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Oil companies hike commercial LPG cylinders by Rs 39

NEW DELHI: Oil marketing companies (OMCs) have hiked the price of 19-kg commercial LPG gas cylinders by Rs 39. As a result of the latest increase, a 19 kg commercial LPG cylinder would be available at Rs 1,691.50 in Delhi effective September 1, 2024.

Earlier in July, the oil marketing companies had cut the commercial LPG gas cylinders by Rs 30 per cylinder providing relief to consumers.

Oil marketing companies revise the prices of commercial LPG cylinders considering various factors such as crude prices in global markets and currency exchange rate. The 19-kg commercial LPG cylinders are generally used by hotels, restaurants and eateries.

Trishneet Arora ranked 6th youngest Indian in rich list



CHANDIGARH: Trishneet Arora, the founder and CEO of TAC Security secured the 1,463rd position on the Hurun India Rich List 2024 with a net worth of Rs 1,100 crore. At 30, Arora is recognised as the 6th youngest Indian on the prestigious list, highlighting his role in the growing prominence of India's tech and cybersecurity sectors, as per the list. Born in a small town in Punjab, his early interest in computers and technology laid the foundation for what would become a groundbreaking career in cybersecurity.

KC Tyagi resigns as JD(U) spokesperson

NEW DELHI: Janata Dal (United) spokesperson K C Tyagi, whose stand on various issues often highlighted his party's differences with ally BJP, has resigned, the regional party said on Sunday. The JD(U) said in a statement that its president and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has appointed Rajiv Ranjan Prasad as its national spokesperson. It attributed Tyagi's resignation to "personal reasons".

10 dead as rains continue in Andhra, water enters houses in Telangana

AGENCY VIJAYAWADA, SEPT 1

Heavy rain continued in many parts of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana on Sunday for the second day in a row, causing severe water-logging in several areas, submerging houses and cars. Due to incessant rainfall, South Central Railway has cancelled over 20 trains and diverted over 30 in both the states due to heavy floods. Heavy rain wreaked havoc in Vijayawada and Guntur towns of Andhra Pradesh with several residential areas remaining flooded on Sunday and throwing normal life out of gear.

Rain has been lashing several parts of the state under the impact of depression in the Bay of Bengal, which crossed the coast at Kalingapatnam in the early hours of Sunday.

Ten people have been killed in various rain-related incidents since Saturday. Five people were killed and four injured in the landslide at Moghalrajpuram in Vijayawada.

Low-lying areas in Krishna and Guntur districts were inundated due to heavy rain and overflowing tanks and lakes.

Though rain receded on Sunday, several residential colonies remained submerged. Residents said they spent sleepless nights. They lost all their belongings and many complained that they were without food and water as no help came from authorities.

Several roads in Vijayawada, Amaravati, Mangalagiri, Guntur, Eluru and other places remained underwater, paralyzing vehicular traffic and normal life. Vijayawada received the highest rainfall in two decades. Three to four feet of water on roads brought the city to a complete halt.



Heavy rain inundates Guwahati

GUWAHATI: A spell of heavy rain early on Sunday inundated several arterial roads and residential areas in Assam's Guwahati, disrupting vehicular movement and causing inconvenience to residents of the capital city of the northeastern state. People were seen wading through knee-deep waters in some areas of the city while the water level reached up to the chest in several localities. Inundation was reported from Zoo Road, Nabin Nagar, Ganeshguri, Hedayetpur, Guwahati Club, Ulubari, Hatigaon, Gita Nagar, Maligaon, Lachit Nagar, Chandmari, Panjabari, Jorabat, Jatia, Jyotikuchi and Ghoramara and RG Baruah Road areas.

MHA constitutes central team for Gujarat

NEW DELHI: The Ministry of Home Affairs has constituted an inter-ministerial team to assess the damage caused by rainfall and floods in Gujarat. The team will shortly visit the flood-affected districts of Gujarat, which was hit by heavy to extremely heavy rainfall between August 25 and 30 caused by a deep depression formed over Rajasthan and Gujarat, according to an official statement. At least 25 people have died in rain-related incidents across the state on August 26 and 27.

Mumbai: MVA, BJP hold separate protests over Shivaji statue collapse



AGENCY MUMBAI, SEPT 1

Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) held separate protests in Maharashtra's Mumbai on Sunday in connection with the collapse of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's statue.

While the MVA's protest march, which started from Hutatma Chowk to Gateway of India, aimed to condemn the incident, the BJP staged a counter-protest against the MVA in the Dadri area of Mumbai, accusing the latter of politicising the issue.

A 35-foot-tall statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in Sindhudurg district collapsed on August 26. It had been unveiled on December 4 last year during Navy Day celebrations, marking the first such event in Sindhudurg.

Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Anil Desai said, "PM was emotional, he expressed his grief over the incident, but the government of Maharashtra, which should have expressed themselves, didn't."

On the contrary, they started picking up with the opposition in a wrong way and saying that we were politicising the issue, whereas this was the most emotional issue that Maharashtra never witnessed in the past. We had democratically done everything, we had applied to the administration and the police, and we expected that permission would come in due course, which they didn't do."

Former JJP leaders Anoop Dhanak, Ram Kumar Gautam, Jogi Ram Sihag join BJP

AGENCY CHANDIGARH, SEP 1

Former Jannayak Janta Party leaders Anoop Dhanak, Ram Kumar Gautam and Jogi Ram Sihag, who quit the party recently, joined the BJP on Sunday giving the ruling party in Haryana a boost ahead of the October 5 Assembly bypoll.

The three leaders along with Ambala Mayor Shakti Rani Sharma were welcomed into the BJP fold by Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, the



party's state unit chief Mohan Lal Badoli and its Haryana affairs co-incharge Biplab Kumar Deb at a rally in Jind. Sharma is the wife of

Haryana Janchetna Party chief and former Union Minister Venod Sharma. Her son and Independent Rajya Sabha member Kartikeya Sharma

Woman killed, daughter injured in firing by insurgents In Manipur

AGENCY IMPHAL/NEW DELHI, SEPT 1

A woman was killed, and her 12-year-old daughter was injured in firing by suspected insurgents in Manipur today, sources said. Two policemen were also injured; both are out of danger, sources said. The firing started from Nakhujang village in Kangpokpi towards Kadangband in Imphal West at 2.35 pm, sources said.

Residents in Kadangband said at least one drone dropped a "bomb" on a house in the area. They have shared purported visuals of the drone dropping a bomb, while people ran for cover. Sources in the security forces, however, said

they are yet to look into this claim. Some people guarding their houses in Kadangband retaliated, sources said. The woman, identified as Ngangbam Surbala, 31, was brought dead at the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) in the state capital Imphal, 45 km from Kangpokpi. Kangpokpi is a Kuki-dominated area, while Imphal West is in the Meitei-dominated valley. The Kuki tribes and the Meitei community have been fighting since May 2023 over a range of issues. While members of the Meitei community claimed "Kuki terrorists" killed the woman, social media users from the Kuki tribes alleged the Meiteis began firing at Kuki villages in Kangpokpi first.

INLD Haryana president Majra to contest from Kalayat

BUREAU

CHANDIGARH: Indian National Lok Dal's Haryana unit president Rampal Majra will contest the October 5 assembly polls from Kalayat in Kaithal district as former chief minister Om Prakash Chautala led party on Sunday announced the names of seven more candidates.

The Indian National Lok Dal (INLD)

is contesting the polls in an alliance with the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), which had recently announced four candidates in its first list for the polls.

The INLD has fielded Sheela Rathi from Bahadurgarh. She is the wife of Nafe Singh Rathi, the then state president of the INLD who was shot dead by armed assailants in Bahadurgarh in Jhajjar district in February.



Chaudhary also accused the government of failing to fulfil its promise of giving Rs 1,000 per month to every woman. "The AAP government deceived women in Punjab."

Congress MLA Sukhwinder Singh Kotli said, "The AAP government had promised to set up 18 colleges in the state. Two and half

years of the AAP regime have passed but they could not procure land for setting up even a single college."

BJP MLA Jangi Lal Mahajan said he will raise the issue of alleged illegal sand mining going on in the state.

Kotli said the duration of the session should be increased as the three-day session is too short.

Nurse assaulted by patient during night shift at Bengal hospital



AGENCY KOLKATA, SEPT 1

A disturbing incident of molestation has come to light at a Bengal hospital, at a time when the state government and police are already facing backlash over their handling of the horrific rape and murder at the RG Kar Medical College in Kolkata. On Saturday night, a nurse at the Ilambazar health center in Birbhum was allegedly molested by a patient while on duty.

The accused, who was brought to the health center for treatment, reportedly touched the nurse inappropriately while she was administering saline.

The nurse alleged that the patient molested her while she

was attending to him in the emergency department. The accused was accompanied by his family members at the time of the incident. "The male patient misbehaved with me and touched me inappropriately in my private parts while I was just following the doctor's instructions. He also hurled verbal abuses at me," the nurse said, describing her ordeal. "Such incidents occur due to a lack of security. Otherwise, how can a patient dare to do such a thing to someone on duty in the presence of his family members who do nothing to stop him," she added. The incident sparked tension at the health center, prompting hospital authorities to contact the police.

India's forex reserve touches record high of \$681 billion

AGENCY NEW DELHI, SEPT 1

India's foreign exchange reserves increased by USD 7.023 billion, reaching a fresh record high of USD 681.688 billion, during the week that ended on August 23, according to data released by the Reserve Bank of India.

The previous record high was USD 674.919 billion.

The reserves have been on an upward trend for some time. In 2024 alone, they have risen by approximately USD 60 billion cumulatively. This buffer of foreign exchange reserves helps insulate domestic economic activity from global shocks.



According to the latest data from the RBI, India's foreign currency assets (FCA), the largest component of forex reserves, rose by USD 5.983 billion to USD 597.552 billion.

Gold reserves during the week increased by USD 893 million, bringing the total to USD 60.997 billion. As per estimates, India's foreign exchange reserves are now sufficient to cover about a year of projected imports.

In the calendar year 2023, India added about USD 58 billion to its foreign exchange reserves.


In contrast, India's forex reserves saw a cumulative decline of USD 71 billion in 2022. Forex reserves, or foreign exchange reserves

(FX reserves), are assets held by a nation's central bank or monetary authority. These are generally held in reserve currencies, typically the US Dollar and, to a lesser extent, the Euro, Japanese Yen, and Pound Sterling. The RBI closely monitors the foreign exchange markets and intervenes only to maintain orderly market conditions, aiming to contain excessive volatility in the exchange rate without reference to any pre-determined target level or band.

The RBI frequently intervenes in the market through liquidity management, including the sale of dollars, to prevent a steep depreciation of the rupee.

NEWS BRIEFS

Naiab Saini will address Jan Ashirwad Rally on Sept 3 in Taraori



DHEERAJ SHARMA NILOKHERI: In view of assembly elections, Jan Ashirwad Rally is being held in Taraodi on September 3. BJP assembly coordinator Shiv Nath Kapoor said that this Jan Ashirwad Rally will be addressed by Chief Minister Naiab Singh Saini and many state leaders of BJP. Rally Coordinator will be former MLA Bhagwan Das Kabirpanthi. He held a meeting of BJP workers and assigned responsibilities to workers to make rally successful. Kabirpanthi said that thousands of people from this assembly will participate in rally. He informed that workers have geared up to ensure victory of BJP candidate from assembly. In response to question, he said that whoever party makes its candidate, all workers will work together to make him win.

Congress politics based on blatant lies: Sanjeev Gharoo

PREETI SAINI
SADHAURA, SEPTEMBER 1

Under the campaign in favour of Bharatiya Janata Party, State Media Incharge of BJP SC Morcha Sanjeev Gharoo while addressing the gathering present in village Singhpura said that Congress has always done politics based on blatant lies. The policies of this party have always been in favour of suppression of poor, backward, farmers and youth. On the other hand, BJP's policies are based on development. Raising the question on Congress party Gharoo said that this party has always cheated the public, an example of which is the blatant lie of Rs 8500 in the accounts of the public, for which the people of the state are going to ask them for an answer in the upcoming assembly elections.

Despite speaking a lie that the Constitution was in danger, the Congress party could not even cross the figure of 100 in the Lok Sabha elections and now it is doing new dramas and adopting new tactics to save its remaining base among the public. While addressing the public meeting, Gharoo presented the welfare policies issued by the Bharatiya Janata Party government in Haryana before the people present. He said that the present Congress MLA has deceived the people of Sadhaura for last five years and the Congress leaders



appear in this assembly like rainy frogs, their faces come out only during elections, otherwise they are nowhere to be seen in the name of service and that is why the Ghad (Shivalik Foothills) region could not catch the pace of development. He said that whenever a Congress MLA has been elected in Sadhaura, this area has suffered the brunt of neglect.

The biggest example of this is that even during the Congress rule, the Ghad region has cried tears of misery and the people here will definitely take revenge by defeating the Congress in the upcoming assembly elections. Gharoo said that this assembly has been known as the historical city of ancient and religious gurus, yet this

historical city has been kept away from the world map and the biggest culprit for this is the Congress party, this deficiency will be removed as soon as the BJP government is formed for the third time. Gharoo attacked the Congress and said that the Congress has deceived the public by only vote politics in this assembly. The government will be formed for the third time under the leadership of the state's beloved Chief Minister Naib Saini ji, who comes from the Ghaar region, and the candidate of the Bharatiya Janata Party will be sent to the Assembly by winning with plumber margin in Sadhaura assembly and the work of maintaining the Chaudhar (Leadership) of Gaar will be done by the residents of Ghaar here.

Hawan Yagya organized by Bhagwan Parshuram Seva Samiti

MANISH KUMAR
AMBALA, SEPTEMBER 01



Bhagwan Parshuram Seva Samiti Regd 1069 Ambala Cantt organized monthly Hawan Yagya on first Sunday of September at Bhagwan Parshuram Mandir Naggal Kardahan Ambala Cantt by temple priest Shambhu Nath. Main hosts of Hawan Yagya were committee secretary Rajesh Goldy Sharma and his wife Sushma Sharma. 108 offerings were made in Hawan Yagya with chanting of Lord Parshuram's mantra. Committee head Atul Sharma said that committee will start a membership drive in 2 months of September-October and only Ambala members will be added to committee. Committee general secretary Surinder Raju

Sharma said that committee organizes religious programs every month at Bhagwan Parshuram Mandir. Surinder Raju said that committee will organize Bhagwat Katha in temple in month of November.

Three accused arrested in buffalo theft case

MANISH KUMAR
AMBALA, SEPTEMBER 1

During the special campaign launched by Ambala Police to curb incidents of theft/robbery/snatching, on 31 August 2024, in the case of buffalo theft registered in Police Station Padav, the police team of CIA-2 Ambala, under the leadership of Inspector Mahinder Singh, took action and arrested the accused Akash, Ankush resident Gulab Mandi District Ambala and Kamaljit Singh resident village Mardo Sahib Police Station Sadar District Ambala and sent them



to judicial custody as per the order of the Court. Regarding the case to the police team of CIA-2 Ambala.

Spiritual centre should be built in name of Shri Guru Ravidas: Azad

R K KASHYAP
CHHACHHRAULI, SEP 1

National President of Bhim Army and Azad Samaj Party and newly elected MP from Nagina Chandrashekhar Azad specially reached Krishna Hospital in Pratap Nagar on Sunday and addressed a public meeting. He demanded a gazetted holiday on Kashyap Jayanti. He appealed to all sections of the society to bring forward Dr. Ashok Kashyap. Before this, he bowed his head in Shri Guru Ravidas Temple Kapalmochan and also bowed down to the temple's Gaddis-han Sant Nirmaldas Maharaj and took his blessings. On this occasion, Azad Samaj Party candidate from Jagadhri Dr. Ashok Kumar Kashyap, ASP State President Kamal Barada, District President Pradeep Gautam, Ankit Chhachhrauli Vice President, Mandeep To-pra and many supporters and workers were present with him.



Addressing thousands of devotees present on this occasion, Chandrashekhar Azad said that Sant Shiromani Shri Satguru Ravidas Ji is honoured with the title of Shiromani in comparison to other great saints in the world. Therefore, it is necessary that a spiritual centre should be built in his name in the country for which he will raise his voice in the Parliament. Chandrashekhar also said that the way Satguru Ravidas Ji opposed the evils prevailing in the society throughout his life to end

them, due to which Satguru Ravidas Ji became famous as a messenger for the society as well as the country, in view of all these things, there should be a national holiday on the birthday of Satguru Ravidas Ji across the country. He said that today we get the message from the struggle and words of Satguru Ravidas Ji that we have to rise above the feelings of casteism, enmity, opposition, high-low, small-big, only then our country can move forward on the path of progress.

DAV girls college holds extension lecture on AI

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, SEPT 1

An extension lecture on Artificial intelligence on entrepreneurship was organised by the Computer Science Department of DAV Girls College in which IBM Associate Manager Dipanshu Raghav from Gurugram was the keynote speaker. College Principal Dr. Meenu Jain presided over the programme which was held under the supervision of Computer Science Department Incharge Manika Sethi. Dipanshu Raghav said that artificial intelligence is a type of computer technology which has the ability to think and take decisions like humans. Artificial intelligence has a huge impact on entrepreneurship. He said that chat GPT and generative AI are examples of artificial intelligence. Generative AI is a type of artificial intelligence, in which text messages, photos, music or other types of medium can be created using machine learning algorithms.

He said that stress comes due to enormous responsibility and excess work. But with the application of Artificial Intelligence Chat GPT and Generative AI, we can do the work better in less time. He

tailed information about Artificial Intelligence. Dr. Meenu Jain said that in today's time, due to the increasing impact of Artificial Intelligence, it is very important to have knowledge of it. The pro-



also gave information about various courses of Artificial Intelligence, which provides free education to the students through IBM Skill Build. By doing this course, the students can increase their knowledge by gaining de-

gramme was organised to increase the knowledge of the students. Dr. Richa, Payal, Mamta, Vanshika and Ritu, Technical Assistant Sushma Sharma cooperated in the successful organisation of the programme.

EC has become a puppet of BJP: Satpal Sharma

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA: Congress leader Satpal Sharma called the change in the dates of elections in Haryana a conspiracy between BJP and Election Commission. Sharma said that Election Commission is of the entire country and not just of the BJP. Did Election Commission not know that there are four government holidays around 1st October. The truth is that BJP is losing badly in Haryana, it is possible that its MLAs may not even cross the double digit mark, therefore the BJP is adopting new tactics to postpone the elections and Election Commission is agreeing with BJP. The BJP is going to its lowest level in Haryana, Jharkhand, Maharashtra and Jammu Kashmir in its interim survey, therefore elections of Maharashtra, Jharkhand were not held along with Haryana and Jammu Kashmir even though their elections were scheduled along with Haryana elections. Sharma said that I am seeing the fear of Rahul Gandhi in the eyes of BJP and its leaders Modi and Shah who were talking about crossing 400 seats in the Lok Sabha elections and now it is clear that Modi and Shah have started losing their popularity and Rahul Gandhi is emerging as a great leader of India.



