took the second spot and finished with a score of 625.8.

Ukraine shooter Iryna Shchetnik, who holds the qualification world record, broke the Paralympic qualification record finishing with a score of 627.5. He bettered the previous mark of 626.0 set by China's Zhang Cuiping in Tokyo.







Offline applications at govt ITI Sadhaura to start from today



**PRITI SAINI SADHAURA:** Under the instructions of the Department of Skill Development and Industrial Training, Haryana, Panchkula, applications are invited for of-line admission at the institute level for the session 2024-25 in the Government Industrial Training Institute Sadhaura. During this period, any interested candidate who has registered earlier or registers immediately, can submit his merit card at the institute till 31st August 2024 at 12:30 pm every day. After this, the combined merit list of all the offline applications received at the institute level is prepared at the institute level and in the afternoon, after checking the documents related to educational qualification for the vacant admission seats in the institute, admission is done on the spot in various trades. After this, the admitted candidate confirms the fees online.

## Yogeshwar Dutt expresses willingness to contest Assembly elections

AGENCY  
NEW DELHI, AUG 30

BJP leader and Olympic Medal winning wrestler Yogeshwar Dutt expressed his willingness to contest the upcoming Haryana Assembly elections from the Gohana Assembly Constituency on Friday.

"I have expressed my wish to contest elections to the Chief Minister and the central leadership. I am a sportsperson, and an Olympic medallist, and I have contested elections from BJP earlier also, so I want to get a chance", said Dutt while speaking to Journalists.

He further added that he wants to contest from the Gohana assembly constituency and he has told the same to the leadership. "Now it is the time for elections, so I want to get a chance to contest from Gohana. I can't be certain about the future, but I have expressed my willingness, and I have told the leadership that I want to contest.", he added.

Yogeshwar Dutt, who won an Olympic Medal in the 2012 Olympics was defeated by Congress nominee Indu Raj Narwal in a bypoll for the Assembly seat of Baroda in 2020. Dutt also lost the seat in 2019 to the Congress's three-time winner Krishan Hooda.

The BJP Central Election Committee



(CEC) held a crucial meeting on Thursday to discuss the upcoming Haryana Assembly elections. During the meeting, which was chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, discussions were held on all 90 assembly seats in the state. Out of these, candidates for 55 seats have been finalised.

The final decision on the remaining 35 seats will be made in a follow-up meeting today between the Haryana core committee and the BJP President. The party has decided to roll out the candidate names in

phases as the election preparations intensify.

The meeting, which took place at the BJP headquarters, was attended by key leaders including BJP National President JP Nadda, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Satya Narayan Jatia, Iqbal Singh Lalpura, K. Laxman, Nayab Singh Saini, Sudha Yadav, Vanathi Srinivasan, Anil Vij, Bhupender Yadav, Biplab Deb, Satish Poonia, Surendra Nagar, and Dharmendra Pradhan.

## All-round development took place under CM Saini: Kabirpanthi



KAMAL SHARMA  
TARAORI, AUGUST 30

Senior BJP leader and former MLA of the constituency Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi said that people of every class have benefited under the leadership of Chief Minister Nayab Saini. People of 36 communities are taking advantage of the schemes being run by the state government. He said that the Bharatiya Janata Party government will be formed for the third time in Haryana and the lotus flower will bloom in every assembly constituency. Kabirpanthi was talking to journalists at the BJP office located at Taraori Grain Market.

Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi said that Jan Ashirwad Rally will be held at Taraori

Grain Market on September 3 at around 10 am in which Haryana's Chief Minister Nayab Saini will participate as the chief guest. Former MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi assigned responsibilities to the workers to make the Jan Ashirwad Rally a success. Former MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi said that the Jan Ashirwad Rally will be held on 3 September at Taraori Grain Market. In which people from every village, city and area of Nilokheri constituency will participate and listen to the views of Chief Minister Nayab Saini. He appealed to the people of the constituency to attend this rally. Shivnath Kapoor, Rakesh Garg, Devendra Kamra, Ranjeet Bhardwaj, Rajesh Chhabra, Sanjay Sain, Randeep Chaudhary were present in the meeting.

## National Lok Adalat in District Court on September 14

JAGBIR UPLANA  
KARNAL, AUGUST 30

Under the guidance of District and Sessions Judge and Chairman of District Legal Services Authority Chandrashekar, National Lok Adalat will be organised in all the courts of District Court on 14th September.

ber 2024. This information was given by Chief Judicial Magistrate and Secretary of District Legal Services Authority Iram Hasan. He told that in the National Lok Adalat, the cases pending in the court can be settled by mutual agreement. For the cases of pre-litigation stage, National Lok

Adalat will be held in Permanent Lok Adalat on 13th September 2024, in which the cases will be settled at the pre-litigation stage. He urged the general public to save money and time by settling their cases through Lok Adalat and promote the spirit of mutual brotherhood.

## Talent show is platform to enhance talent of students: Dr. Jain

RAHUL KOHLI  
YAMUNANAGAR, AUG 30

When the students danced to the song Daikhiya Tainu Pehli Bar Ve in the talent show organised in the auditorium of DAV Girls College, the auditorium echoed with thunderous applause. Apart from dance, the students displayed their talent by participating in speech, poetry recitation, singing, musical instruments, painting and quiz. College Principal Dr. Meenu Jain presided over the program. Music department Head Dr. Neeta Dwivedi and Punjabi Department Head Dr. Gursharan Kaur played the role of coordinator. The winning participants were honored by giving prizes.

Dr. Jain said that the main objective of the talent show is to provide a platform to the students to enhance their talent. In the college, attention is given to the all-round development of the students. This is the reason that

apart from academics, the students are bringing laurels to the college in sports and cultural fields. There is a lot of talent among the students. The way they have displayed their art



through the stage is commendable. They expressed their gratitude to all the judges for whom giving a decision after seeing so many talents was no less than a challenge. Yachika performed Jo Hai Albela, Bhavika per-

formed Ghoomar, Shruti, Anushka, Parnika and Sneha performed dance on Shikhar Dopahar Vich Chaldi Hai Pankhiya and Pranika performed on Deewani Mastani Ho

## No development done under BJP govt: Batra

RAHUL KOHLI  
YAMUNANAGAR, AUG 30

No teachers in schools, no doctors in hospitals. This is the development of the BJP government, said Chairman of the Zila Parishad and senior leader of the District Congress Shyam Sundar Batra on Friday, who was addressing a press conference in his office in Yamuna Nagar regarding the preparations for the Jan Sandesh Yatra to be held in Chhachhrauli Grain Market of Jagadhari Assembly on the evening of 31 August. He said that Congress MP Kumari Shelaja is reaching this programme and more than 20 thousand people are expected to reach. He said that Shailaja was an MP from Ambala Lok Sabha constituency for ten years and during this time, the Congress built three power houses, Hathni-



kund Barrage, ITI, Nursing College in Jagadhri Assembly constituency.

He said that the common people of Twin City are troubled due to cleanliness, lanes, drains and roads in the Municipal Corporation. He said that before 2005, the price of sugarcane was given as 87 rupees in the BJP government. Whereas our government gave the price of sugarcane as

320 rupees in 10 years and increased it by 233 rupees. In 10 years of BJP, the price was given as 385 rupees. The price of cumin increased by 126 per cent in our government.

On the question of Chief Minister, he said that when 41 applications have come from Yamunanagar for the post of an MLA, then why can't four applications come for the post of Chief Minister.

## Mobile medical unit provides health services to people



DALBIR MALIK

**KURUKSHETRA:** The medical van launched by MP Naveen Jindal with the objective of providing better health services to the people of the parliamentary constituency reached village Kamoda on Friday. During this, 67 people were checked up and given free medicines. The team also conducted tests of 16 people. After which they were given proper advice. Dharambir Singh, in-charge of the MP office, said that medical vans are being sent to every village by MP Naveen Jindal to provide health services to people at their doorsteps. This service was run by him through personal efforts even in the previous ten years while he was an MP. In the medical van, people are given medicines after examining every disease by a team of experienced doctors. He said that instructions have been given by the MP to keep special focus on education and health. Work is being done accordingly.

## Congress Sandesh Yatra to get historic welcome: Gurjar

RAJNI SONI

**YAMUNANAGAR:** Congress Sandesh Yatra will get a historic welcome at Chhachhrauli grain market. All India Congress Committee General Secretary and MP Shelja will reach Chhachhrauli on August 31 at 4 pm. The public meeting is being organised by former minister Chaudhary Akram Khan, who was a candidate in the past. State media coordinator of Congress Sandesh Yatra Rai Singh Gurjar said that through Congress Sandesh Yatra in the state, Shelja has established a dialogue with people from every section and area and the pledged resolution of Jananayak Rahul Gandhi ji and National President Shri Kharge ji on the coming of Congress government, the policies made by the party for the welfare of the society will be implemented strongly when the government is formed. Gurjar said that Shelja has given a credible assurance on every platform of Congress Sandesh Yatra that the sentiments of all the dedicated and loyal workers associated with the ideology of Congress will be respected. In her message, she has made it clear that the Congress rule will be with a spirit of service and every issue related to public interest will be worked upon on a priority basis on the ground. Through the yatra, she has challenged the government by exposing the 10 years of misrule of the BJP on the basis of big facts; till date the government has not been able to answer her questions. Gurjar said that Congress is a party of shared ideas of brotherhood of 36 communities. Through the Congress Sandesh Yatra, Selja has strongly reiterated the resolution that with the formation of the Congress government after the elections, the participation of all the people of the state will be secured; the format of social justice and the importance of the constitution.

## Youth join BSP in support of Darshan Kheda



RAJNI SONI

**YAMUNANAGAR:** As the date of Haryana assembly elections is drawing closer, the election activities are getting intense. BSP-INLD alliance has made Darshan Kheda its candidate from Jagadhari assembly. Yesterday, dozens of youth joined BSP in support of Kheda at the residence of BSP-INLD alliance candidate Darshan Kheda in Jagadhari. The youth said that Darshan Kheda is a good-hearted person and he has always been the voice for the best of the youth, so now they want him to win from Jagadhari and represent in the assembly. The youth assured Darshan Kheda of full cooperation and support. They said that they are with BSP-INLD alliance candidate Darshan Kheda with body, mind and money. Balinder, Deepak, Pankaj, Amit, Arjun, Pradeep and others were present on the occasion.

## Anti-ragging seminar held at DAV institute

RAHUL KOHLI  
YAMUNANAGAR, AUG 30

Anti-ragging awareness seminar was held at TDTR DAV Institute of Physiotherapy, Yamuna Nagar. The seminar was held to promote a safe and welcoming environment for all students. The seminar aimed to educate students about the serious consequences of ragging and the importance of maintaining a respectful and inclusive campus culture. The event was inaugurated by the Officiating Principal, Dr. Himanshu Shekhar, who emphasized the institute's zero-tolerance policy towards ragging and highlighted the legal and disciplinary actions that would be taken against those found guilty of such misconduct. In his address, he reinforced the commitment of the institute to ensure the well-being of every student.

A distinguished guest



speaker, Shashi Gupta, Founder & President, Ek Soch Nai Soch NGO an expert on anti-ragging laws and student rights, delivered an insightful presentation on the various aspects of ragging, including its psychological impact on victims, the legal repercussions for perpetra-

tors, and the measures. Students can take steps to prevent and report such incidents.

The speaker also discussed the role of senior students in fostering a supportive and inclusive environment for newcomers. During the seminar, students were

encouraged to ask questions and share their experiences, leading to an interactive session that further clarified the institute's stance on ragging. The seminar also featured a short film highlighting the real-life consequences of ragging, which resonated strongly with the attendees.

## Kalpana Chawla Green Park established in Government Girls College Cheeka

KULBHUSHAN SHARMA  
GUHLA CHEEKA, AUG 30

Under the chairmanship of Dr. Ram Niwas Yadav, Principal of Government Girls College Cheeka, Assistant Professor Daljit Kumar of Deshbandhu Gupta Government College, Panipat, known as Green Man in Haryana, initiated to set up Kalpana Chawla Herbal Park in the college on Friday. All the teaching staff of the college participated in this program. Along with the non-teaching staff, more than 100 girl students participated enthusiastically. Professor Daljeet Kumar donated more than 250 plants to the college for this herbal park. He told that along with the staff and students of Cheeka College, six varieties of Tulsi, Yellow Bamboo, Satawar, Harsingar, Kanak Champa,



Cassia fistula, Cardamom, Ajwain, two Insulin, Aloe Vera, Bel Patra, Mimosa, Nagadon, Aparajita, Arjun, Drumstick, Jackfruit, Pilkhani, Banyan, Peepal, FigGuava, Pomegranate, Sukhashanti, Grapefruit, Lemongrass, Apple, Asafoetida, Lemon, Ashwagandha, Sudarshan, Marwa, Black Dhatura, Guggal, Pipili, Camphor, Patharchat,

Mimosa, Bhiringraj, Rudraksha, two varieties of Hibiscus, Mango, Sapodilla, Pear, Amla, 2 types of evergreen, Ashwagandha, Ishbgol, curry leaves, Guggulu, Neem, Juhibel, li- quorice, banana, Marua, black dhatura, camphor coconut, Champa, Baheda, Vajradanti, rain lily, wild onion, Coccus comb, jamun, henna, multi sps, April lily, Syca-

more Plants were planted in Kalpana Chawla Herbal Garden. On this occasion, Principal Dr. Ramniwas Yadav said that they have to return to their ancient and Ayurvedic education because when the whole world was suffering from corona virus during the Corona period at that time the people of India adopted ancient Ayurvedic methods. Along with this, Green Man Daljit Kumar thanked wholeheartedly on behalf of the college family. The coordinator of the program Sukhwinder Singh, President of Red Cross Club, said that it was a matter of pride to have a herbal garden in the college. This was the subject of Green Man Professor Daljit Kumar's gratitude for this. Professor Kanwal Jeet thanked the guest Dr. Daljit Kumar and the college principal who visited the college.

## BJP gave public fear, corruption, crime and drug addiction: Sumita Singh

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA  
KARNAL, AUGUST 30

On reaching Mughal Canal as part of Jan Sampark Abhiyan, Sumita Singh, former MLA Karnal was welcomed by the shopkeepers there. On reaching Mughal Canal after doing Jan Sampark Abhiyan, she heard the problems of the shopkeepers there. The shopkeepers said that the roads are broken, our business has been ruined, we are very troubled, we have told the administration many times, but no one is listening. On this occasion, Sumita Singh said that the BJP government has failed to provide basic facilities. There is a pile of problems in Karnal, there is no one to listen. In the name of facilities, the city residents are forced to live a hellish life. Your problem is justified. She said that support the Congress and when the Congress government comes, all your problems will be solved. As the assembly elections are coming near, the public relations campaign has been intensified by the Congress party. Sumita Singh, former MLA,



under her Jan Sampark Abhiyan, exposed the anti-people policies of the BJP government and made aware of the Sankalp Patra of Congress. The Congress government itself will take the responsibility of treating needy patients.

