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SC notice to Centre, EC on fresh plea against freebies

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court has sought response from the Centre and the the Election Commission on a fresh plea against the practice of political parties promising freebies during elections. A bench of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra issued notices to the Union of India and the poll panel on a petition filed by Bengaluru resident Shashank J Sreedhara. The petition filed by advocate Srinivasan has also sought a direction to poll panel to take effective steps to restrain political parties from making promises of freebies during the pre-election period.

BJP names Jay Panda in-charge for Delhi polls

NEW DELHI: The BJP on Tuesday appointed Baijayant Jay Panda, one of its vice-presidents, as the party's in-charge for the Assembly polls in Delhi. Ghaziabad MP Atul Garg will be the co-in-charge. Panda, a Lok Sabha MP from Odisha, had earlier held organisational responsibilities for Delhi. His appointment as the poll in-charge will help the BJP draw from his understanding of the party's dynamics in the national capital. The Delhi Assembly polls are expected to be held early next year. The polls hold much more symbolic significance that the Union Territory's political weight.

Stock markets end in red amid mixed global cues, profit-booking

MUMBAI: The Indian stock market closed in negative territory on Tuesday, erasing early gains after a positive start at the opening bell. The Sensex, which opened at 81,820.12, ended the day 152.93 points down, closing at 81,667.19. Meanwhile, the Nifty fell by 70.60 points to settle at 25,057.35.

Delhi CM Atishi chairs high-level meet to curb pollution in national capital

NEW DELHI: As winter approaches and air quality concerns mount in the national capital, Delhi Chief Minister Atishi convened a high-level meeting with key officials at the Delhi Secretariat to discuss the alarming pollution situation. Environment Minister Gopal Rai was also present in the meeting along with other AAP leaders.

Maha to vote on Nov 20, Jharkhand on Nov 13, 20

Counting in both states on 23rd

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NEW DELHI, OCT 15

The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Tuesday announced the schedule for the assembly elections in Maharashtra and Jharkhand. In Maharashtra, the voting will be held in a single phase on November 20. The counting of votes will be taken up on November 23. The Jharkhand Assembly election will be held in two phases on November 13 and November 20 and results will be announced on November 23. Maharashtra is set to elect representatives for 288 assembly seats, which include 234 general seats, 25 reserved for Scheduled Tribes (ST), and 29 for Scheduled Castes (SC). As per the ECI, there are 9.63 crore voters in Maharashtra, out of which 4.96 crore are male voters and 4.66 crore are female voters. Out of the total voters, 1.85 crore are young and nearly 21 lakh are the first-time voters. The tribal state Jharkhand has around 2.6 crore voters, of which 1.29 crore are female and 1.31 crore are male. The state has approximately 66.84 lakh young voters and around 11.84 lakh first-time voters. Speaking at a press conference, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar said India is setting gold standards in every election.

By-elections for four assembly seats in Punjab on Nov 13

CHANDIGARH: The Election Commission of India (ECI) has announced by-elections for four assembly seats in Punjab: 10-Dera Baba Nanak, 44-Chabbewal (SC), 84-Gidderbaha, and 103-Barnala. Divulging the details, Chief Electoral Officer Sibin C stated that, as per the program issued for these by-elections, the notification will be issued on 18 October. The last date for filing nominations is 25 October and the scrutiny of nomination papers will be conducted on 28 October, while the last date for withdrawal of candidature is 30 October. Sibin C informed that voting will take place on 13 November, and the counting of votes and announcement of results will be done on 23 November. He further stated that with the announcement of the by-elections, the election code of conduct has come into effect in the districts where these constituencies are located: Gurdaspur, Hoshiarpur, Sri Muktsar Sahib, and Barnala.

Two firing incidents reported in Punjab panchayat polls , six injured

BUREAU

CHANDIGARH, OCT 15

Two incidents of firing were reported as voting for panchayat polls was in process in Punjab. Four people were injured in Sohail Sain village in Tarn Taran and two were injured in another similar incident in Patiala. The panchayat polls in Punjab proceeded after the Supreme Court of India on Tuesday, decided not to put a stay saying there would be "chaos" if courts started staying elections on polling day. Voting began at 8 AM, with about 13.3 million registered voters ready to make their voices heard. "If polling has started today, how can we intervene at this stage? Probably the high court realized the gravity of it and vacated the stay on the elections," the bench, comprising Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, headed by CJI DY Chandrachud said. The court stressed that granting such stays could create troubling precedents, risking disruptions in future elections, including parliamentary and assembly votes. "There will be chaos if we stay the polling that too on the polling day," the Chief Justice warned. The top court, however, agreed to hear the pleas chal-

lenging the Punjab and Haryana High Court decision allowing panchayat polls in Punjab. This decision followed petitions that challenged a ruling from the Punjab and Haryana High Court, which had dismissed nearly 1,000 claims of irregularities in the nomination process. "You can always challenge the (poll) results...How can we stay it now.... the polls must have begun now. Suppose we stay now, there will be complete chaos. Staying the conduct of elections is a grave thing," the CJI said. The Punjab and Haryana High Court recently ruled that the elections should proceed, instructing that the voting be videographed and that candidates refrain from using party symbols, a directive stemming from the Punjab Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Bill, 2024, which was passed last month. This legislation has allowed many candidates to run without party affiliations. As voters

EVMs are 100% foolproof : CEC

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NEW DELHI, OCT 15

As opposition parties once again raised the bogey of EVM manipulation ahead of the Election Commission announcement on poll dates for Maharashtra and Jharkhand, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar on Tuesday said that the public has answered the questions by participating in voting. Kumar said "The public answers questions by participating in the voting. As far as the EVMs are concerned, they are 100 per cent foolproof. If they raise questions today again, we will tell them again." Earlier, Congress leader Rashid Alvi claimed that EVM's could be manipulated citing the example of Israel hacking paggers of militant outfit Hezbollah. "In Maharashtra, the opposition should put pressure to insist on voting by paper ballot and not EVMs. Otherwise, in Maharashtra, BJP govt and EC can do anything. If Israel can kill people by use of paggers and walkie-talkies, then where does EVM stand? The PM has very good relations with Israel. Israel is an expert in such things. EVM ka bada khel ka-hin bhi ho sakta hai aur uske liye BJP chunav se pehle yeh sab khel kar leti hai," Rashid

Alvi said. Last week, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh submitted a memorandum to ECI, and said he hopes that the body takes cognizance of the issue and give appropriate instructions. Taking to social media platform X, the party General Secretary in charge of communication, wrote, "On October 9, senior Congress party leaders submitted a memorandum full of complaints to the Election Commission. Taking it forward today, we have given an updated memorandum, highlighting serious and clear irregularities in the election process in 20 assembly constituencies of Haryana. We hope that the Election Commission will take cognizance of this and issue appropriate instructions." Congress leader Pawan Kherra said that the party had sent a list of 20 seats in which the candidates had submitted their written and verbal complaints over the EVM counting votes in the Haryana Assembly elections. Speaking to a news agency, Kherra said "We have sent a list of 20 seats to the Election Commission regarding which our candidates have submitted written and verbal complaints of 99 per cent battery charge. This issue was raised on the day of counting...

CM vows to emerge Punjab as digital hub of the country

BUREAU

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 15:

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Tuesday envisioned that due to concerted efforts of state government Punjab will soon emerge as digital hub of the country. During a meeting with, Daniel Julien, Chairman & CEO of Teleperformance (TP), global leader for outsourced digital business services here at his official residence, the Chief Minister said that state has immense potential in this vast sector. He appreciated that Teleperformance has over 16000+ employees in Mohali adding he urged Julien to consider Punjab for further thrust and expansion, who readily accepted the offer. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that it is a matter of great pride and satisfaction that Teleperformance services has leading

clients from across industries including BFS, Travel, E-commerce, Technology, Media and Telecom, from its three sites in Mohali. The Chief Minister said that Mohali is truly emerging as an IT destination of India adding that Teleperformance is the leading global provider of outsourced Digital Business Services with 500,000+ employees worldwide across 100 countries. Bhagwant Singh Mann assured fulsome support and cooperation to the company for their every future endeavour and expansion plans in the state. He expressed hope that further expansion by Teleperformance group will accelerate the pace of development on one hand and provide job to youth on the

other. Meanwhile, Daniel Julian expressed thanks to the Chief Minister for extending full support to their venture in the state. He said that With

90,000 employees currently, TP India represents the largest multicultural team within Teleperformance group, and provides world-class CX services to 200+ clients across different industries from across the globe. Julien said that company's 'High-Tech, High-Touch, High Standard' approach combines the most advanced digital and technology solutions with human empathy to deliver seamless customer experience, back-office and transformation services, to world's leading brands. He said that Teleperformance has grown in Mohali by leaps and bounds, generating huge employment opportunities to the regional talent pool with a current employee strength of 16000+.

One more person arrested in Baba Siddique murder case

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MUMBAI, OCT 15

The Mumbai police have arrested one more person in connection with the killing of NCP leader and former Maharashtra minister Baba Siddique, officials said on Tuesday. The accused has been identified as Harish-kumar Balakram (23), hailing from Bahraich in Uttar Pradesh, an official said. Balakram was working as a scrap dealer in Maharashtra's Pune, he said, adding the accused was also part of the conspiracy to kill Siddique. He was nabbed from Bahraich, the official

said. With this, four persons have so far been arrested in connection with Siddique's killing. Police had earlier arrested Haryana resident Gurmail Baljit Singh (23), Uttar Pradesh native Dharmaraj Rajesh Kashyap (19), both alleged shooters, and "co-conspirator" Pravin Lonkar from Pune. Another suspected shooter Shivkumar Gautam, who hails from Bahraich, is on the run. Baba Siddique (66) was waylaid by three persons in Mumbai's Nirmal Nagar 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 police.

Haryana: BJP Legislature Party meeting today; oath ceremony tomorrow

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CHANDIGARH, OCT 15

Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav will attend BJP CLP meeting as central observers on Wednesday.

The swearing in of the new government will take place on October 17. Incumbent Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini is likely to continue in the top spot while discussions are underway to decide the deputy chief minister.

Senior leaders Anil Vij, Krishan Lal Midha, Shruti Chaudhary, Arvind Kumar Sharma, Vipul Goel, and Nikhil Madan are likely to be inducted into the cabinet. Quoting sources, reported that the party has asked all its newly-elected MLAs to stay in Chandigarh on October 16 and 17. The swearing-in ceremony will be held at Dussehra Ground in Sector 5 at 10 am. "We have received the nod of the Prime Minister that on October 17, in Panchkula, the

Chief Minister and council of ministers will take oath," Union Minister and former Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar told reporters. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, senior BJP leaders and chief ministers of the NDA-ruled states are expected to at-

PM Modi pitches for framing global dos, don'ts for ethical use of technology

AGENCY

NEW DELHI, OCT 15

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday made a fervent pitch for framing of a global digital framework, with clear-cut dos and don'ts for ethical use of technology.

Speaking at the inauguration of the International Telecommunication Union - WTSA and India Mobile Congress here, he said just like the aviation sector, where the global community has framed a comprehensive framework, the digital world too needs rules and regulations.

Global institutions, he said, should come together to work out dos and don'ts. He went on to emphasise on ethical use of AI with security, dignity, equity being at the centre. Talking of India's experience, he said after the expeditious roll out, 5G telecom services are now available in most places across the country and work on 6G has already begun. Giving out statistics, the Prime Minister said India has in the last decade become an exporter of mobile phones from being an importer, and has laid

an optic fibre network that is eight-time more than the distance between earth and the moon. India's digital vision that was unveiled in 2014 rests on four pillars - making devices cheaper, connectivity reaching all concerns, affordable data and digital-first, he said. "We have made digital connectivity an effective tool for last-mile delivery," he said. Modi said India is willing to share its experience of successful building of digital public infrastructure with the rest of the world.

tend the event. Joshi, Chugh appointed observers for J&K. Meanwhile, the BJP appointed Union Minister Prahlad Joshi and BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh as observers to elect the legislature party leader in Jammu and Kashmir. The party secured an all-time high of 29 seats in the Union territory even as the National Conference emerged as the single largest party with 42 seats. NC's alliance partners Congress and CPI(M) have won six seats and one seat respectively.



Govt. of Haryana



“मुझे विश्वास है कि विकसित भारत
के संकल्प में हरियाणा की भूमिका
और महत्वपूर्ण होने जा रही है।”
- नरेन्द्र मोदी

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Sh. Narendra Modi
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Oath-Taking Ceremony

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New batch of first aid training started by Red Cross Society



SURINDER DAMDAI KOTKAPURA: A new batch of first aid training has started under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Faridkot Vineet Kumar and under the supervision of Lecturer Ude Randev First Aid Trainer at Red Cross Bhavan Faridkot under the leadership of St. John Ambulance Association and Indian Red Cross Society Chandigarh. Giving information in this regard, Secretary Red Cross Society District Branch Faridkot Mandeep Singh said that this first aid training in the camp, domestic workers men and women, bus conductors, those going abroad, new driving license and those who want to extend their license are taking this training. District Faridkot Red Cross Society is continuously conducting such events and initiatives. So that people do not have to face any kind of problem and they themselves can play a good role in the bad conditions of the society by taking first aid training. He invited everyone to make maximum use of such facilities. On this occasion, the entire staff of the Red Cross Society was also present.

Panchayat polls : Above 73.0 polling recorded in dist Mansa : DRO



NARESH GOYAL MANSA: polling of panchayat elections today was held peacefully in 245 villages of dist Mansa. More than 73.00 polling percentage was recorded in 547 polling booths of the dist. Around four thousand personnel were deployed to conduct polling process in 5 blocks of the dist where polling from 8.00 am to 4.00 pm was held peacefully, said Kulwant Singh, DRO-cum- deputy commissioner, Mansa.

Rotary Club Rupnagar distributes 1500 note books in six schools



BAHADURJEET SINGH RUPNAGAR: Rotary Club Rupnagar today distributed 1500 notebooks / schools in Five Government & Private schools of the city & adjacent area's. The schools in which these copies have been distributed are GNM Senior Secondary School, Khalsa Senior Secondary School, Govt Middle School Sadabrat, Government Senior Secondary School Dhamana, Govt Primary School Dakala & Khalsa Senior Secondary School Jhand Sahib near Sri Chamkaur Sahib. Childrens of these schools were also told about Rotary Club, its services for society & the Four Way Test of the Rotary. They were asked to follow it in their day to day life. Administration of all these schools appreciated the efforts of Rotary club. Club President Rotarian Kulwant Singh & Director Youth Service Rotarian Gagan Saini told that their club has taken a target to distribute 5000 such notebooks to the deserving students of schools.

Shri Adi Shakti Ramlila Club facilitates weddings of two needy girls



BALWINDER AZAD BARNALA DEHATI: In a heartwarming display of community service, the Shri Adi Shakti Ramlila Club of Mandi Dhanaula, renowned across Punjab for its charitable efforts, organized the weddings of two underprivileged girls this year. Club President Jatinder Kumar Sadioda Sonu shared that the successful completion of this noble cause was made possible through the support of the town residents, generous donors, and the hard work of the club members, all under the blessings of Lord Shri Ram. Jatinder Kumar expressed his heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved, stating that without the collective efforts of the club members and the grace of Lord Ram, this would not have been achievable. He reaffirmed the club's commitment to continue such charitable activities in the future. The club's volunteer Pritpal Singh Kande also thanked everyone for their contributions. During the event, the girls were provided with all the essential items traditionally gifted at weddings. The Ramlila Club, which has been organizing these weddings for needy girls for many years, continues to carry out these acts of service with the support of benevolent individuals. Shiv Bhagat Baba Pankaj and Sunil Kumar S.K. emphasized that since the club's inception, it has been actively involved in not only organizing Ramlila performances but also contributing to various social service initiatives. Several dignitaries attended the event, including former chairman of Market Committee Dhanaula Jeevan Kumar Bansal, President of Aggarwal Sabha Arun Kumar Bansal, Trade Association President Raman Kumar Verma, and others from various social, religious, and political organizations.

CM asks officers to complete ongoing work on medical colleges in time

SHASHI PAL JAIN CHANDIGARH, OCT 15

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Tuesday reiterated the firm commitment of the state government to emerge Punjab as hub of the medical education. Chairing a meeting to review the work on the ongoing medical colleges in the state, the Chief Minister asked the officers to ensure that the work on these is completed in a time bound manner. He said that the work is going on in full swing for constructing upcoming medical colleges at SAS Nagar (Mohali), Kapurthala, Sangrur, Hoshiarpur and Malerkotla. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that these medical colleges and hospitals are aimed at making the state a hub of medical education in the country thereby immensely benefiting the people of Punjab. The Chief Minister batted that the construction work of medical colleges should be completed in a time bound manner so that better health facilities are made available to the people at affordable rates. He said that state has a



Gives nod to construct 13400 kilometres of link roads at cost of Rs 2436.49 crore

CHANDIGARH: In a major move aimed at facilitating people, the Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Tuesday directed the officers to construct 13400 kilometres of link roads at a cost of Rs 2436.49 crore. Chairing a meeting here today, the Chief Minister said that these Link Roads act as a catalyst in commuting of be-

sides smooth transportation of the goods and services to people. He said that these link roads give impetus to the economic growth of the state and facilitate the people residing in rural areas. Bhagwant Singh Mann underlined the need for construction of these roads as majority of them have remained unattended even after passing their life of

six years. The Chief Minister said that these roads must be constructed by categorising them as top priority, priority and needy roads so that people can be benefitted from it. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that an on ground survey for the need based and priority wise construction of these roads must be ensured.

glorious legacy of producing world class Doctors across the globe and even today a large number of students pursue

the medical education for becoming qualified doctors. Bhagwant Singh Mann envisioned that the students aspir-

ing to pursue medical education will be provided quality medical education in these medical colleges.

Global Discovery School student Ananya creates 'India Book of Records'

KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL, OCT 15

Ananya, a talented Grade-VIII student of CBSE-affiliated Saraf EduBeacon's Global Discovery School, Rampura Phul, has achieved the remarkable feat of setting an 'India Book of Record' by reciting the 13,932 times table up to 100 lines in just 2 minutes and 20 seconds, blindfolded. Ananya's exceptional achievement has brought pride to her parents and school.