Sarpanches of 32 villages of Kaithal support Randeep Surjewala

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KAITHAL, SEPTEMBER 1

The BJP, INLD and JJP leaders are joining the Congress in large numbers everyday and supporting Randeep Surjewala. In this sequence, today at Kisan Bhawan, Sarpanches of 32 villages of Kaithal constituency expressed their faith in the Congress party under the leadership of Randeep Surjewala and extended their support to him. Sarpanches and Panchs of 32 villages of Kaithal constituency gathered at Kisan Bhawan. They included Sarpanch Association District Head and JJP leader Sukhwinder Sarpanch Dundrehadi, Panchayati Raj Cell JJP District Head Sardar Balwinder Sarpanch Jaswanti, Dayanand Sarpanch Bhanpura from BJP, Manjeet Sar-



panch Balwanti from BJP, Pala Sarpanch Khanoda from BJP, Gurmahendra Singh Sarpanch Dera Gadla from BJP, Randhir Sarpanch Qutubpur from JJP, Rohtash Sarpanch Shergarh from BJP, Harjinder Sarpanch Jagdishpura from BJP, Sube Singh Sarpanch Patti Dogar from BJP, Virbhan Sarpanch Dillonwali from BJP, Phoolkumar Sarpanch Bhaini Majra from BJP, Omprakash Sarpanch Patti Khot from BJP, Sandeep Sarpanch Patti Afghan, Rajesh Nain Sarpanch Dyodkhedi, Rajendra

Sarpanch Naina, Shyam Lal Sarpanch Devigarh, Karmveer Sarpanch Gyog, Somnath Sarpanch Shillakheda, Tarsem Sarpanch Malkhedhi, Rajkumar Fauji Sarpanch Representative Maghomajri, Devendra Sarpanch Kultaran, Gurdev Sarpanch Khurana, Surjeet Sarpanch Budhakheda, Gurnam Sarpanch Sangam, Sukhdev Sarpanch Chak Padla, Satyadev Sarpanch Chhot, Mahipal Sarpanch Garhi, Prem Sarpanch Sangatpura, Vikas Sarpanch Sisamour, Ladi Panch Jaswanti, Narendra

Panch Jaswanti, Amit Kashyap Panch Balwanti, Virbhan Prajapati Panch Balwanti, Sunil Panch Patti Afghan, Gurpreet Panch Patti Afghan extended their support to Randeep Surjewala. All the Sarpanches unanimously accused the BJP government and said that this is the first government in history to shower lathis on Sarpanches. Not even a single penny was given for development works in villages in Kaithal. They said the BJP leaders looted through corruption and bribery. The BJP indulged in caste politics and never talked about work. Randeep Surjewala did a series of development works in villages and cities during his tenure. He gave full respect to Sarpanches. He did work for 36 communities.

Jagadhari Auto Rickshaw Union joins BJP

RAHUL KOHLI
JAGADHRI, SEPT 1

Process of joining in Bharatiya Janata Party continues in Jagadhari Vidhansabha. People are constantly leaving various parties and joining BJP. In this series, on Sunday Jagadhari Auto Rickshaw Union left various political parties and joined BJP under the leadership and guidance of Agriculture Minister Kanwar Pal. Agriculture Minister Kanwar Pal welcomed them into the BJP family by making them wear the party's turban. He said that with all of them joining the BJP, the BJP family will become stronger. Agriculture Minister Kanwar Pal said that today Rohit Kamboj from Jagadhari Auto Rickshaw Union along with his union members Shakti, Mani Ram, Devendra Pandit, Monu Saini, Vendra Kashyap, Amit Saini, Vicky Sharma,



Sonu Bairagi, Deepak Yakubpur, Surendra Kamboj and many other colleagues joined BJP together. Everyone will be given full respect in the party. Minister Kanwar Pal said that the Bharatiya Janata Party was the only party in which everyone from small workers to big officials got equal respect. Influenced by the respect and policies and schemes of the BJP, the BJP family was growing day by day. He also said that the op-

position did not have any issue to speak hence they were spreading various kinds of misconceptions among the people. Unprecedented development work has been done in the state under the BJP government in the last 10 years. Sabka Saath Sabka BJP came to power with the slogan of development and the government has made it meaningful on the ground. Agriculture Minister Kanwar Pal Gurjar informed that

BJP workers were ready to defeat Congress for the third time in a row in the Haryana Assembly elections. Minister Kanwar Pal said that they have many achievements and works done to tell the public. While the Congress shop was full of lies and was serving lies to the public. The BJP government was working for the upliftment of every section with the basic mantra of service, good governance, poor welfare and Antyodaya.

Vasu congratulates Suvir Sidhu on being appointed member of Bar

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
AMBALA, SEPTEMBER 1

Senior advocate of Punjab and Haryana High Court and son of Dr. Anmol Rattan Sidhu, former Solicitor General in the Central Government, High Court advocate and former Chairman of Punjab Haryana Bar Council, Suvir Sidhu was appointed as a member by the Bar Council of India today. This appointment was made by Chairman of Bar Council of India and Rajya Sabha MP Manan Kumar Mishra. Suvir Sidhu is the youngest member of Punjab Haryana Bar Council. Suvir Sidhu, son of Dr. Anmol Rattan Sidhu, who was Advocate General in the Punjab Government, is setting new dimensions in the field of advocacy and has also been the Chairman of the Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana. After this appointment, there is a queue of people congratulating Suvir

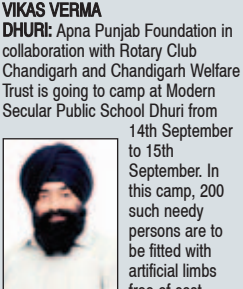


Sidhu. Advocate Vasu Ranjan also congratulated Suvir Sidhu and Shandilya expressed his gratitude to BCI for giving this important responsibility to Suvir Sidhu who works in the in-

terest of lawyers and encourages young lawyers. Suvir Sidhu's father, senior advocate Dr. Anmol Rattan Sidhu, was the president of Punjab Haryana High Court Bar

Association more than eight times and not only is the name of Suvir Sidhu's father Anmol Ratna taken with pride in India, but Anmol Ratna has also brought glory to India and the name of lawyers in many countries of the world and his son and newly appointed member of Bar Council of India Suvir Sidhu is following in the footsteps of his father Dr. Anmol Rattan Sidhu and at a young age Suvir Sidhu not only made his mark among the lawyers and common people of Haryana, Punjab, Chandigarh, but also raised the name of his family and father. Suvir Sidhu said that he is always at the forefront to end the problems of lawyers and will always remain so and he will never step back from giving new opportunities to young lawyers. He expressed his gratitude to Bar Council of India Chairman Manan Kumar Mishra and the entire team for showing faith in him.

Free prosthetic Limb camp on 14th and 15th September at Dhuri



VIKAS VERMA
DHURI: Apna Punjab Foundation in collaboration with Rotary Club Chandigarh and Chandigarh Welfare Trust is going to camp at Modern Secular Public School Dhuri from 14th September to 15th September. In this camp, 200 such needy persons are to be fitted with artificial limbs free of cost, whose leg or arm is amputated. So far more than 150 such persons have registered themselves. Those who have an arm amputated below the elbow or a leg amputated will be fitted with the best type of artificial limb immediately on the same day. In this regard, the registration date will continue till September 10. Modern Secular Public School, Dhuri can be contacted for registration Giving information, President of Punjab Foundation Dr. Jagjit Singh Dhuri said that last year also with the support of Chandigarh Welfare Trust and Rotary Club Chandigarh, more than 100 needy persons were given artificial limbs. People from all over Punjab or other states can join this camp at Dhuri. For new registration any director of Apna Punjab Foundation appointed in all districts of Punjab or any private school can be contacted.

Winners of Shabad singing competition of Punjab Public School awarded



BALWINDER AZAD BARNALA DEHATI: On the occasion of the 420th Prakash Purb of Shri Guru Granth Sahib ji, Gurdwara Singh Sabha Barnala conducted Shabad singing, turban competition, Gurbani Kanth and written test competition of students from district level schools and colleges. In which the children of Punjab Public School Maan Pindi Dhanula participated in the Shabad singing competition. Students from more than 20 schools participated in these competitions. Among these competitions, the students of Punjab Public School Maan Pindi Dhanula won the first place in Shabad Gayan competitions and brought glory to their school and their teachers. The preparation of these competitions was done very well by the music teacher Satnam Singh Pathak. Gurdwara Singh Sabha Barnala Management Committee President Hardev Singh Bajwa, Paramjit Singh Khalsa Shiromani Committee Member and Group Committee members honored the children by giving mementos. Happy with this achievement of the children, the school chairman Amarjit Singh Cheema while congratulating all the children said that more.

DPS Rajpura honored for Phenomenal Academic performance at Global Educators Fest 2024

BHPINDER KAPOOR RAJPURA: Delhi Public School, Rajpura, has been recognized for its exceptional academic performance, receiving a prestigious award presented by the Scoo News Global Education Awards 2024, at the Global Educators Fest 2024. The Pro-Vice Chairperson, Dr. Gunmeet Bindra, proudly accepted the award for the school, marking yet another milestone in DPS Rajpura's journey of excellence. Presented by ScooNews, the award acknowledges DPS Rajpura's outstanding results in the academic year 2023-2024. The school was celebrated for its consistent academic achievements, innovative teaching methodologies, and a curriculum that holistically develops students to excel in both academics and extracurricular activities. Mrs. Geetika Chandra, Principal of DPS Rajpura, expressed her pride in the school community, stating, "This award is a reflection of the hard work, dedication.

Launch of Inspirational Book "Betheloveyou never received"



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR: We are thrilled to announce the launch of a new and inspiring book, "Be the Love You Never Received", authored by Preeti Narang Ohri. This book is a heartfelt journey into holistic healing, self-care, and overcoming emotional trauma. It encourages readers to rise above life's challenges and find the strength within themselves to persevere and grow. The launch event was held at the serene and picturesque Solid Wellness Centre, Thoroli, Nara, Hoshiarpur. The beautiful setting added an air of tranquility and elegance to the occasion, making it a truly royal and memorable book launch. The event was graced by several esteemed guests, including Mr. and Mrs. Paramjit Singh Sachdeva from Sachdeva Stocks, Dr. Deepak Mittal, Mrs. Neeru mittal MD of Sonalka Group, and SSP Hoshiarpur Mr.Surendra lamba ji, Dr. Jasveer Minhas parmar, retired Vice Principal of Hoshiarpur, who shared insightful discussions about the book and its impact. Their presence, along with that of many other distinguished guests, enriched the event and added to the book's inspirational spirit. Special thanks to GBC News for covering this significant event and to all the esteemed guests who attended and supported the launch. Your presence and blessings made this event truly special. Be the Love You Never Received is not just a book; it's a transformative experience that invites readers to embrace love, balance, and self-motivation. We encourage everyone to read it and discover how Preeti Narang Ohri's simple yet profound words can guide them toward a more fulfilling life.

Punjab aims to artificially inseminate 30-lakh dairy livestock

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, SEPT 1

With an aim to boost milk production and enhance disease resistance in animals by improving the breed quality of livestock, Punjab Animal Husbandry department has set an annual target of 30 lakh artificial inseminations across the state.

Revealing this today, Punjab Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries Minister S. Gurmeet Singh Khudian said that the state has two Semen Station at Nabha & Ropar. A total of 93 bulls are housed at the A-grade semen station in Nabha for production of best quality semen to improve the genetic potential of dairy livestock. This group comprises 60 Murrah buffalo bulls, 10 Nili Ravi buffalo bulls, 7 Holstein Friesian (HF) cow bulls, 4 HF Cross cow bulls, 3 Jersey cow bulls and 9 Sahiwal cow bulls.

At the B-grade semen station in Ropar, a total of 46 bulls are housed. There are



26 Murrah buffalo bulls and 8 Nili Ravi buffalo bulls. Additionally, the station houses 4 Holstein Friesian (HF) cow bulls, 1 HF Cross cow bull and 7 Sahiwal cow bulls, he

added. He further informed that the state has undertaken major Progeny Testing (PT) projects for Murrah, Sahiwal and Pedigree Selection (PS)

for Nili Ravi. These projects focus on improving the genetic potential of Murrah, Sahiwal and Nili Ravi breeds through the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) under Rashtriya Gokul Mission. S. Gurmeet Singh Khudian said that the PT-Murrah project is implemented in Patiala, Barnala and Sangrur districts. PT-Sahiwal is implemented in Shri Muktsar Sahib and Fazilka districts. PS-Nili Ravi is implemented in Amritsar, Tarn Taran and Ferozepur districts of the state of Punjab. The total financial outlay of these projects was revealed for 2019-26 which is around Rs. 57 Crore, out of which Rs. 28.5 Crore is for PT-Murrah, Rs. 20.88 Crore is for PT-Sahiwal and Rs.7.55 Crore is for PS-Nili Ravi projects.

Till today a total of Rs.25.8 crore funds have been utilised for these projects out of which Rs. 16.25 Crore is utilised under PT-Murrah, Rs. 6.89 Crore for PT-Sahiwal and Rs.2.66 Crore has been utilised under

PS-Nili Ravi Project in the selected districts of the state for the welfare and betterment of the farmers. A total of 419 Murrah, 194 Sahiwal and 19 Nili Ravi high genetic merit male calves have been procured since 2019 under the projects. While stressing on the importance of robust monitoring and recording systems, the Animal Husbandry Minister said that these projects are a significant step towards transforming Punjab's dairy sector by improving genetic potential, increasing milk production, improving quality and thus enhancing farmers' income. Director Animal Husbandry Dr. Gursharanjit Singh Bedi said that the department has established a system of proper monitoring and recording of various activities including breeding and milking of dairy animals to help making Punjab as a centre of attraction in upliftment of farmers and helping them in increasing their income. These projects will make the state a hub for dairy development.

Parliamentarian Gandhi assures to solve problems heard during workers' strike



RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA, SEPT 1

Member of Parliament Dhamravir Gandhi especially reached the permanent dharna of MNREGA workers from July 31 at Nabha and listened to their problems. On this occasion, he also treated the workers suffering from infection due to working in an allegedly inhumane place without safety equipment. The workers said that they had asked for safety boots and gloves from BDPO on the first day itself But with the intention of

teaching a lesson to those who are demanding the implementation of the law, the administration is deliberately making every trick difficult. The workers placed their demands on the copy of the law, the orders of the officers, and on this occasion, Dr. Gandhi elaborated on their issues. know in On this occasion, he criticized the district administration as well as the Punjab government that due to the bureaucracy of Punjab, Punjab is lagging behind in bringing funds from the Center through MNREGA.

Third mass wedding, Nanak Shak ceremony organised by Gauri Shankar Seva Samiti

VERMA
GURDASPUR, SEPT 1

Under the auspices of Gauri Shankar Seva Samiti, with the blessings of Bhagat Kunal and Saint Acharya Sanjay Muni Ji, the third mass wedding and Nanak Shak ceremony was organised at Malhan House, Shastri Nagar, Pathankot, under the chairmanship of Sanjeev Malhan. Mrs. Seva Singh Sekhwan, former Cabinet Minister of Punjab, and Sanjeev Tiwari, IFS, were specially present and inaugurated the Nanak Shak ceremony with their blessings.

During the ceremony, dresses, bangles, makeup kits, sandals, sweets, and other items were distributed to the girls. Sanjeev Malhan mentioned that the mass wedding ceremony will be held on 7th September 2024 at 10 AM at



Kabad Dharamshala, Gurdaspur Road, Pathankot for needy girls. He also mentioned that families of needy girls can contact him. He stated that the age of the girl should not be less than 18 years, and the age of the boy should not be less than 21 years.

While addressing the gathering, Mrs. Seva Singh Sekhwan, the former Cabinet Minister of Punjab, said that Sanjeev Malhan's efforts are unparalleled, and no amount of praise for him is sufficient. She mentioned that the way Sanjeev Malhan is taking on

such social service projects with great enthusiasm to give a new direction to the country is commendable, and many people have been inspired by his work and have started supporting him in these efforts. She emphasized that this reflects a selfless spirit, and everyone should participate in such initiatives and donate as much as they can because donating helps those in need, alleviating their worries, while the donor gains merit. She said that not everyone is destined to donate, and one needs to have a big heart to earn such merit.

Meeting of land owners regarding Bharat Mala project



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, SEPT 1

The meeting of farmers, land owners and road struggle committee regarding Bharat Mala road was held at Panchayat Ghar Shehna. Land owners of 12 villages participated in this meeting. On this occasion, a Road Struggle Committee was also formed, of which Gurpreet Singh Shehna was made the District President.

It was said in the meeting that the farmers will not leave the lands without getting any

proper compensation. The leaders said that the farmers should be given a compensation of Rs 4 crore per kilo. President Gurpreet Singh said that what would a farmer do without land. The governments themselves have decided to make the farmers free from work.

He also announced that if the Punjab government tried to bully the farmers, then Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann would be opposed and boycotted when he came to Sangrur and Barnala districts.

PARAMJIT SINGH/JS SODHI
JALANDHAR, SEPT 1

In a major breakthrough, the Jalandhar Rural Police have arrested four individuals, including three women, for their alleged involvement in a ₹40,000 theft case at Punjab National Bank's Mehatpur branch. This successful operation was part of a special campaign against societal evils and narcotics trafficking.

The arrested individuals have been identified as Ananya, daughter of Surori Veeru, from Madhya Pradesh; Saloni, wife of Pradeep, from Madhya Pradesh; Bhavna, daughter of Nandkishore, from Rajasthan; and Devinder Sharma, son of Bhagshal Sharma, from Ludhiana district. Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Harkamal Preet Singh Khakh provided details



on the operation, emphasising that special police teams, supervised by Gazetted rank officers, have been deployed across all sub-divisions of Jalandhar Rural to effectively combat street crime.

The arrests followed a complaint lodged on August 27 by an elderly woman, Jasbir Kaur, who reported that ₹40,000 was stolen from her by an unknown woman at the bank premises. The suspect then fled in an auto-rickshaw. Acting swiftly on the com-

plaint, the police team led by SHO Mehatpur Police Station, Inspector Jaipal, under the supervision of Onkar Singh Brar, utilised CCTV footage from the bank and surrounding areas to trace the movements of the suspects.

The police were able to follow the trail of the auto-rickshaw, leading them to the accused. The case was registered on August 31 under Section 304 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita at Mehatpur Police Station.

District and Session Judge Rupnagar Ramesh Kumari conducts surprise inspection of Rupnagar District Jail

DAVINDER SHARMA
RUPNAGAR, SEPT 1

To take stock of the facilities being provided to the prisoners and under trials by the jail administration and the jail management, Mrs. Ramesh Kumari, District and Sessions Judge, Rupnagar on Sunday conducted a surprise inspection of the district jail. Mr. Himanshi was also present with her. Mr Galhotra CGM cum Secretary District Legal Services Authority Rupnagar Mr. Sukhwinder Singh Chief Judicial Magistrate and Seema Agnihotri Civil Judge Junior Division Rupnagar were also present.

The Session Judge inspected the entire jail and gave necessary directions to the jail administration. She visited the barracks and enquired about the condition of the prisoners. She enquired



about the situation and specially inspected the hospital built in the jail and instructed the doctor to provide the best possible medical facilities. She also inspected the records of the legal aid clinic in the district jail through which free legal aid was provided to the accused. On the occasion, she also informed that the total capacity of the jail to keep criminal prisoners was 473 but 1012 criminals were lodged in the jail. She also di-

rected that needy person should not be deprived of legal aid. She specially inspected the langar hall and also took stock of the food prepared and while giving information, the judge said that the jail management has to follow rules and regulations to resolve the problems being faced by the prisoners and the under trials. According to her, such inspections will continue in future as well to keep it fit and proper.

Guru Nanak School, Lodi Majra triumphs in district-level school games



RUPNAGAR (KULWINDER BHATIA): In the district-level school games organized under the Punjab School Games, students from Guru Nanak Model S.A.I. School, Lodi Majra, showcased impressive performances. The school's football team secured third place with 13 players, and the Under-19 category achieved first place.

