



**CM Saini fulfils
promise made to
DSC community
and a child**

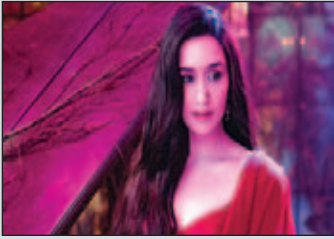


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NEWS BRIEFS

**RK Khullar
appointed
Hry CM’s CPS**

CHANDIGARH: Former IAS officer Rajesh Khullar has been appointed Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini’s chief principal secretary. The order in this regard



was issued Monday late night. His appointment will be co-terminus with the term of the Chief Minister or until further orders, whichever is earlier. Rest of the terms and conditions of his appointment will be issued separately. The Haryana government halted his appointment on Friday night in which he was given cabinet rank. Khullar’s appointment was announced on Friday. However, just a few hours later, state Chief Secretary T V S N Prasad issued another letter stating that the orders regarding the appointment of the chief principal secretary to the CM are kept “in abeyance till further orders”.

**Sensex, Nifty
tumble over 1
pc on weak
global cues**

MUMBAI: Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty plunged more than 1 per cent on Tuesday due to across-the-board selloff amid massive foreign fund exodus from the capital markets and sluggish global equities.

Besides, a weak earnings growth trend also dented market sentiment, traders said.

Extending its previous day’s decline, the BSE Sensex plummeted 930.55 points or 1.15 per cent to settle at 80,220.72. During the day, it tanked 1,001.74 points or 1.23 per cent to 80,149.53.

**Roadways bus
collides with toll
plaza divider, 15
injured**

CHANDIGARH: A major accident was reported in Yamunanagar district of Haryana. As per reports a roadways bus suddenly collided with the toll plaza divider. It is being told that 15 to 20 passengers present in the bus have been injured in this accident. After the accident, the passengers fell down from the seats due to strong jolts. The passengers who were standing in the bus also fell on each other. As per the information till now, no one has been injured in the accident. The injured passengers are being treated. After the information of the accident, there was a stir in the roadways administration and the local administration.

**40 suspects rounded
up for probe into
Gagangir terror attack**

SRINAGAR: Investigators have rounded up more than 40 suspects for questioning as part of investigations into the deadly terror attack at Gagangir in Ganderbal district of Jammu and Kashmir in which seven persons were killed, officials said on Tuesday. Police officials believe that the assailants had meticulously planned the attack and were able to execute their designs due to the support of the terrorist associate network.

**India offers all cooperation
to end Ukraine conflict**

AGENCY
KAZAN, OCT 22

Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Russian President Vladimir Putin here for bilateral meeting on Tuesday and said India believes that Ukraine conflict should be resolved in a peaceful manner and is ready to provide all possible cooperation.

He said India’s efforts give priority to humanity.

“I have been in constant touch with you on the subject of the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine. As I have said earlier, we believe that the problems should be resolved in a peaceful manner. We fully support the early establishment of peace and stability. All our efforts give priority to humanity. India is ready to provide all possible cooperation in the times to come,” he said.

Russia and Ukraine have been engaged in a conflict since February 2022.

In a joint statement following the annual summit in July this year in Moscow, India and Russia highlighted the imperative of peaceful resolution of the conflict around Ukraine through dialogue and diplomacy including engagement between both parties.

They noted with appreciation relevant proposals of mediation and good offices aimed at peaceful resolution of the conflict in accordance with international law and on the basis of the UN Charter in its entirety and totality.

In his remarks during bilateral meeting with President Putin on Tuesday, PM Modi also said that his two visits to Russia in the last three months



reflect close coordination and deep friendship between the two countries and he looks forward to take part in the BRICS Summit.

“My two visits to Russia in the last three months reflect our close coordination and deep friendship. Our Annual Summit in Moscow in July has strengthened our cooperation in every field...In 15 years, the BRICS has created its special identity and now many countries of the world want to join it. I am looking forward to participating in the BRICS Summit tomorrow,” he said.

The Prime Minister said the opening of India’s new consulate in Kazan will further strengthen ties between India and the Russian city.

“I express my heartfelt gratitude for your friendship, warm welcome and hospitality. It is a matter of great pleasure for me to have the opportunity

to visit a beautiful city like Kazan for the BRICS Summit. India has deep and historical ties with this city. The opening of India’s new consulate in Kazan will further strengthen these ties,” he said.

PM Modi reached Russia today to attend the 16th BRICS Summit.

In his departure statement, PM Modi said that India values the close cooperation within BRICS which has emerged as an important platform for dialogue and discussion on issues concerning the global developmental agenda, reformed multilateralism, climate change, economic cooperation, building resilient supply chains, promoting cultural and people to people connect, among others.

The expansion of BRICS with the addition of new members last year has added to its inclusivity and agenda for the global good, he said.

**Punjab govt sanctions
prosecution of Ram
Rahim in sacrilege cases**

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, OCT 22

Three days after the Supreme Court removed judicial block, the Punjab government has granted sanction to prosecute controversial Dera Sachcha Sauda Chief Gurmeet Singh Ram Rahim in 2015 sacrilege cases.

Sources in the Home department said that prosecution sanction has been granted by the Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, who also holds the Home Ministry, in three cases filed in Bajakhana police station in Faridkot.

The cases involved alleged desecration of Guru Granth Sahib, the holy scripture of Sikhs. Meanwhile,

a Dera spokesperson advocate Jitendra Khurana had issued a statement claiming that the Punjab government had provided ‘incomplete’ information, and they will soon file a legal response providing

in the Apex Court with ‘complete facts’.

Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, who holds the Home portfolio, approved the sanction on Monday evening, the sources said.

The chief of the Sirsa-headquartered sect is serving a 20-year sentence given in 2017 for raping two of his disciples. The Dera chief and three others were also convicted in 2019 for the murder of a journalist more than 16 years ago.



Singh, who is serving sentence in Sunaria jail in Haryana’s Rohtak district, was granted a 20-day parole on October 2.

The sacrilege incidents related to the theft of a ‘bir’ (copy) of the Guru Ganth Sahib from Burj Jawahar Singh Wala gurdwara, putting up handwritten sacrilegious posters in Bargari and Burj Jawahar Singh Wala and torn pages

of the holy book found scattered at Bargari, had taken place in Faridkot in Punjab in 2015.

These incidents had led to anti-sacrilege protests in Faridkot. In the police firing at anti-sacrilege protesters in October 2015, two persons were killed in Behbal Kalan while some persons were injured at Kotkapura in Faridkot.

Punjab Police special investigation team (SIT) led by Additional Director General of Police SPS Parmar in 2022 had indicted the Dera Sacha Sauda chief as one of the main conspirators in the three sacrilege incidents.

The state government’s sanction is required to prosecute anyone under Section 295 A (hurting religious feelings) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). The high court in March this year had stayed the trial against the Dera chief in sacrilege cases after he challenged the validity of a September 6, 2018 notification of the state government withdrawing the consent given to the CBI to probe these cases and sought a direction to the central probe agency to investigate.

**Can’t imagine better
representative for Wayanad
than my sister: Rahul Gandhi**



AGENCY
NEW DELHI, OCT 22

A Day ahead of Priyanka Gandhi Vadra filing her nomination from Wayanad Parliamentary constituency, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday hailed his former constituency, saying, “Can’t imagine a better representative for them than my sister.”

He also expressed confidence that Priyanka would be a passionate champion of Wayanad’s needs and a powerful voice in Parliament.

“The people of Wayanad hold a special place in my heart, and I can’t imagine a better representative for them than my sister, Priyanka Gandhi,” Rahul said in a post on X. He said, “I’m confident

she will be a passionate champion of Wayanad’s needs and a powerful voice in Parliament. Join us tomorrow, 23rd October, as she files her nomination for the Wayanad Lok Sabha constituency. Together, let’s ensure Wayanad continues to be represented with love.” During the filing of the nomination on Wednesday, Priyanka will be accompanied by Congress Parliamentary Party Chairperson Sonia Gandhi, party president Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi.

The seat fell vacant after Rahul Gandhi decided to retain the Raebareilly Lok Sabha seat of Uttar Pradesh. He had won both parliamentary seats in the 2024 general elections.

**Bypolls: BJP fields Manpreet Badal from
Gidderbaha, Kewal Dhillon from Barnala**

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, OCT 22

Bharatiya Janata Party on Tuesday announced the candidates for three seats in Punjab for the upcoming bye-elections on November 13.

In Punjab, the bypolls will be held on Gidderbaha, Dera Baba Nanak, Barnala and Chabbewal seats. These four assembly seats fell vacant after MLAs from these constituencies were elected to the Lok Sabha.

The BJP has fielded Bernard Marak for the Gambegre (Scheduled Tribe) seat in Meghalaya. The Congress has earlier announced to field Jingjang M Marak from the seat.

Meanwhile, for Punjab bypolls,



the BJP has fielded Ravikaran Kahlon from Dera Baba Nanak, former Punjab

finance minister Manpreet Badal from Gidderbaha and Kewal Singh

**Haryana CM conducts surprise inspection
of Panchkula Civil Hospital**

AGENCY
CHANDIGARH, OCT 22

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini conducted a surprise inspection at the Civil Hospital in Panchkula Sector six, reviewing hospital services and interacting with patients, officials said.

During the inspection, conducted on Monday evening, Saini visited the patient wards and issued necessary instruction to the doctors and staff, they said. “Made a surprise inspection



of Sector 6 Panchkula Civil Hospital. Went to the wards and enquired about the health of the

patients and the services being provided by the hospital,” Saini wrote in a post on X in Hindi.

Lahore declared most polluted city in world

AGENCY
LAHORE, OCT 22

Pakistan’s cultural city Lahore been declared the most polluted city in the world, with an alarming Air Quality Index (AQI) of 394, and the Pakistan’s Punjab government has planned for artificial rain to mitigate smog impact.

The AQI is a measure of the concentration of various pollutants in the air. An AQI above 100 is considered unhealthy and above 150 “very unhealthy”.

The Smog crisis has been fuelled by crop residue burning and industrial emissions.

The hazardous smog has led to widespread health issues among the



city residents, including coughing, breathing difficulties, eye irritation, and skin infections.

“Yesterday Lahore was declared the most polluted city in the world. We have taken a number of initiatives to address the matter and now we are planning for an artificial rain in the city,” Punjab Information Minister Azma Bokhari told a press conference here on Tuesday.

The Punjab government of Maryam Nawaz has also launched the ‘Anti-Smog Squad’ which will visit smog-affected areas. Smog - the moniker for combination of smoke and fog - is a specific phenomenon that occurs when certain polluting microparticles mix with cold, moist air and hang close to the ground, reducing visibility and causing health issues.

These squads will educate farmers about the hazards of burning crop residues, promote the use of super seeders and offer alternative methods for residue disposal.

“The positive effects of the measures taken to combat smog will become visible in 8 to 10 years. Environmental protection has been included as a subject in the curriculum in the province,” Punjab Senior Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb who holds the environment ministry said and added the government has declared a war on smog.

She urged farmers to avoid burning the crop residues, stressing that doing so harms not just the crops but also their children’s health.

**China confirms agreement
to end standoff in
eastern Ladakh**

AGENCY
BEIJING, OCT 22

China on Tuesday confirmed that it has reached an agreement with India to end the standoff between the two armies in eastern Ladakh.

“Over a recent period, China and India have been in close communication through diplomatic and military channels on issues related to the China-India border,” Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian told a media briefing here.

Now, the two sides have reached a resolution on the “relevant matters,” he said.

He added China will work with India to implement it but declined to provide details.

On the bilateral meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping on the margins of the BRICS summit at Russia’s Kazan, he said, “We will keep you updated if anything comes up.” India on Monday announced it has reached an agreement with China on patrolling along

the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh, in a major breakthrough in ending the over four-year-long military standoff between the two armies.

The ties between the two Asian giants nosedived significantly



cantly following the fierce clash in the Galwan Valley in June 2020 that marked the most serious military conflict between the two sides in decades. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar too on Monday said Indian and Chinese soldiers will be able to resume patrolling in the way they had been doing before the border face-off began and the disengagement process with China has been completed.

CM Saini fulfils promise made to DSC community and a child

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, OCTOBER 22

Tejinder Singh Teji, National President of Vanchit Scheduled Caste (DSC) Ekta Manch and Member of Pond and Waste Water Management Authority Haryana, said that Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has implemented reservation for DSC (Deprived Scheduled Caste) in the cabinet meeting on Friday. This has brought a wave of happiness in the community. For this, the entire DSC community is thankful to Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and Union Energy and Urban Development Minister Manohar Lal. Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini had come to the Jan Ashirwad Rally held in Indri town on 16th August. At that time, Shakti Singh, a small child from Samaura village, broke his piggy bank and bought a silver pen with that money and he walked more than 9 kms from his village to meet CM Saini. Where the child presented a pen to CM Saini on the stage and appealed to write about his future. CM became very emotional and assured that the Supreme Court's decision will implement the sub-classification in the classification of Scheduled Castes in the state.

Teji said that CM Saini has fulfilled his promise and implemented reservation in the cabinet meeting. The popula-



tion of deprived Scheduled Castes in the state is around 34 lakh and they have around 14 per cent votes. Union Energy and Urban Development Minister Manohar Lal, during his tenure as Chief Minister, on 15 May 2020, implemented reser-

vation in education, deciding the future of the children of DSC society. Now with the implementation of reservation in employment in the state, DSC children have hope of a bright future.

Kanwar Pal expresses gratitude towards BJP workers

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, OCT 22

Former Cabinet Minister in Haryana Government Kanwar Pal Gurjar held a meeting with the office bearers and workers of BJP Mandal Jagadhari under Jagadhri Assembly constituency at BJP District Office Yamuna Kamal and discussed various important topics and expressed gratitude to all the colleagues for their hard work in the assembly elections. While encouraging and guiding the BJP workers, former Cabinet Minister Kanwar Pal Gurjar said that the recently held assembly elections are just a stop, not the end. The efforts and struggles made by BJP workers will bring new hopes and new opportunities for us in the coming days. Former Cabinet Minister Kanwar Pal Gurjar while congratulating all the workers on the formation of



BJP government for the third consecutive time in Haryana said that this has happened for the first time in the history of Haryana and for this moment all the BJP workers have worked hard day and night for the party. Under the strong leadership of Chief Minister Nayab Saini, the BJP government is working strongly in Haryana.

Mandal President Vipul Garg, BJP leader Rameshwar Chauhan, District Treasurer Jagdish Vidyarthi, Mandal

General Secretary Priyank Sharma, Mandal General Secretary Ankit Goyal, BJYM District President Nischal Chaudhary, Business Cell State Coordinator Sitaram Mittal, Ashok Mehdiratta Sanjay Rana, Ompal, BJP District Yamuna Nagar Media Incharge Kapil Manish Garg, Shiv Kumar Kamboj, Rahu, Bansal, Dharm Singh Mattoo Rinku Dhiman, Pradhan Manoj Gupta etc. and hundreds of BJP officials and workers were present.

Satpal Maharaj's pravachan in Sadbhavna Sammelan on Oct 27

KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI, OCTOBER 22

Shri Hans Rice and General Mill Taraori CMD Pradeep Gupta said that Manav Utthan Seva Samiti will organise Sadbhavna Sammelan on 27th October from 5 pm to 8 pm at Dussehra Ground, Sector-4 Namaste Chowk, Karnal. He said that Satpal Ji Maharaj and many self-experienced saints will preach in this Sadbhavna Sammelan.

Shri Hans Rice and General Mill Taraori CMD Pradeep Gupta was talking to journalists in Taraori. He said that there is a lot of enthusiasm among the followers regarding the Sadbhavna Sammelan to be held on 27th October in Karnal, Haryana. He said that a large number of followers will attend the Sadbhavna Sammelan and listen to the discourses of Satpal Ji Maharaj.



Sahil Ahuja awarded title of Cyber-Ambassador



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
GURUGRAM, OCTOBER 22

The Cyber Crime Branch of Gurugram Police runs a Cyber Security Summer Internship Programme for students and working professionals. 11 such programmes have been conducted. The 30-day programme gives information to Young-India about cyber crime and ways to deal with it. On successful completion of the pro-

gramme, students are honoured as "Cyber Ambassador" and others as "Cyber Warrior".

Sahil Ahuja of Shri Ram School has been awarded the title of Cyber-Ambassador this time. Gurugram Police Commissioner Vikas Arora praised Sahil and the rest of the cyber warriors and issued special 'commendation letters' to them. The new internship programme will start soon.

Yogendra Rana holds surprise inspection of Jundla grain market

DR ASHOK KUMAR
ASSANDH, OCTOBER 22

Asandh MLA Yogendra Rana today held a surprise inspection of Jundla grain market. And after talking to all the officers of the market and all the commission agents association, he got information about the lifting of goods in the market. While instructing the officers to lift the crops so that the crops of the farmers are not damaged, he said that the farmers should not face any kind of problem. Yogendra Rana also gave guidelines to the officers and commission agents by talking to the commission agents and closely examining every aspect of the facilities. He said that the administration is making every possible effort to help the farmers in the grain market. While instructing the officers, he said that the gate passes for crop sale to the farmers as per convenience and ensure crop purchase as per the Meri Fasal Mera Byora uploaded on the online platform system.

Yogendra Rana, while instructing the officers and employees for better implementation of the arrange-



ments in the grain market, said that farmers should not face any problem in selling the crop. He instructed the officers to speed up the lifting work in the market so that the purchase of crops can be done smoothly. MLA Yogendra Rana gave clear instructions to the officers and employees working in the market that the crops should be

purchased according to the parameters set by the government. If negligence is found on anyone's part, action will be taken against him. He appealed to the farmers who came to sell the crop and instructed the commission agents to adopt the working system under the government rules for sale.

Samadhan camps organised in Indri

MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI: Samadhan camps were organised in Indri Municipal Office and BDPO Office on Tuesday. Giving information in this regard, SDM Indri Surendra Pal said that 2 complaints were received in the camp of the Municipal Office. Out of these, 1 complaint was resolved on the spot while one complaint is pending. At the same time, no complaint was received in the solution camp organised in the BDPO office. He said that these solution camps will be organised on every working day from 9 am to 11 am. During this time, any person can get the problem related to property ID and ownership resolved.

While conducting a surprise inspection of the Samadhan camp organised in the municipality, MLA Ramkumar Kashyap said that the solution camp is a unique initiative of the government for quick resolution of people's problems. In these camps, people's problems are being resolved at one place, the public should definitely take advantage of the solution camps organised by the government to solve their problems. While inspecting the Samadhan camp, he directed the concerned officials to solve the problems of the people immediately so that people do not have to make rounds of government offices to solve their problems.



Free health check-up camp organised in honour of martyrs



MANISH KUMAR

AMBALA: A free medical health check-up camp was organised in honour of martyrs at District Police Line Ambala keeping in mind the health of police officers/employees and their family members. Due to the busy schedule of police officers/employees and their hectic lifestyle, police officers/employees are not able to get their health checked on time and gradually fall ill, due to which they have to suffer physical, mental and financial loss. Keeping their health in mind, a health checkup camp was organised in which about 120 police officers/employees/Home Guard jawans, SPOs and their family members got medical health check-up done. In this free health camp, Dr. Rahul, Dr. Jaspreet, Dr. Sagar from Civil Hospital Ambala City, Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Gautam, Gulshan from Kapil Eye Hospital Ambala City and other medical team examined the health of police officers/employees and their family members.

Fair and Seed Day to be organised from Dec 19 to 22

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, OCTOBER 22

TB of Natural Farming Based Farmers Fair and Seed Day is being organised during 19-22 October 2024 under the aegis of ICAR-Indian Institute of Wheat and Barley Research, Karnal. It is worth noting that this natural farming theme based farmers fair and seed day is being organised with the courtesy of the National Agricultural Development Scheme. This Kisan Mela started with the inaugural session on 19 October. Thousands of farmer brothers and sisters are participating in this Kisan Mela every day. Every day farmers are being called to the institute area-wise, who are being given new technical knowledge along with seeds of improved varieties. Director of Indian Institute of Wheat and Barley Research, Dr. Om Prakash Ahlawat said that on the fourth day of this Kisan Mela and



Seed Day, on 21st October, DBW 187, DBW 222, DBW 303, DBW 327, DBW 332, DBW 370, DBW 371, DBW 372, DBW 316 etc. varieties of wheat and DWRB 137 variety of barley seeds were distributed to the farmers registered on IIWBR BS portal who came from Haryana state.