This record was made possible through her diligent efforts, four months of consistent practice, and guidance from Mr. Ranjeev Goyal, Director of Sharp Brains Educational, Rampura Phul. Ananya was felicitated with a certificate and medal by the Sub-Divisional Magistrate



(SDM) of Rampura Phul. School Chairman Er. Kamlesh Saraf and Vice-Chairman Amit Saraf congratulated everyone on this occasion. They stated, "Children, through their hard work and dedication, create such records, making their parents and educators proud, and in-

spiring other children." Principal Anju Nagpal expressed delight at Ananya's achievement, saying, "Acquiring book knowledge alone is insufficient; grasping and applying it is crucial. This knowledge will aid students in their future endeavours."

Meera Public School student represents at national championship



KULWINDER KARWAL SARDULGARH, OCT 15

Vijay Kumar, a talented student of Meera Public School, Sardulewala, made his school proud by participating in the prestigious National Championship held from October 6-10, 2024, at Atulanand Convent School, Koirajpur, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.

Vijay demonstrated exceptional endurance and speed in the 3000m race, giving his best performance amidst stiff competition from across the nation. Although

he couldn't secure a position this time, his determination and spirit earned him appreciation from his peers and mentors. "We are proud of Vijay's achievement and applaud his efforts.

His participation at the national level is a testament to his hard work and Meera Public School's commitment to nurturing talented students," said Dr. Ram Kishan Yadav. Vijay's experience at the National Championship will undoubtedly inspire him to strive for excellence in his future endeavors.

Army's Airawat division completes Nako cycle expedition

SUMER GARG AMBALA, OCT 15

The press information bureau (Defence Wing) in a Press notes said, "The Airawat Division of the Indian Army successfully concluded its thrilling and inspiring Nako cycle expedition, covering an impressive 620 kilometers across Himachal Pradesh and Punjab.

The expedition was flagged off by Lieutenant General, Rajesh Pushkar, General Officer Commanding, Kharga Corps. A team of 45 cyclists from the CAVALRY unit embarked on this challenging journey, navigating through breathtaking landscapes, culturally rich regions and historic towns. Over 20 days, the cyclists traversed Nako, Somling, Batal, Manali, Mandi, Bilaspur, and Ambala. The expedition was



aimed to foster the spirit of nationalism and adventure among youth, while maintaining contact with Indian Army veterans of the region. During their journey, the cyclists took the opportunity to engage themselves with the local community, learned about regional culture, spread awareness about the

Indian Army, and interacted with veterans.

They also participated in various environmental conservation activities en route. The Nako cycle expedition showcases the Indian Army's commitment to promoting adventure, nationalism and community engagement, PIB added.

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

HOSHARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): 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 Gunna 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.



VB registers corruption case against SE, XEN, DCFA of MC Ludhiana

GAURAV GOEL CHANDIGARH OCT 15

The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB) has registered a corruption case against Rajinder Singh, Superintending Engineer, (Now retired), Ranbir Singh, Executive Engineer (XEN) and Pankaj Garg, Deputy Controller Finance and Accounts (DCFA), posted in Municipal Corporation (MC) Ludhiana for misappropriation of funds amounting to Rs 3,16,58,421. In this case Ranbir Singh XEN has been arrested and would be produced in the court tomorrow.

Disclosing this here today an official spokesperson of the state VB said this case has been registered against the above accused after an investigation of a complaint no. 359/2023 lodged by Jaspinder Singh, Electric Pump Driver, posted at Zone C, MC Ludhiana. The complainant had alleged that Ranbir Singh XEN, posted in operation and maintenance branch, had received of Rs 3,16,58,421 as an advance payments from May 2021 to September 2022 from the MC accounts for making payments to the Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd (PSPCL) for various tubewell works but it was misappropriated by the officers in connivance with each other. He further informed that during the



enquiry the VB didn't found any documents relating to any proposal or demand by the PSPCL to pay advances for the tubewell works in Ludhiana city as the funds obtained by the said Ranbir Singh XEN. He added that as per the official procedure, a requisite proposal has to be made by the concerned Junior Engineer (JE) or Sub Divisional Officer (SDO) and through proper channel, it was to be put up before the concerned XEN but no such process was adopted by the aforementioned accused to usurp the government funds for their personal gains.

The probe had revealed that said Ranbir Singh XEN had himself shown a fake demand by the PSPCL on a noting on file and forwarded the same to Rajinder Singh, Superintending Engineer (SE) for approval of senior MC officers. Rajinder Singh SE, didn't verified the documents put up before him on file with regard to with-

drawal of advance payments but forwarded the same for approval of Joint Commissioner, Additional Commissioner and Commissioner of MC. The accused XEN and SE despite having knowledge of rules of their department, had misused their official positions and forwarded the case to higher officials for approval.

Moreover, Joint Commissioner, Additional Commissioner and Commissioner of MC, posted at that time, had approved these cases without checking/verifying the documents or facts on file.

The spokesperson revealed that after the approval of the MC Commissioner, the file for temporary advance amount was sent to the then DCFA Pankaj Garg, incharge of accounts branch in the year 2021-2022, for release through the case-based system because amount of advance payment was relating to 42 tubewell works.

10 students of Partap World School pass national mathematics aptitude test



PATHANKOT (BUREAU): 10 talented students of Partap World School, Pathankot have successfully cleared the preliminary examination of the prestigious 56th National Mathematics Aptitude Test 2024. The exam is organized by the Association of Mathematics Teachers of India, a recognized platform to highlight young mathematics talent across the country. Only the top 10% of thousands of students are selected in the preliminary stage, making this an extraordinary achievement for our students. Now these talented students are ready to take their mathematical talents further in the next stage of the competition. The students who passed the preliminary exam are Arsh, Aryan, Sudeep, Rishabh, Udanti, Devansh, Partha, Devyani, Harshvardhan, Kiansh. Partap World School is very proud of these students and their dedication to academic excellence. School Director Sunny Mahajan said that we are very proud that we have achieved this excellent result due to the hard work of our students and the guidance of our teachers. We wish you success in the next phase as well.

Firecrackers can be burst only from 8 to 10 pm on Diwali

KULJIT SINGH JANDIALA GURU, OCT 15

Amritsar Deputy Commissioner-District Magistrate Mrs. Sakshi Sahni has issued guidelines for bursting firecrackers on festival days as per the orders issued by the Supreme Court.

Accordingly, the temporary license to be issued in the district for the sale of firecrackers on the occasion of Diwali and Gurpurab and with-

banned firecrackers is prohibited. Only green firecrackers which are made without lithium, mercury, arsenic, zinc, barium salt etc. can be sold and

fired. He said that in Civil Writ Petition No. 728 of 2015 dated 23-10-2018 from the Hon'ble Supreme Court, firecrackers should be fired within the stipulated time under the exemption given for firing firecrackers on the occasion of Diwali, Gurpurab, and

Christmas and New Year. He said that on Diwali day, firecrackers can be fired from 8 pm to 10 pm, on Gurpurab day from 4 pm to 5 am and at night from 9 pm to 10 pm. Similarly, on Christmas Eve from 11.55 pm to 12.30 am the next morning and on New Year's Eve from 11.55 pm to 12.30 am the next morning, the timing of fireworks has been fixed.

"Arogya Bharati organizes provincial workshop in Faridkot: Emphasizing 'My Health, My Responsibility'"

RAKESH FARIDKOT, OCT 15

A provincial workshop by Arogya Bharati was organized at the main hall of Banda Bahadur Nursing College, Kotkapura Road, Faridkot, with participants from various districts of Punjab. The workshop began with a Havan, followed by the lighting of the ceremonial lamp and the worship of Lord Dhanvantari. Dr. Ashok Vashrney, National Organization Secretary and Sanjeevan Convenor for North Zone and Rajasthan, was the keynote speaker.

Dr. Ashok Vashrney shared that Arogya Bharati was founded on November 2, 2002, in Kochi, Kerala, with the core message "My Health, My Responsibility." He emphasized the importance of personal health in ensuring



the health of one's family, society, and nation. To achieve this goal, Arogya Bharati promotes various programs, including regular yoga, Dhanvantari worship, school health programs, adolescent development, environmental conservation, and more, focusing on both physical and

spiritual well-being. The event featured multiple sessions addressing different health issues. Dr. Chandra Shekhar Kakkar, President of Arogya Bharati, Punjab, welcomed the attendees, expressing pride in hosting the provincial workshop in Faridkot for the first time. The pro-

gram was divided into three sections: addiction prevention, adolescent development, and environmental awareness. Speakers emphasized the urgent need to curb substance abuse in Punjab, which has reached alarming levels. Dr. Danish Jindal and Dr. Anita Kakkar highlighted the importance of guiding adolescents towards a healthy future, with a focus on creating a well-informed and healthy society. Additionally, a health and environment exhibition was organized under the guidance of Dr. Danish Jindal, Rahul Sharma, Dr. Harpreet Singh, and others, which was well-received by attendees.

The workshop was presided over by Dr. Puneet Bawa, MD of the college, with the program concluded by a rally against substance abuse led by Balbir Singh Batan.



99-years- old woman's relatives taking her to polling station. Photo by : Ravi Garg, Longowal.

Person injured due to collision with an unknown scooter

AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: The FIR was registered on the complaint of Rampal S/O Sindhu Ram resident of village Upper Bhanjal Tehsil Ghanari District Una under Police Station Amb. The complainant registered in his

complaint that on 14.10.2024, his brother was taking a walk on the paved road in front of the warehouse of Livguard Company at around 5.55 am in the morning, when an unknown scooter driver hit his brother walking on the

roadside and fled from the spot. Confirming the case, DSP Amb Vasudha Sood said that a FIR has been registered against the unknown person under Section 281, 125A BNS and 187 Motor Vehicles Act and further investigation is underway.

Women empowerment is very important: Sham Dulari



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: During the special program of NSS in Government Senior Secondary School Basoli, today on the fifth day, the participants are being involved in various activities related to social service. Taking this work forward, on the fifth day, the program officer of National Service Scheme Sanjeev Kumar Gautam requested the participants to bring glory to their area and country in future and the guests who came were also welcomed by them. Apart from this, the in-charge of NSS, Paramjit Kaur told that on this occasion, Akash Bhardwaj from PNB R City Una was present as the chief guest and he shared information related to the bank with the participants. Along with him, retirement spokesperson and advocate Sham Dulari were present who told the youth about women empowerment along with legal information. 25 volunteers are participating in this program and this program is being run in the school from 11 October to 17 October and the youth is also cleaning the surrounding areas.

Maa Vaishno Kala Manch makes people aware about HIV AIDS through folk songs and drama



KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: Maa Vaishno Kala Manch made people aware about HIV AIDS through folk songs and Folk Drama at Ghaluwal Bus Stand under tehsil Haroli, Una on Tuesday today. This program was organized by Himachal Pradesh State AIDS Control Society. This government society are being made people aware about HIV AIDS through statewide campaign. Dr Pushwinder Singh Rana Block Medical Officer Haroli inspected this AIDS Control campaign camp. MHS Mohan Lal told people about HIV AIDS in detail.

Thanaklana School volunteers learn how to stay fit

JOGINDER DEV ARYA
BANGANA: On the fourth day of the seven-day NSS camp at the Government Senior Secondary School in Thanaklana, Acharya Ramesh Thakur from Patanjali Yog Peeth concluded yoga sessions for the volunteers, teaching them Makar Asana, Tadasana, Kapalbhati, and Anulom-Vilom, among other practices. Following this, the volunteers encouraged cleanliness by participating in a cleaning drive. Health department officials also provided tips for staying healthy. Present at the event were volunteers Anika Dhiman, Sonakshi, Kanika, Dipal as well as school staff members Pawan Sharma, Pravesh Rana, Rajneesh, Pankaj Thakur, and Anup Sharma.

NSS camp inaugurated at Tauni Devi on World Student Day with special performance by Nidhi Dogra

RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR, OCT 15

On the occasion of World Student Day, which is celebrated annually on October 15 to honor the birthday of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, a seven-day National Service Scheme (NSS) camp was inaugurated at Government Senior Secondary School, Tauni Devi. Dr. Kalam's legacy inspires students to recognize their potential and dream big, focusing on education and the development of youth.

The camp, running from October 15 to 21, was inaugurated by the school's Principal, Mr. Rajneesh Rangra, and the special guest, Nidhi Dogra, famously known as the "Rubber Doll of Himachal Pradesh." The camp's activities will include tree planting, cleanliness drives, drug awareness programs, rallies, and street plays in the school campus,



Gayatri Temple, Tauni Devi Temple, and nearby villages. Program officers Vijay Kumar and Rita Bali introduced students to the camp's detailed structure.

The camp kicked off with a march past and cultural performances by the NSS volunteers, featuring patriotic songs and dances. Nidhi Dogra, who holds six world records, captivated the audience with her exceptional performance. Through her art, she emphasized the importance of hard work, creativity, and passion, inspiring students to channel

their talents into meaningful pursuits and achieve great success. In his address, the Principal highlighted the teachings of Dr. Kalam and Swami Vivekananda, noting their foundational role in NSS activities. He emphasized that education should focus not only on academic achievements but also on character building and value-based learning, where NSS plays a crucial role. Camps like these promote holistic development, instilling patriotism, moral values, and a sense of responsibility toward society.

Despite help from Centre, Sukhu govt is making shameful statements: Rakesh Sharma

SANAJY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, OCT 15

Himachal Pradesh BJP spokesperson Rakesh Sharma has said in a statement that the Himachal government is being provided all kinds of help by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, but despite that, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu is misleading the people of the state by making shameful statements against the Centre. Rakesh Sharma said that as soon as Narendra Modi's government was formed at the Centre, Himachal was given the status of a special state. Currently, projects worth more than Rs 50,000 crores are going on in Himachal from the Centre. If seen according to the population of Himachal, every 70th Himachali has got this house. During the disaster, financial assistance of about Rs 2000 crores has been received. The Central Government has also supported the construction



of National Highways and bridges. Even after that, Sukhu is shedding crocodile tears and making statements that the state has not received anything from the Centre. State BJP spokesperson Rakesh Sharma said that a fund of Rs 3000 crore was provided for the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana. The central government makes a provision of thousands of crores of rupees for Himachal every year for the expansion of railways. Sukhu Sarkar himself said in the budget session in the assembly that the central government

provided financial assistance of more than Rs 2100 crore for various schemes in the state. He said that today Sukhu is saying with full confidence that the state employees will be given salaries and other benefits before Diwali, but he is forgetting that if the central government had not paid an advance of Rs 1479 crore of the state's share for Himachal, the Sukhu government would have failed to pay salaries and pensions to the employees on time for the third time. He said that the Sukhu government should clarify what kind of support it expects from the center. He said that increasing the prices of basic facilities, closing schools, colleges, hospitals, government offices day by day, closing 1500 institutions, sacking 10,000 people without paying their honorarium for six months have been the achievements of the Sukhu government in two years.

Students should not waste their time by using mobile phones excessively: Rekha Jamwal



KISHORI LAL BAINS

UNA: Rekha Jamwal attended Sixth NSS camp in Government Senior Secondary School Palkwahon Tuesday today. She was present as the Chief Guest of this NSS camp. In this camp, NSS Volunteers were given information about IPC Section 354 and 376. And Rekha Jamwal also advised; Students should not waste their time by using Mobile Phones excessively. She also advised to students to stay away from junk food and fast food. She emphasized to adopt Yoga for their healthy lifestyle. Hindi Lecturer Sapna also expressed her views on children adopting good habits. Principal Naresh Kumar Thakur, Dr Vishavjyoti, Lecturer Mathematics Dinesh Kumar, Lecturer Commerce Rajni Bala, Lecturer Chemistry Pooja Guleria, Lecturer English Tripta Devi, Lecturer Economics Sanjiv, Satinder Kaushal, Devender Kumar, Babita Kumari, Anju Chauhan, Kuldeep Singh Art Teacher, DPI Yaspal Singh and Rakesh Kumar were present on this occasion.

Warm welcome for promoted Lt. Colonel Raghuveer Singh in his hometown



JOGINDER DEV ARYA
BANGANA: Lt. Colonel Raghuveer Singh, a native of Kharayalta Panchayat in Bangana, Himachal Pradesh, was warmly welcomed in his home region after his promotion from the rank of Major to Lieutenant Colonel. Singh, who comes from a modest background, expressed his gratitude to his family, elders, and the people of his community for their love, support, and blessings, which helped him reach this significant milestone in his life. In a conversation with the media, Singh shared his journey, recalling how he had retired from the rank of Major 16 years ago. However, due to certain reasons, he was initially denied promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Determined to fight for his rightful position, he took his case to the Supreme Court and, after a 16-year legal battle, was finally promoted to Lieutenant Colonel—a rank he had long deserved.

HP School Education Board will give duplicate certificate in 24 hours: Vishal Sharma

SANAJY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, OCT 15

Now duplicate certificate will be available from Himachal Pradesh School Education Board, Dharamshala in just 24 hours through instant facility. Candidates from all over the state will not have to worry much if their 10th and 12th certificates are lost due to any other reason, termite attack or damage. Candidates are able to get certificates in a single day through the instant facility scheme from the Education Board. Also, the process of getting duplicate certificate has been made completely online. Candidates from the Education Board can apply for duplicate certificate



online by visiting the official website of the Board from anywhere in the state, in which duplicate certificates are being provided to the candidates with a fee of Rs 1200 for about one to two weeks. Board Secretary Vishal Sharma said that if a person needs 10th and 12th

certificates immediately, then instant service has also been started for that. Duplicate certificates are being provided to the candidate within 24 hours of applying online. It is worth noting that after applying online, a person can go to the Education Board office and return with the certificate on working days, which enables a person to get the certificate quickly in case of an emergency. It is also posted by the Board within one day. He said that a fee of Rs 1800 has been fixed by the Education Board for this. In case of loss of the certificate, the candidate will have to produce an attested application form from any school, FIR and an affidavit in case of damage.

New direction to development in 33 major schemes: Bikram Thakur

SANAJY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, OCT 15

Former Industry Minister and senior BJP leader Bikram Thakur today said that the financial assistance given by the Central Government for the development and reconstruction of Himachal Pradesh is unprecedented. He informed that in the first seven months of the financial year 2024-25 (from April 1 to October 12), assistance of Rs 2197.26 crore has been provided to the state under 33 centrally sponsored schemes. With this assistance, the development work of the state has accelerated and all areas from infrastructure to social welfare are improving.