In badminton and Gatka, the school earned notable positions: Under-14 Girls: Single Stick Individual - 3rd place Under-17 Girls: Single Stick Individual - 3rd place; Free Stick Individual - 3rd place; Single Stick Team - 1st place Under-19 Girls: Single Stick - 3rd place; Single Stick Team - 1st place; Free Stick Individual - 1st place Under-14 Boys: Single Stick Team - 1st place; Single Stick Individual - 3rd place Under-17 Boys: Free Stick Team - 1st place; Free Stick Individual - 3rd place; Single Stick Team - 3rd place Under-19 Boys: Single Stick Individual - 2nd place; Free Stick Team - 1st place On this occasion, the school's Chairman Gurbachan Singh and Principal Hardip Singh congratulated the students for their achievements.

Excise department carries Two-Day enforcement drive in Ludhiana

RAJIV JAIN
CHANDIGARH, SEPT 1

Punjab Finance, Planning, Excise and Taxation Minister Advocate Harpal Singh Cheema on Saturday said that the Ludhiana East Range of Excise department carried out a rigorous two-day Special Enforcement Drive on August 30 and 31st with a focused on stringent action against liquor vends, hotels, clubs, bars, and pubs serving alcohol to underage customers.

Revealing this in a press communique issued here, the Excise and Taxation Minister Harpal Singh Cheema said that during this two-day enforcement drive, 23 premises were inspected, and it was found that 9 bars were in violation of the law by serving alcohol to underage customers. He said that legal action has been initiated against these violators. The Minister said that this drive was part of an ongoing effort, and similar enforcement actions would be conducted regularly in the various parts of the state under the direct supervision of Additional Chief Secretary cum Finance Commissioner (Taxation) Vikas Partap Singh and Excise and Taxa-



tion Commissioner Varun Roopam. He said that the enforcement teams have been directed to monitor and inspect establishments at regular intervals to ensure strict adherence to the law. "Under the Punjab Intoxicants Licence and Sales Orders 1956, it is prohibited for any licensee to sell liquor to individuals below the age of 25 years", said Cheema while adding that the violations of this provision can lead to prosecution and suspension of the license. Revealing further, the Minister said that during this two day drive, the owners and managers of the concerned establishments were also reminded of their critical social responsibility toward the youth and society.

Barnala police seizes property worth Rs 95 lakh 60 thousand in major operation against drug traffickers



KULDEEP SOOD/
KARANPREET KARAN
BARNALA, SEPT 1

Big action by Barnala police against drug traffickers in a case of Thana Thuliwal seized property worth Rs.95 lakh 60 thousand Mr. Rajinderpal Singh, PPS, Deputy Captain of Police (D) Barnala while giving information to the press said that Mr. Sandeep Kumar Malik, IPS, Under the guidelines of Senior Captain Police, Barnala ji, Barnala Police has launched a special campaign against drug traffickers. Under this campaign, Barnala Police is confiscating the property of

drug smugglers, which have been created by them in a wrong way by dealing in drugs. Under this series, Mr. Subeg Singh, PPS, Accused Raju Singh alias Raja son of Jarnal Singh, wife of Seema Rani in Police Station Thuliwal under the able guidance of Deputy Captain Police, Sub Division Mahal Kalan, Case No. 15 dated 30.03.2021 A/D 22,25,29/61/85 in Police Station Thuliwal Raju Singh Vasan carpenter Majra, district Patiala and accused Major Singh son of Bhola Singh resident of Bijalpur, district Patiala have seized the total movable property of Rs.95,60,000/- made by smuggling drugs.

Films diluting Indian culture, says BJP's Sanjeev Sood

MORINDA (RADHE SHYAM SHARMA): Sanjeev Sood, Secretary of the Local Body Cell Punjab of the BJP, has expressed concerns about the impact of contemporary films on Indian culture. He criticized the film industry for producing movies that he believes undermine traditional Indian values. According to Sood, the majority of films being made today are inappropriate for family viewing, featuring explicit content that is not suitable for parents and children to watch together.

Sood pointed out that the censor board appears to be neglecting its role in regulating these films. He claimed that many recent films seem to be made with the intent to tarnish the reputation of Sanatan Dharma (Hinduism). He criticized the portrayal of priests and Brahmins as subjects of ridicule and the depiction of Rajputs and Thakurs as villains or thugs in these films. Sood emphasized the need to boycott such films if Indian culture is to be preserved and has called on the Indian government and the censor board to ensure that such films are not approved for release.



Spl pilgrimage train to Panj Takht welcomed warmly at Sri Anandpur Sahib



KULVINDER BHATIA
SRI ANANDPUR SAHIB, SEPT 1

The special Panj Takht pilgrimage train, which departed from Sachkhand Sri Hazur Sahib (Nanded Sahib) in Maharashtra, arrived at the Sri Anandpur Sahib railway station today. The entire management of Takht Sri Kesgarh Sahib, Kar Seva Kila Anandgarh Sahib, and the local sangat welcomed the train with enthusiastic chants of "Bole So Nihal" and "Sat Sri Akal", along with a shower of flower petals. On this occasion,

Ravneet Bittu's absence explained

Railway Minister Ravneet Singh Bittu's attendance at this event was nearly confirmed; however, he was unable to attend. In a phone conversation, he cited poor health as the reason for his absence from Sri Anandpur Sahib, despite his earlier confirmation of participation. He mentioned that he had registered his presence in Delhi.

the management of the pilgrimage train had adorned a beautiful palki sahib with a sacred image of Sri Guru Granth Sahib with great honor.

Illegal mining in Nalagarh's Jagatkhana leads to assault on local youths

ANWAR HUSSIAN
NALAGARH: A shocking incident of illegal mining leading to violence in the Jagatkhana area of Nalagarh came to light two days ago. Local youths, who tried to stop illegal miners from digging on the village cremation ground, were brutally attacked. The miners, when confronted by the youths, called in reinforcements and assaulted them, leaving two of the youths with serious head injuries. The injured were rushed to Nalagarh Hospital for treatment. The Superintendent of Police (SP) Baddi, Ilma Afroz, visited the hospital to check on the injured and gather details about the incident. She assured the victims' families that strict action would be taken against the perpetrators and that those responsible would not be spared under any circumstances. Harbans Patial, a relative of the injured youths, expressed his concern over the increasing audacity of illegal miners in the region. He mentioned that the villagers were trying to protect their cremation ground when they were attacked. Patial spoke with SP ma Afroz, demanding strict action against the attackers to ensure that such incidents do not occur again.

'Mata Shri Chintpurni Mahotsav' to Usher in a New Era of Religious-Cultural Tourism in Himachal

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: Himachal Pradesh, a land steeped in devotion and spirituality, is set to witness the birth of a new tradition that will elevate its religious and cultural tourism. The Himachal Pradesh government has decided to organize the 'Mata Shri Chintpurni Mahotsav,' a festival aimed at bringing the sanctity and spiritual richness of this sacred land to the masses and taking religious-cultural tourism in the state to new heights. This grand event is scheduled to be held from September 14 to 16 in Amb, Una district. The 'Mata Shri Chintpurni Mahotsav' is not merely a festival but a grand confluence of faith, culture, and prosperity. The deity Mata Shri Chintpurni Ji, who has been dispelling the worries of her devotees since time immemorial, will offer a unique and unparalleled experience through this event. Over three days, attendees will witness an extraordinary blend of religion, culture, and entertainment, creating a memorable experience for devotees. This initiative will play a pivotal role in bringing Himachal Pradesh's religious and cultural richness to the global stage, while also providing a significant boost to the state's economy.

Police nabs buffalo thieves

AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: The gang of thieves who stole people's animals in the dark of night was finally arrested by the team of SHO Amb Gaurav Bhardwaj, not only this, the police also recovered the buffalo and its calf stolen by them from Naihariyan Road on Wednesday night. The police have registered a case against the accused and started further action. Actually on Wednesday night these thieves stole a buffalo and its calf tied in a cattle shed from Naihariyan Road and took it away in a trolley. After that these people also stole a buffalo from Thatthal village nearby. After the owner registered the case, SHO Gaurav Bhardwaj took the matter seriously and started searching for the thieves. For this, he started scanning the CCTV cameras installed at Amb, Mehtpur, Gagret and Pandoga barriers. During this, the police found the vehicle used by the accused entering the state every 3-4 days and returning with buffaloes. Although the police sought the help of the neighbouring state Punjab to catch this vehicle, but did not get any cooperation from the Punjab Police. On Friday, the police received information that the vehicle had entered the district.

Lack of Recognition Lowers Athletes' Morale: Sports Policy Unchanged for 25 Years

SHANTI GAUTAM
BBN: Janak Raj, Chairman of the Karate Association of Himachal Pradesh, has expressed concern over the state's Youth Services and Sports Department's failure to update its sports policy for the past 25 years. The last update to the policy was made in 1999, and since then, no changes have been implemented. As a result, major international sporting events organized by various federations, including the South Asian, Commonwealth, Asian, and World Championship games, are not being recognized, leading to a decline in athletes' morale. Raj highlighted that winning a medal in the South Asian Games is a significant achievement, yet it receives no recognition from the state. He pointed out that other states do not have such limitations, where a broader range of sports events are acknowledged and supported.

Banned plastic cups and carry bags seized from Car, Rs 10,000 fine imposed

DAULAT CHAUHAN
JAWAL: Ganesh Sharma, Secretary of Jawal Nagar Panchayat, conducted a vehicle search in Jawal, during which banned plastic cups and carry bags were found. The Panchayat Secretary took action by imposing a fine of ₹10,000 on the car driver. Ganesh Sharma stated that the campaign against banned plastics in Jawal will continue in the future. He urged the public and shopkeepers to refrain from using prohibited plastic items, such as single-use plastic cups, plates, and thermocool products, as part of the initiative to make India free from single-use plastics. He warned that anyone caught using these banned items would face heavy fines. The Nagar Panchayat administration will persist in this campaign, and strict action will be taken against any shopkeepers found in possession of prohibited plastics.

CM inaugurates 'Master's Universe' Exhibition at Gaiety Theatre

DINESHAGARWAL
SHIMLA: Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today inaugurated the 'Master's Universe' exhibition at the historic Gaiety Theatre in Shimla, marking the 150th birth anniversary of the esteemed Russian artist, thinker, and peacemaker Nicholas Roerich. The exhibition, organized by the International Centre of the Roerichs (ICR), Moscow, in collaboration with the International Roerich Memorial Trust Naggar, District Kullu, and the Department of Language and Culture, Himachal Pradesh, will be open to the public until 25th September, 2024.

On the occasion, the Chief Minister praised Nicholas Roerich for his diverse contributions as an artist, writer, and thinker. "Roerich's efforts to preserve cultural heritage and his commitment to promoting the rich traditions of the Kullu Valley were particularly noteworthy. Spending nearly 20 years in Himachal Pradesh, he



deeply immersed himself in the study of Himalayan culture and emerged as one of the earliest advocates for safeguarding the cultural legacy of the Kullu Valley" said he.

The Chief Minister stated that Roerich's global influence was profound, particularly through the 'Roerich Pact,' an international treaty signed on 15th April, 1935, by 21 countries to

safeguard cultural heritage.

He said that Roerich was a staunch advocate for peace, who believed in resolving global conflicts by promoting cultural values that foster respect and understanding among younger generations.

While interacting with journalists, he said that India and Russia have centuries-old relations because our cultures and

thinking are similar and Russia has always supported India during difficult times. He also said that the state government will further strengthen the International Memorial Trust at Naggar.

In response to a question, Sh. Sukhu said that there is no financial crisis in Himachal Pradesh rather, the state government has been carrying out

reforms from day one, and the positive outcome is now visible. He stated that the state government is clearing the arrears of 27,000 pensioners above the age of 70 this year and 7 percent Dearness Allowance has been granted to all government employees. Additionally, the government is working for the welfare of all sections, including farmers, labourers, orchardists, women, and small shopkeepers.

He also said that the state government aims to make Himachal Pradesh self-reliant by 2027 and the richest state in the country by 2032.

Principal Advisor (Media) to the Chief Minister Naresh Chauhan, Vice President of the International Centre of Roerichs Alexander V Stetsenko, Russian curator Larisa Surgana, Secretary Language Art and Culture Rakesh Kanwar, Director LAC Dr. Pankaj Lalit and other dignitaries were also present on the occasion.

New era begins in Kutlehar: 100 trees to be planted in every panchayat: Vivek



JOGINDER DEV ARYA
BANGANA: On the occasion of the Foundation Day of Una district, Kutlehar MLA Vivek Sharma initiated a tree plantation drive in Ludher. He announced that 6,200 saplings would be distributed across 62 panchayats in Kutlehar, with each panchayat receiving 100 saplings.

MLA Vivek Sharma emphasized that it is our foremost duty to plant as many trees as possible to make the earth greener. He noted that the current neglect of the environment has severe consequences, negatively affecting the lives of animals,

birds, and humans. Environmental conservation is a responsibility we all share, and by doing so, we can reduce the complexities of living for future generations. Sharma urged everyone to dedicate time to contribute to environmental conservation, as it is crucial for a better tomorrow.

He also highlighted that the 100 saplings given to each panchayat would be planted by the respective panchayat representatives. These representatives would also pledge to nurture the saplings for three years to ensure a cleaner environment for the coming generations.

Girls under-19 sports competition held at govt sr. sec school, Ladori

SANJEEV MAHAJAN

NURPUR: A three-day Under-19 Girls Block-level sports competition was organized at the Government Senior Secondary School, Ladodi, under the leadership of the school principal, Narottam Dhiman. The event was inaugurated by Nurgur Block Development Officer (BDO) Anshul Shandial, who attended as the chief guest. The event also saw the presence of DSS Nurgur President Anil Kundra, Panchayat President Parvati Devi, and other prominent villagers.

The sports competition featured participation from approximately 300 students representing 33 schools in the Nurgur block. The main aim of the competition was to strengthen students physically and mentally while fos-



tering their interest in sports alongside academics.

Principal Narottam Dhiman shared that the three-day event included four main sports: Kho-Kho,

Kabaddi, Volleyball, and Badminton. The competition was designed to encourage students to take an active interest in sports, which is crucial for their overall

development.

Nurgur BDO Anshul Shandial expressed his gratitude to the school principal for inviting him to the event. He extended a warm wel-

come to all the participating students and encouraged them to participate enthusiastically. Shandial emphasized that winning and losing are part of the game.

SJVN expresses gratitude to Union Minister of power for Navratna Status



DINESHAGARWAL
SHIMLA: On momentous occasion of SJVN having been granted prestigious Navratna status, Management of SJVN Sh. Sushil Sharma, CMD, Sh. Akhileshwar Singh, Director Finance and Sh. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Director Personnel (designate) called upon Hon'ble Minister of Power, Sh. Manohar Lal, Secretary Power, Sh. Pankaj Agarwal

and Joint Secretary (Hydro), Sh. Md Afzal to express gratitude and seek further guidance.

During the courtesy meet, Hon'ble Minister of Power congratulated SJVN and also motivated to take the new responsibility as a challenge to further grow and contribute to nation building along with the pleasantries.

BJP GS Bihari Lal Sharma lambasts Congress for poor financial management in HP

AGENCY

SHIMLA: BJP General Secretary Bihari Lal Sharma has launched a scathing attack on the Congress government in Himachal Pradesh, accusing it of failing to manage the state's finances effectively, even after taking substantial loans. Sharma claims that the state government is unsuccessfully attempting to run the administration on borrowed money, while continuously misleading the public about the actual financial situation.

Mismanagement of Loans: Sharma highlighted that the Congress government has become adept at distorting facts and using numbers to distract the public from the



real issues. According to him, senior BJP leaders have repeatedly disclosed the true extent of the loans taken by the state, but Congress leaders continue to obscure the details.

He pointed out that with the implementation of the Sixteenth Finance Commission's recommendations in the 2026-

27 fiscal year, the government will require ₹12,361 crores just to service loan installments and interest payments. By the 2027-28 fiscal year, the state will need to pay ₹4,730 crores in loan installments and ₹8,115 crores in interest, totaling ₹12,845 crores. The following year, this amount will increase to ₹13,937 crores, with the burden rising further in the subsequent years.

Sharma added that by the 2030-31 fiscal year, the government will face a total debt obligation of ₹70,718 crores, comprising ₹26,101 crores in loan installments and ₹44,617 crores in interest payments. He criticized the government for reaching a

point where it has to take out new loans just to pay off the interest on existing loans.

Congress Accused of Neglecting Development: Sharma also accused the Congress party of being indifferent to development since taking over the state's administration. He stated that the party has been preoccupied with lamenting financial issues rather than focusing on growth and progress. He mentioned that the central government allocates more than ₹15,000 crores annually to Himachal Pradesh, but the state government is allegedly spending this amount mainly on salaries and debt servicing, rather than on development projects.

Amanjot's restaurant 'Jannat' brings taste of success with CM's self-reliance scheme

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: Amanjot Singh, a 25-year-old from Santoshgarh in Una district, once faced uncertain prospects as his dreams of going abroad were dashed by the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the Himachal Pradesh Government's Chief Minister's Self-Reliance Scheme (Mukhyamantri Swavalamban Yojana) became a beacon of hope for Amanjot, giving his life a new direction.

With the help of this scheme, Amanjot not only revived his dreams but also decided to build a future in his homeland rather than pursuing opportunities abroad. He established a restaurant named 'Jannat,' which has now become a shining example of successful entrepreneurship,

blending taste, self-employment, and government support. His inspiring story serves as a source of motivation for countless young entrepreneurs.

Amanjot Singh set up the 'Jannat' restaurant near a petrol pump on the highway in Mazara, Santoshgarh, where customers can enjoy delicious North Indian cuisine.

Turning Dreams into Reality: In 2020, after completing his BA in Mathematics from Una College, Amanjot was preparing to go abroad. He even joined IELTS coaching in Chandigarh, but the pandemic forced him to abandon these plans and return home. During that challenging period, he rented a large hall in Santoshgarh and started a



small restaurant, which, through hard work and determination, quickly gained popularity. The initial success inspired him to scale up the venture.

Support from the Chief Minister's Self-Reliance Scheme: One day, Amanjot read about the Chief Minister's Self-Reliance Scheme in a newspaper and saw it as an opportunity to fulfill his aspirations. He applied for a

loan of 60 lakh under the scheme, receiving a subsidy of 15 lakh from the government, with the remaining amount funded by his family. He used this support to build and open 'Jannat' restaurant on his ancestral land on October 18, 2023.

Currently, the restaurant generates an income of approximately 75,000 per month. Amanjot is confident that as the business grows, so

will the income, allowing him to further expand the restaurant. Besides securing his own livelihood, he has also provided employment to nine others.

Gratitude to the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister: Amanjot is full of gratitude for the support he received from the Himachal Pradesh government, particularly Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and

Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri. He considers the Chief Minister's Self-Reliance Scheme a boon for young people aspiring to start their own businesses. His face reflects a deep sense of satisfaction and pride in the success he has achieved through self-employment.

Joy and Relief for Parents: Amanjot's parents, Sukhvinder Kaur and Ranjit Singh (who works in the police department), are overjoyed by their son's success. As their only son, they are greatly relieved that he abandoned his plans to go abroad, thanks to the assistance provided by the Chief Minister's Self-Reliance Scheme. Today, Amanjot leads a happy life with his family.

This story illustrates how the Chief Minister's Self-

Reliance Scheme is helping to curb youth migration from the state, providing them with employment opportunities at home and ensuring a better future.

Building a Self-Reliant Himachal Pradesh: Anshul Dhiman, Joint Director of the Industries Department, emphasizes that the state government is committed to making youth self-reliant through the Chief Minister's Self-Reliance Scheme. The scheme offers a subsidy of 35% for women aged 18 to 50 years and 25% for men aged 18 to 45 years on projects costing up to 1 crore. He further mentions that in Una district, 87 young entrepreneurs have been granted loans totaling 22 crore under the scheme over the past two years.