The elderly and widows will be given pension of Rs. 6000. The employees will be included in the old pension scheme. The price of gas cylinder will be fixed at less than Rs. 500 Poor families will be given free plot of 100 yards and a 2 room house at the cost of Rs. 3.5 lakhs And youth will be given permanent recruitment on 2 lakh va-

cant government posts Sumita Singh said that in 10 years BJP has given nothing to the public except fear, corruption, crime, drugs, unemployment and inflation Haryana is number one in the country in unemployment This is what the figures of Government of India are telling There is no unemployed youth in every house There is no employment in the private sector In Haryana, but 2 lakh government posts are lying vacant. Therefore, in the coming assembly elections, BJP will have to face the martyrdom of 750 farmers, atrocities on wrestler daughters, lathi charge on every section including farmers, employees, sarpanch, sanitation worker, recruitment scams with the youth, women and Dalits. She said the government has trapped people in the hassles of Parivar Pehchan Patra, Property ID, Meri Fasal Meri Bureau. It has also become clear from the Lok Sabha results that the ouster of BJP from the state is certain and the Congress government is going to be formed. On this occasion, Sumit Car Empire, Deepak Car Shringar, Nagar Jaideep etc.



Parminder Singh takes charge of Police Station Rampura



**KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL:** Parminder Singh has taken charge of the police station City Rampura of sub-division Rampura Phul in Bathinda district. After assuming his post, he said that the officials of the area under the police station and the general public should inform the police about the presence of wrong elements in their area so that peace can be maintained in the area. Every person entering the police station will be treated with due respect. Police station chief Parminder Singh said that people will not be allowed to face traffic problems. To run the traffic smoothly they have a good team who are already running the traffic smoothly. He appealed to the parents not to allow their minor children to drive the vehicle on the road, thereby avoiding any untoward incident where the traffic rules are violated. It is to be mentioned that Parminder Singh has previously rendered his services at Thana Thermal Bathinda.

FIR against two policemen for beating up two civilians of Mansa khurd

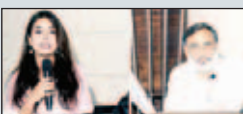
**NARESH GOYAL MANSA:** On the direction of Mansa's new SSP Bhagrat Singh Meena, an FIR against two policemen of Mansa city has been registered for beating up two residents of Mansa Khurd. According to sources, in a complaint made to SSP complainant Gurbakhsh Singh had stated that on May 7 last he and his friend Amritpal had purchased a packet of chips from a shop on court road but the shopkeeper charged double price for the packet. On being asked, the shopkeeper misbehaved with them. Complainant added that after they lodged a complaint on the police complaint number, a policeman Balwant Singh arrived at the spot who too misbehaved with them and summoned more policemen from PCR. The complainant maintained that policemen Balwant Singh and Jasvir Singh took them to city police station-2 of Mansa where they were mercilessly beaten up. According to the complainant, they suffered injuries during police beating and had to undergo medical treatment. An MLR was also recorded and the matter was brought to the notice of senior police officers of Mansa, but no action was taken against the guilty policemen, complainant claimed.

Bharatiya Kisan Union women's unit election held at Kakrala village of Block Nabha



**RAKESH JINDAL NABHA:** A new women's unit was elected at village Kakrala under the leadership of Rajinder Singh, president of Bharatiya Kisan Union (Ekt) Block Nabha. General Secretary Jaswinder Singh Saluwal was also present on this occasion. In the selected unit, President Mukhtiar Kaur, Senior Vice President Amarjit Kaur, Vice President Labh Kaur, General Secretary Ranjit Kaur, Press Secretary Babita Sharma, Organization Secretary Karamjit Kaur, Advisor Gurnail Kaur, Members include Manjit Kaur, Chinderpal Kaur, Harjinder Kaur, Balwinder Kaur, Paramjit Kaur, Surjit Kaur, Balvir Kaur, Surjit Kaur, Sukhwinder Kaur, Jarnail Kaur, Harbans Kaur and Manjit Kaur were elected.

Expert lecture on prospects of beekeeping in India held at RIMT University



**KHUSHAV SINGLA MUNDI GOBINDGARH:** RIMT University organized an expert lecture on "Unconventional Possibilities of Expanding Beekeeping Entrepreneurship in India". The keynote speaker at this lecture was Dr. Pradeep Kumar Chhuneja, Dean of the University's Faculty of Agriculture. Dr. Chhuneja is an internationally renowned bee expert who also serves as the chairman of the BIS (India) Apisary Industry Section Committee (FAD3) and is a member of beekeeping at ICAR-PAMC. The lecture was attended by university deans, department heads, faculty members, and students. In his lecture, Dr. Chhuneja provided information about the untapped potential and vast scope of beekeeping in India. He explained that beekeeping is the science and art of nurturing bees, which benefits humanity. In the new millennium, beekeeping involves scientific methods tailored to different seasons and regions, including beekeeping practices, harvesting and utilizing products from the hive, pollination services, and its relationship with socio-economic, cultural, natural heritage, and environmental integrity. During his two-hour lecture, Dr. Chhuneja mentioned that the current industrialization of beekeeping in India began with the introduction of the high-yielding Italian Western bee species, Apis mellifera, by Punjab Agricultural University in 1976. He shared significant statistics, stating that India is the second-largest producer of honey after China and the third-largest exporter of honey, with exports worth \$229.261 million, following China and Argentina.

CM inaugurates games at war heroes museum of Sangrur

SUMER GARG SANGRUR, AUG 30

The local war heroes stadium witnessed a dazzling start for one of the biggest sporting extravaganzas of the country- 'Khedan Watan Punjab Dian', as Punjab Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann on Thursday inaugurated the third edition of these games. The Chief Minister took salute from the impressive march past of the participating contingents of various districts. While announcing the opening of this around two months long much awaited gala sporting event, CM, Mann said that it is a matter of immense pride and satisfaction that this mega sporting event is being launched to commemorate National Sports Day on the birth anniversary of Hockey Wizard Major Dhyan Chand. He said that this time around five lakh players will vie for medals in nine age groups of 37 games. He said that a cash prize of over Rs. 9 Cr will be distributed to the winners, for the first time, para sports, including Athletics, Badminton and Powerlifting, have also been included in the Khedan Watan Punjab Dian. He further said that in these three sports, para athletes from Punjab



are participating in the Paris Paralympics. The CM said that this major sports event aims at channelising the unbounded energy of youth in a positive direction to wean them away from the menace of drugs. He said that during these games block level competitions will be held from September 1-10, district level competitions will be held from September 15-22 and state level competitions will be held from October 11 to November 9. He said that the second season of "Khedan Watan Punjab Dian" was held in the year 2023 in which 4.5 lakh players had participated and prizes of Rs 8.87 Cr

were distributed to the 12,500 winning players. The CM said that in order to give impetus to sports the state government has kept a budgetary provision of Rs 30 Cr in Punjab for Khedan Watan Punjab Dian during the current year. He said that the state government has given cash prize worth Rs 1 crore each to eight players of Indian hockey contingent that had bagged bronze medals adding that Rs 15 lakh was given to participants apart from Rs 15 lakh given for preparation to them. Mr Mann said that ever since assuming the charge of office his government has disbursed Rs 87.47 crore to

24,500 players for winning medals, participation in competition and preparation of such events. He said that the sports budget for current fiscal was Rs 252 crore which was 16.36 % more than last year and the Punjab has become the first state in the country to create its medical cadre in sports for which 113 posts have been created adding that 500 new posts have been approved for outstanding sports personnel (medal winners). Mr Mann said that the posts of Junior Coaches, Senior Coaches, Assistant Directors and Deputy Directors have been enhanced from 444 to 581.

Union govt assures adequate fertiliser supply to Punjab

CHANDIGARH, AUG 30

In a bid to ensure adequate supply of fertilisers to Punjab Farmer for the upcoming Rabi season as per the commitment of Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Special Chief Secretary Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Mr. KAP Sinha, on Friday, met Sh. JP Nadda, Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilisers in New Delhi.

The development came close on the heels of Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann personally talking to the Union Minister Sh. Nadda to apprise him about less supply of DAP fertiliser in month of August as compared to the allocation. Following which, the team led by Special Chief Secretary KAP Sinha sent to Delhi to discuss the matter with the Union Minister. Ac-



companied by senior officials from Punjab's Agriculture and Farmers Welfare department and Punjab Markfed, Mr. KAP Sinha emphasised the state's fertiliser needs for the 2024-25 Rabi season. Notably, Punjab is expecting to sow wheat on approximately 35 lakh hectares, requiring around 5.50 lakh metric tonnes of Diammonium Phosphate (DAP) fertiliser. "Our meeting with Union Minister Sh. JP Nadda remained fruitful, and we have received assurances that Punjab will re-

ceive adequate quantities of DAP and other phosphatic fertilisers during the forthcoming Rabi season," he said, while reaffirming the commitment of the Punjab Government to ensure timely access to essential inputs, including fertilisers, to the farmers of the state. Pertinently, during the year 2023-24, Punjab state has contributed 46% share of wheat in the centre pool, and in view of the higher production of wheat this year, the Government of India during the recent zonal conference has allocated 4.50 lakh metric tonne DAP fertiliser, 1.50 lakh metric tonne NPK (nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium) and 1.50 lakh metric tonne SSP (Single superphosphate) fertilisers to the state of Punjab for 2024-25 Rabi season.

Bau Munawar Masih urges community members to actively participate in Sanjha Masih conference



VERMA GURDASPUR, AUG 30

Today, a special meeting was organised in Dhakka Colony, Pathankot, regarding the Sanjha Masih Conference. Bau Munawar Masih, the former chairman of the Punjab Minorities Commission, was particularly present at the meeting. Providing details, Bau Munawar Masih said that, as every year, the Sanjha Masih Conference will be held in Dana Mandi, Gurdaspur, from 9th September to 12th September 2024, in which a large number of people from

Pathankot and Himachal Pradesh participate annually. This conference will prove to be a boon for the prosperity of Punjab and peace in the country. Addressing today's meeting, Bau Munawar Masih, the former chairman of the Punjab Minorities Commission, said that as peace and mutual love are diminishing among families in countries and states worldwide, it is necessary for the safety, prosperity, and development of our nation to remain in prayer and supplication to our Heavenly Father, because no religion breaks anything, but rather it unites.

Semi-annual half-yearly meeting of Nagar Rajbhasha implementation committee organized

PARAMJIT SINGH JALANDHAR, AUG 30

The semi-annual half-yearly meeting of Nagar Rajbhasha Implementation Committee, Jalandhar was held at Hotel Ramada City Center, Jalandhar. This meeting was chaired by Shri J.S. Minhas, Principal Income Tax Commissioner, Jalandhar. About 75 members from various offices/corporations/undertakings etc. of the Central Government participated in the meeting.

Secretary Narakas, Mrs. Alka Narula welcomed the Chairperson and the participants from various offices. On this occasion, all the members of the committee were appealed to understand their constitutional responsibility and use the official language Hindi as much as possible. He expressed happiness that all the member offices of the



Narakas Committee are moving towards the promotion of official language Hindi with full seriousness.

Shri J.S. Minhas, Chairman, Narakas and Principal Income Tax Commissioner greeted everyone and in his address he said that the regular organization of the meeting of Narakas indicates that the Narakas, Jalandhar Home Ministry is conscious about the official language.

tence of this government. He said that the main objective of the government to organize the camp is to solve the problems faced by the people without wasting their time. He said that till now 12 convenience camps have been organized by the district administration to solve the problems of the people. He said that this process will continue. He said that people of all classes should take maximum advantage of these camps. He said that the entire district administration with its staff is present in these camps from morning to afternoon so that all the problems of the people can be solved on the spot. On this occasion Additional Deputy Commissioner Vikas S. Narbhinder Singh Brar, SDM Apart from Jaito Parleen Kaur Brar, Naib Tehsildar Ranjit Singh Khaira, officers/employees of various departments and villagers were present.

Two motorcyclists killed, three seriously injured in road accident

**BANGA ( MANJINDER SINGH):** Two young men who were coming home from village Majara Raja Sahib in the early hours of the morning after a morning visit are die in a road accident. Two people were killed and three others were seriously injured due to a violent collision between a car and a motorcycle at village Majari located on Banga Phagwara main road. According to the information received from the spot, a motorcycle number PB 37 J 9220 with five riders including Sukhbir Saroi son of Gursevak Saroi, Sahil son of Mangu Ram, Kamaljit Singh son of Sukhdev Singh, Karnawar Singh son of Surjit Singh and Rahul son of Tarsem Lal all residents. Baharawal District Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar was returning to his village Baharawal from Prabhath Feria leaving the religious place at nearby village Majara Noon Abad. As soon as the said motor cycle rider started to cross the road built in village Majari located on Banga Phagwara National Highway to go to his village Baharawal, on the other side, a carriage number PB 07 BT 5086 coming from Jalandhar side, which Arpan Bajewa resident of Banga Collided with the named person driving. As a result, five people on the motorcycle were seriously injured. Who were immediately rushed to the nearby Guru Nanak Mission Hospital Dhahan by the people present on the spot. Where the doctor declared Sukhbir Saroy (16) son of Gursevak Ram, Sahil (20) son of Mangu Ram as dead. were On receiving information about the accident, SSF officers Dharam Pal and Yogesh Kumar and police officers of Sadar police station reached the spot and took possession of the vehicles damaged in the accident and the bodies of the dead persons and started further action.

Six cadets selected for 56th course of OTA



**CHANDIGARH (SUMER GARG):** Six cadets of NCC group HQ Chandigarh have been selected under NCC special entry for the 56th course commencing in October 2024 in the Officers' Training Academy (OTA), Chennai. There were a total of 50 vacancies pan India, out of which six vacancies have been bagged by NCC cadets of NCC Group HQ, Chandigarh. The selected cadets have successfully cleared the service selection board evaluation and medical tests and made it to the final merit list. The cadets include Rahul Rana, Gurwinder Singh, Abhishek Patiyal, Manish Kumar, Nitin Thakur and Dharmanshu Chaudhary.

Government to launch job skill camps for women across state: Dr. Baljit Kaur

GAURAV GOEL CHANDIGARH, AUG 30

The Punjab Government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, is taking significant steps toward empowering women and enhancing their participation in the workforce. In line with this commitment, the state will soon launch a series of Job Skill Camps across all districts. Social Security, Women and Child Development Minister Dr. Baljit Kaur will launch the first camp on September 10, from district Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Speaking on this initiative, Social Security, Women and Child Development Minister Dr. Baljit Kaur, highlighted the Government's dedication to the welfare of women, children and the elderly. "The Punjab Govern-



ment places a high priority on improving the standard of living for women and these job skill camps are a pivotal step in that direction," said Dr. Kaur. The camps, organized in collaboration with the Employment Generation, Skill Development and Training Department, will be primarily hosted in educational institutions. These camps aim to equip women with the essential skills, knowledge and resources necessary to boost

their employability and entrepreneurship, career advancement and job placement assistance. Dr. Kaur emphasized that the primary objective of these camps is to close the gender gap in employment, foster economic empowerment and build confidence among women. "In today's era, it is crucial to support women in developing their skills to ensure they have equal opportunities to thrive in the workforce," she added.

The Minister further reiterated the Punjab Government's unwavering commitment to the welfare of all societal sections, with a special focus on women's empowerment. Under the visionary leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, various initiatives are being implemented to support the holistic development of women across the state.

Improvement Trust provides 20 dustbins

**GURDASPUR (VERMA):** Due to the efforts of the Chairman of the Punjab Health Systems Corporation, Mr. Raman Behal, and the Chairman of the Municipal Improvement Trust Gurdaspur, Mr. Rajiv Sharma, the Municipal Improvement Trust Gurdaspur has decided to take over this park and develop it. Development work was planned for this park, and the city residents had been demanding for a long time that the condition of this park be improved. Providing information on this matter, Block President of the Aam Aadmi Party and General Secretary of the Trade Association, Mr. Hitesh Mahajan, said that in response to the demand of city residents who come to visit Shaheed Major Balwinder Singh Park (Fish Park) the Improvement Trust has provided and installed 20 dustbins (10 for wet waste and 10 for dry waste) within 24 hours. He further said that every facility would be provided in the park as per the demands of the city residents.