Thakur said that the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is committed to take Himachal Pradesh to new heights of development. This assistance is not only strengthening the infrastructure of the state but is also accelerating the reconstruction and development efforts in the areas affected by disasters.

He said that with this assistance received from the Center, sustainable development is taking place in various areas of the state, which is directly benefiting the people of the state. Giving details of the major schemes, Thakur said that an amount of Rs 395.93 crore has been received under MNREGA, Rs 196.32 crore under National Health Mission (NHM), Rs 162.75 crore for Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana and Rs 11.04 crore under Swachh Bharat Mission. In addition, assistance of Rs 582.47 crore has been given under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Rural) and Rs 4.47 crore in urban areas.

CM assures full support for Bakralu Bhunda Mahayagya preparations



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, OCT 15

A delegation from Rohru Assembly Constituency, led by Chief Parliamentary Secretary Mohan Lal Brakta, met with Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu to discuss preparations for the upcoming 'Bakralu Bhunda Mahayagya' at Dalgaon Temple. The Chief Minister assured the delegation that the state government would provide full support to ensure the successful

organization of the event.

He noted that the people of Himachal Pradesh have deep faith in their deities, and the Mahayagya holds immense historical and cultural significance for the region. This traditional ceremony is closely tied to the community's worship of local deities. During the meeting, the delegation also presented their demands and the Chief Minister assured them that the government would ensure the timely completion of all necessary facilities.

Deputy CM inaugurates state-level Under-19 Boys' competition

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, OCT 15

Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri inaugurated the State-Level Under-19 Boys' Competition at the Government Senior Secondary School (Boys), Una, today (Tuesday). The competition features participation from 730 students across all districts of Himachal Pradesh (except Lahaul Spiti) and five sports hostels—Nadaun, Paprola, Rohru, Sundernagar, and Una. Over four days, students will compete in football, hockey, basketball, and handball. The Deputy CM took the salute during the players' march-past, and the event included a vibrant cultural performance by school students. In his



address, Agnihotri conveyed his best wishes to all the players, expressing hope that they would bring laurels to the state and country through their achievements in sports. He emphasized the Himachal government's commitment to enhancing the quality of education rather than merely increasing the number of schools. The state has increased its education budget by Rs. 1,000 crore compared to the previous year, with a

total investment of approximately Rs. 9,800 crore this year to strengthen the education sector.

The Deputy CM criticized BJP leaders for spreading rumors about the state's economic condition, noting that the significant budget increase in education alone reflects the state's financial stability. He also clarified that the government closed schools with zero admissions and reaffirmed plans to open new

schools where necessary. He reiterated his commitment to establishing a college in Basdehra in the Una Assembly constituency. Agnihotri announced the government's plan to open a Rajiv Gandhi Day-Boarding School in every assembly constituency. In the first phase, 18 such schools have been approved, with eight nearing completion. Agnihotri expressed delight over the changing attitude towards sports in society, with students increasingly excelling in both academics and athletics. He highlighted the state government's provision of a 3% quota in government jobs for medal-winning athletes who bring honor to the state and country.

PU invites applications for admission at B.Ed

CHANDIGARH: Panjab University (PU), Chandigarh has invited applications for admission to 800 seats in B.Ed. (Correspondence) for the batch 2024-26 at Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE), Panjab University, Chandigarh. The course is UGC-DEB Approved, Category I status. Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) Chairperson has informed that B.Ed. admission would start with effect from October 16, 2024 and continue till November 5, 2024. The detailed prospectus and admission form will be available at CDOE website i.e. <https://cdoebed.puchd.ac.in/>.

Aarya from Class 8 wins Gold Medal in Inter-school WUSHU State Tournament



CHANDIGARH: CRB is delighted to announce that Aarya from Class 8 has won a Gold Medal in Inter-school WUSHU State Tournament organized by the Education Department, UT Chandigarh held at Sports Complex, Sector 43, Chandigarh on 14 October, 2024. Principal Mrs. Sangeeta Mittal congratulated Aarya for this excellent achievement and wishes her continued success in her future endeavours.

Mohali-based IT company AppSmartz acquires UnMix - an AI Platform from Armenian company



MOHALI: AppSmartz, a pioneering leader in mobile application-based products, announces its strategic acquisition of the UnMix platform from an Armenian company. As a part of this acquisition, AppSmartz has acquired all platform assets, including Android and iOS apps, web app, websites and AI-powered backend models. This innovative AI-powered application specializes in audio separation technology using models running on GPU servers. The acquisition marks AppSmartz's entry into the domain of Artificial Intelligence applications, expanding its technological horizons and reinforcing its commitment to delivering cutting-edge user experiences. Founded in 2016, AppSmartz has established itself as a leader in the mobile apps space, renowned for its innovative and user-centric approach. With over eight years of industry expertise, AppSmartz has consistently delivered captivating applications across diverse categories such as voice, video, utilities and gaming. The company's dedication to quality, user satisfaction, and staying ahead of industry trends is exemplified by its latest move to acquire UnMix. The UnMix application has garnered significant acclaim since its inception for its revolutionary audio separation capabilities.

Vice President to address ISB Leadership Summit 2024

CHANDIGARH: ISB's PGP class of 2025 is hosting its annual marquee event 'ISB Leadership Summit 2024' on October 18, 2024, at its Mohali campus. Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, Hon'ble Vice President of India, has kindly agreed to be the keynote speaker at the summit. The ISB Leadership Summit resonates with ISB's vision of leadership, excellence, and diversity. Each year, ISB hosts stalwarts who are exemplary leaders in their respective fields and can add valuable insights into the holistic education philosophy that ISB stands for. This year the summit will focus on the theme 'Leadership in New India'. Other stalwarts who will share their thoughts at ISB Leadership Summit 2024 include Shri O P Choudhary, Hon'ble Finance Minister, Government of Chhattisgarh; Mr. Sanjeev Sanyal, Member, Economic Advisory Council of the Prime Minister; Mr. Vijay Shekhar Sharma, Founder and CEO, Paytm; Mr. Mayank Kumar, Co-Founder and MD, Upgrad; Mr. Rakesh Bharti Mittal, Chairman, ISB Mohali Campus Advisory Board; Professor Madan Pillutla, Dean, ISB.

Pre Karva festival held at Sun view colony



SHARMA LUDHIANA: With the advent of festivals, the programs of many ladies clubs have begun in the city. In Sun View Club, ladies of Sun View Colony have celebrate Karva ceremony. During the ceremony, Garbha, Dandiya, One Minute Game and many other cultural and modern activities were organized by the club members. The ceremony was presided over by Sneh Bihani, Pinky Navkar. Special arrangements for playing were also made for small children. On this occasion, Nikita Bihani, Preeti, Radha, Renu, Saloni, Veenaa, Ritu, Anju, Jyoti, Geeta, Vineeta, Alka, Shivangi, Priyanka etc. participated in various competitions.

MC Chandigarh conducts workshop on occupation health, hygiene



RN KHERA CHANDIGARH, OCT 15

The Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh in association with the Centre for One Health, Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (GADVASU), Ludhiana and Dayanand Medical College & Hospital (DMCH), Ludhiana, conducted one day sensitization workshop at the Municipal Corporation Slaughter House, Chandigarh today. The event was organized under the aegis of Indian

Council of Medical Research (ICMR) project titled on Building a Surveillance Model for Detecting Zoonotic Spillover in Increased Animal-Human Interaction Settings Using a One Health Approach: A Study at Selected slaughter-houses.

The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. Inderdeep Kaur, Medical Officer (Health), Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh, Dr. JS Bedi, Director, Centre for One Health, Dr. Veenu Gupta, Professor, Microbiology and Dr.

Harmanmeet Kaur from ICMR, New Delhi. More than 30 slaughterhouse personnel attended this workshop. The objective of this workshop was to acknowledge slaughterhouse workers and associated personnel, aiming to raise awareness about occupational exposure to the zoonotic diseases (diseases transmissible from animals to human) and the risks of animal-to-human disease transmission in high-contact environments. The Participants were educated on the basics of

zoonotic diseases, occupational exposure routes, prevention of these diseases along with maintenance of good hygiene and sanitation practices at the working environment.

Dr. Inderdeep Kaur emphasized the vital role of collaboration between municipal health authorities and researchers in addressing diseases transmissible from animals to human. Dr. JS Bedi highlighted the importance of usage of protective gear while handling the animals during slaughter operations.

5243 metric tons of paddy purchased

KOTKAPURA (SURINDER DAMDAMI): Deputy Commissioner Mr. Vineet Kumar said that the purchase of paddy in the mandis of the district continues unabated, and until last evening, 16922 metric tons of paddy has arrived while 5243 metric tons of paddy has been purchased. He said that the work of paddy lifting is also continuing on a war footing. He appealed to the farmers to bring only dry paddy to the market so that they do not have to face any kind of difficulty.

District Food and Supply Controller Vandana Kamboz said that according to the data of purchase of paddy in the markets till yesterday evening, various agencies including Pungrain 1126 metric tons, Markfed 1574.7 metric tons, Punsup 1348.1 metric tons and Punjab State Warehouse Corporation 954 metric tons, and private traders have procured 241 metric tons of paddy. Out of the purchased paddy, 5202 metric tons of paddy has been lifted.

"Steam World Discovery: New Planet with water vapor atmosphere found 100 light-years away: Ravi Kant

RAVI GARG LONGOWAL, OCT 15

Dr. Ravi Kant Misra, Dean and Professor in the Department of Mathematics at SLIET, (SANT LONGOWAL INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY) Punjab, recently shared his thoughts on a significant astronomical discovery.

He mentioned that scientists have recently discovered a planet approximately 100 light-years away from Earth, currently codenamed (GJ 9827 d). This planet is about twice the size of Earth and has three times its mass. The planet's atmosphere is surrounded by water vapor, making it a topic of great interest among scientists. Dr. Misra emphasized the importance of this discovery, stating that scientists exploring the mysteries of space have brought exciting news for humanity on



Earth. A planet has been discovered where hot water exists, and steam is being released. While scientists don't see any potential for Earth-like life, "This planet is being referred to as 'Steam World' because its atmosphere contains hot water vapor. Although the possibility of Earth-like life is absent on this planet, its unique environment and steam-based atmosphere provide us with a new perspective." He further added, "This discovery is a

significant advancement in the field of space science. Studying the potential for life on this planet could help us uncover more mysteries of the universe and deepen our understanding of other possible forms of life and their suitable environments." A key member of the discovery team, Dr. Raul, commented "We are speculating that there is hot water vapor in the atmosphere, which is why we are calling it Steam World." Professor Misra noted that contributions from Dr. Raul and many other scientists are opening new doors for research in space and cosmology, aiding humanity in uncovering more of the universe's mysteries. Since completing his research in cosmology in 1999, Professor Misra has actively pursued research in space science, including with his research students.

Grain Market Kharar will remain closed from today due to non-acceptance of demands of commission agents

KHARAR (SHASHI PAL JAIN): The Aartis of Kharar have decided to close the grain market of Kharar because the Government has not accepted their demands and the lifting of paddy is not happening from here. Due to this, grain market will be closed from October 16. In this regard, the president of the association Narinder Sharma and members Amandeep Garg and others said that the government has not accepted the demand of the Aartis regarding 2.5% Commission. They said that so far not a single bag of paddy has been lifted and the market is full of heaps of paddy and there is less space. There is going to be shortage of Bardana. They alleged that neither the bureaucracy nor the political system is paying attention to the matter. The local MLA never visited the grain market.

Freudenberg expands operations with new plant in Morinda

RADHE SHYAM SHARMA MORINDA, OCT 15

Germany-based global technology conglomerate, Freudenberg Group, has officially inaugurated two advanced manufacturing facilities in Morinda, covering a total built-up area of 40,700 sq. m. These state-of-the-art plants are operated by Freudenberg-NOK India Pvt. Ltd. (FNI) and Vibracoustic India. The strategic move consolidates the company's operations from its existing plants in Basma and Mohali, aimed at enhancing production efficiency and supporting Freudenberg's long-term growth plans in India.

Freudenberg's investment of over 42 million in the Morinda facility marks the company's largest financial commitment in India to date.



The new plants are equipped to serve both domestic and international markets, reinforcing Freudenberg's dedication to India's "Make in India" initiative. The facilities will cater to key sectors such as automotive and industrial manufacturing, ensuring the company remains competitive by optimizing material flows and leveraging modernized equipment. Speaking at the inauguration, Dr. Mohsen Sohi, CEO of Freudenberg Group remarked, "Our investment in the new facilities in Morinda reflects Freudenberg's strong commitment to the Indian market and the 'Make in In-

dia' vision. This expansion not only aligns with our global growth strategy but also boosts our ability to serve customers with greater efficiency, innovation, and quality. As we celebrate 175 years of Freudenberg's legacy of excellence, we are proud to further strengthen our presence in India." Sustainability is a core focus of the new facilities. Energy-efficient machinery and eco-friendly practices, such as photovoltaic cells that supply 15% of the plant's energy needs and water-recharging stations, have been incorporated to reduce the environmental footprint.

Khushwant Singh Litfest underlines need to renew Indo-Pak ties: Rahul



RAJIV JAIN CHANDIGARH, OCT 15

Indo-Pak relations need a fresh renewal to nourish the bonds of neighbourhood as much as to reignite the spirit of cultural and social affinity, said Rahul Singh, director of the Khushwant Singh Litfest takes off from Oct 18 to 20, 2024 to celebrate the ideas and values that celebrated writer, litterateur and journalist, Khushwant Singh, cherished. This time the theme of the Lit-fest 'Resilience and Renewal' which resonates deeply with the times we live in.

tact between the two Punjabs. Recalling an epic novel, Train to Pakistan, that his father Khuswant Singh wrote, Rahul said the thaw between India and Pakistan can be broken by rebuilding cultural and social ties. The 13th Edition of the Khushwant Singh Litfest takes off from Oct 18 to 20, 2024 to celebrate the ideas and values that celebrated writer, litterateur and journalist, Khushwant Singh, cherished. This time the theme of the Lit-fest 'Resilience and Renewal' which resonates deeply with the times we live in.

20th All India Vice Chancellor's Cricket Cup T20 Tournament-2024 starts



CHANDIGARH, OCT 15

The prestigious Cricket T20 Tournament was inaugurated by PU Registrar, Prof. Y.P. Verma in presence of PU Director, Physical Education & Sports, Prof. Dalwinder Singh; Dy. Director, Physical Education & Sports, Dr. Rakesh Malik; Dr. Archana Chouhan & members of non-teaching staff association and organising committee. During the seven days of the event, 20 universities from

different parts of the country would participate in 48 Matches to be played in league and knock-out manner at 4 venues of Chandigarh i.e. Sports Ground, Panjab University; Law Ground, Panjab University; DAV College, Sector 10, Chandigarh & Guru Nanak Public School, Sector 36, Chandigarh. Prof. Y.P. Verma, himself a cricket enthusiast, got nostalgic at the event and recalled his days as a cricketer while studying.

57.99 percent voter turnout recorded till 4 pm in Jalandhar Panchayat elections

PARAMJIT SINGH JALANDHAR, OCT 15

The district witnessed a voter turnout of 57.99 percent till 4 pm during the Panchayat elections held today, with voting commencing at 8 AM across all 1004 polling stations. Polling still ongoing for those who reached the booth by 4 PM.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Himanshu Aggarwal, while overseeing the election process, commended the seamless conduct of the elections, which was facilitated by 7,426 polling staff in accordance with the guidelines of the State Election Commission. Dr. Aggarwal noted that the district administration had meticulously prepared for the elections to accommodate over eight lakh eligible voters. He, along with SSP Ja-



landhar Harkamal Preet Singh Khakh, visited various polling stations to monitor the election proceedings and expressed satisfaction with the arrangements in place. SSP Khakh informed that more than 2,500 police personnel were deployed across the district to ensure the peaceful completion of the voting process. No untoward inci-

dents were reported throughout the day, underscoring the effective planning and coordination by the administration. The Deputy Commissioner extended his gratitude to all the voters, polling staff, and security personnel for their cooperation and dedication in ensuring the successful and peaceful completion of the election process.

Polling takes place peacefully in Hoshiarpur district, 62.05 % voting till 4 pm



HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): Deputy Commissioner cum-District Election Officer Hoshiarpur Komal Mittal said that Panchayat elections have been conducted successfully and peacefully in Hoshiarpur district. She informed that till 4 pm, polling in 10 blocks of the district was 62.05 % including 52.39 % in Garhshankar block, 61.07 % in Mahilpur, 64.3 % in Hoshiarpur-1, 60.28 % in Hoshiarpur-2, 62 % in Tanda, 64.53 % in Dasuya, 59.83 % in Mukerian, 65.91 % in Hajipur, 64.93 % in Talwara and 69.48 % voting in Block Bhunga.

The Deputy Commissioner informed that there are 1405 Gram Panchayats in 10 blocks of the district and the number of polling booths is 1683. He informed that a total of 2730 candidates contested for the post of Sarpanch and 6751 candidates for the post of Panch in the district. It may be noted that 265 Panchayats in the district have already been elected unanimously. The Deputy Commissioner praised the officers and employees performing their duties in the election process and said that the elections were conducted successfully due to the duty performed by them in a responsible manner.

Mits Healthcare Owner, M.K. Bhatia, gifts 15 cars to employees ahead of Diwali

PANCHKULA, OCT 15

The Mits Healthcare Pvt. Ltd., a leading pharmaceutical company based in Panchkula, Haryana, has once again made headlines for its generous gesture. Company Chairman and founder M.K. Bhatia gifted 15 cars to his dedicated employees (Celebrities) as Diwali gift.

Well known for his philanthropic endeavors, Mr. Bhatia has been actively involved in numerous social causes. His compassionate nature and commitment to community welfare have earned him widespread respect. Humble and always ready to help others, Mr. Bhatia actively participates in innumerable social welfare activities and events, and has always extended a helping hand to the needy and marginalised. By gifting cars



to his employees (Celebrities), Mr. Bhatia has not only brought joy to their lives but has also reflected his streak to recognizing and rewarding hard work of his workers. This gesture is a testament to his unflinching belief in empowering his team and creating a positive work environment.

