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Air India flight diverted to Delhi after bomb threat

NEW DELHI: A New York-bound Air India flight from Mumbai was on Monday diverted to the Delhi airport following a security concern arising out of a bomb threat in the aircraft, officials said here. "The aircraft is currently stationed at the Indira Gandhi International Airport, and all standard safety protocols are being diligently followed to ensure the safety of the passengers and crew on board," a senior police officer said.

Delhi govt imposes ban on firecrackers to combat air pollution

NEW DELHI: Anticipating a rise in pollution levels as winter approaches, the Delhi government on Monday imposed an immediate ban on the production, storage, sale and use of firecrackers across the city, effective till January 1. Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai made the announcement and urged Delhi residents to support the government's efforts to curb air pollution. In a tweet, Rai said, "In view of the increasing pollution in winter, a ban has been imposed on the production, storage, sale, and use of firecrackers from today till January 1."

Security cover of Chirag Paswan upgraded to Z category

NEW DELHI: The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has decided to upgrade the security cover of Union Minister and Member of Parliament from Hajipur, Chirag Paswan to Z category. According to the sources, the MHA has decided to give Z category security to the Chief of Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas), under which 33 security personnel of the Central Reserve Police Force will now be deployed to protect Paswan round-the-clock.

Sensex rises 592 pts, Nifty settles above 25K on gains in IT

MUMBAI: Benchmark BSE Sensex jumped nearly 592 points while Nifty reclaimed the 25,000 level on Monday following gains in IT and banking shares amid a firm trend in global markets. The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 591.69 points or 0.73 per cent to close at 81,973.05. During the day, it surged 690.81 points or 0.84 per cent to hit a high of 82,072.17.

India to withdraw its envoy from Canada as diplomatic row escalates

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, OCT 14

India on Monday summoned Canada's Charge d'Affaires Stewart Wheeler and conveyed that "the baseless targeting" of the Indian High Commissioner and other diplomats and officials in Canada was completely unacceptable.

Ministry of External Affairs said in a release that it was underlined to the Canada's Charge d'Affaires that in an atmosphere of extremism and violence, the Trudeau Government's actions endangered their safety and the government had decided to withdraw India's High Commissioner to Canada Sanjay Kumar Verma and other targeted diplomats and officials.

The government conveyed that India reserves the right to take further steps in response to the "Trudeau Government's support for extremism, violence and separatism against India".

"Canadian Charge d'Affaires was summoned by Secretary (East) this evening. He was informed that the baseless targeting of the Indian High Commissioner and other diplomats and officials in Canada was completely unacceptable," MEA said in its release.

"It was underlined that in an atmosphere of extremism and violence, the Trudeau Government's actions endan-

gered their safety. We have no faith in the current Canadian Government's commitment to ensure their security. Therefore, the Government of India has decided to withdraw the High Commissioner and other targeted diplomats and officials," it added.

India had earlier in the day "strongly" rejected a diplomatic communication from Canada suggesting that the Indian



High Commissioner and other diplomats were "persons of interest" in an investigation and termed it as "preposterous imputations" and part of the political agenda of the Justin Trudeau government.

In a hard-hitting statement, India said Canadian Prime Minister Jutin Trudeau's hostility towards India has long been in

evidence and his government has consciously provided space to violent extremists and terrorists "to harass, threaten and intimidate Indian diplomats and community leaders in Canada".

"We have received a diplomatic communication from Canada yesterday suggesting that the Indian High Commissioner and other diplomats are 'persons of interest' in a matter related to an investigation in that country. The Government of India strongly rejects these preposterous imputations and ascribes them to the political agenda of the Trudeau Government that is centered around vote bank politics," the statement said.

"Since Prime Minister Trudeau made certain allegations in September 2023, the Canadian Government has not shared a shred of evidence with the Government of India, despite many requests from our side. This latest step follows interactions that have again witnessed assertions without any facts. This leaves little doubt that on the pretext of an investigation, there is a deliberate strategy of smearing India for political gains," it added.

'Co-conspirator' held from Pune in Baba Siddique murder case; 3rd arrest so far

AGENCY
MUMBAI, OCT 14

The Mumbai police have arrested a 28-year-old man from Pune who along with his brother "enlisted" two of the three alleged shooters in the Baba Siddique murder case, an official said. Police called the man, Pravin Lonkar, a "co-conspirator" and said they are on the lookout of his brother Shubham Lonkar. This is the third arrest in the case of Siddique's murder.

NCP leader and former Maharashtra minister Baba Siddique (66) was waylaid by three persons at Kher Nagar in Mumbai's Bandra area just outside his MLA son Zeeshan Siddique's office and shot at on Saturday night. He was rushed to the Lilavati Hospital where he was declared dead, according to Mumbai police.

A crime branch official on Sunday said Pravin and Shubham "enlisted" two alleged shooters - UP resident Dharmaraj Rajesh Kashyap and Shivkumar Gautam.

While Gautam is on the run, police have arrested Kashyap and another alleged shooter, identified as Gurmail Baljit Singh (23), a native of Haryana.

The official said police went to Pune looking for Shubham Lonkar but did not



find him there. They then nabbed his brother Pravin for his alleged involvement in the crime, he said.

A Mumbai court on Sunday remanded Singh in police custody till October 21 and ordered a bone ossification test on Kashyap after he claimed he was a minor.

The ossification test was conducted in which it was proved Kashyap is not minor, an official said on Monday.

He was produced before the court and sent to police custody till October 21, he said. Police have recovered two pistols and 28 live bullets from the two apprehended shooters. The police have set up 15 teams which fanned out of Maharashtra and a probe is on to identify who provided logistical support to the

shooters, officials said.

The Mumbai police were also verifying a social media post, attributed to a purported member of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, owning up to the murder of Siddique.

The crime branch was also probing various angles, including a possible contract killing, business or political rivalry or threat over a slum rehabilitation project, according to officials.

Siddique was laid to rest on Sunday night with state honours in the presence of a large number of people and political leaders across the spectrum amid tight security.

The Mumbai police accorded a guard of honour to the NCP leader amid rain at Bada Kabrastan in the Marine Lines area.

Mann hails verdict of High Court paving way for panchayat polls

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, OCT 14:

Expressing gratitude towards Punjab and Haryana High court for paving way to Panchayat elections, the Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Monday appealed the people to exercise their franchise freely and fairly.

In a statement, the Chief Minister said that the verdict by Punjab and Haryana High court has cleared the path for smooth conduct of these polls. He profusely thanked the Punjab and Haryana High court for allowing the people to freely participate in the polls at this grass root level. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that on October 15 Panchayat polls will be held across the state.

The Chief Minister appealed the Punjabis to take part in these polls in a free and fair manner without any sort of fear. He asked the people to participate in these polls by cementing the ethos of communal harmony, peace and brotherhood. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that people should strengthen brotherhood in the village



es during the poll and use their right to vote judiciously.

The Chief Minister asked the people to elect good representatives in the villages and become an active partner in its development.

Extending good wishes to all the participants taking part in these elections, he said that hoped that they would take their respective villages on zenith of glory after victory. Bhagwant Singh Mann reiterated that the state government is committed for conduct of these polls in a free, fair and impartial manner.

Amit Shah to attend Hry BJP legislature party meeting tomorrow

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, OCT 14

The Haryana BJP legislature party meeting is likely to be held on October 16 in the presence of party observers, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav, sources told India Today TV on Monday.

BJP leader Nayab Singh Saini will be formally elected as the leader of the BJP's legislature party at the meeting, following which his name will formally be declared for the Chief Minister's post, sources added.

The swearing-in ceremony of the new BJP government in Haryana will be held on October 17 in Panchkula, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and se-



Over 40 killed, including 13 children in Israeli strikes in Gaza

AGENCY
TEL AVIV, OCT 14

As the tensions escalate in West Asia further, at least 41 people were killed, including at least 13 children in Israeli airstrikes in Gaza on Sunday, CNN reported citing the hospitals.

According to officials from the Al Awda and Al Aqsa hospitals, at least 22 people lost their lives in Israeli strikes at Al Mufti school in Gaza's Nuseirat refugee camp.

Among the people who died was one infant as well. The child died shortly after arrival at the hospital despite repeated attempts to save him by the medical teams. It is pertinent to

note that over 5,000 displaced people are sheltering in the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) school, CNN reported citing Gaza's civil defence. Meanwhile, in northern Gaza, five children were killed in an Israeli airstrike while playing marbles in Al Shati camp, according to Al Shifa hospital in Gaza City. Earlier at the Nuseirat refugee camp in central Gaza, eight members of a family - including six children - were killed when the Israeli military struck a house they were sheltering in, according to Al Aqsa Hospital, according to CNN. Another six people were killed when an Israeli tank shelled the Bureij refugee camp, it said.

GOI acceded to major demands of Millers and Aarthias , says Punjab CM

Union Minister hails Punjab for introducing new less water guzzling varieties of paddy

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, OCT 14:

In a major reprieve to the millers and Aarthias of the state, the Union government on Monday acceded to majority of demands raised by the Chief Minister

Bhagwant Singh Mann during a meeting with Union Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Minister. The Chief Minister, who called on Union Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Minister Parhlad Joshi, apprised him that procurement of paddy is like a festival in the state. He said that the economy of the state depends on this season and it is also important for ensuring food security in the country. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that during the ongoing KMS 24:25.185 LMT paddy is expected to be procured in the State and 125 LMT of Fortified rice is likely to be delivered. However, the Chief Minister said that due to persistent shortage of storage space during previous season and availability of only about 7 Lakh MT storage

space as on date, there is resentment amongst the rice millers of the State for carrying out milling. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that this is adversely affecting the procurement/lifting of paddy from mandis thus leading to resentment amongst farmers.



Therefore, he urged Parhlad Joshi to ensure smooth procurement operations, movement/thereby ensuring liquidation of at least 20 LMT foodgrains per month from the State till March 31, 2025 by augmenting movement plan under OMSS/Ethanol allocation/Export/Welfare Schemes and others.

CM Nayab Singh Saini offers prayers at Maa Kamakhya Temple in Guwahati

AGENCY
CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 14

Haryana Chief Minister Sh Nayab Singh Saini, accompanied by his wife, Smt. Suman Saini, offered prayers at the Kamakhya Temple in Guwahati, Assam, wishing for a prosperous future for the state and its people. Haryana BJP President Sh. Mohan Lal Badoli was also present during this visit.

Interacting with journalists, the Chief Minister expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to visit the temple, stating, "I feel fortunate to have this chance to seek blessings from Maa Kamakhya. I



had visited the temple before the elections, and today once again he has got the opportunity of visiting Maa."

Sh Nayab Singh Saini shared that he prayed for the health and well-being of all residents of Haryana, emphasizing their vital role in the state's ongoing development. He also thanked the people of Haryana for their support, which has

enabled the government to secure a majority.

CM Saini said the Congress engages in the "politics of lies" and asserted that the public is aware of this deception and is showing them the way out across the country.

Saini, who is set to be sworn in as Chief Minister for the second time on October 17, was felicitated at the Assam BJP headquarters after paying his respects at the Kamakhya Temple.

"Congress always takes refuge in lies. It came to power in Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, and Telangana based on falsehoods," Saini said.

Matrimonial

Situation Vacant

Property

Public Notice

Disown Notice

Court Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Kartar Chand Garg, son of Hem Raj, resident of Barnala Teh, District Barnala, affirm that my son Tarun Kumar has been disinherited from my property for being out of control. With this, the lender himself will be responsible.

50008
I, Jeewan Bala, wife of Guru Nath, residing at H. No. 371, Shastri Nagar, Lawrence Road, Near Police Line, Amritsar (143001), hereby disown and sever all relations with Shikha, daughter of Pawan Kumar Ratan, who is not my real daughter. Anyone dealing with her will do so at their own risk and responsibility.

72737

We, Subash Chander Bajaj S/o Gurbax Lal Bajaj and Karuna Bajaj W/o Subash Chander Bajaj R/o H.No.1103-B Akalian Wali Gali Near Sandhu Hospital Old City Kotkapura declare that my son Diloskar Bajaj and his wife Lavleen Kaur are out of our control. So we disown with them from our moveable/immoveable property. If anybody dealing with them at his/her own risk.

63372

I Mahesh Rani W/o Subash Kumar R/o H. No. 73 Bank Colony Jamalpur Ludhiana Declare The My Son gaurav Malik And His wife Richa Khurana And Daughter Viyushi Malik Out of My Control So Disown him From My All movable and immovable properties.

63372

I, No. 1459119L Ex-Nk/TS Gurdev Chand R/o Surinder Nagar Gujjarpur Colony Nawanshahr Teh-Nawanshahr Distt. SBS Nagar (Pb)-144514, my daughter name is Punam Kaur in Army documents but my daughter name is Poonam Chopra in civil documents. I have changed my daughter name from Punam Kaur to Poonam Chopra.

63372

I, Sughan Bai mother of service No. 15588755M Rank Nk Name Arvind Chandravanshi R/o Village Mana, Post. Mana, Teh. Narsingharh Distt Rajgarh State (MP) Pin-465667 have changed my name from Suman Bai to Sughan Bai vide affidavit dated 14-10-2024 before notary public District Court Bathinda.

63372

I Jyotil Gogoi Father of Number 6503592Y Rank Sep/Ash Name Dipjyoti Gogoi Of Unit 458 (I)Comp PI Asc c/o 56 Apo presently residing at Village Haluwa Post office Borhat Distt Charaideo State Assam Declare that I have change my Name From Jyotil Gogoi To Jutil Gogoi Vide Affidavit Number Before notary Pathankot Punjab.

63372

I Gurpreet Singh S/o Gheechar Singh R/o Vpo Sowaddi Kalan Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana declare that in my passport No: H 3507051 the name of my father has entered wrongly as Gheechar Singh Alias Dulla Singh whereas his correct name was Gheechar Singh.

63372

I hitherto known as Sadhu Singh Gill S/o Jassa Singh residing at Village Saffuwala, Thakar Patti, Distt. Moga, Punjab, 142048 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sadhu Singh. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

63372

I, Hitherto Known as Neelam W/o Tarsem Singh D/O Bhupinder Singh residence of Vill Dharo Chak, Teh. Gurdaspur, Distt Gurdaspur, Punjab- 143521, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Jasmeet Kaur. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

63372

I, Sahil S/o Gurmeet Singh Resident of Village Umamwal Billa, Tehsil Nakodar, District Jalandhar, Pin code 144041, Punjab, India have changed my name from Sahil to Sahil Atwal .All concerned please note.

100066

I Tajinder Kaur W/O Sh. Sunil Kumar R/O H.No - 1133, Sector - 18 C, Chandigarh have changed my name to Tajinder Kumar.

100019

I Sonali Marwaha wife of Lovepreet Singh resident of village Dogranwala , PO Hamira have changed my name from Sonali Marwaha to Sonali Marwaha Bajwa after marriage.

98706

I, Indro Devi W/o Krishan Kumar R/o H.No. 153 D, Police Line Pipli, Tehsil Thanesar, District Kurukshetra, declare that I have changed my name from Indro to Indro Devi. In future, I should be known and known as Indro Devi.

100070

I, J.C-501532P Subedar Gurvinder Singh ,presently residing at Village Rajgarh, PO- Sandhir, Tehsil- Nilokheri, Distt-Karnal 132117 have changed my mother's name from Manjit Kaur to Manjeet Kaur vide affidavit dt 10.10.2024. Before notary public Karnal (India).

100070

PUBLIC NOTICE

BEFORE SH. NAVEEN, DANICS, ASSTT. ESTATE OFFICER, U.T., CHANDIGARH.

Subject: Transfer of Ownership in respect of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 1660, SECTOR 34-D, Chandigarh (RPD 14692) to the extent of 25.00% share on the basis of Intestate Death of Late SH BALBIR SINGH

It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office Sh./Smt. SH. BALBIR SINGH is the owner/lessee of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 1660, SECTOR 34-D, Chandigarh to the extent of 25.00 % Share. It has been informed by AMANDEEP KAUR, NAVDEEP KAUR BEDI, MANDISH SINGH THROUGH HIS GUARDIANS AMANDEEP KAUR AND NAVDEEP KAUR BEDI that Sh./Smt. SH. BALBIR SINGH expired on 21/07/2024 and his/their/they have also intimated the following legal heirs of the deceased owner/lessee:

Sr. Name of Legal Heir	Relation with deceased
1. NAVDEEP KAUR BEDI	DAUGHTER
2. AMANDEEP KAUR	DAUGHTER
3. MANDISH SINGH	SON

Now AMANDEEP KAUR, NAVDEEP KAUR BEDI, MANDISH SINGH THROUGH HIS GUARDIANS AMANDEEP KAUR AND NAVDEEP KAUR BEDI have applied for the Transfer of Ownership in respect of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 1660 SECTOR 34-D, Chandigarh, to the extent of 25.00 % Share held by Late Sh. BALBIR SINGH in his/her/their favour, on the basis of Intestate Death. If anybody has any information about any other legal heir(s) of the deceased other than mentioned above, the same may be intimated to the Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh, immediately.

If anybody has any objection upon the mutation of the said share in the said property, in favour of the above named applicants, he/she/they may furnish the same in writing supported with affidavit duly attested by Magistrate/Notary in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the said share in the said property will be mutated accordingly in the name of above said beneficiaries and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained at any later stage.