India's UPI shines globally: Anurag

AGENCY
SHIMLA: Former Union Minister and Hamirpur MP, Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, praised India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) as the world's largest and most efficient platform for digital transactions, significantly simplifying banking for the masses. He highlighted that UPI has revolutionized digital and cashless transactions in India, with an impressive 3,729 transactions being processed every second and a staggering ₹81 lakh crore worth of transactions recorded between April and July 2024.

Impact on India's Financial Landscape: Thakur emphasized the transformative effect of financial technology in India, especially under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He stated that the Modi government's policies to promote fintech have bridged the gap between rural and urban financial services, making banking more accessible even in informal sectors. "UPI, launched in 2016 by the Modi government, has made digital transactions incredibly convenient," Thakur remarked. He further mentioned that UPI has not only facilitated seamless



transactions but has also positioned India as a global leader in digital payments, with a 37% annual growth in transaction volume from April to July 2024.

Growth and Global Influence: Thakur shared that UPI's usage has surged, with the system handling 58% more transactions than in 2022. The platform's success has turned it into a model for financial inclusion worldwide. "What was once mocked by Congress leaders has now become a powerful tool for the common man," Thakur noted, referring to the initial skepticism around UPI and Digital India initiatives. He highlighted how even small vendors are now using UPI for transactions, proving the Modi government's faith in the digital capabilities of the Indian populace.

Annual Jagran Mela at Mehraj on 9th



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL: Maa Mansa Devi Kirtan Mandali Mehraj held an important meeting. In which discussions were held regarding holding the 12th annual Jagaran and Mela by Mansa Devi Kirtan Mandali. Village elders and shopkeepers of Kotli market were also present in the meeting. It was unanimously resolved that a fair and night vigil of Mahamai will be held in the Kotli Bazar temple on Monday, September 9. Mandir Committee Chairman Mukesh Kumar Monty and President Kukku Sharma said that swings will be installed for children to play in the fair and the whole market will be decorated. On this occasion, a blood donation camp will be organized by Samaj Ki Sewa Welfare Society. On this occasion, Nanak Sachdeva, Pankaj Goyal, Lucky Sharma, Deepa, Mangat Ram Mangi, Prince Sharma, Vicky Mittal, Vasdev Sharma, Raj Kumar Raju, Sandeep Singh Sunny, Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Buntly Dr. Kapil Kumar, Monty, Kewal, Pawan Kumar Pawan, Singer Pawan Kumar Arora, Buntly Mehraj, Manjit Mehraj and Harman Honey, Gurnam Garna, Dr. Pradeep Kumar, Lakha, Samit, Dr. Vikas Kumar Mashhi, Gaga, Mani, Fiddu, Daljit, Sankar, Samit, Harshpal Happy, Premjit, Ramesh Kala, Jonny Seth, Tek Chand, Tinku, Somnath Soma, Vicky Sharma, Sanjeev Kumar, Tanny Kala, Hakumat Rai, Jaspreet Bahia, Gurpreet Goldy, Seera Maluana, Akas Sharma, Sanjeev Kumar Goyal, Amritpal Tempi, Sanjeev Kumar Garg, Dr. Jaswant Singh etc. were present.

BKU Lakhawal holds meeting on farming issues



SANJEEV TEJPAL
MORINDA: Bhartiya Kisan Union (BKU) Lakhawal Block Morinda convened a significant meeting at Sakho Majra village, chaired by Block President Gurcharan Singh Dholan Majra. The gathering saw the participation of key figures, including District President Daljit Singh Chahal, General Secretary Sarpanch Bhipund Singh Mundian, Advisory Committee Member Mahinder Singh Rauni, and District Vice President Kehar Singh Amarali. In his address, Daljit Singh Chahal expressed concern over the lack of concrete policies from both the central and Punjab governments regarding farmers and laborers. He criticized the absence of plans for loan waivers, debt relief, crop diversification, and fair pricing for agricultural products. Block President Gurcharan Singh Dholan Majra highlighted the ongoing shortage of APF fertilizer for the upcoming Rabi crops, stressing the need for awareness among farmers and laborers at the village level. He urged farmers to join the rally at Morinda Dana Mandi at 10:00 AM on September 2nd, to participate in the Kisan Maha Panchayat in Chandigarh, organized by the United Kisan Morcha. The gathering aims to press the Punjab and Central Governments to address the rightful demands of the farming community.

PCA Ombudsman bans MP Pandav and JS Walia

BUREAU
PATHANKOT: The PCA Ombudsman has issued instructions to the CEO of the PCA to recover the funds released earlier to the Patiala Cricket Association Trust as the Patiala District Cricket Association and the Patiala Cricket Association (Trust) have never been recognized or affiliated to the PCA. On the complaint of Piyush Rana, Justice Jaspal, retired, upheld the decision that MP Pandav and GS Walia will continue to be banned for life and Punjab Cricket Association on Patiala Cricket Association and General Secretary RP Pandav and President Janak Raj Sachdeva, future activities, has been banned from interfering in PCA affairs or having anything to do with cricket. As regards the recovery of funds which have been received through the PCA, the PCA has an open discretion to decide whether or not to recover the funds previously disbursed. Justice Jaspal has sealed the decision of former Lokpal retired Justice HS Bhalla.

Govt will soon accept demands of sheller owners: Manvir Dhillon



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL: Sheller owner will not lead the documents on the portal if the demands are not accepted by the central and state government. Manvir Dhillon, President of Rampura Phul's Rice Milling Association, said during a meeting with office bearers that due to the neglect of the Center and the Punjab government, the sheller owners of Punjab, who are suffering from losses, have stopped milling paddy during the coming season. have gone because the government does not have enough space to plant rice, all the warehouses are full of rice, which has no movement in other states of the country and the spaces for rice are also not enough. Manvir Dhillon said that the sheller industry is lying in Shanshopani because the vehicles of the previous season are yet to be installed and the government is asking for documents to procure paddy for the new season.

ASSOCHAM in collaboration with C-PYTE organises conclave for skill deve for A&D, MSME sectors

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, SEP 1

India's leading industry body, the Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry in India (ASSOCHAM) Northern Region and Centre for training and employment of Punjab Youth (C-PYTE) Govt. of Punjab organized the 'Conclave on Skill Development for A&D Sectors and MSME Sectors' Minister for Employment Generation, Skill Development and Training, Government of Punjab Aman Arora inaugurated the event.

"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)", The minister said. 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 pol-



icy 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.

Wooing the Industry leaders for investing in this sector, Aman Arora said that Punjab has a rich legacy in the field of defence and it offers huge potential for the growth of defence Industry. Besides, extending many incentives and providing conducive environment for in-

dustrial growth, the state has robust infrastructure including two International Airports at Mohali and Amritsar, domestic Airports at Ludhiana, Bathinda and Jalandhar and one of the Largest Airforce Bases of India in Adampur.

He added that Punjab also has a strong R&D support for Advanced Manufacturing, Large MSME base for engineering, availability of Focused Educational Infrastructure and Established Aviation Clubs in Punjab. Aman Arora said that Skill development is at the core of unlocking Punjab's potential in the Defence. He added that this conclave will help to gain valuable insights and opportunities for collaboration, and further enhancing the skill devel-

opment efforts in Punjab. He also emphasized that collaboration with industry will help to identify skill gaps and develop targeted training programs to address these gaps.

Principal Secretary Mrs. Jaspreet Talwar urged the industry leaders to provide their inputs as collaborations between the government, educational institutions and industry leaders are essential to meet the evolving needs of the sector. Such collaborations would also facilitate the exchange of knowledge and emerging trends.

The Government programs would be tailored to address the specific skill requirements of the Aerospace & Defence sectors and align with industry

standards and expectations. Moreover, continuous engagement with industry stakeholders is vital to understanding emerging trends and technological advancements.

Welcoming the Industry leaders and delegates, Director Employment Generation Ms. Amrit Singh highlighted the efforts being made by the state government in enhancing the skills of youth to make them employable.

She said that research and development (R&D) initiatives within the state will contribute to the advancement of cutting-edge defence technologies and enhance our capability to produce advanced defence equipment. Abhi Bansal, Chairman, ASSOCHAM Punjab state council and Director, Saraswati Group of Companies addressed the audience, emphasizing the importance of this conclave as a pivotal platform to explore opportunities for expanding defence units in Punjab and deliberate on supportive policies, defence corridors, and Special Economic Zones (SEZs) to advance our defence industry.

Jimpa hears people's problems in Janta Darbar



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, SEPT 1

Cabinet Minister Punjab Bram Shankar Jimpa today organized a Janta Darbar in his office, in which he heard the problems of more than 400 people related to various departments and ordered their immediate solution.

A large number of people attended the Janta Darbar, who put forward the issues related to their respective departments before the minister. During the Janta Darbar, people mainly raised problems related to electricity, water, roads, education, water supply and sanitation, revenue, health services. The Cabinet Minister said that the government is committed to solving the problems of all sections of the society. He said that through such Janta Darbars, he directly connects

with the public and understands their problems and gets them resolved. He warned the officials not to show any kind of negligence in solving the problems of the public, otherwise strict action will be taken. Bram Shankar Jimpa said that the Punjab government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann is committed to timely resolution of every problem of the people. He said that the priority of the government is that every citizen of the state should get the benefit of administrative services easily and their rights should be protected. Organizing Janta Darbar is an important step in this direction, through which the general public can directly put their problems before the government. Mayor Surinder Kumar, Varinder Sharma Bindu were also present on this occasion.

Police finds kidnapped child within six hours: Surinder Manhas

VERMA
GURDASPUR, SEPT 1

The action taken by the district police in safely finding and returning the kidnapped child to his family within just six hours after he was abducted from outside his home in Shah Colony, Pathankot, is commendable and has been widely praised.

This swift operation, led by SSP Daljinder Singh Dhillon, has instilled even greater trust and respect for the police administration in the hearts of the public. These sentiments were expressed by Surinder Manhas, Punjab Chairman of the Akhil bhartiye Hindu suraksha samiti. He mentioned that the way the child, Mahir, was abducted in a planned manner from outside his home while returning from school

in the afternoon, spread like wildfire throughout the city, creating a sense of concern and insecurity among the residents. However, SSP Daljinder Singh Dhillon quickly swung into action, sealing all the borders of Pathankot and coordinating with the Himachal Pradesh police, who then became alert and began thoroughly checking vehicles.

He stated that late at night, when the police successfully rescued Mahir from Nurpur and returned him safely to his family, the worry of the police was finally alleviated.



Doaba Kisan Committee Punjab Circle Pathankot meeting held



SHARANJEET
PATHANKOT, SEP 1

Doaba Kisan Committee Punjab Circle Pathankot and Bhai Ghanhaia Ji Seva Society Pathankot held a monthly meeting at Gurdwara Singh Sabha village Abadgarh. Various issues were discussed during the meeting. Doaba Kisan Committee Punjab Circle Pathankot General Secretary Daljit Singh Manjhpur said that on September 8, Sunday at Dana Mandi Urmur Tanda, Doaba Kisan Committee Punjab is conducting a convention like every year. In which a large number of batch from Circle Pathankot will be included. Talking about Kan-

gana Ranaut, he said that Ranaut is forced by habit, it is not in her control, now only God knows what she eats or what drugs she uses, what she speaks. A. On the one hand, Himachal Pradesh is asking women to roam around and drink alcohol. We request the BJP government at the center to take strict action against MP Kangana Ranaut as the statements made by her hurt the sentiments of Sikhs. If the central government does not act on Ranaut. On this occasion, Unit President Amrik Singh, Treasurer Unkar Singh Devidas, Vice President Meher Singh, Sukhwinder Singh, Gurmukh Singh, Unkar Singh Kathgarh etc.

Addiction to drugs extinguished lives of many families: Suryavanshi

VERMA
GURDASPUR, SEPT 1

Addiction to drugs gradually consumes a person from the inside, just like termites, and this addiction has already extinguished the lives of many families. However, there is still no complete control over it. These sentiments were expressed by Advocate Shailendra Suryavanshi.

He said that staying away from drugs is the sensible choice for a better life. A person addicted to drugs often does not realise how much of their wealth and respect they lose in the process. It's only after overcoming the addiction that they become aware of its harmful effects and regret not having quit earlier. A habit

that starts merely as a curiosity can quickly turn into an addiction without anyone noticing, and one day, this very addiction can take their life. Shailendra Suryavanshi further stated that this addiction, which often begins with a desire to just try it once, can cling to a person for a lifetime, hollowing them out from the inside and leading to multiple health problems.

He emphasized that to avoid this, one must stay away from such vices and, as a responsible citizen, also raise awareness among others about the harmful effects of drug addiction.



Sanctity of Ramayan to be retained during Ramlila: Kaka

SUMER GARG
SUNAM, SEPT 1

Preparations for Ramlila for the year 2024 have been started by the local ancient Shri Sanatan Dharma Ramlila Club. According to the tradition of this organization since the beginning, preparations for the Ramlila are started after Guga Navami. In this regard a meeting of Sanatan Dharma Ramlila Club today was held under the leadership of Swami, Dev Singh and Pradhan, Manjeet Singh Kaka and detailed discussions were held with all the members regarding the performance of Ramlila for the year 2024.

During this year, to commemorate the completion of 75 years of Ramlila Club, the members decided to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee in a



grand manner. All the old members, who have served on the stage during these 75 years or the family members of the dead members will be invited and honored.

On this occasion, there was a lot of enthusiasm among all the members dedicated to the stage. While addressing the meeting, Pradhan Manjeet Singh Kaka said that all our members are very

disciplined and follow the decorum of the stage, special attention will be given to social, Veda and religious values and no action will be tolerated, which is against the dignity of Ramayana. The members expressed their desire to do something new and special this year, so that special attention of the audience can be drawn towards Ram Leela.

Speaker Sandhavan inaugurates jetting cum-super suction machine costing 50 lakh rupees



KOTAKPURA (SURINDER DAMDAM): To ensure the city's sewage system and cleanliness, Speaker Punjab Vidhan Sabha Kuldar Singh Sandhavan flagged off the jetting machine-cum-super suction machine costing around 50 lakh rupees at Municipal Council Kotkapura.

He said that no obstruction would be allowed in the sewage pipes anywhere in the city. He said that earlier during the rains, people had to face huge problems due to the stagnant water in the low places of the city. Due to the absence of this machine, people were suffering for a long time because such suction machines had to be called from outside to remove the obstruction in sewage. He said that this work often had to deal with the problem of intolerable delay, not only this the entire process of ordering the machine had to go through various files/offices/tender process.

Speaker Sandhwa said that this problem has been a headache for people for a long time.

Important issues related to dev of Dasuya constituency to be taken up in assembly session: MLA

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, SEPT 1

Important development issues related to Dasuya assembly constituency will be discussed in the upcoming assembly session. In a special conversation with educationist and journalist Sanjeev Kumar, MLA Karambir Ghuman gave information and said that a question will be put in the assembly session for the construction of bus stands at Talwara and Kamahi Devi.

He informed that an important plan has been made for the beautification of Dasuha city and also important planning has been done for the development of Dasuha constituency so that the development works can be done on the basis of priority. In response to a question, MLA

Ghuman said that the Hon'ble government gives high priority to development works and all the promises made to the public for Punjab will be fulfilled on time.

He said that the state gov-



ernment will leave no stone unturned for development. He said that today the people of Punjab are getting very good treatment from Mohalla Clinic where people are getting treatment as well as medicines and all tests for free, due to which the burden on government hospitals has reduced to a great extent.

Jatin Kumar Arneja becomes BJP district media in-charge

BD AGGARWAL
REWARI: On Sunday, BJP District President Dr. Vandana Popli appointed Jatin Kumar Arneja as BJP Rewari District Media In-charge. On his appointment, Jatin Kumar Arneja thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi,

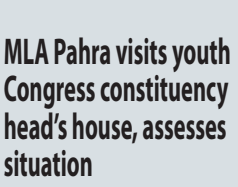
National President Jaiprakash Nadda, National General Secretary Tarun Chugh, Chief Minister Nayab Saini, State President Mohanlal Badoli, State Media Chief Arvind Saini and Rewari BJP District President Vandana Popli. Jatin said that the responsibility given to him is a matter of pride for him and he will work with full honesty and dedication.

Punjabi community gives its huge support to Captain Ajay Singh's family



BD AGARWAL
REWARI: Punjabi community welcomed Captain Ajay Singh Yadav's family in Miyawali Panchayat Ghar and wholeheartedly supported MLA Chiranjiv Rao for the assembly elections. The main thing was that apart from Captain Ajay Singh Yadav, his wife Shakuntala Yadav and his son MLA Chiranjiv Rao were also present in the meeting of Punjabi community. Senior Congress leader Captain Ajay Singh Yadav expressed his gratitude to the Punjabi community and said that my family has always received huge public support from the Punjabi community. He expressed his gratitude to the Punjabi community by calling the Punjabi community a part of the family. Regarding the ruckus in the BJP over the ticket list, he said that the flower of BJP has withered and the key to power will be given to the Congress party by the public. Now the time of BJP is over because a wooden pot can be put on fire only once. In the last 10 years, BJP has only lied and the problems of the public have been ignored. Bharatiya Janata Party has cheated Punjabi community, in the last 10 years BJP has used Punjabi community only for votes but has done nothing for Punjabi community. MLA Chiranjiv Rao thanked Punjabi community and said that Punjabi community has been supporting us for the last 3 generations. Whatever the situation, Punjabi community has stood with us, we have also taken full care of the community.

MLA Pahra visits youth Congress constituency head's house, assesses situation



VERMA
GURDASPUR: On Wednesday night, two masked individuals on a scooter fired shots at the house of Nakul Mahajan, the Youth Congress constituency head. In response, Congress MLA from Gurdaspur, Barindermitt Singh Pahra, visited the constituency head's house today to assess the situation and gathered information by speaking with the affected family. Notably, around 10:30 p.m. on Wednesday night, two young men on a scooter opened fire at the house of Nakul Mahajan, the Youth Congress constituency head. Following this, a threat was made to Nakul Mahajan and District Head Baljit Singh Pahra via a WhatsApp call. In this case, the police have registered a case against four suspects and have arrested one woman. Constituency MLA Barindermitt Singh Pahra condemned the incident, stating that law and order is non-existent in Punjab.

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Rural police arrest 1 with three Glock pistols and motorcycle

KULJIT SINGH
JANDIALA GURU: CIA Rural received secret information that Ravinder Singh son of Jaswant Singh and Arshdeep Singh son of Sardul Singh resident of village Dauke used to import weapons from Pakistan and supply them further. Taking immediate action in this regard, CIA Amritsar Rural with the help of its team arrested the said Ravinder Singh with three 30 bore Glock pistols without magazine and one Hero Deluxe motorcycle number PB 02 CT 5878. Action was taken by registering a case against the accused. Arrested accused Ravinder Singh told during interrogation that Arshdeep Singh was in contact with a Pakistani smuggler named Chacha through WhatsApp and used to do cross border smuggling business. Apart from this, raids are being conducted to arrest Ravinder Singh's absconding partner Arshdeep Singh.

Hakam Thapar appointed Jalandhar's DPRO

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHARPUR: In the transfer of DPROs done by the Punjab government, 2011 batch Public Relations Information Department officer DPRO Hakam Thapar posted in Patiala has been appointed Jalandhar's DPRO. It is worth mentioning that he has previously served as DPRO in Jalandhar.

J&K Assembly polls: Security agencies stress on strengthening synergy



JAMMU, SEPT 1 (UNI)

The security agencies have stressed on strengthening the synergy among them to foil all nefarious designs of anti-national elements ahead of three-phase Assembly Elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Assembly Polls in Jammu and Kashmir will

be held on September 18, September 25 and October 1 and the counting has been rescheduled to October 8.