"These are our 'superstars,'" Mr. Bhatia said, expressing his admiration for his employees. "Their dedication and contributions have

been instrumental to the success of Mits Healthcare," he added.

This act of generosity has garnered significant attention on social media, with many praising Mr. Bhatia for his thoughtfulness and leadership. His initiative has set a unique example for other businesses and entrepreneurs. Mits Healthcare, under the guidance of M.K. Bhatia, continues to make a positive impact on both its employees and the community.

Capacity Building Workshop held at Wazir Academic International School, Kotla



SANJEEV MAHAJAN NURPUR : Wazir Academic International School organized a Capacity Building Program workshop, adhering to CBSE guidelines. Renowned writer and educationist Pankaj Darshi was invited as the guest speaker to share his insights on language and education. The workshop was planned by Principal Mrs. Deepika Guleria and Director Mrs. Jogita Kaundal, in collaboration with senior faculty members. The workshop was conducted in three phases. In the first phase, Pankaj Darshi emphasized the importance of mastering language as a subject and shared strategies for teaching and learning languages effectively. In the second phase, he presented his views on making education more knowledge-centric for students. In the final phase, Darshi provided valuable suggestions to address teachers' challenges. The teachers actively participated, displaying enthusiasm and engaging in discussions related to their respective subjects. Mr. Akhileendra Singh Guleria, MD of the school, honored Pankaj Darshi with a memento and, in collaboration with Yash Books Publishers, distributed certificates of appreciation to the teachers. Twenty-five teachers attended the one-day workshop, and MD Akhileendra Singh Guleria expressed his commitment to improving education, facilities, and sports at the school. He also noted that student enrollment had doubled compared to the previous year.

Thieves steal lakhs from house in Khuddi Kalan



KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA : News has been received of thieves stealing gold and cash from a house in nearby village Khuddi Kalan. Master Hardev Singh Khuddi son of Jaimal Singh gave a written application in police station Handiaya that yesterday evening at around 6 o'clock we went from home to Barnala to celebrate our son's birthday. When he returned home at 8:30 pm, the things were scattered in the house. He told that the thieves stole 1 gold bracelet, 1 bangle, 3 pairs of tops, earrings, 2 prints, 1 ladies print, chain locket and silver bangles along with cash worth 10 thousand. We informed the police about this at night and the police party came and saw the spot. He told that the value of the gold is around 10 lakh rupees. In this regard, Tarsem Singh, in-charge of police post Handiaya told that thieves will be controlled by checking the CCTV cameras.

Guru Nanak Khalsa College hosts poster and slogan competition on drug addiction awareness



RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR: The Department of Social Work at Guru Nanak Khalsa College Yamunanagar successfully organized a Poster Making and Slogan Writing Competition focused on drug addiction. This initiative aimed to create awareness among students and the community about the critical issue of substance abuse. Dr. Harinder Singh Kang, Principal of the college emphasised that this competition not only fosters creativity but also engages students in crucial societal issues. Dr. Hemant Mishra, Associate Professor of Social Work highlighted that such events play a significant role in sensitizing students to the harmful effects of drugs and the importance of mental health. The competition was judged by Dr. Amarjeet Singh, Dr. Gyan Bhushan, Dr. Anurag, Dr. Baljeet, Dr. Rajinder Singh Vohra, and Dr. Jagat. The winners of the competition were Nivea from B.Ed Second Year won First Prize, Navpreet Kaur from M.Sc won Second Prize, Chetanya Kaushik from B.Sc bagged Third Prize, and Kirti Bansal from B.Ed won Consolation Prize. Prof. Anika and Prof. Shilpi Bakshi played a pivotal role in the successful completion of the event. Sardar Randeeep Singh Jauhar, President of the Governing Body and Managing Committee appreciated the efforts of the organisers.

Women's College student of B.A. fourth semester get their names registered in top-10 list of varsity

RAMAN GUPTA KAITHAL, OCT 15

The students of Indira Gandhi (PG) Women's College, Kaithal are proving their talent day by day with their excellent examination results at UG and PG level. After the B.Sc exam results today, B. A. In the fourth semester examination results, five girl students of the college brought glory to the college by registering their names in the top-10 list. Head of the College Managing Committee, Shri Ram Bahadur Khurania said that the University has started B. A. The results of fourth semester of second year were declared in which student Raveena stood second with 351/400 marks with 87.75 percent, Muskan Rani stood third with

SC issues notice to Centre, ECI on plea to declare freebies as bribe

AGENCY NEW DELHI, OCT 15

The Supreme Court has issued notice to the Centre and Election Commission of India on a plea seeking direction that promise of freebies, made by political parties during the run-up to elections, be declared as bribes. A bench headed by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud issued notice to the Centre and poll panel and also tagged the petition along with pending cases. The petition filed by Shashank J Shreedhara, a Karnataka resident, also sought direction to poll panel to take immediate and effective steps to prohibit political parties from making promises of freebies during the pre-election period.

The petition filed through advocates Vishwaditya



Sharma and Balaji Srinivasan stated that unregulated promise of freebies imposes a significant and unaccounted financial burden on the public exchequer. Further, there exists no mechanism to ensure the fulfillment of pre-poll promises on which votes were secured, it added.

"The petition is seeking declaration that the promise of freebies, particularly in the form of cash, made by

political parties during the run-up to Assembly or General elections, to be funded from the public exchequer post-election if their party forms the government, constitutes a corrupt practice of inducement to vote by way of offering bribe under the Representation of the People Act, 1951 attributable to the candidates of such political party," the petition stated. It

Child Welfare Council plays an important role in honing talents of children: ADC

MANISH KUMAR AMBALA, OCT 15

Additional Deputy Commissioner Aparajita said that the platform of Bal Kalyan Parishad was playing an important role in honing up the talents of children. More than 2700 students of Ambala district were showing their talents on this platform. No amount of praise for this talent was enough. She said this while was speaking at a function organized by the District Child Welfare Council in the Panchayat Bhawan premises on the occasion of Children's Day. Earlier, ADC Aparajita and District Child Welfare Officer Vishwas Malik lit the lamp and formally inaugurated the function. On the occasion competitions of solo song, card making, posters making and



diya making were held.. After this, ADC went to the children and saw their skills and during this, ADC also praised the talent of the children. She said that along with education, students should also actively participate in cultural activities. Only through such activities will the all-round development of students be possible. By participating in these competitions, a feeling of brotherhood will develop

among the students and they will also develop a sense of friendship with each other. It also gives an opportunity to know the talent of the students. Therefore, students should definitely participate in such competitions. She said that when children developed in all aspects, they will definitely be healthy and when the young generation of the country was healthy, they will definitely be prosperous.

Akal University inaugurates Free Physiotherapy Outpatient Department

ISHWER GARG TALWANDI SABO, OCT 15

The Department of Physiotherapy at Akal University proudly inaugurated its Free Physiotherapy Outpatient Department (OPD). This initiative aims to enhance healthcare accessibility for the local community and promote overall well-being among the residents. The OPD was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Dr. Davinder Singh Baba Ji, President of Kalgidhar Trust, Baru Sahib. Prof. Dr. Gurmair Singh-Honourable Vice-Chancellor of Akal University, Dr. Swaran Singh-Registrar of the University, and Dr. Sukhjeet Singh- Director of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) were present to bear witness to the momentous occasion. Their



participation underlined the significance of the initiative and the university's commitment to community health. Dr. Davinder Singh delivered a heartfelt address and commended the University for its initiative, stating, "This is a commendable effort to promote health and well-being among the people. Accessible physiotherapy services will greatly benefit the local population." He encouraged the community to take advantage of the

Foundation stone of Dharamshala being built by Khatri Sabha laid

KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA: Khatri Sabha Barnala laid the foundation stone of the Khatri Dharamshala being built in Amar Colony on Handiaya Road near Gurdwara Sri Pratashar Sahib. This foundation stone was laid by the social worker Shashikant

Chopra with the chanting of mantras along with the entire methodology. Giving information to the journalists, the guardians of the Khatri Sabha, Ram Kumar Sobti and Narendra Chopra, said that this Dharamshala is being built in the memory of Mr. Darbari Lal Tandon and

Mrs. Shakuntala Tandon. He said that about 10 acres of land has been donated by the Tandon family for the construction of Khatri Dharamshala. On which the construction work is being started with the cooperation of all. On this occasion, Chairman of Nagar Council

Barnala Gurjit Singh Ramanvasia, President of Khatri Sabha Rimpi Verma, Varun Batta, Darshan Verma, Jagrup Mengi, Balveer Bhandari, Sukhjinder Sethi, Baljinder Bhandari, Kuldeep Naini, Rakesh Verma, Manohar Lal Tandon etc. were present.

Large number of people to witness oath ceremony on Oct 17: Dhuman Singh

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, OCT 15

Vice President of Haryana Saraswati Heritage Development Board and former in-charge of Ambala, Dhuman Singh said that BJP would form the government for the third time in Haryana and would provide facilities to the common people. Not only this, the Ganga of development will flow again in the state and the state will progress in all directions and will move towards prosperous state. While talking, the Vice President of the Board, Dhuman Singh said that a historic and memorable swearing-in ceremony will be held in Panchkula on October 17. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Minister Amit Shah as well as well-known personalities of the country will attend this swearing-in ceremony. With this swearing-in ceremony, BJP will form its government for the third time. He said that enthusiasm and excitement can be seen in every citizen of the state regarding the swearing-in ceremony. Today, every citizen of the state was looking forward to the swearing-in ceremony on October 17. All eyes were set on the



swearing-in ceremony. He said that this would be the first swearing-in ceremony in the history of the state in which more than 50,000 people would come. Preparations for this ceremony were being done with great zeal and enthusiasm. BJP leaders and workers were also looking very excited about this. Dignitaries and representatives of institutions are also being invited for this swearing-in ceremony of all 22 districts of the state. Apart from this, common citizens are also participating in this swearing-in ceremony.

Admin's flag march in villages to create awareness against burning residue: Aman



YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI PEHOWA: To prevent burning of stubble in fields, flag marches were taken out in various villages under the chairmanship of SDM Pehowa Aman Kumar and farmers were made aware about not to burn stubble in the fields. SDM Aman Kumar said that burning of stubble polluted the environment and made the air poisonous which was very harmful for asthma patients. He appealed to the farmers and the general public not to burn the residue lying in the fields. Burning of residue in the fields caused pollution and the fertility of the land also decreased. He also said that students in schools should be made aware so that they can go home and make their family members aware about this. Agriculture sub-division officer Manish Vats said that the administration took out a flag march in various villages of Pehowa. In which farmers were made aware not to burn stubble. This flag march passed through Pehowa city, from village Asmanpur to Arnaicha, village Batedi From Rua, Sarasa, Bhaur Saida, via Murtazapur, Chhainlo, Surmi, Talhedi reached Pehowa city from village Tikri.

Naveen Sankalp camps organized by Naveen Jindal Foundation



YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI PEHOWA: MP Naveen Jindal organized Naveen Sankalp camps in Kurukshetra parliamentary constituency at Thana and Mangna in Pehowa constituency. In these Sankalp camps, people were encouraged to take part in the camps with the help of Naveen Jindal Foundation team, district administration and public representatives. All types of problems related to pension, Aadhaar card, family identity card etc. were resolved. MP Naveen Jindal's office in-charge Shri Dharamvir Singh said that MP Naveen Jindal has started Naveen Jindal Yashasvi Scholarship Scheme to ensure smooth education of boys and girls of Kurukshetra parliamentary constituency. The Scheme was being implemented in these Naveen Sankalp camps. People were also given information about the benefits of this scheme. In these Naveen Sankalp camps, after testing the blood and urine of the patients through mobile medical unit, proper consultation and free medicines were also given.

International conference on Indo Pacific region at KUK concludes

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, OCT 15

International Centre for Indo-Pacific Studies, Kurukshetra University, in collaboration with the Indo-Pacific Division of the Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of India, organized the two-day international conference on 'Security, Climate Change and Sustainable Development in Indo-Pacific region'. In the valedictory session. Joint secretary of Indo-Pacific division Ministry of External affairs Paramita Tripathi said that the visionary effort of KUC in organizing this conference is commendable. This conference became a platform to exchange ideas on the pressing challenges such as security, dynamics,



climate change and sustainable development issues that are not only relevant to the Indo Pacific but also have global implications. The Indo Pacific has truly become fulcrum of global geopolitics, home to over 60% of the world population. This region faces various challenges ranging from geopolitical competition and territorial disputes to climate change and non-traditional threats such as illegal fishing, trafficking and piracy. There is an urgent need to build resilient and reliable supply chains in an era of increasing geopolitical uncertainty.

India's approach to the Indo Pacific is guided by the vision of SAGAR, security and brought for all in the region which was articulated by Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi in 2015. In his presidential remarks KU Vice-Chancellor Prof Som Nath Sachdeva said that with the help of Ministry of External Affairs, Kurukshetra University organized this conference efficiently. Prof Sachdeva asserted that the problems are being faced in Indo Pacific region today, the solution to problems lies in mutual cooperation, sustainability and respect towards one another.

Webinar on Monetary Policy Dynamics: Theory, Practice and Emerging challenges held by Akal University

ISHWER GARG TALWANDI SABO: The Department of Economics, Akal University successfully organized a webinar on "Monetary Policy Dynamics: Theory, Practice, and Emerging Challenges" on September 27, 2024, drawing wide participation from faculty, students, scholars, and UPSC aspirants. The session provided valuable insights into the evolving landscape of monetary policy in India, focusing on the theoretical foundations, practical implications, and the emerging challenges the country faces. The expert speaker for the event was Mr. Tanveer Ahmad Khan (IES), Assistant Director at the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Government of India. With his extensive experience and deep knowledge of economic policy, Khan skillfully navigated through key aspects of monetary policy, addressing both the theoretical framework and the current practices followed in India. The session commenced with a warm welcome from Dr. Aqib Mujtaba, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, who



also served as the event organiser. Dr. Mujtaba introduced the webinar's theme and set the stage for a highly engaging and educational discussion. Dr. Parveen Rani, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Economics, introduced the guest speaker. Following a detailed and insightful lecture by Mr. Khan, the session transitioned into an interactive segment, which turned out to be one of the most enriching parts of the webinar and the speaker clarified each query, making the session intellectually rewarding for all.

Disruption during voting at Khuddi Khurd



KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA: According to the District Election Officer, polls were held peacefully and peacefully in all the blocks. Giving information in the district election officer Mrs. Punamdeep Kaur said that the process of voting was started at 8 am. Till the last round at 4 PM, the total voting rate was reported to be 56.73 percent. 52.29 percent votes were cast in Barnala constituency, 57.97 percent in Shehna and 63.43 percent in Mahal Kal. At Khuddi Khurd, a village near Handiaya, the votes of Ward No. 3 were supposed to be held in Ward No. 5, but the polls were disrupted when Ward No. 3 was shifted to Ward No. 5. Due to which the voting was stopped because people said that Ward No. 3 is reserved, and Ward No. 5 is General. After some time, after the explanation of the officials, the voting went smoothly.

Editorial
Rough waters

Addressing the annual East Asia Summit in Laos last week, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for the Indo-Pacific region to focus on development, not expansionism. Mr Modi did not mention any countries, but his reference was clearly aimed at China. The prime minister was speaking about the need for a code of conduct compliant with international law for the South China Sea where Beijing is locked in disputes over maritime territory with a range of nations, including Vietnam, the Philippines and others. China has claimed much of the South China Sea despite rulings by the United Nations against its assertion. While some Southeast Asian countries have contested China's claims more directly, others have been reluctant to openly take on the region's biggest power. As these tensions have escalated over the past decade, India has increasingly allied itself with the United States of America and its allies in countering China's aggressive postures. The divide in the region is so deep that the 18-nation East Asia Summit, consisting of the US, Japan, China, Russia, Australia, New Zealand, India and South Korea in addition to the 10 members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, could not reach a consensus over the concluding document of the Laos conclave.

While much of the blame for the increased threat of militarisation in the South China Sea lies with Beijing's approach, there is also a growing risk of the crucial trade waterway — and the Indo-Pacific region more broadly — turning into a battleground for a new Cold War. With the US and its allies on the one hand, and China and Russia on the other, each actively deepening military partnerships while also promising financial and developmental aid to smaller countries, the region appears poised for a heated contest for influence. As many small nations, especially among the Pacific Islands, have warned in recent months, this competition can come at the cost of the help that these countries actually need: such as dealing with existential threats like climate change. India must reliably stand against expansionism in the region as Mr Modi correctly argued and it must stay clear-eyed about the threat posed by Chinese aggression. But it must also steer clear of steps that deepen divisions in the Indo-Pacific or ignore the worries of small nations. Literally and metaphorically, building bridges is an act of development too.

Canada pushing relationship to new low

After New Delhi expelled six Canadian Diplomats from India, Foreign policy expert and Senior fellow at the Observer Research foundation, Sushant Sareen called for an investigation into Canada's interference in India's internal affairs. He emphasised the need to probe Canadian NGOs and embassies that support Khalistani elements.

"The calling back of our officials, about whom Canadians have said that investigations can be done against them, if you say this about any official that they will be investigated, then it becomes completely dishonest for them to stay in the country. The official can't function there," Sareen said.

Sareen asserted that India has given a strong reaction but along with it, there should also be some action.

"The reaction is quite strong but along with the reaction, there should be some action also. Canada's interference in India, be it their NGOs, their embassies, should also be investigated so that they can be exposed as to how they encourage Khalistanis."

He added, "India can keep open embassies but can close their consulates if relations deteriorate further."

Sareen also spoke about the deteriorating relations between the two nations and asserted that even if Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is not there in power, the relations will not get better soon.

He said, "The relations have become so bad that even if Trudeau is not there in power, I don't think the relations will get normalised any sooner. The poison that Trudeau has put into this relationship will take a lot of time to heal, and it won't happen overnight."

He added, "There is an angle of domestic politics in the foreign policy of every country but every country tries that beyond a point, the political angle doesn't affect your



diplomacy but Canada doesn't care about it; maybe because they think that India can't do anything, or even if we make India upset, we don't need to worry. We can't upset China because we take money from them but we can do that with India and then the United States is there to handle India and this is the costless option for us. Now we have to see what the Modi government will do."