Naveen, DANICS, ASSTT. Estate Officer, Exercising the powers of Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh

ਗਰੇਟਰ ਮੋਹਾਲੀ ਏਰੀਆ ਡਵੈਲਪਮੈਂਟ ਅਥਾਰਿਟੀ

ਪੁੱਤਾ ਭਵਨ, ਸੈਕਟਰ 62, ਐਸ.ਏ. ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ।

(ਜਨਤਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ)

ਸਿੰਗਲ ਡਿੱਤੇ ਡਾਇਰੀ ਨੰਬਰ 400916 ਮਿਤੀ 24.04.2024 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਬਿਨੈਕਾਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਕਮਲਜੀਅਲ ਆਪ ਐਲ.ਓ.ਆਈ ਨੰ 691 (ਵਿਦਿਚਰ ਰੋਡਵੇਜ ਨੂੰ ਐਲ.ਪੀ./23-24/730), ਮਿਤੀ 15.03.2024, ਸਾਈਜ਼ 60 ਵਰਗ ਗਜ਼, ਸੈਕਟਰ 101-ਇੰਡਸਟ੍ਰੀਅਲ ਪਾਰਕ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ ਤੇ 32.94% ਹਿੱਸੇ ਤੇ ਅਲਟੀਮੀ ਕੁਲਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਬਲਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਫਿੱਡ ਕੁੰਬਤਾ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ ਨੂੰ ਐਲ.ਪੀ./23-24/730), ਮਿਤੀ 15.03.2024, ਸਾਈਜ਼ 60 ਵਰਗ ਗਜ਼, ਸੈਕਟਰ 01-ਇੰਡਸਟ੍ਰੀਅਲ ਪਾਰਕ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ ਨੂੰ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਵਰਦਲਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਸੁਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਮਕਾਨ ਨੰ- 2589, ਸੈਕਟਰ 65, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ ਤੇ ਵੇਚਣ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨਗੀ ਮਿਲੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਐਲ.ਓ.ਆਈ. ਨੂੰ ਵੇਚਣ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨਗੀ ਦੇਣ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਸਭ ਆਮ ਅਤੇ ਖਾਸ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਮੁਖਤਿਆਰ ਨਾਮਾ ਆਮ ਅਤੇ ਖਾਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਨੂੰ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਇਸ ਵਿਵਿਅਾਪਕ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਤੋਂ 15 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਅੱਗੇ-ਅੱਗੇ ਆਪਣਾ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਲਿਖਤ ਅਦਾਰ (ਪ), ਗਾਮਾਡਾ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ ਪਾਸ ਲਿਖਤੀ ਰੂਪ ਵਿੱਚ ਦੇ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ।

ਨਿਸ਼ਚਿਤ ਮਿਤੀ ਅਤੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਏ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ਾਂ ਤੇ ਕੋਈ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ ਅਤੇ ਉਕਤ ਮੁਖਤਿਆਰੇ ਆਮ ਤੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਤੇ ਕਮਲਜੀਅਲ ਆਪ ਐਲ.ਓ.ਆਈ ਨੰ 691 (ਵਿਦਿਚਰ ਰੋਡਵੇਜ ਨੂੰ ਐਲ.ਪੀ./23-24/730), ਮਿਤੀ 15.03.2024, ਸਾਈਜ਼ 60 ਵਰਗ ਗਜ਼, ਸੈਕਟਰ 101- ਇੰਡਸਟ੍ਰੀਅਲ ਪਾਰਕ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ ਦੀ ਐਲ.ਓ.ਆਈ. ਨੂੰ ਵੇਚਣ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨਗੀ ਬਿਨੈਕਾਰ ਦੇ ਨਾਂ ਤੇ ਜਾਰੀ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।

98748

I, Virender s/o Dharmvir r/o Shop No. 103-B, New Anaj Mandi Kaithal, District Kaithal (Haryana), have changed my name from Virender to Virender Goyal. Concerned please note.

84451

I, Sunil Kumar No. 2709137M s/o Jagdish Ram Vill. Karampur , PO Palakwah , Teh. Haroli , Distt. Una (H.P) declares that in my army records my daughter name wrongly entered as Himanshi . Whereas her correct name is Himanshi Choudhary . Please Note.

40006

I, No 15420089Y, HAV Mallikarjuna S A of Unit 55 FMSD C/o 56 APO permanent residing at Village Shravaneri, Kasaba Hobli Tehsil Channarayapatna, Distt Hassan, State Karnataka, Pin-573135 have changed my Daughter name from Prapthi to Prapthi M vide affidavit dated 14.10.2024 before Notary Public Bathinda.

100078

I, Deepmala spouse of No. 15414771A HAV Shritape Vinod Ashok of Unit 55 FMSD C/o 56 APO permanent residing at Village Yewata, PO Palaskhed Daulat, Distt Buldana, State Maharashtra, Pin 443201 have changed my name from Deepmala to Deepmala Vinod Shritape vide affidavit dated 14.10.2024 before Notary Public Bathinda.

100078

I, Sheo Poojan Shukla father of No. 15706793H Hav SR Shukla of Unit 22 WEU, C/o 56 APO, presently residing at Vill Kundauli, Distt Kanpur Nagar, State Uttar Pradesh, Pin 209401 have changed my name from Sheo Poojan Shukla to Shiv Poojan & DOB from 17.07.1968 to 01.01.1968 vide affidavit dt. 14.10.2024 before Notary Public Bathinda

100078

I, Aruna mother of No. 15706793H Hav SR Shukla of Unit 22 WEU, C/o 56 APO, presently residing at Vill Kundauli, Distt Kanpur Nagar, State Uttar Pradesh, Pin 209401 have changed my name from Aruna to Aruna Devi & DOB from 01.07.1972 to 01.01.1960 vide affidavit dt.14.10.2024 before Notary Public Bathinda

100078

I, Rajathi M mother of No. 17038333P CFN Arunpandi M of Unit 10 RR C/o 56 APO presently residing at Vill Usilampatti, PO Usilampatti, Teh Usilampatti, Distt Madurai, State Tamil Nadu, Pin 625532 have changed my name from Rajathi M to Rajathi Maruthu Pandi & DOB from 21.12.1972 to 08.09.1975 vide affidavit dt. 14.10.2024 before Notary Public Bathinda

100078

I. Sanjeev Kumar son of Shri Kishori Lal Resident of House No. 794/5, Ward No. 5, Laxmi Colony, Taraori, Tehsil Nilokheri, District Karnal have changed my name from Sanjeev Kumar to Sanjay Kumar DOB is 10/10/1971.

100046

I, Kumud Khurana daughter of Ved Parkash Gupta Flat No. 601, Tower-20, Royal Estate, Zirakpur have changed my name from Kumud Khurana to Kumud Gupta.

989666

I Kamlesh S/o Nandan Singh R/o 248 VPO Behlana Chandigarh have changed my name Kamlesh to Kamlesh Negi.

989666

I hitherto known as JAGTAR SINGH S/O SANTA SINGH R/O VPO SUR SINGH, PATI MANA KI, TEHSIL & DISTT TARN TARAN-143302, PUNJAB have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as AVTAR SINGH

72737

I, hitherto Known as PARASDEEP SINGH DHILLON Son of TEJBIR SINGH residing at VPO. GANDIWIND, TEH & DISTT Tarn Taran Punjab have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as PARASDEEP SINGH.

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I, hitherto Known as BALJIT KAUR DHILLON wife of TEJBIR SINGH residing at VPO. GANDIWIND, TEH & DISTT Tarn Taran Punjab have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as BALJIT KAUR.

72737

I, hitherto Known as TEJBIR SINGH DHILLON Son of IQBAL SINGH DHILLON residing at VPO. GANDIWIND, TEH & DISTT Tarn Taran Punjab have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as TEJBIR SINGH.

72737

I, Dharam Pal S/o Sham Sunder R/o 3271-A, Gali No. 17, Purani Chungi Gobind Pura, Chheharta, Amritsar. PUNJAB. Have changed the name of my minor Daughter HIMANSHI AGE 17 YEARS To DARSHIKA.

72737

I hitherto known as BAKSHISH SINGH S/O CHANAN SINGH R/O VPO LAUHKA, TEHSIL PATTI, DISTT TARN TARAN, PUNJAB have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as BAKHSHISH SINGH.

72737

I hitherto known as RAWINDERPAL SINGH S/O SHABAD SINGH R/O VPO KALSIAN KALAN, TEHSIL PATTI, DISTT TARN TARAN-143304, PUNJAB have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as RAVINDERPAL SINGH.

72737

I hitherto known as SARANJIT KAUR W/O JAGBIR SINGH R/O VPO SARHAJI KALAN, TEHSIL & DISTT TARN TARAN, PUNJAB have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SHARANJIT KAUR.

72737

I Navjot Singh s/o Sarwan Singh ,VPO padda Tehsil & Distt. Gurdaspur, Punjab, India, I declare that my given name is NAVJOT and surname is SINGH concerned note.

989753

I Hardaleep Singh S/o Jagjit Singh R/o Village & Post Office Talwandi Lal Singh, Sodhian Da Khoo, Teh. Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur declare that Singh is my Surname and Hardaleep is my given name. Concerned Note.

989753

I Manpreet Wife of Gurmukh Singh Village Lauhka Tehsil Patti Distt Tarn Taran Have Changed My Name Manpreet to Manpreet Kaur All Concerned please not it.

50008

I, Sinder kaur urf Chhinderpal kaur W/o Kulwant singh R/o Sekhu,tehsil Talwandi sabo, Distt Bathinda that my two names sinder kaur and chhinderpal kaur is one and same person

50008

I Manmehakdeep Singh @ Manmehak son of Manbir Singh resident of 167/7 Near Girls Sen. Sec. School Patti Tehsil Patti Distt Tarn Taran I am known by both names I. e. Manmehakdeep Singh & Manmehak. Both nemes are of one and same person. Both names carry equal value, authenticity and legal validity.

50008

I Gurvinder Pal Resident Of 213 A, Model Town Taraori, Distt Karnal ,state Haryana ,declare That I Have Changed My Name From Gurvinder Pal To Gurminder Pal Kaur Concerned Please May Note .

100046

I Gurmeet Singh Resident Of 213 A,model Town Taraori ,distt Karnal ,state Haryana , Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Gurmeet Singh To Gurmeet Singh Kalra Concerned Please May Not.

100046

I, Sunil No. 15620540K Rank Hav, residing at VPO Sarsana, Tehsil & District Hisar (Haryana) declare that in my service records my mother name wrongly written as Murti Devi But her correct name is Murti.

98748

I, Suman Devi spouse of No. 15620540K Rank Hav Sunil residing at VPO Sarsana, Tehsil & District Hisar (Haryana) declare that I have changed my name from Suman to Suman Devi due to erroneously recorded in my husband service record.

98748

I, Payghan Vaibhav Tryambak No. 15630233A rank L/NK, residing at VPO Dhamangaon, Teh & Distt. Buldana (MH) declare that in my service record my mother name wrongly written as Manglabai but her correct name is Manglabai Tryambak Payghan.

98748

I, Nusrat Begum spouse of No. 15620743N Rank Hav Mohd Arshad residing at Village Gundi Gujran, Tehsil Karnah, District Kupwara (Jammu & Kashmir) declare that I have changed my name from MST Nusrat Begum to Nusrat Begum due to erroneously recorded in my husband service record.

98748

I, Payghan Vaibhav Tryambak No. 15630233A rank L/NK, residing at VPO Dhamangaon, Teh & Distt. Buldana (MH) declare that in my service record my father name wrongly written as Payghan Tryambak Vishram but his correct name is Tryambak Vishram Payghan.

98748

I, Mohd Arshad No. 15620743N Rank Hav residing at Village Gundi Gujran, Tehsil Karnah, District Kupwara (Jammu & Kashmir) declare that in my service record my mother name wrongly written as Zatoon Begam but her correct name is Zailoon Begum.

98748

I, Akashdeep S/O Ram Murti R/O Vill. Bharo Mazara, Nawanshahr -144511, Punjab have changed my name from Akashdeep to Akashdeep Akashdeep. All Concerned may note.

461257

I, Jatinder Kumar S/O Ram Lal R/O VPO. Mahil Gaila, Nawanshahr-144506, Punjab have changed my name from Jatinder Kumar To Jatinder Singh. All note.

461257

i hitherto known as MOHINDER KAUR W/O Pala Singh R/O VPO Nathowal, Raikot, Distt. Ludhiana, Punjab-142032 have changed my name and shall hereafterbe known as MANJEET KAUR.

461257

I hitherto known as RAKESH KUMAR GUPTA S/O Ram Lubhaya R/o Ward No.02, Mohalla Kartar Nagar, Shahkot, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab-144702 have changed my name and shall hereafterbe known as RAKESH KUMAR.

461257

I Megha w/o Shivam Bhambri r/o # 19, Tyagi Garden, Near Kanhaiya Chowk, Ymunanagar state that in my 10th certificate my name written as Megha Ratta which is incorrect, while my correct name is Megha.

511363

I, Kamal Meet Singh S/o Malook Singh R/o.ward No.2, Gandhi Nagar Ajnala Distt Amritsar punjab-143102 have Changed my name to KamalMeet Singh

72737

I, Sharanjit Kaur W/o Kamalmeet Singh R/o.ward No.2, Gandhi Nagar Ajnala Distt Amritsar punjab-143102 have Changed my name to Sharanjeet Kaur

72737

I, Pooja Rautela W/o Chetan Pande R/o.QTR No.1/4 Manekshaw Enclave Near CP-4, Putlighar Road Old Cantt Amritsar have Changed my name to Pooja Rautela from Pooja Pande

72737

I, Inderjit Singh S/o Aroor Singh R/o.VPO panjwar Khurd Distt TarnTaran Have Changed my name to Inderjit is my given name and Singh is my surname

72737

I GURPREET SINGH S/O NISHAN SINGH, R/O VILL. MAAN ,PO AND TEH DERA BABA NANAK Distt Gurdaspur Punjab have Changed my name from GURPREET SINGH to Given name "GURPREET" and surname "SINGH"please note all concern

72737

I, Rajpaul Singh Walia S/o Charanjit Singh R/o.H.No.175-E, Ranjit Avenue Amritsar have Changed my nameto Rajpaul Singh

72737

I Lovepreet Singh S/o Satnam Singh R/o bhaini gumanpura Amritsar declare that Lovepreet is my given name and Singh is my surname

72737

I ,Rosy W/o Sawinder Singh R/o.Gandhi Nagar, Ajnala Distt Amritsar declare that KEWIN OSHING is my real grandson in his school record his mother name is mentioned as Suman but in his birth certificate his mother name is Suman Cathrine.

72737

I, Suraj Rana S/o Pawan Kumar Rana R/o.Ajnala Distt Amritsar declare that my daughter's Palak in her birth certificate her mother name is wrongly written as Anu but her correct name is Anu Mahajan

72737

I, Malkit Singh S/o palwinder singh R/o. Ward no 5, Ramdass Teh ajnala Dist Amritsar I have changed my name Malkit Singh to Malkiat singh all concerned note

72737

I hitherto known as SONIA MALHOTRA W/O RAJESH KUMAR R/O 1506, GALI KRISHNA NATHUANA GATE, PO JANDIALA GURU, DISTT AMRITSAR-143115, PUNJAB have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SONIA.

72737

I hitherto known as SATNAM SINGH VIRDI S/o SOHAN SINGH R/o 295, TARN TARAN ROAD, NEAR PREET PALACE, WARD NUMBER 12, PATTI, DISTT TARN TARAN-143416, PUNJAB have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SATNAM SINGH.

72737

I hitherto known as ROHIT S/O GURMAIL RAM R/O VILLAGE THABALKE, TEHSIL NAKODAR, DISTT JALANDHAR, PUNJAB have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as ROHIT KUMAR.

72737

I Radhika D/o Sh. Rajesh Mittal, R/o House no. 946,Bishan Dass Colony, Vishwakarma Chowk,Radaur Road, Yamunanagar that I have changed my name Radhika to Radhika Mittal.

100060

I hitherto known as ANUBHAV JAIN S/O RAKESH JAIN residing at 14A, Drishti Greens Shivalik, Homes Sector-127, Mohali Kharar, SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab-140301, have changed my name as I shall hereafter be known as ANUBHAV RANDHAWA. It is certified that I have compiled with other legal requirements in this connection. ANUBHAV JAIN Signature (in existing old name)

666554

I, GIANI CHAND S/o HARDIAL SINGH R/o VPO PANDORI NIJJARAN, ,DISTT JALANDHAR , Punjab -144102 have Changed My Name GIANI CHAND to GIAN CHAND . All concerned Please Note

42778

I, Santok Singh S/o Gurmukh Singh R/o H.No. B-11 - 238/55/1, Kot Ram Dass, P.O. Chogitti, Jalandhar, Punjab-144009, India, have changed my name from Santok Singh to Santokh Singh with immediate effect. All concerned please note.

42778

I, Rajvinder Singh S/o Nirmal Singh V.P.O. Dingriang Jalandhar have changed my name from R A J V I N D E R S I N G H T O RAJWINDER SINGH. All concerned please note.

42778

I, Baljit Kaur W/O Paramjit Singh R/O Vpo Nangal Lubana Tehsil Bholaht Kapurthala Have Changed My Name From Baljit Kaur To Baljeet Kaur. All Concerned Please Note.

42778

I, Rajbala wd/o Narendere Singh Tarnwar

DGP holds video conference on crime control, immigration fraud and anti-drug campaigns

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, OCT 14

Haryana Director General of Police (DGP) Shatrueet Kapur held a video conference with senior police officers, including Inspectors General, Police Commissioners, and Superintendents of Police, to discuss measures for controlling violent crimes and further strengthening the capacity of Haryana Police. The meeting also reviewed ongoing anti-drug campaigns and actions against immigration fraud.

Chairing the meeting, DGP Kapur emphasized the importance of advanced weapons training for police officers to control violent crimes and ensure public safety. He directed police officials to select young officers in their districts and form batches for advanced weapons training. "It is crucial to equip our officers

with high-quality training to handle weapons effectively in appropriate situations," Kapur stated. He also instructed that top-notch trainers be selected for this task, with the Police Headquarters designing the courses. Officers will receive both weapons training and soft skills training during the program, which is set to begin on October 21 and will last 7-10 days. Training centers at HPA Madhuban and PTC Sunaria have been selected for this purpose.

Addressing the issue of immigration fraud, DGP Kapur urged officers to take firm action against agents who deceive people under the pretext of sending them abroad. He stressed the need to break the nexus of fraudulent agents, particularly in 5-6 districts where this issue is prevalent. "We must act on all complaints and ensure that cases of fraud are dealt



with according to the SOPs," Kapur said, highlighting that under new laws, the properties of those found guilty of such fraud can be attached.

DGP Kapur directed Superintendents of Police to personally monitor cases of immigration fraud, focusing on visa scams. He emphasized that such cases can have devastating consequences for young people, often leading them into criminal activities abroad.

The DGP stressed the importance of thorough investigations and proper police action, including regular monitoring of key indicators like the number of FIRs lodged, criminals arrested, and amounts recovered. He highlighted the provisions in the new criminal laws allowing for the attachment of fraudsters' properties involved in sending candidates abroad.

The meeting also reviewed the progress of the anti-drug campaign across Haryana. DGP Kapur instructed Superintendents of Police to set clear goals to make villages and wards drug-free by December 31. "We need to ensure that drugs do not enter our communities and that those addicted receive proper treatment," he said. Kapur directed officers to form teams in each police station to lead the anti-drug efforts.

Rotary Club campaign against dengue

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, OCT 14

Rotary Club Rivera Yamunanagar started a campaign to eliminate dengue in collaboration with the employees of Civil Hospital and Municipal Corporation. It started with fogging in Shastri Colony and Azad Nagar of the city. President Sanjeev Sethi said that seeing the way dengue is increasing in the city, Rotary Club Rivera started a campaign in collaboration with Civil Hospital and Municipal Corporation in which Civil Hospital is taking samples from various places in the city and Municipal Corporation employees are doing fog-



ging campaigns.

Wherever the employees go, the members of the club will support them and make people aware to keep as much cleanliness as possible and not let water collect. Under

this campaign, Yamunanagar Rivera today started a campaign to eliminate dengue along with Rotarians Sanjay Anand, Robin Agarwal and Lalit Dheer along with the employees.