During a joint Intelligence and Security Conference chaired by Lt Gen Rajan Sharawat, GOC, 9 Corps with Major General Vikram Sharma, GOC Gurj Division, which was also attended by the Deputy In-

spector General of Police (DIG) of Jammu-Samba-Kathua Range, Shiv Kumar Sharma, DIG Pathankot-Amritsar Range Sukhjinder Singh, SSP Kathua Deepika, SSP Pathankot, the top brass deliberated upon enhancing security and foster inter-agency cooperation in view of forthcoming Assembly

Elections in Jammu and Kashmir. "The Corps Commander stressed upon strengthening the better co-ordination between army, Police and other security agencies and ensured that the terrorist who entered our motherland from any route will be eliminated very soon," said an official here on Sunday.

Sikhs give ultimatum to govt till Nov 1 to free Gurdwaras

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, SEPT 1

In the huge Sikh Sammelan organised by Shromani Panthak Akali Dal Haryana in the auditorium of Mata Sahib Deb Ji Shaheed Jang Singh Gurdwara located on GT Road in Karnal, the Sikh youth from all over the country were called upon to free the Gurudwaras of Haryana from the occupation of the government.

The chief guest in this conference was former Governor Satpal Malik. The government was given time till November 1 to declare the elections of HSGPC: Political and social resolutions were passed amidst the proclamation of 'Bole So Nihal Sat Shri Akal' amidst the congregation of thousands of people. Through these resolutions, it was said that the interference of the government in the religious matters of the Sikhs will not be tolerated. It was said in the resolution that



the Sangat wants the elections of Haryana Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee soon. On this occasion, through the resolution, it was demanded from the Governor that the government HSGPC committee should be dissolved immediately and fresh elections should be held. Till then, the receiver should be appointed. On this occasion, an appeal was made to boycott Kangana Ranaut's films. The government was demanded to ban Kangana Ranaut's film Emergency. Through another

resolution, the government was told that if the government does not announce the election programme of HSGPC by November 1, then on November 21, the Sikh Sangat from all over the state will surround the Kurukshetra DC office. After that, an indefinite dharna will be held. Through another important resolution, it was demanded from the government that the law of strict punishment in cases of sacrilege of Shri Guru Granth Sahib should be implemented by the Parliament.

Santosh Kataria MLA inaugurates irrigation tube wells at Simbal Majra and Mahindpur



JATINDERPAL SINGH KALER
BALACHAUR, SEPT 1

All possible efforts are being made for the prosperity of farmers under the able leadership of Bhagwant Maan Chief Minister of Punjab. These words were expressed by Bibi Santosh Kataria, MLA, Balachaur, on the occasion of inaugurating various tube wells at village Simbal Majra and Mahindpur. Santosh Kataria said that due to the far-sighted thinking of the Chief Minister, Bhagwant Maan made the canal water reach the farmers' lands through needles

and tails. On this occasion, Ashok Kataria, a senior leader of the Aam Aadmi Party said that Bhagwant Maan, the Chief Minister of Punjab, in the Kandhi region. For the convenience of small farmers, the commissioning of the Kandhi canal and the commissioning of many tube wells are proving to be a boon. Giving this information to the media, Chandra Mohan JD Media In-Charge said that in order to commission irrigation tube wells in abundance in the Kandhi area, B.B. Santosh Kataria MLA is a very valuable contribution.

Punjab Education Minister awards Aryans Group of Colleges for Excellence in Higher Education

LK BANSAL
MOHALI, SEP 1

Education Minister Punjab, Harjot Singh Bains honored Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh with prestigious "Excellence in Higher Education" Award in an award ceremony.

Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans Group of Colleges received this award. On the occasion Aryans Brand Ambassador Amir Hussain Lone, Para Cricketer, JK was also honored by Education Minister. After receiving this honour while thanking, Kataria said that Aryans Group is committed to quality education in the region. It is a matter of pride for him to receive this prestigious award.

Kataria congratulated the whole Aryans Team & said that the students and staff of Aryans Group have achieved many



achievements in the last 17 years.

A total of 32 eminent personalities from different walks of life were the honoured on the occasion where the Punjab Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains was the chief guest. The renowned persons were honoured for their contributions and achievements in their respective fields. It is to be men-

tioned that, established in 2007, Aryans campus is located on Chandigarh-Patiala highway, near Chandigarh and has lush green 20 acres pollution free campus. Aryans Group has been serving the educational and intellectual interests of the youth in a commendable manner. The Group is running Engineering College, Law College, Pharmacy College, Manage-

ment College, Business School, Education College, and Nursing College, Faculty of Physiotherapy & Paramedical etc.

The other prominent personalities honoured on the occasion were Dr Rajinder Bansal, Dr Chan Bir Singh, Sahil Arora, Naveen Arora, Akshay Kumar Sharma, Dr HS Dhaliwal, Harmeet Singh, Dr Manbir Singh, Sunil Nanda, Seena Sharma, Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal, Jaswinder Singh, Satnam Singh, Dr Luv Luthra, Aman Singla, Vijay Rama Bhupathi, Baba Anhad Raj Singh, Gagandeep Kaur, Kanwar Arora, Rajinder Singh Shooka, Gurkirat Singh, Dr Nitin Behl and Dr Ashima Behl, Dr Rajat Bhatia, Rajnish Prashar, Gurdeep Singh, Abhijit Singh Khinda, Tanuj Garg, Tushar Malhotra, Sushma Sharma, Dr Mohit Mahajan, Kavya Arora, Dr Simmi Aggarwal.

BJP leaders protest against high electricity, water bills in Delhi

NEW DELHI: Delhi BJP President Virendraa Sachdeva, along with other leaders of the party and workers, protested against the AAP-led Delhi government on Sunday, condemning it for the high electricity bills and not providing clean drinking water to the slum dwellers in Delhi.

Ramvir Singh Bidhuri, BJP MP from the South Delhi constituency, was also present at the

protest and condemned the Kejriwal-led government for the exorbitant bills received by the shopkeepers in various slums. "If you ask the slum dwellers, they themselves get a high electricity bill, they get anywhere between Rs 4000 to Rs 6000 bill every month. Those who have a house meter they get a bill anywhere from Rs 1200 to Rs 3000," said the BJP MP. The MP also claimed that the

slum dwellers are complaining about not getting proper drinking water and that the people are not getting their ration cards or old age pensions. "From the last six years the Arvind Kejriwal government has stopped giving out ration cards. From the last six to seven years, the poor people, our old people are not getting their old age pensions from the government.", added the MP.

If electricity can be free in Punjab and Delhi, why not in Haryana?: Bhagwant Mann

PARMOD VERMA
NARAINGARH, SEPT 1

Punjab's beloved Chief Minister Sardar Bhagwant Mann and senior state vice-president Anurag Dhandra addressed a "Badlav Jan Sabha" (Change Public Meeting) in Narayangarh on Sunday. They were accompanied by state vice-president Gurpal Singh, Om Prakash Gujjar, Surendra Singh Rath, Karanveer Singh Laut, Ranjeet Uppal, Rohit Jain, and Laxman Vinayak.

Chief Minister Sardar Bhagwant Mann mentioned that he came to Narayangarh because he learned that the fate of children would be decided on October 5. He thanked God for this opportunity. He noted that Delhi is on one side and Punjab is on the other, with Haryana in between. Both Delhi and Punjab have Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) governments, providing free electricity and opening new hospitals. However, Haryana is lagging behind in these aspects. He pointed out that Haryana's people have repeatedly given chances to Congress, BJP, and INLD, but there has been no improvement. Just as Delhi and Punjab found a new path and a



new engine for progress, Haryana needs a new engine as well, not any double engine. Over the past 78 years, previous governments have only increased people's difficulties.

He criticized the opposition for building high walls around cremation grounds while AAP focuses on providing benches, water coolers, and solar panels in schools. He urged that Narayangarh should be made a district to enable such developments. He stated that he is standing before them having provided 45,000 permanent jobs in Punjab, with no bribes involved. Hence, it is time to shut down their (BJP and Congress's) shops. Even Alexander the Great went empty-handed after

conquering the world. He said that if I wanted to earn money, I could have earned as much as I wanted. But our Gurus taught us to stand up for people's rights. Not everything is about money. If Guru Nanak Dev Ji had opened a shop, who would have written the true Gurbani and who would have reformed the people and society? Who would distinguish between halal and haram bread? Standing up for people's rights is a different experience than doing things for money. You can collect as many diamonds and jewels as you want, but you can't take them with you in the afterlife. So, build a good future for yourself. Now, the Aam Aadmi Party is a strong third option available to you.

Will campaign to defeat BJP in Haryana and J& K: Satpal Malik



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, SEP 1

Former Governor and former Union Minister Satpal Malik has said that he will campaign against the BJP in Haryana and Jammu Kashmir. He said that the situation in Jammu Kashmir is getting worse. He had freed the Raj Bhavan from brokers. He said that the way he improved the situation in Jammu Kashmir as Governor, it is now out of control.

BJP will have to face a crushing defeat there. He was

talking to journalists in Karnal today. He said that he condemns the interference of the government in the religious matters of the Sikh community. The government should hand over the Gurudwaras of Haryana to the Sikh community.

The Sikh community is capable of seeing its religious places. He called film actress Kangana Ranaut a newcomer in politics. He said that Kangana should definitely be expelled from BJP. He said that now the countdown of Modi and BJP has started.

Due to selfishness of few, 2.5 cr people of state suffering: Chaudhary

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, SEPT 1

Social worker Vimla Chaudhary, who is taking the campaign of 'Aapni Rajdhani Aapni High Court Aapni Dharti' across the state, has said that due to the selfishness of a few people, the 2.5 crore people of Haryana are suffering the loss of not having a capital and a High Court for the last 70 years. She said that after the formation of Haryana, till date, this state has not been able to make its capital. And neither could it build its High Court.

And moreover, the BJP government could not even build its new Vidhan Sabha in Chandigarh. She was talking to journalists today. Vimla Chaudhary, who belongs to Lohru village of Bhiwani town, is a government employee. She has taken this campaign to 22 districts. He



said that the culture and lifestyle of Chandigarh is different from Haryana. The 2.5 crore people of Haryana are ashamed of the borrowed capital. She said that Himachal Pradesh left the attachment to Chandigarh and made it its capital. There is 4 percent poverty there. Whereas in Haryana, for the happiness of a few thousand people, we are playing with the people of the state.

Haryana Assembly Election to be held on Oct 5: Chief Electoral Officer

CHANDIGARH, SEPT 1

Haryana Chief Electoral Officer, Sh. Pankaj Agarwal said that the Election Commission of India has revised the schedule for the general elections to the Haryana Legislative Assembly. Voting will now take place on October 5, 2024, and the counting of votes will be conducted on October 8, 2024. The entire election process will be completed by October 10.

The Chief Electoral Officer stated that however, the notification for the election process will be issued on September 5 as planned earlier. Candidates can submit their nominations until September 12. The scrutiny of the nomination papers will be done on September 13. Nominations can be withdrawn until September 16. Agarwal said that the publication of the voter list had already been done by the department on August 27.

Still, representatives of political parties have been requested to review the voter list and if there are any objections, they should be submitted to the District Election Registration Officer through the BLO in the prescribed form. It is mandatory to have one's name in the voter list to cast a vote. Only those whose names are on the voter list can vote. Voting can also be done with 12 other alternative documents if a voter does not have an ID card, added the Chief Electoral Officer.

The Chief Electoral Officer appealed to the people of the state to participate in biggest festival of democracy by casting their votes. Citizens who turned 18 on or before July 1, 2024, can apply for voter registration until September 2 - Chief Electoral Officer One can check name in the final voter list published on August 27 for the Assembly elections If one's

name is not in the final list, can apply for voter registration by filling out Form 6 through the BLO or Voter Helpline App Chandigarh, September 1 - Haryana Chief Electoral Officer, Sh. Pankaj Agarwal, said that citizens who turned 18 on or before July 1, 2024, and whose names are not yet on the voter list, have their last chance to register to vote before the Assembly elections by September 2, 2024.

He said that if one's name is not on the final voter list published on August 27, then one can apply for voter registration by filling out Form 6 through the BLO or the Voter Helpline App. All applications received by September 2 will be processed according to the rules, and those whose applications are approved will have their names added to the voter list, said the Chief Electoral Officer.

TVUF unveils its panel for PUTA polls-2024-25



CHANDIGARH, SEPT 1

TVUF (Teachers' Voice United Front) on Sunday unveiled its vision statement for the Panjab University Teachers' Association (PUTA)-2024-25 polls, promising further improvement in the academic ecosystem of the university and the ease of life and teaching for the faculty members.

TVUF's vibrant panel for the PUTA poll includes Ashok Kumar (Hindi) for President, Suruchi Aditya (Dental College) Vice President, Kulwinder Singh (UBS) Secretary, Vinod

Kumar (Sociology) Joint Secretary, and Pankaj Srivastava (Philosophy) Treasurer. For Executive Members, TVUF's contestants are Group I: Sudhir Mehra (English and Cultural Studies), Rakesh Mohindra (Library UBS); Group III: Minto Rattan (UIET), Ikreet Singh (Dental College); Jaget Singh (UIET); and Group V: Hamail Singh (USOL/CDOE). PUTA elections are scheduled to be held on September 3, 2024. The manifesto talks about restoration of the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) for PU teachers among many more promises.

Ashwini Vaishnaw makes historic visit to Bengaluru's Railway Training Institute



NEW DELHI, SEPT 1

Minister of Railways, Shri. Ashwini Vaishnaw, made a historic visit to the Railway Training Institute in Bengaluru, marking a significant milestone for the institution. MoS Shri. V. Somanna and Shri. Satish Kumar, who has now become the Chairman and CEO of the Railway Board have accompanied Shri. Vaishnaw.

This visit, their first to the Multi-Disciplinary Divisional Training Institute, was marked by meaningful interactions with over 150 trainees, including drivers, assistant drivers, and technical staff. During the visit, Shri. Vaishnaw engaged openly with the trainees, listening to their concerns and addressing their long-standing demand for the change of

uniform. The trainees advocated for a more comfortable and modern uniform, to which the Minister agreed, recognizing the importance of practicality and modernization. The visit also covered broader topics such as the training curriculum, infrastructure improvements, and career development. Shri. Vaishnaw's approach was collaborative, seeking suggestions and demonstrating a

commitment to inclusive decision-making. MoS Shri. V. Somanna and Shri. Satish Kumar actively participated in these discussions, further emphasizing the leadership's dedication to addressing the trainees' needs. In a gesture that broke protocol, the Minister, along with his colleagues, shared lunch with the trainees, fostering a sense of camaraderie and solidarity.

Editorial

Memory of water

A mountain range has gone quiet. But when it did speak, almost a month ago, deep into a July night, in a thunderous voice that brought panic, death and despair, the nation was forced to listen; such was the ferocity of the landslide at Wayanad's Vellarimala hills.

Scientists have cited a number of reasons to explain the disaster that claimed over 300 lives, most of them in the settlements of Mundakkai and Chooralmala. Altered climatic conditions that are leading to an intensification of rainfall, the decimation of forests, deleterious changes in land-use patterns in a zone vulnerable to landslides, aggressive cultivation, and poor drainage are among the causal reasons that have been cited.

Perhaps the most dramatic — and poignant — rationale was provided by a man — also a man of science. Explaining the ferocity and the scale of the disaster in Wayanad, K. Soman, a retired scientist and the former head of the Resources Analysis Division of the National Centre for Earth Science Studies, had this to say to a news portal: "The greatest losses [were] caused downstream from Vellarimala in Mundakkai and Chooralmala. In both places, the houses and buildings were situated on the river terrace... The river used to once course through these terraces and must have been diverted to its present course either by a previous landslide or due to reduced water. Water has memory, it remembers its course, even centuries after it was diverted."

This hypothesis, of water retaining the ability to remember, is not novel. There are several instances of the public discourse resorting to such a proposition to explain unprecedented natural calamities. Thus, last year, when the Yamuna, ordinarily a frothy, polluted stream, breached its barriers to inundate, after years, the low-lying areas near the ramparts of the Red Fort, there was excited chatter, especially on social media, that the Yamuna had resurrected itself to reclaim territory that belongs to the river. Similar sentiments were heard when the Kosi devastated Bihar in the first decade of the new millennium. Incidentally, such conjectures transcend geography and national boundaries. Writing in a blog in 2020, John Mary Odoy, Climate Ambition Ambassador, Uganda, said that phenomena such as Lake Victoria flooding areas that it had once ceded on account of human intervention, Lake Kyoga flowing across its designated boundaries, or the mighty Nile and River Nyamwamba decimating habitation made sense if only one believed that water, Odoy writes poignantly, was, in a manner of speaking, returning home. Odoy was being echoed by the director of Colombia's SINCHI Amazonic Institute of Scientific Research when she told journalists, after floods in 2018, that what was being described as the una avalancha — floods and landslides — was a chilling manifestation of rivers "expressing their memories".

IAEA, FAO support farmers in using nuclear-derived agriculture to boost crops

Farmers in six Asian countries have successfully increased their rice yields using nuclear-derived climate-smart agricultural practices, with the support of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the agriculture-organisation">Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations.

Rice, a staple food for 60 per cent of the Asian population, is predominantly grown and consumed in the region, accounting for about 90 per cent of the global rice crop. The cultivation of rice across Asia spans over 135 million hectares and employs more than 300 million people. However, water shortages and the impacts of climate change have led to a deficit in rice production. Enhancing rice production is vital to ensure food security, meet the growing population's demands, and improve the livelihoods of farmers.

Farmers in 11 countries across Asia have been adopting climate-smart agricultural practices following training on nuclear and isotopic techniques provided under the IAEA's technical cooperation programme. Particularly notable successes were observed in Bangladesh, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, and



Vietnam, where rice production increased from 1 to 2.5 tonnes per hectare.

Scientists from the Joint FAO/IAEA Centre of Nuclear Techniques in Food and Agriculture have focused on optimising fertiliser and water use to increase agricultural efficiency while maintaining soil health. These techniques have been successfully adopted by farmers in various countries, resulting in increased agricultural productivity and profitability in a sustainable manner.

For instance, farmers in Pakistan's Punjab and Sindh provinces were trained to apply climate-smart agricultural technologies to optimise

productivity, such as the IAEA/FAO Integrated Option, which combines chemical and organic fertilisers tailored to local soils and crops. This led to a significant increase in rice yields, with basmati rice production rising by 188 per cent and long-grain rice by 176 per cent in field trials across six regions in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab, and Sindh provinces. These practices not only boost food supply and security in the region but also promote sustainable farming methods that can be replicated in other countries.

"The IAEA recommended the use of these innovative practices, which increases farm productivity, provid-

ing me with extra income," the IAEA quoted Babul Hossain, a farmer in Bangladesh, as saying. "The practice has become popular and encouraging to other local farming communities."

The joint IAEA/FAO approach to climate-smart agriculture also led to a 36 per cent reduction in ammonia emissions from rice fields, according to Mohammad Jahangir, a professor at the Bangladesh Agricultural University, who has been conducting climate-smart agriculture trials. "Under the climate-smart agriculture approaches, the soil became fertile and resilient against climate stress," he added. Reducing ammonia emissions helps decrease air pollution, protects human health, and mitigates harm to ecosystems.

"The increase in productivity following the IAEA Integrated Option exemplifies how combining chemical and organic fertilisers can lead to higher yields and better soil health, paving the way for a future where food security and environmental sustainability co-exist harmoniously," said Javed Shah, a scientist at the Nuclear Institute of Agriculture (NIA), Tandojam, Pakistan.

"Nuclear science and technology play a key role in developing climate-smart agriculture.

Literature & Health

Zelenskyy seeks Western allies' help for long-range missiles to safeguard Ukraine

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has called upon Western allies—the United States, United Kingdom, France, and Germany—and emphasised Ukraine's urgent need for authorisation to access long-range capabilities, including their critical long-range shells and missiles to protect people.