On this occasion, Dr. Joginder Singh Malik, Director, Maharana Pratap Horticulture University, Karnal was the chief guest. He encouraged the farmers to take advantage of such events and requested them to adopt the advice of scientists. During the

technical speech in the Kisan Mela, Dr. Anil Khippal explained the techniques to get higher yield of wheat and barley and advised to adopt natural farming. Dr. Prem Lal explained in detail about the diseases of wheat and barley and their prevention. Principal scientist Dr. Neeraj Kulshreth explained in detail about the varieties of wheat grown in Kallar land. Professor Kamini Kumari talked about the components of soil health and natural farming. Young scientist Dr. Neeraj Kumar told the farmers the Guru Mantra of crop residue management.

Scientists from other institutes located in Karnal also shared technical knowledge related to farming with the farmers.

Dr. Amit Kumar Sharma said that farmers of different states are very enthusiastic about the improved varieties of wheat, especially the varieties of Indian Wheat and Barley Research Institute, Karnal. Dr. Kamini also appealed to the farmer brothers and sisters who came in large numbers not to burn stubble in the interest of the country. The organising secretary of this Kisan Mela is the Principal Scientist of the Institute, Dr. Anil Khippal. On this occasion, all the scientists of the institute participated and answered all the questions of the farmers. On this occasion, the media in-charge of the institute, Rajendra Sharma, Om Prakash Tuteja, Suresh Mahala, Dr. Ramesh Chand were also present.

Meeting held under Fair Administrator, Bilaspur

PREETI SAINI
BILASPUR, OCTOBER 22

A meeting was held at Suraj Kund under the chairmanship of Fair Administrator and Sub Divisional Officer (Civil) Bilaspur with the Chief Operators of all the Dharamshalas and Religious Institutions of the fair area regarding the preparations for the fair Shri Kapal Mochan 2024. Fair Officer and BDPO Bilaspur Kartik Chauhan, Shrine Board Accountant Pankaj Agarwal along with the Chief Operators of all the Dharamshalas and Religious Institutions of the fair area were present in the meeting. In view of the preparations for the fair, instructed the Chief Operators of all the Dharamshalas and Religious Institutions of Shri Kapal Mochan Mela area that special attention should be paid to cleanliness in all the Dharamshalas / religious institutions located in the Kapal Mochan Mela area. All Dharamshala and Religious Institution Managers should ensure that the painting work is done in their respective institutions before the start of the fair.

All Dharamshala and Religious Institution Managers will ensure to make adequate arrangements for toilets in their respective institutions.

He said that all the Dharamshala and religious institution managers should check the Aadhaar card etc. of the devotees before renting out rooms in their



respective institutions and record their records in the register so that antisocial/criminal activities do not take place. All the Dharamshala and religious institution managers should control the volume of the loudspeakers installed in their respective institutions so that the

information issued by the administration from time to time for the devotees during the fair and information about missing persons can reach the devotees without any hindrance. He said that at least two rooms should be reserved for the use of the fair administrator in every Dharamshala. The food items used in the stores run in all the Dharamshalas and religious institutions should be of high quality. Special attention should be given to this.

Ban on consumption of intoxicants should be ensured in all Dharamshalas and religious institutions and all the Dharamshalas and religious institutions should necessarily follow the instructions and directions issued from time to time by the fair administrator. Necessary arrangements like fire extinguishers/sand etc. should be made to avoid any untoward incident due to fire in the fair. Courteous behaviour should be maintained with the devotees visiting the fair and they should be given full cooperation and rooms should be made available to the devotees visiting the fair at reasonable rates.

Kabirpanthi inspects hospital, enquires about health of patients

KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI, OCTOBER 22

MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi suddenly reached the Taraori city community health centre in the morning without any prior information. Here, he inspected the emergency department, wards, primary testing centers, toilets and registration counters. When the MLA came to the hospital like this, the employees started moving around him. MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi gave instructions to improve the system after finding flaws during the surprise inspection. Along with this, he instructed the SMO to inform in writing about the facilities that are not available for Sulabh health facility. MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi first of all checked the presence of doctors in OPD, distribution of medicines etc. and asked about providing adequate facilities to the patients. He also inquired about



the information about writing medicines outside.

The MLA instructed not to show any negligence in Sulabh health services. The MLA said that no one should have any hindrance in the reimbursement of medicines. He also asked to give and inform in writing about the necessary equipment and other items for the convenience of patients in the hospital. Apart from this, he warned the employees who don't do their work on time and said that any negligence in work will not be tolerated. On this occasion, many people including Devendra Kamra, Ranjeet Bhardwaj, Councillor Omprakash Malhotra, Councillor Naresh Gaba, Municipal Council President Virendra Bansal, Piyush Bansal, Kapil Mishra and Siddharth were present.

Mega parent-teacher meet held in schools of Faridkot



SURINDER DAMDAMI FARIDKOT: As part of the Mega Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) organized by the Punjab government under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann in the schools of the entire state, under the directions of Deputy Commissioner Vineet Kumar, the entire Faridkot district today, a mega-parent teacher meet was organized in government schools. In which, from 9 am to 2.30 pm, a large number of parents of children reached the school and met the teachers. Exchanged ideas with them. Deputy Commissioner Vineet Kumar said that with parent-teacher meeting, the relationship between students, their parents and teachers is strengthened, which results in meaningful results. He said that in order to raise the morale of the students, the teachers should ensure that they provide a friendly environment in the schools so that they can solve their academic problems without hesitation. Those teachers and parents have been given all possible support by the district administration to bring improvements in government schools.

Arhtiyas, Galla mazdoor union stages another protest, highly condemn government



SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON: Galla Mazdoor Union and Arhtiyas declared a boycott and staged a vast protest in front of market committee office following no purchase of paddy for third consecutive day. The protestors complained that even after several assurances by the government, there has been no purchase or lifting of the commodities in mandis. Farmers too extended their support to the protestors as Bhartiya Kisan Union Ekta Dakonda too participated in the protest. The association president Manjeet Sing Dhaner, in his address, highly condemned Bhagwant Mann led Punjab government has failed badly on almost every front. "The government had promised that the government had asked for two days to resume lighting and purchase of paddy but even after the third day, they did not deliver as promised.

DC reviews paddy procurement at Phagwara grain market



ASHISHPURI KAPURTHALA: Deputy Commissioner Amit Kumar Panchal, while reviewing the procurement of paddy at Phagwara grain market, said that the district administration is committed to procure each and every grain produced by farmers. Today along with SSP Kapurthala Vatsala Gupta, Food and Civil Supply, Mandi board and officials of various procurement agencies, Deputy commissioner interacts with farmers, artiyas and labourers at Dana Mandi. He said that out of arrived 229,892 MT of paddy in 78 mandis of the district, 227,420 MT of paddy has been procured which becomes 99 % of the arrived crop. It may be mentioned here that the target of procurement has been fixed at 760983 MT in the district during current season. Deputy Commissioner has also asked the officials to pay special attention towards lifting of procured paddy within the stipulated time of 72 hours. Now, 10 thousand MT paddy has been lifted daily.

Space to be provided as required for paddy storage: Vikas Garg



BHUPINDER KAPOOR RAJPURA: Punjab Food and Civil Supplies Department Principal Secretary Vikas Garg said that space will be provided as per requirement for the storage of paddy. He said that Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann had taken up the matter regarding the storage of paddy with the Central Government and had met the Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Pralhad Joshi and pressed for increasing the additional storage capacity, which was supported by the Central Government. has been filled He was reviewing the purchase of paddy at Rajpura Anaj Mandi today. On this occasion, Secretary Mandi Board Rambir Singh, DIG Patiala Range Mandeep Singh Sidhu, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Preeti Yadav and SSP Dr. Nanak Singh was also present. In an informal conversation with reporters during his visit, Principal Secretary Vikas Garg said that the Punjab government has made proper arrangements for the purchase of paddy and all the tenders for lifting etc. have been completed. He said that the demands placed by the mill owners before the Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann have been resolved and all the demands have been brought to the notice of the Central Government.

27 lakh parents attend mega PTM in State : CM Mann

MANJINDER BHATTIA
NANGAL, OCT 22

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Tuesday said that the state is on threshold of a revolution in education sector as about 27 lakh parents are attending mega Parent Teachers Meeting across the state in government schools.

Interacting with the media persons during his visit to the School of Eminence during mega PTM organised here today, the Chief Minister said that it is a historic day as this PTM is taking place. He said that around 27 lakh parents are enquiring about the studies, atmosphere, curriculum and other things being offered to their kids. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that it will also provide an opportunity to teachers for explaining performance of student in the schools.

The Chief Minister said that this was a paradigm shift as such PTMs were a regular practice earlier in private schools but were missing in government schools. He said that this is one of the best practices of education being adopted here for the well being of the students. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the state government has embarked on an era of education revolution in Punjab and no stone is being left unturned for it.



The Chief Minister said that Punjab government has sent six batches of 202 principals/education officers for a five day Leadership Development Programme to Singapore. Likewise, he said that a batch of 72 of brightest primary teachers have embarked on a journey to Finland for professional training on Friday. Similarly, Bhagwant

Singh Mann said that three batches of 152 Headmaster/education officers was sent to IIM Ahmedabad for getting state of the art academic training adding that the motive is to ensure that students of the state get world class education in Punjab thereby excelling in every field. The Chief Minister said that Punjab Government has regularized 12316 qualified employees working for more than 10 years in School Education Department. Likewise, he said that Total 10361 teachers have been recruited since April 2022. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that around

VB arrests constable for accepting Rs 2000 bribe

GURDASPUR : The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB), during its ongoing campaign against corruption in the state, on Tuesday apprehended a police Constable Gurpreet Singh, posted at Police Post Dayalgarh, police station Sadar Batala for demanding and accepting bribe of Rs2000. Disclosing this here today an official spokesperson of the state VB said the above-mentioned accused has been arrested based on a complaint lodged by Daljit Singh, a resident of Village Kot Karam Chand, Dera Road, Batala in Gurdaspur district. The complainant has alleged in his complaint that an FIR under Excise Act was registered against him and the accused has demanded a bribe of Rs 5,000 for releasing a mobile phone which was recovered during his personal search. The spokesperson further informed that after a preliminary inquiry of this complaint a VB team laid a trap during which the accused constable was caught red handed while he was accepting a bribe of Rs. 2,000 from the complaint in the presence of two official witnesses.



Govt committed to raise standard of education: Arora

SUMER GARG
SUNAM, OCT 22

Punjab Cabinet Minister, Aman Arora while joining mega PTM at Govt Senior Secondary School (Girls), Sunam Udhham Singh Wala and Government Senior Secondary School (Girls) Longowal as Chief Guest said that children are the most valuable assets of any country & society and it is our duty to provide quality education to them.

He further said that due to the visionary thinking of Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann, revolutionary changes have taken place in the field of education & health in the state and we have been engaged in tireless efforts for the last two and a half years to fulfill the broad public interest in both these fields. "The regular meeting process of parents and teachers is proving beneficial in



bringing further improvements in the education system", he added. Mr. Arora said that the Punjab government is making the level of education in the government schools of the state at par with world-class educational facilities. He said that the governments of the past ignored issues related to people's interests, while the Aam Aadmi Party-led Punjab government has successfully implemented such pro-people initiatives from the very beginning, which are benefiting all sections.

He said that during these events of Mega PTM, a comfortable relationship is formed between the parents and teachers of the students and both the parents and the teachers are able to make their own contribution to raise the standard of living of the students during the entire educational session. He said that students are like uncut diamonds, who are made knowledgeable in all aspects and capable of attaining higher education by providing quality education.

Awareness rally against drug abuse held by DLSA

NAWANSHAHR (DALJEET AJNŌHA): A massive awareness rally-cum-walkathon was taken out today from Government Senior Secondary Smart School, Langroa to keep the general public and youth away from drug abuse under the guidelines of the city by SAS District Legal Services Authority Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, Executive Chairman of National Legal Services Authority and Punjab State Legal Services Authority. The rally was flagged off by District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman District Legal Services Authority Priya Sood. Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Dhiman, SSP Dr. Mehtab Singh, CGM-cum-Secretary District Legal Services Authority Dr. Amandeep and all judicial officers were present on this occasion.

Now students leaving private schools, enrolling to govt schools of Punjab: Barinder Kumar Goyal

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, OCT 22

The Punjab Government, led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, is prioritizing quality education for the state's students, resulting in an increasing number of students leaving private schools to enroll in government schools of Punjab. These remarks were made by Barinder Kumar Goyal, Minister of Mining and Geology, during a parent-teacher meeting at the School of Eminence in Mullanpur Garibdas, located in the district SAS Nagar.

Cabinet Minister Mr. Barinder Kumar Goyal stated that with the aim of providing quality education to students and strengthening the relationship between parents and teachers, the state government



has organized parent-teacher meetings in more than 20,000 government schools across the state today. In this program, teachers, students, parents, school management committees, and other eminent individuals are sitting together to discuss ways to improve school education arrangements. He mentioned that during the parent-teacher meetings, teachers and parents are receiving feedback about the

students. Special ideas are also being discussed during these meetings for the betterment of the student's future. During this parent-teacher meeting organized by the state government, Cabinet Minister Mr. Goyal personally engaged with parents, teachers, and students to understand the issues related to their education. He encouraged the students to work harder in their studies, set high life goals.

Khudian encourages students to stay in Punjab, seeks teachers' support



CHANDIGARH, OCT 22

With an aim to reverse the trend of brain drain in the state, Punjab Agricultural and Farmers Welfare Minister S. Gurmeet Singh Khudian has urged school teachers to play pivotal role in convincing students to stay in the state after completing their secondary education. "Punjab has everything to offer its youth," he said, while encouraging students to explore opportunities within the state, citing over 46,000 government jobs provided to youth in last two and half years.

The Agriculture Minister was participating at the 3rd Mega Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) organised at S. Baldev Singh Government Senior Secondary School at Majatri in SAS Nagar on Tuesday. S. Gurmeet Singh Khudian, accompanied by District Education Officer Ms. Ginny Duggal, also engaged with school students and their parents to gather first-hand feedback on the facilities and education being provided at the school.

Farmers urged to take collective action for environmental protection



JALANDHAR: Deputy Commissioner Dr. Himanshu Aggarwal called upon farmers to take collective action to protect the environment by refraining from burning stubble. He also directed officials and staff working in various departments to intensify their efforts and take immediate action against incidents of stubble burning. Accompanied by SSP Harkamal Preet Singh, Dr. Aggarwal instructed nodal and cluster officers to closely monitor the situation over the next 20 days to prevent such incidents. He emphasized that greater vigilance is now required, and officials must not only take action but also educate farmers on the availability of machinery for stubble management. He urged teams to continue field visits during this crucial period. Dr. Aggarwal informed the Agriculture Department to maintain close contact with farmers, provide information about agricultural machinery.

One week faculty dev program inaugurated



RAVI GARG
LONGOWAL, OCT 22

On Outcome Based Education (OBE 2024) (Evaluation, Implementation and Faculty Development) (21- 25 October 2024)The inauguration of One Week FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (Hybrid Mode) on Outcome Based Education (OBE 2024) (Evaluation, Implementation and Faculty Development) (21- 25 October 2024) was held on 21st October 2024, in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering and Technology, Longowal. The Chairperson of FDP-OBE 2024 is Prof. Shankar Singh, Head of the Department (Mechanical & Civil Engg.) The Coordinators of FDP- OBE 2024 are Dr Sunil Kumar and Er. Jonny Singla of Department of Mechanical Engineering. The dignitaries who graced the inaugural function with their presence were the Chief Guest Director SLJET & Patron OBE 2024 Prof Mani Kant Paswan; Prof. A.S. Shahi, Dean (Academics) (Co-Patron-OBE 2024); Chairperson of FDP-OBE 2024 Prof. Shankar Singh.

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Future of Punjab to be secured through revolution in education, health: Dr. Ravjot Singh

CHET RAM RATTAN
NAWANSHAHR, OCT 22

The Punjab government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, is prioritizing the education and health sectors, as the future of Punjab can only be secured through revolutionary changes in these areas. This was stated by Punjab's Minister for Local Government, Dr. Ravjot Singh, during a mega parent-teacher meeting held today at the School of Eminence, Nawanshahr, and Government Senior Secondary Smart School, Jadla.

He emphasized that, over the past two and a half years, while government schools have been transformed by the Punjab government, revolutionary changes have also been introduced in the health



sector. Dr. Singh highlighted that this is the third parent-teacher meeting organized by the government in public schools across the state, aimed at modernizing government schools. He pointed out that such efforts were previously limited to private schools, but have now been extended to government schools as well.

Dr. Singh explained that teachers, students, parents, school management committees, and other key stakeholders can collectively improve

school education by discussing and addressing concerns together. He noted that during these meetings, the results of exams conducted in September were shared with the parents.

Teachers and parents are exchanging feedback on the children's performance both in and out of school. This helps the teachers understand the students' activities outside of the classroom, while parents gain insight into school management and operations.

CT Public school hosts sahodaya fireless cooking competition with 35 CBSE schools



JALANDHAR (J S SODHI) : CT Public School organized the Sahodaya Fireless Cooking Competition, with over 35 CBSE schools participating. The event began with a Green Welcome, symbolizing sustainability, followed by the ceremonial Lighting of the Lamp. Students from grades 9 to 12 showcased their culinary skills by preparing fireless dishes, highlighting healthy cooking techniques. The distinguished panel of judges included Chef Sunny Katoch, Executive Chef at Golden Tulip, and Chef Manoj, Sous Chef at ITC Fortune.

Dr. Abhishek Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor of CT University, inspired the students with an interactive session on creativity and teamwork. LA Blossom School, South City, won the competition, followed by Innocent Hearts School in second place and DIPS Karol Bagh in third. DIPS Kapurthala received a consolation prize. The event emphasized teamwork, innovation, and culinary creativity. The Principal and Vice Principal of CT Public School congratulated the winners and thanked all the schools for their participation.

Successful seminar organized by Motion Kota at Partap World School



BUREAU
PATHANKOT, OCT 22

A very motivational and career guidance seminar was organized today at Partap World School, Pathankot under the chairmanship of School Director Sunny Mahajan and Ocean Mahajan in association with Motion Education, Kota. The seminar focused on preparation for JEE, NEET, foundation courses and board exams and was attended by over 600 students of classes 9th to 12th and their parents.

The session was led by Atish Aggarwal, Vice President Academic and JEE Faculty, Motion Kota and Surya Bhan, Senior NEET Faculty. Both the speakers shared their expertise and imparted valuable information in the competitive exam scenario, motivating the students to achieve their academic goals. Along with the seminar, medals were also distributed to the best performing and most disciplined students of Motion Education recognizing their hard work and dedication.

Seven day NSS camp in Ghanari



AVINASH CHAUHAN
A MB: SSP Una Sanjeev Bhatia attended the inauguration ceremony of the seven-day special camp of NSS at Government Excellent Senior Secondary School Ghanari as the chief guest while the program was presided over by Principal Lalit Mohan. On this occasion, Gram Panchayat Vichitra Singh, Vice Principal Dr. Gurdeep Singh, Superintendent Pawan Sharma, NSS Program Officer Sonika, Satish Kalia, Staff Secretary Balbir Singh and the entire staff were present. NSS Program Officer Satish K. Kalia said that as per the guidelines of Principal Lalit Mohan, the seven-day special camp of NSS is being organized from 22 October to 28 October 2024, in which apart from volunteer labor, awareness campaigns will be run to eliminate the evils prevalent in the society. In this program, which started with Naman at the feet of Maa Saraswati and NSS song, the chief guest ASP Sanjeev Bhatia was honored by putting a badge and presenting a memento. On the other hand, SSP Sanjeev Bhatia, while sharing his experiences of student life, gave career tips to the NSS volunteers for a bright future and also strongly criticized the ill-effects of cyber crime and drug addiction. He also taught traffic rules. On this occasion, he interacted with the students for three hours continuously and gave career tips and also answered the students' questions. He called upon the NSS volunteers to work while maintaining discipline in accordance with the tradition and prestige of the school. He thanked the chief guest ASP Una for visiting the school.

Two-day 32nd Children's Science Congress concludes at Bangana School



JOGINDER DEV ARYA
BANGANA: The 32nd two-day Children's Science Congress concluded at Government Senior Secondary School, Bangana, with Vivek Sharma, MLA from Kullehar, attending as the chief guest. Addressing the event, Vivek Sharma emphasized that under Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu's forward-thinking policies, government schools now offer facilities comparable to private institutions, leading to an increase in student enrollment. He expressed confidence that Himachal Pradesh will soon become the top state in education in India. Vivek Sharma highlighted the significance of such science fairs, noting that they help students, especially those in grades 11 and 12, shape their future and make meaningful progress in life. He announced that the Bangana school, located at the sub-division's headquarters, will be developed as a model institution and assured that resolving the school's issues would be his priority. During the ceremony, Sharma inspected the science models created by students and congratulated those who secured first, second, and third places in various competitions.