Krishan Panwar resigns from Rajya Sabha

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
PANIPAT, OCTOBER 14

After becoming an MLA in Haryana, Rajya Sabha MP Krishna Lal Panwar has resigned from Rajya Sabha. While being a Rajya Sabha member, he contested the election from Israna constituency on a BJP ticket. After being elected MLA, he resigned from Rajya Sabha. He was the Transport Minister in the BJP government in 2014. Now once again he is in the race for the ministerial post. According to the information, Krishna Lal Panwar has submitted his resignation to Vice President and Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar. The speaker has also accepted his resigna-



tion with immediate effect. Krishna Lal Panwar has become an MLA from Israna

assembly seat. Only after this he had to leave Rajya Sabha.

Jail Lok Adalat organised by DLSA



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, OCTOBER 14

Jail Lok Adalat was organised by the District Legal Services Authority on Monday under the guidance of District and Sessions Judge and Chairman of District Legal Services Authority Chandrashekhar. Chief Judicial Magistrate and Secretary of District Legal Services Authority Iram Hasan and Civil Judge (Junior Division) Rohila organised Jail Lok Adalat in the District Jail. CJM Iram Hasan said that eight cases were kept in the Jail Lok Adalat, out of which six cases were settled and eight accused were released on nec-

essary conditions. He said that the facilities being provided to the prisoners living in the jail and the safe house were also inspected and necessary guidance was given to them by talking to the couples living there.

He said that on the occasion of National Legal Services Day, a special Lok Adalat will be organised in the District Court on November 9, for which 50 old pending cases have been identified. A team has been formed by the District Legal Services Authority to settle these pending cases. In this team, the cases will be settled through mutual agreement with the help of panel advocate, mediator and PLV.

Black marketing, hoarding and smuggling of DAP will not be tolerated, strict action to be taken: DC

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, OCT 14

Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh has said that black marketing, hoarding and smuggling of DAP fertilizer will not be tolerated in any form. He said that there should not be any kind of irregularity in distribution of DAP, along with this, farmers should not be forcibly forced to use any other pesticides along with DAP. Strict action will also be taken against those who charge more than prescribed price. He was presiding over a review meeting held regarding DAP at District Secretariat here today.

Apart from officials of Agriculture, Krishak Bharti Cooperative, Hafed, IFFCO, NFL, Central Cooperative Bank, fertilizer dealers also participated in meeting. He said that 40% of DAP supply in district will be done through Hafed and 60% through private sellers. 4071 metric tonnes of DAP is available in district. So far 6661 metric tonnes have arrived, out of which 2590 metric tonnes have



been sold. He informed that demand of 1.04800 metric tonnes of urea is expected from October 2024 to March 2025. At present 35795 metric tonnes of urea is available. According to the Deputy Commissioner, a team has been formed to crack down on those involved in smuggling, black marketing and hoarding of DAP. Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil) of concerned area has been nominated as Nodal Officer, Tehsildar/Naib Tehsildar, SDO (Agriculture), Block Agriculture Officer have been nominated as members of team. This

team will conduct surprise inspections at vendors' places. He appealed to vendors to ensure sale only through POS machine. He informed that check posts will also be set up by police to prevent smuggling of fertilizers on interstate and district borders. He said that vendors should not force farmers to use any other pesticide along with DAP. Appropriate action will be taken on receiving any kind of complaint in distribution of DAP. Aadhar card or family identity card can be used for transparency in distribution.

Harvinder Kalyan should be made minister in new BJP government: Shakti Singh

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: The intellectuals of All India Rode Society have demanded from Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, BJP President JP Nadda, BJP High Command, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Union Urban Development Minister Manohar Lal and Chief Minister Naib Saini that Harvinder Kalyan, who won the Gharanda assembly constituency for third consecutive time, should be made a minister in new BJP government in Haryana. Senior Advocate Chaudhary Shakti Singh said that when BJP gave two tickets to Rode Society from Gharanda and Pundri assembly constituencies, people of this society united and won both seats and put them in BJP's bag. During election campaign, former Chief Minister and Union Urban Development Minister Manohar Lal had promised Rode Society and the people of Gharanda assembly constituency that if they made BJP candidate win election, he would definitely make Harvinder Kalyan a minister in government. Advocate Shakti Singh said that Rode community has fulfilled its duty by making BJP win not only in Gharanda but also on all 9 seats of Karnal Lok Sabha, so now BJP should also fulfill its promise by making Harvinder Kalyan a minister.



Poster and slogan exhibition on drug abuse held in college

MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI : Drug Awareness Club and Legal Literacy Cell organised an important exhibition at Shaheed Udhham Singh Government College, Matak Majri, Indri to raise awareness about drug abuse and social evils like dowry system, female foeticide. It was organised by Prof. Pooja and Prof. Manju Rani under leadership of college Principal Dr. Chanchal Rani. More than 110 students participated. Creative and impressive posters and slogans made by students were displayed in this exhibition, which highlight ill effects of drug abuse and social evils. College Vice Principal Dr. Rajiv Kumar Gupta said that objective of this programme is to make participants aware about dangers of drug abuse and various social evils and to promote healthy lifestyle options. Drug awareness club in-charge Prof. Pooja said that to prevent drug abuse, it is responsibility of every person to avoid it himself and also make people around him aware. Legal literacy cell in-charge Prof. Manju Rani said that we all have to take steps together against evils prevalent in society. Poster and slogan exhibition played an important role in making students aware about drug abuse and social evils. Prof. Rita Arora, Prof. Nirmala Rani and other members of the college also participated in this programme.



Children displaying talent in Bal Mahotsav: Sudhir Kalda

MANISH KUMAR
AMBALA, OCTOBER 14

District Elementary Education Officer Sudhir Kalda said that under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of District Child Welfare Council Parth Gupta, District Level Children's Festival Competitions-2024 are being organised on the occasion of Children's Day. In which children from various government and non-government schools from across the district are participating and spreading the colour of their talent and arts. District Elementary Education Officer was the chief guest in the program of District Level Children's Festival Competition-2024 organised in the au-



ditorium of Panchayat Bhawan Ambala City today. He inaugurated the program by lighting the lamp and ob-

served the clay modelling and sketching being done by the children. During this, District Child Welfare Officer

Vishwas Malik and Block Education Officer Satbir Saini were present. District Child Welfare Officer Vishwas Malik said that as per the instructions of Haryana State Child Welfare Council, a six-day program of District Level Children's Festival Competitions-2024 is being organised in the auditorium of Panchayat Bhawan Ambala City from October 14 to October 21. In which hundreds of children from various private and government schools of the entire district are participating and spreading the colour of their talent and are playing an important role in celebrating this festival with pomp and show

Gurnam Chadhuni has lost his mental balance: Tarlochan Singh

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Karnal Congress District Coordinator Tarlochan Singh has strongly condemned the use of abusive words against former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda by farmer leader Gurnam Singh Chadhuni. He said that Gurnam Chadhuni has no existence of his own. He has lost his mental balance. He has tried to do politics by deceiving the farmers. Gurnam Chadhuni has been accused of embezzling crores of rupees. Tarlochan Singh demanded from the government that these allegations be investigated. He said that Gurnam Chadhuni has been rejected by the public and farmers. In the recently held elections, he got only 1170 votes from the Pehowa seat. Earlier his wife had also contested the elections, she also lost. Tarlochan Singh called upon the farmer organisations to find new leadership in Haryana. Boycott Gurnam Chadhuni. Such a person can never work for the welfare of farmers. Referring to the farmer leaders of Karnal, Tarlochan Singh said that the farmer organisations can provide leadership to honest and clean image farmers like Amrit Bugga, Bahadur Mehla and Jagdeep Olakh to continue their struggle.



SP Chauhan pays tribute to Ratan Tata, urges Youth to learn leadership and humanity from him

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: SP Chauhan, a renowned educationist, convenor of Navcheta Manch, and real-life inspiration behind the film "SP Chauhan: The Struggling Man", expressed deep admiration for the late Ratan Tata, urging the younger generation to learn values like truth, humanity, and leadership from him.

Chauhan emphasized that while the business world existed before and will continue after Ratan Tata, his extraordinary legacy as a leader will remain unparalleled. Chauhan highlighted Ratan Tata's profound respect for factory workers and his consistent support during their challenges. "The greatness of a person lies in their humility and fairness. Ratan Tata treated everyone equally, and this made him a permanent fixture in people's hearts and minds," he said.

Chauhan added that incorporating lessons from Ratan Tata's life into school curricula would be a true homage to the late industrialist. He described Tata as a "Kohinoor diamond" not just for India but for the entire world, whose leadership and humanity should serve as an example for future leaders. Reflecting on his brief 15-minute meeting with Ratan Tata in Mumbai during a film launch, Chauhan became emotional, recalling the simplicity and warmth of Tata's personality. "His ability to make anyone feel at home with just a smile and a few



Now four-engine govt will do record-breaking development: Kabirpanthi

KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI, OCTOBER 14

After registering a spectacular victory in the assembly elections from the Nilokheri constituency, a thanksgiving conference was organised by the BJP at the Royal Palace on Lalyani Road in Taraori city, in which the newly elected MLA of the constituency Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi participated as the chief guest. The programme was presided over by senior BJP leader Shrivnath Kapoor. The programme was inaugurated by MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi along with workers and dignitaries by lighting a lamp on the picture of Bharat Mata. During this, thousands of people, supporters, women workers, dignitaries, commission agents, traders, shop-



keepers and common people who had come from the constituency welcomed him with garlands and were honoured by presenting bouquets. Every citizen reached with bouquets and flower garlands to honour MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi. While addressing, MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi said that due to the hard work and dedication of the workers, BJP has won the

assembly elections after the Lok Sabha elections.

The BJP has always respected the workers. The workers have worked only for the party in the assembly elections by rising above caste, creed, rich and poor. As a result of this, BJP has won in the entire state. He said that BJP is no longer a double engine government in the state, but now it has become a

4 engine government. The Prime Minister, Chief Minister, MP and MLA belong to the same party. Therefore, now the time for work has come. The public has done their work by making them win. Now it is their turn to work for the country and the state. He said that now the elections are over, so we should focus on the unity of the society. His work is to serve the people of Nilokheri constituency. Now everyone has to come together and create a favourable environment in the society.

On this occasion, MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi said that he expresses his heartfelt gratitude to the people of the constituency, who have worked to send him to the assembly by electing him.

Blossoms school remembers Late Principal Dr. Naaz



SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON: Blossoms Convent School Jagraon conducted Shri Sehej Path Ji while commemorating late Principal Dr. Amarjeet Kaur Naaz. The bhog ceremony of Path was conducted in presence of school staff with great reverence. Baba Iqbal Singh Tugal wale recited katha kirtan in the presence of devotees. Gurjeet Singh Bajaj, husband of principal Dr. Naaz and other family members. The students as well as staff served the devotees with devotion and reverence and paid tribute to the principal. School vice principal Ranjana Kaushal in her address said that Dr. Amarjeet Kaur Naaz was a great leader and her teachings shall continue guiding us in future as well. "We shall always remain dedicated to our duties, as instructed by our beloved principal and shall always work hard to give our best," she added. At this occasion, School Chairman Harbhajan Singh Johal, President Manpreet Singh Brar, Rashpal Singh, Gurinder Singh paid tribute to the departed soul and commemorated for her dedication towards the profession.

Dussehra celebrated in St. Xavier's School



ISHWER GARG
TALWANDI SABO: Dussehra festival was celebrated at St. Xavier's School, Pakka Kalan on Refinery Road, Pakka Kalan(Bathinda). The student made a beautiful rangoli at the entrance of the school and all the houses decorated boards on the theme of Dussehra. Madam Pimmi, Madam Sonali and Madam Rashmi prepared a play on 'Ramayana' for the students. The students wore beautiful costumes of Rama, Sita, Lakshman, Ravana, Kumbhakaran, Meghnath, Jatau, Hiran and Hanuman. The effigy of Ravana was blown up in the school. Principal Mr. Jacob distributed prizes to the students for their excellent performance. Campus in-charge Jagwinder Saran told the students about the importance of victory over evil and truth.Director Mr. Thamas Sir congratulated all the students, Nilesh Khatri and all the teachers for making this event a success.

Body of unidentified woman found

KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
KULPURA PHUL: There has been news of the body of an unidentified woman being found in the water near the needle bridge located on the link road from Rampura to Phul town. Sandeep Verma, head of Sahara Samaj Seva, said that we received a call that a woman's body was falling into the water, while the body was pulled out by the people nearby. The age of the deceased is about 45 years. Dressed in winter colored clothes, this woman has earrings in both ears and a copper bangle in her left hand. The body has been kept in the civil hospital mortuary for 72 hours for identification in the presence of police station City Rampura. Support workers Prince Kaushal, Radhe Sham, Sukhdev Singh etc. were present on this occasion.

Religious program by Gau Seva organization at Dairywal Gaushala



BUREAU
PATHANKOT: On the occasion of Ekadashi, a Havan-Yag was organized by the Gau Seva Organization under the chairmanship of President Manmahesh Billa and Women Wing President Neelam Saini at Dairywal Gaushala. All the cow devotees and members of the organization participated in the religious program and paid obeisance to Lord Sri Krishna with devotion. President Manmahesh Billa and Neelam Saini said that this Ekadashi destroys all the sins of a person and attains heaven. On this occasion Manmohan Kala, Sushil Sharma, Mukesh, Brajesh Shastri, Vimal Chhabra, Santosh Mahajan, Aditi Mahajan, Shanti Saini, Santosh Vashisht, Lovely etc were present.

Voting to be held at 79 booths in 47 villages under block



KULJIT SINGH
JANDIALA GURU: The district administration has made full preparations for the Panchayat elections. Grace Public Kishoo has been made the main center of Block Jandiala Guru. From here, the personnel performing duty in the elections were given election material and sent off. In this election, 79 booths have been set up in 47 villages where 163 police personnel and 395 civil personnel will be deployed.



State govt declares holiday in Sewa Kendras today

CHANDIGARH (SUMER GARG): The Punjab Government has declared a holiday in all the Sewa Kendras of the state on October 15, Tuesday for the Gram Panchayat elections. While disclosing this here today, Punjab governance reforms and public grievances minister, Mr. Aman Arora said that all Sewa Kendras would be closed on October 15 to allow the staff to exercise their right to vote. He maintained that except October 15, the Sewa Kendras would continue to remain operational as per their existing timings i.e. from 9 AM to 5 PM.

Spl camp tomorrow to settle pending works of colonizers: Mundian

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, OCT 14

Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann led State Government is organizing a special camp for the first time on 16th October to settle pending cases of citizens and colonizers, in which certificates will be given in at least 50 cases of colonizers. It was stated by Housing and Urban Development Minister Hardeep Singh Mundian during a meeting with the officials of CREDAI (Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India) at Punjab Bhawan Chandigarh today.

S. Mundian further said that on the directives of the Chief Minister, zero pendency is being ensured with regard to the works of colonizers and citizens in order to provide smooth and timely services. He said that after the first camp on 16th October, a second such camp would be organized in the end of November in which all out efforts would be made to settle as many pending cases as possible. The Housing and Urban Development Minister further said that if any officer of the de-



partment demands bribe related to the cases of colonizers, then complaint should be sent immediately to the department's email transparency.hud@gmail.com which will be addressed directly to him and the Secretary. He said that the officials of the department have been instructed that whenever the citizen or colonizers come for work in any office, their issues should be listened to and sorted out on priority basis.

S. Mundian said that the State Government is committed to the planned develop-

ment of the cities in which the real estate sector is likely to be a major contributor. Besides, Strict action is being taken by the government against unauthorized colonies. Apart from this, from October 18 to 29, the government is starting the second auction of government properties. He said that no one would be allowed to play with the environment while carrying out the development centric works. Secretary, Rahul Tewari said that camps will be held every month for the clearance of pending cases. Till now 1000 pending cases of various

types in the department have been reduced to 100 due to the hard work of the officers of the department and the aim is to eliminate it completely in the future. On the occasion, the CREDAI officials welcomed the Cabinet Minister and honoured him along with the officials. Appreciating the first such camp being organized by the government, he said that it is a novel step. Cabinet Minister S. Mundian said that such meetings would be held regularly with a view to ascertain the demands and feedback of the colonizers.

Poll preparedness, necessary arrangements put in place at 1683 polling booths

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, OCT 14

The District Administration has put in place all necessary arrangements besides preparations at all 1683 polling booths setup for panchayats election.

Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Election Officer Komal Mittal said that polling would be held from 8 am to 4 pm on Tuesday while the counting would also take place immediate after the completion of voting. More than 10,000 polling staff is deployed for election duty in the district. The Deputy Commissioner and SSP Surendra Lamba gave a joint dispatch briefing to the polling staff for ensuring smooth, free and fair election. They visited the local Pandit J.R. Polytechnic College and



some of other locations to review the final arrangements. Deputy Commissioner also urged the voters to reach their respective polling stations well within the stipulated time so that they could easily cast their votes. As many as 10 blocks having 1683 polling booths in the district, said Deputy Commissioner adding that there are 1405 gram panchayats and 8041 wards.

The total number of voters for panchayati polls are 989093 in the district. As many as 2730 contestants

were in fray for the election Sarpanch while 6751 were contesting elections for panches. She said that 265 panchayats were elected unanimously in the district.

Referring to security arrangements, SSP Surendra Lamba said that more than 3500 police officials had been deployed so that peaceful elections could be ensured. He said that 65 patrolling parties were in the field while 14 DSPs and four Superintendents of Police were monitoring the law & order arrangements.

One person arrested with 34 cartons of illicit liquor



SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, OCT 14

District Ludhiana Rural police is successfully carrying out an anti-drug and liquor trafficking campaign under the guidance of SSP Navneet Singh Bains. The police team had another achievement in the campaign as they arrest 1 person with illicit liquor.

Giving more information about this, DSP Varinder Singh Khosa said that police team led by SI Gurwinder Singh was present at village Bhanohad searching for suspicious vehicles when they received information about accused Lovedeep Singh son of

Ranjeet Singh resident of Bhadowal. "The accused was allegedly on his way to peddle illicit liquor with an intention to lure voters during Panchayat elections on his car when police received information about him. As the information was trustworthy, police took immediate action and arrested the accused with 19 and 15 cartons respectively Grand Affair whiskey and iconic white whiskey," he added.

Khosa further said that police has filed FIR 136 against the accused under section 61, 78 (2)/1/4 of excise act and initiated further investigation.

MANJINDER BHATIA
NANGAL, OCT 14

Anurag Thakur, Member of Parliament from Mandi, Himachal Pradesh, inaugurated the newly relocated Bapu Ganga Das Ji TVS showroom near Chungi in Nangal. The event was organized under the leadership of showroom manager Karan Mehan, who welcomed Thakur with a bouquet of flowers.