Sharing a post on X, Zelenskyy said, "These days, a Ukrainian delegation, including the First Deputy Prime Minister, the Minister of Defense, representatives of the General Staff, and the Head of the Office of the President, is working in Washington."

Zelenskyy further emphasised Ukraine's top priority is to equip its defence forces with long-range capabilities to prevent Russia's terror attacks.

"There have been meetings at various levels, and one of our top priorities is securing long-range capabilities for our Defense Forces. This is crucial to preventing the terror that our Kharkiv and other cities across Ukraine are forced to endure. Clearing Ukrainian skies of



Russian guided bombs is a powerful step toward forcing Russia to seek an end to the war and a just peace," the post by Zelenskyy said on Saturday.

He further said, "Our representatives have provided all the necessary information and details to our partners. I am calling on the United States, the United Kingdom, France, and Germany - we need the means to fully and effectively protect Ukraine and its people. We need permissions for long-range capabilities, as well as your long-range shells and missiles. Making these vital decisions cannot be delayed - these are the actions that can have the most significant impact on the course of events."

Gaza: United Nations kicks off polio vaccination drive

The United Nations is all set to launch a polio vaccination campaign in Gaza from Sunday, following an agreement between the World Health Organization (WHO) and Israel of a humanitarian pause. Notably, the UN agencies UNRWA, UNICEF, and WHO plan to vaccinate more than 6,40,000 children in Gaza in two rounds.

The UNICEF Palestine in a post on X shared the details of the vaccination programme and said, "Emergency polio vaccination campaign for children aged 0-10 years in Deir al-Balah starts from September 1, 2024 until September 4, 2024, from 7:30 am to 2:00 pm."

It further urged the people to come forward and get them vaccinated against polio. "Even if your children have been vaccinated previously, bring them to the nearest vaccination point to get the emergency dose and protect them from the virus. Vaccination is free and safe," UNICEF Palestine said.

Meanwhile, UNICEF also took to its X handle and asserted that amid the vaccina-



tion drive, protection of children, families and community workers is essential.

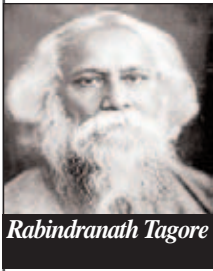
"A two-round polio vaccination campaign for over 6,40,000 children by UNICEF and partners is scheduled to start in Gaza on September 1. All parties must respect the area-specific humanitarian pauses. The protection of children, families and community workers is critical," it said.

Notably, the poliovirus was detected in July 2024 in environmental samples from Khan Younis and Deir al-Balah.

POEM

The Sailor

The boat of the boatman Madhu is moored at the wharf of Rajgunj. It is uselessly laden with jute, and has been lying there idle for ever so long. If he would only lend me his boat, I should man her with a hundred oars, and hoist sails, five or six or seven. I should never steer her to stupid markets. I should sail the seven seas and the thirteen rivers of fairyland. But, mother, you won't weep for me in a corner. I am not going into the forest like Ramachandra to come back only after fourteen years.



Rabindranath Tagore

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Mutual respect - a must in education institutes

BY ANANYA KHADELWAL

As they say learning can happen anywhere. Last week my ride back home on the MRT was usual till I overheard a conversation from few students where they were discussing their teachers. Nothing extraordinary - they were complaining about the teacher being unreasonably strict, extra workload, exams and the usual teenage complaints but what made me interested in the talk was a statement from one of the timid looking boy. He said "I am ok with everything except that the teachers expect us to respect them but they fail to do so for us". An interesting statement for me, as mutual respect is something that we have been taught and is engrained in our brain but how it is implemented in real life at day-to-day level is not really clear. Does the respect go one way - younger/ subordinates to older/ seniors.

What is respect? Respect is defined as a feeling of admiration and deference for someone or something considered important, distinguished, or admirable. It means that you accept somebody for who they are, even when they're different from you or you don't agree with them. Respect in any relationship builds feelings of trust, safety, and wellbeing. We as teenagers have been told several times how we need to respect elders and there is no doubt I totally agree but the conversation on the train made me think of mutual respect in various



scenarios specially at learning institutions. Mutual respect is a key in any relationship but it is unfortunate that it is missing in most of the relationships to-

day whether we look at offices, educational institutes and even families & friends. Many discussions and seminars are happening on these topics but at the ground level changes needs to be done so that the basic values are set right.

The famous critic, Timothy Hilton said, "Building relationship with students is by far the most important thing a teacher can do. Without a solid foundation and relationships built on trust and respect, no quality learning will happen."

For learning to happen in classroom it is important that there is a healthy student-teacher relationship which means a positive relationship between the teacher and the student in efforts to gain trust and respect from each other. This relationship may consist of getting to know one's students better, providing choice and encouraging the students to become stronger learners with every passing day. The job of teacher is not restricted to the classroom and curriculum but involves inspiring students to share a vision and follow in the direction the teacher is taking towards that vision.

A teacher's capacity to be responsive to the needs of students depends on the extent to which the teacher has developed and is exercising the discipline of respect, which is often expressed through active listening. In effect, therefore, a teacher's capacity to inspire students to share a vision depends not only on his or her capacity to communicate, but equally on his or her ability to lis-

ten. Respect is a very important foundational factor in the development and maintenance of a healthy learning environment. It is essential to every healthy dynamic. It should come as no shock that this is also true when building relationships with students. Students-particularly children and teenagers-often learn to reciprocate respect, empathy, and other positive attributes by way of a strong example.

Classroom management can be a struggle for any teacher whether new or veteran teacher. One of the major portion of managing a classroom is maintaining student discipline. The reality is, students respect teachers who they feel respect them. The more students respect a teacher and believes that teacher have their best interest at heart, the easier it is to facilitate a culturally sustaining learning environment.

There is no single student out there that is the same as any other, and so they should be respected as individuals with their own thoughts, feelings, and perspectives. When students are respected then they feel valued as people and we find it as a positive example for how we should show respect towards others. In doing so, a positive environment is created where all students feel appreciated and supported - an essential component of a successful learning experience.

Another way to show respect is by treating them fairly and equally. No student should ever feel

like they are being singled out or picked on. Respecting students also means treating them fairly and with kindness. They should never be ridiculed or made to feel inferior. Instead, efforts should be made to build them up and help them feel good about themselves.

Respecting students does not mean that the teachers agree with everything we do or say. It simply means that the educators acknowledge our personhood and value our thoughts, feelings, and ideas. Students who feel respected by their teachers are more likely to be motivated to learn and behave in a respectful manner themselves. Respecting students also does not mean simply acquiescing to their every demand or giving them undeserved praise. It means recognizing their individual strengths and weaknesses and treating them with fairness and compassion. It means challenging them academically while also supporting them emotionally. Above all, it means demonstrating that you believe in their potential as individuals and future leaders. I strongly feel that a school community will always find success if it is built on a foundation of respect. Obedience and compliance could be garnered but they are surely not the same as respect. Respect can grow as people interact but it is always a gift and it is best when it is shared and exchanged. Students need and want your respect just like everyone else needs respect from others.

High quality and affordable product our priority: Shrivastava

For those customers who value both taste and quality, Ginni Soyabeen Refined Oil is coming back and this time its focus is on the economy segment. Bunge India has announced the launch of Ginni Refined Soyabeen Oil in a new form. Ginni Refined Soyabeen Oil contains vitamins A, D, and E, which are beneficial for our health. It also contains omega-3 fatty acids and polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFA), which help in balancing cholesterol in the blood. Vinay Shrivastava, Vice President and Business Head, Bunge India, said about this launch, this trust and love of the customers inspires us to make new changes and deliver high quality products.

Airtel Payments Bank Simplifies Digital Banking Experience with Enhanced Security and Transparency Features

Amitasar/Jalandhar-- Airtel Payments Bank is setting a new benchmark in digital banking by introducing two groundbreaking features in the banking section under the Airtel Thanks app: the Fraud Alarm and Transparent Banking. The two features are designed to elevate user experience by offering enhanced security and greater transparency in banking operations. The Bank showcased these solutions at the Global Fintech Fest 2024. The Fraud Alarm, prominently positioned in the Safe Bank Section on the app, provides users with immediate assistance if they suspect fraudulent activity. With a single swipe, users can quickly report suspicious transactions, initiate service requests for them, and secure their accounts to prevent further transactions. This streamlined approach ensures rapid response and effective resolution, empowering users and the Bank to take swift action against potential fraud. Anubrata Biswas, MD and CEO of Airtel Payments Bank said at the Global Fintech Fest 2024, "At Airtel Payments Bank, we are dedicated to delivering solutions that blend security, transparency, and user-focused innovation, empowering our customers to manage their finances with greater confidence."

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

Amitasa-- 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 powerful offering yet in the history of the Number series. Commenting on the launch, a realme spokesperson said, "We are incredibly excited to unveil the realme 13 Series 5G, marking a significant milestone in our journey. 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."

'Walking With M' an award-winning documentary makes its mark in Kolkata

Kolkata: Sagar Pictures Entertainment, in association with the Manav Ekta Mission, proudly presents the Kolkata premiere of the award-winning documentary 'Walking With M' on August 31, at the Priya Cinema Hall in Kolkata. The screening was followed by an interaction on the documentary with Sri M and Akash Chopra. The documentary, 7 years in the making, is made with over 1800 hours of archival footage, and is a cinematic marvel directed by Akash Sagar Chopra. The 1hr 37min feature, unveiled the monumental journey of Padmabhushan Awardee and Best-Selling Author Sri M, as he embarked on an epic 7,500-kilometer odyssey across India, traversing 11 states from Kanyakumari to Kashmir. At its core, "Walking With M" embodies the indomitable spirit of humanity and traces the story behind one man's unflinching attempt to ignite a flame of hope and peace in a world gripped by turmoil. The Walk of Hope 2015-2016, over 15 months, is now hailed as the longest peace march in the history of India. Led by of Sri M, Mumtaz Ali (recipient of the Padmabhushan award in 2020) an Indian spiritual author, educationist, and an advocate for peace, The Walk of Hope or the Asha Yatra marks an arduous journey of 80 travelers who tried to bridge the chasms of discord across India, with the singular aim of bringing the diversity of India together. At its core, "Walking With M" embodies the indomitable spirit of humanity and traces the story behind one man's unflinching attempt to ignite a flame of hope and peace in a world gripped by turmoil. The Walk of Hope captivated the hearts of millions in India and abroad who joined the movement over a period of 16 transformative months in the year 2015-16.

UTCA's Nikhil Kumar selected for Under 19 series against Australia



Chandigarh, All rounder Nikhil Kumar has been selected for the series against the Australian team which is visiting India later in September this year. This was confirmed by UTCA's President Sarjany Tandon after receiving a BCCI's communication on Saturday. Tandon and UTCA's Secretary Devendra Sharma met Nikhil Kumar and presented him a BCCI cap in the presence of his coach Deepak Lotiya and father Vinesh Kumar. A multi format series will be played between the two nations from September 21. The ODI series will be played at Puducherry wherein the first match is scheduled on September 21 followed by second one on September 23. The final match of the series is slated for September 26.

NASA's SpaceX Crew-9 Mission Adjusts Crew Ahead of September Launch

NASA has announced that astronaut Nick Hague and Roscosmos cosmonaut Aleksandr Gorbunov will be launching on the SpaceX Crew-9 mission to the International Space Station (ISS) no earlier than Tuesday, September 24, 2024. This update comes after changes to the mission's crew composition. Originally, NASA astronauts Zena Cardman and Stephanie Wilson were also part of the Crew-9 team, but they are now eligible for reassignment to future missions. Updated Crew and Mission Adjustments: The upcoming SpaceX Crew-9 mission will now be flown with a two-person crew aboard a SpaceX Dragon spacecraft. Nick Hague will serve as the mission commander, while Aleksandr Gorbunov will take on the role of mission specialist. This adjustment follows NASA's decision to return the agency's Boeing Crew Flight Test uncrewed, resulting in two vacant seats on Crew-9. NASA's decision was made by Joe Acaba, Chief Astronaut at NASA's Johnson Space Center, who needed to ensure a balanced crew with essential experience and integration for the mission.

Lose weight by drinking water at THIS temperature

See around you and almost everyone wants to lose weight. There is no denying the fact that eating right and exercising are the two most important keys to weight loss but what is also true is that sometimes little tricks and tips along with dieting and exercising can work wonders for your weight loss plan.

Read on to know one such trick which is easy and can speed up your weight loss program.

Hydration is an important part of losing weight. Enough hydration gives your body the capability to flush out the toxins and improve your digestion. But did you have any idea that just by making a little change in the temperature of the water you can make it 10 times better for your weight loss? We guess not.

A study has found that drinking cold water can actually speed up weight loss. The study tested 24 people, out of which 12 drank 500 ml of cold water while the other 12 drank water at room temperature.

The results were that both the groups burned two-three per cent more calories in next 90 minutes.

However, the group of



people who drank cold water increased their body's resting expenditure (calories burnt while you are at rest). The number of calories burned by the body also increased

Manish Batra Hosts Reward and Recognition Program for 108 Ambulance Staff in Bathinda

Bathinda: Leading Healthcare Service provider and proficient medical assistant, Ziqzta Healthcare Limited precisely reliable for handling emergency medical situations in Punjab, today organized a Reward and Recognition Program at Civil Hospital, Bathinda. This initiative aims at fostering 108 Ambulance Staff, to strive for the best services, including the introduction of the prestigious 'Life Saver Awards Batch' along with certificates, honoring exceptional acts of bravery and life-saving interventions by the ambulance staff. These awards not only recognize individual efforts but also inspire others to go above and beyond in their duties.

Among the recipients, Pilot Sarabjit Singh, Harpreet Singh and EMT Amritpal Singh, Surinder Pal were Recognized as the best exemplifying unparalleled dedicated and proficiency in their roles. This occasion involved conveying recognition and rewarding the EMTs and Pilots by offering them certificates and cash prizes worth Rs. 500. Dr Raman Garg (DMC) and project head Manish Batra presented the awards in the presence of Cluster Leader Bhupinder Singh, and Operation Manager Gurmandeep Singh who were there on behalf of Ziqzta Healthcare Limited. Over 50+ EMTs and pilots attended the program organized and conducted by Ziqzta Healthcare

because the body had to heat up the water for digesting it.

Having enough water stops you from bingeing. Many people confuse their thirst with hunger and thus overeat. Drinking a tall glass of water, next time you feel hungry after you have had your food may stop you from overeating.

Drinking a glass of warm water right after you get up in the morning can increase your metabolism and thus help you lose more weight. We all know higher the metabolism, the more calories you burn.

Limited (ZHL). From now on, such programs will be held every month in all districts of Punjab to encourage the 108 Ambulance staff to work with competence. So, that advanced services can be attained by the patients. Addressing the occasion, Project Head of 108 Ambulance Services, Manish Batra said, "We endeavor to become better in every aspect of our work, whether it's providing the best medical services to people or acknowledging our diligent staff. I believe it's important to recognize and reward them and we are proud to start this great initiative in every district of Punjab."

CP Launches 'Mission Seh yog' to Enhance Police-Public Coordination



Jalandhar, (J S SODHI) To strengthen the bond between the public and the police, Commissioner of Police Mr. Swapan Sharma launched 'Seh yog' on Sunday—an initiative aimed at improving Police-Public partnership. Speaking at the launch, Mr. Swapan Sharma explained that the campaign will run for four weeks, focusing on better coordination between the Police and the public. The program will emphasize quick grievance redressal, with 20 officers from the Commissionerate Police meeting daily with NGOs to plan for the city's better-

ment. The Commissioner highlighted that the goal is to bring positive societal change, requiring active public involvement. The campaign seeks to improve communication between the police and the public, with feedback being a crucial element for gathering valuable information from citizens. Mr. Swapan Sharma urged residents to fully support this initiative, emphasizing that solving city issues and maintaining law and order is the police's responsibility. However, he noted that effective policing requires proactive public cooperation, which this campaign aims to foster.

"Jahankilla" Launches New Song at Lovely Professional University



Jalandhar (J S Sodhi) The Punjabi film industry recently celebrated the grand launch of the song "Sajje Khabbe" from the highly anticipated film "Jahankilla." The event took place at Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar, on August 30, 2024. The evening featured live performances by the film's stars, including Harpreet Singh, Akashdeep Singh, Jeet Singh, Jashn Kohli, and Jobanpreet Singh. "Jahankilla" is a tribute to the brave frontline workers serving the nation and aims to inspire the youth of India with a deep sense of patriotism. The film honors first responders such as the Army, Navy, Air Force, Police, Doctors, Nurses, Ambulance Services, and

Firefighters, showcasing their dedication to public safety. The story follows Shinda, a young man from a humble background, who evolves from indifference to embracing national unity. The film also emphasizes women's and youth empowerment, blending comedy, love, and inspiration. Directed by Vickey Kadam and produced by Satinder Kaur, "Jahankilla" features Sandeep Aulakh, Abhishek Saini, Parkash Gadhu, Ashish Duggal, Gurinder Makna, Jarnail Singh, Malkit Singh, Neelam Hundal . The song "Sajje Khabbe" was crafted by Music Directors D & S, with lyrics by Shellee, and performed by Devenderpal Singh and Sahil Akhtar, while Samadhan Sargar choreographed the track.

Royal enfield launch the 2024 classic 350

Amitasar/Jalandhar, -With timeless elegance, old-world charm and unshakable character, the Royal Enfield Classic 350 has represented the culture of classic automotive design, aesthetics and engineering, and the very essence of Royal Enfield's DNA since its launch in 2008. Today, as the motorcycle is launched in a gleaming new avatar, the 2024 Classic 350 proudly continues to stay true to its roots and remain the defender of elegance while also continuing to defend accessibility. The new 2024 Classic 350 with updated new features and in dazzling new colourways will be available at a starting price of INR 1,99,500*, with booking and test rides across India beginning on Sunday, September 1, 2024. Launched in seven gleaming colourways, across five new variants – Heritage (Madras Red and Jodhpur Blue), Heritage Premium (Medallion Bronze), Signals (Commando Sand), Dark (Gun Grey and Stealth Black) and Chrome (Emerald) – the 2024 Royal Enfield Classic 350 seamlessly integrates efficient feature upgrades like LED headlamps.

How eCommerce Trends Have Changed Consumer Behavior in India

The shift to eCommerce has become an integral part of daily life, especially after the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic acted as a catalyst, accelerating eCommerce trends and reshaping shopping habits, particularly in rural and semi-urban India. Before 2020, people in these areas mainly relied on local shops, as they had limited access to proper retail stores. However, the lockdowns forced a significant shift toward online shopping, transforming consumer behavior and driving unprecedented growth in the eCommerce sector.

Global retail sales saw an 8% increase from 2019 to 2020, and this momentum is expected to continue, with the eCommerce market projected to reach US\$ 350 billion by 2030. In India, the Direct-to-Consumer (D2C) and Business-to-Business (B2B) segments have experienced significant growth, with the D2C market alone expected to reach US\$ 60 billion by FY27. These new eCommerce trends reflect the evolving consumer behavior, where online shopping platforms have become the go-to choice for many. Several factors have contributed to the widespread adoption of eCommerce. Cash on Delivery (COD) has played a crucial role in building trust among customers, while the introduction of UPI has made digital payments more accessible, fueling the rise of online shopping. Omnichannel strategies, which combine online



and offline experiences, have also proven effective, leading to a 30% increase in sales for many businesses.

Branded products, particularly electronics, are now predominantly sold online. Mobile phones, for example, are increasingly purchased through online platforms, underscoring the shift in consumer behavior. This growth in eCommerce has been further supported by the availability of cost-efficient platforms like Shopify and Magento, which make it easier and more affordable for businesses to set up and manage their online stores.