Govt to engage 2061 Van Mitras in Forest Deptt, 150 posts of nursing to be filled

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, OCT 22

The State Cabinet in its meeting held here today under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu approved to engage 2,061 Van Mitras in the Forest Department, eliminating the 10-mark personal interview criterion.

It also decided to create and fill up 150 nursing personnel posts at Dr. Radhakrishnan Government Medical College and Hospital, Hamirpur. Additionally, the Cabinet decided to create and fill up six Associate Professor posts and 10 Assistant Professor posts across the departments of General Medicine, Paediatrics, General Surgery, Orthopaedics, Anaesthesia, and Radiology in



the medical college Hamirpur. The Cabinet sanctioned the opening of a new Sub-Divisional Police Officer's office at Nadaun in Hamirpur district, along with the creation and filling of five posts across various categories. It also approved the establishment of a new Fire Post at Indora in Kangra district, with 13 posts to be created and filled up in various categories. The Cabinet also approved the

establishment of a new Police Post at Shinkula under the Keylong Police Station in Lahaul-Spiti district, along with the creation and filling of six posts in various categories. The Cabinet decided to transfer the administrative control of the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) to the Additional Director General (Home Guards and Civil Defence) to enhance its effectiveness during disasters

and emergencies. It also approved the deputation of Home Guards to the SDRF for a maximum period of two years to ensure its smooth operation. To promote the use of electric vehicles and reduce reliance on fossil fuel vehicles, the Cabinet approved involving private players to expand the EV charging station network along the state's six green corridors. Currently, 77 EV charging stations are already operational on these corridors. It also approved the establishment of automated testing stations for vehicle fitness assessments, utilizing advanced automated equipment. The aim is to set up five such stations to better serve the residents of the state. The Cabinet has decided to accept the recommendations of the Cabinet Sub-Committee,

headed by Revenue Minister Jagat Singh Negi, concerning the 450 MW Shongtong Karchham Power Project. This includes the directive to the company to ensure project completion by the financial year 2026-27. The Cabinet approved the formation of a Cabinet Sub-Committee to review the operations of parking facilities run under the PPP model in Shimla City. The committee will be chaired by Revenue Minister Jagat Singh Negi, with Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Minister Anirudh Singh, Urban Development Minister Vikramaditya Singh, and Town and Country Planning Minister Rajesh Dharamani as members. Shimla MLA Harish Janartha will serve as a special invitee.

Government begins awarding compensation for Kangra airport expansion

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, OCT 22



Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said here today that the state government had begun awarding compensation for Kangra airport expansion, fulfilling the announcement of the first budget of the present government.

He said that the process of disbursement would start with this award of compensation amount to the land owners of village Jugehar of Shahpur area in Kangra district. A total of Rs. 32.50 crore would be disbursed to the land owners of Jugehar and over time Rs. 3500 crore approximately would be provided to those land owners for compensation as well as rehabilitation and resettlement whose land was being acquired for the expansion of the Kangra airport. Shri Sukhu said that the land owners of Jugehar village have welcomed the

move of the state government to award the compensation amount as it was their long pending demand. He said that the expansion of Kangra Airport was a priority for the present state government to give a fillip to the tourism sector in the region. He said that the airport expansion was expected to significantly boost the tourism industry and support the government's vision of establishing Kangra district as the Tourism Capital of the state. He said that under the proposed expansion of Kangra airport, the runway length would be extended from 1376 meters to 3010 meters, enabling the operations of A320 type of aircrafts.

Long life prayer ceremony organised by Rumtek Monastery Alumni

SANAJY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, OCT 22

A long life prayer ceremony for Kyabgon Gyatsab Goshir Rinpoche was organised by the Rumtek Monastery Alumni Association at Ralong Densa Palchen Chosling in Ravangla, Sikkim. The long life prayer ceremony was attended by various dignitaries including Kyabje Jumrang Gharwang Rinpoche, Kyabje Bokar Rinpoche, Khen Lodo Dhonyo Rinpoche, royal parents of Queen Jetsun Pema of Bhutan, other Tulkus and Khenpos. Also present on the occasion were Speaker of the Tibetan Parliament in Exile Khenpo Sonam Tempel, Sikyong Penpa Tsering, and several members and parliamentarians of the Standing Committee of the



Tibetan Parliament in Exile, including Juchen Kunchok Choden, Tenpa Yarphel, Geshe Lharampa Atuk Tsetan, Lopon Thupten Gyaltsen, Dhondup Tashi, Geshe Monlam Tharchin, Kunga Sotop, Lhayari Namgyal Dolkar and others. Representatives of Gaden Phodrang Secretary Lobsang Jinpa, Secretary of the Department of Religion and Culture Dudul Dorje,

representatives of various Kagyu monasteries, abbots and lamas from foreign countries and over a hundred lay and monastic devotees also attended the ceremony. After the long-life prayer ceremony, Kyabgon Gyatsab Goshir Rinpoche had a private meeting with the Speaker and the visiting members of the Tibetan Parliament in Exile in his chamber.

Depot holders excelling in digital payments to be honoured: DC

RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR, OCT 22

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Amarjeet Singh has instructed the Food Supply Department and ration depot holders to ensure 100% e-KYC of consumers and implement digital payment facilities at fair price shops. He was addressing a meeting of the District Level Public Distribution Committee on Tuesday. DC Singh highlighted that 85% of the district's ration card holders have completed their e-KYC. He urged officials and depot holders to work in "mission mode" to complete the remaining e-KYC processes. With many consumers



expected to return home for Diwali, depot holders were advised to facilitate e-KYC locally, taking the help of panchayat representatives if needed. Recognizing the need for modernizing payment methods, DC Singh emphasized that depot holders must adopt digital payment systems. He

announced that depot holders excelling in digital transactions would be specially honored. The district currently has 1,51,649 ration cards, benefiting 5,41,019 individuals through 315 fair price shops. The committee also discussed the need to open new depots in specific areas, granting approval for a

few cases. DC Singh mentioned that, as per Supreme Court guidelines, ration cards are being provided to migrant workers registered on the e-SHRAM portal. So far, 310 such workers have received their ration cards, with instructions to identify and issue cards to more eligible workers. Additionally, under the "One Nation, One Ration Card" scheme, migrant workers are already receiving rations. The meeting also discussed the availability and quality of essential food items and LPG supply. DC Singh directed officials to conduct regular inspections, sampling, and testing to maintain quality standards.

Pharma Lab Chem Expo: A great platform for showcasing products, says Harshvardhan

SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI, OCT 22



Baddi-Barotiwala-Nalagarh (BBN) area is the largest industrial region in Himachal Pradesh and is recognized as Asia's pharma hub, producing about 35% of the continent's medicines.

The Minister stressed that the BBN area has established itself as Asia's largest pharmaceutical hub, hosting over 900 pharmaceutical companies, including major players such as Cipla, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, Cadila

Healthcare, Torrent Pharmaceuticals, Abbott Laboratories, Glenmark Pharmaceuticals, and Manjushree Technopack. He further emphasized the state's commitment to realizing the vision of a "Green Himachal" by balancing environmental conservation with sustainable development. He instructed the industry department officials to expedite the implementation of all proposed industrial projects in the district to boost investments and generate employment opportunities. Earlier, the Minister inaugurated the three-day exhibition organized as part of the Pharma Lab Chem Expo. During the event, Ramkumar and Bawa Hardeep Singh, MLA from the Nalagarh constituency, also shared their views.

SANAJY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, OCT 22

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's "missing good neighbourliness" nudge to China during his address at the SCO Summit in Islamabad seems to be in consonance with New Delhi's firm diplomacy that is also reflected in the Indian government's decision to continue providing a grant-in-aid to Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama's CTCR till 2025-26.

The Ministry of Home Affairs has made provision for a Rs 40-crore grant-in-aid for the Central Tibetan Relief Committee (CTRC) for a five-year period ending 2025-26. As per a 2019 census by the CTCR, the population of Tibetan refugees in India was 73,404. China objects to India's continued support for the



Dalai Lama as it views him as a political exile rather than a purely religious figure, accusing him of engaging in anti-China separatist activities.

Despite China's uneasiness, the Government of India claims the Dalai Lama is a revered religious leader and is deeply respected by the people of India. "His Holiness is accorded due courtesies and freedom to conduct his religious and spiritual activities," according to an

official MEA brief. The MHA's grant-in-aid for the Dalai Lama's CTCR is used for expenses on administrative and social welfare activities of 36 Tibetan Settlement offices located in different states. An amount of Rs 56 crore was released for the CTCR during FY 2015-16 to 2021-22. Tibetan refugees began pouring into India in the wake of the flight of the Dalai Lama in the year 1959 from Tibet. The Indian government decided to give them asylum as well as assistance towards a temporary settlement. The majority of these refugees have settled themselves, either through self-employment or with the government's assistance under agricultural and handicrafts' schemes in different states of the country.

10-day training program on mushroom cultivation starts



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: Punjab National Bank Rural Self-Employment Training Institute Una office started a 10-day training program on mushroom cultivation in Lower Lohara village panchayat of subdivision Amb. On this occasion, the program was inaugurated by Gram Panchayat Pradhan Suman Devi and the guests were welcomed! Program Director and Faculty Member Akash Bhardwaj of Punjab National Bank Rural Self-Employment Training Institute Unna told that this training is being provided free of cost to women and men between 18 and 45 years and in this, the participants will be taught to cultivate different types of mushrooms and will be made self-reliant. On this occasion, Panchayat Secretary Veer Singh Radha Rani, Village Organization Pradhan Poonam Sharma, Neelam Sood, Ankur Sood and trainers Deepika, Renu Sharma along with 35 participants were present.

K Sharma of KU honoured with outstanding Liaison Award

SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI:



Himachal P P Organisation Baddi organised a one day national conference on the topic of challenges faced by printers at University. In this programme, printing expert K Sharma of Kurukshetra University was honoured with Outstanding Liaison Award. This award was given to Dr. Sharma for playing an excellent role in creating coordination between printing industrial units and printing educational institutions. The organisation honoured him with this award considering his work of creating this coordination for the last 17 years. This award was given to him in this programme by OPA General Secretary Kamal, Baddi Advisor, VC Professor TR Bhardwaj and organisation Advisor Surendra and organisation President Ajay. While receiving this award, Dr. K Sharma said that he is very grateful to the organization that has honored his work with this award and in the coming time, he will make every possible effort to coordinate between industrial units and educational institutions. Vice President of National Union of Journalists, Dr. Ranesh Rana congratulated Dr. Sharma on this achievement and praised his work and wished him all the best for the future.

Science fairs help students grasp scientific concepts easily: Dr. Pushpendra Verma

RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR, OCT 22



The 32nd Sub-Divisional Level Science Congress was inaugurated at the Government High School in Swahal, Hamirpur. Senior Congress leader Dr. Pushpendra Verma attended the event as the chief guest. Science Congress Coordinator Vikesha Kaushal, along with the school's headmaster Sandeep Dadwal, welcomed the dignitaries. During the event, Dr. Verma interacted with students from both junior and senior categories, who presented science models from over 80 schools. He personally reviewed each model and discussed them

with the students. Expressing his gratitude to Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, Dr. Verma highlighted that despite the pending central government funds for the Science Congress, the state government allocated separate funds to ensure that students don't miss out on this learning platform. As a result, science fairs were organized simultaneously across all

blocks of the state. Addressing the students, Dr. Verma emphasized the relevance of science in daily life and said that events like these help students understand scientific principles more effectively. However, he cautioned that while science provides many benefits, it also has certain drawbacks, which we must recognize to leverage its positive aspects for the betterment of society.

Beri to get new sports ground for Rs. 50 lakh: Ranjit Singh

RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR, OCT 22



Captain Ranjit Singh, MLA from Sujampur, attended the annual prize distribution ceremony of a private school in Beri as the chief guest. The school principal welcomed him with a traditional shawl and cap. The event featured vibrant cultural performances by the students. As a token of appreciation, the MLA awarded Rs. 11,000 to the children. During the ceremony, Captain Singh also paid tribute to the martyrs. Addressing the gathering, he announced that

a sports ground worth Rs. 50 lakh would be developed in Beri. He emphasized the importance of students engaging not just in academics but also in sports. Highlighting the need to stay away from addictions like

drugs and mobile phones, he encouraged children to pursue sports actively. He urged parents to keep a close watch on their children and instill good values in them to guide their future in the right direction.

Police arrest drug peddler



SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON: Under its anti-drug campaign being carried out under the guidance of SSP Navneet Singh Bains, district Ludhiana rural police has arrested another drug peddler and recovered drugs as well. Giving more information about this, DSP Varinder Singh Khosa said that as per the instructions of SP Parminder Singh and under the supervision of inspector Hira Singh, police team led by SI Satpal Singh were on patrolling when they observed a youngster heading towards Dhaipayi bridge from Sarabha side with a kit but on seeing police, he got frightened and turned back. "Police team managed to catch the accused youngster named Ram Pravesh Chaudhary son of Kamal Chaudhary and recovered 1 kg 2 grams of Ganja from the kit he was carrying. Police has arrested the accused and filed FIR against him and commenced further investigation," he added.

Spl children hold candle exhibition in SD College



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHARPUR: Special children of JSS Asha Kiran Special School Jahankhan organized a candle exhibition in SD College Hoshiarpur, this exhibition was inaugurated by college principal Dr. Savita Gupta, school principal Dr. Radhika Ratan, associate professor Prashant Sethi, professor Dimple. On this occasion, students bought different types of candles. On this occasion, former president of Ashadeep Welfare Society Malkit Singh Mahuru gave information about the candle project being run in the school and said that this project is being run to make special children self-reliant, so that these children can become capable. To avoid facing such difficulties in their future life, he said that our children are also working on projects like kitchen napkin, Jyoti Batti, Agarbatti etc. He told that special children have been working on the candle making project for the last three months. On this occasion, Assistant Professor Harjot, Priyanka, Gurpreet Singh, Harmesh Talwar, Principal Shashi Sharma, Rajni Bala, Anjana, Vidyarat Deepak, Harsimran, Jaskirat Singh etc were also present.

Pb govt brings revolutionary transformation in education system of state: Bhagat



PARAMJIT SINGH
JALANDHAR: Punjab Horticulture, Freedom Fighter, and Defence Welfare Minister Mohinder Bhagat today attended a Mega Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) held at the Government Girls Senior Secondary School. Addressing the large gathering of parents and teachers, the Minister praised the Punjab Government's revolutionary efforts to transform the state's education system. Minister Bhagat highlighted that numerous key initiatives have been introduced to modernize educational institutions, ensuring that students in government schools enjoy facilities on par with those offered by convent schools. He congratulated the education department for organizing the district-wide Mega PTM, covering 1,389 government schools, where parents and teachers discussed strategies to secure students' academic success. "This unique initiative provides a valuable platform for parents and teachers to engage in meaningful discussions about students' development, particularly regarding their studies," Bhagat stated. He emphasized that parents visiting government schools now have the opportunity to witness the upgraded facilities provided to students. The event also gave parents insight into their children's curriculum.

AAP slams BJP for targeting Punjab farmers



CHANDIGARH: AAP Punjab leader and Cabinet Minister Aman Arora strongly criticized the central BJP government for its neglectful and hostile policies towards Punjab, particularly affecting the farmers and arhtiyas (commission agents) in the state. In his recent statement, Arora said that the Punjab government has consistently raised concerns about the surplus food grains stored in Punjab's warehouses. Despite numerous communications and personal meetings with central authorities, the BJP government has failed to act. This neglect has created a dire situation for farmers, who are struggling due to the central government's ineffective policies. The Minister highlighted the long-standing grievances of Punjab's farmers, stating that the BJP has repeatedly implemented decisions detrimental to their interests.

Administrator UT Chandigarh gives impetus to ongoing drive for beggar-free city

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, OCT 22

Gulab Chand Kataria, Administrator, UT Chandigarh gives impetus to the ongoing 8-day awareness campaign to make Chandigarh Beggar-free by visiting the 'Neki ki Deewar' at UT Secretariat. Kataria gave donation at the 'Neki ki Deewar' for the needy women, children and elderly of Chandigarh. He also got clicked a selfie at the 'selfie booth' of Neki ki Deewar. The Administrator acknowledged the campaign started by Chandigarh Administration which focuses on eliminating beggary in the city and promoting a more compassionate way of supporting those in need. He urged all the citizens to take part in this campaign and contribute by donating winter essentials such as new socks, gloves, shoes, mufflers, scarves, and school supplies at designated 'Neki ki Deewar' locations: Nari Niketan, Sector 26; Old Age Homes, Sectors 15 and 43; and Snehalaya, Sector 39, from 21st to 28th October 2024. He asked all the citizens to join hand in making our City Beautiful as



beggar free so as to curb problems of begging, child trafficking and child labour. This campaign is initiated by the Department of Social Welfare, Women and Child Development, Chandigarh Administration which will work in tandem with the

Police Department, Anti Human Trafficking Unit and the Union Territory Child Protection Unit, Excise Department, School Education Department and NSS volunteers. Present during the occasion were Sh. Rajeev Verma, Adviser to Adminis-

trator, UT Chandigarh, Sh. K. Siva Prasad, Additional Chief Secretary to Governor Punjab, Sh. Mandip Brar, Home Secretary, Smt. Anuradha Chagti, Secretary Social Welfare, along with other senior officials of Chandigarh Administration.

Ratio of teachers, students to be maintained : Tejveer Singh

SUMER GARG
SANGRUR, OCT 22

As part of the initiatives being taken by the Punjab government led by Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann to raise the standard of education in government schools, Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Tejveer Singh and Deputy Commissioner(DC), Sandeep Rishi today inspected the mega parents meeting teachers in district Sangrur. On this occasion, the ACS also interacted with teachers and students in Government Senior Secondary Schools (Girls) of Bhawanigarh and Sangrur. While speaking on the occasion, Additional Chief Secretary, Tejveer Singh said that besides strengthening the infrastructure in government schools, the Punjab govt is also ensuring the accurate ratio of teachers to students. The



ACS suggested to the teachers to adopt new teaching styles from time to time to make the students up to date. He said that in order to raise the morale of the students, the teachers should ensure that they provide a friendly environment in the schools so that they can solve their academic problems without hesitation. On this occasion, Deputy Commissioner Sandeep Rishi assured the teachers and parents of providing all possible help from the district administration to bring improve-

ments in the government schools. He said that the intellectual and physical development of the students of government schools is being ensured by the continuous hard work of the teachers. He further said that teachers are the foundation of building a good society because students go ahead and create a healthy society. Besides others, SDM Bhawanigarh, Ravinder Bansal, school staff, students and parents were present on the occasion.

Punjab government along with central government is making moves to eliminate markets



GILL
JAITU , OCT 22

A press conference was held by Bharatiya Kisan Union Ekta Sidhupur under the leadership of district president Bohar Singh Rupaianwala at Faridkot regarding the problems faced by farmers in selling paddy in markets. Talking to journalists on this occasion, farmer leaders said that this is the first time

Students educated on importance of Iodine

BARNALA DEHATI (BALWINDER AZAD): Under the guidance of Civil Surgeon Dr. Tapinderjot Kaunsal, the Health Block of Tapa organized an awareness campaign on the occasion of World Iodine Deficiency Disorders Prevention Day. Speaking about the importance of iodine, Senior Medical Officer Dr. Indu Bansal highlighted that iodine is an essential nutrient for the body, with a daily requirement of 150 micrograms. A deficiency in iodine can hinder physical and mental growth, leading to conditions like goiter, impaired speech, deafness, heart problems, and mental disorders. Dr. Bansal emphasized the critical importance of iodine for pregnant women, warning that its deficiency during pregnancy can result in complications, including miscarriages and developmental issues in newborns.



Speaker Sandhwan makes surprise visit to Morinda grain market

SANJEEV TEJPAL
MORINDA, OCT 22

In an unannounced visit to the grain market in Morinda, the Speaker of the Punjab Legislative Assembly, Mr. Kultar Singh Sandhwan, expressed strong support for the state's farmers amidst ongoing procurement challenges. Sandhwan, accompanied by local MLA Dr. Charanjit Singh, took stock of the paddy procurement process and interacted with farmers to understand the difficulties they are facing. Sandhwan criticized the Central Government for not lifting last year's paddy stock from Punjab's godowns and shellers, which he claimed is an intentional move to harm the state's economy. He further stated that this is part of a broader strategy by the Cen-



tral Government to penalize the people of Punjab following the farmers' agitation. "Despite these adversities, the Punjab Government stands shoulder to shoulder with the farmers during this difficult time," Sandhwan asserted. Addressing the media after his visit, the Speaker highlighted the adverse impact of the Central Government's policies on Punjab's paddy procurement process. "The de-

layed procurement and lifting of paddy is a result of the Central Government's mismanagement. Furthermore, blocking over Rs 10,000 crore in funds meant for Punjab under key development schemes such as the Rural Development Fund, National Rural Health Mission, and Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan is a deliberate attempt to stall the state's progress," he added.