Speaker Sandhwan gives permission to watch ongoing session to school children



SURINDER DAMDAMI KOTKAPURA, AUG 30

The Aam Aadmi Party claimed to bring politics of change before and after assuming power, under which the change in politics has started showing its colors. Expressing the said words, Kuldar Singh Sandhwan, Speaker, Punjab Vidhan Sabha said that after the independence of the country, the governments of the traditional parties on the occasion of the Legislature assembly session used to be like a formal event or a feast, because the people sitting outside were deprived of the inner reality of the assembly session,

but Bhagwant Singh Maan, the Chief Minister of Punjab, on the very first day, the assembly session was broadcast live to the corners of the world. In almost every session, students from schools, colleges, and universities were invited to participate, and the slogan 'Today's children are tomorrow's leaders' was only talking points. Children and youth will have to show the performance of the elected representatives of the people in order to wear them.

Speaker Sandhwan claimed that so far the children of many government and private schools have enjoyed and gained knowledge by watching the ongoing session of the Vidhan Sabha and now the heads of different schools of district Faridkot have been appealed to bring 100 children on September 3 and 100 children on September 4 and show up for the session of the Vidhan Sabha.

Guru Kashi University Hosts International Conference on Agricultural Innovations (CITAAS-2024)



**BATHINDA (ANANTDEEP KAUR):** Guru Kashi University, Talwandi Sabo, hosted a three-day International Conference on "Current Innovations and Technological Advances in Agriculture and Allied Sciences (CITAAS-2024)". The event, supported by ICAR, the Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Punjab, the Department of Horticulture, Punjab, and Just Agriculture, with co-sponsorship from Dhanuka Agritech Limited and Bayer Crop Science Limited, was inaugurated by Chancellor S. Gurlabh Singh Sidhu and Chief Guest Dr. P.K. Singh, Commissioner of Agriculture, Government of India.

Distinguished agricultural experts, scientists, and researchers from India and abroad presented their research, emphasizing the importance of sustainable and profitable farming practices. Dr. Singh encouraged the adoption of new agricultural technologies to enhance productivity and urged young farmers to maintain a deep connection with their land. Chancellor Sidhu praised the university's ongoing research initiatives, led by Prof. (Dr.) V.S. Pahil and Dean Dr. R.P. Saharan reiterated GKU's commitment to advancing agriculture and education on a global scale.

Guru Nanak Dev University organizes talk on 'Journey to edge of universe at speed of the light'



KULJIT SINGH JANDIALA GURU, AUG 30

Department of Education of Guru Nanak Dev University organized an expert talk to explore the universe and to develop the scientific temper and attitude among the teacher educators of the department under the able guidance and scientific vision of Prof (Dr) Jaspal Singh Sandhu, Vice Chancellor of Guru Nanak Dev University.

Prof (Dr) Amit kauts, Head, Department of Education and Prof (Dr) Deepa Sikand, Dean, Faculty of Ed-

ucation presided over the function. Prof (Dr) Amit kauts welcomed the guest of the event Mr. Rishab Nakra, he is a Science Communicator and Admin and Founder of "The Secrets of the Universe", a prominent social media platform and you tube channel that has captivated the minds of over 6 million followers worldwide. He is an alumnus of this university also. His main aim is to bridge the gap between complex scientific concepts and the general public, making science accessible and engaging to millions.



Gas leak incident in Jharmajri, Baddi

A N WAR HUSSAIN  
JHARMAJRI : A gas leak incident in Jharmajri has left two people seriously injured, who are currently receiving treatment at PGI Chandigarh. The gas continued to leak during the incident as the stove knob was left on, and the regulator was open. SP Baddi, Ilma Afroz, IPS, promptly visited the site and discussed the incident in detail with the SFSL (State Forensic Science Laboratory) expert. The injured individuals have been identified as: Gaurav Kumar, son of Shripal, resident of Badaun district, Uttar Pradesh, aged 18 years. Tarsen Singh, son of Sawan Singh, resident of House No. 366, Village Gorgawn Khas, Kangra district, Himachal Pradesh. The SFSL expert also visited the site and collected samples for further investigation.

Lekhraj Bharti appointed as President of Dalit Welfare Committee Kulehar

JOGINDER DEV A RYA  
BANGANA : The Scheduled Caste community of Kulehar formed the Dalit Welfare Committee Kulehar on Friday. In a unanimous decision, Lekhraj Bharti was appointed as the President of the newly formed committee. Gurpal Kalsi was appointed as the Secretary, and Sher Singh as the Treasurer, with Guljari Lal, Ramratan, Ramesh Banga, Tilak Raj, and Suresh Kumar as members. During the meeting, the Dalit Welfare Committee decided to keep the committee free from political influence. Discussions were held on various issues, including promoting the ideas of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, addressing the spread of substance abuse and other social evils within the Dalit community, raising awareness, and finding solutions to the community's problems. The committee was formed under the chairmanship of former BDC Bangana President Tarsen Lal Sahota. A large number of members from the Dalit community were present on this occasion.

Corporation will provide interest free and affordable loan for studies

SANJAY AGGARWAL  
DHARAMSHALA : District Manager of Himachal Pradesh Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Development Corporation Saurabh Sharma informed that the state government provides interest free and affordable loan for higher education to students belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe. He informed that under the corporation's 'Education Loan Scheme', interest free loan up to a maximum of Rs. 75 thousand is provided to the youth belonging to Scheduled Caste and Tribe for studying technical subjects and professions after passing 10th or 12th. Apart from this, loan from Rs. 75 thousand to Rs. 1 lakh 50 thousand is provided at 4 percent annual rate. He informed that under the Education Loan Scheme, loan is given only to those students whose family's annual income does not exceed one lakh rupees. In this scheme, there is a facility of giving loan for diploma and degree courses like JBT, MBBS, Engineering, Hotel Management, MBA, MSc Nursing, GNM, B.Ed etc. Recovery of the loan starts two years after the completion of the course or on getting a job.

Reopening of Rangadpuri alcohol factory in Mehatpur

KISHORI LAL BAINS  
MEHATPUR, AUG 30

The Rangadpuri alcohol factory in Mehatpur has resumed operations, according to an announcement made during a gate meeting by the National INTUC organization and the secretary of the state's INTUC, General Secretary. The reopening was credited to the efforts of the factory's Director and General Manager, Neeraj Tyagi, along with the support of all employees and INTUC officials. National INTUC President G. Sanjeeva Reddy, State INTUC President Baba Hardeep Singh, and various Congress leaders were acknowledged for their contributions to the factory's revival. Neeraj Tyagi was particularly praised for his commendable role in the

Government working to reduce dependence on fossil fuels: CM

DINESH AGARWAL  
SHIMLA, AUG 30

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today inaugurated the 'Wetlands for Life' film festival and forum, organized by the HP State Wetland Authority, HP Council for Science, Technology and Environment and the department of Environment, Science, Technology and Climate Change.

The event featured the screening of short films, including Guardians of Wetlands: Women as Stewards of Conservation, Green Renuka Ji Fair: A Collective Endeavour of Renuka Lake, and Municipal Solid Waste around wetlands in Himachal, initiative of healing Himalayas.

Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that



environmental protection has a priority for the present state government and it was working tirelessly to preserve the natural beauty and ecological balance of the state. He remarked, "Last year, Himachal Pradesh faced a disaster unlike any we have witnessed in our lifetime. Every part of the state suffered significant damage. Today, it is raining in Kinnaur and Lahaul-Spiti

areas that historically never received rainfall. Due to carbon emissions and changes in our lifestyle, the earth's temperature is rising and we are witnessing its harsh consequences in every part of the world. However, it is not too late, public participation is crucial in addressing this issue. It is not solely the government's responsibility, but people must also engage in this

noble cause, said the Chief Minister. He said that Himachal Pradesh's culture was deeply connected to environmental conservation. He stressed the importance of preparing the younger generation to face environmental challenges. "Our aim is to make Himachal Pradesh an environmentally beautiful state, which will, in turn, boost tourism activities," he said. The Chief Minister reiterated that achieving self-reliance through renewable energy and the tourism sector was a priority for the state but it is equally important to maintain a balance with the environment. To reduce dependence on fossil fuels and lower carbon emissions, the government was promoting e-vehicles. Several efforts were being made on multiple fronts to reduce carbon emissions.

French scientists brief Guv about acropix project

DINESH AGARWAL  
SHIMLA, AUG 30

A team of four French scientists from INRAE, led by Prof. Alison Marie Loconto, met with Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla to discuss the ACROPIX project, which aims to promote agro-ecological practices like natural farming. The team is on a three-week visit to explore innovative work at Dr. YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni in district Solan.

The Governor highlighted the enthusiasm among Himachal Pradesh farmers for natural farming, with over 1.5 lakh farmers adopting the practice. He discussed certification and



sustainability initiatives, praising the university's pioneering efforts in agroecology.

The ACROPIX project, funded by the European Commission, involves 15 members from 13 countries.

The French scientists will interact with university researchers, visit farms, and engage with progressive farmers and natural farming companies to gain insights on implementing natural farming practices globally.

Health Minister inaugurates pre-launch event of National Nutrition Month

DINESH AGARWAL  
SHIMLA, AUG 30

Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr. (Col.) Dhaniram Shandil inaugurated the pre-launch event of the 7th National Nutrition Month, emphasizing the state's commitment to fostering a healthy and empowered future. A comprehensive campaign will be implemented across the state from September 1 to 30, 2024 focusing on the holistic development of women and children. The state government has undertaken numerous initiatives to enhance health and nutrition standards addressing malnutrition, anemia, and low birth weight in children under six, as well as adolescent girls, pregnant women, and lactating mothers. During the campaign, awareness camps will be conducted in collaboration with the Health and Ayush departments. A tree plantation drive, 'One Tree in the Name of Mother,' will be launched in partnership with the Forest



and Panchayati Raj Departments to promote environmental conservation. This initiative will be followed by a series of events including cycle rallies, morning walks, annaprashan days, godh bhari, health check-ups for pregnant women and community-based programs. To further promote nutrition

awareness, a social media cooking competition will be organized, featuring traditional Himachali dishes. The event was attended by Secretary Social Justice and Empowerment Ashish Singmar, Director Women and Child Development Rupali Thakur and senior department officials."

Inspection of Sukhahar Canal Project by Central Water Commission team

DAULAT CHAUHAN  
JAWALI, AUG 30

The construction work of the Sukhahar Canal Project in Jawali Assembly, initiated by Agriculture Minister Chander Kumar, is expected to begin soon. In this context, Wasim Asraf, Director of the Central Water Commission, along with Deputy Director Prakash Chand, inspected the Sukhahar Canal Project's barrage site and the irrigated area with the Superintending Engineer of the Jal Shakti Department, Vikas Bakshi, Executive Engineer Ajay Sharma, and SDO Ram Kumar. During the inspection, SE Vikas Bakshi and Executive Engineer Ajay Sharma provided the Central Water Commission team with detailed information about the project's construction and the irrigated area it will cover. They explained that the canal



would irrigate 146 hectares of land through flow irrigation and 2,040 hectares through lift irrigation, benefiting approximately 10,000 farmers in the region. The project includes four lift irrigation schemes, where water will be lifted directly from the canal.

Executive Engineer Ajay Sharma further mentioned that the DPR (Detailed Project Report) for the project would soon be sent to the Central Water Commission's office for investment

clearance. The joint inspection by the Central Water Commission's team has raised hopes for the commencement of the Rs. 247 crore project soon. On this occasion, SE Vikas Bakshi and Executive Engineer Ajay Sharma honored the Central Water Commission team members by presenting them with Himachali shawls and caps at the Nagrota Surian Rest House. They also took the team on a tour of the Masroor Rock Temple.

AK Singh, Dir. (Fin.& Pers.), SJVN meets Bihar Minister of Energy

DINESH AGARWAL  
SHIMLA: Akhileshwar Singh, Director, Finance & Personnel, SJVN met Minister of Energy, Government of Bihar, Bijendra Prasad Yadav. The meeting was also attended by Pankaj Kumar Pal, IAS, Secretary of Energy



Department, Nilesh Ramchandra Deore, IAS, Managing Director of BREDA and Vikas Sharma, CEO of Buxar Thermal Power Project. The meeting focused on progress of power projects in Bihar that are being spearheaded by SJVN. During the meeting, Akhileshwar Singh apprised the Minister about progress of 1320 MW Buxar Thermal Power Project and 200 MW Bihar Solar Power Project being executed by SJVN in the state. Both of these projects are integral to Bihar's power infrastructure development. Minister Bijendra Prasad Yadav assured to extend full cooperation for ensuring timely completion of these projects. The meeting also included deliberations on other significant projects under consideration in the state, such as 1000 MW Durgawati Pumped Storage Project (PSP) and Dagmara Multi-purpose Project with Floating Solar and various opportunities for development of Floating Solar Project on water bodies available in Bihar.

Rahul Vaidya a global music sensation from a young age

SHANTI GAUTAM  
BADDI: Rahul Vaidya, a celebrated Indian singer and songwriter, has made a remarkable impact in the music industry globally from a young age. His stellar performances in the first season of Indian Idol, where he was one of the top three finalists, and as the second runner-up in Bigg Boss 14 and Khatron Ke Khiladi 11, have solidified his reputation worldwide. Due to his extraordinary talent, Rahul Vaidya is soon to be honored by the World Book of Records in the UK, London. Sumit Singla from World Book of Records UK in Baddi announced that Rahul's contributions to music have garnered him a massive following on social media platforms, with over 10 million followers across Facebook and Instagram. His popular song "Jisne Daru Nahi Pee" has particularly resonated with the youth, becoming a viral sensation on these platforms. Born in Mumbai, Rahul Vaidya hails from a middle-class family. His father, Krishna Vaidya, is an engineer, and his mother, Geeta Vaidya, is a housewife.



BJP starts membership campaign from Gagret assembly constituency

AVINASH CHAUHAN  
AMB, AUG 30

BJP has started the membership campaign from Harbal village of Gagret assembly constituency of Una district. For which a special program was organized today. In which BJP State Organization Minister Siddharth ji addressed the BJP workers present there as the chief speaker. And gave information to the workers about how to run the membership campaign. On this occasion, BJP District President Balveer Chaudhary appealed to the workers and said that at least 200 new



workers will be enrolled at every booth. So that the organization can be strengthened in every area. On this occasion, former MLA and BJP State Secretary Rajesh Thakur thanked the state leadership for the new responsibility given by the organization and said that I

will discharge the responsibility given to me by the organization honestly. On this occasion, former MLA Chaitanya Sharma assured the state leadership and said that we will achieve the target set by the state BJP. And we will connect as many new families as

possible with the organization. He said that today the Bharatiya Janata Party has emerged as the largest party in the world. And for the third time, the government is being formed and run under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. And the national president Jagat Prakash Nadda, who belongs to Himachal Pradesh, is the national president of this party. The workers of Himachal BJP are constantly trying to take the organization forward. On this occasion, the number 8800002024 was released for the membership campaign.