Thakur cut the ribbon to officially open the new showroom and congratulated both the manager and the town of Nangal on the occasion. Thakur highlighted that the opening of such showrooms in cities is a sign of progress and reflects the strength of India's economy. He mentioned that over the past decade, India has risen to second place globally in two-wheeler manufacturing, a result of policies implemented by the Modi government. During the event, represen-



tatives of BBMB employees' organizations and retirees handed over letters outlining their demands to Thakur, who assured them that he would meet the Union Energy Minister regarding their concerns. Thakur also met with BJP workers from Nangal, encouraging them to strengthen

the party in Punjab and praising the efforts of Haryana BJP workers for their recent electoral victory. In a press briefing, Thakur criticized the Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu government of Himachal Pradesh, accusing it of failing to fulfill any of its promises and burdening the people with various taxes, leading to widespread discontent. Karan Mehan, the showroom manager, shared that the TVS showroom had been operational in Nangal for the past five years but was previously located in a different building. The new showroom has now been shifted to a building constructed by Mehan, and Thakur's presence marked its inauguration. Prominent figures present at the event included senior BJP leader Dr. Parminder Sharma, Vijay Puri, BJP Mandal President Harmanjeet Prince, BBMB employee leader Harpal Rana, INTUC President Satnam Singh Ladi etc.

Vijayadashami celebrated with enthusiasm at Angels World School



MORINDA (RADHE SHYAM SHARMA): Angels World School in Morinda celebrated the festival of Vijayadashami, symbolizing the victory of good over evil, with great enthusiasm. A special prayer assembly was organized to mark the occasion.

Kindergarten students were taught the significance of the day through a storytelling session about the lives of Lord Ram and Ravan. During the art exhibition held in their respective classes, the children created drawings of Lord Ram, Sita, and Ravan. Students from both the junior and senior wings prepared sketches and poems related to Dussehra, sharing stories of the triumph of good over evil and the lessons from Lord Ram's life. They were also introduced to moral lessons and stories emphasizing the victory of good over evil. Principal Deepika Sharma extended her Dussehra greetings to all the students, encouraging them to follow the path of righteousness and truth like Lord Ram. She urged the students to give up bad habits and embrace discipline in their lives.

VB arrests former Patwari, his associate taking Rs 65000 bribe in instalments for mutation of plot



CHANDIGARH: The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB) during its drive against corruption in the state, has registered a corruption case against former Patwari Gurnam Singh, posted at revenue halqua Gill, his associates Buta Singh and Rana Singh, resident of village Gill, Ludhiana district for accepting bribes in connivance with each other amounting to Rs 65000 in instalments.

The VB has arrested Patwari Gurnam Singh and his assistant Rana Singh who would be produced in the court tomorrow. Disclosing this here today a spokesperson of the VB said this case has been registered against the above said accused based on an enquiry of a complaint lodged by Sarabjit Singh, a resident of village Dullej in Ludhiana district.

The complaint has alleged in his complaint that two private persons namely Buta Singh and Rana Singh had arranged his meeting with Patwari Gurnam Singh who had demanded Rs one lakh for mutation (Intqal) of his plot.

DEO urges voters to exercise their right to vote

SUMER GARG
SANGRUR, OCT 14



District Electoral Officer-cum-Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur, Sandeep Rishi and SSP, Sartaj Singh Chahal has urged the residents of the district to cast their votes during the Gram Panchayat elections while maintaining peace and tranquility.

District Officer(DEO), Sandeep Rishi said that the district administration and the police have made extensive arrangements to conduct the entire process of elections in a transparent system and in a safe environment. He said that the polling parties have left for their respective polling stations today along with the election materials. Under the directions of the DEO, Additional District Electoral Officer, Sukhchain Singh Papara said that the Punjab government has declared a gazetted

holiday on Tuesday, October 15 keeping the Gram Panchayat elections as the main focus, so that all voters exercise their right to vote. He said that the voting would be held from 8 AM to 4 PM, 5478 officers and employees will serve as election staff. The DEO said that a total of 787 polling stations have been set up in the villages of the district. He said that 2718 candidates for the post of panch and 1044 candidates for the post of sarpanch are in the fray and in 38 villages of the district, the election process of panchayats has been completed unanimously.

Awareness rally taken out by Ropar Thermal Plant to save environment



BAHADURJEET SINGH
RUPNAGAR, OCT 14

To widely spread the appeal of Govt. of Punjab regarding not to burn Paddy stubble, the harm of burning stubble and benefits of not burning stubble to save the environment was publicized among thermal plant officers/ officials and school teachers and students of nearby villages by Chief Engineer/Guru Gobind Singh Super Thermal Plant (GGSSTP) Rupnagar. In this regard on date

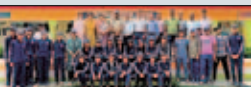
14.10.2024, 200 Nos. of Pamphlets were distributed by Er. Harish Kumar Sharma, Chief Engineer/ GGSSTP, Rupnagar in the schools of villages Ghanauli, Ahmedpur, Dugri, Dakala, Malikpur, Bahadurpur, Daburji, and Lodhi Majra etc. and working staff of the schools was strongly appealed to help to disperse the message of these efforts of Govt. of Punjab and Thermal Plant Rupnagar amongst the general public, farmers & villagers etc.

Seven-day NSS special camp underway at Swarn Jayanti Sr Sec School, Laldari



ASHOK KUMAR
TAHLI WAL: A seven-day National Service Scheme (NSS) special camp is being held at the Swarn Jayanti Senior Secondary School in Laldari. On the second day of the camp, NSS volunteers undertook a cleanliness drive at the village Shiv Temple, clearing overgrown bushes and collecting scattered waste for proper disposal. NSS Program Officer Omkar Chand and teacher Vandana guided the students during the activity, encouraging them to maintain cleanliness in their surroundings and continue contributing to community service through such efforts.

If any suspicious person is seen selling drugs, inform the police: Gaurav Bhardwaj



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: On the fourth day of the seven-day National Service Scheme camp going on in Government Senior Secondary School Jwar, Police Station Incharge Amb Gaurav Bhardwaj arrived as a special guest and addressed the volunteers and said that along with being physically and mentally fit and strong, the students should also stay away from the ill effects of drugs. Addressing the students, he said that youth is the most important smallest unit of the society. Youth plays an important role in the upliftment of any country and society. Children should use the internet to acquire important knowledge related to education and not for more entertainment. He also urged the teachers that along with rights, children should also be taught about responsibilities and duties so that great citizens can be created. If any suspicious person is seen selling drugs, inform the police immediately.

Mock drill on fire safety in college Amb



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: Maharana Pratap Government College Amb organized a mock drill to provide important information on fire safety on the occasion of International Disaster Day. The purpose of this mock drill was to make students and staff aware and prepared in matters of fire safety. This mock drill was conducted under the guidance of Fire Brigade Incharge Lucky Chaudhary and his team. On this occasion, he made students aware about important things and various techniques of fire safety, so that students and staff can be prepared for their fire safety. He gave detailed information about various types of fire fighting equipment and showed everyone by doing a live demonstration.

We must learn to live with disasters, says CM, urges preparedness

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, OCT 14

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said here today that climate change has led to an increase in the frequency of disasters, making it crucial to adapt to living with these challenges. He highlighted that awareness is the key to effectively facing disasters and minimizing the loss of life and property. He stated this while presiding over the International Disaster Reduction Day event, 'Samarth-2024'.

Sukhu said that the state government is spending significant amounts of money to raise public awareness about disaster preparedness and has implemented several measures to mitigate the effects of disasters. He said that the state government



must remain prepared to tackle future disaster challenges. To this end, a Rs. 800 crore project is being executed in collaboration with the French agency AFD, and Rs. 500 crore is being spent from the mitigation fund. He also announced that a major SDRF training institute will be established in Palampur and that the state is

strengthening its infrastructure for better weather forecasting. The Chief Minister said that the state experienced its first major disaster in the year 1905, when an earthquake in Kangra district claimed over 20,000 lives. He said that the people of the state experienced significant devastation last year during

the monsoon season, with over 500 lives lost and damages amounting to Rs 10,000 crore. Despite receiving no assistance from the central government, the state government has successfully rehabilitated 23,000 affected families and implemented a disaster relief package of Rs 4,500 crore. Under this package, compensation for completely destroyed homes has been raised from Rs 1.30 lakh to Rs 7 lakh. Furthermore, the government has amended rules to ensure compensation for families of individuals who went missing during disasters.

Sukhu criticized political interference in disaster relief efforts, stating, "We have yet to receive the Rs 10,000 crore for the Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA), although some progress has

been made following my intervention. There should be no politics in such matters, and full assistance must be provided to those affected."

He stated that during the disaster, he remained on the ground for 72 hours, personally overseeing the evacuation of 75,000 tourists and 15,000 vehicles from the state. Within 48 hours, essential services like electricity, water, and communication were temporarily restored, which helped stabilize the situation. The government also ensured minimal disruption for farmers, especially apple growers, allowing their produce to reach markets on time. The state's effective disaster response received praise from the World Bank, NITI Aayog, and former Chief Minister Sh. Shanta Kumar.

First batch of Himachali youth found placement abroad with Governments efforts: CM



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, OCT 14

The Himachal Pradesh government's initiative to create overseas employment opportunities for youth is yielding positive results, as the first batch of five candidates has reached Saudi Arabia to begin their new roles. This group includes Rajat Kumar, Sunil Kumar, Jaspreet Singh, and Abhinav Sharma from Una district, along with Dinesh from Hamirpur district. On 31st August 2024 Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu presented appointment letters to these

young individuals in Shimla. Sukhu said that to enhance overseas job placements, the state government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with EFS Facilities Services Group Limited, based in Dubai, UAE. Following the Chief Minister's visit to Dubai in December 2023, EFS aims to fulfill 15-20 percent of its overseas hiring needs from Himachal Pradesh, targeting up to 1,000 candidates annually in sectors such as hospitality, technical services, housekeeping, food and beverage, and office support.

Government steps back on privatization of central public sector units: Jagat Sharma

KISHORI LAL BAIN
UNA, OCT 14

National INTUC Secretary Jagat Sharma has revealed that the central government, led by the Modi administration, has backed off from its aggressive privatization policy concerning central public sector undertakings (CPSUs). Sharma elaborated that during the 2021-2022 budget, plans were made for the divestment and privatization of several CPSUs, with some industries already privatized. He compared this policy to that of the earlier Atal Bihari Vajpayee government, which had introduced privatization strategies but ultimately lost the elections, halting their plans. Sharma emphasized that PSUs, established by leaders like Nehru and Indira Gandhi, are the backbone of the Indian economy, providing vital infrastructure, services, and industrial capacity. Under the leadership of INTUC National President Dr. G Sanjeeva Reddy, various trade unions and federations have



fought to protect public sector enterprises. He also credited the Congress party, particularly Rahul Gandhi and the INDIA alliance, for opposing the BJP's labor and farmer-unfriendly policies, which contributed to the BJP losing its majority in the Lok Sabha elections. Due to sustained pressure, the BJP government has retracted some of its privatization steps. For example, companies like Bharat Heavy Electricals (BHEL) and a dozen others were asked to improve profitability rather than being sold off. Sharma pointed out that companies such as Engineering Projects India Ltd, Cement Corporation of India Ltd, HMT Ltd, and Heavy Engineering Corporation Ltd, once slated for privatization, have now presented revival plans and are working toward self-sustainability. Jagat Sharma urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to focus on reviving old PSUs instead of solely relying on new enterprises. Reviving these companies, he argued, could create employment for millions and contribute to the nation's prosperity.

Sukhu government is able to pay salaries to employees due to central help: Vishav Chakshu

SANAJY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, OCT 14

State BJP media co-incharge and former Chief Minister Jairam Thakur's media coordinator Advocate Vishav Chakshu has alleged that the Sukhu government of the state is biting the hand that is feeding it. He said that in return for the central government's help, the Chief Minister and all the small and big leaders of the government are not refraining from cursing the central government and the central leadership. Vishav Chakshu said that the Sukhu government has failed to pay salaries and pensions on time twice. A similar situation was going to happen for the third time as well, but the



central government made an advance payment of Rs 1479 crore of state tax share for Himachal Pradesh, due to which the Chief Minister is in a position to say today that he can pay salaries to the employees in the state before Diwali. Even after such a big support from the central government, Chief Minister Sukhu and his ministers have

not said a single good word about the central government. Therefore, the Chief Minister should show courtesy and express his gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Health Minister and BJP National President Jagat Prakash Nadda. Along with this, he should also apologize for repeatedly accusing the central government of not cooperating. He said that the government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is helping the Himachal government in every way. Ever since the Congress government came to power in the state, Chief Minister Sukhu has been crying about

financial crisis and empty treasury. The Congress government, which came to power on the basis of false guarantees, has failed on every front. The public has felt cheated within a few days of the formation of the government. He said that the state BJP has placed the rights of Himachal before the Center. This is the reason that Himachal Pradesh has received 92000 Pradhan Mantri Gramin Awas from the Central Government last month. He said that Sukhu, who has failed to run the government, should now resign from the post of Chief Minister on moral grounds, because in the last two years itself, the state has gone back several years in terms of development.

Standards play crucial role in providing better services and products: Vikramaditya Singh

SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI, OCT 14

On the occasion of World Standards Day, Public Works and Urban Development Minister Vikramaditya Singh emphasized the importance of standards in delivering high-quality facilities, products, and services at both global and national levels. He was speaking at a ceremony organized by the Bureau of Indian Standards in Baddi, Nalagarh subdivision, Solan district. The minister highlighted that standards are crucial in ensuring a quality life and play a special role in enhancing human life expectancy, as well as conserving the environment and water on Earth. He mentioned that these standards are tested by experts before being adopted at the national level, ultimately benefiting all aspects of life. He urged everyone to adopt



the values established by the Bureau of Indian Standards in their lives. Singh also stressed the critical role standards play in facilitating global trade, stating that standardization is essential for the economy and that raising awareness about it is of utmost importance. He explained that World Standards Day aims to raise awareness among regulators, industries, and consumers about the importance of standardization for the global economy. In today's competitive world, standards not only improve product quality but also help provide better services, contributing to the creation of a safer society.

Singh pointed out that everything from everyday life to high-level technologies delivers better results thanks to established standards. In Himachal Pradesh, national and international standards are being adopted in all sectors to ensure appropriate quality. He added that the Public Works Department strictly adheres to these standards in various construction processes, and the Urban Development Department follows them not only in housing construction but also in infrastructure development to protect the environment and conserve water.

Strong evidence that Tibet has never been part of China: Penpa Tsering

SANAJY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, OCT 14

President of the Tibetan Government in Exile and Sikyong Penpa Tsering held a meeting with H.E. Fernando Iglesias, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Deputies of Argentina and H.E. Claudio J. Rosenkweg, Ambassador of Argentina to the Czech Republic, at the 28th Forum 2000. H.E. Fernando Iglesias, using his extensive experience and knowledge, demonstrated a profound understanding of Chinese history. He expressed his firm support for human rights and concern for people suffering from oppression. Sikyong Penpa Tsering encouraged both dignitaries to explore "Tibet Brief 2020" and Professor Lau's book on Tibet, both of which provide strong evidence that Tibet has never



been part of China. He urged them to critically evaluate these materials rather than accepting the narrative propagated by the Chinese Government to the international community. During the talks other delegates expressed concern about the insufficient awareness in the Czech media about His Holiness's current well-being, which led to inquiries about his health and the situation of Tibetans, particularly those living in Tibet. Following this meeting, the Sikyong gave an

interview to Liam Scott and Jessica Jarrett of Voice of America, during which he addressed the issue of Chinese international repression and underlined the importance of Tibet-Czech Republic relations. The event gathered dignitaries from across the world, with the theme of the conference being democracy. The key speakers at the opening ceremony were His Excellency Milos Vystril and Walter Russell Mead, President of the Senate of the Czech Republic.

Governor visits Atal Ji's residence at Preeni



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla during his four-day visit to Kullu district reached Manali and visited the residence of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee at Preeni today. He spent some time in the premises and became emotional while remembering the moments and memories spent with Atal Ji. Lady Governor Smt. Janaki Shukla also accompanied him. Remembering Atal Ji, the Governor said, "He had great affection for Himachal and the people of this state and considered Himachal as his second home and wrote many poems in the peaceful environment of Preeni." The Governor also visited the Roerich Art Gallery and Naggar Castle. Earlier, the Governor also visited the Kai Monastery. Secretary to Governor C.P Verma and officers of the district administration were also present on the occasion.

Programme organised in school under 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' campaign



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: Directorate of Social Justice and Empowerment Department, Women and Child Development Project Amb, under Circle Bhaira, a Beti Bachao Beti Padhao camp was organised in Government Senior Secondary School Dhusada, under the chairmanship of Principal Vijay Kumari. In the camp, under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao programme, slogan writing and chart competitions were held by the children, in which the children participated enthusiastically. Giving information about Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Circle Supervisor Santosh Kumari said that only if the daughter studies, she will progress. On this occasion Madam Kanchan Lata, Sunita Jaswal, children of Sarvot School and Anganwadi workers were present.

Villagers warn: Clear debris from Kolhu Siddh Temple by Saturday, or NH construction plant will be shut down

RAJNISH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR, OCT 14

Tensions are running high against Suryakant Construction Company, which is responsible for constructing National Highway No. 3, as villagers accuse the company of deliberately damaging the Kolhu Siddh Temple, a significant Hindu religious site. Villagers have made it clear they will no longer tolerate this damage, and after one and a half years of the "Save Kolhu Siddh" campaign, they are preparing for a larger protest. 'Villagers Allege Deliberate Damage to Hindu Religious Site' According to the locals, non-Hindu members of the construction company deliberately caused harm to the temple, aiming to hurt Hindu



sentiments. They argue that if the laborers knew the temple was located beneath a slope, they should have used protection shields during the construction. They further allege that the boulders that broke the temple's roof and fell inside were thrown intentionally in the dead of night. This deliberate destruction, villagers say, will

no longer be tolerated. **Villagers Issue Ultimatum: Clear Debris or Face Shutdown** The villagers, including Raghubir Singh Chauhan, Jaswant Singh, Sanjeev Kumar, Sunil Chauhan, and several others, have warned the construction company to clear the debris and rebuild the temple by Saturday.

Mock drill conducted at Mini Secretariat, Una, to simulate fire incident

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, OCT 14

In observance of International Risk Reduction Day and under the Samarth-2024 campaign, a mock drill was organized at the Mini Secretariat, Una, by the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) on Monday. The drill, held under the supervision of Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Mahendra Pal Gurjar, saw active participation from all officers and employees of the Mini Secretariat. The exercise focused on assessing emergency preparedness during fire incidents and raising public awareness to ensure the safety of life and property during such situations. Mahendra Pal Gurjar stated that the primary objective of this drill was to evaluate disaster management preparedness and promote awareness. He emphasized that such drills help both officials and the public stay vigilant and prepared during emergencies, significantly reducing the risk of casualties



and damage. At 11 AM, the mock drill simulated a fire scenario caused by a short circuit on the third floor of the Mini Secretariat. As soon as the emergency siren sounded, officers and employees evacuated the building through designated safe routes. The public present in the building also calmly followed the procedure. The police controlled the situation to prevent any panic. Upon receiving the alert from the District Emergency Operations Center, the fire department team promptly arrived at the scene and extinguished the fire.