Meanwhile, Robinder Sachdev, foreign affairs expert, also spoke about the expulsion of Canadian diplomats by India and said, "Things were definitely headed this way after what the Canadian government's position has been... A government like that of Canada should be mature enough to understand that a reaction like this will follow from India. Relations between the two nations are frozen right now. There is no point in keeping a diplomatic presence there. The security of life and safety of our diplomats in Canada can be under threat..."

Sachdev attributed Canada's decision to expel Indian diplomats to "vote bank politics."

He said, "There are two main reasons why Canada reacted the way it did. The first is the vote bank politics of the Trudeau government in Canada. He is surviving on a very slim majority and his support, to a good degree, comes from the Indian origin people, especially the supporters of Khalistan. Secondly, he is playing a game of Chinese checkers. He is under a scandal in Canada for interference by China."

There are reports that about nine MPs of his party were elected by indirect, or some manner of support from China... China wanted Trudeau to win. So he is now trying to deflect that scandal by focusing on India... The government of Canada is taking unprecedented steps in international diplomacy. So they need to be prepared for reactions and counter-steps from India which will also be unprecedented in international diplomacy..."

He further said, "By withdrawing its diplomats from Canada, India has announced its no-confidence in the Government of Canada."

Gautam Bambawale, former Indian Ambassador to Bhutan, Pakistan and China, attributed the decision to withdraw the High Commissioner and other diplomats from Canada to India's growing concern that Canada can no longer guarantee the safety of Indian diplomats.

He said, "I think the next steps are very clear that there is always the principle of reciprocity, which is available in international law. So, if we are withdrawing some of our people from Canada, we can insist that the Canadians also withdraw some of their people and we can specify who should be withdrawn... So, in this case, the Government of India is not confident anymore that the Government of Canada can keep our diplomats safe. That is why, they are recalling them to India to ensure their safety and security."

He also condemned Canada's statement that the Indian High Commissioner is a person of interest in Hardeep Singh Nijjar issue, and called it a "very serious allegation." He said, "The Canadian government has today (October 14) said that the Indian High Commissioner, who is the representative of the Government of India to Canada, is a person of interest in this Nijjar issue."

I think that is a very serious allegation and it shows that the level of trust of the Canadian government and the Indian government has fallen very low. India's government has decided to withdraw from Canada... The fact that we cannot trust their safety, and security in Canada to the Canadian government anymore and that is why we are withdrawing."

He added, "I think that is the right decision because this matter has gone on too long and I am afraid that the current government of Canada is pushing the relationship to new lows to levels that we have never seen so low before."

Literature & Health

President Murmu addresses India-Algeria economic forum

Addressing the India-Algeria Economic Forum, President Droupadi Murmu on Monday called for deeper economic cooperation between the two nations, saying, "It is time to further strengthen our partnership and impart new momentum towards a new era of cooperation."

The event, the first of its kind, was jointly organized by the Algerian Economic Renewal Council and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), with participation from both countries' business and government leaders, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said.

In her speech, President Murmu praised the reforms led by Algerian President Abdelmadjid Tebboune's leadership, acknowledging the positive changes taking place in the country. "I commend the transformative reforms that have been introduced by the Algerian Govern-



ment under his able leadership," she said, adding that Algeria's commitment to inclusive growth and democracy is praiseworthy. President Murmu highlighted the historical ties between India and Algeria, recalling their shared values.

"India had extended strong support to the Algerian struggle for freedom, and today, India and Algeria are committed to embark on the path of peace and prosperity," she remarked.

She emphasized the growing importance of India-Africa relations, noting that India is now the fourth-largest trading partner of Africa, with bilateral trade amounting to USD 84 billion and investments exceeding USD 75 billion.

Referring to Algeria's rapid progress, she pointed out its 4 per cent GDP growth and the registration of 9,000 investment projects over the past two years, encouraging Indian companies to explore these opportunities.

India, Australia, discuss political and defence issues



India and Australia held the fourth 2+2 Secretary-level Consultations in New Delhi on Monday and discussed various issues like political, strategic, defence and security, and regional and global issues of mutual interest.

For the meeting, the Indian side was led by Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane and Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri while the Australian side was led by Secretary, Australia's Department of Defence Greg Moriarty and Secretary, Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) Jan Adams.

In a post on X, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal stated, "The fourth India-Australia 2+2 Secretary-level Consultations were held

in New Delhi.

The Indian delegation was led by Defence Secretary Shri Giridhar Aramane and Foreign Secretary Shri Vikram Misri, while the Australian side was led by Secretary, Department of Defence Mr. Greg Moriarty and Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade (DFAT) Ms. Jan Adams. Discussions covered a wide range of issues such as political, strategic, defence and security, and regional and global issues of mutual interest."

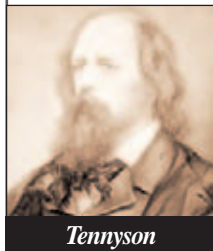
On Monday, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar met Australian Secretary of Department of Foreign Affairs Jan Adams. Describing the conversation with Jan Adams, Jaishankar said it benefits our 'Comprehensive Strategic Partnership'

POEM

The Deserted House

Life and Thought have
Gone away Side by
side, Leaving door
and windows
wide. Careless
tenants they! All
within is dark as
night: In the win-
dows is no light; And no
murmur at the door, So fre-
quent on its hinge before.

Alfred, Lord Tennyson



China struggles after Xi's golden era

Tiananmen Square in the heart of Beijing is well used to the growl of armored-vehicle engines, clouds of diesel exhaust and the clanking of tank tracks. On 4 June 1989, it was People's Liberation Army (PLA) ruthlessly putting down student-led protests, but in more recent times it has been military parades driving past Chinese Communist Party (CCP) leaders in the Tiananmen Gate seated high above the masses.

Chairman Xi Jinping and his predecessors typically hold military parades in Tiananmen Square on National Day, 1 October. The last such parade under Xi was on 1 October 2019, plus before that, he hosted one in September 2015 commemorating the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II.

However, on 1 October 2024, activity in central Beijing carried on as usual, with Tiananmen Square merely lined with flower beds and national flags. There was no parade, there was no fanfare, there was no gala atmosphere, there was no assembling of the world's media to witness the technological and military might of the PLA.

Why not? The Chinese government has been mute on when the next military parade will occur. Certainly, 2024 would have been ideal for a military parade, given that it marks the 75th anniversary of modern China's founding.

The whole situation is emblematic of the struggle in which Xi and the CCP now find them-



selves. In 2019 - the time of the last parade - China was enjoying a vigorous golden era under Xi. China's demigod could do no wrong, the world was bending to his will and China's future trajectory looked unstoppable.

Yet within just a few months, COVID-19 was spreading inexorably across the globe, economies were shutting down and China itself endured draconian lockdowns. It was a seminal moment for China and Xi, with the emperor shown to be a fallible human. In an embarrassing display of poor planning and cruelty, COVID-19 went from lockdown to rampant contagion

across China.

China and Xi have been in recovery mode since then, as the country and party faces ever-stronger international resistance and its own economic woe. China's dour prospects were apparent in Xi's speech at a banquet on 30 September, the eve of the republic's 75th anniversary. The pre-dinner speech was not intended to impart new policies, but it was a useful barometer of the mood within the CCP's upper echelons.

Xi's soliloquy contained phrases such as "stormy seas", "preparing for rainy days" and, following on from the past 75 years, yet more

"bitter struggle". Arran Hope, Editor of the China Brief at The Jamestown Foundation think-tank in the US, assessed four notable points in Xi's speech. "First, there was a useful reminder that the CCP sees rapid economic development and long-term social stability as the two main pillars of its legitimacy." These dual pillars were described as "the two great miracles".

However, the CCP's problem lies in the fact that these pillars are showing signs of crumbling. The party has no ready answers for the economic malaise now besetting the national economy, and the only way it knows to maintain stability is implementing evermore repressive regulations on the populace.

Hope continued. "Second was the focus on Chinese-style modernization, which took up a substantial portion of the speech." Xi said that the central task of the CCP is "comprehensively advancing the building of a strong nation and the rejuvenation of the nation with Chinese-style modernization". This can only be achieved, according to the CCP, by adhering to the party's leadership. The only "solution" the party can offer is blind obedience to Xi, closing ranks and fighting on through the pain and suffering. Xi can only demand greater loyalty and commitment from the people. He has decried Western-style democracy and advocated a Chinese model - there is no turning aside from this pathway created by the CCP. To do otherwise, to reverse

course, would be an admission of fallibility and thus a loss of legitimacy. Thirdly, Hope pointed out, "Another prominent feature of the speech was the space dedicated to Taiwan. Taiwan is traditionally mentioned in the PRC's National Day speeches, as it remains central to the country's conception of itself. This year, however, a whole paragraph - nearly 10% of the entire speech - was dedicated to the topic."

Xi made no references to peaceful cross-strait ties. Instead, Xi took a hardline and emphasized the blood ties between the mainland and Taiwan, the latter described as "sacred territory" belonging to China. He also claimed reunification was inevitable, since "the wheel of history cannot be stopped by anyone".

As a step on its historic mission to claim Taiwan for the CCP, the PLA commenced its one-day-long Joint Sword-2024B military sea and air wargames around Taiwan on 14 October. The People's Daily said the PLA was "compelled" to conduct these drills because President Lai Ching-te had declined China's "olive branch".

However, nobody has seen or heard of China's olive branch; indeed, Beijing has done nothing but crank up military coercion and diplomatic pressure on Taiwan. Rather than offering an olive branch, China is wielding a big stick to show its strength. In reality, it makes no difference what Taipei does or does not do - China will continue to escalate no matter what.

UT boys secured 28 runs lead against Kerala as Rana misses century,

Chandigarh, A magnificent almost run-a-ball knock of 97 from wicketkeeper batter Akshit Rana helped Chandigarh to secure a 28 runs lead against Kerala on the third day of the Col CK Nayudu match being played at Mahajan Cricket Ground, IT Park on Tuesday. UT boys scored 412 runs after bundled out visitors for 384. Kerala was struggling at 135/7 in its second at the end of the day's play. Earlier, Chandigarh added 167 runs to its overnight score of 245/5 and was all out for 412. The key attraction of the day was Akshit Rana's innings of 97 runs off 99 balls which was well deserved with 12 boundaries and three sixes. Apart from him, the host team smashed three half-centuries - Devang Kaushik (58), Nikhil (68) and Arnav Bansal (62) in the inning. Unbeaten Arman Jakhar added 28 runs. Kiran Sagar took five wickets from the bowling side. Kerala in its second innings failed to impress with bat as bowlers continued with the wicket taking spree and reduced the side at 135/7 before the stumps were drawn. Riya Bashir (47) has been the top scorer of the Innings so far.Ivraj Ranauta continued with his form and clinched three wickets while Harshit got two wickets.

Citroën Basalt Earns 4-star rating in Bharat NCAP Safety Tests

Chandigarh: Citroën India proudly announces that the all-new Basalt, India's first mainstream ICE SUV Coupé, has been awarded an impressive 4-star rating in the Bharat New Car Assessment Program (Bharat - NCAP) safety tests. Delivering an unparalleled driving experience, distinguished by its bold, commanding stance, class-leading spaciousness, and aerodynamic silhouette, the Citroën Basalt now also stands out with outstanding safety standards, emerging as the ultimate all-rounder. This significant achievement not only highlights the vehicle's safety prowess but also demonstrates Citroën's relentless commitment to equipping all variants with enhanced safety features as standard. The Citroën Basalt distinguishes itself with a robust and intelligently engineered body structure designed to offer optimal protection in the event of a collision. Since its launch, the Basalt has captured the attention of automotive enthusiasts and first-time buyers alike, standing out in a competitive market.

Tata Digital Launches Tata AIA's Life Insurance Products on the Tata Neu App

UDHIANA/ AMRITSAR: Tata Digital, in association with Tata AIA Life Insurance, has introduced a comprehensive range of life insurance products on its platform, 'Tata Neu'. This strategic move reinforces Tata Neu's position as a one-stop-shop for customers' financial needs. Amresh Kher, Chief Business Officer, Insurance, Tata Digital, expressing his enthusiasm for the collaboration, said, "Our partnership with Tata AIA Life Insurance marks a significant milestone for financial services on Tata Neu.

Amazon Launches Smbhav Hackathon 2024

GURUGRAM : Amazon India today announced the launch of Amazon Smbhav Hackathon 2024, a nationwide competition to forge next-gen tech and AI-powered innovations for Indian small and medium businesses (SMBs) in e-commerce. The hackathon is part of the lead-up to Amazon Smbhav 2024, the fifth edition of the company's flagship annual summit in India, and invites innovators across India to contribute to the growth of India's digital economy. Amazon has partnered with Startup India, DPIIT, National Innovation Foundation (NIF) - India, and the NIF Incubation and Entrepreneurship Council (NIFEntreC) to support the immense potential of innovators from the deepest pockets of the country. Open to all Indian citizens above 18 years of age, including students, entrepreneurs, grassroots innovators, service providers, working professionals, SMBs, and the broader e-commerce ecosystem, the hackathon seeks to harness India's innovative spirit to address key challenges in the e-commerce ecosystem.

Apollo Fertility Expands to Chandigarh, Offering Advanced Fertility Care to Punjab Residents - Adds to second center in Punjab region

Chandigarh : Apollo Fertility, a leading provider of fertility care and a part of the Apollo Health and Lifestyle and Apollo Hospitals Group, is proud to announce the launch of its second and largest standalone fertility center in Punjab, located in Chandigarh. This state-of-the-art facility brings huge and innovative treatment options to couples facing infertility challenges in the region. Speaking on the launch, Anubhav Prashant, Chief Operating Officer at Apollo Fertility, said, "We are delighted to introduce one of the largest state of the art fertility centers in Chandigarh. India has emerged as a leading destination for infertility treatments due to its affordable and high-quality care. Our new center will be a boon to couples in the region seeking world-class fertility services. The Group is committed to furthering its services in the region with additional facilities planned in the coming years" This will benefit not only the couples of Chandigarh, but will also cater to demands.

Indian Stroke Association Launches The Ludhiana Chapter Of 'Mission Brain Attack' To Empower Healthcare Professionals In Stroke Management

Ludhiana : The Indian Stroke Association (ISA) has launched MISSION BRAIN ATTACK, an initiative aimed at enhancing the awareness, education, and training of healthcare professionals in stroke prevention, immediate treatment, and rehabilitation. The campaign "Each One Teach One" addresses the alarming rise in stroke cases across India, emphasizing the urgent need for specialized training and resources to improve stroke care nationwide. "The initiative includes a comprehensive program of workshops, webinars, real-time case studies, and access to online resources. With the increasing incidence of strokes in India, prompt measures are essential. We aim to introduce an affordable catheter for treating brain stroke patients, which will significantly lower the surgical costs associated with brain strokes" said Dr. Nirmal Surya, Consulting Neurophysician and President of the ISA. "Through MISSION BRAIN ATTACK, we are equipping healthcare professionals with the skills they need to respond effectively when a brain attack occurs, which can significantly impact a patient's recovery.

Vishal Lashes Out at Lakshya Mehta: "Yeh Indian Idol hai na, yahaan aap nakal kar ke aage nahi badoge"

Chandigarh/ : In its 15th season on Sony Entertainment Television, the much-loved Indian Idol will witness the drama unfold when Amritsar's Lakshya Mehta found himself in hot water with the judges. The 23-year-old, who sang "Turn Kya Mile" and "Pehli Nazar Mein", hoped to impress the judges - Badshah, Shreya Ghoshal and Vishal Dadgar - with his smooth vocals. But instead, his audition took a shocking turn when the judges criticised him for copying other famous singers. While his unique voice and singing prowess caught everyone's attention, the judges spurred him to embrace his originality and step out of the shadows of his inspirations. Vishal was the first judge to stop Lakshya's audition mid-way, and his frustration was evident as he pointed out, "Aap original singers ke inflections aspie gaane mein daal rachein hai - first with Aqil, then with Afif. You're singing well, par aap apna nahi gaa rahe ho. Yeh Indian Idol hai na, yahaan se idol nikaltein hai; yahaan aap nakal kar ke aage nahi badoge.

10 ways to put sleep issues to bed

Lack of sleep can lead to a wide range of health issues related to immune function, mood swings, memory loss, etc. If you're having trouble sleeping, here are a few ways that could help enhance your sleep routine:

1. Stop eating three hours before bedtime. Our bodies need at least three to four hours to properly digest our meal. If you have acid reflux, eating too close to bedtime may be the culprit.
2. Consider not consuming coffee, tea, energy drinks and chocolates three to four hours before sleeping. Ideally try and avoid them after noon to allow them to work their way out your bodies before bedtime.
3. If you smoke four hours prior to your bedtime, you need to stop. Nicotine stimulates the Central Nervous System interfering with one's ability to fall asleep.
4. Ask your doctor whether the prescribed medicines you are consuming contribute to the lack of sleep. If yes, then you need to explore options like switching to different medicines or taking less of the same.
5. Adopt a relaxing ritual like an aromatic bath. Adding a few drops of Lavender or Jasmine oil, known to act as mild tranquilizers, to warm bathwater help send you off to sleep.



6. Light makes your brain think it's daytime while darkness tells your body to release melatonin, which makes you sleepy. Try dimming the lights at least an hour before bedtime.

7. Try avoiding your afternoon naps if they aid in transforming you to a wide-eyed zombie at night. Day-time naps are often accountable for disrupting the body clock.

8. Adopt a few Yoga poses to ease your way into a nice restful sleep. Upavistha Konasana, Salabhasana, Viparita Karani, Supta Baddha Konasana and Savasana boast of their ability to calm down stress levels and promote relaxation.

9. Don't exercise too close to bedtime as doing so may end keeping you more wired than tired.

10. Avoid consuming alcohol too close to bedtime. Alcohol does help make one drowsy however its sedative effect doesn't last long making you vulnerable to wake up in the night.