The rise of social media and digital marketing tools has also made it simpler for businesses to reach their target audiences. These tools allow

companies to enhance their visibility, engage with customers directly, and boost sales, making online marketing an essential part of any eCommerce strategy.

In rural and semi-urban areas, the adaptability to online shopping has been remarkable. The convenience, variety, and competitive pricing offered by eCommerce platforms have made them the preferred choice for many consumers. Websites like Amazon, Flipkart, and Myntira have become household names, providing seamless shopping experiences with easy payment options, fast delivery, and hassle-free returns.

For businesses, having an online presence offers numerous advantages, including broader reach, 24/7 availability, and access to valuable data insights that can inform business strategies and improve customer experiences. eCommerce allows brands to directly connect with customers, offering personalized experiences that foster loyalty and drive growth.

In conclusion, the eCommerce industry has not only transformed shopping habits but has also opened new opportunities for businesses to thrive in a digital world. By leveraging current eCommerce trends and investing in robust online platforms, businesses can position themselves for long-term success in this rapidly evolving landscape. By Vineet Agarwala , CEO at BlueHorse Software

Woolly Mammoth Comeback? Science Might Revive Extinct Species by 2028

In recent years, advancements in genetic science have brought us startlingly close to the possibility of reviving extinct species such as the woolly mammoth. While this notion sparks the imagination, it also raises significant ethical, ecological, and technological concerns. In 2003, scientists achieved a fleeting success in "de-extinction" by cloning a Pyrenean ibex, a species that had gone extinct. Although the clone survived only briefly due to a lung defect, this event marked the beginning of serious scientific interest in bringing extinct species back to life. Today, the technology has evolved to a point where recreating species that disappeared long ago is becoming a realistic possibility. A leading player in this scientific endeavour is Colossal Biosciences, a Texas-based company that has set its sights on reviving several iconic species, including the woolly mammoth, the dodo, and the Tasmanian tiger. The company's strategy involves integrating the genetic material of these extinct species into the genomes of their closest living relatives, with the goal of recreating animals that can play significant roles in their ecosystems.

SBI Life Insurance partners with Paralympic Committee of India

Chandigarh : SBI Life Insurance, one of India's most trusted life insurance companies, steps up to partner with the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) as a Gold Sponsor for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games starting on 28th August 2024 in Paris. This alliance aims to meaningfully connect with the sports enthusiasts by spreading awareness about the importance of insurance and its role in empowering every individual to fulfil their dreams and build a financially secured future.

The Paralympic Games stand as a global stage where extraordinary athletes from across the world demonstrate that limitations are not barriers but stepping stones to greatness. By partnering with PCI, SBI Life aims to highlight its commitment to fostering independence in thinking, supporting inclusivity in sports and empowering individuals to pursue their dreams, regardless of the challenges they face. By standing strong with these athletes, SBI Life aims to inspire millions to pursue their dreams with courage and conviction, reinforcing the brand's commitment to securing brighter futures for all.

Mr. Ravindra Sharma, Chief of Brand, Corporate Communication & CSR, SBI Life Insurance, stated, "Our partnership with Paralympics

Committee of India (PCI) is a natural extension of our commitment to liberating individuals to pursue their dreams. Our para-athletes have overcome extreme challenges to reach at a global stage and represent our nation. Para-athletes don't just compete; they challenge the status quo and inspire us to transcend conventional boundaries. SBI Life's partnership with PCI is to bring to fore the incredible stories of true grit, resilience and determination of our para-athletes, which can inspire individuals across the board to have the



self-belief that they can pursue their passions despite all odds, while simultaneously securing the needs and aspirations of their loved ones."

He further added, "At SBI Life we continue with our sports associations to develop a meaningful connect with audience through relevant conversations. It's more than just supporting sports; it's about empowering people to achieve their extraordinary potential, while simultaneously ensuring familial responsibilities. Thus, our partnerships

are a true tribute to the spirit of 'Apne Liye, Apno Ke Liye.'

Mr. Devendra Jhajharia, President, Paralympic Committee of India expressed his gratitude towards SBI Life for their partnership for Paris Paralympics 2024. He said, "As the Indian Paralympic contingent is getting ready to better their Tokyo results, it is incredible to see the corporate support coming our way. Our athletes had a great run at Tokyo with 19 medals across disciplines, we're hoping the contingent will gun for glory and try to outdo the Tokyo performance in Paris."

We are delighted to have partnered with SBI Life who are one of India's top Insurance brands. We would like to welcome them on board to celebrate and cheer our Indian heroes on their quest to conquer Paris."

The stories of Paralympians are authentic, raw, and inspirational. Just as these athletes prepare to face the challenges of international competition, SBI Life is dedicated to providing the financial security that empowers individuals to face any life uncertainty. This association marks an important step in the company's ongoing efforts to contribute to a more inclusive society, where every individual is encouraged to pursue their dreams with the confidence that their financial security is in capable hands.

MSME Yatra reaches Chandigarh to empower small entrepreneurs



Chandigarh, In wake of empowering micro, small and medium industries in the country and as a unique effort of CA body- The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), MSME Yatra reached Chandigarh at CA Bhawan, Sector 35 on Saturday. This initiative kicked off from Bengaluru from June 27, will be organizing 100 programs in 100 cities in 100 days through its branches. The yatra was welcomed by the branch officials under the leadership of Chairman CA Abhishek Singh Chauhan. He informed that the aim was to develop small industries i.e. MSME and to spread the schemes prepared by the Central Govt and to provide benefits to as many small entrepreneurs as possible. During this Yatra, camps will be organized and free consultation

will be given to the entrepreneurs so that they can overcome the complexities faced in their businesses. He said that this initiative is also important because the expansion of MSME in the country is increasing widely. Due to self-employment in youth and women empowerment, it is important to make them aware of the various aspects of MSME. This sector is not only awakening the spirit of self-employment in crores of people of the country, but has also become their source of their livelihood. Therefore, it is essential to disseminate the encouraging policies through this Yatra. This Yatra was welcomed by the ICAI members in a traditional note wherein a traditional Himachali Dham was organized for the people associated. with the Yatra, MSME representatives, small entrepreneurs.

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Historic Launch of GloFans High School Cup & Award Ceremony Marks the Beginning of the Global High School Cricket Cup

Chandigarh, UAE, 1st September 2024: The historic launch of the GloFans High School Cup, accompanied by the Trophy Launch and Award Ceremony for the Global High School Cricket Cup, took place today at the Hotel Holiday International, Sharjah. The main event will take place in Sharjah and Ajman with training facilities in Dubai. This year 20 top school teams from across the globe will be participating. There will be a 6-day tournament and two matches every day and two day-night matches will be played under floodlights.



The event was a momentous occasion, bringing together cricket legends, current players, and esteemed personalities from across the cricketing world to celebrate the beginning of this prestigious tournament. The event was a grand success, highlighted by the unveiling of the tournament's official trophy, the launch of the theme song, and the presentation of the official t-shirt, all of which contributed to the growing excitement surrounding the upcoming competition.

World Cup veteran, legendary coach and former English cricketer, DavWhatmore, set the tone for the evening with the unveiling of the grand theme song. Adding "an extra layer of prestige to the occasion, Whatmore said, "It is important to nurture young talent and the school cricket players a pivotal role of school in shaping future stars." The official t-shirt launch was conducted by Mr. ShahzadAltaf, a celebrated UAE player from the 1996 World Cup and the visionary founder of the Young Talents Cricket Academy (YTCA). His dedication to developing grassroots cricket in the region was evident as he shared his vision for the tournament and its significance. A highlight of the event was the engaging chat show hosted by Internationally acclaimed sports expert and founder of Sports quiz app "Golfans" Mr. Sunil Yash Kalra. In a lively discussion with cricket legends, including former Pakistani off-spinner and master of Doosra Saeed Ajmal and legendary coach Dav Whatmore, Mr. Kalra explored the significance of school cricket and its lasting impact on their careers. The conversation also touched upon the upcoming Women's T20 World Cup 2024, set to be held in the UAE, sparking enthusiasm among the attendees.

Kitab lovers mega book fair "Load the Box" kick starts at CP67 Mall, Mohali

Mohali: The Nine-day mega book fair, organised by Kitab Lovers kick started today in Mohali at CP67 amid much fanfare.

The mega book fair, being organized at CP67 Mall in Mohali from August 31 to September 8, 2024, aims at selling books at the most affordable prices besides offering 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, "I am overwhelmed to see the public response on the first day of the fair, and I am sure more readers will throng the event from different corners of Punjab and its neighbouring states.

Over one million new and pre-loved books across more than 20 genres will be showcased at the book fair. The USP of the fair is its innovative out of the box concept, known as 'Load the Box', under

which customers can pay a fixed price for a box and take as many books as they can fit into that box. The boxes have been economically priced between ₹1200 and ₹3000."

While adding more details Mr.



Pandey says, "This being our first event in Mohali, I am very keen to see the response of book readers in this part of the country. Our book fair not only provides books at affordable prices but also caters to a wide range of book

lovers. There will be books by seasoned and awarded publishers and authors, which surely prove to be the cherry on the cake for the fans and readers.

Rajpal Publishing: The oldest Hindi publishing house, established in 1912, is now a part of our book fair.

Penguin Hindi Books: A separate section for Penguin's Hindi books is being presented at this year's fair.

"Be it students, professionals, kids, parents or grandparents, the fair is not going to disappoint any of the book lovers," added Pandey. "Most talked about stalls at the fair!"

1) Top 50 Trending Books in India: A separate collection featuring the 50 most popular books in India will be available.

2) Books on Share Marketing: There will also be a special section for books related to the stock market and investment.

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Seva Trust UK India launches voter awareness campaign in urban and rural areas

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, SEPT 1

Seva Trust UK India has been running a continuous voter awareness campaign to make people aware in the urban and rural areas of Kurukshetra. On Sunday campaign under the guidance of Pawan Mittal, District Coordinator of Seva Trust UK India a dozen voters were present. Programs were organized in villages. He said that in these programs, especially the youth and women were made aware about voting. Mr Mittal said that they lived in the world's largest democratic country the main feature of democracy was that the government was elected by the people, for the people and of the people. Assembly elections were the biggest unit of the Mahayagna of state democracy. Through these elections, they ensured the development of their state, village and city as well as the last person of the society.

So they must definitely offer sacrifice in the form of vote in this great festival of democracy. He said that people's vote was their voice. Pooja Saini, Block Coordinator of Seva Trust said that in the democratic system, people



were supreme and every vote has great importance. Therefore, all voters should honestly discharge their duty towards the country by voting in this festival of democracy. Prominent social worker Dayalo Devi appealed to all voters to participate enthusiastically in the festival of democracy and to ensure the progress of the state by voting in maximum numbers and ensure their participation in development.

Everyone thanked Seva Trust UK India for this voter awareness campaign. On this occasion, Seva Trust UK India distributed immunity booster kits to all women and youth through its co-sponsor Dabur India. In the voter awareness program Sameer Saini, Rajkali, Ritu, Nisha, Pinky, Saroj, Arzoo, Ruchi, Manjeet, Manoj, Prince were also present.

Rotary Club Rivera Yamunanagar extends support to Avesta Foundation

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR: The Rotary Club Rivera of Yamunanagar has come forward to assist the Avesta Foundation in the village of Tajewala. Discussions have been initiated by the club to help construct a large hall for the foundation. The club's president, Rotarian Sanjeev Sethi, assured that they would provide every possible assistance in building the new hall for the ashram. Sanjeev Sethi, during his first visit to the ashram, had promised Sanyasi Sister Naz Patel that the club would support her in every way.



attend to their health issues. He assured that any health-related problems faced by the elderly would be promptly addressed. The club also committed to resolving any other issues the ashram might face as quickly as possible.

Sanjeev Sethi, the president of Rotary Club Rivera Yamunanagar, emphasized that the club aims to reach out to the underprivileged sections of society. He stated that the Rotary Club Rivera Yamunanagar is committed to fulfilling its

responsibilities towards society and will continue to promote such social service initiatives in the future. He also assured that the club members would continue to strengthen their contributions to social service.

This step by the Rotary Club Rivera Yamunanagar sets an inspiring example for the community. Rotarians Ajay Aggarwal, Yash Nagpal, and Devendra Madan were present at the event, accompanied by their families.

Lungs an important part of body, its safety is very important: Dr Rohit



NIRMAL SAINI RADAUR, SEPT 1

Health check-up camp was organized in village Ghespur by Rashtriya Sevika Samiti Radaur. Team of doctors who reached camp checked the health of people. It was inaugurated by social worker and Sarpanch representative Kamal Kumar. Capacity of lungs of about 70 people who reached camp was checked. Dr Rohit Sharma said that lungs are an important part of our body, with help of which our body gets oxygen. Lungs are one of those organs, whose safety and well-being is very important. If lungs are not right, then body will not get oxygen properly. Following are reasons for lungs getting damaged such as increasing air pollution, bad lifestyle and unhealthy diet. Eat green vegetables to strengthen lungs. Drink adequate amount of water, lack of water causes many deficiencies in body. Don't smoke, eat ginger and garlic and include fiber-rich food in diet.

Suman Bahamani BJP leader assures to promote education and employment

PREETI SAINI SADHAURA, SEPT 1

BJP leader Suman Bahamani responded to the casteist post that went viral against her. A controversial post was going viral on social media WhatsApp about BJP leader and former District Education Officer Suman Bahamani in which mainly questions were being raised about her caste which was quite serious. In response to viral video Suman Bahamani said that she was born she belonged to the Scheduled Caste 'Chamar' caste and her father Tekchand Toor, who was a former jail superintendent also belonged to the Scheduled Caste. If anyone wanted to investigate in this regard, they can do so.

Therefore, whoever found such information the rumours being spread were baseless and have no facts. The way these rumours were being spread, she will take recourse of law against these rumours and legal action will be taken. During her visit to Bilaspur, she posted about her caste.

After retiring from the post of District Education Officer and joining BJP, Suman Bahamani started campaigning for BJP in Sadhaura Assembly constituency. She got huge support from the teachers and youth in the villages and town of Bilaspur constituency.



On Friday, at Ved Vyas Bhawan, she discussed about the Sadhaura Vidhan Sabha in detail with about two dozen students. Let us tell you that Suman Bahamani became the District Education Officer after serving for about 15 years in Bilaspur Model School. Suman Bahamani has worked in many areas. She also made the youth to join the party by making them wear the BJP party's turban.

In a conversation with the students, she said that she has given excellent services in the field of education at Bilaspur and district level for a long time. Now she has joined the BJP to give her services in politics. She said that if the party high command gave her the opportunity to serve the people of Sadhaura, she will work to provide better education, medical facilities and employment to the youth in the entire assembly constituency.

SMS Memorial Public School children win silver medal in basketball championship

KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI, SEPT 1

The students of SMS Memorial Public School Tarawadi brought laurels to the school by performing well in the All India Speed Skating and Rolling Basketball Championship. The competition was organized under the aegis of Roller Hacks India. It was organized at International Convent School Mohali. Students from various schools participated in it. Sarthak and Harman of the school brought laurels to the school by winning silver medals. Sarthak played in adjustable skates and Harman played in shoe skates in the 100 mtr group. The school got two silver medals in Roller Basketball and two silver medal in Roller Basketball which is a matter of great pride for the school.

The school's Principal Dr. Vibha Kaushik said that sports were an important aspect of a



student's life and promotes health and fitness. Sports also played a huge role in the development of the students. All kinds of sports helped in learning basic social skills, cooperation, unity, team spirit and much more. By regularly participating in sports and games, students can improve their cognitive abilities which are very important in life.

On this occasion, the students were rewarded by the school. Coach Rohit was honored with a special award.

Former MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi invites shopkeepers to the CM Jan Arshiwad Rally

KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI: Senior BJP leader and former MLA of the constituency Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi invited shopkeepers to the Chief Minister's Jan Arshiwad Rally being held in Nadana Road, Sankra Road, Karnali Gate, Main Bazaar and Gurudwara of the city. All the shopkeepers, traders and commission agents on the road were invited to the Jan Arshiwad Rally to be held on September 3 at Tarawadi Grain Market. The shopkeepers were also very enthusiastic about the Chief Minister's program. On this occasion, senior leader along with former MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi



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were present. Apart from Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi, BJP Mandal Tarawadi President Praveen Gupta, Devendra Kamra, Ranjit Bhardwaj, President of Vyapar Mandal Tarawadi Ravindra Kakkar, office bearers of many organizations were also present. They also appealed to everyone to reach the Chief Minister's Jan Arshiwad rally.

Children show beautiful projects in science exhibition



RADAUR (NIRMAL SAINI) : Science exhibition was organized in Maharaja Agrasen Senior Secondary Public School Gumthala in which children from Class VII to XII participated. Children made projects of smart agriculture, photosynthesis process, water vapor day and night process and smart agriculture. Children told how agriculture sector can be made smart and how new technology can be used to change way. They also told about how day and night are formed. In photosynthesis, children gave information about how plants prepare their own food. In water vapor, children told how dirty water is cleaned. How can we make a smart city by using solar panels. Apart from parents, teachers and children from various schools from outside also visited science exhibition. After seeing science exhibition, children's projects were praised and it was said that children have prepared projects in a very good manner. While giving information related to science to the children, Dr. Sudesh Bansal said that we should also teach our children in science in such a way that they can do something new.

District Level Mass and Belt Wrestling Championship 2024 Inaugurated



VIJAY KAUSHIK LADWA: The District Level Mass Wrestling Championship 2024 was inaugurated with great fanfare under the auspices of the Association of Traditional Sports Haryana and the Traditional Sports Wrestling Association Kurukshetra. The championship is being held at Doon Public School in Ladwa, with around 265 players from Kurukshetra district participating.

Municipal Chairperson Sakshi Khurana, the chief guest, inaugurated the event and expressed her appreciation for the organization of such sports events in Ladwa. She emphasized the importance of physical development alongside education in today's competitive era. Khurana highlighted that sports play a vital role in the holistic development of children, helping them stay away from addiction and improving their concentration.

The event also saw the presentation of a memento to the chief guest by the Traditional Sports Wrestling Association Kurukshetra. Attendees included Amit Dhariwal, Aman-deep Singh, Sahil Khurana, Rashmi Dhariwal, Bharat Madan, Pradyuman Puri, Pankaj Joshi, Sachin Saini, and Vatan Saini, along with participants, trainers, team managers, and parents.

Raju Khurana Bids Farewell to BJP, Joins Congress



VIJAY KAUSHIK LADWA, SEPT 1

Raju Khurana, the representative of Municipal Chairperson Sakshi Khurana and a well-known social worker, has left the BJP and joined the Congress under the leadership of MLA Meva Singh. This move has dealt a significant blow to the BJP in Ladwa's political arena, where Khurana was considered a strategic figure. Khurana explained that leaving a long-standing party feels like leaving a family, but he decided to join Congress due to a lack of respect and unresolved issues in the BJP. He expressed disappointment over the failure to construct a park near Bhagtupur, which he believed would have enhanced the city's beauty and provided benefits to the local residents. He also criticized the BJP for not addressing various issues faced by traders and the community, including problems with Family IDs, portals, and NDAs. Despite his departure, Khurana maintained that Sakshi Khurana has the right to make her own political decisions. He affirmed his commitment to support Congress candidate Meva Singh and urged voters to cast their votes in favor of Congress, praising Singh as a dedicated, hardworking, and honest individual.