Language dept declares best literary Punjabi Book Awards for year 2022

RAWEL BHINDER
PATIALA: Government of Punjab has announced 10 Best Literary Book Awards for the year 2022 under various categories of the Best Literary Book Awards for Punjabi books Language Department, Punjab. In this regard, Director, Language Department, Punjab S. Jaswant Singh Zafar, informed that the awards will be presented during the State level inaugural function of Punjabi Month in the first week of November 2024 at Bhasha Bhawan, Patiala. He said that the Books published during the year 2021 books were called for best book awards and these books were evaluated by learned subject experts from various fields and the best books were selected. Along with the prize money, a plaque and a shawl will be presented in this award. Under the Best Literary Book Awards related to the year 2022, Giani Gurmukh Singh Musafir Award (Poetry) is given to Vijay Vivek's book 'Chhin Bhanger Vi Kalaiti Vi', Pr. Sujan Singh Award (Story) to Arvinder Kaur Dhallwal's book 'Jhanjaran Wale Par', Gurbaksh Singh Preettarhi Award.

Admn accords guard of honour to Dr Ravjot Singh



SACHIN MOUDGILL
LUDHIANA: Local Bodies Minister Dr Ravjot Singh, on Monday, was accorded guard of honour at local Circuit House by the district administration and Municipal Corporation (MC) Ludhiana during his maiden visit to the city after assuming the charge. Deputy Commissioner Jitendra Jorwal, MC Commissioner Aaditya Dachalwal received and welcomed Cabinet Minister Dr Ravjot Singh. MLAs Gurreet Bassi Gogi, Daljit Singh Bholia Grewal, Ashok Prastar Pappi, Kulwant Singh Sidhu, Madan Lal Bagga, Rajinder Pal Kaur Chhina, and other senior district administration officials were also present. The Cabinet minister also took a salute from the guard of honour given by the Punjab Police at the circuit house. Singh held a brief meeting with local MLAs, Deputy Commissioner, MC Commissioner among other officials and took stock of the ongoing projects. Later Cabinet Minister Dr Singh alongwith local MLAs and senior officials also participated in Bhagwan Valmiki Shiksha Yatra organised in old city areas on Monday.

Rameela concludes with ceremony of Raj Tilak



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL: Raj Tilak was organized on the last day of Rameela based on the life of Bhagwan Sri Ram Chandra Ji at the local Geeta Bhavan. Which was inaugurated by Kanza. On this occasion, Chairman of Manch Jashkaran Bansal (Jassi Baba) and BJP. The leader Makhan Ballo joined as a special guest. On the last day of Ramlilash where Sri Ram Chandra ji was given Raj Tilak ceremony. At the same time, a colorful program was presented by the artistes of the stage. At the end of the ceremony, all the members of the stage, including the Kalakara, who played different roles during the Ramlila, were honored with tokens of honor. All the members of Nav Bharat Kala Manch were present on this occasion.

MCM marks Wildlife week with Paryavaran Manthan



CHANDIGARH: The Department of Botany at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, in collaboration with Jai Madhusudan Jai Srikrishna Foundation and Indian Oil Corporation Limited (Chandigarh Division) marked the celebration of Wildlife Week with 'Paryavaran Manthan' - an Inter-College environmental deliberation event. The chief guest for the event was Mr. Jitendra Kumar, Executive Director and State Head of Punjab, Indian Oil Corporation Limited. The other distinguished guests included Mr. Baljit Singh Sandhu (Retired IPS and former DGP, Haryana), Mr. S.M. Tumanne (GM, Retail Sales, Punjab State Office, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.), Mr. Rajeev Kumar (Division Retail Sales Head, Chandigarh Divisional Office, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.) and Sh. Vishal Kalia (Principal, CIHM, Sector 42-D, Chandigarh). Prabunath Shahi, the founder of the Foundation, introduced the event to the audience and urged everyone to contribute in environmental conservation. Students from higher educational institutions across the tricity participated in the event and expressed their views on the burning environmental issues. Over 200 saplings of plants of medicinal and ornamental value were distributed on this occasion. Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava motivated everyone to work actively for the noble cause of conservation of the environment. She reminded the stakeholders of the Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the United Nations for a sustainable future and urged them to work towards the achievement of those goals.

Govt upgrading electricity infrastructure in Kharar city at Rs 30 crore, says Anmol Gagan Mann

SHASHI PAL JAIN
MOHALI, OCT 14

Taking another leap in serving Kharar residents with utmost dedication, MLA Anmol Gagan Mann today launched the upgradation of electricity infrastructure in Kharar city worth Rs 30 Crore.

Inaugurating an enhanced capacity grid of 66Kv at Sunny Enclave whose 40 MVA transformers have been augmented to 63 MVA capacity, the MLA Mann said that the Bhagwant Mann Government has undertaken upgradation projects worth Rs 30 Crore in the Kharar City area to provide uninterrupted power supply to the residents. The grid augmentation project has been completed at a cost of Rs 7.6 Crore. The enhanced capacity will meet the increasing demand of supply to ensure commitment to serving the consumers in a better way.

Apart from that, every colony will have 2-3 additional transformers to upgrade the existing electricity infrastructure. The project will be completed at a cost of Rs 20 Crore, she added. She said



that the growing urbanisation in Kharar has increased the consumption of power and thereby need for increased infrastructure.

MLA further said that in addition to this, there is a proposal to build a new 66 kv grid in the Chhaju Majra area which will be commissioned in the next few months. Similarly, the work to replace the

66 kv line from Mohali to 66 kv Sunny Enclave with enhanced capacity is also under way. Apart from that, two new transformers have also been installed at 220 kv grid Kharar to improve the performance of the grid.

This work has been undertaken at a cost of Rs 4 crores, added Anmol Gagan Mann. She said that so far, the

Bhagwant Mann Government has spent about Rs 30 crore in Kharar city to strengthen the electricity infrastructure and it is proposed to spend another Rs 30-40 Crore in the next few months, which will strengthen and improve the electricity infrastructure to meet the increasing demand of the residents.

Workshop of nursery growing at RBU

MOHALI (LK BANSAL): A one-day workshop on 'Nursery Growing and Management' was organised by University School of Agriculture Sciences held at Rayat Bahra University wherein over 120 students along with faculty members participated. Dr. Amita Mahajan, Head, University School of Agriculture Sciences, introduced the speaker Dr. MS Lather, Technical Director (Agriculture), Agriculture Resource Management Society, and listed his for his outstanding contributions in the field of horticulture and field crops. Dr. MS Lather, who is also Professor of Practice of Rayat Bahra University, delivered a talk on 'Nursery Growing and Management'. He also educated the students about practical exposure he had learned in the growing of field and horticultural crops.

Kuljit Singh Bedi writes to Chief Secretary demanding to control increasing number of beggars

SHASHI PAL JAIN
MOHALI, OCT 14

Mohali Municipal Corporation Deputy Mayor Kuljit Singh Bedi has written to the Punjab Chief Secretary demanding to control the increasing number of beggars in Mohali and the filth created by them and requested strict action against them.

The Deputy Mayor said that these beggars have now occupied the main road of Mohali and these people bathe and defecate in public parks. Apart from this, small children are brought forward to beg, who knock the windows of the vehicles and forcefully beg for alms. He said that many beggars carry canes to prove themselves to be handicapped but in fact they are artificial cripples and they have no disease. He said that they do drugs on the main roads and make noise after drinking alcohol. They have divided their territories and quarrel among themselves a lot due



to which the environment of the entire area is deteriorating. He said that during the festive season, the number of vehicles increases and these people start selling various goods and begging at the traffic lights, which increases the risk of accidents. He said that the government prevents minor children from working but these people do the work of begging from minor children.

He said that children also do this in the markets and these people have been sleeping in large numbers in the verandahs of the markets and now

they have started sleeping on footpaths along with the main roads. He said that recently in Panchkulla, a vehicle has run over people lying on the road and the same apprehension continues in Mohali as well.

He said that the district administration of Mohali and the Mohali police should be instructed to control these beggars and especially in this festive season they should not be allowed to stand on the traffic lights or occupy the roads under any circumstances. He said that all over Mohali these people have spread filth and they emotionally blackmail the compassionate people who give them the money out of pity.

Deputy Mayor Kuljit Singh Bedi demanded that immediate action should be taken against these beggars and make Mohali free from beggars by making some other arrangements for them. A copy of this letter has also been sent to DGP Punjab, DC Mohali and SSP Mohali.

Kamaljeet Paul assumes charge as DPRO

HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): Information and Public Relations Officer Kamaljeet Paul on Monday assumed charge as District Public Relations Officer (D.P.R.O) Hoshiarpur. While taking charge here he said he would perform his duty with utmost dedication to disseminate requisite information about welfare schemes, people-oriented policies and programmes of Punjab Government through different platforms of print, electronic and social media. He also hoped full cooperation from the media fraternity in the district.

Amity varsity hosts lecture on impact of electrostatics on life, health

LK BANSAL
MOHALI, OCT 14

Amity University Punjab, Mohali, in collaboration with the Chandigarh Chapter of the National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI), and the Society for Promotion of Science and Technology in India (SPSTI), proudly launched the Popular Science Lecture Series aimed at promoting the societal impact of science and innovation.

As part of NASI's ongoing 'Science-Society Programmes,' these lectures are designed to highlight the practical benefits of scientific research in addressing real-world challenges. The second lecture in the series was delivered by the distinguished Prof. Purnananda Guptasarma, Professor HAG and Dean of Faculty Affairs, IISER Mohali, on the topic "Electrosta-



tics and its Role in Life Processes: From Biofilm Formation to Bacterial Genome Compaction to Protein Stability." Prof. Guptasarma's lecture delved into the pivotal role of electrostatics in various biological processes. He provided an in-depth analysis of how electrostatic interactions influence bacterial genome compaction, biofilm formation, and protein stability, especially in extreme environmental conditions. His

findings underscored the importance of electrostatic forces in maintaining the structural integrity of proteins and promoting bacterial survival in harsh environments, thus opening up new avenues for research. The lecture concluded with an engaging Q&A session and a vote of thanks delivered by Prof. Anil Kumar Sharma Dean, Faculty of Sciences, Amity University Punjab. He praised the lecture for its insightful content and its potential to inspire future scientific inquiries. The event was attended by a diverse audience of students, faculty, and researchers from Amity University Punjab, nearby academic institutions, and members of SPSTI and NASI. The lecture series continues to foster a strong connection between scientific innovation and societal progress.

Six faculty members of SLIET have made it in top 2% scientists of world list

RAVI GARG
LONGOWAL, OCT 1

The Stanford University ranking identifies the world's top scientists based on standardised citation metrics offering a reflection of the most influential researchers globally. The subject-wise bibliographic metric analysis was conducted by a team of scientists from SU and the Elsevier BV, a leading scientific publisher. Scientists have been classified into 22 scientific fields and 174 sub-fields, according to the standard science-metric classification.

Out of the 2,23,252 scientists in the top 2 per cent in the world from across all fields, India has 5,352. The Stanford University ranking serves as a standardized



benchmark for recognizing scientists. For career-long research category, a total of Six SLIET, Longowal, Sangrur faculty members have made it in the Top 2% Scientists of the World list released by

Stanford University (SU). These include, Prof. Dhiraj Sud, Prof. P. S. Panesar, Prof. Surinder Singh Sodhi, Prof. C. S. Riari, Prof. Rajesh Kumar, Prof. Ashwani Agarwal, Director SLIET Prof. Mani

Kant Paswan added that it is remarkable that the number has increased from last year and it will help rankings SLIET to strengthen its research base and further improve its ranking globally.

Meeting held by Purvanchal Sabha Welfare Society for upcoming Chhath Puja celebrations



RADHE SHYAM SHARMA
MORINDA, OCT 14

An important meeting was held by the Purvanchal Sabha Welfare Society at the Sheetla Mata Temple in preparation for the upcoming Chhath Puja festival. Society President Vinod Tiwari announced that on November 7, a Mata Ka Jagran will be organized as part of the celebrations. An uninterrupted community feast (bhandara) will also take place during the event. Vinod Tiwari shared

that devotional songs dedicated to the goddess will be performed by Harsh Pandit from Nalagarh and Bhojpuri singer Pinky Tiwari from Ludhiana.

Senior BJP leader Subhash Sharma will be the chief guest at the event. Present at the meeting were Chairman Vinod Tiwari, Secretary Vikram Pathak, Shambhu Pandey, Amod Tiwari, Pankaj Pandey, Awadh Tiwari, Raj Kishore Tiwari, Kaushal Tiwari, and other society members.

LPU agriculture school focuses on tackling global food system challenges through sustainable practices

J S SODHI
JALANDHAR, OCT 14

The School of Agriculture at Lovely Professional University (LPU) recently organized the International Conference "Recent Trends in Smart and Sustainable Agriculture for Food and Nutritional Security (SSAFNS) 2024."

The event aimed at addressing critical challenges in global food systems by promoting sustainable agricultural practices. Experts, policymakers, researchers, and practitioners gathered to discuss innovations and best practices in enhancing agricultural productivity, resilience, and sustainability. Topics covered included climate-resilient agriculture, post-harvest management, value addition, and advances in food and human nutrition.



Dr. Ashok Kumar Mittal, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) and Founder Chancellor of LPU, served as the chief guest. Other distinguished attendees included Pro Chancellor Col. Dr. Rashmi Mittal, and Guest of Honors Dr. S.K. Malhotra, VC of MHU Karnal, Dr. J.S. Sandhu, former DDG (Crop Science) at ICAR, and Dr. R.G. Aggarwal, Chairman of Dhanuka Agritech Limited. International experts such as Dr. Naveen Shivanna, Dr. Dilfuza J. Pushkinova from Uzbekistan, Dr. Anil Kumar Anal from Thailand, and Dr. Pankaj B. Pathare from Oman also shared insights on sustainable agriculture.

Dr. S.K. Malhotra emphasized the need for state governments to scale up smart and sustainable farming practices at the village level to ensure climate-resilient agriculture. Dr. J.S. Sandhu paid tribute to Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, the father of India's Green Revolution, highlighting his impact on global food security. Dr. R.G. Aggarwal called for increased adoption of modern technology and quality inputs in Indian agriculture to improve farmers' incomes. The conference provided an essential platform for students to engage with the latest trends in agricultural and food security.

Dussehra festival celebrated with enthusiasm at Angels World School

SANJEEV TEJPAL
MORINDA, OCT 14

The festival of Dussehra was celebrated with great devotion and fervor at Angels World School, Morinda. The celebration highlighted the rich cultural heritage of India, emphasizing the victory of good over evil.

Principal Deepika Sharma shared that a special prayer assembly was organized to mark the occasion. Kindergarten students were introduced to the significance of Dussehra through a captivating narrative of Lord Rama's triumph over Ravana. The young learners also participated in an art exhibition where they creatively colored pictures of Lord Rama, Sita, and Ravana, demonstrating their artistic flair. Students from both the junior and senior wings contributed to the celebration by preparing sketches related to



Dussehra and presenting poems that reflected the theme of the festival. They were also educated about the ten evils symbolized by Ravana's ten heads, reinforcing the importance of moral values. Principal Sharma further mentioned that, in an effort to raise environmental awareness, the students pledged not to burst firecrackers this Dussehra. Instead, they promised to celebrate the festival with their families while upholding eco-friendly practices.

Firing at goldsmith shop at village Lohgarh



ZIRAKPUR (VICKY BHABAT): Panic broke out in Zirakpur's Lohgarh bazaar when two armed robbers barged into a goldsmith's shop and dragged the shopkeeper into the store, beating and firing. They also took gold and silver ornaments on their way. The value of the stolen goods is yet to be ascertained. Due to this incident of theft in broad daylight, both anger and fear are being seen among the shopkeepers. He said that this is the first incident in Zirakpur that robbers entered a shop and Robbed it. On the occasion SP Rural Manjit Singh, DSP Circle Zirakpur Jaspinder Singh and SHO Zirakpur Jaskanwal Singh Sheikhon reached the spot and inspected the CCTV footage. He said that the accused will be arrested soon. According to the information received from the spot, two masked youths entered the shop of Divya Jeweler in Lohgarh at around 2 o'clock today and as soon as they entered, they pointed a pistol at the shopkeeper and took him inside the store. Both of them beat him up in the store. The shopkeeper dared to raise the alarm after which they ran away with a lot of gold and silver goods. He also set two fires inside the shop. Fortunately, no one was hit by the bullet, otherwise there could have been loss of life.

Government Polytechnic College, Mohali, shines at ISTE section convention 2024

SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, OCT 14

The students of Government Polytechnic College, Mohali (Khunimajra) continue to excel, adding to the institution's list of prestigious achievements. Following Dr. Anshu Sharma, Head of the Electrical Engineering Department, who recently won the Best Teacher Award, Harmanpreet Sharma, an Electrical Engineering student, has been honored with the Best Student Award 2024 at the ISTE Section Convention for Polytechnic Colleges, hosted by PCTE Institute of Engineering and Technology, Ludhiana. Harmanpreet also received the Best Oral Presentation Award for his outstanding research paper, highlighting his academic excellence and technical



prowess. Harmanpreet thanked Dr. Anshu Sharma for her unwavering support, guidance, and financial assistance for his robotic project, crediting her for encouraging him to participate in various competitions that helped shape his success. He also expressed his gratitude to Principal Rajeev Puri for his ongoing support throughout his academic journey.

Adding to the college's achievements, a team of Elec-

trical Engineering students — Karamveer, Jashandeep, and Gurnetar Singh — were awarded the Best Project Award for their innovative project titled 'Anti Sleep Detection System' at the same convention. These accomplishments reflect the hard work, dedication, and technical expertise of the students, bringing pride to Government Polytechnic College, Mohali on a significant academic platform.

Accused arrested for stealing cash from temple

RAMAN GUPTA
KATHAL: While investigating the case of theft of cash by breaking the lock of the temple, the accused Sachin, a resident of Pundi, was arrested by the team of ASI Ramchandra of Chowki Pundi police. Police spokesperson said that as per the complaint of Sohan Lal, the priest of Hanuman Temple Pundi, on the night of October 9, the above accused Sachin broke the lock of the temple and stole Rs 100,50,10 notes which were offered as offerings in front of the idol of Hanuman. Regarding which a case was registered in Pundi police station. Rs 750 in cash, a broken lock and the tool used for breaking the lock were recovered from the possession of the accused. The accused will be produced in the court on Monday and is being interrogated by the police.