Goel meets Alka Lamba regarding J&K elections

DINESH AGARWAL  
SHIMLA: Congress Spokesperson Anil Goel met with Alka Lamba, the National President of the Congress Women's Wing, in Shimla on Wednesday to discuss the upcoming Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir and Haryana. Alka Lamba is currently in Shimla and had led a protest outside the Assembly on Tuesday. Before returning to Delhi on Wednesday, Goyal engaged in a discussion with her about the elections. Anil Goel has previously worked closely with Alka Lamba and has been entrusted with the role of Coordinator in various Assembly elections, including in Bihar and Chattisgarh. Now, preparations are underway to assign him responsibilities for the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections. Goel mentioned that he will be heading to Delhi soon to discuss the elections with other party leaders. He also noted that since Alka Lamba took charge as the President of the Women's Congress, the organization has grown stronger on a national level.









Indian Railways adds special trains for festival season

ASHOK DHINGRA  
TAPA MANDI : Keeping in mind the festival season, Indian Railways has announced to run Bathinda-Varanasi train number 04529-04530 and Firozpur Cantonment-Patna train number 04677-04678 of this route from 6-10-2024 to 17-11-2024 so that people can go to their homes or pilgrimage places during the festival. Both these trains have not been stopped at Tapa Mandi railway station, while Bathinda Varanasi train will stop at Barnala station, but Firozpur Patna train will not be stopped at Barnala station either. The announcement of not stopping these trains has disappointed the people of this area.

Mandatory to take I-Cad while using cyber cafe

KULDEEP SOOD  
BARNALA : District Magistrate Barnala Punamdeep Kaur has issued orders to the cyber cafe owners of the district and directed that unknown persons should not be allowed to use the cyber cafe without identity card. She directed that a special register should be kept to keep a record of every person using the cyber cafe and every visitor will be required to enter his name, address, telephone number in the purpose register with his own hand and it will also be mandatory to sign. The person using the cafe will be identified by the cafe owner with his identity card, voter card, driving license, passport and photo credit card. Activity server records will be kept in the main server for at least six months. If the cafe owner suspects any person entering the cafe, she will immediately inform the police. It will be mandatory to keep a record of the particular computer used by any person. These orders will remain in force till October 23, 2024.

Sahara International School excels in block-level sports



VIJAY KAUSHIK  
LADWA : Sahara International School's athletes made a mark in the block-level sports competition held at Mother Teresa School, Mathana. The school's Chairperson, Vikrant Agarwal, emphasized that victory comes from hope and effort, and that excellence leads to success. The school's top athletes participated in various events and secured positions for the district-level competition. In the under-14 category, Dhruv Lalair excelled in karate, yoga, and swimming. Other notable performances included Ranveer in cricket, and Dhruv Lalair, Shobhit, Chirag, Aditya in skating. In the under-17 category, the athletes achieved significant success in shooting, long jump, and various track events. The competition showcased the students' exceptional performance, and the school's Vice-Principal, Ritu Gogoiya, congratulated them, expressing confidence in their future achievements.

# NIA raids Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, UP in Naxal recruitment case

AGENCY  
NEW DELHI, AUG 30

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday conducted searches across four states in connection with a Naxal recruitment case involving leaders of the banned outfit, the agency said. The four states where the raids took place are Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, and Delhi. The raids, which are still ongoing, are part of case RC-01/2023/NIA-LKW and targeted the premises of Naxal cadres and Over Ground Workers (OGWs). NIA investigations have revealed that several frontal organisations and student wings have been tasked with motivating and recruiting cadres, as well as propagating Naxal ideology,



with the aim of waging war against the Government of India. According to the NIA, the accused conspired to commit acts of terror and violence in pursuit of this agenda. On September 6 last year, the NIA also cracked down on attempts by Naxal leaders and cadres of the CPI (Maoist) to revive the banned

# Court summons MC in case of monkey terror

BD AGARWAL  
REWARI: CLG Committee Chairman and Senior Advocate Sunil Bhargava is fighting for the people troubled by the terror of monkeys in the city. Advocate Bhargava told that he had filed a complaint in the Public Utility Court regarding the terror of monkeys. The court had ordered the Municipal Council Rewari to catch the monkeys of

Rewari city so that the people of the city can get relief from the terror of monkeys, but the monkeys were not caught by the Municipal Council. An execution was filed against the Municipal Council in the Civil Judge Court regarding this matter, the date of which was today. In which Chief Secretary Inspector Sudhir Yadav appeared in the court on behalf of the

Municipal Council and he presented his side and said that we have given the contract to catch the monkeys. Advocate Sunil Bhargava told the honourable court that there are still a lot of monkeys in the city and they are entering people's homes and biting them, especially in Shakti Nagar, Sector 3, Sector 4 and other places of the city, the terror of monkeys is still there.

# New illegal colonies should not develop under cover of election code of conduct: DC

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA  
KARNAL, AUG 30

Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer Uttam Singh directed the officers of the District Task Force to prevent illegal construction work, illegal colonies and dhabas and said that new upcoming of illegal colonies should not be allowed to flourish in the urban and controlled areas of the district. If anyone developed illegal construction, colony or dhaba under the cover of election code of conduct, he should not be spared and strict action would be taken against him. The Deputy Commissioner was speaking at the District Task Force meeting in his office on Friday. He said that some people were trying to



develop new illegal colonies under the guise of the election code of conduct. Such people should be kept under strict surveillance and the Task Force officers should jointly take action in a systematic manner. He also instructed that the illegal colonies which were demolished should be monitored so that illegal construction work cannot be

done there again. If construction work was done there again, then an FIR should be lodged against them. He said that the demolition drive should continue. The administration will provide full support. Duty magistrate and police force will be made available on time. Apart from this, take the help of the enforcement bureau.

## Guru Nanak Khalsa College, Yamunanagar celebrates National Space Day



RAHUL KOHLI  
YAMUNANAGAR: In commemoration of National Space Day, the Department of Physics at Guru Nanak Khalsa College, Yamunanagar, organized an Inter-Department Poster Presentation Competition. The event aimed to foster interest in space science and celebrate significant achievements in the field, notably Mission Chandrayaan-3. Principal Dr. Harinder Singh Kang emphasized the importance of space exploration and encouraged students to engage with scientific advancements. He highlighted that National Space Day is a great opportunity to recognize the contributions of space science to our understanding of the universe. The competition was convened by Prof. Santosh Kurra, Dean, and Dr. M.P. Aggarwal, Head of the Department of Physics. Both conveners highlighted the significance of National Space Day and the recent success of India's Chandrayaan-3 mission. The judging panel comprised Dr. M.P. Aggarwal, Dr. Varsha Nigam, and Dr. Mandeep. The winners of the competition were Nidhi from BSc Final Year, who secured the First Place; Navpreet Kaur from MSc Physics Final Year, who took Second Place.

## Employees make invaluable contribution for uplift and development of University: KU VC



DALBIR MALIK  
KURUKSHETRA, AUG 30

Kurukshetra University Kurukshetra organized Farewell Ceremony for the employees retiring from the university. Kurukshetra University During the ceremony, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Som Nath Sachdeva said that all the employees have made an invaluable and noteworthy contribution in the upliftment and development of Kurukshetra University. Prof. Sachdeva further said that KU's achievement in the field of education, sports, culture and

research is the result of the hard work of all the employees of the KU family. On this occasion, KU's Vice Chancellor Prof. Som Nath Sachdeva and Registrar Professor Sanjeev Sharma felicitated the retired employees by giving them bouquets. KU Registrar Prof. Sanjeev Sharma also praised the retiring non-teaching employees for their excellent work and service spirit. On this occasion, the retiring employees shared their views and experiences about their service work. The retiring employees thanked the university administration for

this farewell party. The retiring employees include Sr Prof. Ram Virjan Singh of Fine Arts Department, Prof. Ramesh Takshak of Tourism and Hotel Management Department, Controller of Examinations Dr. Hukum Singh of Examination Branch, Assistant Registrar Raj Kumar Dhingra from Examination Branch, TGT Maths Teacher Chetna Arora from University Senior Secondary Model School, Assistant Anil Kumar from Bill Section, Gardener Moti Ram from Horticulture Department and Lab Cleaner Ram Rashpal from IIHS.

## Kurukshetra Police arrests accused with 32 kg 830 grams of ganja

DALBIR MALIK  
KURUKSHETRA : Kurukshetra Police tightened its grip on drug smuggling and arrested the accused possessing narcotics. Under the guidance of Superintendent of Police Varun Singla, the team of Anti Narcotics Cell arrested Pujari's son Pratap resident Bafra Sambhalkha district on the charge of possessing narcotics. The police arrested him from Panipat and recovered 32 kg 830 grams of ganja from his possession. Giving information in the press conference, Superintendent of Police Varun Singla said that on August 29, under the guidance of Anti Narcotics Cell in-charge Inspector Surendrapal, Assistant Sub Inspector Sushil Kumar, Havildar Baldev Singh, Pradeep Kumar, Sanjeev Kumar, SPO Surendra Kumar and driver Havildar Praveen Kumar's team was keeping an eye on crime. When the police team was present near Barada Chowk Shahbad . The police team received secret information that Pujari's son Pratap, a resident of Bafra Sambhalkha district Panipat, sold ganja leaves. Even today, he was standing near Sabzi Mandi Shahbad to sell ganja leaves to drug addicts. If surveillance was done around Sabji Mandi Shahbad, a large quantity of Ganja leaves can be found in the possession of the priest.



# Medical check-up camp organized by DLSA Barnala at District Jail

KULDEEP SOOD  
BARNALA, AUG 30

B.B.S. Teji District & Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Barnala visited District Jail, Barnala. He was accompanied on the occasion by Madan Lal, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Barnala, Gurmel Singh Gill, Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel and Maninder Singh, Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsel, Barnala. District & Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Barnala took stock of the difficulties being faced by the prisoners of the Jail and assured to provide all possible help. District & Sessions Judge also distributed certificates to the



convicts who completed the vocational course conducted in collaboration with State Bank of India.

He inspected the cleanliness of the jail barracks and kitchen. Besides this, he also informed about the free legal aid scheme provided by District Legal Services Authority, Barnala to prisoners/detainees and also

made them aware about the method and limitation period of appeal in High Court and Supreme Court. He directed the Jail Superintendent to ensure that any person who wants to plead his case at government expense should fill the form and send it to the office of District Legal Services Authority, Barnala within two days so that further action can be taken.

## Campaign against dengue by health department



KULDEEP SOOD

BARNALA: Health Minister Punjab Dr. Balbir Singh and Deputy Commissioner Barnala Punamdeep Kaur according to the directions of, as part of the special campaign being carried out to prevent dengue in the rainy season, the Health Department Barnala went door-to-door to collect standing water sources in the urban and rural areas of the district Barnala. Checking was done and larvicide was sprayed at the places where the larvae were found. Civil surgeon Barnala Dr. Harinder Sharma conducted activities as per the letter of Director Health Department Punjab. He said that dengue cases are increasing in the state of Punjab, which is a matter of concern. Therefore, people also need to be aware. The health department provides free dengue fever testing and treatment in government hospitals. District Epidemiologist Dr. Munis Kumar said that if there are symptoms of measles, fever, severe headache, pain in the back of the eyes, pain in the muscles, red rash on the body, bleeding from the nose or mouth, etc.

# YS Public School shines at district-level games

KARANPREET KARAN  
BARNALA, AUG 30

YS Public School, recognized as one of the top 50 schools in India, has consistently demonstrated excellence in sports by providing exceptional opportunities and exposure to its students. Over the years, YS Public School students have won an impressive 6,233 medals in various sports disciplines.

Continuing this legacy, the students of YS Public School delivered outstanding performances in the recent district-level games. According to Sports Director Jatinderjit Singh, the netball competition for girls was held at Sarvahlitkari Vidya Mandir in Barnala. Under the guidance of coach Amrik Khan, the school's athletes



excelled in their respective categories.

In the under-17 girls' category, the team consisting of Shanvi Bhargava, Harmanveer Kaur, Randeep Kaur, Lovepreet Kaur, Prabhjot Kaur, Hasanpreet Singh Malhi, Ashveer Kaur, Arshdeep Kaur, Dilpreet Kaur, Shaganpreet Kaur, Beant Kaur secured the first position. The under-14 girls' team, including Arushi, Sukhmanjit Kaur, Gurnoor Kaur, Geetika Sharma,

Anmolpreet Kaur, Ekmjot Kaur, Alisha Khan, Shine Akhtar, Gurleen Kaur, Damnish Kaur, Namisha, and Gurveer Kaur, performed admirably. Additionally, the under-19 girls' team, featuring Khushpreet Kaur, Mehakpreet Kaur, Hushanpreet Kaur, Nimrat Kaur, Jasdeep Kaur, Ananttarjot Kaur, Harnazpreet Kaur, Jasmine Kaur, Tanisha Sharma, and Armanpreet Kaur, secured third place in their category.

## 2-day painting workshop held at NIILM University, Kaithal



RAMAN GUPTA  
KAITHAL: Two-day painting workshop was organized under the joint aegis of School of Fine Art and School of Agriculture, NIILM University, Kaithal, in which students from both the sections participated enthusiastically. Head of the Department of School of Fine Art Dr. Anil Kumar Dahiya, while giving detailed information about paintings to the students present in this workshop, said that painting is an art which takes man closer to nature and plays a very important role in keeping life dynamic. There are immense possibilities for employment of students in the field of fine arts. In this workshop, special training was given to the students about Raga painting and Twelve Months painting and the students were also told the intricacies of paintings, during this the students were also asked to paint. It was constructed in which a glimpse of Rajasthani colors could be seen. The performance of the students during this was commendable.

## Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Sr Sec Public School students shine in District Sports

VIJAY KAUSHIK  
LADWA, AUG 30

Students from Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Senior Secondary Public School excelled in the district-level sports held at Dronacharya Stadium, Kurukshetra. Thirteen students from the school participated and secured a total of 17 positions in various events. In the under-19 girls' category, Shruti won first place in shot put, second place in the 4x100 relay race, and third place in the 100-meter race, qualifying for the state level. In the under-19 boys' category, Rakshit won first place in both 100-meter and 200-meter sprints, also qualifying for the state level. Shivam secured third place in



the 3000-meter and 5000-meter races, qualifying for the state level. In the under-17 girls' category, Sakshi achieved third place in high jump, while Jasmine, Navdeep, Hargun Kaur, and Pranjal secured third place in the 4x100 relay race. In the under-17 boys' category, Anmol won third place in both 100-meter sprint and long jump. Suryansh participated in

discus and javelin throw. In the under-14 girls' category, Hargun Kaur earned second place in 800-meter hurdles, qualifying for the state level. In the district-level shooting competition, Naitik won first place in the under-19 boys' category, while Sujal and Harman secured second and third places respectively in the under-19 girls' category.

# BJP meeting in Ladwa under Pawan Garg's leadership

VIJAY KAUSHIK

LADWA: A meeting of key BJP workers from the Ladwa constituency was held today at Baba Bansi Wale Vridhashram, Ladwa, under the leadership of BJP leader Pawan Garg. Hundreds of BJP workers attended the meeting. Pawan Garg expressed heartfelt gratitude to all senior and key workers for attending the meeting on his invitation. He discussed the upcoming 2024 Assembly elections, stating that the elections will be held on October 1. Garg emphasized the need to secure a significant victory for the BJP candidate from Ladwa, similar to the success in the Lok Sabha elections. Although no official announcement has been made yet, he mentioned that Shri Nayab Singh Saini is expected to be the BJP candidate for Ladwa. Garg urged everyone to work diligently to ensure Saini's victory, which would contribute to forming the BJP government in Haryana for the third consecutive term. Garg



highlighted the achievements during the BJP tenure, including the establishment of the SDM, DSP office, and court in Ladwa, which was a significant accomplishment for the residents. He mentioned that with the BJP government, the long-awaited Ladwa bypass project, halted by the previous Congress government, would be completed. Garg criticized the Congress government for misleading Haryana and causing power shortages before 2014, whereas the BJP government has ensured 24-hour electricity supply in every village and town.