Govt should not delay to increase toll free area at Barodi toll plaza near Kurali: Hemraj Verma, Amrit Verma

KHARAR (SHASHI PAL JAIN): Swarankar Samaj Punjab President Hemraj Verma, State General Secretary Amrit Verma have jointly stated through a press note that as per the Ministry of Surface Transport Department of the Central Government under the National Highway a provision without toll area from 10 to 20 km has been provided, on the same basis the Punjab Govt. should increase the non toll area at Barodi toll plaza from 5 to 10 kms. The said that all the residents of the area are bringing to the attention of the Punjab Government that under the agreement of the Barodi Toll Plaza, it was requested that this non toll plaza should be increase to 10 kms but at that time Government has done nothing and has benefited the company only. The said that at many toll plazas under the territory, 10 km of non toll plazas have been approved by the government in agreements with companies.



Mega PTMs reflect Pb govt commitment to quality edu: ETO



KULJIT SINGH
JANDIALA GURU, OCT 22

Punjab Power and Public Works Minister Harbhajan Singh ETO on Tuesday said that the Mega Parents Teachers Meetings (PTMs) organized in all government primary and upper primary schools throughout Punjab, have foster a closer relationship between teachers, students and their parents, creating a supportive community around the education system. During his visit to the School of Eminence

(Girls), Jandiala Guru, Boys Sr. Sec. School, Jandiala Guru School of Eminence, Chheharta, and the School of Eminence, Mall Road in the Amritsar district today to participate in the 3rd Grand Parents Teachers Meetings, the Cabinet Minister Harbhajan Singh ETO interacted with the teachers, students and their parents. He said the Mega Parents Teachers Meetings focused on various key objectives, including evaluating students' performance, ensuring 100% attendance.

Senior Councilor of Kharar Council demands holding of election of vice president of council, vacant ward No.16 immediately

SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, OCT 22

Vaneet Jain Bittu, Vice Chairman of Agarwal Samaj along with this, it is also necessary that the by-election of Ward No. 16 of Kharar Nagar Council should also be conducted immediately because the member elected from here Kesar Singh passed away in October 2022 and till now this ward is lying vacant. And till now by-election has not been held here. He said that it is also a matter of surprise Council and of the ward No. 16 should be held immediately. He has demanded that the Govt. should issue an order to hold the election of the vacant post of No. 16 immediately. He said that it seems that according to the orders given by the Hon'ble High Court, the Municipal Council elections in Punjab will be held in the coming few days. He said that



that the post of Senior Vice President and Junior Vice President in Kharar Nagar Council is lying vacant from May 2022. He said that similarly in May 2021 Mrs. Gursdeep Kaur was elected as Senior Vice President and Jasveer Rana as Junior Vice President and their term of office was one year which ended in May 2022.

CHARANJIT SINGH ARORA
AMRITSAR, OCT 22

A one-day workshop titled 'Quality Nursing: Educating the Educators' was successfully held today at the prestigious SGRD University of Health Sciences, Vallah, Amritsar. The workshop aimed at fostering excellence in nursing education and equipping educators with the latest techniques and leadership skills essential for shaping future nursing professionals. The program commenced at 9:00 am with the arrival of dignitaries and nursing faculty, followed by a soulful Shabad presented by nursing students. The ceremonial lamp lighting was performed by distinguished dignitaries, marking the official inauguration of the workshop. Dr. Manpreet Kaur, the Chief Coordinator,



welcomed the participants with a heartening address, setting the tone for the day's sessions. Dr. Puneet Girdhar, Registrar of the Punjab Nurses Registration Council (PNRC), outlined the objectives of the workshop, highlighting the need for continuous professional development in the field of nursing education. A special keynote was delivered by Dr. Manjit Singh Uppal, Vice Chancellor of SGRD University of Health Sciences, who shared his insights on the

evolving role of nursing in the healthcare sector. The dignitaries also took the opportunity to honor esteemed resource faculty and principals from leading nursing institutions. The workshop included engaging sessions led by renowned experts, such as Mr. Rahul Sharma, a corporate leader and start-up mentor from IIT Kanpur, who emphasized 'Nursing—The Sunrise Profession', shedding light on the growing opportunities in this noble field.

Cheema encourages students by purchasing their products

SUMER GARG
SANGRUR, OCT 22

Punjab Finance, Planning, Excise and Taxation Minister, Harpal Singh Cheema today said that the Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, led Punjab government aimed to strengthen the coordination between students, parents and teachers by conducting annual Mega Parent-Teacher Meetings (PTMs), to ensure that no stone will be left unturned in brightening the future of the students studying in the government schools. While attending the Mega Parents - Teachers Meeting (PTM) held at Comrade Bhim Singh School of Eminence at Dirba and Government Senior Secondary School at Mahlan, the Finance Minister (FM), Harpal Singh Cheema highlighted that these meetings are proving



beneficial in reviewing the physical and mental development of the students by bringing students, parents, and teachers together. During these events, the Minister inspired students to strive hard to achieve great success. While emphasizing that the Punjab government, under the leadership of Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann, is making extensive efforts to elevate the level of education, Cheema said that the Business Blaster program, which aims to motivate gov-

ernment school students towards the business sector, is yielding meaningful results, guiding students to become future entrepreneurs. The uniforms prepared by students with entrepreneurial skills were a highlight of today's event. Minister Cheema also took the opportunity to see the goods prepared by the students at the school. He, along with the general public, purchased items from the students, encouraging them in their entrepreneurial endeavors.

'Chor Dil': A thrilling new Punjabi movie set to steal hearts



MOHALI (TILAK RAJ): Million Steps Films, in association with Randhawa Bros, presents "Chor Dil," an exhilarating new Punjabi movie set to release on October 25, 2025. Starring the dynamic Jagjeet Sandhu and the talented Fida Gill, this film promises to be a rollercoaster of emotions and suspense. Directed and written by the visionary Jangvir Singh, "Chor Dil" tells the gripping story of Gurri, who, after receiving a heart transplant from a dying Don, develops an uncontrollable urge to steal. As he embarks on a series of daring heists with his new partners in crime, Gurri uncovers the dark secret of his new heart and sets out to steal a hidden treasure. The plot thickens as he rescues his girlfriend and secures what he believes to be the treasure, only to be left stunned by the shocking reality behind the mysterious outcome. The trailer for "Chor Dil" has already received an overwhelming response from audiences, building anticipation for its release. Jagjeet Sandhu, who plays the lead role of Gurri, shared his excitement: "This film is unlike anything I've done before. The character of Gurri is complex and thrilling, and I can't wait for the audience to experience this journey with us."

Western command hosts successful veterans' outreach program

SUMER GARG
CHANDIGARH, OCT 22

The PRO (Defence wing) in a Press note said, "The Army Western Command organized a Veterans' Outreach Programme at Chandimandir Military Station today, bringing together over 500 retired officers from the Tricity-Chandigarh, Mohali and Panchkula. The event aimed to update veterans on Indian Army initiatives and provide a one-stop solution for their issues. Representatives from various departments addressed procedural requirements and solutions to resolve pending issues of the Veterans. On the occasion, Lieutenant General, Manoj Kumar Katiyar, General Officer Commanding in Chief, Western Command interacted with the Veterans and conveyed gratitude and apprecia-



tion on behalf of the Indian Army for their invaluable services to the country. He reaffirmed the commitment of the Western Command to whole-hearted and unwavering support for veterans and the serving fraternity. The Army Commander assured efforts to address challenges faced by veterans, particularly regarding their health and well-being. The Army Commander praised veterans for their contributions to civil society post-retirement, enhancing the Armed Forces' image and catalyzing progress and development.

MLA Ramkumar Kashyap inaugurates head office of Bar Association



MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI : MLA Ramkumar Kashyap inaugurated the head office of the newly built Bar Association in the subdivision judicial complex. On reaching the judicial complex, the officials of the subdivision Bar Association welcomed him with a bouquet and garlands. MLA Ramkumar Kashyap thanked the officials of the Bar Association for their support in assembly elections. He said that whenever he gets an opportunity, he will keep meeting officials of Bar Association. He will also try to solve problems by fulfilling demands related to Bar Association. President of Bar Association Ranveer Singh Dhandra placed demands and problems related to Bar Association before MLA, on which MLA assured him that their demands and problems will be resolved soon. Deputy President of Bar Association Anil Kumar, Secretary Naveen Kamboj, Rajesh Saini along with officials and advocates of Subdivision Bar Association were also present.

Employment fairs will be organized in every block: DC

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR : Deputy Commissioner Captain Manoj Kumar said that Security and Intelligence Service India Limited (SIS) would organize employment fairs in every block with the help of the District Employment Department to provide employment to the youth. It will include jobs ranging from supervisor to security guard in multinational companies. With the help of District Employment Department, S.I.S. Company has made a schedule to organize block-wise job fairs for recruitment on various posts of Security Guard and Supervisor. District

Employment Officer Dr. Arun Kumar informed that the recruitment will be held at BDPO office Jagadhari on October 24, at BDPO office Radaur on October 25 and at BDPO office Sadhaura on October 28. On November 4 it will be held at BDPO office Chhachhrauli, on November 5 at BDPO office Saraswatnagar and on November 6 at BDPO office Pratnagar. A job fair will be organized at the office Bilaspur on November 7 from 9am to 4pm. So that unemployed youth can be provided employment in 32 companies. He said that 10th pass youth between the age of 18 to 40 years can participate in the job fair. After the interview there will be one month training and as soon as the training was over physical efficiency check for recruitment will be conducted. After this the candidate will be selected. For this the height of the youth should be 168 cm, chest 80 to 85 cm and qualification should be 10th pass. The youth should bring along with him the qualification certificate and photocopy of Aadhaar card and three passport size photographs.

Samadhan camp held at BDPO and MC offices for grievance redressal



JAGBIR UPLANA
ASSANDH: As per the directives of the Haryana Government, a Solution Camp was organized on Tuesday at the BDPO Office and Municipalities Office in Assandh. The camp ran from 9 AM to 11 AM, offering a platform for citizens to resolve issues related to ownership and municipal services. BDPO Prashant Kumar stated that no complaints were registered during Tuesday's session. He emphasized that the Solution Camp will continue to operate every working day from 9 AM to 11 AM at the BDPO Office, providing assistance for issues related to ownership schemes. Similarly, Municipalities Secretary Pradeep Kumar mentioned that residents can visit the Municipalities Office every working day during the same time window to address municipal service-related concerns. He noted that Tuesday's camp primarily dealt with two property ID-related issues, which were successfully resolved. Both officials urged citizens to take advantage of these camps and visit the respective offices for speedy resolution of their grievances.

Market flooded with sweets made from adulterated khoya

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER
BARARA, OCT 22

During the festive season, the consumption of milk products like khoya, paneer, ghee along with sweets are in much demand.. As Diwali festival approaches, the demand for sweets and other food items increases a lot. People who usually do not eat sweets during festivals start eating them. People also make purchases. Some businessmen and shopkeepers do not miss the opportunity to take advantage of the supply being less than the demand and there is every possibility of adulteration. Seeing this, adulterators become active and sell adulterated goods to the public which is very harmful for health. With the arrival of the festival season, the city is flooded with adulterated sweets. In rural areas like Barada, Dosarka, Mullana, Adhoya sweet shopkeepers are putting customers to death in the greed of earning a few rupees. These days more than a dozen sweet manufacturing factories are operating in full swing in the city. All the big sweet shop



owners of the city run their own factories. These factory operators do not have neither any resource of milk production nor milk collection centers then from where do they get milk in such large quantities. Where do the sweets manufacturing shopkeepers and factory operators get milk to make so much sweets? Who brings this remains a mystery. It is worth noting that with the arrival of Diwali festival, sweets made of synthetic milk and fake mawa have started selling in the sweet shops operating in the city.

Restoring trust with China will take time: Army Chief

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, OCT 22

Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi on Tuesday emphasised the need to rebuild trust between India and China following the recent border patrolling agreement.

Speaking at an event titled "Decade of Transformation: Indian Army in Stride with the Future" at the United Service Institution, Gen. Dwivedi made his first statement after the announcement of the India-China border patrolling agreement.

Gen Dwivedi stressed that restoring trust along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) would be a gradual process, to



return to the April 2020 status quo. "We are working to rebuild trust, and restoring that trust will take time," he added, highlighting the steps of disengagement, de-escalation, and buffer zone management as crucial for easing tensions between the

two nations. He further explained that the process will take place in phases, with each step aimed at reducing tensions. "This normal management of the LAC will not just stop there. There are phases in that as well," he added. Referring to

Stubble Management: Instructions to set up control rooms in villages by DC

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: In the light of the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the campaign under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Barnala Madam Pundeeep Kaur is in full swing to ensure stubble management in the district. Today, the Deputy



Commissioner held a series of meetings with cluster officers, assistant cluster

officers, veterinary officers, village nodal officers, patwaris, secretaries of cooperative societies in the meeting hall of the district administration complex here. They held these meetings with the teams of Kanungo Constituency Barnala, Handiaya, Sanghera,

Dhanula, Kaleke, Rudeke Kalan, Tapa. On this occasion, he directed that village-wise mapping of subsidized machinery should be done and lists of which farmer is sharing machinery with whom should be prepared and posted in the village.

32 complaints reach camp organized in MC office, 8 resolved on spot



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNA NAGAR, OCT 22

On orders of government, a solution camp was organized in Municipal Corporation office on Tuesday under chairmanship of Municipal Commissioner Ayush Sinha. On first day of solution camp, 32 complaints were received for solution of property ID, ownership scheme and other corporation related problems. Out of which eight complaints were resolved on spot. While Municipal

Commissioner Ayush Sinha instructed the officials to resolve remaining complaints soon. Most of the complaints in the camp were related to property ID. Apart from this, two complaints were received in the solution camp organized in Jagadhri Municipal Corporation office. On orders of the government, these solution camps will continue for a month. Where any city resident can get any kind of problem related to the Municipal Corporation resolved.

Women in STEM Forum KU organises 1st Award Ceremony

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, OCT 22

Women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Forum Kurukshetra University organized WIS Forum Award ceremony in the Senate Hall of the University. Women in STEM (WIS) Forum, KUK was established in 2019 to create awareness regarding career, opportunity and funding schemes in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics especially for women students, researchers and faculty. The Chief Guest of the function, Vice Chancellor Kurukshetra University, Prof. Som Nath Sachdeva, said that the participation of women in STEM has increased with the implementation of government schemes and



policies. Prof Sachdeva further said that 2020 govt policy on new science and technology facilitated inclusion of women in research areas and in the coming times, knowledge creation should be encouraged to make India Global Knowledge Superpower. Prof Sachdeva congratulated the WIS award recipients and wished for their future projects and endeavours.

The keynote speaker of the event, Prof Anubha

Kaushik of Indraprastha University in her address discussed about the 'Challenges and Opportunities for women in Science' Prof Kaushik asserted that women in science face several challenges, including gender bias, less representation in leadership roles, and a lack of visible role models and implicit prejudice can lead to unequal opportunities for funding, promotions, and recognition.

PTM held in various schools of Block Qadian 1



VERMA
GURDASPUR: According to the guidelines of the Punjab government, parent teacher meetings are being organized across the state by the education department. To make this meeting effective, the duties of District Education Officer, Deputy District Education Officer, Diet Principal, BPEO, BNO, BRC and CHT and other high officials have been assigned. Under this series, government middle school Nat Mokai, government high school Kandila, Kahlwan, government senior secondary school Kojala, Dalla, etc. were inspected by BRC (Qadian 1) Paramjit Singh. On this occasion, while giving information, it was told that all the arrangements were made by the school management as per the guidelines issued by the Education Department. He said that the parents of the children participated in this meeting were full of enthusiasm. The teachers informed the parents about the progress report of the children and also gave suggestions for their better future. Principal Shashi Kiran, in-charge Arvinderjit Singh Bhatia, Vipan Kumar, Mukesh Kumar, Yunish Mahajan, Mandeeep Kaur, Lakhwinder Kaur etc. were present on this occasion.

Barnala bypoll: Dist Planning Board Chairman Gurdeep resigns AAP dednies ticket to him

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: During the by-election for the Barnala Assembly seat that fell vacant after former Cabinet Minister Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer was elected as an MP, AAP District President and Chairman District Planning Board Barnala Gurmeet Singh Bath decided to resign from the post of Chairman today, and at the same time, he announced to contest the election as an independent candidate, increasing the headache of the party's declared candidate Harinder Singh Dhalialwal. It is worth mentioning that when the party announced the candidates for the by-elections in the state, Gurdeep Singh Bath had given the party a 24-hour ultimatum to replace Harinder Singh Dhalialwal, the candidate declared by Meet Hayer. According to sources, AAP leader in-charge of Punjab affairs Sandeep Pathak reached Barnala today and tried to persuade Bath by offering him a state level post, but Gurdeep Bath remained adamant on his demand of 'change of candidate'. As a result the emissaries returned empty handed. After this, maintaining his displeasure, Mr. Bath held a meeting with his supporters at his residence and resigned from the chairmanship post and announced to contest the election independently. He also alleged that 'nepotism and yaaranagiri' are prevalent contrary to the basic principles of the party. He said that apart from Harinder Dhalialwal, no one else has contributed to the party other than 'yaari' with Meet Hayer, whereas he has worked day and night for the party from the very beginning.



Center is discriminating with Pb: Tarunpeeet Singh Sond

BUREAU
FATEHGARH SAHIB, OCT 22

"When the country was facing a severe shortage of the food grains, then Punjab had worked and fulfilled the demand of the nation, but now the center has sidelined the contribution of the state and moreover adopted the way of discrimination with Punjab by not lifting the grains from the godowns of the state." This was stated by Tarunpeeet Singh Sond, Cabinet Minister, Punjab, after inspecting the Mega Parent Teachers meeting at the School of Eminence, Amlah. The cabinet minister said that the center government was aware of the upcoming paddy season, but special trains were not allotted to the state for the lifting of the grains, which has resulted in the problems



being faced by each and every person who is related to the paddy season. Mr. Sond divulged that the state government was continuously writing the letters to the center government in this regard. Even Bhagwant Singh Mann, Chief Minister, Punjab, also visited Delhi for the meeting with the central ministers, yet the deadlock is there. The cabinet minister said that all the demands of the

farmers and the commission agents that were related to the state government have been already resolved. He said, "Farmers have been continuously struggling for their demands for many years, but on the other hand, the center has adopted the way of repression towards them. The state government is standing with its farmers and farm unions, and no stone will be left unturned to solve their problems."

Students to receive training in life skills, first aid, and disease prevention: Dr. Balbir Singh

RAKESH JINDAL
PATIALA, OCT 22

Punjab Health and Family Welfare and Medical Education Minister Dr. Balbir Singh disclosed that students will receive training in life skills, first aid and protection from waterborne (vector-borne) diseases, with the initiative starting from Patiala. The Health Minister announcement today during his interaction with students and parents at the Parent-Teacher Meeting held at Government Senior Secondary School, Civil Lines, Patiala. Dr. Balbir Singh stated that the purpose of providing first aid and life skills training to students is to empower them to provide essential assistance during emergencies, helping save lives before medical help arrives. Initially, this training



will be given to 12th-grade students, who will also be awarded certificates. Additionally, students will be educated about waterborne diseases to help prevent the spread of illnesses like dengue, malaria, and chikungunya. He noted that increased awareness has led to a reduction in cases of waterborne diseases, and students will serve as brand ambassadors for this awareness campaign. During his interaction with parents at Government

Senior Secondary School Civil Lines, and Government Senior Secondary School, Model Town, Dr. Balbir Singh said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab government is focusing on educational reforms. He mentioned that while teachers are receiving international-level training, students are being linked with vocational courses through 'Schools of Eminence,' allowing them to choose their career paths based on their interests.

One-day workshop organized for school safety for children

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, OCT 22

As per the instructions of Haryana State Child Protection Commission, a one-day workshop was organized by the District Child Protection Office on Monday in Government Girls Senior Secondary School, and Government Model Sanskriti, Senior Secondary School, Nising regarding school safety program. Juvenile Justice Act and POCSO Act. Members of Haryana State Child Protection Commission Mange Ram and Meena Kumari participated as chief guests in program. Various departments working for safety of children such as Child Welfare Committee, District Child Protection Unit,



Women and Child Development Department, Education Department, school teachers and school children participated. Meena Kumari gave information about Juvenile Justice Act and POCSO Act made for safety of children and guidelines issued for school safety. He told that if any person sexually abuses children between 0 to 18 years, then its report can be made at Police Helpline Number 112, Child Helpline

1098, concerned police station, District Child Protection Office, Child Welfare Committee. As per instructions of school safety, every school should have CCTV cameras for safety of children, there should be a complaint box so that if any child has any problem and he hesitates to come forward and talk about his problem, then he can put his mind through the complaint box so that child's problem can be solved.