Dr. Ubray's team distributes cheques to 180 needy widows and disabled individuals



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: Today, monthly pension cheques were distributed to needy widows and disabled people at the local Guru Ghar Bibi Pradhan Kaur. This information was given by the district in-charge of the trust Engr. Gurjinder Singh Sidhu through the press. Sidhu said that Sarbat Da Bhala Sanstha is serving the needy people in the country and abroad day and night under the guidance of its president Dr. SP Singh Ubray and his team, today the papers of about ten needy people were filled. Very soon, a free test lab will also be set up in district Barnala by Dr. Ubray and the national president of the organization Jassa Singh Sandhu and after that blood tests will be made free for the poor people. Members of this organization Warrant Officer Balwinder Singh Dhindsa, Avtar Singh Sandu, Jathead Gurdarshan Singh, Kulwinder Singh Kala, Rajwinder Singh Journalist, Gurdev Singh Makkar, Pal Singh and beneficiaries were present.

Storyteller Baljinder Nasrali honoured with 'Sant Attar Singh Ghunnas' award



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: Novelist and storyteller Baljinder Nasrali was this time honoured by the literary trust established in the memory of Sant Attar Singh Ghunnas at Gurdwara Tap Sihan Ghunnas. The award included cash and a warm shawl. Trust general secretary and multi-talented writer Boota Singh Chauhan said that three novels and two story collections of Nasrali have been published. These days his novel Ambar Pariyan in Punjabi and Hindi is in the news. The ceremony of honouring him was performed by Trust chairman and former parliamentary secretary Sant Balveer Singh Ghunnas.

11 countries already recognise Indian pharmacopoeia as their standard: DCGI

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, OCT 14

Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) Dr Rajeev Raghuvanshi has said that 11 countries in the world have already recognised Indian pharmacopoeia as their standard. "India is supplying drugs, vaccines and medical devices to more than 200 countries world over; 11 countries in the world have already recognised Indian pharmacopoeia as their standard," he said. "Now we are approving on an average, 100 global clinical trials every year for the last couple of years, and that shows the face of international research organizations and functional companies on the regulatory system which we are developing and developed till now, he added" "On our part,



India, Indian NRA, is reviewing and has approved the latest technology-based products like car T cell therapy, mRNA vaccine, software as medical devices, which shows that we are going through continuous upgradation of skills and capacity within our regulatory system. Recently, we notified six countries from where products of five designated categories are applied for

approval in India," Raghuvanshi further said. In October, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare said that the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), along with the National Regulatory Authority of India (NRA) and affiliated institutions, has been found to meet international standards for vaccine regulations set by the World Health Organisation (WHO). The WHO-led

Action should be taken against those who defeated Congress by staying within party: Lalit Butana

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, OCT 14

Lalit Butana, member of State Congress Committee and national convener of Kisan Cell and former member of Haryana Staff Selection Commission, said that the top leadership of Congress should review at the lower level to know the reasons for the defeat of Congress in Haryana state. He further said that strict action should be taken against those who worked to defeat the Congress while being within the Congress. He said that due to the excessive ambition of some people, the Congress lost the winning battle. The Congress was considered the winner in



Haryana before the elections. But the Congress had to face a severe defeat after the counting. The top leadership of Congress should consider all the reasons due to which Congress lost. Questions were also being raised on ticket distribution and selection of candidates. It has not been considered that selected

candidates were in a position to win. This should also be considered. The state leadership should accept its moral responsibility. All those people were responsible for the defeat of Congress in Haryana who stabbed Congress in the back while keeping their interests paramount. Such treacherous people should be shown the way out of the party. He said that if tickets had been given to the deserving people of the community in the state, the situation today would have been different. If the top leadership of Congress did not learn a lesson from the defeat, then like UP and Bihar, Congress will continue to be defeated in Haryana too.

Teachers of govt school, Taranwali make children aware about ill-effects of stubble burning

RANVIRPARASHAR
TARANWALI: In order to prevent environmental damage caused by burning of stubble teachers of government primary school, Taranwali took an initiative to make children and general

public aware about the ill-effects of stubble burning. Teacher and Junior Red Cross Counselor said that their aim was to make farmers and the general public aware not burning stubble. Children have been

kept at the centre in this campaign so that they spread the message of environmental protection in their family and community. Teacher Surjeet Kharkan said that burning of stubble increased air pollution.



All arrangements for Panchayat elections completed: DEO

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, OCT 14

All preparations have been completed for the Panchayat elections to be held on October 15. A total of 307930 voters will cast their votes in these elections, out of which 163699 are male, 144226 are female and 5 are third gender voters. Disclosing this information, District Election Officer-cum-Deputy Commissioner Barnala, Mrs. Punamdeep Kaur said that a total of 105 polling stations have been declared sensitive and hyper sensitive across the district, where high police and civil administration arrangements have been made. Also, continuous videography will be done at sensitive and hyper sensitive polling stations. 20 sector officers have also been deployed at these polling stations. She said that a total of 647 ballot boxes have been issued in Shehna, Barnala and Mahal Kalan areas and 129 more ballot boxes have been reserved. Giving information about police management, she said that 12 police parties have been deployed on patrol. Apart from this, 944 policemen have been deployed on election duty. She said that there are a total of 368 polling stations in Barnala district, out of which polling will take place at 339. At the



remaining places, polling will not take place due to unanimous election of Sarpanch and Panch. She said that polling parties of Shehna, Barnala and Mahal Kalan have been dispatched today. Arrangements for food and drink have also been made for these polling parties. Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development) Satwant Singh was also present with him on this occasion.

Total number of voters 307930: The District Election Officer said that there are a total of 307930 voters in Barnala district. This includes 49579 male voters, 43732 female voters and 4 third gender voters in Shehna.

Election symbol mix-up in Qadian, candidate's symbol mistakenly changed



VERMA
BATALA: Out of 125 Panchayats in Assembly constituency qadian, elections are being held in 80 villages, there is one village where while filling the form, the candidate was given the election symbol of petrol pump, but today when the polling parties were to be sent, the name of the opposition candidate was printed in front of the polling symbol of petrol pump. Giving information in this regard, Jaswinder Singh Walia, son of candidate Anuradha, said that his mother is contesting the election from booth number 38,39 Kandila and on the day he filled the forms, he was allotted the election symbol of petrol pump. For the last 10-12 days, he has been campaigning for his election symbol as petrol pump to his villagers, but today on Monday, when he reached DAV Senior Secondary School to see his election symbol, he saw that a tractor symbol was printed in front of his mother Anuradha's name, which was of his rival party candidate Harjeet Kaur. He told that he has sent an email in this regard to District Magistrate Gurdaspur cum District Election Officer Umashankar Gupta.

YS College hosts Freshers' Party – Parichay 2024



KARANPREET KARAN
BARNALA: YS College, known for its vibrant student life and academic excellence, organized the much-awaited Freshers' Party – Parichay 2024 – to welcome the new batch of students with great enthusiasm and joy. The event, held on campus, saw participation from students across various departments, making it a memorable evening for all. The celebration began with the Saraswati Vandana, performed by students and teachers to seek the blessings of the Goddess of knowledge and wisdom. This was followed by an array of exciting performances that showcased the immense talent of YS College students. Solo duet, and group dance performances left the audience spellbound, while melodious singing acts kept the energy high throughout the evening. A ramp walk and a talent round were the highlights of the event, where freshers displayed their unique skills and walked with confidence. The competition was judged by esteemed faculty members Mr. Dipesh Kumar, Head of the Department of Computers, and Ms. Tanisha Dadhwal, Head of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication. After much excitement and fierce competition, Shiv Kumar and Sanjana, both from B.Com Hons, were crowned Mr. and Ms. Freshers 2024, receiving thunderous applause from their peers.

Karnail Singh Jangliwal's book 'Mull Gunna Da' released



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, OCT 14

A special program was organized in village Jangliwal of district Hoshiarpur in which first the bhog of Shri Akhand Path Sahib Ji was offered and then the book 'Mull Gunaa Da' written by prominent writer Karnail Singh Jangliwal was released. On this occasion prominent singer Singa (son of Karnail Singh Jangliwal), Arjun Awardi Madhuri A Singh, Amandeep Singh Bains International Athlete were specially present. The function organized on this occasion was also addressed by prominent singer Singa, Karnail Singh Jangliwal, Babbu, Mahilpuri and Principal Sarabjit Singh. Addressing the gathering Famous Punjabi singer Singa said that the book written by his father Karnail Singh Jangliwal contains songs from the old generation to the new generation. These songs are inspired by religious, social and political issues. The book does not encourage any obscene songs and is a good and impressive gift to Punjabi literature. On this occasion, the family of Karnail Singh Jangliwal distributed food to the dignitaries who attended the gathering. The program was hosted by Rao Kandowal.

Let the doctors of earth treat the ailing Sukhna Lake: Dr Ritesh Arya

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, OCT 14

Sukhna Lake, the pristine beauty of the city is shrinking despite slew of initiatives by the Chandigarh Administration. Again the administration woke up to the problem and preparing management plan to save the lake. The plan has been divided in three terms- short, medium and long term. While talking to a renowned geologist and Guinness Book World Record holder Dr Ritesh Arya said,"The efforts of the Administration to save the lake may delay its decay but will not stop its end. Creations and destructions are continuous geological events of nature. A number of known water bodies across the world have anished from the earth like Indus Valley and Saraswati. Even 19.5 km Khardungla in Leh has been



receding since last glaciations." Experts also say that the severity of soil erosion and weeds problem in Shivalik catchment was not well realized in time. There is no way to arrest sediment flow in such characteristic type of soils having high silt and clay (35 per cent silt and 40 per cent clay) clubbed with high pH (9.6) except to tap the water carrying silt in silt detention dams. He said that upper areas of Kansal, Nepli and Ghareri choes feeding the lake were

extremely denuded, degraded and silt loads were so high that by the time remedial measures were initiated or implemented, a lot of silt had already found its way to the lake.

Dr Arya suggested that the proper geological treatment of catchment hills would be the best solution wherein the weathered slopes could be stabilized and the rain water from the slop-es can be diverted in the canals and moved away along with the silt lake, it is only then that the lake would get silt-free water. He further added that the silting in Sukhna was a geological problem as it involved weathering and erosion of the fragile upper Shivalik rocks. If the weathering and rosion processes along with the transportation of the sediments were properly understood, we can save the lake from further silting.

Indo Pacific Region shapes world's economy and politics: Vice Admiral Indian Navy

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, OCT 14

International Centre for Indo-Pacific Studies of Kurukshetra University, in collaboration with the Indo-Pacific Division of the Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of India, organized the inaugural session of the two-day international conference on 'Security, Climate Change and Sustainable Development in Indo-Pacific region'. The Chief Guest of the inaugural session, Vice Admiral, AVSM, VSM, Deputy Chief, Naval Staff, Indian Navy, Tarun Sobti, highlighted the maritime significance of Indo Pacific region and emphasized on the security dynamics and need of collective actions for safer collective futures. Vice Admiral Sobti further said that Indo Pacific Region shapes world's economy and politics. The Chief Patron of this



conference, Vice Chancellor, KUK Prof Som Nath Sachdeva said that Kurukshetra University's International Centre for Indo Pacific Studies is now going to undertake a research project on sustainable development. Prof Sachdeva added that this centre aims at promoting interdisciplinary, inter-country research and academic collaboration on all aspects of Indo Pacific region. Conference Director Prof V.N Attri welcomed all the dignitaries and delegates from various national and international institutions and further elucidated on the theme and objectives of the

conference. Deputy Director Public Relations Office Dr Jimmy Sharma informed that Prof Anil Sooklal High Commission of South Africa to India, Hide Sakaguchi, President, OPRI, Sasakawa Peace Foundation Tokyo Japan, Dr Nomvuyo N Nokwe, Former High Commission of South Africa to Republic of Mauritius, Dr Kgame Molope, Vice Chairman, IORAG, South Africa Chapter, South Africa, Sanjeev K Sobhee, Vice Chancellor, University of Mauritius, Reduit, Republic of Mauritius, Sanjay Panda, Former Ambassador to Turkey.

Guru Nanak Khalsa College hosts state seminar on Women's Status in India

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, OCT 14

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Guru Nanak Khalsa College, Yamunanagar, successfully organized a One Day Multi-Disciplinary State Level Seminar titled Status of Women in India: Past & Present, Challenges and Solutions in which 170 students and 75 Faculty Members and Research Scholars presented their Research Papers. The seminar was inaugurated by Principal Dr. Harinder Singh Kang, who emphasized the importance of addressing women's issues in contemporary society. Dr. Pratima Sharma, Coordinator of the Women's Cell, presented the theme of the



seminar and welcomed the keynote speakers and resource persons. The technical session featured insights from esteemed keynote speaker Dr. Sudha Sharma Chairperson of the Central Board of Direct Taxes, along with resource persons Dr. Divya Tripathi Head of the Sanskrit Department at DAV College Faridabad, and Dr. Sanjeev Sharma Principal of Government College

Chachrauli. In the second technical session, various faculty members and research scholars presented their research papers, contributing to a rich discussion on women's status and challenges in India. The valedictory session was chaired by Dr. Anita Sharma Former Chairperson of Haryana Government, who provided valuable insights and closing remarks.

Harsh Blood Donor Society honored for lifesaving contributions

RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA, OCT 14

It is a matter of great honor for Harsh Blood Donor Society Reg. 1069 Nabha District Patiala, an organization that has been a pioneer in the field of blood donation and has always been a pioneer in donating blood for emergency patients. During the level event, Minister Punjab along with Dr. Balbir Singh of Harsh Blood Donor Society Considering the work he has done at the state level, President Bhuvesh Bansal Bhashi while talking to reporters after receiving the award said that our society always organizes blood for the needy and anyone in



emergency. To use the wheelchair for a few dayslf necessary, they also make arrangements. Our society will always work as a pioneer for blood donation. Also, we are grateful to all the blood donors who have received this honor for the third time and thanks to the entire society team who always support in every work. They keep giving, only last day we

twenty-twoOn the occasion of Dwadasi Utsav, a tableau has also been presented to the residents of Nabha city to motivate them to donate blood, which has been a center of attraction in the city, further our society will continue to do social welfare work and with the grace of God, the life of a patient can be sacrificed. I will not die because of lack.

Randhawa, Bajwa, and Pahra meet SSP regarding attack on journalist Ramesh Behal



VERMA
GURDASPUR: MP Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, Leader of the Opposition in the Punjab Assembly Sardar Partap Singh Bajwa, and Gurudaspur Congress MLA Sardar Barindermeet Singh Pahra met with SSP Batala Suhail Meer (IPS) concerning the attack on journalist Ramesh Behal. They discussed the incident and demanded strict legal action against those responsible for the life-threatening attack on Behal, to ensure the freedom and safety of the media community. Afterward, Sardar Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, Partap Singh Bajwa, and Barindermeet Singh Pahra visited Goraya Hospital to inquire about Ramesh Behal's condition and wished him a speedy recovery. They also offered him encouragement. This information was shared with the media by Kishan Chander Mahajan, a close associate of Sardar Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa.

Editorial

A grey industry

For any researcher or aspiring author, announcing oneself in print — whether in the form of a book, a book chapter, a journal article, a poem, or a piece of fiction — must be an experience that sends goose-bumps up one’s spine. I often wonder what led so many people to write the countless books and pamphlets that triggered the explosion of Bengal’s print culture from the nineteenth century onward. It seemed that anybody and everybody, not only in large cities like Calcutta and Dhaka but also in the small towns of mofussil Bengal, had a say on the myriad issues of the time, including social and religious reform, English education, women’s education, ideals of family life and, of course, that big elephant that forced its way into the room, nationalism. Before he pledged his support for the Indigo Rebellion, the good Reverend James Long wrote, as early as 1855, A Descriptive Catalogue of Bengali Works, containing a Classified List of Fourteen Hundred Bengali Books and Pamphlets, all of them published in the previous six decades! The Catalogue of Printed Books in Bengali Language, printed separately by the British Library and the erstwhile Imperial Library in Calcutta (now the National Library), ran into several volumes. Hundreds of journals and periodicals also came to dot Bengal’s literary landscape from about the last third of the nineteenth century. Undoubtedly, such fecundity wouldn’t have been possible without the pan-Bengal aspiration of the bhadraklok to go into print.

This lasted through most of the twentieth century, when people continued to write, across 1947, in all sorts of fora — neighbourhood bulletins, school and college magazines, little magazines, autumn annuals, literary periodicals, news magazines, and the like. I have seen pre-teens aspire to write in Sandesh, their prodigiously talented collegiate elders in Desh, Ekshan, or Anushtup, and their ‘English-medium’ equivalents in The Illustrated Weekly or The Caravan, with the really ambitious ones firing long shots at Granta or The New Yorker. Even in a small town of Burdwan district, where I grew up through the 1970s, a college professor who mentored me proudly showed me thick, leatherbound volumes of the Times Literary Supplement that he subscribed to. In a throwback to more than half a century earlier, my grandfather’s unpublished memoirs talked about his days as a school inspector in rural Barisal and Faridpur in the 1910s and 1920s, spending much of his meagre salary in buying subscriptions of The Illustrated London News, Punch, Time, and Life, among other publications.

Biden calls for ridding world of nuclear weapons

US President Joe Biden claimed in a statement that the world needed to strive for the complete elimination of the nuclear arsenal, keeping silent about the significant expenditures of the US government on the development and strengthening of its own nuclear triad.

"We must continue making progress toward the day when we can finally and forever rid the world of nuclear weapons. The United States stands ready to engage in talks with Russia, China, and North Korea without preconditions to reduce the nuclear threat," the US leader said in a statement.

Biden stressed that there was no benefit for these countries or the world as a whole "to forestall progress on reducing nuclear arsenals."

Biden's statement was published in connection with the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to the Japanese organization of survivors of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Nihon Hidankyo.

In his congratulations, however, the head of the White House also completely ignored the fact that it was the United States that was responsible for the nuclear bombings of



the Japanese cities.

In the 2025 fiscal year, which began in the United States on October 1 of this year, it is planned to spend over \$49 billion from the federal budget on the development of strategic deterrence forces. Moreover, according to calculations by the US Congressional Budget Office, spending on US nuclear forces in the period from 2023 to 2032 is estimated at \$756 billion.

The current US administration, led by US President Joe Biden and

Vice President and now presidential candidate Kamala Harris, has repeatedly publicly stated its desire to extend the Russian-US Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (New START), which formally expires in February 2026.

At the end of September, on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York, the coordinator for strategic communications on the White House National Security Council, John Kirby, told Sputnik that the US was ready to resume dialogue

with Russia on a new treaty and was waiting for a decision from Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Such public diplomacy occurs simultaneously with ongoing military aid to Kiev and the desire to inflict a strategic defeat on the Russian Federation, as the US authorities claim. In addition, the US continues to strengthen its military presence in Europe, supplying long-range missiles to the region, which are being transferred to the Ukrainian Armed Forces, and also intends to deploy new long-range systems, including supersonic weapons, in Germany.

The Russian Foreign Ministry has stated directly that Moscow was not ready to resume negotiations on the New START Treaty without changes to the hostile anti-Russian line of the United States. In October, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov stated that negotiations on strategic stability must be built with an understanding of the changed conditions. He also pointed out that it was practically impossible to discuss strategic offensive weapons without taking into account the military nuclear infrastructure in Europe, without including European states in the negotiation process and without touching on other elements of strategic security.