Indian Navy signs MoU with Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance for providing insurance to Naval civilians

UDHIANA: The Indian Navy signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance to provide life insurance solutions to the civilian personnel of the Indian Navy. As part of this collaboration, Bajaj Allianz Life will offer a variety of life insurance products, ensuring comprehensive coverage at affordable rates. Highlighting the importance of the occasion as part of activities for the 'Year of Naval Civilians,' Vice Admiral Sanjay Bhalla, Chief of Personnel, appreciated the life insurance

solutions offered by Bajaj Allianz Life, which have been specifically tailored to meet the needs of Indian Navy



civilians. Mr. Tarun Chugh, MD & CEO, Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance, said, "It is indeed a proud moment for all of us at

Bajaj Allianz Life, to have an opportunity to offer life insurance services to the Indian Navy Civilians. In line with the Indian Navy's 2024 - Year of Naval Civilians - we will commence our operations for the Naval Civilians. I believe it will also be a huge step towards taking the benefits of life insurance to many more Indians and taking critical steps towards bridging the insurance penetration gap within our country. We will ensure we deliver only the most effective and seamless solutions to the Indian Navy."

Top 3 fundraising NGOs Etasha Society raised INR 70,22,452



New Delhi : Etasha Society, an NGO dedicated to empowering youth through education and skill development, shared their inspiring experiences and motivations for participating in the Vedanta Delhi Half Marathon from 2011 to 2012. Their stories shed light on this event's profound impact on their organization and the communities they serve. This year, in the 19th edition of VDHM, the Etasha Society has set a new level that inspires us to believe in the power of collective action. The funds they have raised are not just numbers; they are a hope for young hearts to pursue their dreams. Etasha

Society's Project 'Fight Berozgaar' is an initiative to make youth from less privileged communities financially self-reliant through sustained employment and income generation. This project will help individuals become financially independent, helping not just them but their families as well. Etasha's dedication and passion for helping these students find the spark within themselves motivate each one of us. United Way Delhi raised INR 62,60,190 United Way of Delhi (UWD) is an independent not-for-profit organization affiliated with the United Way Worldwide Family - one of the World's Largest leaders.

Jewell Paints Launches FreshAir, Zero-VOC Paint

Ludhiana/Jalandhar, Jewell Paints, a trailblazer in the paints industry has launched FreshAir, a Zero-VOC paint. As a company known for its innovation and commitment to sustainability, Jewell's FreshAir is crafted from natural ingredients, ensuring it is safe for children, pets, and the environment. Currently the prominent paint companies are offering only low-VOC paints. Jewell Paints is the First in the category to offer a Zero-VOC paint in innovative Twist & Pour packaging. Unlike other paints, FreshAir eliminates the harmful volatile organic compounds (VOCs) that contribute to poor indoor air quality, making homes healthier and fresher. Jewell Paints goes beyond offering the industry-standard low-VOC paints, taking the next bold step by



ensuring that FreshAir contains less than 5 grams of VOCs per liter, while low-VOC paints typically allow up to 50 grams per liter. Company introduces the Twist & Pour recyclable packaging, a first in the Indian market in its category. This clever design, with a built-in spout, minimizes spillage and waste, making the painting process mess-free and convenient for End user and it's also super convenient to store leftover paint. Additionally, the new 2.5-liter pack size has been introduced to address the needs of modern Indian homes, offering flexibility for smaller spaces and preventing unnecessary waste. Speaking on the launch, Nitin Jain, Founder and Director - Sales, Marketing & Operations at Jewell Paints shared, "One of the key issues with Low-VOC paints is the durability.

Streak Elevates Hair Colouring with New Gel Hair Colour

CHNADIGARH/LUDHIANA: Streak, a hair colour brand from Hygienic Research Institute Pvt Ltd (HRIPL), known for its innovation and contemporary styling products, is revolutionizing the market with the launch of the Streak Gel Hair Colour. This game-changing product is set to elevate the hair colouring experience, offering a high-performance upgrade to traditional hair colours. With cutting-edge technology, Streak Gel Hair Colour delivers flawless grey coverage and an elevated shine that transforms every strand into a radiant statement. Dheeraj Arora, Managing Director and CEO of HRIPL shared, "At Streak, innovation is at the core of everything we do. We are a fashion-forward brand, known for delivering contemporary products that help women stand out and get noticed. With the launch of Streak Gel Hair Colour, we continue this legacy by offering consumers an elevated experience that redefines what hair colour can achieve—elevating grey coverage into a high-performance, high-shine transformation."

Transport Corporation of India organizes blood donation drive in over 45 cities; enables collection of 1500+ units

Chandigarh :India's leading logistics and supply chain solutions group, Transport Corporation of India (TCI) organized a country-wide donation drive from 11th to 30th September, enabling collection of over 1500 units of blood. The collections took place in over 45 cities in partnership with various local organizations, including in Chandigarh, Hissar, Varanasi, Handwar, Bengaluru, Ahmedabad, Gurugram, Jaipur, Mumbai, Bhiwadi, Pune, Kolhapur, Patna, Raipur, among others. The drive is organized annually, during the birth anniversary month and in fond memory of the group's Founding Chairman, Shri Prabhu Dayal



Agarwal Ji. He is widely regarded as the pioneer of the Indian transport and logistics sector. During his lifetime, he contributed immensely to social causes linked with health, education, sports, driver's health, women empowerment,

among other areas. One of his dream projects was the establishment of over 500 private blood banks in the country. The drive witnessed participation from both women and men associated with TCI as employees, associates and partners.

Alarming Upsurge in youngsters affected by cardiac ailments suggests Dr T S Mahant

Chandigarh, October 15, 2024: India is witnessing an alarming upsurge in cardiovascular ailments. The increasing incidence of heart conditions is no longer limited to the elderly; more and more young people are falling victim to heart-related ailments. Lifestyle factors, stress, and unhealthy habits are contributing to this worrying surge, with many patients in their 30s and 40s being diagnosed with coronary artery disease (CAD). Experts warn that the number of younger patients is growing rapidly, adding to

the already critical global health crisis. Dr. T.S. Mahant, Executive Director and Head-Cardiac Surgery at Fortis



Hospital, Mohali, highlighted this growing issue during a media

interaction, stating, "Over 50 percent of the heart patients coming for consultation are below the age of 50, which is a clear indicator that heart ailments among young people are on the rise. The situation is particularly concerning in India, where younger individuals are increasingly diagnosed with coronary artery disease." He further elaborated on how lifestyle changes in urban areas, as compared to rural regions where traditional diets and physical activity are more prevalent, are a key contributor in this trend.

DHL Express lights up Diwali with up to 50% off for India's international shipments

Chandigarh / Jalandhar: DHL Express, the global leader in international express services, is adding to the festive cheer of Diwali by offering customers discounts on international

up to 40% off on domestic shipments. Customers can visit https://express-resources.dhl.com/Diwali2024_DHLExpress.html to receive the promotion code and avail the offer. As one of India's most widely celebrated festivals, Diwali, the festival of light, is an occasion for families to come together and exchange sweets and gifts. DHL Express recognizes the importance of togetherness during these times. It aims to bring loved ones together despite being miles apart, by providing customers with reliable and cost-effective shipping solutions. Customers can enjoy up to 50% off on international shipments weighing between 3 kg and 25 kg; while a 40% discount is offered on domestic shipments weighing between 2kg and 10kg. The offer is available at over 650 DHL Express service points across India.



and domestic outbound shipments. This limited-time offer, valid until 02nd November, 2024, allows customers to share festive greetings and gifts with their loved ones across the world while enjoying up to 50% off on international shipments and

IFAT India 2024 to lead the charge for water and waste management in India with its largest edition



Chandigarh, The 11th edition of IFAT India, India's leading trade fair for water, sewage, solid waste, and recycling, will take place from October 16-18, 2024 at the Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai. As India continues to combat challenges in sustainable water and waste management, IFAT India emerges as a critical platform to showcase innovations, and encourage collaborations and policy discussions in this sector. IFAT India is a key enabler in presenting ground-breaking innovations in environmental technologies such as solid waste, recycling, water treatment, and sewage management. The event brings together top companies, industry experts, government representatives, and decision-makers interested in environmental technologies under one roof to network and unlock business opportunities. At IFAT India 2024, the conference segment has undergone significant enhancements to promote knowledge-sharing and drive innovation in environmental technology.

Škoda Auto India initiates its New Era with the all-new Kylaq

MANDI: Škoda Auto had made its ambitions to grow the brand in India clear with the announcement of a compact SUV in February this year. A nationwide naming campaign got the Kylaq its name, which will be premiered globally on November 6, 2024. With the Kylaq, Škoda Auto India will offer a range of SUVs including the luxury offering Kodiaq and the first launch from Škoda Auto's India 2.0 project, the mid-sized SUV, Kushaq. The Kylaq will see Škoda Auto present in the sub-4m segment, which holds almost 30% of the total Indian car market and is one of the fastest-growing segments in India. The Kylaq is set to add a new dimension to the compact SUV segment with its modern, bold and muscular styling, proven Škoda driving dynamics, uncompromising safety and a good mix of features making it a compelling value offering. The launch of the Kylaq will see Škoda Auto entering a 'New Era' in India,

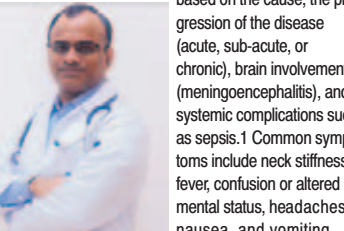


which is the most important market for the brand outside Europe. Piyush Arora, Managing Director and CEO, Škoda Auto Volkswagen India says, "I'm proud to present Kylaq – the first compact SUV from Škoda India. Kylaq is designed and made with high levels of localisation, thereby strengthening our 'Make In India' commitment. It represents the Group's DNA of driving dynamic, safety and comfort, along with the practical features desired by our value conscious customers. I'm sure the product will resonate with Indian customers' mindset. Kylaq, designed and engineered in India, for India will be a gamechanger."

Meningitis Prevention: Vaccination as the Frontline Defense

Noida : Meningitis is a serious but preventable infection that remains a significant health concern, especially for children. World Meningitis Day (5th October) aims to increase global awareness and support efforts to combat the disease through early detection and vaccination. Dr. Amit Gupta, Pediatrician & Neonatologist at Motherhood Hospitals, Noida explains, "Vaccination is crucial in protecting communities from outbreaks and limiting the spread of this highly contagious disease. Children, in particular, are highly susceptible to the disease, and its effects can be long-lasting if left untreated. It's not just about avoiding the disease—it's about ensuring the health and well-being of future generations." To combat this deadly disease, the Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP) recommends meningococcal vaccination for two key age groups: infants aged 9 to 23

months should receive two doses spaced at least three months apart, while those aged 2 to 55 years should receive a single dose.9 Meningitis is the inflammation of the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord (the meninges), typically caused by bacterial, fungal, or viral infections. The clinical presentation of meningitis varies based on the cause, the progression of the disease (acute, sub-acute, or chronic), brain involvement (meningoencephalitis), and systemic complications such as sepsis.1 Common symptoms include neck stiffness, fever, confusion or altered mental status, headaches, nausea, and vomiting. Less common symptoms may include seizures, coma, and neurological deficits, such as hearing or vision loss, cognitive impairment, or limb weakness. Disclaimer: The views/suggestions/opinions expressed in the article are the sole responsibility of the experts.



Harvinder Kalyan becomes third MLA in Karnal to score hat-trick in 58 Years

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: In the political landscape of Haryana, the five constituencies of Karnal district hold significant importance. Since the state's formation, many politicians from these constituencies have served as MLAs and ministers. Karnal's voters are educated and



conscientious, carefully selecting their representatives. While several MLAs have secured two consecutive terms in the district, only three have managed to achieve the rare feat of winning three times in a row. BJP's Gharaura MLA Harvinder Kalyan is one of these, joining the ranks of Neelokheri's

former MLA and minister Jaysingh Rana and Assandh's former minister and MLA Krishna Panwar, both of whom also secured three consecutive victories. However, what sets Harvinder Kalyan apart is that he achieved this hat-trick under the BJP banner in all three elections, creating history.

Job fair to be organized on Oct 18 at Govt ITI Barara

JAIBBER RANA THAMBER BARARA: Principal Ashwini Sharma of Government ITI Barara at Holy has announced the organization of a large-scale job fair on October 18, 2024. Several companies will be participating in this event, and all students have been informed about it. The local community has also been notified, and efforts are being made to raise awareness through the media to encourage parents to send their unemployed ITI graduates to the job fair in large numbers. Around 600 job opportunities are expected to be offered by the participating companies, providing a valuable chance for unemployed individuals to secure employment.

ACB arrests SI in Sonapat for taking bribe of Rs. 50,000

CHANDIGARH: The Haryana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) today arrested Sub-Inspector Balwan Singh, posted at City Police Station in Sonapat, on charges of accepting a bribe of Rs. 50,000. The bribe was allegedly demanded in exchange for providing a copy of a settlement to the complainant's brother. A government spokesperson revealed that the ACB had received a complaint regarding this case. The complainant stated that a complaint had been filed against his brother at the City Police Station, which was subsequently resolved through a settlement between the parties. However, Sub-Inspector Balwan Singh allegedly demanded a bribe of Rs. 50,000 to provide the complainant's brother with a copy of the settlement. Prior to this, the accused had already taken Rs. 3.5 lakh in bribes. To catch the accused, the ACB planned a raid. During the operation, Balwan Singh initially fled with the bribe money but was apprehended shortly afterward by the ACB team. The investigation is ongoing, and crucial evidence is being collected to proceed further.

Governor visits Atal Tunnel, reviews facilities in escape tunnel



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla along with Lady Governor Janaki Shukla visited Atal Tunnel today and enquired from the senior officers of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) about the escape tunnel. The 9 km long tunnel is the highest highway single-tube tunnel above 10,000 feet in the world connecting areas on both sides of Lahaul-Spiti and Kullu. The Governor said that the tunnel besides promoting tourism activities had served as a boon for the locals around the year reducing travel time and distance between Manali-Kasol and Leh. Commanding Officer of the BRO Sandeep Singh detailed the Governor about the escape tunnel which opens after every 400 meters. The tunnel bypasses most of the sites which were prone to road blockages, avalanches and traffic jams, he added.

GM reviews performance of NR, focuses on enhancing digitisation

NEW DELHI: Ashok Kumar Verma, General Manager, Northern Railway, today convened a performance review meeting with the departmental heads of Northern Railway and DRMs at Baroda House. Deliberations were held on keeping focus on passenger amenities at stations for the upcoming festival season. In this review meeting, he emphasized on convenient movement of railway passengers at stations, provision of 2nd entry and proper management of other facilities, clearance of additional rush during the upcoming festival season. He also reviews the arrangement of cleanliness at platforms, medical facilities, safety & security of passengers and proper supply of drinking water at platforms. The GM emphasized the digitization in rail operations. He said that by embracing digitization, railway may enhance passenger's experience, optimize operations, and improve overall efficiency. One of the key benefits of digitization in the railway is the ability to collect and analyze vast amounts of data in real-time, enabling predictive maintenance and proactive decision-making to prevent any disruptions and ensure the seamless functioning of railway operations. Moreover, Sh. Verma emphasized the maintenance of railway assets is a critical aspect of ensuring smooth operations of trains and passenger comfort. He underscored the significance of regular assessments to address any potential risks and to optimize the railway network's performance.

Namdhari Mukhi Satguru Dalip Singh guides 40-Day spiritual chanting exercise at Sri Jeevan Nagar



J S SODHI
JALANDHAR: Under the guidance of Namdhari Mukhi Satguru Dalip Singh, Namdhari Amritdhari gurus participated in a 40-day chanting of Dasam Bani at Sri Jeevan Nagar, a sacred historical site for Namdharis. Starting with Asa Di Vaar in the morning, the day was filled with Katha-Kirtan, Kavi Darbar, and Gurbani recitations. The spiritual Asu Mela concluded, leaving a profound impact on the Sangat. Satguru Dalip Singh emphasized that Namdhari founder Ram Singh connected Sikhs with Gurbani, encouraging them to read, listen and live by its teachings. He urged followers to practice humility, forgiveness, respect for women, and to eliminate negative habits from their lives. Satguru Dalip Singh also highlighted the importance of Guru's teachings for mental and physical well-being, noting that embracing these values can help combat diseases like depression. Thousands, including Mastana Balochistan, Sant Virender Singh Dhillon, Dr. Raghuvansh Mani Pandey, Brij Mohan, and Sukhrang Singh, participated in the event. A blood donation camp, yoga camp, and homeopathic and Ayurvedic medical camp were also organized, with many people donating blood and seeking wellness advice.

Himachal govt dedicated to ensure welfare of its employees: CM



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, OCT 15

A delegation of the Himachal Pradesh State Pollution Control Board (HSPSCB) presented a cheque of Rs. 2 Crore to Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu here today towards the Chief Minister's Relief Fund. The Chief Minister lauded this generous contribution, appreciating the Board's commitment to social welfare. He said that directives

have been issued to all Boards and Corporations to release salaries and pensions on the 28th of this month, ahead of the upcoming festive season. This decision was set to benefit approximately 50,000 employees and pensioners of the all Boards and Corporations across the state. The Chief Minister said that the state government had also decided to release an additional 4 percent Dearness Allowance (DA) to all the government employees,

Releases 'Celebrities Associated with Shimla' authored by Trilok Suryavanshi

SHIMLA: Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today released a book titled 'Celebrities Associated with Shimla', authored by Trilok Suryavanshi. The author, who retired as Assistant Director from the Department of Language, Art and Culture has compiled the lives and achievements of 28 notable figures associated with Shimla in this publication.

effective from 1st January 2023. The employees of the HP State Pollution Control Board would benefit from this increase as well.

Furthermore, the pending arrears under the sixth Pay Commission would be

While congratulating Trilok Suryavanshi on this publication, the Chief Minister said that the book would be a valuable resource for readers, offering significant insights. Trilok Suryavanshi said that the book provides information on various celebrities associated with Shimla, from Nobel laureate author Rudyard Kipling to Bollywood stars.

released to all Pollution Control Board employees. Shri Sukhu reaffirmed the state government's dedication to the welfare of its employees, emphasizing various initiatives implemented over the past 20 months.