Punjab State Ministerial Services Union announces protest



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: The Punjab government has nothing but false lariya. The government has not accepted any demand of the employees of Punjab till date. It is unfortunate that the Chief Minister of Punjab is renegeing on the promise made to the employees twice. These words were said by District President Tarseem Bhattal, District General Secretary Ravinder Sharma and District President of DC Office Nirmaljit Singh Channa addressing the press. He said that the main demand of the employees of Punjab is the restoration of old pension. Which the government had added in its manifesto to implement, but till date it has not been implemented, neither the arrears of Pay Commission were received nor the ACP letter was issued. Even the DA. The government has run away from giving it. The leaders said that there was a time when Punjab was counted as a leading state but unfortunately the DA of neighboring states is 53 percent but the employees of Punjab are taking 38 percent DA.

Editorial

Crucial framework

Achieving high growth is not easy. But sustaining it is much more difficult. Which is why instances of sustained high growth are fewer than those of growth faltering after a few years. Most countries hit a wall at middle-income levels, failing to catch up with rich nations like the United States of America, Japan, South Korea or the European ones. In its World Development Report 2024, the World Bank stated that only 34 economies ever managed to cross over to the high-income group since 1990 while the average per-person income of these countries never exceeded 10% of that of America. Earlier, in 2008, the Commission on Growth and Development, a body of 19 developing country leaders and two academics that focused on sustainable economic growth, observed that only 13 economies had grown 7% a year on average for 25 years or longer.

These hits and misses explain the periodic global attention on sustaining high growth rates, which can enable faster poverty reduction, generate employment, achieve better living standards and much else. The recent examination of success stories for insights by the World Bank focuses on the 'middle-income trap' and how some countries avoided it. Its past publication, the Growth Report, 2008, on behalf of the abovementioned body, had studied 'catch-up' growth or convergence to rich country levels. The analysis noted that rapid sustained growth of the kind seen in the second half of the 20th century was unheard of earlier. However, it was distinctly possible because of an open and integrated world economy, which enabled sourcing direct investments, knowledge and rapid learning from abroad while markets could be stretched beyond domestic boundaries.

Understanding the causes, consequences, and internal dynamics of the successful cases of sustained rapid growth (the 2008 exercise) or why countries got stuck or failed to become rich is a reasonable attempt to identify mistakes and challenges over time and across countries. The idea is to look for common underpinnings and distil useful features and policy tips for leaders and policymakers who are directly involved in crafting growth strategies for their countries. The more aware they are, the better the caution about pitfalls and the lesser the tendency to take the sustained high growth rate for granted. Based on its research understandings, the World Bank proposes a sequenced, three-pronged plan. First, low-income countries traverse the path of attracting investment to move up the income ladder. Then, at the lower-middle-income stage, adopt foreign technology to export more.

India looks forward for BRICS Summit

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday embarked on a two-day visit to Kazan, Russia, to attend the 16th BRICS Summit, underscoring that India attaches "immense importance" to the grouping.

Sharing a post on X ahead of his departure, PM Modi wrote, "Leaving for Kazan, Russia, to take part in the BRICS Summit. India attaches immense importance to BRICS, and I look forward to extensive discussions on a wide range of subjects. I also look forward to meeting various leaders there."

The Prime Minister's office in a statement quoted the PM Modi as saying, "I am departing today on a two-day visit to Kazan at the invitation of H.E. Mr. Vladimir Putin, President of the Russian Federation, to attend the 16th BRICS Summit."

"India values the close cooperation within BRICS which has emerged as an important platform for dialogue and discussion on issues concerning the global developmental agenda, reformed multilateralism, climate change, economic cooperation, building resilient supply chains, promoting cultural and people to people connect, among others," PM Modi said.

The statement further said that the



expansion of BRICS with the addition of new members last year has added to its inclusivity and agenda for the global good.

"Building upon the Annual Summit held in July 2024 in Moscow, my visit to Kazan will further reinforce the Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership between India and Russia. I look forward to meeting other leaders from BRICS as well," the PMO statement said. The 16th BRICS Summit in Kazan is being held under the

chairmanship of Russia from October 22-24. During his visit, PM Modi is also expected to hold bilateral meetings with his counterparts from BRICS member countries and invited leaders in Kazan. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said, "The Summit, themed 'Strengthening Multilateralism for Just Global Development and Security,' will provide an important platform for leaders to discuss key global issues." It further said, "The Summit will offer a valuable opportunity

to assess the progress of initiatives launched by BRICS and to identify potential areas for future collaboration."

This visit marks, PM Modi's second visit to Russia this year. He travelled to Moscow in July to attend the 22nd India-Russia Annual Summit where he held a bilateral meeting with President Putin. He was also conferred with Russia's highest civilian award, the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle at the Kremlin in Moscow.

BRIC, as a formal grouping, started after the meeting of the Leaders of Russia, India and China in St Petersburg on the margins of G8 Outreach Summit in 2006.

The grouping was formalized during the first meeting of BRIC Foreign Ministers on the margins of UNGA in New York in 2006. The first BRIC Summit was held in Russia's Yekaterinburg in 2009.

It was agreed to expand BRIC into BRICS with the inclusion of South Africa at the BRIC Foreign Ministers' meeting in New York in 2010. South Africa attended the 3rd BRICS Summit in Sanya in 2011.

A further expansion of BRICS took place in 2024 with five new members - Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates.

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China is set to carry out live-fire drills in the Taiwan Strait

China is set to carry out live-fire drills in the Taiwan Strait on Tuesday, local media in the self-governed island said citing several Chinese news outlets.

The development comes just after warships of the US and Canada sailed through the contested waters in the Taiwan Strait on Sunday and following a mega military exercise a week ago by Beijing. Live-fire exercises are set to take place in a limited area in the waters near Niushan Island from 9am to 1pm local time as per China's official Fujian Daily, citing a notice from the Maritime Safety Administration (MSA) on Pingtan, an island off the coast of Fujian province in China, Focus Taiwan reported. The notice said ships would not be allowed to enter the area during the specified time. Niushan is located roughly 80 kilometers south of the Taiwan-controlled Matsu Islands off Fujian Province and about 165 kilometers from Taipei.

The lighthouse on the island is an important landmark that helps vessels navigate the Taiwan Strait, and the island is near the currently suspended ferry route



connecting Pingtan and Taipei. On Sunday, The US Navy said the American destroyer, USS Higgins and a Canadian frigate, HMCS Vancouver, conducted what it called a routine Taiwan Strait transit in waters where "high-seas freedom of navigation and over-flight apply in accordance with international law."

India sends humanitarian aid to Palestine

Amid the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, India took a significant step in providing humanitarian aid for the people of Palestine.

This initial consignment comprises 30 tons of essential items, including medicines, surgical supplies, dental products, general medical items, and high-energy biscuits, which will be distributed through the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

Sharing a post on X, Randhir Jaiswal, the official spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs wrote, "India sends humanitarian assistance for the people of Palestine through UNRWA."

"The first tranche of assistance comprising 30 tons of medicine and food items has departed today. The consignment includes a wide range of essential medicines and surgical supplies, dental products, general medical items and high-energy biscuits," the post added. Notably, a few days ago, the World Food Programme issued a warning for northern Gaza, saying that



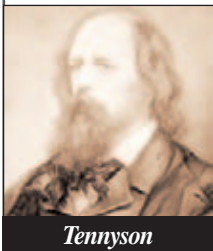
WFP's supplies are depleting.

Sharing a post on X on October 12, WFP wrote, "Escalating violence in northern #Gaza is having a disastrous impact on food security. No food aid has entered the north since 1 October. It is unclear how long WFP's remaining food supplies in the north, already distributed to shelters and health facilities, will last."

POEM

Sweet and Low

Sweet and low, sweet and low,
Wind of the western sea, Low,
low, breathe and blow,
Wind of the western sea! Over the
rolling waters go,
Come from the dying moon, and blow,
Blow him again to me;
While my little one, while my pretty one,
sleeps. Sleep and rest,
sleep and rest, Father will come to
thee soon; Rest, rest, on mother's
breast, Father will come to thee
soon; Father will come to his babe in
the nest,



Alfred, Lord Tennyson

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz to visit India from Oct 24-26

At the invitation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chancellor of Germany, Olaf Scholz will pay an official visit to India from 24-26 October 2024 for the 7th Intergovernmental Consultations (IGC), a statement by the Ministry of External Affairs said on Monday.

Scholz visited India twice last year, for a bilateral State Visit in February 2023 and to attend the G20 Leaders' Summit in September 2023, the statement said.

On October 25, Prime Minister Modi and Chancellor Scholz will co-chair the 7th Intergovernmental Consultations. Scholz will be accompanied by senior Ministers in his cabinet for the IGC consultations. The IGC is a whole-of-government framework under which Min-



isters from both sides hold discussions in their respective areas of responsibility and report on the outcome of their de-

liberations to the Prime Minister and Chancellor, the statement added.

Both leaders will hold bilateral talks

to discuss enhanced security and defence cooperation, greater opportunities for the mobility of talent, deeper economic cooperation, Green and Sustainable Development Partnership and collaboration in the area of emerging and strategic technologies. Discussions will also focus on important regional and global developments.

Both leaders will also address the 18th Asia Pacific Conference of German Business (APK 2024) being held in New Delhi on October 25. The APK, a biennial event for business leaders, executives, and political representatives from Germany and the countries in the Indo-Pacific, is expected to give a further fillip to trade and investment ties between our two countries. About 650 top business leaders and CEOs from Germany,

India, and other countries are expected to participate in the event, the statement said.

Chancellor Scholz will then travel to Goa, where the German naval frigate "Baden-Wuerttemberg" and combat support ship "Frankfurt am Main" will make a scheduled port call as part of Germany's Indo-Pacific deployment.

India and Germany have a strategic partnership since 2000. Over the years, this partnership has deepened and diversified across various sectors. The two countries are celebrating 50 years of Science and Technology collaboration this year. As we enter the 25th year of strategic partnership, the visit of Chancellor Scholz will pave the way for further strengthening of our bilateral ties, the statement added.

Pavna Industries Ltd. Board Approves Fund Raise of up to INR 410.81 Cr

CHANDIGARH: Pavna Industries Limited (BSE: 543915, NSE: PAVNAIND), a leading player engaged in the business of manufacturing wide range of reliable and high-quality automotive parts for reputed OEMs, has announced that its board has approved raising of funds of up to INR 410.81 Crores by way of preferential issue of convertible warrants, subject to approval of shareholders and other regulatory authorities, as may be applicable. The proposed allottees include Fils Unico Global Opportunities Fund Ltd, Nexpart Ltd., North Star Opportunities Fund VCC, Eminence Global Fund PCC, AG Dynamic Funds Ltd. amongst others.

Fortune demands oil price transparency with ‘SirDaaMNaHGrAmBhIdEkho’ campaign

Chandigarh/Amritsar. - Leading Edible Oil & Food brand Fortune has unveiled a campaign, ‘SirDaaMNaHGrAmBhIdEkho’, to build customer awareness around a new practice among some edible oil brands, that are packing less than 1 litre ie.910 gm oil in a pack and declaring only the weight of the oil but skipping mentioning the volume. Elaborating on the situation, Prashant Pandey, Group Product Manager, Fortune Edible Oils, said, “While cooking in our kitchens, we measure oil by volume, be it through the usage of spoons or ladles or the depth of oil in a kadhai while deep frying. It is misleading to mention only the grammage and not the volume of oil on a particular pack.” Fortune is stepping forward to highlight the non-disclosure of volume by certain oil brands on packs that look similar to 1-litre packs. “You do not expect consumers to do a volume-weight calculation for edible oil when buying a product. We believe in full disclosure of both volume and weight of our edible oils and expect all brands to do so to help consumers make an informed decision.

Malabar Gold & Diamonds plans to Launch 20 New Showrooms Worldwide in October

Jalandhar : Malabar Gold & Diamonds, one of the world's largest jewellery groups, has opened its US flagship showroom in Los Angeles, marking a significant milestone in its growth within North America. This new showroom is the largest and fifth location for Malabar Gold & Diamonds in the USA. The inauguration ceremony was led by California Congresswoman Michelle Steele, with Malabar Group Chairman MP Ahamed, Vice Chairman KP Abdul Salam, International Operations Managing Director Shantam Ahmed, North America Regional Head Joseph Eagan, and other senior management in attendance. Spanning 6,500 square feet in Artesia City, the showroom boasts over 30,000 jewellery designs from 20 countries and features around 25 exclusive brands. Customers can also personalize their jewellery selections.

Adayu - a Fortis Group Company Launches Podcast Series ‘Adayulogues’ on YouTube to Raise Awareness on Mental Health

Amritsar: Adayu, a Fortis Group Company, has launched Adayulogues with Dr. Samir Parikh', a pioneering mental health podcast series. This initiative aims to raise awareness about mental health and serves as a unique advocacy platform dedicated to reducing stigma and promoting well-being across society. The Podcast series will address a range of mental health topics, including bipolar disorder, panic disorder, addiction, suicide prevention and persistent depressive disorder, among others. Each episode features insights from experienced professional psychiatrists and psychologists within the Fortis Mental Health Program, led by Dr. Samir Parikh, Consultant Psychiatrist and Chairperson of the Fortis National Mental Health Program.

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Ludhiana/Amritsar: This Dhanteras, Amazon.in presents a one-stop shopping destination for customers seeking the best deals on latest tech gadgets, automobiles, gold and festive essentials. With delivery to 100% of pin codes, the store elevates the shopping experience through unparalleled selection and convenience. The Dhanteras store on Amazon.in, powered by Samsung Galaxy and co-powered by VIDA, features an extensive collection including the newest electric scooters, cutting-edge tech, ethnic clothing, home appliances, auspicious decor, beauty products and gold. Customers can explore exclusive deals from top brands such as Apple, Samsung, OnePlus, Tanishq, Titan, Biba, Hawkins, GIVA, Ola, and VIDA, among others, fulfilling all festival needs in one place.

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Jindal IVF Achieves Clinical Breakthrough with PGT-SR Procedure

SHIMLA : Jindal IVF, a leading institute in Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) and In Vitro Fertilization (IVF), continues to push the boundaries of reproductive care by successfully performing a Preimplantation Genetic Testing for Structural Rearrangements (PGT-SR) case. This cutting-edge procedure has given new hope to a couple facing secondary infertility and a history of obstetric challenges. The case involved a 35-year-old patient, who came to Jindal IVF after experiencing secondary infertility and a history of poor obstetric outcomes. Her medical background included an ectopic pregnancy and two spontaneous abortions. Upon further investigation, Mrs. MKB was diagnosed with a Robertsonian Chromosomal Translocation, a rare genetic condition that complicates natural conception and increases the risk of miscarriage. Faced with these genetic and reproductive challenges, the patient was advised to undergo IVF with PGT-SR, a specialized form of genetic testing designed to detect chromosomal abnormalities. The medical team, led by Dr. Sheetal Jindal, Senior Consultant and IVF-PGT expert at Jindal IVF, Dr. Sangheeta Khatter, Genetics and Dr. Sanjeev Maheshwari, Director IVF Lab, formulated a customized treatment plan for the patient.

Addicted to stress hormone? 7 ways Indian women can change that

Being addicted to stress and its associated hormone, cortisol, is a common issue, especially for Indian women juggling work, family, and personal responsibilities.

1. Mindfulness And Meditation

Why they help: Meditation can lower cortisol levels, improve emotional regulation, and enhance focus. Practices such as yoga or deep breathing exercises create a sense of calm and reduce the body's stress response.

Actionable step: Start with 10 to 15 minutes of daily meditation or mindfulness exercises, focusing on deep, steady breathing.

2. Balanced Nutrition

Why it helps: Eating foods rich in antioxidants, omega-3 fatty acids, and vitamins such as B and C can help reduce stress. Indian diets already incorporate many beneficial spices such as turmeric and ginger, which have anti-inflammatory properties.

Actionable step: Prioritise a diet rich in whole foods, fruits, vegetables, and lean proteins, while avoiding excessive caffeine or sugary snacks that spike cortisol levels.

3. Regular Physical Activity

Why it helps: Exercise releases endorphins, which are natural mood elevators, while helping regulate cortisol levels. For Indian women, finding time for physical activity can

be challenging, but even 30 minutes of daily exercise can make a big difference.

Actionable step: Choose a workout you enjoy – whether it's yoga, walking, dancing, or strength training – and stick to a routine. It can be as simple as morning walks or joining a fitness class.

4. Build A Support System

Why it helps: Emotional support from friends, family, or a professional therapist can be a great way to manage stress. Many Indian women often face societal expectations or personal guilt. Sharing feelings can reduce the emotional burden.

Actionable step: Regularly communicate with a close friend or family member, or consider seeking professional counselling when feeling overwhelmed.

5. Set Boundaries

Why it helps: Learning to say 'no' and prioritising self-care is essential to avoid burnout. Indian women often face societal pressure to fulfil multiple roles without complaint, which can lead to chronic stress.

Actionable step: Establish clear boundaries for work and personal time. Allow yourself moments of rest without guilt.

6. Sleep and Rest

Why it helps: Quality sleep is

crucial for hormone regulation. Lack of sleep can cause a spike in cortisol, creating a cycle of stress and fatigue. Rest is vital for recovery.

Actionable step: Aim for seven to eight hours of restful sleep every night by creating a calming bedtime routine, such as limiting screen time and unwinding with a book or relaxing music.

7. Engage In Creative Outlets

Why it helps: Creative activities such as cooking, painting, or gardening help lower stress levels. These activities can act as an outlet for self-expression and relaxation.

A three day long International Kirtan Conference starts at Punjabi University, Patiala



Patiala, Bhai Vir Singh Chair (Punjabi University) and USA based Nad Music Institute inaugurated the International Kirtan Conference on

ceremony was attended by Prof. NK Muktni, Dean Academic Affairs, Punjabi University, Patiala, Sarabpreet Singh, Founder, Gurmat Sangeet Project, USA, Divyot Singh, great-grandson of Bhai Hira Singh Ji Ragbi, and Bhai Maninder Singh ji, Hazuri Ragbi, Sri Darbar Sahib, Sri Amritsar.

This conference brings together over 25 research presentations by scholars from six different countries, along with live Kirtan performances, offering a rich platform for spiritual exploration and academic exchange. This is a first-of-its-kind global event that unites experts from around the world to explore the deep relationship between spirituality and music, as rooted in the sacred verses of Sri Guru Granth Sahib.

Jeep® introduces the All-New 2025 Meridian with updated features & more variants



Chandigarh: Jeep® India introduces the all-new 2025 Jeep Meridian with enhanced features and four dynamic new trims—Longitude, Longitude Plus, Limited (O), and Overland. Already celebrated for its size and sophistication, the Meridian now delivers even more with cutting-edge safety, advanced technology, and unparalleled comfort. This bold repositioning makes the iconic Jeep experience accessible to more customers, while remaining true to the legendary capability and spirit that define the brand. “The Jeep Meridian was born from our understanding of the growing demand for a premium model for customers who have progressed through Jeep’s lineup. The Meridian

will usher in a new phase for Jeep in India, offering a distinctive personality with imposing and sophisticated design, premium finishes, and cutting-edge technology, all while retaining the legendary adventure capabilities expected from a Jeep. With the additional variants, we're excited to cater to a diverse audience, staying true to our commitment to making Jeep more accessible to enthusiasts in India,” said Kumar Priyesh, Brand Director, Jeep India. The Jeep Meridian boasts a balance of elegance and dynamism that defines the Jeep brand. Its signature seven-slot grille, paired with unified headlamps, gives the vehicle an unmistakable presence.

Manish Arora’s Academy Produces Judge in Record Time



Chandigarh (RN Khera): Manish Arora, a former judge with vast experience, has taken a bold step in shaping the future of the judiciary through his academy, in Sector 37. Leaving behind his prestigious position, Arora's primary mission is to provide quality education and the necessary guidance to help students succeed in the judiciary. While interacting with the media, Arora said, “One brilliant student, Ms. Mehak, has cleared the judiciary exam conducted by Haryana Civil Services.” Mehak’s achievement is a major milestone for the academy,

as she became a judge within just 10 months of joining the program. Her rapid success highlights the effectiveness of Arora’s teaching, blending theoretical knowledge with practical skills. In just a year, the academy has established itself as a top institution for judicial coaching. Ms. Mehak expressed her gratitude, thanking the academy for its dedicated attention and personalized coaching, which she credits for helping her achieve her lifelong dream of becoming a judge. She emphasized how the focused guidance and regular mock exams kept her on track.