Editorial

On high alert

The northeastern states that share a border with turbulence-stricken Bangladesh include Tripura (856 kilometre), Meghalaya (443 km), Mizoram (318 km) and Assam (a total of 262 km along two stretches). Of these, Tripura is practically surrounded by Bangladesh and although much of this border is fenced, there are areas and enclaves where the access from and into the neighbouring country is easy, keeping the Border Security Force personnel on high alert. Given the present unrest wherein the spectre of infiltration has assumed an alarming stance, the additional director-general of the BSF's eastern command held an operational conference in Calcutta with the inspectors-general of all frontiers under this command and reviewed the border situation. According to a press statement after the meeting, "detailed deliberations were held to further enhance border control, security and management. Besides, it was decided to continue the close collaboration with counterpart Border Guard Bangladesh."

This was echoed by a senior BSF officer of the Tripura frontier. "We are holding meetings with our counterparts at all levels. The increased communication is basically to exchange information for prompt action at both ends. We are also having joint patrols with BGB along the international border and coordinating with all agencies and the state administration. There is heightened vigil along the border and village-level coordination meetings," he told me.

The concern in states like Tripura is the possibility of influx, particularly of Hindus and supporters of the former prime minister, Sheikh Hasina Wazed, and her Awami League. Although the head of the new interim government, Muhammad Yunus, assured India of the protection of Hindus, people continue to throng the border to cross over, either with medical visas or clandestinely. Meghalaya, too, has clamped night curfew along its border while Mizoram has restricted the movement of people by night. Tripura, which used to conduct a heartwarming flag-lowering ceremony at its border in Agartala, has now closed its international boundary with Bangladesh. There is also worry about the return of militant groups based in Bangladesh.

Travelling on a BSF border track along Bangladesh for nearly 30 km from Agartala to Kamalasagar (primarily fortified with barbed wire), I saw a single sentry at each post, armed with a rifle and a walkie-talkie, certainly no match for a gang of desperate smugglers or swarming infiltrators. Add to that the prospect of starving for hours at vast fields trying to decipher cows, drug smugglers or fleeing citizens while battling the vagaries of nature. Ill-equipped posts are soft targets.

India, China agree to jointly uphold peace, tranquility in border areas

India and China held the 31st meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on India-China Border Affairs (WMCC) in Beijing on Thursday, and the two sides decided to jointly uphold peace and tranquillity on the ground in border areas in accordance with relevant bilateral agreements and protocols, the Ministry of External Affairs said.

The two sides had a "frank, constructive and forward-looking" exchange of views on the LAC situation and also agreed to intensify contact through diplomatic and military channels.

The Indian delegation was led by Gourangalal Das, Joint Secretary (East Asia), Ministry of External Affairs and the Chinese delegation was led by Hong Liang, Director General of the Boundary and Oceanic Department of the Chinese Foreign Ministry.

"In line with the guidance provided by two Foreign Ministers' meetings in Astana and Vientiane in July 2024 to accelerate their discussion, and building on the WMCC meeting held last month, the two sides had a frank, constructive and forward-looking exchange of views on the situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) to narrow down the differences and find early



ly resolution of the outstanding issues. For this, they further agreed for intensified contact through diplomatic and military channels," MEA said in a press release. The two sides reiterated that the restoration of peace and tranquillity, and respect for LAC are essential for restoration of normalcy in bilateral relations. "In the meantime, they decided to jointly uphold peace and tranquillity on the ground in border areas

in accordance with relevant bilateral agreements, protocols and understandings reached between the two Governments. It was reiterated that restoration of peace and tranquillity, and respect for LAC are the essential basis for restoration of normalcy in bilateral relations," the statement added. The leader of the Indian delegation also called on the Vice Minister in the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The

previous round of diplomatic talks between New Delhi and Beijing was held in August this year when the two sides agreed to uphold peace and tranquillity at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and work for early resolution of outstanding issues. The two sides also reiterated that the restoration of peace and tranquillity, and respect for the LAC are an essential basis for the restoration of normalcy in bilateral relations.

Literature & Health

Danish court rejects India extradition request in arms case

A Danish court on Thursday rejected the extradition request from India of a Danish national accused of being involved in a 1995 arms smuggling case, according to a report by Reuters.

For several years, India has been seeking the extradition of Niels Holck to face trial on suspicion of smuggling approximately four tonnes of weapons to a riot movement in West Bengal.

The court ruled that sending Holck to India would violate Denmark's extradition act due to a risk that he would be subjected to treatment in breach of the European Convention on Human Rights, according to Reuters.

Previously, Holck had confessed to a Danish court to being part of a group of seven individuals who smuggled weapons into West Bengal aboard a Russian cargo plane on the night of December 17, 1995.

Notably, the Purulia Arms Drop was an illegal arms drop that happened on December 17, 1995 in the Purulia district of West Bengal. The arms were dropped from an Antonov An-26 aircraft before



being intercepted by an Indian Air Force aircraft. Five Latvian citizens and Peter Bleach, a British citizen and an ex-Special Air Service officer were arrested, while the organizer 'Kim Davy' alias Niels Christian managed to escape. India first asked Denmark to extradite Holck in 2002. The government agreed, but two Danish courts rejected his extradition, saying he would risk torture or other inhumane treatment in India.

FBI offers USD 25,000 reward on Cindy Rodriguez Singh, wanted for son's murder

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is offering a reward of up to USD 25,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Cindy Rodriguez Singh, wanted for allegedly killing her young son.

Notably, Rodriguez Singh has ties to India and Mexico. She is wanted for allegedly killing her 6-year-old son, who hasn't been seen alive since October 2022.

At the request of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Everman Police Department officers conducted a welfare check on behalf of the boy on March 20, 2023.

During the welfare check interview, Rodriguez Singh lied to officers when she explained that the boy was living with his biological father in Mexico, and had been there since November 2022, according to the official website of the FBI.

On March 22, 2023, Rodriguez Singh, her husband, and six other



juvenile children boarded an international flight bound for India. It was determined that the missing child was not present, and did not board the flight. On October 31, 2023, Cindy Rodriguez Singh was charged with capital murder in District Court of Tarrant County, Fort Worth, Texas. On November 2, 2023, a federal arrest warrant was issued for Rodriguez Singh in the United States District Court, Northern District of Texas, Fort Worth, Texas, after she was charged with Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution.

GEETA SAAR-17



Four Types of Devotees

Krishna says that there are four types of devotees. The first one wants to come out of difficulties and misery he is facing in life. The second one desires to have physical possessions and worldly pleasures. Most devotees fall in these two categories irrespective of culture, gender, belief systems etc.

Krishna says that these two kinds of devotees pray and perform rituals to various Devas. It is akin to approaching an appropriate doctor based on the ailment one suffers from. Krishna further says that the desires of these devotees are fulfilled because of their Shraddha. It is in essence, a form of surrender.

The following example will illustrate Shraddha. Two farmers who have adjacent farms decide to dig a well to irrigate their farms. The first farmer would dig for a day or two and upon not finding any water would change the location and start digging afresh. The second farmer persists

ently kept digging at the same place. By the end of the month, the first farmer is left with many ditches in his farm and the second one got water from the well. Even when our senses don't find anything tangible (like water in this case), it is inner Shraddha that keeps us moving as in the case of the second farmer. Shraddha is a fearless positive force and free of doubt.

Krishna hints that he is behind this Shraddha which results in success. Shraddha in our relationships, family ties and profession has the power to achieve miracles.

The third kind of devotee is about to cross the boundary of desires. He is a curious person and seeks knowledge of self. The fourth kind is a Gyani (a wise one) and he has crossed the boundary of desires. He sees the Lord in everything and everywhere and has attained union with the almighty.



K. Shiv Prasad

From being city topper and IIT Graduate to leading engineering teams at Google Silicon Valley

TUSHAR DOGRA

An engineering lead at Google HQ in Mountain View, CA, has an inspiring story to share. A decade after graduating from IIT Delhi with a degree in Computer Science and Engineering, Tushar has made significant strides in the tech industry.

Today, he leads efforts to ensure the safety of all Google ads, protecting billions of users from harmful content and providing millions of advertisers with a seamless policy experience. His work involves building scalable content moderation systems and machine learning (ML) models using Generative AI for auto-



mated and accurate policy enforcement.

Academic Journey

As per information received from his family members Tushar Dogra ranked 3rd in the All India CBSE 10th grade exams, achieving a remarkable

98.2% in 2008 at Manav Mangal School, Panchkula. In 2010, he topped the city in the 12th grade from SD School, Chandigarh, with an impressive score of 96.2%. His exceptional performance secured him the 104th rank in the IIT JEE, enabling him to pursue his dream of studying Computer Science and Engineering at IIT Delhi, one of the world's premier engineering institutes. This prepared him for a successful career in technology.

Initial Career

Upon graduating among the top in his class, Tushar secured a position at Oracle in the San Francisco Bay Area immediately after college. There, he

worked on industrial-scale systems to build Customer Relationship Management (CRM) software, gaining valuable professional experience. After a year and a half, he sought new growth opportunities and decided to join Google.

Contributions at Google

Family members said that since joining Google, Tushar has been integral to the Ads team, focusing on ensuring the safety of all Google Ads.

He has led multiple critical efforts as both a technical lead and manager, working on infrastructure systems and machine learning models. At Google's scale, manually reviewing each ad is im-

practical, necessitating a combination of ML models and heuristics for automatic ad review, with manual reviewers handling cases where classifiers are uncertain. According to the Google Ads Safety Annual Report for last year, his team removed over 5 billion ads for policy violations, restricted 6.9 billion ads in sensitive areas like financial services and healthcare, and suspended more than 12 million advertiser accounts.

According to his family members Tushar has built critical infrastructure and distributed real-time systems to classify billions of ads daily. He has also developed state-of-the-art machine learning multimodal

models to achieve top classification accuracy. With the rise of Generative AI, Dogra's team introduced novel techniques to efficiently scale Large Language Models (LLMs) for policy classification.

This innovation allowed the detection of twice as many bad ads at a fraction of the cost of running LLMs on all ads. Their work was published and presented at a leading international Data Mining Conference this year.

Currently, Tushar manages a team across multiple time zones, continuously developing scalable systems to provide the best policy experience to advertisers and introducing novel techniques to

catch malicious advertisers and bad actors, scaling policy enforcement and detection tenfold.

Significance of the work at Google

Tushar's team protects billions of users worldwide from harmful content and scams across all Google products, including Google Search, YouTube, and the wider internet. Additionally, the team plays a crucial role in ensuring election integrity globally.

As per his family members Dogra's contributions are essential to Google's business, given that digital advertising constitutes the majority of the company's revenue. As the market leader and the most trusted ads platform, ensuring ad

safety is crucial to maintaining a secure internet and supporting a free and open web.

Key to Success

Dogra attributes his success to hard work and a steadfast commitment to excellence. He is honored to have the opportunity to make a global impact through his work at Google.

From gaining admission to one of the world's top engineering colleges to joining one of the most prestigious companies, and now leading a team and critical industry-scale efforts, his journey instills both confidence and a profound sense of responsibility to continually pursue excellence in his work.



HDFC ERGO Implements Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana for Farmers in Haryana for Kharif Season

SONIPAT : HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company, a leading general insurance company in India, has been authorized by the Government of Haryana to implement the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) for loanee and non-loanee farmers in the districts of Ambala, Gurugram, Hisar, Jind, Karnal, Mahendragarh and Sonapat for Kharif 2024. The scheme will be implemented in the districts for the below-mentioned crops notified under the scheme by the Government of Haryana for which the crop-specific cut-off dates are also provided. PMFBY scheme insures farmers against any losses in crop yield arising out of a wide range of external risks such as drought, floods, dry spells, landslides, cyclones, hurricanes, hailstorms, inundations, pests, diseases and others. To determine the loss in the yield, the state government will plan and conduct Crop Cutting Experiments (CCEs) on the notified crops in areas notified for the scheme. In case the yield data, based on CCEs conducted, concludes to be low then the farmers will be considered to have suffered a shortfall in their yield for which the claims will be payable to the farmers.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Partners with Union Bank of India

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: In its continuous effort to enhance customer experience and streamline car ownership experience through innovative solutions, Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) today announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Union Bank of India to enable comprehensive and accessible vehicle financing solutions. The partnership aims to offer innovative and attractive solutions curated to meet the evolving needs of the customers and making Toyota vehicles more accessible than ever. Speaking about the new customer initiative, Mr. Sabari Manohar, Vice President, Sales-Service-Used Car Business of Toyota Kirloskar Motor, said, "We are delighted to partner with Union Bank of India for enhancing vehicle financing options.

HDFC Bank Launches GIGA

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: HDFC Bank, India's largest private sector bank, today launched GIGA – a complete financial suite of products and services designed especially for gig workers/ freelancers. As a start-point, the Bank conducted an in-depth consumer research study to understand the needs of freelancers, based on which, it has launched GIGA – a digital-first programme offering a host of customised products and services to address the requirements of freelancers. The gig economy stretches across the continuum of white-collar professionals such as management consultants, software programmers and designers, architects, investment advisors to grey collar workers that carry specific vocational/technical expertise to blue collar and pink-collar workers that comprise delivery partners and care givers. Ms Sunali Rohra, Head – Gig Banking, Start-Ups and Government & Institutional Business, HDFC Bank said, "We are delighted to launch a comprehensive suite of financial products designed to meet the manifold needs of various.

HDFC Bank unveils new UPI and CBDC features to enhance customer experience

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: HDFC Bank, India's leading private sector bank, today announced the launch of several new features for Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC). Developed in collaboration with multiple fintech partners, these features aim to enhance the digital banking experience for customers by improving convenience, security, and access. These features include the newly launched UPI Circle-Delegate Payment; Personalising Experiences on UPI; and User-Level Programmable CBDC.HDFC Bank has collaborated with various players in the fintech ecosystem to launch these new offerings at Global Fintech Fest 2024, in Mumbai. Some of these fintechs include KreditPe, ToneTag and PayU. "At HDFC Bank, we believe innovation is key to enhancing the banking experience. The new UPI features we've introduced are designed to make digital transactions.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Partners with Union Bank of India

HIMLA: In its continuous effort to enhance customer experience and streamline car ownership experience through innovative solutions, Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) today announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Union Bank of India to enable comprehensive and accessible vehicle financing solutions. The partnership aims to offer innovative and attractive solutions curated to meet the evolving needs of the customers and making Toyota vehicles more accessible than ever. The partnership will allow customers to enjoy up to 90% financing on the on-road price of any Toyota vehicles purchased for private use, exempting them from any foreclosure, or part-payment charges. The financing options under the Union Vehicle Scheme for private vehicles will aid customers to opt for flexible tenures up to 84 months with competitive interest rates starting from 8.80% per annum at present. Sabari Manohar, Vice President, Sales-Service-Used Car Business of Toyota Kirloskar Motor, said,

SHREE LAUNCHES ITS 130th STORE IN UNA

UNA: Renowned Women's Indian Ethnic Wear Brand SHREE – She is Special, is excited to announce the opening of its 130th store in INDIA located in Una. New himachal shopping center near degree college opening on August 30th, 2024. The launch event will be graced by Mrs. Sheetal Kapoor, Joint Managing Director of SHR Lifestyle Pvt Ltd. Spanning an inviting 750 sq. ft., the store has been elegantly designed to offer a premium shopping experience. It features SHREE's exclusive Autumn/Winter 2024 line, curated to celebrate the festive season with style and grace. The collection reflects the brand's dedication to providing fashionable, functional outfits for various occasions, ensuring customers find the perfect attire for every event. Speaking at the event, Mrs. Sheetal Kapoor, Joint Managing Director of SHREE – She is Special, remarked, "We are thrilled to open our 130th store in India. The opening of this store allows us to connect more closely with our customers and offering them an enhanced shopping experience.

realme 13 Series 5G promises Unmatched Speed starting from INR 17,999

S HIMLA: realme, the most popular smartphone brand among Indian youth, today announced the launch of the highly anticipated realme 13 Series 5G, the latest addition to its Number Series along with realme Buds T01. The realme 13 Series 5G with its unmatched speed is set to redefine the standards for performance in the industry. realme is redefining the realme Number Series under the new tagline: "Next-gen Power". This product aims to redefine power within the mid-range price segment, setting a new standard for performance. The realme 13 Series 5G will mark a new milestone, being the most powerfully offering yet in the history of the Number series. a realme spokesperson said, "We are incredibly excited to unveil the realme 13 Series. With this launch, we are redefining the realme Number Series under the new tagline: "Next-gen Power". This product is not just another addition to our portfolio; it's a game-changer that aims to redefine power within the mid-range price segment and set a new standard for performance. The realme 13 Series 5G will be the most powerful offering yet in the history of the Number series.