Kabirpanthi eats food at Atal Mazdoor Canteen, praises dal-roti

ROHIT LAMSER
TARAORI, OCT 15

MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi made a surprise inspection of Atal Kisan-Mazdoor Canteen opened by women of self-help group in the grain market of Taraori city and took detailed information from the women of self-help group about the food being prepared by them and cleanliness. He talked to the women working in the canteen and after inspection, he found all the arrangements in the canteen to be fine. MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi said that the canteen is being run by women of self-help groups. With the help of the market committee, pure and fresh food is being made available to farmers, labourers and other people coming to the grain market at the rate of only Rs 10 per plate. MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi told the women cooking food in the canteen that they should take special care of cleanliness while cooking food and serve only fresh food to the people. On this occasion, the secretary of the market committee said that the canteen is open



from 11 am to 3 pm. Anyone can come and have food in the canteen. MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi also enjoyed the food prepared by the women of the self-help group in the Atal Kisan Mazdoor canteen.

There will be all-round development in Hry: CM Saini

VIJAY KAUSHIK
LADWA, OCT 15

BJP leader and former area candidate from Ladwa, Deep Saini, expressed his gratitude to the people of the state for forming the BJP government in the state for the third time and said that this victory was the victory of BJP's public welfare policies. In the name of development, people have created a record by voting for the BJP government for the third time in the state. In this victory, the welfare policies implemented by Caretaker Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini in 56 days and the policy of giving jobs without any expenditure and without any slip were important. The government worked under public welfare policies for all sections. Deep Saini said that with Ladwa became CM City, there was a wave of happiness among the residents of all the areas and the work here would



also be done at a fast pace. He said that it was a matter of great fortune for Ladwa that the Chief Minister chose Ladwa Assembly. People of thirty-six communities have had special support in this victory. People of the area have a lot of expectations from Naib Singh Saini which he would fulfill very

well. Because the people were already familiar with Chief Minister he believed in welfare of the people. He said that the government was formed for the third time there will be more development than before. Policies will be made for every section and new employment opportunities will be found for the youth.

Text books presented to needy students of govt school



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Anti Corruption Foundation of India organised Corruption Free India Seminar and Charity Project at Government Senior Secondary School for Boys, Prem Nagar. In the Seminar, the students of the school presented poems and speeches on the topic of Corruption Free India and under the Foundation's Charity Project, books of their syllabus were presented to the needy students of the school as gifts. National Supremo Narendra Arora gave the message of living life with truth and honesty to the students of the school. He said that the Foundation is working for awareness against corruption across the country and along with this charity projects are also done under which help is given to needy students. He assured the school principal to support the students in every kind of need in future. On this occasion, District Director Surendra Mohan Gaba presented the song 'Ruk Jana Nahi Tu Kahin Haar ke'. On this occasion, the school's principal Santosh Rathi expressed his gratitude to the foundation.

Sushma Gupta inaugurates second day's competitions

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR:

Under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner and Head District Child Welfare Council Captain Manoj Kumar, Haryana State Child Welfare Council organized Children Competitions - 2024 at District Child Welfare Council Yamunanagar and was inaugurated by Sushma Gupta, Honorary General Secretary, Haryana State Child Welfare Council by lighting the lamp. About 600 students from 30 schools of Group II class VI to VIII participated in these competitions. Diya candle decoration, sketching on the spot, poster making, solo song, patriotic group song and quiz were organized in these competitions. Chief guest Sushma Gupta admired the talent of all the children and praised them profusely and also motivated them for the future. Sukhminder Singh, District Child Welfare Officer, Yamuna Nagar said that these competitions would continue till October 22. Kajal in Diya/Candle Decoration stood first, Mishika second and Daman Singhal third. In sketch on the Spot, Ayush Dahiya first, Chahat second and Dheeraj Singh third. In Poster Making, Dhruv Verma first, Saanvi Kamboj second and Navya third Saini secured third position.



Use cloth, jute or thick paper bags instead of polythene bags: SDM

MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI: SDM Surendra Pal said that as convenient as the use of polythene in daily life seemed, its consequences were equally dangerous because discarding polythene bags was a serious problem. Polythene was not completely destroyed when burnt. This polluted the environment. Along with this, polythene bags also destroyed the fertility of the soil and the seeds scattered in the fields at the time of sowing the crop got trapped under these polythene bags. The polythene waste did not settle at all, which has a huge impact on the crop production of the farmer. He said that while it blockades the drainage of water, it also has a bad effect on the health of humans as well as animals. Polythene waste was not just thrown into the garbage but also into the garbage dump. It was useless as it was neither completely destroyed nor can it be used to prepare fertilizer like other waste. There was no benefit in using polythene, rather it was only harmful. He said that polythene bags were so convenient for the common man to use that it was difficult to give these up. However, in order to give up the use of polythene bags, it was necessary to pay more attention to its alternatives because the use of polythene was not only harmful for the environment. It was proving to be fatal for human health as well. Small and big polythene bags got stuck in drains and sewers and blocked the water, due to which many diseases born out due to the breeding of flies, mosquitoes and germs.



Lids of sewerage joint tanks become problem to residents



PREETI SAINI

SADHAURA: The lids of the sewerage joint tanks built in the Sadhaura lanes gave way at many places due to which these tanks turned into a problem for the passersby and often people fell into these tanks. A sewerage line was laid in Sadhaura town long time ago by the Public Health Department, which has not been started properly yet but the lids of the sewerage joint tanks built in the streets were often found open. Similar is the case with Peer Budhu Shah Gurudwara. The lane which leads to the main market has many sewerage tanks lying open in which people throw garbage and pedestrians are also becoming victims of accidents here. Local people told that small bicycle riders were falling prey to these tanks. Children have also met with accidents here many times. Often in the morning and evening, water started overflowing from these tanks and started floating in the street, due to which local shopkeepers also have to face problems. People demanded that the administration should pay attention to this and should take immediate action.

DAV college for women holds 3-day training programme



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: The Department of Botany and Biotech of Kumari Vidyavati Anand DAV College for Women successfully organised a three-day Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) training programme on Plant Tissue Culture in collaboration with the Center of Excellence for Horticulture Skills in India, Karnal. First of all, the Principal of the college, Meenu Sharma welcomed the chief guests. Addressing the students, she said that in today's era, along with education, having a skill in your hand is of great importance. She motivated the students to participate enthusiastically in the training program. After this, the coordinator of the program, Dr. Nadia Chauhan, Head of the Department of Botany and Biotech Department introduced the training experts to the people present. Explained the importance of skill based education to the students. She told how one skill can give us many career options or we can establish self-employment. 66 girl students participated in the programme. The aim was to provide advanced technical knowledge and skills in the field of horticulture and biotechnology to the girl students.

Seminar on effective motivational counseling for parent-child relationships held at Kalpvriksh Public School



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Under the state level project of Haryana State Child Welfare Council, the establishment of Child Advice, Counseling and Welfare Centers, a seminar was organized today on the topic 'Effective Motivational Counseling Tips for Parent-Child Relationship' for the parents of children studying in Kalpvriksh Public School located at Samblhi Road. Chief Speaker, Divisional Child Welfare Officer, Rohtak and State Nodal Officer, Anil Malik, while addressing the people present, said that in the present times, anxiety, tension and conflict are increasing in personal and social relationships. If thought is given and the root cause is known and meaningful efforts are made and solutions are found to solve the problem, then solution will also be possible. Parents often tell during discussion that the social behavior of children is not good, quality is decreasing, there is lack of concentration, interest in learning and writing is also decreasing, don't know why the lack of communication is increasing. As a solution, Anil Malik, while discussing the above points, said that by properly understanding the age development, one has to know that just giving knowledge is not enough to change the behavior.

2 arrested for possession of narcotics in Ladwa



VIJAY KAUSHIK

LADWA: In a continued crackdown on drug traffickers under the guidance of Superintendent of Police Varun Singla, Ladwa police arrested two individuals for possessing narcotics. The Anti-Narcotics Cell team apprehended Mukarrab Ali, alias Kala, and Jisan Khan, alias Mata, both residents of Bapda village in Kurukshetra district, and seized 12.73 grams of heroin (chitta) from their possession. According to a police spokesperson, on October 14, a team led by Inspector Joginder Singh and comprising Head Constable Pradeep Kumar, Baldev, Woman Constable Ritu, SPO Surendra Singh, and driver Head Constable Praveen Kumar were on patrol near Bapda Chowk, Ladwa. The team received a tip-off that Mukarrab Ali and his son Jisan Khan were involved in selling heroin to addicts in the area. Acting swiftly on the information, the police apprehended both suspects near their residence. The suspects were searched in the presence of DSP Ladwa, Shri Randhir Singh.

Ist Test : Kohli, Rohit Sharma eye consistent run against edgy Kiwis



AGENCY BENGALURU : Yashasvi Jaiswal and Shubman Gill, the torchbearers of India's transition phase, will have to be the team's driving force in its quest to lord over an unsettled New Zealand when the two sides square off in a three-Test series, beginning here on Wednesday.

The baton has not been completely passed, but Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma are certainly running their last lap

and these two young super-stars will have to show that they can carry forward the legacy of the titans.

Since a productive series against England earlier this year, Gill is now more familiar and comfortable with the rigours of Test cricket.

His last 10 innings contain three hundreds and two fifties, while Jaiswal's last eight outings in Test cricket feature a 214 and five fifties.

Those numbers are not to be

scoffed at. But at the same time, it is important for them to build on the foundation through this series, a precursor to the much tougher journey to Australia next month.

Gill seems to have sorted his issues with the in-coming deliveries from pacers, but a trace of the old failing still remains.

In Chennai, Bangladesh pacer Hasan Mahmud troubled him with nip-backers before eventually grabbing his

wicket.

Similarly, Jaiswal has a penchant to go for expansive shots against pace bowlers to get dismissed, evidenced by his three dismissals recently against Bangladesh quicks.

In all, the left-hander has fallen to pacers 12 times in 20 innings, and he would want a better record before facing a clutch of top-class Australian pacers.

While these concerns are not deeply rooted, they serve

as cautionary points against a New Zealand attack that has capable hands in pacers Matt Henry, William O'Rourke and the experienced Tim Southee, if he gets to play here after a sharp decline in his form.

There is another angle to the emergence of Jaiswal and Gill as the pillars of the Indian line-up, as Kohli and Rohit have not precisely set the field ablaze.

Rohit, who has played 15 Test runs, has not made even a fifty in six innings this year, and while Rohit often perishes in his attempt to grab the momentum, his colleague offers a much more curious case.

Kohli, 53 runs shy of 9000 Test runs, has not made even a fifty in six innings this year, and while Rohit often perishes in his attempt to grab the momentum, his colleague offers a much more curious case.

The 35-year-old Kohli has not been able to convert the two starts he got this year, ending up with 46 (vs SA) and 47 (vs Bangladesh), stirring the uncomfortable memories of that great slump between 2019 and 2023.

The master batter will also have to keep an eye on New Zealand left-arm spinners – Ajaz Patel and Rachin Ravindra – the tribe which has been a thorn in his flesh in the past.

ICC Women's T20 WC: Pakistan, India knocked out as New Zealand win to reach semis

AGENCY DUBAI: New Zealand qualified for the knockout stages of the tournament at the expense of both India and Pakistan, following a 54-run win for the White Ferns in Dubai on Monday against Pakistan.

Matchday opponents Pakistan knew they could qualify if they chased down a target of 111 in quick time, while India would have qualified instead of both teams had Pakistan still gone on to win in a slower fashion.

But a combination of superb bowling from New Zealand and a gung-ho approach from Pakistan saw the match race to a conclusion in just 11.4 overs of the second innings, as Pakistan crashed to 56 all out.

Earlier, Suzie Bates top-scored with 28 and plenty of New Zealand batters got starts, but Pakistan's spinners kept the total under control, with Nashra Sandhu the pick of the bowlers with 3/18, as per ICC.

Catches were shelled throughout the innings under the lights in Dubai, and the eventual size of the target, coupled with the NRR equation, proved too much for Pakistan in the end.

With a tantalising target of needing to reach their 111 runs in 10.4 overs to progress on NRR, Pakistan came out swinging at the start of the second innings, with Muneeba Ali (15 from 11) setting the tone.

But Muneeba, Aliya Riaz (0),

Sadaf Shamas (2) and Iram Javed (3) all departed early as the required rate began to soar.

And wickets continued to tumble as attacking intent undid Pakistan.

Fatima Sana was the only batter other than Muneeba to reach double figures, hitting a solid 21 (23). But she had little support and the game rushed to a conclusion as Pakistan were bowled out for just 56.

Melie Kerr finished with the pick of the figures, coming into the attack after much of the early damage had already been done to bag 3/14, including the key wickets of Sana and Nida Dar, before wrapping up the win by dismissing Sadia Iqbal.

But it was the excellent Eden Carson who took away Pakistan's momentum, with figures of 2/7 from three overs helping build the scoring rate pressure to unmanageable levels.

It was New Zealand captain Sophie Devine won the toss and decided to bat first against Pakistan at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium.

And the White Ferns got off to a strong start, reaching 39/0 at the end of the powerplay with Suzie Bates and Georgia Plimmer looking in good touch.

But Pakistan hit back through the middle overs, as Nashra Sandhu bagged both openers.

Plimmer was first to go for 17 (from 14 balls), with Bates falling two overs later for 28 (29).

Payal Kanodia shines at IUKL World Championship 2024 in Corfu, Greece winning two golds for India

AGENCY GURUGRAM : Payal Kanodia won two gold medals at the International Union of Kettlebell Lifting (IUKL) World Championship 2024, held by the IUKL in Corfu, Greece, from October 10 to 14.

Her victory has sparked immense pride and celebration, not only in her hometown of Tauru, Haryana, but across the entire nation.

Competing against top athletes from 30 countries, Kanodia clinched her first gold medal in the 16 kg Snatch event within the 68 kg weight category. She followed this triumph with another gold in the Double Arm Long Cycle (16+16 kg) event, also in the 68 kg category.

The IUKL, a global non-profit organization with members in over 60 coun-

tries, hosted a diverse range of competitors, including youth under-16/under-18 and World Grand Prix levels, making Kanodia's achievement even more remarkable.



Following her remarkable victory, Payal Kanodia, stated, "I am incredibly proud and humbled to represent India once again at the IUKL World Championship

2024 in Kettlebell Lifting. It was a special privilege to compete alongside my son, Kiaan, who brought the same passion and energy to the competition. Nurturing a love for sports in every child's formative years is a commitment close to my heart. This win, however, would not have been possible without the unwavering support of my coach, whose encouragement and dedication fueled my drive to compete at this level," as quoted by a press release by the IUKL.

Payal Kanodia has consistently demonstrated her prowess in the IUKL World Championships, bringing pride to the nation with her stellar performances. She won a silver medal at the IUKL World Championship in Budapest, Hungary, in 2021.

HIL 2024-25: Kalinga Lancers announce squad for upcoming season

AGENCY NEW DELHI: Hockey India League (HIL) team Kalinga Lancers on Tuesday unveiled their lineup for the upcoming 2024 season, marking a return after a seven-year hiatus.

Following their dominant performance in the player auction, Kalinga Lancers have successfully assembled a formidable team, blending emerging talent with seasoned veterans, positioning themselves as strong contenders for the upcoming tournament.

The team's strategic approach during the auction resulted in a well-rounded squad. Key players like Aran Zalewski, Alexander Hendrickx, and Thierry Brinkman, along with emerging Indian stars such as Rosan Kujur and Mukesh Toppo, bolster the team's strength across all positions. This balance of experience and youthful energy makes the Lancers one of the most competitive teams



in this year's HIL.

Commenting on the newly formed team, Sunil Gupta, Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Vedanta Aluminium, said, "Hockey is deeply rooted in India's sporting culture, and we are proud to contribute to its growth through the Kalinga Lancers. It is a privilege to own the team and strengthen the sport further by inspiring the next generation. Beyond hockey, Vedanta has been committed

to supporting a variety of sports at the grassroots level, including archery, karate, and football, demonstrating our dedication to developing well-rounded talent across the country," as quoted in the HIL press release.

Strategy Director David John shared his excitement: "We have assembled a squad that is not only talented but also deeply committed to success. Our strategy will emphasize discipline and

fast-paced play, maximizing scoring opportunities. With the exceptional training environment and infrastructure at our disposal, combined with the expertise of our support staff, I am confident the team will rise to the challenge. We aim to showcase the best of hockey and leave a lasting impression in the HIL this year," the release added.

Kalinga Lancers Full Squad: Defenders: Sanjay (Rs 38 lakh), Mandeep Mor (Rs 19 lakh), Alexander Hendrickx (Rs 23 lakh), Arthur Van Doren (Rs 32 lakh), Antoine Kina (Rs 16 lakh), Partap Lakra (Rs 2 lakh), Sushil Dhanwar (Rs 2 lakh), Rohit Kullu (Rs 2 lakh) Midfielders: Aran Zalewski (Rs 27 lakh), Moriangthem Rabichandra (Rs 32 lakh), Enrique Gonzalez (Rs 10 lakh), Mukesh Toppo (Rs 5 lakh), Rosan Kujur (Rs 12.5 lakh), Nicholas Bandurak (Rs 5 lakh).

Sonam Uttam Maskar wins Silver in Women's 10m Air Rifle at ISSF World Cup Final 2024

AGENCY NEW DELHI : Indian shooter Sonam Uttam Maskar clinched the silver medal in the Women's 10m Air Rifle event at the ISSF World Cup Final 2024 in Delhi on Tuesday. The 22-year-old Maskar impressed with a score of 252.9 to secure her podium finish. China's Yuting Huang claimed the gold medal, while French shooter Oceanne Muller took home the bronze. The other Indian finalist, Tilottama Sen, finished sixth with a score of 167.7.

The 10m Air Pistol Men and Women's finals are also lined up on day one. All the finals will be preceded by qualification rounds.

The World Cup will see 131 of the world's top shooters from 37 nations including multiple reigning Olympic champions participate in the season ending competition which will



determine the year's best shooter of the year, in each of the 12 individual Olympic events.

A squad of 23 Indian top guns will also be among them, taking on the world's shooting elite at home.

The world's top six athletes of the combined six ISSF World Cup stages held throughout 2024, along with Paris Olympic medallists,

defending ISSF World Cup Final champions and reigning world champions have achieved direct qualification in each of the 12 events, for the New Delhi shooting extravaganza.

Three events, the men's 10m Air Pistol, the men's Trap and the women's 25m Pistol will in fact see all three Paris medallists in the event compete for the top

prize of 5000 euros. All defending champions in each of the 12 events from the previous year in Doha, will also be there to defend their titles.