Literature & Health

France announces new immigration bill by early 2025

France has announced its intention to introduce a new immigration law at the beginning of 2025, less than a year after passing the previous law in January 2024, which followed intense debates in parliament and within the presidential majority.

French government spokesperson Maud Bregeon stated today that "a new immigration law is necessary to adapt several provisions" and explained that this law will be ready to present to parliament in early 2025.

The announcement comes amid growing controversy over immigration in France, particularly following the killing of a young woman in Paris by an illegal migrant who had been issued a deportation order that the French police had delayed in enforcing, bringing the issue of unexecuted deportation orders back into focus.

France is among the European countries with the highest number of deportation orders (OQTF), recording over 134,000 in 2022, according to a



Court of Auditors report. However, the enforcement rate of these orders remains one of the lowest in Europe, at just 7 percent compared to 30 percent in some other European nations.

In this context, newly appointed French Prime Minister Michel Barnier, in a speech before the National Assembly (parliament), affirmed that the government is working to improve the enforcement of these orders, stating that it is essential to move past the ideological deadlock surrounding immigration.

Ukrainian journalist Victoria Roshchyna dies in Russian detention

Victoria Roshchyna, a Ukrainian journalist, died in Russian detention last month, announced the Ukrainian authorities this week, according to CNN.

Roshchyna went missing following a reporting trip in a Russian-occupied region in Ukraine last year in August.

It was only months later in April this year, following her detention that the Russian authorities informed the family of Roshchyna, 27 about her.

"I have official documentation from the Russian side confirming the death of Ukrainian journalist Victoria Roshchyna, who was illegally deprived of her liberty by Russia," Ukraine's human rights commissioner, Dmytro Lubinets, said in a statement, according to CNN.

Meanwhile, the office of the Ukrainian Prosecutor General said it was investigating her death as a war crime combined with premeditated murder.

About 25 Ukrainian journalists are reportedly being held in Russian custody, and a number of others are regarded as missing, according to a statement made by Petro



Yatsenko, the spokesperson for the Ukrainian Coordination Centre for the Treatment of Prisoners of War, reported CNN.

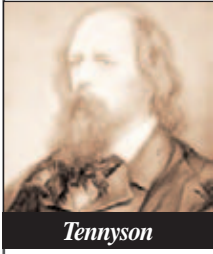
Thousands of Ukrainians, according to the Ukrainian authorities, have been arbitrarily detained in Russia.

14,000 Ukrainian civilians are believed to be in Russian captivity, according to Lubinets, the human rights commissioner for Kyiv. A portion of these captives have been detained since the conflict in eastern Ukraine began in 2014 and Russia annexed Crimea.

POEM

Now Sleeps the Crimson Petal

Now sleeps the crimson petal, now the white; Nor waves the cypress in the palace walk; Nor winks the gold fin in the porphyry font.



The firefly wakens; waken thou with me. Now droops the milk-white peacock like a ghost, And like a ghost she glimmers on to me.

Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Study finds new ways to prevent, treat type 2 diabetes

Pancreatic cells, like human cells, have a limit to how much stress they can handle before they start to break down. Through overstimulation of these cells, certain stresses like inflammation and hyperglycemia lead to the onset of diabetes">type 2 diabetes.

As it turns out, pancreatic cell stress tolerance to two distinct types of molecular stress is correlated with DNA sequence variations that are known to raise an individual's risk for diabetes. These findings were made by researchers at The Jackson Laboratory (JAX). Stress and inflammation may increase the risk of failure or death of the insulin-producing cells in individuals with these genetic alterations in the pancreas.

"Ultimately we want to develop new ways to prevent and treat diabetes">type 2 diabetes by targeting the genes and pathways that are perturbed in people who are most susceptible to the disease," said Michael L. Stitzel, associate professor at JAX and co-senior author of the new study with JAX professor Dugyu Ucar, published in the Oct. 8 advanced online issue of Cell Metabolism. "These findings give us new insight into some of those genes and pathways."

The work points toward dozens of genes that



connect cell stress and diabetes risk, including one that is already under investigation as a drug target for diabetes">type 2 diabetes complications.

When living cells face challenges, including damage, inflammation, or nutrient changes, they activate protective responses to try to cope with and reverse the stress. But over time, sustained stress can overwhelm the cells, causing them to slow down or die. In the pancreas' islet beta cells,

two types of cell stress have previously been implicated in the development of diabetes">type 2 diabetes.

In both cases, the stress can eventually lead islet beta cells to stop producing insulin or die off. Stitzel and his colleagues wanted to know what genes and proteins were used by islet cells to respond to both ER stress and cytokine stress.

"Researchers have completed multiple studies looking at what molecular pathways are important in regulating insulin production in happy, healthy islet cells," said Stitzel. "But we were working on this hypothesis that islet cells are not always happy. So what pathways are important when the cells are under stress, and how do diabetes-linked DNA sequence changes in each of us affect them?"

Stitzel's group exposed healthy human islet cells to chemical compounds known to induce either ER stress or cytokine stress. Then, they tracked changes to levels of RNA molecules in the cells as well as how tightly or loosely packed different stretches of DNA were inside the cells—a proxy for what genes and regulatory elements are being used by the cells at any given time.

To analyze the results, the team collaborated

with Ucar, a professor and computational biologist at JAX. Together, the scientists found that more than 5,000 genes, or nearly a third of all the genes expressed by healthy islet cells, change their expression in response to ER stress or cytokine stress. Many were involved in the production of proteins, which is crucial for islet cells insulin-producing role. And most of the genes were only involved in one or the other stress response, raising the idea that two separate stress pathways play a role in diabetes.

In addition, around one in eight regulatory regions of DNA typically used in islet cells were altered by stress. Importantly, 86 of these regulatory regions had been previously found to contain genetic variants in people most at risk of diabetes">type 2 diabetes.

"What this suggests is that people with these genetic variants may have islet cells that respond worse to stress than other people," said Stitzel. "Your environment - things like diabetes and obesity—pulls the trigger with diabetes">type 2 diabetes, but your genetics loads the gun."

Stitzel hopes that the new list of regulatory regions and genes eventually lead to new drugs

to prevent or treat diabetes by potentially making islet cells more resilient to stress.

The researchers homed in on one gene that was altered by both ER stress. Called MAP3K5, the gene was shown to alter islet beta cell death in mice containing a diabetes-causing mutation in the insulin-encoding gene.

In the new paper, Stitzel and his colleagues showed that higher levels of MAP3K5 led to more islet beta cells dying in response to ER stress. Eliminating or blocking MAP3K5, on the other hand, made the islet cells more resilient to ER stress and less likely to die.

Early studies of Selonsertib, a drug targeting MAP3K5, have showed that it could reduce the risk of severe complications of diabetes. The new results point toward another possible role of the drug—in the prevention of diabetes in people most at risk of the disease, to help their islet cells remain functioning and alive in the face of cellular stress.

"It's really exciting that this therapeutic is already in clinical trials but much more work is needed to understand whether the drug might be able to be leveraged in primary prevention," said Stitzel.

Roundglass Hockey Academy Crowned Champions of SNBP All India Under-16 Boys Hockey Tournament

Mohali: Roundglass Hockey Academy (RGHA) were crowned champions of the 8th SNBP All India Hockey Tournament Under-16 Boys, comfortably beating Army Boys Sports Company, Bengaluru 4-1 in the finals which was played at Balewadi Mahalunge in Pune. Arshid Singh, Anurag Singh, Arjandeep Singh and Varinder Singh scored the goals for RGHA while Arjun scored the consolation goal for Army Boys. RGHA were dominant throughout the tournament, beating Naval Tata Hockey Academy 4-1 and Regional Development Center 7-1 in the group stages. RGHA thrashed Don Bosco School 11-0 in the quarterfinals to qualify for the semifinals. Arjandeep Singh scored a hat trick while Varinder Singh and Anurag Singh scored a brace each. Abejith Singh, Jasmeet Singh, Abhay and Harshit Singh scored the other goals. In the semifinals, the team put in another dominant performance, overcoming Dhyanchand Academy 5-1 with Varinder Singh scoring a brace and Abhay, Armandeep and Abejith Singh scoring the other goals.

Rus Education and Perm State Medical University Host Vipusk PSMU 2024: Grand Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2024

New Delhi, India - October, Rus Education, in collaboration with Perm State Medical University, successfully hosted the Vipusk PSMU 2024 - the Grand Graduation Ceremony to celebrate the achievements of the MBBS Graduating Batch of 2024. This event marks a significant milestone in the lives of the graduates, as they officially transition into the global medical community, ready to embark on their future medical career.Held at the Little Theatre Group (LTG) Auditorium, Copernicus Marg, Mandi House, New Delhi, on October 10th, 2024, the ceremony brought together esteemed faculty, dignitaries, and proud families of the graduates. The event featured our esteemed dignitaries who graced the occasion with their presence. This includes Ms. Yulia Tretykova, Dean- International Department, Perm State Medical University; Ms. Elena Barman, Head of Educational Department, Russian House in New Delhi, and Air Marshal (Dr) Pawan Kapoor (Retd.), Technical Advisor, Rus Education.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Introduces Urban Cruiser Hyryder 'Festival Limited Edition'

HIMLA: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) today announced the introduction of the Urban Cruiser Hyryder 'Festival Limited Edition', featuring exclusive Toyota Genuine Accessories (TGA) Package. This latest addition to the Urban Cruiser Hyryder line-up comes with 13 specially designed TGA, further enhancing the dynamic and premium driving experience. The Urban Cruiser Hyryder Festival Limited Edition will offer a range of premium enhancements with the TGA Package, designed to further accentuate the vehicle's aesthetics and convenience. This package with 13 accessories is specifically selected to give a refined premium look to both the exterior and interior of the vehicle.

Vi Business Partners with Infinity Labs Ltd to introduce Make-In-India SD-WAN Solution

Ludhiana : Vi Business, the enterprise arm of leading telecom operator Vi, today announced a strategic partnership with Infinity Labs Ltd to introduce a Make-in-India SD-WAN solution as part of its Hybrid SD-WAN portfolio. The collaboration enhances the portfolio by integrating advanced AI-based security features, offering Indian enterprises a robust defense against the growing threat of cyber-attacks and demonstrating Vi Business's commitment to offering cutting-edge indigenous technology and nurturing innovation. Rochak Kapur, EVP, Vi Business, said, "This partnership with Infinity Labs Ltd will allow us to deliver an indigenously developed SD-WAN solution with advanced security capabilities and a robust roadmap for future evolution. This collaboration is about Technology and Make in India infrastructure empowering Indian businesses with the secure connectivity they need to thrive in a digital-first environment." "We are thrilled to

Nexus Elante recreates the Majestic Sheesh Mahal for Diwali 2024



Chandigarh : This Diwali, Nexus Elante is taking its patrons on a royal journey by recreating the Sheesh Mahal as a part of the Diwali experience this year. This larger-than-life, illuminated structure made of mirrors and glass has over 1 lakh pieces and has been crafted by over 100 artisans from across the country. The customers can come and experience this magnificent installation at the atrium of the mall on the ground floor. The Sheesh Mahal is divided into three distinctive sections, each offering a unique and immersive experience and is certain to leave the patrons in awe. Soak in the splendour of this majestic installation and create lasting memories with family and friends.

Recordant Adds Zoho Books Connector to Its Platform, Revolutionizing Accounts Receivable (AR) Automation for SMEs

Hyderabad: Recordant, India's leading accounts receivable (AR) automation platform for small and medium enterprises (SMEs), has enhanced its platform with the addition of the Zoho Books Connector, designed to streamline and automate AR processes for businesses across India. This integration aligns perfectly with Recordant's mission to provide SMEs with innovative tools that foster financial resilience and sustainable growth in a competitive marketplace. Following the success of the Tally plug-in, this new addition will help SMEs to transform their collections and focus on growth. While Zoho Books is a popular accounting ERP platform offering robust solutions for invoicing, expense tracking, and financial reporting, the Recordant Zoho Books connector provides an added layer of specialized AR management. It empowers businesses to optimize collections, assess credit risks, and manage cash flows effectively—going beyond the capabilities of traditional accounting functions.

CITROËN BASALT EARNS 4-STAR RATING IN BHARAT NCAP SAFETY TESTS

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Does sweating mean more fat loss?



Being on crash diets or not eating enough food to feed your body often results into the deposition of these three

Why sweating does not mean fat loss

While working out excessively or going in for a sauna does cause your body to sweat a lot, it does not mean that your body is losing fat as well. Your body will burn calories and use energy from your fat stores, but this will be refilled once you eat your next meal. Fat loss can happen with intake of proteins and fats. Along with this, if you include resistance training with your cardio training, your body will respond to these foods well.

To think that disciplines like yoga and pilates do not lead to fat loss because they make you sweat less is wrong because they work on building a functionally fit body. Therefore, sweating it out at the gym or running for hours does not mean that you're burning more fat, but rather that your body is trying to cool itself down.

UT team departs to play fourth disability cricket tournament

Chandigarh, Chandigarh departed for Udaipur (Rajasthan) to play the fourth Disability Cricket Tournament being organised by the Differently Abled Cricket Council of India (DCCI) from October 15 to 25 October. The team is being led by Lakhbinder Singh. The BCCI-supported tournament is being hosted by Narayan Seva Sansthan. Chandigarh is in Group D along with Odisha, West Bengal, Vidarbha, Tamil Nadu and Bihar. The team is as follows: Lakhbinder Singh captain, Sanjay Dutt,



Arjan Dev, Dev Dutt, Gurpreet, Vipin, Kanti, Neeraj Sharma, Vikramjeet, Mohammad Imran, Rajinder Singh, Rajender Singh, Saqib Anwar, Jagdeep Singh, Gyan Chand (coach) and Harmanpreet (manager)

Mamaearth Partners with Meesho to Amplify Reach in Tier 3 and Beyond

CHANDIGARH- Mamaearth, one of India's fastest-growing personal care brands, has partnered with Meesho. This collaboration is set to make high-quality personal care products more accessible to deep penetrated regions and drive growth in emerging regions. As Tier 3 and beyond markets emerge as key drivers for e-commerce, Mamaearth aims to tap into the growing demand for premium, natural, and toxin-free personal care products through Meesho's vast network, particularly in smaller towns and semi-urban areas. It also aligns with Mamaearth's strategy to explore untapped markets and drive revenue growth from regional areas and will further solidify Mamaearth's position as a trusted leader in the beauty and personal care category. The brand experienced a fivefold growth during the Meesho sale period. Mamaearth now aims to reach 100 crore ARR in the coming 12 months on Meesho. Through Meesho's

extensive reach, Mamaearth has been able to penetrate deeper markets across Bharat, reaching customers in areas such as Belgaum (Karnataka), Kashipur (Uttarakhand), Bokaro (Jharkhand), Sivakasi (Tamil Nadu) and Kushinagar (Uttar Pradesh). The e-commerce platform's ability to connect brands with a larger and more diverse customer base has played a vital role in Mamaearth's success, bringing their trusted skincare products to even the most remote regions. Vidit Aatrey, Co-Founder and CEO, "At Meesho, our mission is to democratize internet commerce, ensuring that high-quality products are accessible to every Indian, no matter where they live. The launch of Meesho Mall was a strategic response to the growing demand for branded products in categories like beauty and personal care. Since welcoming Mamaearth to our platform, we've seen incredible resonance with our shoppers and a remarkable surge in orders.

'World Standards Day' celebrated



CHANDIGARH: 'World Standards Day' is celebrated all over the world on 14th October every year with a unique theme. This year World Standards Day, was celebrated by the Bureau of Indian Standards, Northern Regional Office, Chandigarh on Monday 14 October, 2024 at J.W. Marriott Sector-35, Chandigarh, with this year's theme on "SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure." Sh.Tejeev Singh (IAS) Additional Chief Secretary, Industry & Commerce , Government of Punjab, was the Chief Guest of the function. Welcoming the guests, Smt. Sneh Lata Scientist- G & DDG Northern Regional Office, BIS informed that the aim of World Standards Day is to raise awareness among regulators, Industry, Consumers & Society regarding the importance of standardisation to the national & global economy. She further added that this day is specially chosen to pay tributes and gratitude to honour the efforts of thousands of experts.

PhonePe launches new insurance coverage for firecracker accidents

Chandigarh : PhonePe today announced the launch of a new insurance plan, offering comprehensive protection against firecracker-related accidents and providing users with affordable insurance coverage during the upcoming festive season of Diwali. The coverage plan, available at just ₹9 (inclusive of GST), provides PhonePe users up to ₹25,000 comprehensive coverage for 10 days during the festival period to safeguard against any firecracker-related accidents. With this launch, users nationwide can celebrate the festival with security and peace of mind, knowing that in the event of an accident, they are financially protected against hospitalization and accidental death expenses. Due to firecracker-related injuries during the festive season across the country, PhonePe has introduced this product to combat any potential financial burden against such unexpected events. The Firecracker insurance plan offers 10 days of coverage beginning from October 25th, 2024, at an affordable price of just ₹9. The plan, which can be purchased under a minute on the PhonePe app, also provides comprehensive family coverage by insuring up to 4 family members, including the user, their spouse, and up to 2 children. If a user makes the purchase after October 25th, then the policy cover will start from the purchase date.

CT Group Welcomes 50+ Architecture Schools for NASA Convention



Jalandhar (J S SODHI) CT Group of Institutions recently hosted the 67th Zonal NASA Convention, a three-day event attended by over 1,200 architecture students from more than 50 schools across North India. The convention featured over 50 events, keynote sessions, and masterclasses, offering students a platform to showcase their architectural creativity. Students from top institutions like Sushant School of Art & Architecture, Amity

School of Architecture, Chitkara School, and Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University for Women participated. Renowned architect Ar. Prof. Charanjit S. Shah, known as the "Airport Design King," delivered a keynote address. Workshops on acoustics, parametric modeling, and green planning attracted great student interest. Notable events included the Design-18 Challenge, where participants worked non-stop for 18 hours, and the Interactive Art Pieces

Trophy, with students transforming simple materials into masterpieces. Sushant School of Art & Architecture won the Dance Trophy and Hunar Kriti Trophy, while Guru Nanak Dev University, Amity School, and Chitkara School earned special mentions. Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University for Women won the Journalism Trophy, and Sushant School claimed the Overall Trophy for their exceptional performance.

CK Nayudu Trophy Match: UT boys fightback, scored 245/4 in reply to Kerala's 384

Chandigarh, A patient stay of Devang Kaushik (83) helps UT boys to fight back against Kerala on the second day of Col CK Nayudu Trophy match being played at Mahajan Cricket Ground, IT Park on Monday. In Kerala's mammoth of 384, Chandigarh marked the day with 245/5. Earlier, Visitors were bundled out for 384 adding another 59 runs to their overnight score of 325/7. Shaun Roger scored 165 runs with the help of 14 boundaries and four sixes while Asif Ali (74) smashed a half-century. Ivraj Ranauta (7/86) took seven wickets while Harshit (2/104) clinched two . In reply, Chandigarh off to a cautious start as opening pair added 92 runs Arnab Bansal (62) was first one go while following batters Dushyant (13), Gurtej Singh (14) and Captain Paras (15) couldn't impress with their blades. Later, An unbeaten 73 runs partnership between Nikhil and Devang deprived bowlers for the wicket as hosts put 245/5 on the board before the stumps were drawn. Devang scored 83 runs off 191 balls studded with five boundaries and three beyond the fence while Nikhil contributed 49 runs off 45 balls with the help of two fours and four sixes.