Here's how to treat swimmer's ear infection



Swimmer's ear or otitis externa is an infection in the outer ear canal caused by water that remains in the ear, which creates a moist environment that aids bacterial growth. This infection is not only caused by swimming and can be the result of aggressively inserting objects such as cotton swabs, toothpicks, etc., which damage the ear's canal. Here are some home remedies that can help you treat this mild case of infection: Onion juice This juice helps disinfect and provide relief within a few minutes of application. To make the juice, blend a small onion and then heat the juice in a microwave for 10 seconds.

With the help of a dropper, put two to three drops in the infected ear. After five minutes, tilt your head to drain the water. Follow this thrice a day for better results. Olive oil This oil has antiseptic properties that can treat the infection. You can also add other antimicrobial and soothing ingredients such as garlic and/or Vitamin E oil to the oil to enhance its effectiveness. Grate two to three pieces of garlic and soak it in two tablespoons of olive oil overnight. In the morning, add 5 drops of vitamin E oil, strain and

warm the oil. Put 4 drops, thrice a day into your infected ear. Warm compress Heat helps promote the flow of any fluid stuck inside the ear, thereby alleviating pain. Soak a washcloth in some hot water and squeeze out the excess. Place this over your infected ear for a few minutes and repeat after every 15 minutes, if needed. White vinegar The acid makes the ear canal less hospitable for bacterial growth and reduces itchiness. Combine two to three teaspoons each of white vinegar and rubbing alcohol in a bowl. Now, put

two to three drops of this solution in your ear and after 5 minutes, tilt your head. Repeat this twice a day. Rubbing alcohol Isopropyl alcohol's acidic nature helps eliminate any bacteria and drain the water in your ear. Upon application, the alcohol evaporates quickly, leaving you with clean, dry ears. Put six to seven drops of alcohol and wiggle your infected ear with a clean finger. After a few minutes, flip your head the other way. Follow this on a daily basis after a swim, as a precautionary method.

Tandon met Advisor Rajiv Verma, expressed gratitude by giving certificate



CHANDIGARH, After the successful completion of the gully cricket tournament, UT Cricket Association President Sanjay Tandon met Advisor to Administrator Rajiv Verma and handed over the Asia Book of Records certificate on Friday. The tournament was organized by UTCA and Chandigarh Police has the distinction to be the highest number of teams participating in any cricket tournament. During the meeting, Tandon expressed gratitude for the contribution made by the Sports, Education and Social Welfare departments of the UT administration during the tournament.

Mega Book Fair to Engross Avid Book Readers at CP67 Mall from today



MOHALI: Marcus Tullius Cicero's quote "A room without books is like a body without a soul," makes so much sense since books are the soul of an avid book reader and yes, one's best friend too! The Nine-day mega book fair, being organized by Kitab Lovers, is poised to rejuvenate the souls of bibliophiles besides encouraging book enthusiasts and readers from across Tricity to develop reading habits. Being organized at CP67 Mall in Mohali from August 31 to September 8, 2024, the aim of this Book fair is to sell books at the most affordable prices and to offer a variety of books across various genres to book lovers.

While giving information about the book fair, Rahul Pandey, co-founder of

Kitab Lovers, says, "Over one million new and pre-loved books across more than 20 genres will be showcased at the book fair. What makes this fair special is its innovative 'Load the Box' concept, under which customers can pay a fixed price for a box and take as many books as they can fit into that box. Boxes are available in three sizes, priced between ₹1200 and ₹3000." While adding more details Mr. Pandey says, "This is our first event in Mohali and we are absolutely thrilled to host the book fair in the city. Our book fair not only provides books at affordable prices but also caters to a wide range of book lovers. In addition to some of the most seasoned and valued publishers and authors.

ICAI honoured global researchers with its International Research Award



CHANDIGARH: The researchers from India and overseas were honoured at the fifth ICAI International Research Award 2024 organised by the nation's apex CAs body- The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). Organised at Hotel Marriott, the awards were conferred in four categories of CA profession which include Taxation, Accounting, Economics and Finance as the recipients hailed from different parts of the world. These awards are considered to be the world's largest cross-border competition in the field of research. As many as 260 research papers were received from across the

world and were reviewed by subject experts, reputed technical reviewers and a panel of international jury from different countries. This year the jury was chaired by Dale Pintu, President, CPA, Australia. In the presence of nearly 500 CAs, economists and financial experts from India and abroad, ICAI National President CA Ranjit Kumar Agarwal, Vice President CA Charanjit Singh Nanda, Jury Chairman Dale Pintu, Chair, Seattle University Niranjan Chipalkatti, Chairman of Research Committee of ICAI Hansraj Chugh and Vice Chairman, CA RS Adukia and Chairman of ICAI Chandigarh.

Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Unveils Two New EV Exclusive Retail

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Tata Passenger Electric Mobility (TPEM), the pioneer of India's EV revolution and a subsidiary of Tata Motors, today unveiled two EV-exclusive retail stores under the TATA.ev brand identity in Kochi, Kerala. These premium retail stores are centrally located in Edappally and Kalamassery, and will bring about a unique and upmarket purchase and ownership experience beyond traditional car sales to the discerning EV community. According to Mr. Shalish Chandra, Managing Director, Tata Passenger Electric Mobility and Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles, said, "As the leading market for electric mobility in the country with 5.6% EV penetration, the people of Kerala have led the way in adopting future facing technologies, making it a clear choice for us to inaugurate our next set of premium Tata.ev stores in the state. We have seen how the discerning EV consumer has matured and demands a premium ownership experience. To cater to this archetype, Tata Motors is committed to continue democratizing EVs for the mass market coupled with offering a sophisticated and digitized ownership experience.

Ludhiana's Trishneet Arora, Founder of TAC Security, Ranked as the 6th Youngest Rich Indian on Hurun Rich List 2024

TRISHNEET Arora, the visionary founder and CEO of TAC Security, has made his mark on the Hurun India Rich List 2024, securing the 1463rd position with a net worth of ₹1,100 crore. At 30, Arora is recognized as the 6th youngest rich Indian on this prestigious list, highlighting his dynamic role in the growing prominence of India's tech and cybersecurity sectors.



Arora founded TAC Security, a company that would go on to become a global leader in vulnerability management and

BankersKlub disrupts financial advisory landscape in India, launches innovative tech-enabled aggregator platform for corporate finance solutions

CHANDIGARH : BankersKlub, an innovative fintech start-up redefining financial advisory with seasoned bankers, announces the launch of its tech-enabled aggregator platform. It facilitates a wide range of strategic corporate financial advisory services and solutions to small businesses, MSMEs, and startups by connecting them with retired bankers. With an aim to streamline the process of securing debt funds for businesses, and to introduce transparency with cost-effective flat pricing, BankersKlub announces enabling companies to raise debt fund up

to INR 100 Cr at a flat success fee of INR 50 Lacs. This will benefit businesses significantly by saving their cost with a



predictable cost structure. The platform also creates additional earning opportunities for retired bankers by giving them 75% of the fixed success fee

for every successful debt fund raise, alongside a monthly consultancy fee. As a part of the launch, BankersKlub also introduces its flagship product, the Financial Wellness Report (FWR), a powerful tool designed to analyse any given industry and business, providing actionable recommendations for any kind of financial advisory. Seasoned bankers who understand the intricate requirements of lending institutions, meticulously prepare this Report, and the accompanying Scorecard backed by data-driven KPIs that matter most to lenders. Thus, it ensures a faster turnaround for businesses seeking funding.

AIPL Unveils Club Aqua at AIPL DreamCity Ludhiana



LUDHIANA - AIPL, India's leading real estate development and hospitality enterprise, is thrilled to announce the grand opening of Club Aqua at AIPL DreamCity Ludhiana. More than just a club, Club Aqua is a sanctuary where members can experience a life of balance, relaxation, and connection every single day.

The art gym, Club Aqua offers a place where wellness meets luxury, giving you the tools to not just live but thrive.

Imagine stepping into the tranquil club room or library after a long day, where the peaceful atmosphere allows you to unwind and rejuvenate your spirit. Families will find dedicated spaces for children, ensuring that every family member has a place where they feel at home. Whether it's a game of tennis, a casual gathering in the sports area, or a relaxing evening enjoying gourmet cuisine, Club Aqua promises to turn everyday moments into cherished memories.

Set within the green and serene environment of AIPL DreamCity, Club Aqua invites its members into a world of comfort and sophistication, where every detail is designed to enhance daily living. From your early morning swim in the refreshing pool to an energizing session at the state-of-

Mastercard collaborates with Gramophone to enable agri input and credit access for 2 million farmers in India

CHANDIGARH: Mastercard today announced a collaboration with Gramophone, a leading agritech platform, to enable 2 million smallholder farmers on the Mastercard Community Pass platform in India with access to agri inputs. The two entities will work towards powering offline payments for farmers in rural and remote areas through the Community Pass financial inclusion card. Gramophone is also expected to enable their existing five lac farmers with offline payments and credit. Community Pass provides a digital ecosystem for buyers who are looking for sustainable sources of quality produce at favourable market prices and supply chain financing; and for smallholder farmers looking for reliable markets, fair prices and access to credit. The platform brings together various agri sector stakeholders in a centralized agricultural marketplace, amplifying the collective positive impact on farming communities. Community Pass services also include an offline payment card, and inputs credit that will be rolled out in the coming months. This collaboration with Gramophone will ensure that farmers are able to buy the right inputs at a fair price. The service will be rolled out later this year, starting with inputs and offline payments, while access to credit will be launched early next year. In addition, Gramophone plans to roll out innovative loyalty/cash-back schemes for its members via the offline-enabled card. Through this collaboration, Gramophone also seeks to enable easier access to working capital for their farmer producer organizations and small retailers for driving inputs and scaling business.

The book 'Ignited Minds' and the play 'Andher Nagri' were reviewed in the Government Repudaman College

NABHA (Rakesh Jindal). Under the leadership of Principal Dr. Vanita Ranjini in Government Repudaman College, Professor of English Department. Aradhana Kamra read APJ Abdul Kalam's book 'Ignited Minds' and Hindi Department Prof. Dr.Talwinder Singh reviewed Bharatendu Harishchandra's play Andher Nagri Prof. Aradhana Kamra said that this is the book of India's Missile Man and our country's President APJ Abdul Kalam to discover the true potential of the youth. She inspires the youth to set goals, dream big and make every effort to make those dreams come true. While Dr. Talwinder Singh said that the play has exposed the feudal system, corruption of the political system, the irrationality of the governments, the long-standing entrapment and deception of the naive people. Makes aware of problems. At this time, Principal Dr. Vanita Ranjini, staff members and a large number of students were present in the seminar hall.

Tricity's Dancing Divas- Rockstar Twins, Tanya & Tanisha Shine at Global stage

CHANDIGARH: Tanya and Tanisha, the 14-year-old twins who have made a mark as 'dancing prodigies', have once again brought pride to their country with a series of impressive wins on the international dance stage. The twins represented India in a series of European competitions. Tanya & Tanisha interacted with the media to share details of their achievements. Along with them were their parents, mother – Anamika Kashyap and father Vinod Kumar. 'The twins' dance mentors Sameer Mahajan, Founder-Owner & Dance Director, Rockstar Academy and Sakshi Rauthan, MD & Choreographer, Rockstar Academy, also accompanied their pupils at the press meet. Harpreet Dubey who teaches the girls Classical dance was also present. The



girls have been training since they were just 4 years old at Rockstar Academy. Sameer informed that in a remarkable display of skill and artistry, the dancing twins won several prestigious global dance competitions held this summer over June & July 2024 in Europe. At the World Dance Championship in Budapest, Hungary, they secured first place in the Open Style category, second place in the Lyrical & Contemporary category, and the Unique Performer Award in the duet category for

their innovative dance approach. Sakshi added, earlier in the summer, Tanya and Tanisha won first prizes in both Folk Dance and Modern Contemporary at the Dancing Italy competition, and took home the Grand Prize as the top performers. Continuing their winning streak, the duo won Silver Medals in the National and Folklore categories at the Dance World Cup in Prague. At the Global Dance Open in the Netherlands, they clinched another Silver Medal.

Visionaries Unite for a Day of Transformative Ideas at TEDxSukhna Lake in Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH: TEDxSukhna Lake 2024, held at The Lalit, Chandigarh, was a landmark event, graced by the presence of His Excellency Shiv Pratap Shukla, Governor of Himachal Pradesh. His participation underscored the event's significance and set the tone for a day filled with groundbreaking ideas and thought-provoking discussions. TEDxSukhna Lake 2024, held on August 29th at The Lalit, Chandigarh, was a remarkable convergence of thought leaders and innovators, each bringing unique perspectives to the theme "Past, Present, and Future." The event featured a series of compelling talks by distinguished speakers, including Subhash Sharma, an advocate and expert in agricultural economics; Dolly Sidana, an award-winning interior designer recognized for her transformative work; Dr. Manju Jain, a spiritual healer renowned for her contributions to holistic well-being; Ms. Minalini Shrivastava IPS, a dedicated officer with a distinguished career in public service; Dr. Ravul Jindal, a pioneering and endovascular surgeon with a visioning initiative for amputation prevention; Dr. Kaushik Sarkar, a leader in digital transformation and global health; Ujjwal Sangwan, a seasoned real estate consultant and investment expert; Harleg Singh, a finance and real estate influencer known for his investment strategies; Karuna Singh, a philanthropist and former Femina Miss India Purjib; Anshuk Tyagi, the CEO and Managing Director of T&T Group, known for pioneering digital homes; Rahul Layal, a full-stack marketing strategist and founder of IOTA; Sameep Shastri, a youth leader and institution builder; Ajay Jindal, a social entrepreneur recognized for his impact in community development; Vipin Aggarwal, an investment expert with a significant role in solar energy and defense; Manmeet Singh Bhatti, a career coach and author; Guneeet Sarai, a social entrepreneur and advocate for sustainable nutrition and



Mehak Sambhal Manchanda, an entrepreneur with a strong background in consultancy and fashion. Each speaker contributed unique insights, fostering a rich dialogue that resonated deeply with the audience. The event was a true celebration of ideas, with each presentation sparking inspiration and encouraging reflection on the evolving challenges and opportunities of our time. In his address, His Excellency Shiv Pratap Shukla highlighted the importance of platforms like TEDx in shaping societal progress. "Such events are crucial for nurturing intellectual growth and fostering the exchange of ideas that can lead to meaningful change," he remarked.