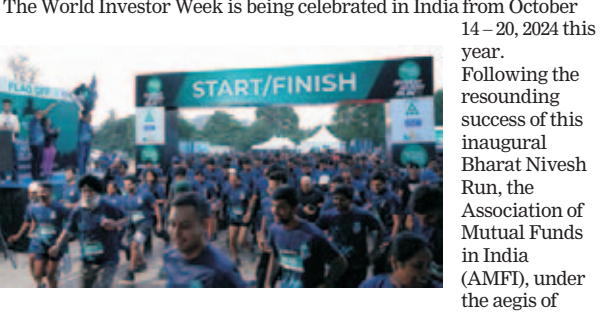
Get Ready for SOCIAL Weekender: Epic Nights Await!

CHANDIGARH: Prepare yourself for an epic weekend filled with music, entertainment, and great vibes at SOCIAL! From house party beats to a spooky Halloween bash and an open mic for budding stars, this SOCIAL Weekender has something for everyone. 25th - 27th October | Sector 7 & Elante SOCIAL, Chandigarh.

Kick off the weekend with an unforgettable house party vibe! Jay Flex & Vir will be setting the mood with electrifying tunes to get you growing all night long. Brace yourselves as Gaga Brar will be bringing soulful unplugged vibes to Elante SOCIAL with an acoustic performance that will sweep you off your feet. Get ready for a spooky night out! Join us for the freakiest Halloween party in town with DJ Candice & DJ M3LD spinning haunting beats that'll keep you dancing till the witching hour. Don't forget to come in your spookiest costume! End the weekend on a high note with our Sunday Open Mic! Whether you're a singer, poet, or comedian, this is your chance to shine. Additionally, warm up your nights with our 2+1 on Fridays offer, available at both Sector 7 and Elante SOCIAL! This winter, we're serving up more reasons to celebrate with your favorite drinks. Whether it's cocktails, mocktails, or anything in between, grab your friends and make the most of this offer while it lasts.

AMFI and SEBI jointly flag off Bharat Nivesh Run at Chandigarh during World Investor Week

Chandigarh : Last year, AMFI organised a unique initiative 'Bharat Nivesh Run' - A 5 kms run to promote awareness and understanding of Mutual Funds in 5 cities which attracted over 6,000 participants for the physical run and an additional 1,500 for the virtual version



SEBI, organized the second edition of the Bharat Nivesh Run on 20th October 2024. This unique initiative aims to spread investor awareness about mutual funds and promote financial literacy across smaller cities, with runs organised in Chandigarh, Belagavi, Jodhpur, Jamshedpur, and Visakhapatnam. The Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) and Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) jointly flagged off the Bharat Nivesh Run at Chandigarh Club Ground. Shri Biranchi Narayan Sahoo, Executive Director, SEBI and Shri Atul Kamdar, Senior Vice President, AMFI flagged off the run at Chandigarh. The run comprised 1190 participants in total. This overwhelming response reflects the growing awareness about importance of taking care of one's physical health through exercise.

Evoq Realtech Partners with Hrithik as Brand Ambassador

Chandigarh: Evoq Realtech, a prominent real estate developer based in Mohali, is delighted to announce its partnership with Indian superstar Hrithik Roshan, who will serve as the brand ambassador. Evoq's collaboration is set to enhance Evoq Realtech's brand image, aligning it with the ideals of excellence, innovation, and luxury that Hrithik embodies. Directors Gaurav Goyal and Satish Katyal expressed their enthusiasm about this significant alliance. "We are thrilled to welcome Hrithik Roshan to the Evoq Realtech family. His unwavering dedication to quality and performance aligns perfectly with our vision of creating exceptional real estate projects that elevate the lifestyles of our clients," remarked Mr. Gaurav Goyal.



Reflecting on the partnership, Hrithik Roshan stated, "I admire Evoq's vision of enhancing the quality of life and providing innovative solutions to India's real estate landscape. Real estate being a high value investment, needs a trusted partner like Evoq who not only understands their customers requirements, but also has a history of developing infrastructures that are a class apart." As Evoq Realtech advances with a series of upscale residential and commercial projects, this partnership positions the company to further solidify its standing as a key player in the North Indian real estate market. The collaboration with Hrithik Roshan underscores the company's commitment to achieving new heights of success while delivering unparalleled value to its clients.

Tata Motors advances green mobility

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Tata Motors, India's largest commercial vehicle manufacturer, today announced the commencement of deliveries of the Tata Prima 5530.S LNG trucks to Clean Green Fuel and Logistics Pvt. Ltd, a leading green fuel retailing and logistics company. Tata Motors had received an order to supply 150 such trucks. The first batch of vehicles was handed over today at a specially organized ceremony in the city. Deliveries of the remaining Tata Prima 5530.S LNG trucks will be subsequently carried out, in a phased manner. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Milan Donga, Director, Clean Green Fuel and Logistics Pvt. Ltd, said, "As a two-year old start-up, we have made significant strides in the logistics industry and remain committed to revolutionizing operations with green fuel solutions. The addition of Tata Motors' advanced LNG tractors to our fleet marks an important step forward in making our operations greener. Tata Motors leads the way in making mobility cleaner and more sustainable while offering the lowest total cost of operations and robust after-sales service. As these new-age vehicles come equipped with Fleet Edge, Tata Motors' state-of-the-art connected vehicle platform, we will also benefit from real-time data flows and smart analytics for optimal decision-making."

Disney Cruise Line Reveals Spaces and Experiences Coming to the Disney Adventure, Setting Sail on December 15, 2025

Chandigarh : When the Disney Adventure sets sail from Singapore on December 15, 2025, guests will be treated to a magical cruise holiday that celebrates Disney's rich legacy of storytelling, bringing to life the fantastical worlds and beloved characters at the heart of Disney, Pixar and Marvel.

Continuing Disney Cruise Line's tradition of delivering the most magical and relaxing vacations at sea, the Disney Adventure will also feature many "firsts" for the fleet, including experiences specially created for guests in Asia to enjoy.

In a first for Disney Cruise Line, the Disney Adventure will include three all-new Disney attractions on the upper decks in an adventure zone that celebrates the larger-than-life personalities from the Marvel Universe. One of the attractions will be Ironcycle Test Run – the longest rollercoaster at sea. Guests can also look forward to a remarkable spread of dining options comprising not just international favourites but also world-renowned Asian cuisine. Showstopping Broadway-style entertainment will dazzle in an all-new musical spectacular, "Remember," developed exclusively for the Disney Adventure, and, for every traveling group and size, there will be numerous luxurious and comfortable stateroom types for guests to retreat and unwind in. Bookings for the Disney Adventure are scheduled to open on December 10, 2024. Details on pricing and sailing dates will be released on November 14, 2024. As part of our unprecedented expansion for Disney Cruise Line, we are committed to delivering exceptional experiences that bring our special brand of cruising and the best of Disney storytelling to new guests on new shores," said Sharon Siskie, senior vice president and general manager, Disney Cruise Line. "When the Disney Adventure sets sail in December 2025, guests throughout Southeast Asia will have the opportunity to experience the magic of their favorite Disney.



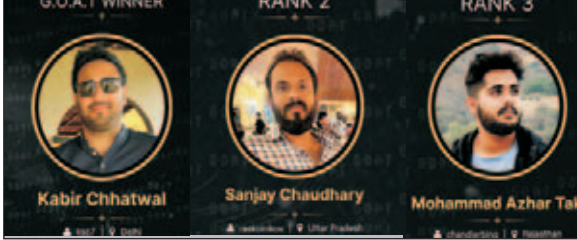
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PokerBaazi Celebrates G.O.A.T. 2024 Winners, Marking a New Milestone in Indian Poker with INR 25 Crore Prize Pool



Chandigarh, 22nd October 2024: India's biggest Poker tournament- Greatest of All Tournaments (G.O.A.T.), has announced the winners of the third edition of its flagship event, featuring an unprecedented INR 25 Crore prize pool. Over 13 days of qualifiers, with the final lasting 10 hours, Kabir Chhatwal from Delhi emerged as the winner, followed by Sanjay Chaudhary from UP as the 1st runner-up and Mohammad Azhar Tak from Rajasthan as the 2nd runner-up. Interestingly, the top 10 players won a cumulative total of more than 11 Crore. G.O.A.T., India's biggest Poker tournament, saw remarkable participation from players across the country, including a record number of entries from tier-II and tier-III cities, signaling Poker's ever-growing popularity as a skill-based sport. The tournament is a high-

light in PokerBaazi's journey as it celebrates its 10-year milestone in India, a testament to the platform's contribution to the rising prominence of Poker as a mind sport. This year's edition of G.O.A.T. witnessed an impressive 15,000+ entries. Navkiran Singh, Founder and CEO of Baazi Games, highlighted, "G.O.A.T. is more than just a tournament-it's a reflection of how far Poker has come in India. It's a moment of pride for us, with participation and prize pools that stand alongside some of the world's biggest poker tournaments." The winners' success stories are bound to create waves in the Indian Poker landscape. The G.O.A.T. tournament, along with other signature events such as National Poker Series India, Baazi Millions, and Indian Poker Masters, continues to set the bar high.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Introduces Limited Festival Edition of Toyota Rumion



SHIMLA, 22, October, 2024, Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) introduced the Festival Edition of the Toyota Rumion. This Limited-Edition, featuring exclusive Toyota Genuine Accessory (TGA) packages aimed at enhancing the Rumion's aesthetics and comfort is the perfect mobility choice to celebrate the season in elegance and style. This festive edition of the Rumion, available across all grades, comes with a dealer-fitted TGA package worth Rs. 20,608, ensuring that customers enjoy a premium experience. Sabari Manchar - Vice President, Sales-Service-Used Car Business, Toyota Kirloskar Motor, said that we are thrilled to introduce the Limited-Edition Toyota Rumion, which not only enhances aesthetics and comfort but also ensures a superior driving experience. As we embrace the festive spirit leading up to Diwali, our commitment to offering exceptional value to our customers remains unwavering. This special edition showcases our dedication to customer satisfaction by offering newness through features such as premium accessories, extended warranties topped with outstanding after-sales service, all meticulously designed to cater to the unique needs of Indian buyers. The Toyota Rumion has already garnered a strong following as a versatile and family-friendly MPV, seamlessly combining spacious interiors, fuel efficiency, and superior safety features.

Step into the twisted and mysterious world of The Freak Show at SOCIAL

CHANDIGARH: On the spooky night of Saturday, 26th October, SOCIAL outlets will be transformed into hauntingly chic playgrounds, inviting you to embrace your wildest and most eccentric self. With eerie decorations, spine-chilling beats, an 22-10-2024 a night of mischief at every corner, this is the Halloween party you don't want to miss! As you dance through the night, don't forget to grab a creepy cocktail from our special Halloween menu, featuring dark and devilish drinks like The Blackout (deadliest LLIT on the block with activated charcoal), The Witch's Brew (a zesty, magical potion out of a witch's cauldron), and the dangerously addictive Jalapeño Hex. Or get bold with our shots—The Purple Haze and The Voodoo Juice—to elevate your freaky experience! Tickets for "The Freak Show", exclusively available on Swiggy Dineout, are priced at INR 999 and fully redeemable through the platform. Don't miss out on this one-of-a-kind Halloween experience—check out the event details and grab your tickets now for a freaky night like no other!

Unleashing the Goddess Within: Avon's "I Am Shakti" Celebration

NEW Delhi : As Durga Puja transitions into Diwali, Avon India proudly unveils its "I Am Shakti" campaign—a tribute to the remarkable women who embody the divine



strength of goddesses Durga and Lakshmi. This campaign celebrates the resilience, leadership, and determination of Avon representatives who, like these deities, possess qualities of

strength and prosperity. Through "I Am Shakti," Avon highlights the inspiring stories of women who have not only supported the brand but also transformed their own lives and communities. These women reflect the power of Durga's courage and Lakshmi's abundance, showcasing the impact of their journeys on others. Snigdha Suman, GM Marketing at Avon India, shares, "Every woman has the power to transform her life and those around her. This campaign celebrates women who inspire change and encourage others to embrace their strength. These women are not just Avon representatives; they are storytellers of their remarkable journeys. Just as Durga stands for strength and protection, and Lakshmi for prosperity, these women embody these qualities every day." For over 135 years, Avon has been a beacon of beauty, empowerment, and entrepreneurship. This festive season, Avon invites women everywhere to awaken their inner strength, embrace their Shakti, and unleash the goddess within!

VIJAY KAUSHIK

LADWA: The 35th Regional Science Congress-2024 was inaugurated by Professor BV Ramana Reddy, Director, National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra. He quoted the verse Vishnu Purana 'Sa Vidya' to highlight the ultimate aim of education.



Quoting 'Ya Vimuktaye', he stressed that young scientists should work on such inventions which will make development

sustainable. Nowadays the world's focus was on sustainable development. Principal Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Nivarsi Niranjan Singh welcomed the chief guest and participants. He emphasized that students should quote the great scientist Albert Einstein's line "Do not try to

become a man of success, but try to become a man of value" We should work hard to become good citizens of the world by doing good deeds. All the 58 Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas of NVS Jaipur region were participating in the programme. The students will participate in various competitions.

Anil Vij emphasizes importance of all govt departments for public welfare

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
AMBALA, OCT 22

Haryana's Energy, Transport, and Labor Minister Anil Vij said that "every government department is for the people, and each one has a direct or indirect impact on them; all departments are important. Whatever is better for the people will be done." He also said that a meeting of the Energy, Transport, and Labor departments will be organized soon. Vij was responding to questions asked by media persons in New Delhi regarding the functioning of the Energy, Transport, and Labor departments.

In response to another question, he said, "I am a dedicated worker of the Bharatiya Janata Party; for us, departments don't matter.



We are taught to work, and I had said it boldly that even if I am appointed as Chokidar after forming my government, I will perform the duty with full dedication because that's what we are taught."

When asked about his recent inspection of the Transport Department's functioning, he said that "It is

my duty and responsibility to correct the departments entrusted to me. It is essential to understand the departments first, which is why I traveled by bus yesterday, spoke with passengers, observed bus stands, and spoke with employees, including drivers and staff at the bus stands." He announced that a meeting

with Transport Department officials will be held in Chandigarh to discuss the problems and find solutions. He emphasized that it's crucial to understand the issues, and further visits to other places will also be conducted for comprehensive feedback.

In response to a question about "Vij Sahib is Back," he said that "Though people may have wondered about this at 12:05 at night, I did not ask anyone. I had said I would be content even if I were made a Minister Without Portfolio because it is my government. I had no information that portfolios would be distributed today, but when I saw that I had been made the Energy Minister along with other departments, I recalled that I might have a pending

electricity bill due to the elections. I checked my bill on my mobile, and since the due date was still valid, I paid my electricity bill at exactly 12:32:47. First, we will pay our own bills, and only then can we motivate others, he asserted." In response to a question about stubble burning, he stated that "The matter is under consideration by the Honorable Supreme Court, and directives are given to the governments. Officials are also asked to present their views, and we are complying with the Supreme Court's guidelines."

In response to the pollution allegations made by the Delhi government, he said that "If you look at the old statements of the Aam Aadmi Party, they used to blame Punjab more for stubble burning.

FIR will be registered against farmers for burning paddy crop residues: SDM

SAHIL MEHTA
NILOKHERI, OCT 22

SDM Ashok Kumar said that for effective control on burning of paddy residue, the state government has decided that as per the instructions of CAQM, FIR would be registered against the farmers those were found burning of paddy residue and such farmers will be fined Rs. Besides, a red mark will be put in the record of 'Meri Fasal Mera Byora'. He informed that provision for this has already been made in the Deputy Agriculture Director login. This will help farmers to sell their crops in the mandis through the e-procurement portal during the next two seasons. But the ban will remain.

SDM Ashok Kumar said that to prevent burning of crop residues, various teams have been formed which

were reaching villages and monitoring, if any farmer was found burning crop residues, not only will he be fined but appropriate legal action will be taken by registering an FIR.

SDM Ashok Kumar said that the employees who have the duty to go to villages in the field and investigate they should discharge their duty promptly. He said that all the employees and officers engaged in this work should go to the field and keep a close watch. Employees should go to the spot as per the fixed schedule and also make people aware.

47th Zonal Youth Festival begins at Guru Nanak Girls College Yamuna Nagar

RAJNI SONI

YAMUNANAGAR: The 47th Youth Festival was inaugurated on the premises of Guru Nanak Girls College, Yamuna Nagar by the Chief Guest, Director, Youth and Cultural Department, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, Prof Vivek Chawla by lighting the lamp. He also inaugurated the newly built sound proof post graduate department of music and extended his best wishes for this grand event. The program was started with the singing of the college shabad. General Secretary of the college Sardar Manoranjan Singh Sahni sent his best wishes. Director Dr. Varinder Gandhi and Principal Dr. Harvinder Kaur honored the chief guest by giving him a Siropa and a memento. Director Dr. Varinder Gandhi said that such platforms were a powerful medium to enhance the personality of students. In his address, the chief guest Prof Vivek Chawla motivated all the participants and said that participation in these competitions played an important role in all-round development. He thanked the college management for organizing this grand event. Principal Dr. Harvinder Kaur presented the college report and informed that students of 15 colleges were participating in 44 disciplines in this festival and she heartily welcomed all the guests.



Problems of common people being solved through Samdhan camps: Malik

VIJAY KAUSHIK
LADWA, OCT 22

Municipal Secretary Surendra Malik said that in compliance with the orders of Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini, a Samadhan Camp was organized in the Municipal Office Ladwa on Tuesday to resolve the complaints of the general public on the spot. In the camp two complaints were received related to property ID and ownership which were resolved on the spot. Malik said that Jarnail Singh Barachpur and Madhu Grover of Model Town Karnal presented their problems related to property and development charges in front of the officers in the Nagar Palika office which were resolved. The solution



was done on the spot. Jarnail Singh, Manjit Papneja, Rohit Kumar and others who reached the solution camps expressed their gratitude to Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini. Municipal Secretary Surendra Malik said that these solution camps would be organized in the municipal office every day from 9 am to 11 am, all the concerned

officers and employees would participate in the camp every day. After understanding the complaints of the public, they will be resolved on the spot without any hassle. If it was not possible to resolve a complaint on the spot, then the time limit fixed for it will be informed to the applicant and the time limit will be followed judiciously.

Helping the needy is true service of God: Vinod Goyal

KAMAL SHARMA

TARAORI: Galaxy Basmati Rice Tarawadi CMD Vinod Goyal said that helping any needy person in the society was the greatest charitable act. They should always be ready to serve every poor and destitute. He said that they should serve people of every religion, caste, community without any discrimination and only then they will be eligible for God's grace and will be able to achieve happiness and prosperity because service to mankind was service to God and If they serve the people created by God, then they will actually be serving God. So they should always be ready to serve the needy and help them in every possible way so that they can fulfill their needs. Galaxy Basmati Rice Tarawadi CMD Vinod Goyal was talking to journalists in Tarawadi. He said that his aim was to serve the needy people. He said that if they spend at least 25 per cent of their life for social service or for the welfare of each other and spent at least one per cent or ten per cent of their total income for social service, then their life will be successful. He said that social work should be done for the welfare of the people. People working in organizations should have sensitivity towards the problems of society. If one heart did not melt after seeing the sufferings and problems of society, then he cannot work for the society.



Horticulture Department holds workshop on turmeric cultivation



RAJNI SONI

YAMUNANAGAR: Horticulture Department Yamunanagar organized a one-day workshop on turmeric cultivation under the chairmanship of District Horticulture Officer. In which about 150 farmers participated. In the workshop, Regional Office Incharge Spices Board Delhi Dr. Dinesh Singh Bisht told the farmers in detail about the national and international market of turmeric. He told that for processing turmeric, amount of curcumin should be more than 2 percent. This is because FSSAI has fixed 2 percent amount of curcumin for selling turmeric. Dr. Bhavna from Spices Board told that there is a provision of 50 percent subsidy amount for general category and 75 percent subsidy amount for Scheduled Caste for steam boiling unit, turmeric polisher and washing machine. Dr. Vishal Goyal Krishi Vigyan Kendra Damla told that complete information was given about scientific method of turmeric cultivation. Pawan Kumar, manager of Hafed Turmeric Plant, said that Hafed has a turmeric plant in Radaur. Along with turmeric, oil of other spices is also extracted there.