Godrej Interio introduces 'Reserve Plus' and 'Gain Pro' Office Storage Solutions to Enhance Efficiency

Chandigarh : Godrej Interio, a leading home and office furniture business of Godrej & Boyce, part of the Godrej Enterprises Group, has launched two innovative ranges of modular and elegantly designed office storage solutions: 'Reserve Plus' and 'Gain Pro'. These storage systems are designed to blend seamlessly with any office furniture configuration, while offering multi-functional capabilities and optimizing workspace efficiency. Commenting on this innovative concept, Sameer Joshi, Sr. Vice President and Head of B2B Business, Godrej Interio said, "At Godrej Interio, we are committed to creating products that adopt a human-centered approach and offer adaptive space solutions for workspaces. The ergonomically designed 'Reserve Plus' and 'Gain Pro' systems focus on hassle-free workplaces and space optimization. Their neutral aesthetics and design versatility make them particularly appealing to interior designers, architects and consumers seeking adaptable storage solutions. With these new offerings, we aim to make well-designed furniture accessible to more institutions, enhancing user security and productivity. Godrej Interio's institutional furniture business is expected to grow by 19% in FY25-26, and we plan to introduce over 45 new SKUs in the institutional furniture segment over the next two years."

From Fields to Futures: How Women Farmers Are Leading the Way



CHANDIGARH: In rural India, women have long played a pivotal role in agriculture, yet their contributions often go unnoticed. Today, through innovative training and support programs, women farmers are breaking through economic and social barriers to lead their communities toward sustainable development. On the occasion of Mahila Kisan Diwas, let's honor and celebrate the unwavering efforts of women farmers who are breaking barriers and leading the change in agriculture. These five inspiring women have not only transformed their own lives but have also empowered those around them, creating a ripple effect of positive change. Their stories highlight the transformative power of resilience and community, revealing the lasting impact that can be achieved when women are equipped to succeed.

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tament to our unwavering commitment to ensuring safety is at the forefront of our design philosophy. The Basalt's impressive safety credentials empower our customers to drive confidently and securely. As the safety discussion evolves among Indian car buyers, we are proud to drive ahead, ensuring that the safety of our customers remains our top priority. We are optimistic that this recognition will reinforce the Basalt's appeal and establish it as a preferred choice in the market." The stringent testing process put the Basalt through a series of demanding crash tests, where it shone with exceptional results, highlighting its advanced safety features. With over 40 active and passive safety features included as standard, the Basalt employs high-strength steel, Advanced High Strength Steel (AHSS), and Ultra High Strength Steel (UHSS) to effectively manage front and side impacts while minimizing cabin intrusion. Additional advanced safety features include six airbags, an Electronic Stability Program (ESP), Hill Hold Control, 3-point seat belts & seat belt reminder for all Seats, and ISOFIX child seat anchors—all standard across variants.

Tribute paid to late Ratan Tata



VIJAY KAUSHIK
LADWA: In the prayer meeting held at Hindu High School on Monday morning, the entire school staff and students paid floral tributes to Ratan Tata. On this occasion, the head of the management committee, Pawan Garg, said that Ratan Tata had dedicated his entire life to the service of the country and society. Ratan Tata was a famous industrialist as well as a social worker. School Principal Yogita Ahluwalia said that he died on October 9, 2024 at the age of 86. He was an Indian Industrialist and chairman of the Tata Group. He led the group from 1991 to 2012 and expanded it globally. Ratan Tata received numerous awards and honours for his contributions, including the Padma Vibhushan and the Order of the British Empire. He was also a philanthropist and invested in several startups.

FIR filed against in-laws for demanding dowry, harassment

SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON: Jagraon police has filed FIR against a family for allegedly torturing their daughter-in-law demanding dowry. Giving detailed information about this, SHO Amritpal Singh said that police received a complaint from the victim girl in which she accused her husband Jasjit Singh, father-in-law Jatinder Singh, mother-in-law Harpreet Kaur residents of Mohali and 2 other relatives of torturing her and demanding dowry. "The complainant has accused that the in-laws have confiscated her belongings given to her by her parents at the time of marriage. Also, the in-laws allegedly demanded rupees 20 lakh from them in order to send the husband abroad and threatened to throw the complainant out of house if not given the money," Singh added. Police has filed FIR against all the accused and commenced further investigation.

Dussehra celebrated by Shri Maha Lakshmi Ram Leela Club



RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA: Under the leadership of Shri Maha Lakshmi Ram Leela Club Nabha Chairman Anandeep Singh Khanna and President Manrant Kala Das, the Dussehra festival symbolizing the victory of good over evil was celebrated with devotion. The effigy of Ravana was cremated late in the evening during a grand function organized by the Sri Maha Lakshmi Ram Leela Club at the local old high court ground. On this occasion, Aam Aadmi Party MLA Gurdip Singh Dev Mann from Constituency Vidhan Sabha Nabha and special guest Tehsildar Nabha Sukhinder Singh Tiwana specially attended and lit the effigy through remote control.

Raza Murad, Avtar Gill, Rakesh Bedi to attend Achievers Award ceremony

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Anti Corruption Foundation of India and Traffic Rules and Road Safety Federation and Human Rights International Federation will organise a grand Corruption Free India Seminar and National Excellence Achievers Award Ceremony on Sunday 27 October at Hotel Diventure. A meeting regarding the programme was organised under the chairmanship of National Supremo Narendra Arora. Arora said that film actors Raza Murad, Avtar Gill and Rakesh Bedi will attend the National Excellence Achievers Award Ceremony as Celebrity Chief Guests. He said that on this occasion, top leaders of the foundations of various states across the country will be honoured with the National Excellence Achievers Award by the Celebrity Chief Guests. Arora said that Anti Corruption Foundation of India is working throughout India for awareness against corruption and people are given the message to work for the country and society by living a life of truth and honesty, Traffic Rules and Road Safety Federation works for awareness of traffic rules and Human Rights International Federation is working for the protection of human rights.



Road from Baba Banta Singh Bahadur chowk to Bilaspur is in bad shape

PREETI SAINI
SADHAURA: The road from Sadhaura Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Chowk to Bilaspur has been damaged in many places for a long time and there are big potholes in many places due to which the fear of accidents remains constant. It should be noted that about 14 km road from Sadhaura Dausarka to Bilaspur has now turned into a pothole filled road. Commuters have to face a lot of problems, especially during rainy season. These potholes have become a big headache for small vehicle drivers. People travel on these roads because the splashes of dirty water from vehicles spoil their journey. In any case, it has become difficult for small vehicles to travel because there was a lot of dust on this road because of broken road. They try to save themselves because of which the fear of accidents. A long time ago, the PWD department filled up the potholes with soil to level it. This was washed away during the rainy season and the potholes became deeper again. Some people told that it should take maximum 20 minutes to go from Sadhaura to Bilaspur on this 14 km long route but due to this condition of the road, it takes more than half an hour to cover the distance from Sadhaura to Bilaspur. People demanded that the department should immediately repair this road and provide better facilities to the public.



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Ph's 'Cyber Helpline 1930' gets boost as SC/ST bodies will launch DGP unveils enhanced call centre stirs in Punjab

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, OCT 14

In order to further improve the potential of the 'Cyber Helpline 1930', Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav on Monday inaugurated the enhanced call centre of 1930 Helpline to help people in reporting cyber financial frauds in real-time and also launched 'Cyber Mittar Chatbot' for providing assistance to queries relating to cyber crimes.

To ensure the helpline's effectiveness, the DGP made a trial call to 1930 during the inauguration and interacted with the representative to understand the working of the helpline. Pertinently, Cyber Helpline 1930 is a Citizen Financial Cyber Fraud Reporting and Management System (CFCFRMS) of the



Ministry of Home Affairs under Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre (I4C), which allows victims of cyber financial frauds to freeze their money in the accounts of the accused/suspects immediately after the registration of complaint on this helpline. In Punjab, Helpline 1930 was made operational from September 2021. DGP Gaurav Yadav said that these cutting-edge innovations will enhance cybercrime reporting

and ensure rapid resolution of financial frauds, empowering citizens in the digital world. Cyber Mittar Chatbot will ensure instant info access with 24x7 assistance and swift response which will ensure confidential reporting to protect details of citizens, he added. "Till date, as many as 26,625 complaints regarding various cyber frauds have been reported on 1930 Helpline and NCRP portal in Punjab, acting swiftly on

which, the Cybercrime Cell proactively freed/lien marked funds moved out of victims' accounts by cyber fraudsters with a success rate of 17% in 2024," said the DGP, while adding that an amount of Rs 57 crore of victims have been lien marked in the bank accounts of the suspect fraudsters.

ADGP Punjab Cybercrime Division V Neeraja apprised the DGP Punjab the Punjab State Cybercrime Division has made significant strides in combating cybercrime, enhancing public awareness, and strengthening police capabilities. The establishment of 28 new Cyber Police Stations across the state, notified by the Government of Punjab in March 2024, has led to 205 FIRs being registered and investigated, she said.

SUMER GARG
PATIALA, OCT 14

Mahesh Kumar, Secretary General, National Council of SC/ST Welfare Organization, Punjab unit, by a press note said that the Punjab unit of the Punjab National Bank SC/ST association has informed our organisation, about how the senior officials of Punjab National Bank, particularly the DGM and circle head of Bathinda, are misusing their positions by refusing to hold quarterly meetings with the association, despite the power given to SC/ST associations by the constitution of India, these officials are taking advantage of their authority to suppress the SC/ST community. The SC/ST association of Punjab National Bank in writing has repeatedly requested the management,



but the management has not considered even a single request from the association. On the other hand, the management continues to hold regular meetings with the general trade unions. Furthermore, in the Bathinda Circle, the DGM has appointed only individuals from the General category as in-charges in all sections. The DGM of the Bathinda Circle has also refused to comply with the

directives of the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) of the Government of India. This has caused significant outrage within the SC/ST community, and they strongly oppose this. If Punjab National Bank's management does not promptly initiate the quarterly meetings, all SC/ST associations and organizations across Punjab will unite to boycott the bank and launch protests.

Distt admin completes preparations for Panchayat elections, voting will start from 8 am

PARAMJIT SINGH
JALANDHAR, OCT 14

Jalandhar District Administration has ensured proper arrangements at all 1209 polling stations for the elections to be held on October 15 for 695 Gram Panchayats of the district. Giving information in this regard, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Himanshu Aggarwal said that the district administration is committed to conduct transparent and fair elections. He said that 195 Gram Panchayats in the district have already been elected unanimously and voting for the remaining 695 Panchayats will be held on Tuesday from 8 am to 4 pm. He told that there are total 815033 voters in the district, which includes 420756 male, 394268 female and 9



other voters. He said that more than 10 thousand polling staff are performing their duty to ensure smooth and proper voting process in these elections. Dr. Agarwal told that counting of votes will start immediately after voting. He urged all the voters to reach the polling booth on time and exercise their right to vote. The Deputy Commissioner said that any citizen can cast his vote by

showing his voter card, Aadhar card, PAN card, passport, MNREGA job card, driving license, ration card and blue card as identity proof at the polling station. He said that apart from this, voting can also be done by showing citizen passbook with photo (issued by bank/post office), health insurance card (issued by Ministry of Labor), service identity card (with photo) issued by Central/Provincial Government/PSU/Smart Card (issued by RGI under NPR), pension document (with photo), MP/MLA issued to employees by public limited companies, official identity card issued by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, Unique Disabled ID Card (UDID Card).

POWERGRID builds India's first substation inspection robot in collaboration with IIT Kanpur



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GURUGRAM: Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), a Maharatna CPSE of Ministry of Power, Government of India, in collaboration with IIT Kanpur has developed a unique first of its kind all terrain robot for inspection of substations' equipment healthiness. It has been developed at SMSS Lab, IIT Kanpur and field tested at 400 kV Kanpur substation of POWERGRID. This cutting-edge technology revolutionizes the way substation equipment inspections are conducted, ensuring safer operations and avoid repetitive routine maintenance manually. Designed to navigate through complex environment with precision and agility, the robot boasts advanced sensors and imaging capabilities. The Robot is equipped with an array of sensors such as highdefinition visual, infrared thermal and stereo cameras and LiDAR etc. that can automatically detect anomalies and potential faults in equipment.

Ritika Singh appointed as Chairwoman, Indian Women Network Chandigarh Tricity Chapter

RN KHERA
CHANDIGARH: Empowering women leads to the empowerment of society at large. In line with this vision, the Annual Session for the Indian Women Network (IWN) Tricity Chapter for the year 2023-2024 was held today at the CII Headquarters in Chandigarh. During the session, Mr Anurag Gupta, Chairman, CII Chandigarh and Managing Director, Usha Yarns Ltd, emphasized, "The Indian Women Network (IWN) is a vital part of CII's mission to support women professionals. Launched to create the largest network for career women in India, IWN provides a structured platform for professional women to connect, share experiences, and tackle workplace challenges together. It plays a key role in empowering women to grow their skills and reach new heights in their careers." Dr Pallavi Misra, Chairperson, CII IWN Northern Region and Director - Finance, NIMS University, added, "Across Chandigarh and beyond, women are challenging traditional norms and demonstrating that there are no limits to what we can achieve. Through CII IWN, we are committed to providing platforms that help women push beyond societal and professional boundaries." In her opening remarks as Chairwoman, Ms Ritika Singh announced the theme for the year 2024-25: Redefining Boundaries. She shared her vision: "The role of women in today's world is evolving, and it's time we redefine what those boundaries are."



'Ek Sham Maharaja Agarsen Ji K Naam' organized at Kotkapura



SURINDER DAMDAMI
KOTKAPURA: Agarwal Sewa Samiti organized a grand Bhajan Sandhya dedicated to Maharaja Agarsen Jayanti in the name of Maharaja Agarsen Ji at the local Sangam Palace, in which Bhajan singer Sanjay Agarwal from Raigarh (Chhattisgarh) mesmerized the devotees with his melodious voice and bhajans of Maharaja Agarsen Ji and Khatu Shyam Ji. In the ceremony organized under the leadership of the committee's head Sheetal Goyal, Punjab Assembly Speaker Kuldar Singh Sandhwan 's wife Gurpreet Kaur Sandhwan, PRO Manpreet Singh Mani Dhaliwal, Deepak Monga, Jathedar Baba Kulwant Singh, Akali leader Kuldar Singh Brar, Anurpratap Singh Brar, Chamber of Commerce head Omkar Goyal, Agarwal Sabha's Jaipal Garg, Subhash Goyal were specially present. First of all, 21 couples performed Puja Archana for the Bhajan Sandhya. Kotkapura's Bhajan singer Vijay Mittal started the Bhajan Sandhya.

Closing ceremony of Management Development Programme held



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: The closing ceremony of Management Development Programme was held on Digital Marketing organised by Career Guidance and Placement Cell, Department of Computer Science, Department of Commerce in collaboration with Micro Small Medium Enterprises DFO Karnal at KVA DAV Mahila Mahavidyalaya was held under the Institution Innovation Council (IIC). The five-day programme was organised to groom and upgrade the skills of the students. The chief guest of the closing ceremony, Mukesh Verma, Assistant Director MSME Karnal was formally welcomed by Principal Meenu Sharma. During the program, faculty of MSME Karnal Sanjana, Gauri Kapoor, Nancy and Akash Kumar gave information on various topics of digital marketing such as content writing and research, introduction to Google Adsense, search engine optimization, graphics designing and video editing portfolio building and infographic resume, applying for internship, work from home opportunities.

Students of Haripur School conduct awareness rally on 'Say No to Stubble Burning'



DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA: The students of Government Senior Secondary School, Haripur, organized an awareness rally today under the theme of "Environmental Conservation" with a specific focus on "Say No to Stubble Burning." The rally was flagged off by the school principal, Mr. Baljeet Singh Jast, who emphasized the importance of educating the community on the detrimental effects of stubble burning on the environment. The primary goal of the rally was to inform people about the severe environmental damage caused by burning crop residue. During the event, students visited homes, spreading awareness about environmental protection and the increasing threat of pollution. In his address to the students, Principal Baljeet Singh Jast highlighted that the environment is the foundation of life for all living beings. He explained the interconnectedness between the environment and society, stating that pollution in the environment inevitably impacts human society. He stressed that stubble burning exacerbates this threat, acting like a slow poison that affects lifestyle and invites various diseases. The principal further urged farmers to recognize the harmful effects of widespread smoke, which not only harms humans but all creatures living in the affected environment.

Students of Meeri Peeri Khalsa College visit Verka milk plant



BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA DEHATI: Meeri Peeri Khalsa College, Bhadaur, a leading institution managed by the Shiromani Gurudwara Parbandhak Committee, Sri Amritsar, organized an industrial visit for its Commerce and Computer Department students to the Verka Milk Plant in Sangrur. This initiative, aimed at enhancing both the academic and personal development of students, provided them with valuable insights into modern technology and employment opportunities. Prof. Karamjeet Kaur, Head of the Computer Department, along with Prof. Naveenata from the Placement Cell and Prof. Sandeep Kaur, shared that the visit was arranged to familiarize students with industrial processes and the efforts required to build and manage a business. At the Verka Milk Plant, students gained a firsthand understanding of how the plant operates, including the production and packaging of milk and milk products. Verka Milk Plant employee Balvit Singh educated the students about the processing, packaging, and marketing of dairy products. He also elaborated on the maintenance and storage of machines and dairy goods.

Havan performed to celebrate the victory of CM Nayab Saini



VIJAY KAUSHIK
LADWA: To celebrate the splendid victory of caretaker Chief Minister Nayab Saini in the Ladwa Assembly, a Haven was organized in the Yagya-Shala of Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Senior Secondary Public School, Dhanora-Ladwa on Monday. Acharya Vikramaditya recited Vedic mantras and the school's principal Pawan Garg, secretary Ravindra Bansal, co-secretary, vice-principal Narendra Sharma, Rajkumar Saini and teachers offered oblations in the yagya. Pawan Garg, on behalf of the management committee, presented the yagya to Naib Saini. Congratulating him on his victory, he wished him all the best for his tenure. Thereafter, on the occasion of Dhamma Chakra Pravartan Divas, everyone paid floral tribute to the architect of the Constitution, Bharat Ratna, Baba Bhimrao Ambedkar. Baba Bhimrao Ambedkar was a great man without caste, He always considered untouchability a sin in the society. He was a supporter of harmony, equality and goodwill in the society.

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