Flipkart expands operations in UP with two new Fulfillment Centers

SONIPAT / FARIDABAD : Flipkart, India's homegrown e-commerce marketplace, announced the grand opening of two new Fulfillment Centers (FCs) in Uttar Pradesh. The facilities include an FC and a sortation center in Unnao and a sortation center along with a Grocery FC in Varanasi. The technologically advanced facilities, covering over 5 lakh sq. ft. of storage space, were virtually inaugurated by the Honble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri. Yogi Adityanath. These new Fulfillment Centers aim to streamline delivery times and increase efficiency across numerous pincodes while creating more than 3,600 direct and indirect employment opportunities. The new Grocery fulfillment center in Varanasi and the non-large facility in Unnao will provide an expansive selection of products to its customers, ranging from local to established brands. During the virtual inauguration, Yogi Adityanath Ji, the Honble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, highlighted the significant role this expansion will play in boosting economic growth in the state. During his address, Yogi Adityanath Ji remarked, "Flipkart's substantial investment in Uttar Pradesh is a



testament to the state's growing reputation as an emerging industrial and entrepreneurial hub. These fulfillment centers are not only generating large-scale employment but also empowering the state's MSME units by providing them with a pan-India reach. Millions of customers can benefit from Flipkart's advanced supply chain, which seamlessly processes a large number of orders every day." Speaking about the development and echoing these sentiments, Rajneesh Kumar, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, Flipkart Group, said, "With the government's continued focus on creating a conducive business environment and fostering innovation, Uttar Pradesh offers enormous potential for entrepreneurial growth and

success. It has become one of the leading states in e-commerce adoption and seller empowerment. With our strategic investments in Uttar Pradesh and our wide marketplace ecosystem, we aim to strengthen local communities, MSMEs, farmers, and ancillary businesses by supporting their digital transformation journey. The efforts towards enhancing infrastructure, with a growing network of fulfillment centers, will ensure faster and more reliable deliveries to customers. Through key initiatives like Flipkart Samarth, Samarth Krishi and the launch of the new FCs in the state, Flipkart is creating thousands of employment opportunities, thereby supporting Uttar Pradesh's goal of becoming a \$1 trillion economy by 2027.

Tata Motors showcases safe, smart and sustainable mass mobility solutions

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Tata Motors, India's largest commercial vehicle manufacturer, showcased an impressive array of cutting-edge mass mobility solutions at Prawaas 4.0 – a 3-day biennial event highlighting safe, smart and sustainable integrated mass mobility solutions. The company unveiled an all-new Tata Ultra EV 7M – a zero-emission, intra-city electric bus designed and engineered to perfectly suit the requirements for urban mass mobility. Tata Motors also showcased a diverse range of passenger transport solutions including the Tata Magna EV, Tata Magic Bi-Fuel, Tata Ultra Prime CNG, Tata Winger 9S, Tata CityRide Prime and Tata LPO 1822, all aimed at offering customized solutions in varied applications and duty cycles. Commenting on the unveiling, Mr. Anand S, Vice President and Head – Commercial Passenger Vehicle Business, Tata Motors, said, "Prawaas 4.0's theme of safe, smart, and sustainable mobility perfectly aligns with our vision. This event provides us a unique opportunity to engage with stakeholders and showcase our cutting-edge solutions. We are proud to present a wide range of exhibits that offer customised solutions in their respective segments, including our latest offering, the Ultra EV 7M, in the electric bus space. This all-new model is perfectly suited for both metros and smaller cities, addressing the unique demands of our customers.

Kotak Unveils Falcon Forex Card Exclusively for UAE Travelers

CHANDIGARH: Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited ("KMBL/Kotak") today unveiled Kotak Falcon Card – a single currency prepaid forex card for the growing number of Indians travelling to the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Kotak Falcon Card's USP is the safety & convenience and cumulative savings up to Rs 20,000\* it offers, making it lucrative for aspirational Indians. Travelers using Kotak Falcon card for payments in UAE will get instant discounts at 100+ tourist attractions, adventure sports, shopping, dining, and unique experiences. Additional benefits include complimentary insurance cover, 24\*7 reload service, instant refund, and hassle-free card replacement. The Kotak Falcon Card was unveiled at the Global Fintech Fest in Mumbai by Rohit Bhasin, President – Head Affluent, NRI, Business Banking and Chief Marketing Officer, Kotak Mahindra Bank; Muzaffer Hamid, CEO, Mercury Payments Services; and dignitaries from NPCL.

Bengali Cinema's Next Big Thing: 'Sesh Jibon' set to release on 30 August 2024

Kolkata, August 27, 2024: 'Sesh Jibon' is an upcoming Bengali film set to release on August 30, 2024. The movie tells the story of a grandfather Bikram Rathore and his granddaughter Kavya, who move from Jaipur to Darjeeling. Kavya meets Kuljeet Singh Siddhu at a tea company, and he soon realizes that she has cancer. The movie follows Kavya's journey to fulfill her wishes in her limited life. The cast includes Pradip Chopra, Mukesh Rishi, Zarina Wahab, Mushtaq Khan, Punet Raj Sharma, and Kavya Kashyap. The movie is directed by Suvendu Raj Ghosh and produced by Pradip Chopra. Produced under the LEAD Presents banner, Sesh Jibon explores the bond between a grandfather and his granddaughter, set against the picturesque landscapes of Darjeeling, Kalimpong, and Kolkata. The film's trailer generated significant buzz prior to its release, and the full feature has now deeply resonated with viewers. The music, released by Zee Music Company, enhances the emotional experience. The film 'Sesh Jibon' will be released in 60 theaters across West Bengal. This wide release will provide numerous opportunities for viewers to watch the film. Additionally, the film will also be released in 20 theaters across India, further expanding its reach. This extensive release will make the film easily accessible to a large audience, allowing more people to experience this epic film. Pradip Chopra, who also stars in the film, expressed his appreciation for the audience's positive reception, noting the personal significance of the project. He emphasized that Sesh Jibon is a tribute to the deep connections shared with loved ones and expressed gratitude for the support received. Director Suvendu Raj Ghosh highlighted the film's unique blend of love, life's challenges, and beautiful storytelling, expressing confidence in the lasting impact it will have on viewers.



KISHORI LAL BAINS

UNA: Deputy Commissioner Jatin Lal announced that starting from September 1, the Una district will undertake a livestock census using GPS technology.

The primary goal of this census is to gather accurate data on the district's livestock population, which will play a crucial role in formulating and implementing policies and plans related to livestock development.



Deputy Commissioner Jatin Lal chaired a training program for departmental officials on the 21st Livestock Census 2024, held in Una. He explained that this census will help in collecting data on livestock population and urban-rural distribution, aiding in the proper allocation of funds and resources. Additionally, the collection of information on various breeds will support efforts in their conservation and improvement.

# Haryana's healthcare services are only visible on paper: Kumari Selja

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA  
SIRSA, AUG 30

Sirsa, 30th, August. The General Secretary of the All India Congress, former Union Minister, and MP from Sirsa, Kumari Selja said that while the BJP government of the state is busy patting itself on the back for its development, the people of the state are struggling for basic facilities. Essential services such as health, education, electricity, and water have been confined to paper. The state's healthcare services are the most fragile; deliveries are happening either on hospital floors or outside the hospitals, there are places without doctors, and where there are doctors, there are no medicines or paramedical staff. Government hospitals have been reduced to mere referral centers. Patients are



being misled about the Ayushman cards, and such patients do not even receive treatment when doctors are not paid. The public is aware of all this and cannot be misled. The people, frustrated for the past ten years, have now decided to oust the BJP government, and in this election, the public will teach the BJP a lesson by voting against it. In a statement

released to the media, Kumari Selja said that according to the standards of the World Health Organization (WHO), there should be one sub-health center for every 5,000 people, one Primary Health Center (PHC) for every 30,000 people, and one Community Health Center (CHC) for a population of 80,000 to 1.2 lakh in rural areas to provide healthcare facilities to every citizen. Currently, 2,667 sub-health centers, 532 primary health centers, and 128 community health centers are operational in the state. According to the needs of the current population, there is a shortfall of 634 sub-health centers, 81 primary health centers, and 53 community centers. The current healthcare infrastructure is not up to the required level. Even in the existing facilities,

there is a significant shortage of specialist doctors, staff nurses, radiographers, pharmacists, lab technicians, and multipurpose cadres. She said that a CHC should have six specialist doctors (a surgeon, a gynecologist, a physician, a pediatrician, an orthopedic specialist, and an anesthetist). Several schemes were mentioned by the state to improve public health, but their benefits have not reached the needy. What is the use of such false promises and so-called schemes? Initially, the Chief Minister's Health Survey Scheme was launched, which was later renamed the "Nirogi Haryana Scheme," indicating that the government is more interested in changing the names of schemes rather than implementing them.

# Himachal becomes first state to offer MSP on natural farming products: CM

DINESH AGARWAL  
SHIMLA, AUG 30

A delegation of four scientists from the French National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food, and Environment (INRAE) called on Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, here today. The team, led by Prof. Allison Marie Loconto, Deputy Director of LISIS, included researchers Prof. Mireille Matt, Dr. Evelyn Lhoste, and Dr. Renee Van Dis are on a visit to Himachal Pradesh to learn about the advancements in natural farming in the state.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister said that Himachal Pradesh was pioneering in natural farming as the state was the first in India to offer a minimum support price for products grown through natural farming practices with wheat



being procured at Rs. 40 per kg and maize at Rs. 30 per kg. Additionally, cow milk was being purchased at Rs. 45 per litre and buffalo milk at Rs. 55 per litre. He said that Himachal Pradesh was set to become a leading state in natural farming within the next five to six years and emphasized the importance of product certification in natural farming. He said that the CETARA certification system had been introduced, which was being implemented in the state to

ensure fair prices for the farmers. Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that HIM-UNNATI scheme was being implemented in the state with a cluster-based approach which aims to produce and certify chemical-free produce, with plans to establish 2,600 agricultural groups involving approximately 50,000 farmers. Furthermore, the state government was also taking significant steps to boost the dairy sector and enhance milk production.

## Health check-up camp organised at Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 1



**VERMA GURDASPUR:** A three-day medical examination camp was organised at Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 1, Air Force Station Pathankot. In this camp, Dr. Vinay Kundal, Dr. Rohit Kalra, Dr. Meenakshi, Dr. Rajni, and their medical team conducted health check-ups for the students. The check-up included a thorough examination of the students' nails, eyes, teeth, tongue, and abdomen. Additionally, the medical records of the children, such as blood group, vaccinations, and other health conditions, were reviewed, and suggestions were provided to each student as needed. Principal Karmveer Singh stated that every year a health check-up camp is organised for the students to ensure their good health. The event at the school level was coordinated by Samta Arya and Anjali.

## Medical Practitioners take out protest march to demand punishment for murder of Kolkata doctor

**JATINDERPAL SINGH KALER NAWANSHAHR:** Medical Practitioners Association Punjab District Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar Medical Practitioners held a protest march at Nawanshahr. A memorandum was sent to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann through Deputy Commissioner District Shaheed Singh, in which Lady Dr. Momita Devanath was brutally gang-raped at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Calcutta. She was murdered and demanded that her murderers be hanged and others who commit heinous crimes like raping women and innocent children should also be hanged. Addressing on this occasion, All India



Medical Practitioners Federation National President and Punjab Chairman Dr. Ramesh Kumar Bali, District Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar President Dr. Balkar Kataria, District General Secretary Dr. Prem Saloh, District Cashier Dr. Kashmir Singh Bachheti, State Vice President and Rahon Block President Dr. Balveer Garcha, District Organizer Secretary and Kathgarh Block President Dr. Rajinder

Singh Lucky and other leaders said that Medical Practitioners Association Punjab Registration No. 295 is always fighting against coercion. The association is committed to the protection of women and children. He said that for a long time the heinous crimes, rape and murder and inhuman acts committed against women in various states of India have shocked the common man and women and girls are not safe anywhere.

## Monthly meeting of Bhagwan Parshuram Seva Samiti organised



MANISH KUMAR

**AMBALA:** Bhagwan Parshuram Seva Samiti Regd 1069 Ambala Cantt's monthly family meeting was held at Bhagwan Parshuram Mandir, Naggal Kardahan. Committee's havan incharge Satish Sharma said that monthly havan yagna of September will be conducted on first Sunday at Bhagwan Parshuram Mandir, Naggal Kardahan at 9 am by temple's Pandit Shambhu Nath. Main host of havan will be committee's secretary Rajesh Goldy Sharma and his wife Sushma Sharma along with their family. Committee's head Atul Sharma said that after havan, new executive of committee will also be expanded, which will work for next 3 years. Committee's general secretary said that committee will start membership campaign from September and will make new members in committee. Anyone who is above 18 years of age can become a member of committee by paying his Aadhaar card, PAN card and membership fee.

## DBU hosts informative webinar on 'The Future of Learning: AI in Education and Research'



**KHUSHAV SINGLA MANDI GOBINDGARH:** Desh Bhagat University successfully hosted an enlightening webinar titled "The Future of Learning: AI in Education and Research," which witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and faculty members of the Faculty of Engineering, Technology and Computing. The webinar featured a keynote address by Prof. Dr. Rania Lampou, a distinguished expert from the Directorate of Educational Technology and Innovation, Ministry of Education, Greece. Her comprehensive insights into the integration of artificial intelligence in education and research captivated the audience and sparked engaging discussions. Dr. Harsh Sadawarti, Vice President at Desh Bhagat University, expressed deep appreciation for Prof. Dr. Lampou's contributions, acknowledging the webinar as highly informative. "This session has opened new avenues for our academic community. We are keen to explore potential collaborations with universities and institutions in Greece, leveraging AI to further enhance our educational and research initiatives," Dr. Sadawarti remarked.

## People gather at police station, seek action against Sarpanch



**YAGYADATT SHASTRI PEHOWA:** Hundreds of people from scheduled castes gathered at Sadar police station on Friday to demand action against the Panch and the current Sarpanch of Murtazapur village of Pehowa. They have accused the Panch and Sarpanch of using casteist language and abusing the head of the Gurudwara. The police should book the accused immediately. If no action was taken, they would force to stage a protest in the police station itself. Gurmeet Singh resident of Indira Colony told that the construction work of Gurudwara was going on in his village Murtazapur. The villagers have made him the head of the Gurudwara. At around 8:30 in the night, he was locking the gate of the Gurudwara then the village Panch Paramjit Singh reached the spot with his wife, who started abusing him as soon as they arrived. When he protested, both of them started using casteist language against him. When he informed the police about the matter, the accused informed the village sarpanch. He called him on the spot. When the Sarpanch also reached the spot, he also abused him and used casteist words.

## Residents of village Sekha give demand letter to DC regarding various problems



BALWINDER AZAD

**BARNALA DEHATI:** There was a gathering of all the town residents regarding the problem of potholes and water drainage at village Sekha. Under the leadership of state leader Mahendra Singh Waraich and district leader of Bharatiya Kisan Union Kadian Baldev Singh, a demand letter was given to Deputy Commissioner Barnala Poonamdeep Deep Kaur. On this occasion, Senior Vice President of Indian Farmers Union Qadian Barnala Block Randhir Singh Rahal Sekha, Kulwinder Singh, Gurjant Singh, Jaswinder Singh etc. said that the road which was built under the Prime Minister's plan was damaged due to rain and at the railway station, Platey and Salo. Due to the moving trucks, potholes were created in the road, due to which the villagers and other villages have to face huge problems while passing. Apart from this, on the day when the special is installed, a large number of trucks pass by, due to which the road has become muddy due to standing water, due to which an accident can happen at any time.