Activities held under Vedic Sanskar fortnight in DAV Police Public School



RAHUL KOHLI

YAMUNANAGAR: On the martyrdom day of Arya Samaj founder scholar and social reformer Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati, Arya Pradeshik Pratinidhi Upsabha has been organizing Vedic Sanskar Pakhwada from October 12 to 31. During this various activities were being organized by Arya Samaj and all the schools associated with the organization. It was also decided to organize Vijayadashmi, the festival of victory of Dharma over Adharma, Deepawali festival celebrated to celebrate the return of Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram to Ayodhya after killing the Adharma Ravana and in addition speeches related to the life introduction of the great men associated with Arya Samaj. Many activities like Vedic Yagya, blood donation camp, street plays were being organized. In this series, Kashish, a student of class 10th of DAV Police Public School Jagadhari, gave a biography of Mahatma Anand Swami Ji. Mahatma Anand Swami Ji spent his entire life in the service of Arya Samaj and in the propagation of Vedas. Mahatma Anand Swami was one of the greatest Gayatri practitioners of his time.

Art festival provides a platform to hone students' talents: Kaushik



DALBIR MALIK

KURUKSHETRA: The state-level Art Festival, organized by the Haryana School Education Scheme Council and the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, began on Tuesday at the Saini Samaj Bhavan. District Elementary Education Officer (DEEO) Vinod Kaushik inaugurated the event, emphasizing that the festival serves as a platform to nurture the talents and creativity of students. He proudly highlighted that students from Haryana have earned recognition nationwide, with the state's team securing first place at the national level last year. Santosh Sharma, the district project coordinator for Samagra Shiksha, welcomed the guests and outlined the objectives of the festival. Renowned artist Padma Shri Mahavir Guddu inaugurated the event with a ceremonial shankh-dhwani (conch sound). The event's proceedings were anchored by Satbir Kaushik. Prominent attendees included BEO Thanesar Indu Kaushik, BEO Ladwa Hardeep Kaur, BEO Babain Santosh Chauhan, Principal Ranbir Singh Rampura, and officers such as Ramraj, Ashwini Kaushik, Rampal Siroha, APC Kranti Chawla, Rajesh Kumar, and Pradeep.

Action begins as Anil Vij takes charge, Ambala Cantt Bus Stand in-charge suspended



YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI

PEHOWA: Upon assuming office, Cabinet Minister Anil Vij wasted no time in taking action, suspending the in-charge of the Ambala Cantt bus stand. This news spread like wildfire across Haryana, causing a stir in the Transport Department. The impact of this decision was noticeable at the Pihowa bus stand, where the atmosphere was charged with reactions to the recent developments. However, the department appeared sluggish in addressing issues around the shops operating within the bus stand premises. Two shops selling biscuits, bread, and samosas are located near the areas where most Chandigarh-Hisar buses stop. Passengers often purchase food items there, but the presence of open bathrooms nearby creates a persistent foul odor. Conversations with passengers waiting for buses revealed their frustration regarding the department's negligence, as they had to eat food in an unpleasant environment. They expressed appreciation for Minister Anil Vij's actions and shared hopes for improvements at the bus stands. Shopkeepers, speaking discreetly, echoed these sentiments, suggesting that the open bathrooms should be relocated away from the shops to encourage more customers to buy food.

Police arrest jail inmate, accomplice who managed to flee from hospital



ASHISHPURI

KAPURTHALA: Kapurthala police today arrested one jail inmate facing trial in the attempt to murder case of shiv sena leader of Batala and his one accomplice as accomplice managed to escape the inmate from custody of police at local civil hospital this afternoon. Before fleeing on a motorcycle, accomplice fired at police party which had a providential escape and one policeman was injured while grappling the accused said police. Policeman received minor head injuries. In a press conference here this evening, Senior Superintendent of Police Vatsala Gupta said police arrested both the accused after a hot chase when both the accused managed to flee on a motorcycle. The jail staff had brought the accused Modern Jail for medical treatment said the SSP. SSP identified the jail inmate as Jaspreet Singh involved in several criminal cases including UPA(Unlawful prevention Act) and his accomplice Amritpal Singh police would also investigate the case for their alleged nexus with gangsters. Police recovered one country made pistol and 12 live cartridges from the accused Amritpal Singh.

Kumari Vidyavati Anand DAV Women College holds felicitation ceremony for Jyoti Khanduja



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Kumari Vidyavati Anand DAV Women's College organized a felicitation ceremony on the occasion of retirement of Jyoti Khanduja head department of History on Tuesday. The College Principal Meenu Sharma felicitated the chief guest Jyoti Khanduja and her husband Professor Dinesh Khanduja (senior) Professor, National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra) was welcomed by presenting a flower bouquet and told that Jyoti Khanduja has made an unforgettable contribution in the development of the college by working in the college for 37 years. Under her guidance, the History Department has been moving forward on the path of progress. Guest Jyoti Khanduja shared many anecdotes while recalling the unforgettable moments spent in the college which made all the teachers and non-teachers emotional. On this occasion, senior professors of the college Dr. Manju Singh, Dr. Sunet Bhandari, Dr. Sushma Thakur were present. Dr. Sangeeta Gaurang and Dr. Renu Baliyan also shared the moments spent with Jyoti Khanduja. All the teachers and non-teaching staff of the college participated in the program.

Applications invited under Dr. Ambedkar Medhavi Scholarship Scheme, financial aid being given to deprived classes: Uttam Singh

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh said that Dr. Ambedkar Medhavi Scholarship Scheme is being run by state government in interests of meritorious students of deprived class. Objective of state government is that studies of any meritorious student should not be affected due to financial reasons. He said that this scheme is being run by Department of Social Justice and Empowerment. Giving detailed information about the scholarship scheme, Deputy Commissioner said that online applications have started on the Saral portal under the Dr. Ambedkar Medhavi Chhatra Revised Scheme for the period 2024-25. Urban students of Scheduled Castes who have 70 percent marks in class 10th, 75% in class 12th and 65% marks in graduation classes can apply for this scholarship. Similarly, in villages, students of Scheduled Castes should have 60 percent marks in class 10th, 70 percent in class 12th and 60 percent marks in graduation class. Similarly, a student of backward class-A living in the city should have secured 70% marks in matriculation and 60 percent marks in rural areas. An urban student of backward class-B should have 80% marks in matriculation and a rural student should have 75% marks, only then he or she will be eligible for scheme. He told that these students will be given Rs 8000 on passing 10th, SC applicant will be given eight to Rs 10000 on passing 12th and after passing graduation, Rs 9000 to Rs 12000 will be given for further studies.



Members of Haryana State Child Protection Commission hold meeting of officials



DR ASHOK KUMAR

KARNAL: Members of Haryana State Child Protection Commission Dr. Mange Ram and Meena Kumari held a meeting of stakeholders of various departments at local Shradhdhanand Ashram on Tuesday. They emphasized on proper implementation of Juvenile Justice Act and POCSO Act. Officials and employees of various departments working for safety of children like Special Juvenile Police Unit, Child Welfare Committee, District Child Protection Unit, Juvenile Justice Board, Health Department, Education Department, Women and Child Development Department and Child Protection Institutions participated in meeting. Giving information about Juvenile Justice Act and POCSO Act in meeting, member Meena Kumari said that all departments should work in coordination and take action in interest of children so that children do not face any kind of problem. He also gave necessary guidelines regarding medical report. Commission member issued instructions to police department that in cases of POCSO Act, police department should present its report in Form-A and Form-B to child welfare committee as per Act, so that child welfare committee can take better decisions in interest of children.

Sarfaraz Khan blessed with a baby boy, shares pictures on social media

Mumbai : Indian batter Sarfaraz Khan was blessed with a baby boy on Monday with his wife Romana, just around two hours before his 27th birthday. Sarfaraz, who recently smashed a brilliant 150 in a loss to New Zealand in the first Test at Bengaluru, took to Instagram and revealed that he and his wife were blessed with a baby boy. He also clipped a picture of the baby with himself and his father and coach, Naushad Khan. Sarfaraz turned 27 on Tuesday. Sarfaraz married his wife Romana in August last year. After years of plundering runs at domestic level cricket, Sarfaraz finally made his international debut during the series against England at home earlier this year in February. His breakthrough international performance came against Kiwis in the first Test, in which he smashed 150 in just 195 balls with 18 fours and three sixes and had memorable partnerships with Virat Kohli (70) and Rishabh Pant (99) to wipe out NZ's first innings lead of 356 runs, taken after bundling out India for just 46 runs in the first innings and following up with a score of 402. India reached 462 runs due to Sarfaraz's effort, however, the target of 107 runs was too small to defend for Indian bowlers as the Kiwis registered their first Test win in India after 36 years.

ICC 'satisfied' with PCB preparations for Champions Trophy 2025

Islamabad : The International Cricket Council (ICC) expressed its satisfaction over the detailed briefing of arrangements presented by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) officials for next year's Champions Trophy, sources told Geo News. The preparations were revealed in an ICC meeting on Monday, during which the PCB chairman, Mohsin Naqvi, was also present. Sources told Geo News that during the meeting, the PCB officials assured the ICC board members that the upgradation of the three stadiums that will host the matches of the marquee event will be completed within the stipulated time. Naqvi has also invited ICC board members to Pakistan to review the preparations made for the tournament. The Champions Trophy will begin next year in Pakistan, but there are certain challenges that need to be addressed. Uncertainty continues to loom over India going to Pakistan for the mega event. Since 2006's Asia Cup, India has not played any cricket tournaments in Pakistan due to tense relationships between both nations because of terrorism. A series played from December 2012 to January 2013 in India marked the final bilateral series between the two nations. Since then, both nations have only clashed at ICC tournaments and the Asia Cup. On the other hand, Pakistan travelled to India on three occasions since the 2008 Asia Cup.

UT girls beat Tripura by eight wickets in Women's T20

Chandigarh, UT girls thrashed Tripura convincingly by eight wickets at the ongoing Women Seniors T20 tournament being played at Lucknow. Tripura won the toss and opted to bat first. Team scored 101/6 runs wherein opener M Debnath scored the highest 37 runs. Jyoti Kumari took four wickets for Chandigarh. In reply, unbeaten Aarahana Bisht (39) and Shivangi (20) steered Chandigarh to achieve the target in the 19th over with the loss of two wickets. Monika Pandey added 23 runs. Col CK Nayudu Trophy: Chandigarh lost by an innings and 83 runs to Tamil Nadu Chandigarh, UT boys faced an embarrassing defeat of an innings and 83 runs against host Tamil Nadu on the third day of the Col CK Nayudu Trophy match being played in Tripur. The hosts had scored 335 runs after bowling out Chandigarh for just 131 runs and secured a massive lead of 204 runs. In reply, Chandigarh was all out for just 121 runs. Resuming their day from 38/4, Chandigarh added 83 more runs to their total. Harshit was the top scorer with 28 runs. Sunny took five wickets.

Not Kohli or Smith, Cook names player with "best form" who stands closest to Root in Test

New Delhi : Former England captain Alastair Cook believes at the 'precise moment in time' the in-form Joe Root is only matched by New Zealand's Kane Williamson. Root and Williamson are among the famed faces of the 'Fab Four', which also features stalwarts Virat Kohli and Steven Smith. However, with time, Root has slowly surmounted his authority in Test cricket by eclipsing his top rivals. He is now considered to be the player who can go on to rewrite history books and achieve the unthinkable. The 33-year-old's current tally stands at a whopping 12,716 runs, just 3,206 shy of going past India's 'God of Cricket' Sachin Tendulkar to become the most decorated batter in Test history. In recent years, Root has peaked every time he stepped onto the crease with the bat, regardless of the opposition in front of him. As he continues to enchant the world of cricket with his fathomable prowess, Cook sees only one player close to his friend.

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KL Rahul should sit out if Gill plays second Test against New Zealand: Manjrekar

AGENCY MUMBAI : Former Indian cricketer Sanjay Manjrekar feels that batter KL Rahul should sit out if Shubman Gill is deemed fit to play the second Test against New Zealand at Pune starting from Thursday.

Gill missed the first Test against the Kiwis at Bengaluru due to neck stiffness. Star batter Virat Kohli could not deliver runs at number three in the first innings and India lost the match by eight wickets in their first loss to the Kiwis on home soil since 1988.

KL Rahul, who batted in the middle order, notched poor scores of 0 and 12 to continue his inconsistent run in Tests.

Speaking to ESPNcricinfo, Manjrekar said that the team should have KL sit out if Gill turns out to be fit for Pune Test. He also said that in case Gill is not fit, Virat should be called at number four since it would be unfair to keep playing him at a position where he has not scored many runs. He also called for KL to be shifted to number three if Gill does not play, in order to "free him up a bit".



"Yes. I think that could be the call the team management will take if Gill is not fit. It is a little unfair for somebody like Virat to keep batting at number three. Maybe because KL is looking so lost (in the middle-order), maybe push him to number three and just free up a little bit and let Virat play at number four," said Manjrekar.

Virat has batted at number three in five Tests, scoring 167 runs in eight innings at an average of 23.85 with just one fifty and best score of 70, which came during the second innings of the Bengaluru Test. His statistics at number four are far better and he has made 7,355 runs in 91 Tests and 148 innings at an average of 52.53, with 25 centuries and 21 fifties.

His best score here is 254*. A move back to number four could help Virat regain his consistency back again. KL, meanwhile has had an inconsistent run in Tests since 2022, averaging just 25.70 in 12 Tests and 21 innings, in which he has made 514 runs. He has scored a century and three fifties, with best score of 101. He has not had much success as a number three in Tests,

having made 88 in four Tests in five innings with fifty.

Majority of KL's Test success has come as an opener. He made 2,551 runs in 49 Tests and 75 innings at an average of 34.94, with seven tons and 12 fifties and best score of 199.

In the first Test, contributions from Rachin Ravindra, Matt Henry and William O'Rourke shined in New Zealand's eight-wicket win over India at Bengaluru's M Chinnaswamy Stadium.

For the second and third Tests, Team India has added all-rounder

Washington Sundar to the squad. This decision follows Sundar's outstanding performance in the ongoing Elite Group D Ranji match against Delhi.

Sundar impressed with a remarkable 152 runs off 269 balls, featuring 19 fours and a six for Tamil Nadu. Batting at number three, a position different from his usual lower-middle-order slot, Sundar's innings was a pivotal moment in the match.

Known for his all-round abilities, Sundar has proven his worth both as a spinner and a batter. In his Test career, he has scored 265 runs in four Tests and six innings, boasting an impressive average of 66.25. His achievements include three fifties, with a top score of 96 not out.

India squad for second and third Test against NZ: Rohit Sharma (C), Jasprit Bumrah (VC), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, KL Rahul, Sarfaraz Khan, Rishabh Pant (WK), Dhruv Jurel (WK), Ravichandran Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohd. Siraj, Akash Deep, Washington Sundar.

Royal Kennel Club, Panchkula, lauds 'Carnivorous Rottweilers' victory at the ADRK Club Show

PANCHKULA—In an incredible display of skill, dedication, and excellence, Carnivorous Rottweilers, a premier Dog Kennel Club based in Panchkula, Haryana, has once again brought India to the forefront of the global dog show circuit.

Expressing excitement and pride in the achievement, Mr. Sikander Singh, General Secretary, Panchkula of the Royal Kennel Club says, 'Carnivorous Rottweilers' victory at the ADRK Club Show is a significant milestone for Indian dog breeders and a shining example of the exceptional talent and dedication of Indian dog enthusiasts.

Competing in the world's most prestigious dog show, the ADRK Club Show in Germany, often hailed as the 'Dog Olympics'—the kennel's champion Rottweiler, Klaus, secured an impressive V7 rating among nearly 352 elite competitors from over 60 countries, including the USA, Canada, China, Malaysia, and Germany.

This historic achievement is part of Carnivorous Rottweilers' ambitious 'Breed in India' initiative, inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Make in India' campaign. The breeders aim to promote and showcase the strength, beauty, and versatility of Indian-bred Rottweilers on the world stage, proving that India is capable of producing top-quality show dogs that can



stand shoulder to shoulder with the best from around the globe.

Klaus's journey does not end in Germany. The four-legged star has already clinched the prestigious Excellent 1 (V1) title in Serbia and earned top honors in Bulgaria. Klaus will continue to participate in various competitions across Europe, representing India and demonstrating the country's growing prowess in canine breeding and training.

This is not the first time Carnivorous Rottweilers has made history. Back in 2017, their first champion, Etios,

competed internationally, earning India its place in the global dog show community. The kennel's commitment to excellence and passion for the Rottweiler breed have paved the way for another Indian triumph in 2024. However, this success story comes amidst challenges faced by the pet industry.

The global pet industry is valued at approximately 9,000 crores, but in recent years, the pet sector in India has been impacted directly and indirectly due to various business challenges. Furthermore, dogs, including Rottweilers, are facing bans across India, where they are often labeled as dangerous and unsuitable for domestic ownership. Carnivorous Rottweilers remains resolute in addressing these misconceptions. "Labeling a dog breed as a beast without understanding the gentle, loyal, and intelligent nature of these animals is an injustice," a spokesperson from Carnivorous Rottweilers remarked. "It's not the government's fault—they simply may not be aware of the breed's true nature.

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pened in one day cricket first, probably. The fundamental change, certainly from the English point of view, is when Eoin Morgan took the side forward in 2015. And obviously, the Ben Stokes era has changed the mentality of what was possible," said Cook.

A recent example of England's new approach came in that first Test against

Cricket not to be part of Commowealth Games 2026



AGENCY NEW DELHI: Cricket will not be part of Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, which will take place from July 23 to August 2, 2026, according to ESPNcricinfo.

Only ten disciplines will feature in the competition this time and Cricket, which made its return during the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham through a women's T20 tournament after its last appearance in 1998 Kuala Lumpur CWG, is not in schedule.

Australia had won the tournament, beating Harmanpreet Kaur-led India narrowly in the final. Australian women's team was led by legendary, multi-time World Cup-winning captain Meg Lanning.

There are no specific reasons given yet for the scrapping of the sport from the schedule along with field hockey, badminton, shooting and wrestling, among others.

"The 2026 Games will be a bridge to the Commonwealth Games of tomorrow - an exciting first step in our journey to reset and redefine the Games as a truly collaborative, flexible and sustainable model for the future that minimises costs, reduces the environmental footprint, and enhances social impact - in doing so increasing the scope of countries capable of hosting," CWG CEO Katie Sadleir said, according to ESPNcricinfo.

Budgets, it would appear, is the reason for a much-more trimmed down CWG 2026.

This comes when cricket is all set for its return to Olympics, in the 2028 Los Angeles edition, after 128 years. Cricket was a part of Olympics back in 1900 and will now feature in T20 format in the LA Olympics. Great Britain had won the cricket gold medal in 1900, beating France in the final.

Cricket was also brought back to the Asian Games in Hangzhou last year after 2014, with a multi-nation T20 tournament for men's and women's teams. India secured both the top prizes, with Afghanistan and Bangladesh winning silver and bronze respectively among the men, and Sri Lanka and Bangladesh getting silver and bronze in the women's category.

The decision to add cricket to the Olympics 2028 was taken at the 141st International Olympic Committee (IOC) session held in Mumbai during October last year.

"Some of you might be wondering why [cricket] in LA," Niccolò Campriani, director of the LA2028 local organising committee, had said back then announcing the sport's return. "Well, the commitment to grow cricket in the US is real, and it has already happening with the launch of the very first Major League Cricket season earlier this year, which exceeded all expectations. And the [men's] T20 World Cup in 2024 coming to US and West Indies," he concluded.

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Pakistan, when they scored 823/7 in their first innings, with Hary Brook's 317 making him the second-fastest triple century in history, bringing up his milestone off just 310 balls.

For Cook, it is the fact that England has so many players who play in an aggressive fashion that separates them as unusual. But he did urge

fans to remember that these individual feats are not all new, and that there have been plenty of fast-scoring players in the history of the game, including the holder of the fastest triple-century, Virender Sehwag, who reached the milestone in just 278 balls against South Africa back in 2008 at Chennai.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
NOTICE
WALK IN INTERVIEW FOR ENGAGEMENT OF CONTRACT MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS FOR WORKING IN EXTRA DIVISIONAL HOSPITAL, NORTHERN RAILWAY, JAGADHRI WORKSHOP
Extra Divisional Hospital, Jagadhri Workshop called MBBS qualified doctors to engage as CMP (GDMO) for one year.