Earlier, the President of the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF), Luciano Rossi, hailed India's increasing contribution to the development and growing popularity of sport shoot-

ing around the world.

Rossi was addressing members of the media during a press conference on Sunday, ahead of the ISSF World Cup Final Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun New Delhi 2024, competitions for which begin at the Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range from October 15.

"I would like to congratulate India for their stellar performance at the recently concluded Junior World Championship in Peru. I would also like to inform that we at ISSF will support India's application to host the Junior World Cup in 2025 and other future international events as and when we are approached by NRAI. India continues to be a significant force in the world of shooting not only with its talented athletes but also through its commitment to expanding the sport's infrastructure and reach," said.

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Sealed item rate tenders on form 6&8 are hereby invited by the Executive Engineer, Palampur Division H.P.P.W.D., Palampur on behalf of the Governor of H.P. for the following work from the approved and eligible contractors enlisted in H.P.P.W.D. (B&R) whose registration stood renewed as per revised rules and also registered under the H.P. General Sales Tax Act 1968 so as to reach in his office on or before 22.10.2024 up to 11.00 AM. And the same shall be opened on the same day at 11.30 A.M. in the presence of intending contractors or their authorized representatives. The tender documents can be had from his office against cash payment (Non-refundable) on 21.10.2024 up to 4.00 P.M and the application for issue of tender form shall be received on 19.10.2024 up to 12.00 noon.

The earnest money in the shape of FDR/saving account of the Post office/Bank in H.P. duly pledged in favour of the XEN must accompany with each tender. Conditional/ incomplete tenders & tender without earnest money will be summarily rejected. The XEN reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders or drop the proposal of tenders without assigning any reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Amount	Earnest Money	Time Limit
1	C/o link road from GPS Nihang to Jagdish Chand House (Sewarage Tanda) Km 0/00 to 0/500 (SW:- C/o U-Shape drain at RD 0/050 to 0/110 and Paver Block at RD 0/050 to 0/120)	Rs. 1,49,053.00	Rs. 3,000.00	Three Months
2	C/o link road Deot Basti Km 0/00 to 1/800 (SW:- Approaches of 3.00 mtrs Span Culvert at RD 5/075)	Rs. 4,97,899.00	Rs. 10,000.00	Three Months
3	NH to Govt. High School Tanda via SCVB Degree College to connecting SC Basti Tanda (SW:- P/L Interlocking concrete Block)	Rs. 2,49,905.00	Rs. 5,000.00	Three Months
4	Restoration of rain damages on link road Tanda Saralu Bhatia road Km 0/00 to 1/500 (SW:- C/o R/Wall at RD 0/480 to 0/490 (Both sides)	Rs. 4,15,669.00	Rs. 8,500.00	Three Months
5	Restoration of rain damages on link road from Brahmtheru to Garh Mata Temple KM 0/00 to 7/00 (SH:- C/o R/Wall at RD 3/890 to 3/894 & 2/510 to 2/519)	Rs. 1,57,421.00	Rs. 3,200.00	Three Months

Terms & Conditions:-
Following documents should accompany the application for tenders.

- G. S.T. No.
- Valid copy of Registration
- Machinery will be of the contractor where required.
- Certificate regarding possession of machinery.
- Telegraphic/Fax tenders are not acceptable.
- The tender documents can be received by registered/ Insured post which should be received in this office on or before the date of opening of tender by 11.00 A.M. positively.
- Contractor should have successfully executed two works of similar nature of 1/3 amount of estimated cost or similar single work of amount equal to estimated cost during the last preceding three years.
- The Contractor will have to submit affidavit along with application for issue of tender that he has not more than two works in hand. Next tender will be issued only after completion of previous works in hand.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Palampur Division,
HPPWD Palampur

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NEWS BRIEFS

Sant Namdev Chowk becomes a big problem for drivers and pedestrians

PREETI SAINI
SADHAURA: Sant Namdev Chowk situated on Sadhaura bypass road has become a big problem for pedestrians due to lack of arrangements and here the drivers were not able to know which way the vehicle took turn and hence there was a constant fear of accidents here. .

It should be noted that the foundation stone of Sant Namdev Chowk, located near the new bridge of Nakti river on Sadhaura bypass road, was laid just a few months ago, on which the PWD department made a triangular stall in the name of Chowk and left it without making any lighting arrangement. Speed breakers have been installed here to reduce the speed of vehicles. At this crossing which went in three directions, on reaching here drivers confused about which way the vehicle coming from. Vehicles going straight from the new bridge often crossed the straight road at a high speed due to which people coming from Sadhaura market or ITI were afraid that an accident may happen. Hundreds of school children also pass through here in the afternoon, so it became a big concern for the parents as well.

Job fairs and campus interviews to be held across state

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 15

In a bid to boost employment opportunities for skilled youth in Haryana, a series of Job fairs and campus interviews will be organised by Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) across the state from October 16 to 29. The Job fairs and interviews are likely to offer a prime opportunity for ITI pass-outs to connect with nearly 200 industries, with the goal of securing employment for 10,000 young individuals.

Divulging more details in this regard, a spokesperson of the Skill Development and Industrial Training department shared that approximately 200 industrial units will be present at these Job fairs to offer employment opportunities to the participants. Principals/Group Instructors in charge of all government ITIs have been directed to coordinate with as many industrial units as possible to organise maximum Job fairs and campus interviews.

The Spokesperson shared that Haryana domicile candidates should be entertained in the job fairs /campus interviews and records will be maintained for all ITI pass-outs who are se-



lected.

The Spokesperson shared that from October 16 to 29, the Job fairs and campus interviews will be held in the districts of Bhiwani, Hisar, Jhajjar, Karnal, Nuh, Mahendragarh, Rohtak, Rewari, and Sonapat. Similarly, from October 18 to 29, the Job fairs and interviews will be held in Ambala, Faridabad, Jind, Panipat and Sirsa while in Kaithal Job fairs and interviews will be held from October 18 to 29.

Besides this, Job fairs/ campus interviews will be held in Charkhi Dadri on October 16, 21, 22, 24, and 29 and on October 18, 21, 22, 24, and 28 in Kurukshetra, on October 18, 22, 24, 28, and 29 in Palwal, on October 18, 23, 25, and 29 in Panchkula, on October 18, 22, 23, 25, 28, and 29 in Yamunanagar and on October 16, 18, 22, 24, and 28 in Fatehabad and on October 18, 21, 23, 25, and 29 in Gurgaon.

Children should adopt yoga along with sports and other disciplines: Arya

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, OCTOBER 15

Under the guidance of DC and District Child Welfare Council President Uttam Singh, various competitions were organised on the second day of Children's Day 2024 at the District Child Welfare Council, Karnal. Children from various schools participated in these district level competitions. Jaideep Arya, Chairman of Yoga Council Haryana, was the chief guest at the programme. The chief guest inaugurated the programme on the second day. During this, while addressing, he said that all children should adopt yoga in their lives along with sports and other competitions. If we do yoga today, we will remain healthy in the future. He said that yoga must be done every day. He said that in this busy life, one can stay healthy by doing yoga. We should make yoga a part of our regular routine. He also made all the children take a pledge to do yoga.

District Child Welfare Officer Aarti welcomed the chief guest. She said that Karnal Bal Bhavan is continuously organising different competitions and programmes under the guidance of DC Uttam Singh, so that children can be taken forward. She said that on the second day of Children's Day 2024 program, group dance, solo song, solo dance, clay modelling, card making and speech competitions were organised in different age groups at Bal Bhavan and Kali-

das Rangshala. Only the participants who get first and second place in these competitions will participate in the divisional level competitions further.

In today's competitions, in group dance group-1, Dayal Singh Public School, Sector 7 stood first, JPS Academy, Asansandh second, Shiv Shakti Mission School third and Dyal Singh Public School Main Branch fourth and the children of Tapan Rehabilitation

School and Shalini Class 11 Government Girls Model Sanskriti School came second and Piyush Sharma Class 12 Indus Public School came third and Muskan DAV Police Public School came fourth.

In Solo Dance Group-2, Saanvi Class 6 RP International School came first, Anhad Class 6 Pratap Public School Main Branch came second, Monika Class 7 Shiv Shakti Mission School came third, Vrinda Class



Society Nilokheri secured a place in the special group. In Declamation Group-4, Simran Class 11 JPS Academy Asansandh came first, Tanishka Class 12 Indus Public School second, Chaitanya Class 11 Pratap Public School, Main Branch third and Tania Class 12 Vivekanand Vidya Niketan fourth. In Solo Singing Group-4, Leena Class 12 Parth Public School Gharanda came first, Sana Class 11 RPS International

6 RPS International School and Khushi Class 8 Government Girls Senior Secondary School Prem Nagar came jointly fourth. In Clay Modelling Group-1, Vanya Class 5 RPS International School came first, Arvika Class 5 RPS International School came second, Harshiv Class 4 Parth Public School Gharanda came third, Gurfath Class 5 Dayal Singh Public School Main Branch came fourth.

SMC members given information about work done in school



NIRMAL SAINI
RADAUR, OCT 15

SMC meeting was organized in Government High School Mandhar. School in-charge Rohit Arora presided over meeting. ABRC Randeep Singh was specially present in meeting and gave detailed information to everyone about government

schemes. School in-charge Rohit Arora gave information to the SMC members about the work done in the school like CCTV cameras, water coolers, fans, plants and pots etc. On this occasion, SMC head Sudesh Rani, Sarpanch Preeti Kamboj, Seema, Mamta, Saroj, Kala, Praveen, Rajpal, Mukesh, Sushil and Uma were present.

BJP got victory with blessings of Brahmins: Surendra Sharma Barota

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, OCT 15

State President of Sarva Brahmin Sabha Haryana, Surendra Sharma Barota said that Bharatiya Janata Party has got victory with blessings of Brahmins. Barota congratulated BJP on forming government in Haryana for 3rd time and expressed hope that BJP government will work to take state forward on the path of development for 3rd time. He said that Brahmin community played an important role in giving victory to BJP, for this we thank and express gratitude to Brahmin community from bottom of our hearts. He also raised demand that Brahmin Welfare Commission should be formed for welfare of Brahmin community with immediate effect. Classification should be done keeping in mind the interests of Brahmin community in EWS reservation. Haryana government should give proper place to Brahmin community in cabinet. Apart from this, Brahmin community should also be ensured a share in corporations and

boards. Surendra Sharma Barota was talking to journalists at Brahmin Dharamshala Karnal located on Bhagwan Shri Parshuram Marg. Addressing media, Barota said that Bharatiya Janata Party gave maximum share to Brahmins in politics and honored Brahmins by giving 12



grateful to Union Minister Manohar Lal, Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini, State President Mohan Lal Badoli and top leadership of BJP for respecting Brahmins. Surendra Sharma Barota said that Brahmin community voted in favour of BJP in every seat in state and played an important role in ensuring victory of BJP candidates in elections. He said that BJP had given assembly tickets to 12 Brahmins out of which 7 have won. Brahmin community now has a total of 8 MLAs in Haryana out of which 7 MLAs are from BJP and one MLAs from Congress. Just as Brahmin community did its duty to ensure victory of BJP, now in same way BJP should also ensure participation of Brahmin community in cabinet and Brahmin community should also be given participation in corporations and boards. He said that Gaurav Gautam from Palwal, Mukesh Sharma from Gurugram, Moolchand Sharma from Ballabhgarh, Dr. Arvind Sharma from Gohana, Ra He said Gautam from Safidon, Devendra Atri from Uchana, Shakti Rani Sharma from Kalka.

tickets. Other political parties ignored Brahmin community in tickets. Therefore, on behalf of Sarv Brahmin Sabha Haryana, a state level committee meeting was called on 19 September 2024 in Rohtak and in the presence of Union Minister Shri Manohar Lal, it was announced to support BJP in Haryana Assembly elections. We are

Drug smuggler arrested in Ambala

MANISH KUMAR
AMBALA: During the special campaign launched by Ambala Police to stop drug smuggling, yesterday in the case of drug smuggling from Saha police station area Industrial Area Mod Saha, the police team of Anti Narcotics Cell Ambala, under the leadership of Inspector Sandeep Kumar, took action and arrested the accused Dharampal, resident of village Chamarhadi Post Office Khedi Madlan Police Station Sadar Patiala District Patiala Punjab with 1 kg 100 grams of opium and obtained 8 days police remand as per the order of the Court.

On 14 October the police team of Anti Narcotics Cell Ambala received information that the accused is involved in opium smuggling and he will leave from Saha Industrial Area Mod Saha towards Shahabad with a huge amount of opium on a motorcycle. The police team of Anti Narcotics Cell took immediate action and arrested the suspect riding a motorcycle. After searching him properly, police recovered 1 kg 100 grams of opium from him. The accused was identified as Dharampal resident of village Chamarhadi Post Office Khedi Madlan Police Station Sadar Patiala District Patiala Punjab. The accused was arrested along with the narcotic substance opium and a case was registered in Police Station Saha.



Naveen Sankalp camps in Ladwa villages to be held today

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, OCT 15

Now on October 16, Naveen Sankalp camps will be organised in the villages of Beed Mathana and Kalal Majra of Ladwa constituency tomorrow. Naveen Sankalp camps were also organised by MP Naveen Jindal in Kurukshetra parliamentary constituency in Thana and Mangna of Pehowa constituency. In these Sankalp camps, with the help of Naveen Jindal Foundation team, district administration and public representatives, all kinds of problems faced by people in works related to pension, Aadhaar card, family identity card etc. were resolved. MP Naveen Jindal's office in-charge Dharmveer Singh said that MP Naveen Jindal



has started Naveen Jindal Yashasvi Scholarship Scheme to run the education of boys and girls of Kurukshetra parliamentary constituency smoothly.

In these Naveen Sankalp camps, people were also given information to avail the benefits of Naveen Jindal

Yashasvi Scholarship Scheme. In these Naveen Sankalp camps, after testing the blood and urine of the patients through a mobile medical unit, proper consultation and free medicines were also given. MP Naveen Jindal said that in the series of Naveen Sankalp camps,

today Naveen Sankalp camps were organised in the police station of Pehowa constituency at 9 am and in Mangna at 2 pm. In these camps, 112 patients were given free consultation and medicines and blood and urine tests of 15 people were also done.

Living life according to Indian culture necessary: Dr. Kaushal

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, OCTOBER 15

A one-day national seminar was organised on the topic of 'Search for human values and ethics: in the perspective of Indian knowledge system' under the joint aegis of Sanskrit and Hindi departments of DAV Girls College, courtesy of Sanskrit Cell of Haryana Literature and Sanskrit Academy. Dr. Virendra Alankar, former Head of Sanskrit Department of Punjab University Chandigarh was the chief guest. Dr. Sushma Alankar, Head of Sanskrit Department of DAV College Chandigarh was the keynote speaker. Sanskrit Cell Director Dr. CDS Kaushal and College Principal Dr. Meenu Jain presided over the program. Assistant Professor of Guru Nanak Girls College Dr. Anubha Jain presented the keynote address. Dr.

CDS Kaushal said that human values have been mentioned in detail in the Indian knowledge tradition. Every Indian should remember the mantras of Vedas



and Puranas. Life should be lived according to Indian culture. Every human being should perform Panch Mahayagya. Meditation, yoga and havan should be done in the morning and evening.

Dr Virendra Alankar described the definition of religion according to Manusmriti. Truth, purity, kindness, compassion, self-control, charity etc. should be followed. He said that a being endowed with these truths and other religions is truly religious. He talked about developing oneself by connecting the mantras of the Vedas with human values. Dr Sushma Alankar described the values of the Vedic marriage system and said that marriage is a sacred deed. The importance of Saptapadi was discussed at the marriage ceremony. He said that the main purpose of the marriage ceremony is to help in achieving Dharma, Artha, Kama and Moksha. Dr Anubha Jain described in detail the human values like sacrifice, penance, compassion, kindness, patience etc. described in Jainism.

Shiv Sena Hindustan's Pawan Gupta, Veeresh welcomed in Jatta Wali Gali

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
AMBALA, OCTOBER 15

Shiv Sena Hindustan national president Pawan Gupta and Vishwa Hindu Takht chief Veeresh Shandilya were given a warm welcome by the city residents at Rajinder Singh Bittu Jatt's residence in Jatta Wali Gali of Ambala city and people from Hindu Sikh and Muslim community also gave a warm welcome to Pawan Gupta. On this occasion, Syed Ahmed Khan, Surendra Pal KK, Rupanjot, Gora Bedi, Shankar Das, Ashok Kumar, Titu, and a large number of city residents were present. Rajinder Singh Bittu honoured Pawan Gupta by giving him a Siropa and a statue of Kali Mata, while Veeresh Shandilya was hon-

oured by giving him a Siropa. Pawan Gupta said that Rajinder Bittu is a member of his family and he was happy to see people of all religions at



his residence today. Pawan Gupta said that Hindus and Sikhs are two sides of the same coin. Those who separate them are the people who break the society.

He said that he has always guarded the thinking of the ten Gurus. Pawan Gupta said that he comes from Patiala.

Dr. L.C. Ranga Unanimously Elected as New Chairman of Haryana Veterinary Council

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 15

Director General, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Haryana, Dr. L.C. Ranga has been unanimously elected as the new Chairman of Haryana Veterinary Council during a meeting convened by the Council.

Giving information in this regard, a spokesperson of the Council said that Haryana Veterinary Council comprises four elected members, three nominated members, and three ex-officio members. The current elected members include Dr. Sukhdev Rathi, Dr. Rajiv Bangar, Dr. Shekhar Yadav, and Dr. Vivek. The government nominated members are Dr. Satendra Bharti, Dr. Monika, and Dr. Rajesh Malik. The ex-officio members include Dr. L.C. Ranga, Dr. Gulshan Narang (Dean of LUVAS), and Dr. Sudesh Kumar (Registrar of the Haryana Veterinary Council).

The primary function of the Haryana Veterinary Council is to register veterinarians in the state and maintain their registration records. Additionally, the Council regulates the veterinary profession, playing a crucial role in establishing high ethical standards within the field. To ensure the quality of veterinary services in the state, the Council also provides ongoing technical training for registered veterinarians.

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