## S. Tara Singh Startup and Incubation Center inaugurated at Khalsa College



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

**KARNAL:** S. Tara Singh Startup and Incubation Center was inaugurated at Guru Nanak Khalsa College apart from College Museum and newly constructed Music Room. College Management Committee head Kanwarjit Prince inaugurated them by cutting ribbon. Startup and Incubation Center built under joint aegis of renowned Global Foundation of India and college, has been made for students. S Kanwarjit Singh Prince said that with this talent of students will be enhanced and employment opportunities will also be available. Rakesh Sachdeva, President of Global Foundation, provided a printing machine for Startup Center so that under new education policy, students will be provided self-employment opportunities in college itself. College Principal Dr. Gurinder Singh said that soon a language lab will be established in college and this will also provide many employment opportunities. Museum of old and wonderful things and memories of college was also inaugurated and newly equipped modern music room was also inaugurated in college.

## Gondar holds meeting with Sarpanches and workers



DHEERAJ SHARMA

**NILOKHERI:** In a programme, MLA Dharampal Gondar said that he supported the government in the Rajya Sabha elections, in the presidential elections. We even supported Nayab Saini. Dharampal Gondar said that I had programmes during the Lok Sabha elections, but I was not invited to any programme. I withdrew support at the behest of the public. He said that we three MLAs have withdrawn support from the government. Congress is a party for the poor and farmers. I was blessed by the public. Dharampal Gondar said that we do not want a ministerial post. We just want to work for our people. In 2019, he won the Nilokheri constituency as an independent candidate and supported the BJP government of Haryana. Now he has withdrawn his support and has given support to the Congress party.

## Be determined and keep moving forward even in difficult times: Megha Bhandari



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

**KARNAL:** Bharat Vikas Parishad Krishna Branch organized a drawing mehndi and rangoli competition at Mata Prakash Kaur Vani and Shravan Disabled Welfare Center. Haryana Welfare Society for Person with Speech and Hearing Impairment Chairperson Megha Bhandari attended as chief guest. She encouraged participating students and said that teach children that perseverance means to keep working hard even when they are tired. By being determined and moving forward even in difficult times, they can achieve their goals. Megha Bhandari observed rangoli made by students. Students were felicitated with mementos. Pooja stood first, Simran second and Khushi third in mehndi competition. In drawing competition, Aryan got first, Mahak second and Anjali third; and in the rangoli competition, Nancy got first, Muskan second and Pooja third. Megha Bhandari was honoured by Bharat Vikas Parishad, Krishna Branch.

## Task Force Committee (Mining) meeting held



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

**KARNAL:** Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh directed SHO of Enforcement Branch to expedite action against those involved in illegal mining. Accused should be arrested immediately and further action should be taken as per rules. He also directed Regional Transport Authority (RTA) officer to challan overloaded vehicles. He was chairing meeting of District Task Force Committee at Mini Secretariat here today. He inquired from Enforcement SHO about further progress in four FIRs registered regarding illegal mining and directed that further action should be taken by preparing charge sheet against accused. He directed to tighten noose against those involved in illegal mining. District Mining Officer Niranjan Lal said that from June 1 to August 28 this year, 40 vehicles involved in illegal mining were seized. One FIR was registered for illegal mining and three for illegal transportation. Revenue of Rs 662100 was received in form of fine. He informed that revenue of Rs 170047961 has been received in the year 2023-24 and Rs 214381470 has been received so far in 2024-25.

## All Haryana Roadways Workers Union meeting held



RAHUL KOHLI

**YAMUNA NAGAR:** House meeting of All Haryana Roadways Workers Union was concluded under chairmanship of Depot Pradhan Rajinder Kamboj. Main agenda of meeting was to discuss the problems of depot related employees and UPS. Chairman of disciplinary committee, Hari Narayan Sharma, who was present in meeting, while speaking on UPS said that government is saying that this scheme is similar to OPS. If this is so, then why does government not repeal PFRDA Act and implement old pension. He said that UPS is even worse than NPS because in NPS, 24% of basic salary plus DA and 60% of total deposit amount is paid in cash on retirement, but in UPS, in lieu of every 6 months of service, one-tenth of monthly salary plus DA will be added and paid in cash on retirement and biggest surprise is that on 20 February 2023, government had constituted a committee for UPS. Government imposed this UPS on employees. In old pension scheme, no contribution of employees is deducted and 40% of pension amount can also be computed on retirement and Pay Commission Like pay revision, pension is also revised.







## Yudhra trailer: Siddhant Chaturvedi in angry mode, fans left stunned

Actor Siddhant Chaturvedi is back to surprise his fans with a different on-screen avatar in 'Yudhra'. On Thursday, the makers of 'Yudhra' unveiled the film's trailer which is loaded with high-octane action scenes. In the trailer, we can see Siddhant in angry mode. The trailer also showcases Malavika Mohanan as the captivating Nikhat, and Raghav Juyal as the menacing villain Shafiq. Sharing the trailer's link, producer Farhan Akhtar wrote on Instagram, "Witness the world of Yudhra. #YudhraTrailer out now." Recently, the Yudhra team also released Siddhant and Malavika's character posters from the film. In one of the posters, Malavika could be seen wearing a black top and matching pants while looking sharply at the camera. Siddhant can be seen decked up in a suit and smoking in a swag by giving intense expressions. Produced by Ritesh Sidhwani, Farhan Akhtar, and Sudha Anukta, and directed by Ravi Udayawar, Yudhra will hit theaters on September 20. The film is directed by Ravi Udayawar. It promises a blend of gripping action and dynamic storytelling. Siddhant was last seen in Netflix's Kho Gaye Hum Kahan, which also stars Ananya Panday and Adarsh Gourav. The film dwells in the world of modern-day friendship where the youngsters of this generation are immensely affected by their image in the social media world.



## Ayodhya celebrates first Diwali as Lord Ram and Sita return after exile in Shrimad Ramayan

CHANDIGARH: Sony SAB's 'Shrimad Ramayan' holds immense significance and narrates the life and teachings of Lord Ram (Sujay Reu) in its purest form. After fourteen years of gruelling exile and a Mahayudh with Raavan (Nikitin Dheer), the divine couple of Lord Ram and Sita (Prachi Bansal) returns to Ayodhya. Ahead of their return, Lord Ram sends Hanuman (Nirbhay Vadhwa) to deliver the news of them coming back to Ayodhya, hoping to see some hope and excitement among the residents. However, Hanuman notices that the residents are rather sad and worried wondering when their beloved divine couple will return. In the upcoming episodes, Ayodhya will be engulfed by the ominous shadow of Sahasramukhi Ravan, who darkens the city, making the residents anxious about the return of Lord Ram and Sita. Seeing the mood of the residents, Hanuman and Bharat (Nikhilesh Rathore) suggest that people should light diyas to dispel the darkness and negativity, bringing festivity to the city. Ayodhya then buzzes with light and joy as the Lord Ram and Sita finally return, also marking the first ever Diwali celebration. Sujay Reu, who plays the role of Lord Ram in Shrimad Ramayan, said, "I feel deeply connected to the emotions of Ayodhya's residents as they await Lord Ram's return after fourteen years of exile. This moment in the show symbolizes hope and the triumph of light over darkness, which is the true essence of Diwali. I'm honored to bring this iconic story to life and share the joy of Lord Ram and Sita's homecoming with our audience." Tune in to Sony SAB's Shrimad Ramayan every Monday to Saturday at 7.30 PM.



## Rajat and Baani's new career opportunities bring hope in 'Badall Pe Paon Hai'

CHANDIGARH: Sony SAB's 'Badall Pe Paon Hai' follows the journey of Baani (Amandeep Sidhu), a determined and ambitious girl striving to uplift her family's life despite financial limitations. In recent episodes, Baani faces a dilemma as she considers taking up a job offer in the share market, worried about how Rajat (Aakash Ahuja) might react. As Baani attempts to share her concerns and call Rajat, Lavanya (Bhaweeka Chaudhary) intervenes, ensuring that Rajat misses Baani's call. Misinterpreting Rajat's silence, Baani decides to accept the job, believing he won't mind. In the upcoming episodes, Baani learns that Rajat has lost his job. Determined to prevent him from feeling any more distress, she keeps the news hidden from the family and secretly arranges a job interview for him. With her encouragement and support, Rajat acs the interview and secures a new role. The Khanna family celebrates this fresh start for both Rajat and Baani as they embark on their new professional journeys together. However, the real test for Baani lies ahead as she navigates managing her new dream role, the family dynamics, and her relationship with Rajat amid Lavanya's schemes.



## It is heartwarming to read that people are enjoying the show: Tejaswini Singh

CHANDIGARH: Tejaswini Singh, portraying the title character in &TV's new show Bheema, has been receiving accolades for her performance. The young artist from Jaipur has quickly made a lasting impression on viewers. In this candid chat, Tejaswini talks about her love for acting, her inspiration, and how she relates to her character in real life.

1) **Tejaswini, how does it feel to receive praises for your role in Bheema?**

It feels wonderful. Ever since the promos of Bheema were released, my family, friends, and classmates have been telling me how much they love my character. But the happiest moment for me was when my mother said, "Meri beti ya bohot achi acting kar rahi hai". I love playing Bheema, and whenever I get access to my grandmother's phone, I go online to watch the promos, clips, and posters repeatedly. It is heartwarming to read that people are enjoying the show and loving my character.



2) **For those who haven't seen Bheema yet, what would you like to tell them?**

Please watch our show "Bheema." I am sure you are going to love it.

3) **Can you tell us more about your character?**

Bheema is a captivating blend of curiosity and inquisitiveness. She is always asking questions and seeking to understand the world around her. Her eyes, brimming with courage and determination, reflect her spirited nature. She loves playing games with her friends and sister, especially marbles. Her closest relationships are with her mom (Smita Sable) and her cousin Kundan, though she doesn't get along with her Tai.

4) **Can you tell us more about your show?**

Set in the 1980s, Bheema follows the story of a young girl named Bheema. It is a social drama focusing on her struggles and her journey toward equal rights. Audiences will witness her courageous journey as she battles adversities stemming from her family, society, and economic conditions. Despite facing numerous injustices and discrimination, she fearlessly strives to overcome these obstacles. Watch Tejaswini Singh in the title role of &TV's Bheema, airing every Monday to Friday at 8:30 PM!

## Singing soulmates Sachet and Parampara make their reality show debut with Zee TV's Sa Re Ga Ma Pa

CHANDIGARH: Having made singing sensations of its talent through opportunities to release their original singles on Zee Music Co. week-on-week last year, Zee TV's iconic singing reality show 'Sa Re Ga Ma Pa' is back with a fresh season, an all-new panel of mentors and some of the finest new voices of India - Nayi Awaz, Naye Andaz Mein.

This time around, the contestants will be groomed extensively by their mentors, each of whom will be deeply invested in the musical journeys of their protégés, adding value to their learning curve as they jointly vie for the coveted trophy. With today's music composers, whose hit melodies resonate with every emotion of India, going head-to-head in a competitive environment, sparks of musical brilliance are sure to ignite! This season, making their reality show debut as mentors will be singing soulmates Sachet and Parampara Tandon. The singer-composer-lyricist duo has captured the pulse of India with beautiful songs like 'Bekhayali', 'Mere Sohneya', 'Malang Sajna', and 'Maiyya Mainu', and now are all set to mentor the budding singers of the season. When asked about their plans for the season, they said they plan to use the good cop-bad cop strategy, to deliver frank feedback without demotivating the contestants.



## Salman joins Amruta Fadnavis in campaign for eco-friendly Ganpati idols



Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis' wife Amruta and actor Salman Khan on Wednesday attended an event and appealed for eco-friendly Ganpati idols for the upcoming Ganpati festival in Mumbai.

"Today, there is an event which celebrates responsibility. Our Ganeshotsav will be celebrated on 7th September. Children have made Ganesh idols using mud and other eco-friendly items. They have become our ambassadors and are telling us to definitely take our traditions forward, in an eco-friendly way," Amruta told ANI.

"It will go a long way and our future generations will also benefit from it. On one hand, tradition and on the other hand, our eco-friendly practices, so that nature remains happy and our traditions also remain happy, so these children will showcase how we can do this," she added. Salman's sister Alvira and actress Sonali Bendre, too, attended the event. In the visuals captured by the shutterbugs, Salman and Sonali were seen greeting each other with a warm hug. They were also seated together. The event, organized by the Divyaj Foundation as part of the "Bacche Bole Morya" initiative, aimed to encourage the use of sustainable practices during Ganesh Chaturthi. The initiative focused on educating children about the importance of using biodegradable materials to prevent environmental harm caused by non-biodegradable idols. During the event, students from BMC schools across Mumbai showcased eco-friendly Ganesh idols they had made from natural materials. Their efforts highlighted the role of the younger generation in protecting the environment and promoting sustainable traditions.

## Piece of jewellery that TV actors wear every day!



CHANDIGARH: Jewellery and accessories often complete a woman's look. While some pieces are meant for special occasions, there are some treasured accessories that are worn every day. These pieces of jewellery or accessory symbolize love, strength, and a lasting connection to something or someone dear. &TV actors share the accessories they've worn for years and the personal significance behind them. These include Smita Sable (Dhaniya from Bheema), Neha Joshi (Krishna Devi Vajpayee from Atal), Geetanjali Mishra (Rajesh from Happu Ki Ultan Paltan), and Vidisha Srivastava (Anita Bhabhi from Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai). Smita Sable, known as Dhaniya from Bheema, shares, "My parents gifted me a gold chain long time back,

and since then, it has been a part of me, accompanying me in every moment of my life. This gold chain is not just an ornament; it's a treasure trove of memories and emotions. The chain symbolizes the love, blessings, and values my parents instilled in me. Every time I wear it, I feel their presence, warmth, and guidance. It's a reminder of my roots and the strength my parents have always given me. As a mother, I now look forward to passing this cherished legacy to my son. When he grows older, I plan to gift him this chain, hoping it will serve as a constant reminder of the love and values passed down through generations." Neha Joshi, also known as Krishna Devi Vajpayee from Atal, shares, "I have a Nazar battu (protective charm) given to

me by my mother, which holds a special place in my heart. More than just a protective charm, it's a symbol of my mother's love and care. She believes, as do I, that it keeps all negativities away and shields me from harm. Wearing it as a chain makes me feel connected to her. It's like carrying a piece of her wisdom and strength with me. This simple accessory is a powerful reminder of the love and protection that helps me stay positive even in the face of challenges and keeps me grounded."

Geetanjali Mishra, known as Rajesh from Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, shares, "One accessory that is very close to me is a pearl ring. I have not removed it since the day I first wore it. Astrology and numerology have always played a signif-

icant role in my life, guiding me through various phases and decisions. Pearls are known for their calming effects and are believed to attract growth and prosperity, which is why I cherish this ring so deeply. Every time I look at it, I'm reminded of the balance and harmony I strive to maintain. It's a way of aligning myself with the universe's energies. It's a small yet powerful reminder that I carry with me every day." Vidisha Srivastava, known as Anita Bhabhi from Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai, shares, "My engagement ring is more than just a beautiful piece of jewellery; it's a constant reminder of love and commitment. I wear it all the time, and every time I look at it, I'm reminded of the moment he slipped it on my finger."





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