Name of the post	Contract Medical Practitioner on full time basis.
No. of post	01 (UR)
Station	Extra Divisional Hospital, Jagadhri Workshop
Date, Time & Venue	08.11.2024, 10:30 to 12:30 hrs., Office of the Addl. Chief Medical Supdt., N.Rly. Hospital, Jagadhri Workshop
Category of CMPS	GDMO
Monthly Remuneration (in Rs.)	95,000/-

Eligibility criteria, other details and applications format, can be seen at website www.pdjsjudw.in

No. 01-Med/CMPS Drs/JUDW/2024 Date: 22.10.2024

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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized officer of Axis Bank Limited under the Securitization Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of That is powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued a demand notice dated 10-AUG-2023 calling upon the borrower, Co-Borrower Mortgagee 1, M/S SAI MEDICARE, Through its Proprietor, Mrs. Monika Gupta W/o Mr.Neeraj Gupta, Opposite Gofr, School Dharampur, Pinjora, Tehsil Kalika, District Panchkula, Haryana 134102 Also At: Mrs. Monika Gupta W/o Mr.Neeraj Gupta, House No.300/82, Opposite Jai Bharat School, Shiv Colony, Kalika, Pinjora, Tehsil Kalika, District Panchkula, Haryana 134102 2. Mrs. Monika Gupta w/o Mr.Neeraj Gupta, House No.300/82, Opposite Jai Bharat School, Shiv Colony, Kalika, Pinjora, Tehsil Kalika, District Panchkula, Haryana 134102 3. Mr. Neeraj Gupta S/o Mr. Yogesh Gupta, House No.300/82, Opposite Jai Bharat School, Shiv Colony, Kalika, Pinjora, Tehsil Kalika, District Panchkula, Haryana 14102 4. Mrs. Monika Gupta w/o Mr. Neeraj Gupta, House No. 148/2, opposite the court premises, the premises 1,36,05,108/- (Rs. One Crore Thirty Six Lakh Five Thousand One Hundred and Eight only) as outstanding on 10-AUG-2023 plus interest, incidental Expenses and cost till actual payment within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The Borrower/Guarantors having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and Guarantors in particular and the Public in General that the physical Possession of the property has been handed over to Bank in Court described herein below, pursuant to the orders dated 16.10.2024 passed by the Hon'ble Court, Chandigarh in terms of the power vested in Hon'ble Court, Chandigarh under Section 14 of the said SARFAESI Act read with rule 8 of the said rules and have handed over the same to the undersigned, being the Authorized Officer of Axis Bank on this 16th Day of October of the year 2024.

The Borrower/s (Co-Borrower/s) Mortgagee/s) Guarantor/s) above said in particular and the Public in General is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charges of Axis Bank for an amount Rs. 1,36,05,108/- (Rs. One Crore Thirty Six Lakh Five Thousand One Hundred and Eight only) as outstanding on 10-AUG-2023, together with further interest thereon at the contractual rate of interest till the date of payment & expenses thereon. The Borrower/s (Co-Borrower/s) Mortgagee/s) Guarantor/s) attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY - All Plots & Parcels of Freehold Commercial Property measuring 158 Sq. Yards (3 Bwns) comprised in Khata No.3042 to 45, Sector-12, Panchkula, Haryana 134102. The said property is owned by Mrs. Monika Gupta W/o Sh. Neeraj Gupta vide Sale Deed No. 1437 Dated 23-July-2012. Boundaries as under: East: House of Others, West: Road, North: Plot of other, South: Property of owner 2. All Plots & Parcels of Freehold Commercial Property measuring 148 Sq. Yards i.e. 02 Bwns & 18 Shwars comprised in Khata No. 42/53 Kharsa No. 56, 56/20540 share out of total Land 51.7 i.e. 0.0-02-16 and Khewat, Khatori No.41/52 Kharsa No. 57,2180 Share out of Total Land 00-09 i.e. 0-0-2 situated at Village Bana, Dharampur colony, Pinjora, Tehsil Kalika District Panchkula Haryana. Owned By Mrs. Monika Gupta W/o Sh. Neeraj Gupta vide Sale Deed No. 1291 Dated 23-July-2012. Boundaries as under: East: House of Others, West: Road, North: Plot of other, South: Property of owner 3. 23-October-2024, PLACE: KALKA SDI, (AUTHORIZED OFFICER), AXIS BANK LTD.

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Name of Borrower/ Co-borrower	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Symbolic Possession	Outstanding Amount
(1) Mr. Akshay Kumar S/o Sh Sukhpal Varni, H No. 128, Sector-30, Kurukshetra, Tehsil & District Kurukshetra, Haryana-136118 Also At: - Mr.Akshay Kumar S/o Sh Sukhpal Varni, H No. 920, Sector-1,Housing Board Colony, Shahabad Markanda, Kurukshetra, Tehsil & District Kurukshetra, Haryana-136118Also At- Mr.Akshay Kumar S/o Sh Sukhpal Varni Assttani Professor, Dyal Singh Collage, Karnal Tehsil & District Karnal, Haryana-132001 (2) Mrs.Niranjana W/o Sh Sukhpal Varni, H No. 128, Sector-30, Kurukshetra, Tehsil & District Kurukshetra, Haryana-136118 Also At- Mrs.Niranjana W/o Sh Sukhpal Varni, H No. 920, Sector-1, Housing Board Colony, Shahabad Markanda, Kurukshetra, Tehsil & District Kurukshetra, Haryana-136118Also At- Mrs.Niranjana W/o Sh Sukhpal Varni Darra Kalan, State Bank Colony, Thanesar, Tehsil Thanesar, District Kurukshetra, Haryana-136118	25-MAY-2024	10-OCT-2024	Rs.62,56,520/-(Rs. Sixty Two Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty Eight only)

DESCRIPTION OF MORTGAGED PROPERTY:- All Piece & Parcels of Residential House measuring 112 Sq. Yards i.e. 3 Marla 4 Sarsai comprised in Khewat No.1242, Khatori No. 1401, Kharsa No.215/112/3 (0-5), Kitta No.1, 1/10 Share out of total Land measuring 5 Marla i.e. 04 Sarsai and Khewat No.1243, Khatori No. 1402, Kharsa No.215/112/3 (0-5), Kitta No.1, 3/5 Share out of total Land measuring 5 Marla i.e. 03 Marla situated at Deera Kalan State Bank Colony, Thanesar, Tehsil Thanesar, District Kurukshetra Haryana Owned by Mrs.Niranjana W/o Sh Sh Sukhpal Varni vide Sale Deed bearing vaskita No. 2516 Dated 24-06-2019. Boundaries: East: Plot of Sunita (42) West: Plot of Harsh Sem (42) North: Rasta Bank Colony (24) South: Land of Gurukul Panchkula (24)

DATED: 23-Oct-2024, PLACE: KURUKSHETRA Sudi, Authorized Officer, Axis Bank Ltd.

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE

The Dy. Chief Engineer/Const., Northern Railway, Ambala Cantt for and on behalf of the President of India invites open e-tender under two packet system of the under noted work:-

1. Name of Work	Raising of existing RBD 193-A & 220-B on LDH-JHL section of Ambala Division & 256-A on DLI-BTI section of Delhi Division for facilitating the movement of the double stack container.
2. Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 3563.82 lacs
3. Completion period of the works	24 (Twenty Four) Months
4. Earnest Money to be deposited	Rs. 19,31,900.00
5. Sale/availability of tender document on Rly. Website	Tender documents will be available on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 22.10.2024 to 13.11.2024 upto 11:30 hrs.
6. Last date/Time of upload of tenders	13.11.2024 upto 11.30 hrs.Tender documents can be uploaded by the tenderer on IREPS web site w.e.f. 29.10.2024 to 13.11.2024.
7. Date and time of opening of tender	13.11.2024 at 11.30 hrs. The detailed tender notice can also be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.

Tender Notice No:- 122-W/Dy. CE/C/UMB/2024-25, Dated:- 21.10.2024.

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It would be awesome”: Shraddha Kapoor on potential expansion of ‘Aashiqui’ franchise



Bollywood star Shraddha Kapoor rose to fame with her powerful performance in ‘Aashiqui 2’. The film’s blockbuster success undoubtedly helped her establish a name for herself in the industry. On Monday, Shraddha attended the NDTV World Summit 2024, where she opened up about her journey so far. She also talked about the love she re-

ceived for ‘Aashiqui 2’ and of course, ‘Stree’ franchise. When the anchor asked her about if ‘Aashiqui 3’ was on the cards, Shraddha responded, “Not that I know of. But because, I mean, I’m sure if the makers thought of a sequel, they would think of something very, very interesting. And, of course, Aashiqui gave me so much love, so much appreciation. The story, that’s the film

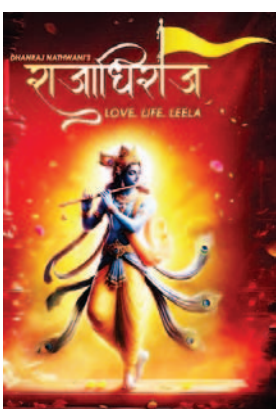
where everything changed for me. “I’m sure that if they do come up with something, it would be really, really awesome. And you know, if I feel like if it is something challenging for me as an actor, something different for me to do, I would be open to it,” she added. Released on April 26, 2013, the musical masterpiece directed by Mohit Suri left an indelible mark on Bolly-

wood cinema with its poignant storyline and soul-stirring melodies. It starred Aditya Roy Kapur opposite Shraddha. Meanwhile, Shraddha is basking in the success of ‘Stree 2’, which also featured Rajkumar Rao, Aparshakti Khurana, Pankaj Tripathi and Abhishek Banerjee. It was released on August 15, Independence Day 2024, alongside other big Hindi films such as Khel Khel Mein and Ve-

daa. The film has earned over Rs 700 crore in India. At the Summit, Shraddha also shared that she got a lovely congratulatory wish from Tabu post ‘Stree 2’ success. “Tabu ma’am called me... She had most amazing things to say me on phone. She even sent me a personalised perfume with Stree written on it. She made me feel empowered and made me feel proud of myself.”

Rajadhiraaj: Enchanting Story of Shri Krishna’s Love, Life, Leela to be staged at Delhi

CHANDIGARH: After an overwhelmingly successful run in Mumbai, the world’s first mega musical on Shri Krishna, Rajadhiraaj: Love Life Leela, is set to enchant audiences in New Delhi at the iconic Jawaharlal Nehru Auditorium, with shows scheduled from November 29th to December 8th, 2024. Conceptualized and brought to life by the visionary Dhanraj Nathwani, this spectacular production has redefined Indian theatre, offering an unprecedented portrayal of the magnanimity and grace of Shri Krishna through a mesmerizing theatrical experience. Written by renowned screenwriter Padma Shri Awardee Prasoon Joshi and directed by seasoned musical theatre expert Shruti Sharma, this production takes the audience on an enthralling journey through Shri Krishna’s playful and divine tales. From Vrindavan to Mathura and Vraj to Dwarka, over 180 artists bring this musical to life. The production’s allure is amplified by a powerful soundtrack of 20 original songs by Sachin-Jigar, blending Western symphonic elements from Budapest with Indian classical, Haveli Sangeet, Rajasthani and Gujarati folk, and Hindustani semi-classical music. In the landscape of Indian theatre, no production has matched the scale and emotional depth of Rajadhiraaj: Love Life Leela. The musical masterpiece, which ran to packed audiences at the Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre’s (NMACC) Grand Theatre in Mumbai.



Sanjay Dutt celebrates twins Shahraan, Iqra’s 14th birthday

Sanjay Dutt and his wife Maanayata Dutt are beaming with joy as they celebrate the 14th birthday of their twins, Shahraan and Iqra. The proud parents took to Instagram on Monday to share their happiness as they posted adorable messages for their kids on their special day. Sanjay shared a series of throwback pictures with his kids along with a caption that read, “Dear Shaaru and Iqra wishing you a happy birthday and may God bless you with success and happiness always, study hard and focus in everything you do and be go-getters, and the most important is always be humble, love you both and we are there for you, you both have a beautiful year ahead, love you both and God bless you always.” His wife Maanyata too shared an emotional video with a sweet note for her two kids. “Happiest birthday my bachchas @



duttiqra @duttshahraan! Believe in yourself as much as I do, as I know you are stronger than you seem, smarter than you think, braver than you believe, and loved more than you know. I am a proud mum!,” read her caption. The actor was last seen in ‘Double iSmart’, a sequel to the 2019 blockbuster ‘iSmart Shankar’.

In the coming months, he will be seen in multi-starrer ‘Welcome 3’. On his birthday last year, Akshay Kumar shared the film’s promo on social media and wrote, “Khud ko aur aap sab ko ek birthday gift diya hai aaj (I have given a gift to you and myself on my birthday today). If you like it and say thanks, I’d say Welcome(3) #WelcomeToTheJungle. In cinemas, Christmas - 20th December, 2024. #Welcome3. Produced by #JyotiDeshpande. Produced by #FirozANadiadwallah. Directed by @khan_ahmedasas @officialjiostudios @baseindustries_group.” The film, which is directed by Ahmed Khan, will be out in theatres on December 20, 2024.

Priya Thakur’s vibrant ghagra cholis capture the essence of Vasudha’s Rajasthani charm

CHANDIGARH: In Zee TV’s recently launched show Vasudha, lead actress Priya Thakur has captivated audiences with her stellar performance and her beautiful traditional look. Fully embracing her character, Priya brings vibrant energy to the screen, donning colourful ghagra cholis that have become an integral part of Vasudha’s identity, symbolizing her role as a village girl. These outfits not only enhance her portrayal but also enrich the cultural essence of the show. Having played Vasudha for several months, Priya feels deeply connected to the character and her attire. Reflecting on her



journey, she shared: “We experimented with various looks during the workshops, but the moment I stepped into this colourful ghagra choli, we knew it was the one. These outfits help me fully embody Vasudha. Wearing them every day is not only a joy, but they also make me feel beautiful and confident while deepening my connection to the culture and traditions of Rajasthan.” While Priya is excited about her journey and outfits, in the upcoming episodes of Vasudha, viewers will get to watch Dev’s (Abhishek Sharma) business deal getting cancelled because of Vasudha. How will Vasudha get out of this problem? Will she be able to prove her innocence?

Baani’s never-give-up attitude resonates deeply with me, says Amandeep Sidhu on her character in Sony SAB’s ‘Badall Pe Paon Hai’

CHANDIGARH : Sony SAB’s ‘Badall Pe Paon Hai’ follows the journey of Baani (Amandeep Sidhu), an ambitious young woman who dreams of elevating her family’s life. Now married to Rajat Khanna (Aakash Ahuja), Baani has aspirations to take both her families towards a better life. In the current storyline, Baani and Rajat’s married life has finally picked up some pace as the two express their love for each other. However, their happiness is short-lived when Rajat is falsely accused and sent to jail. Amandeep Sidhu aka Baani opens up about her journey on the show so far, and the upcoming challenges in Baani’s life. On her show recently completing 100 episodes, Amandeep said, “It feels incredible! Reaching 100 episodes shows the hard work of the entire team and the love of our



viewers. We have created a special bond with our audience, and I am so grateful for their continued support. It mo-

tivates us to bring our best to every episode. There is so much more to come in the story, and we are excited to hit more milestones and keep the show going strong.” Talking about the experience of working on Badall Pe Paon Hai so far, the actress commented, “Working on Badall Pe Paon Hai has been an enriching experience for me. The cast and crew have been great and we’ve all really become like family. Playing the character of Baani has allowed me to explore a wide range of emotions on screen and also learn from her determination and her vulnerability. Baani’s never-give-up attitude resonates deeply with me and it’s rewarding to portray a character who also resonates with so many viewers.”

Actors Share Their Favorite Halloween Costumes for the Ultimate Spooky Look



CHANDIGARH: Halloween is a time when creativity flourishes, offering actors the perfect chance to step outside their usual roles. From classic horror figures like Dracula and Frankenstein to modern, pop-culture-inspired costumes from films and TV shows, actors relish the opportunity for dramatic transformations at Halloween parties. &TV actors including Tejaswini Singh (Bheema from Bheema), Aayudh Bhanusali (Young Atal from Atal), Zara Warsi (Chamchi from Happu Ki Ultan Pal-tan), and Aasif Sheikh (Vibhuti Narayan Mishra from Bhabhiji Ghar Par Hai) share their favorite costume ideas for this year’s celebrations. Aayudh Bhanusali, who plays Young Atal, in Atal reveals, “As someone who loves to immerse myself in a character, attending a Halloween party is something I always dream about. If given the chance, I would choose to be Dracula. His presence is timeless—powerful, mysterious, and undeniably stylish with that iconic cape! I’m excited by the idea of capturing his essence, complete with pale makeup, sharp fangs, and all the dramatic flair that comes with portraying such a legendary figure. Dracula is a classic, and embodying his charisma for Halloween would be a thrilling challenge.” Tejaswini Singh, known as Bheema in Bheema, says, “I would love to dress as Annabelle. There’s something captivating about how an innocent-looking doll can become a symbol of terror. The contrast between her sweet appearance and the horror she embodies makes her both frightening and iconic. Plus, her distinct look—with a vintage dress, cracked porcelain face, and eerie expression—would be an exciting challenge to recreate. Nun’s outfit exudes an eerie vibe, while a vampire’s cape and fangs bring that dark, Gothic energy I enjoy. I’m drawn to costumes that lean toward the sinister, so either choice would suit me perfectly. It’s all about the fun and frights, and I can’t wait to embrace the spooky spirit of the night!” Aasif Sheikh aka Vibhuti Narayan Mishra in Bhabhiji Ghar Par Hai says, “Halloween is a fantastic occasion to let our imaginations run wild. I would choose to dress as Frankenstein’s monster. The character is so iconic, with its flat-headed makeup, neck bolts, and lumbering walk. What fascinates me most is the duality of this figure—often seen as terrifying, yet evoking empathy and sadness. I would love to embody that complexity with my costume, balancing horror with a touch of humanity. It would be an exciting challenge, and I look forward to stepping into that monstrous yet tragic role for Halloween!”



THIS FUNNYVAAR, ENJOY THE COMPANY OF THE FABULOUS BOLLYWOOD WIVES ON NETFLIX’S THE GREAT INDIAN KAPIL SHOW S2



CHANDIGARH: Imagine the magic when not just one, but seven stars dazzle together on Karwa Chauth! After treating fans to the iconic sibling duo, Kareena and Karisma Kapoor, Netflix is all set to bring the queens of Fabulous Lives vs Bollywood Wives Season 3—Maheep Kapoor, Seema Sajdeh, Bhavana Pandey, Neelam Kothari Soni, Riddhima Kapoor Sahni, Shalini Passi, and Kalyani Saha Chawla—straight to the laughter terminal. This episode promises nothing but glam, grace, and guilty pleasure conversations! As the laughter flows, Kapil Sharma playfully compliments the wives on their massive fan following, then cheekily asks, “Have you ever figured out who’s hooked on the show more—men or women?” Responding immediately to this question, Neelam Kothari Soni shares, “Actually, men enjoy the gossip.” Bhavana Pandey pitched in, “It is actually true that men enjoy gossip more. And then they blame their wives- yaar usne show la-gaya hua hai, main toh bas baitha hua hoon but actually they want to watch it.” And let’s be real, we all have that one guilty pleasure we can’t resist! If you’re just as eager as we are, don’t forget to tune into The Great Indian Kapil Show only on Netflix at 8 PM today!

Why did Badshah Pledge to be Single on Indian Idol?

CHANDIGARH : The much-loved singing reality show, Indian Idol Season 15, will premiere on Sony Entertainment Television on 26th October at 9 PM, and the format is turning up the heat with its auditions. Srijan Porail, a fiery performer, isn’t just here to showcase his talent—he’s on a mission! With a captivating presence, Srijan confidently proclaimed, “Relationships can wait, but my career can’t!”. In a jaw-dropping audition, Srijan delivered a stunning rendition of Alvida from the movie ‘Life in a... Metro’, leaving the judges spellbound. His powerful performance was backed by a story that struck a chord, as he spoke about a past relationship that didn’t quite work out. “Relationship se zyada, internship tha and the stipend was ‘Dhoka,’” he joked, revealing how he turned heartbreak into motivation by launching his own “NGO—Non-Girfriend Organization,” and invited his friends to join him. The NGO has a pledge which Srijan demonstrated, saying, “Main, Srijan Porail, yeh shapat leta hu ki aaj se koi bhi relationship ya pyaar vyaar ke chakkar se door rahunga aur apne saath mere doston ko bhi door rakhunga. Hamara sirf kaam rahega, apne career par focus karunga aur kuch nahi.” Listening to him, a thoroughly impressed Badshah declared, “Amen and I am in”, pledging to be single and committed to his work. When Srijan commented on the tattoo on Badshah’s arm, the rapper in his shayarana andaaz said, “Yaad nahi sharam toh aati hogi, jhooti hi sahi kasam toh khaati hogi”. ... Meri bhi NGO hai lekin main akela hi hu uss NGO mein.” But the burning question remains—will Srijan’s heartfelt and captivating performance earn him a spot in the next round? Bridging the gap between aspiring singers and superstardom, one voice at a time – Indian Idol launches on 26th October and will air every Saturday and Sunday at 9 PM on Sony Entertainment Television.



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