Blood donation is the greatest service to Humanity: BJP leader Meena Chauhan

DHEERAJ SHARMA NILOKHERI: A blood donation camp was organized at Vishwakarma Bhawan in Nilokheri, where BJP Women's Vice President Meena Chauhan served as the chief guest. She honored the blood donors by presenting them with badges. Meena Chauhan emphasized that blood donation is the highest form of charity. She stated that the blood donated helps those in need during accidents and illnesses, potentially saving lives. "We all should participate in blood donation as it causes no harm and can save someone's life," she added. Out of the 60 people who registered, more than 53 successfully donated blood. The donated blood was safely stored at the blood unit of Kalpana Chawla Medical Hospital in Karnal. Dr. Abhishek Kumar and Dr. Jiya attended the camp to conduct health checkups for the donors. The Nilokheri Blood Camp members also honored the young donors with certificates of appreciation. Among those present at the event were Yogesh Gaba, Munish Siddhwan, Navin Kapoor, Praveen Anand, Lait Miglani, former councilor representative Bhpunesh Juneja, former NAPA President Satnam Singh Ahuja, Shiv Nath Kapoor, Deepak Ahuja, and others.



Congress will win Jagadhri assembly seat: Selja

RAJNI SONI JAGADHRI, SEPT 1

Sirsa MP and Congress National General Secretary Kumari Selja was overwhelmed by the huge crowd at the Congress Samvad Yatra rally organised by former minister Akram Khan at Anaj Mandi Chhachhrauli on Saturday. She said that the Congress is going to win the Jagadhari Vidhan Sabha with record votes. Addressing the workers during the Sandesh Yatra, Selja attacked the BJP government and said that the chapter of the government that has been looting for 10 years has ended. The Congress is going to form the government with a huge majority in the state. Selja said that the people of the state are crying for help at this time. The public is going to oust the BJP from the state in the upcoming assembly elections. If the statement of BJP state



president is something, then the opinion of Chief Minister Nayab Saini is completely different. On the issue of illegal mining in the district, Kumari Selja said that illegal mining of thousands of crores of rupees has taken place. Illegal mining has taken place on such a large scale with the support of the government. All these scams will be investigated in the Congress government and those who are filling their coffers by mining today will be held accountable. She appealed to the workers present in the pro-

gram from the stage and said that in the upcoming assembly elections, work to send Chaudhary Akram Khan to the assembly by winning with a huge number of votes and I will also help in the work that has to be done for the development of the people.

Regarding the postponement of the date of voting by the Election Commission, she said that BJP is not going to get any benefit from this. She said that her efforts for the ticket from here will be only for Akram Khan.

Puneri Paltan Table Tennis down Jaipur Patriots by 9-6 to stay alive for UTT 2024 knockouts

Chennai : Puneri Paltan Table Tennis stormed back into contention for a place in the knockouts with a 9-6 win over debutants Jaipur Patriots in an exciting UTT 2024 tie at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium on Sunday.

Puneri Paltan Table Tennis were at the bottom of the eight-team table going into Sunday's clash and the win over the Jaipur-based franchise saw them power their way to the fourth spot with 28 points in their kitty. The top four teams at the end of the league stage will qualify for the playoffs. Jaipur Patriots leapfrogged a rung to take the fifth spot with 25 points.

Both teams were equally matched almost right till the end and the sizable crowd in the arena were kept on tenterhooks as the lead changed hands after almost every other game.

Ankur Bhattacharjee, who was later adjudged the Indian Player of the Tie, put Puneri Paltan Table Tennis off to a winning start by defeating Ronit Bhanja 2-1 (10-11, 11-10, 11-8) in the first men's singles. The Bengal lad, who is yet to taste defeat this season, made a great comeback after suffering an early setback in a match which saw two consecutive golden points.

India make bright start at World Deaf Shooting Championship

New Delhi : The 16-member Indian Deaf Shooting team made a bright start to the 2nd World Deaf Shooting Championship 2024 being held at Hanover, Germany, winning one gold, two silver and one bronze medal on day one of the competitions on Saturday.

Anuya Prasad won gold in the women's 10m Air Pistol while India also had a double podium finish in the men's 10m Air Pistol with Abhinav Deshwal winning silver and Shubham Vashist winning bronze as the duo also teamed up with Chetan Sakpal to clinch the team silver in the event, as per a press release by the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI). The Championship goes on till September 7, 2024, and Indian shooters will compete in the Air Rifle and Air Pistol disciplines. The squad, which includes such top shooters like Dhanush Srikanth, is also accompanied by an interpreter and coaches Preeti Sharma (Pistol) and Sanjeev Rajput (Rifle).

Medals on Day 1:

Individual:

Gold - Anuya Prasad- 10m Air Pistol Women

Silver - Abhinav Deshwal - 10m Air Pistol Men

Bronze - Shubham Vashist - 10m Air Pistol Men

Team: Silver - 10m Air Pistol Men Team (Abhinav Deshwal, Shubham Vashist & Chetan Sakpal).

Sourav Ganguly arrives in Chennai to witness Indian F1 qualifying rounds

Chennai : Former India cricketer Sourav Ganguly arrived on Sunday to witness the Indian F1 Qualifying 1 and Qualifying 2 rounds taking place on the Chennai circuit.

The Indian F1 qualifying 1 and qualifying 2 rounds are currently taking place at the Chennai circuit. Later, the JK FLGB 4 Race 1 and IRL qualifying for Driver A category will also be held. The former India skipper expressed his feeling on the event.

"We have come for the racing. I have come to see that," Ganguly told the reporters.

Tamil Nadu's Minister for Sports Development and Youth Welfare, Udhayanidhi Stalin, flagged off the race last day (31.08.24).

Other attendees included Tamil Nadu Ministers M. Subramanian, Sekar Babu, SS Sivasankaran, along with officials from the Tamil Nadu Sports Department and IRL.

The Indian Racing Festival 2024's Round 2 is scheduled to take place on August 31 and September 1 at the Chennai Formula Racing Circuit (CFRC), a 3.5-km track.

The race route will go around the Island Grounds near Marina Beach, with cars racing in an anti-clockwise direction.

Intercontinental Cup: India await Manolo Marquez Midas touch

Hyderabad: It's a new phase for the India senior men's national team, as head coach Manolo Marquez takes the helm in the Blue Tigers' camp. His first assignment, the Intercontinental Cup in Hyderabad, a city he is all too familiar with. For those in his team, it is a matter of proving themselves over the course of the next three FIFA international windows, before they dive head-first into the AFC Asian Cup Qualifiers (March 2025).

Winger Lallianzuala Chhangte, who was named the AIFF Player of the Year earlier this year, is all too aware of the paucity of time, as per the media release by the All India Football Federation of India (AIFF).

"Since we do not get enough time in the national team, we must make the best of what we have together," said Chhangte as quoted by the AIFF. "We're playing the Intercontinental now, and the Tri-Nation in Vietnam next month, followed by another FIFA window in November, and that's it," he added.

"We must not have to be physically strong, but mentally as well. The bond within the team has to be stronger than ever."

India came ever-so-close to booking their spot in Round 3 of the FIFA World Cup Qualifiers in June when Chhangte scored to put India in the lead in Doha against Qatar.

England players dominate draft pick for upcoming BBL edition

Melbourne : England players dominated the men's Big Bash League draft, with Ben Duckett and Laurie Evans featuring among a host of Three Lions players for the 14th edition of the franchise.

A total of 14 England players will feature in the upcoming edition of the BBL. Duckett, who previously featured for the Brisbane Heat in the 2021-22 season, was drafted by the Melbourne Stars (platinum category) for their first pick.

Melbourne Renegades selected Laurie Evans after Perth Scorchers decided not to use their retention pick for the seasoned English batter. Renegades, who had picked number two, went after James Vince, but the Sydney Sixers opted to use their retention pick and get the opener. Notably, the Sixers acquired the English cricketer despite him not being available for the whole season, according to ESPNcricinfo.

The Sixers were the last in line to pick for the first two rounds. They allotted a gold category for West Indies spinner Akeal Hosein. Sixers had pre-signed Hosein despite him being available for just seven games in the upcoming season.

Renegades also drafted young England batter Jacob Bethell, the 20-year-old earned a maiden call-up for the Three Lions for their upcoming white-ball series against Australia later in September.

West Indies batter Shai Hope, who was selected for the first time, became the Hobart Hurricanes' pick in the platinum category.

England pacer Chris Jordan, who Hurricanes pre-signed for two years, was allotted the platinum category alongside Hope.

Bangladeshi legspinner Rishad Hossain rounded up the Hurricanes draft.

Paralympics: Manisha advances to semi-final



AGENCY
PARIS: Indian para-shuttler Manisha Ramadass advanced to the semi-final after beating Japan's Mamiko Toyoda in the women's singles DU5 quarterfinal match at the ongoing Paris Paralympics on Sunday.

In the first game, Manisha dominated over

her Japanese opponent and won it 13-21. The Indian shuttler continued to maintain her momentum and won it 16-21. The match lasted for 30 minutes.

With Manisha confirming her place in the semi-final, India hopes to add another medal to their tally.

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Avani, Sidhartha crash out from Mixed 10m Air Rifle Prone SH1 event



AGENCY
PARIS: Star India para shooters Avani Lekhara and Sidhartha Babu failed to qualify in the finals of the Mixed 10m Air Rifle Prone SH1 event at the ongoing Paris Paralympics on Sunday.

In the qualification round of the mixed 10m air rifle prone SH1 event, Avani secured 11th place with a total of 632.8 points.

While Sidhartha held 28th place in the qualification with 628.3 points.

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Bopanna, Aldila rally to move up in mixed doubles



New York, Sept 1 (UNI) Eighth seed Rohan Bopanna (India) and Aldila Sutjiadi (Indonesia) staged a fine rally to silence the spirited challenge of Katrina Siniakova of Czech Republic and John Peers of Australia 0-6, 7-6 (7-5) 10-7 in 73 minutes in the mixed doubles of the US Open here.

Bopanna/Aldila meekly surrendered the opening set

without opening their account. However, they reorganized their game and fought back to level one-set all in tiebreaker 7-6 (7-5). Bopanna/Aldila maintained their pressure and won the third set by 10-7 and the match on Saturday night.

American Rajeev Ram and Joe Salisbury of UK moved into men's doubles

third round at the expense of L Glasspool and Rinki Hijikata of Australia (6-3, 7-6 (13-11)).

On Friday, Rohan Bopanna advanced into the next round of men's doubles and mixed doubles. Seeded second Rohan Bopanna and Matthew Ebden took just one hour to dispose of the challenge of R. Carballes Baena (Spain)/ Foria Coria (Arg) 6-26-2.


of the match was one hour and 38 minutes as both sets were decided in tie-breakers 7-6 (9-7) 7-6 (7-5).

N. Balaji of India made his exit by losing in the men's doubles round second. Partnering G. Andreozzi (Arg), Balaji and partner lost to N. Skupski (Ger)/M. Venus (NZL) 7-6 (7-4) 6-4.

Yuki Bhambri of India, pairing with A Olivetti (France) rallied to overcome A Krajicek (USA)/Jean-Julien Rojer (Netherlands) 4-6, 6-3 7-5 in the men's doubles second round by 4-6 6-3 7-5 in 125 minutes on courts No. 7.

Eighth seeds Rohan Bopanna (Ind)/A. Sutjiadi (INA) registered a hard-fought first round win in mixed doubles at Court No. 6. Duration

Fireworks were witnessed at the Arthur Ashe Stadium as in an all-American men's third round encounter, down by a set Frances Tiafoe traded stroke for stroke to carve out a well-merited marathon five-set verdict 4-6 7-5 6-7 (5-7) 6-4, 6-3 in four hour and three minutes. Tiafoe won 73 percent of his net points compared to Ben Shelton's 68 percent.



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It takes lot of hard work to make a film: Divya Khossla on 'Emergency' row

Actor and director Divya Khossla reacted to the ongoing controversy of Kangana Ranaut-starrer 'Emergency'.

Kangana Ranaut-starrer has been embroiled in controversies for some time now. From facing backlash from several Sikh groups to not getting a green signal from the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) yet, 'Emergency' is clearly having a tough time ahead of its release.

Speaking exclusively to ANI on Saturday night, Divya said, "I think it takes a lot of hard work to make a film. It's not an easy job. Kangana has acted and directed the film. So, hats off to her."

The film, a biographical political thriller, delves into the life of former Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, who imposed a 21-month emergency period from 1975 to 1977.

Kangana essays the role of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in the film, which also stars late Satish Kaushik, Anupam Kher, Shreyas Talpade and Mahima Chaudhry.

On Friday, Kangana, who is also a politician, took to social media and posted a video in which she claimed that the censor board has been receiving death threats regarding a few scenes in the film.

"There are rumours that our film 'Emergency' has got a censor certificate. It is not true. In fact, our film was cleared earlier but its certification has been stopped because of several threats," Kangana said.

"There is pressure being put on us to remove certain scenes, such as the assassination of Indira Gandhi, the Punjab riots, and more. Now, I don't know what else to show. What are we supposed to do-blackout the film during these scenes? This is unbelievable to me, and I am deeply sorry for the current state of thinking in this country," she added.

Produced by Zee Studios and Manikarnika Films, the film is set against the backdrop of one of India's most tumultuous political periods and promises to be a portrayal of historical events. It is scheduled to be released on September 6, 2024.



Alia Bhatt congratulates Indian athletes for their win at Paralympics 2024

Like every Indian right now, actor Alia Bhatt is also proud of para-athletes for winning medals for India. Alia took to her Instagram stories on Saturday to share a collage of the four athletes and congratulated them. The collage features athletes Avani Lekhara, Mona Agarwal, Manish Narwal and Preeti Pal have all won medals for India.

"Congratulations, stars! 4 medals are home," she captioned the post. India has secured a total of five medals at the ongoing Paris Paralympics, with one gold medal, a silver, and three bronze medals.

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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, while, India's Mona bagged the bronze medal with a total points of 228.7.

India's silver medal came in shooting as well, with Manish Narwal getting a silver in the men's P1 10 m air pistol SH1 competition.

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This year, India has sent its largest Paralympics contingent ever, comprising 84 athletes across 12 sports, a testament to the country's expanding para-sports ecosystem. India's participation in the Paris 2024 Paralympics marks not only a significant increase in numbers but also in medal

hopes, as the nation aims to surpass its previous achievements in Tokyo.

Tokyo 2020 was India's most successful Paralympic Games, with the country winning 19 medals, including five golds, eight silver and six bronzes. Mean-



Congratulations, stars! 4 medals are home!
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while, in the coming months, Alia will be seen headlining 'Jigra'. Recently, the makers of 'Jigra' announced a new release date for the film. The film was earlier supposed to be released on September 27, 2024, but now audiences can watch it in cinema halls from October 11 onwards. Sharing the update about the change in release date, Alia took to Instagram and wrote, "11.10.2024 | JIGRA | See you at the movies." Alia will also be seen sharing the screen with Ranbir Kapoor in Sanjay Leela Bhansali's directorial 'Love & War.' The film will also star Vicky Kaushal.



A Son's Vow, A Mother's Dream: Shreem Sharma's Heartwarming Story on Kaun Banega Crorepati 16



CHANDIGARH : On September 2nd at 9 PM, Sony Entertainment Television's knowledge-based game show, Kaun Banega Crorepati Season 16, will put the spotlight on Shreem Sharma, an aspiring contestant from Moga, Punjab. Driven by his mother's enduring fascination with Kaun Banega Crorepati, Shreem Sharma, an astrologer, has made it his quest to turn her dream into a reality. Determined to reach the hot seat, Shreem Sharma undertook a vow of fasting, guided by his belief that to gain something significant, one must be willing to sacrifice something of value. And in a heartwarming moment on the show, host Amitabh Bachchan offers Shreem his favorite dessert, 'rasmalai', to help him break his fast. Shreem comes from a family deeply rooted in astrology, with his father and other family members practicing the craft. Although he once had a promising future in cricket, an injury changed his path, leading him to pursue travel vlogging. Outside of his trade as an astrologer, Shreem finds solace in the mountains, enjoying small treks, and listening to music. On the show, Shreem also shares his deep emotional connection to the film Kalki, which is now his favourite movie, expressing his admiration for AB's performance and the film's poignant scenes. Speaking about his journey to the show, Shreem says, "My mother, a die-hard fan of the show, often asks me to come home soon so we can watch Kaun Banega Crorepati together, inviting me to play along. To honour her dream, I undertook a rigorous 97-day vrat, consuming only fruits from the moment I received the call to appear on the show until I sat on the hot seat. I greatly admire Amitabh Bachchan ji's charismatic presence, which makes me feel like he is a part of the family and I am truly grateful to have had this opportunity to fulfil my mother's dream." Tune in to Kaun Banega Crorepati - Season 16, every Monday to Friday at 9 PM, only on Sony Entertainment Television!

Salim-Javed attend special screening of 'Sholay' in Mumbai



Veteran writers Salim Khan and Javed Akhtar, who were the masterminds behind 'Sholay', came together for a special screening of the iconic film in Mumbai on Saturday. The screening at Regal Cinema was also attended by Shabana Azmi, Zoya Akhtar, Vikramaditya Motwane, Siddharth Roy Kapur, Kunal Roy Kapur, and more. Film Heritage Foundation (FHF) organised the screening of the nearly 50-year-old vintage 70 mm cinema-scope print of the iconic blockbuster Sholay (1975). 'Sholay' revolves around the village of Ramgarh, where retired police chief Thakur Baldev Singh (Sanjeev Kumar) plots to bring down the notorious bandit Gabbar Singh (Amitabh Bachchan) and enlists the help of two lesser criminals, Jai (Amitabh Bachchan) and Veeru (Dharmendra). When Gabbar attacks the village, Jai and Veeru wonder why Thakur does nothing to help them. They soon learn that he has no arms and that Gabbar was the one who cut them off. Enraged by this, they redouble their efforts to help Thakur.

The special screening comes a few days after the legendary writer jodi opened up about their historic partnership in Prime Video's docuseries 'Angry Young Men'. It features interviews with celebrities like Salman Khan, Aamir Khan, Hrithik Roshan, Karan Johar, Amitabh Bachchan, Shabana Azmi, Farhan Akhtar, Zoya Akhtar, and more. Directed by Namrata Rao, the three-part documentary is produced by Salman Khan Films, Excel Media and Entertainment, and Tiger Baby.

Season 2 of 'Taaza Khabar' to be out in September

YouTube and content creator Bhuvan Bam is all set to come up with the second season of 'Taaza Khabar' show.

Shriya Pilgaonkar, Mahesh Manjrekar, Deven Bhojani, Shilpa Shukla, Prathamesh Parab and Nitya Mathur will also be seen in the second season.

On Saturday, the makers announced the release date for the show. It will be out on Disney+ Hotstar on September 27.

Excited about the show, Bhuvan Bam who plays the character of Vasant Gawde, in a press note shared by the streaming giant team, said, "Taaza Khabar is just not a series, it depicts the graph of my life. Playing Vasya was effortless because for most parts he is a mirror to me. His ambition to reach the stars and his zeal to live a better life and serve his family to the fullest is all I ever dreamt of. I am so grateful to the audiences for the outpouring of love they have showered on Vasant Gawade on Disney+ Hotstar. This time, they will experience newer complexities in the character and I can't wait for audiences to witness that."

Producer Rohit Raj also shared what audience can expect from the upcoming season. "We were super stoked and overwhelmed to see the amount of love for our labour of love. I have always looked at Taaza Khabar as a journey of rags-to-riches journey, with a twist and local flavour of Mumbai. Our sole vision for Taaza Khabar as a franchise is to draw experiences from our daily simpleton life, elaborate on them and have subtle takes on them. Looking at Bhuvan's journey through Taaza Khabar has been so enriching from an acting perspective, his journey is only going to grow onwards and upwards from here," he said. Produced by Rohit Raj and Bhuvan Bam under the banner BB Ki Vines productions, 'Taaza Khabar' is directed by Himank Gaur and written by the duo Hussain and Abbas Dalal.



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