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50 flights get bomb threats

NEW DELHI: At least 50 flights operated by Indian airlines received bomb threats on Sunday, according to sources. In 14 days, more than 350 flights operated by the Indian carriers have received hoax bomb threats. Most of the threats were issued through social media. Akasa Air on Sunday said 15 of its flights got security alerts and after thorough inspections, all aircraft were released for operations.

Gym trainer kills woman in Kanpur, dumps body near DM's office

KANPUR (UP): A gym trainer allegedly killed a married woman he was having an affair with and hid her body in a pit near the district magistrate's camp office-cum-residence here at Civil Lines. Inspired by the crime thriller Drishyam, he hoped police would not look there. Vimal Soni's plan seemed to have worked for four months until police finally caught up with him and he was arrested on Saturday night. During interrogation, he confessed to killing 32-year-old Ekta Gupta, a Civil Lines resident, who was found to be married to a stock trader, police said on Sunday.

Delhi court to pass order on Engineer Rashid's regular bail plea today

NEW DELHI: A Delhi court is likely to pronounce on Monday its order on a regular bail plea of Engineer Rashid, the Lok Sabha MP from J-K's Baramulla, in a terror funding case. Additional Sessions Judge Chandar Jit Singh, who on September 10 granted interim bail to Sheikh Abdul Rashid, popular as Engineer Rashid, to enable him to campaign for the Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, had earlier deferred the order on his regular bail application. The judge had extended Rashid's interim bail till October 28 on the grounds of his father's health.

12 Indian fishermen arrested by Sri Lanka Navy

COLOMBO: The Sri Lankan Navy on Sunday arrested 12 Indian fishermen and seized their trawler for allegedly poaching in its territorial waters, according to an official statement. With the latest arrest, the number of Indian nationals apprehended this year by the island nation in such incidents has risen to 462. The fishermen were arrested, and their trawler was seized off the coast of Point Pedro, Jaffna, in the northern province, the Sri Lanka Navy said in a press release.

Modi govt strongly stand with Punjab farmers: Pralhad Joshi

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, OCT 27

Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Pralhad Joshi said on Sunday that the Modi government is strongly standing with the farmers of Punjab.

The response of the Union minister came as farmers in Punjab continued their protest for the second day on Sunday to press for multiple demands, including paddy procurement.

"In the Modi government, farmers are the top priority. I want to assure you (farmers that) we will buy grains from you and whatever space is needed, we are creating it. We have given priority to Punjab on the highest level for evacuation," Pralhad Joshi told reporters.

The Union Minister further said, "When Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann came to me, I gave direction to the Food Corporation of India (FCI) that if there is no space in the godown that has been allotted to them, then FCI would have to immediately take over the transportation. In 2013-2014, the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for a grade paddy was Rs 1,345, for the common grade it was Rs 1,310. Today we are paying a total of Rs 2,300. In 10 years, we have increased so much..." He also requested CM Mann to increase the procurement and promised to fulfil their (Centre's) commitments to the farmers.

Pralhad Joshi added, "I also request the Chief Minister Mann to speak with the concerned people and increase procurement. We stand by the farmers of the Punjab. The Modi Government is



strongly standing with the farmers of Punjab. Whatever commitment we have made, we (Centre) will definitely fulfil that..."

Centre dismisses concerns over paddy storage

NEW DELHI: The Centre on Sunday dismissed reports of storage space shortage affecting paddy procurement in Punjab, terming them "misinformation" created with "vested interests". Union Food Minister Pralhad Joshi on Sunday assured that creating adequate storage space remains the government's responsibility. "Some rumours are being spread. I want to clearly state that creating space is our responsibility. We will take care of that," Joshi said during a media briefing, accompanied by Food Secretary Sanjeev Chopra and FCI Chairman Vanita Rattan Sharma.

BJP leaders submit memorandum to Governor

CHANDIGARH: A delegation of Punjab Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders met the Governor on Sunday and submitted a memorandum regarding the issue of the paddy procurement.

The memorandum mentioned that the paddy procurement for the Kharif Marketing season for the state had officially commenced on October 1.

The Punjab government had received Rs 44,000 crore for the purchase of paddy from the Central government however due to their inefficiency, even after 26 days of the official announcement of the season, the government had failed to lift most of the paddy from the mandis across the state.

The memorandum further mentioned that the government had failed miserably in making necessary arrangements on time, from the purchase of gunny bags or the notification of custom milling policy notifications of FRK milling policy and awarding the labour contracts.

Amid festive rush, nine injured in stampede at Mumbai railway station

AGENCY
MUMBAI, OCT 27

Nine persons were injured, including two critically, in a stampede after rush for boarding a Gorakhpur-bound train at Bandra railway station in Mumbai on Sunday morning, officials said.

In view of the upcoming Diwali and Chhath festivals, a large number of people planning to go to their native places had reached the Bandra Terminus where several passengers rushed to board the unreserved train when it was being brought on a platform, according to sources.

The incident was reported at 5.56 am, a civic official said, adding a large number of people had gathered to board train 22921 Bandra-Gorakhpur Antyodaya Express on platform no.1 at the Bandra Terminus.

Due to the upcoming Diwali and Chhath festivals, the north-bound trains have been running packed from Mumbai.

The empty Antyodaya Express, having all 22 general class coaches, "was being backed on platform no.1" at around 2.45 am, as per the railway sources.



Things got out of hand when passengers, who had queued up while waiting for the train, tried to board it when it was taken on the platform from the yard with doors of the coaches locked from inside, they said.

In the attempt to board the train, some people fell on the platform when they came in between two coaches. Prima facie, the people fell on the platform after colliding with the coaches or in the space between two coaches, the sources said.

"Ideally, doors of the coaches are opened after the train makes a halt at the platform and passengers then board in a queue," a WR source said. The Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel and local people immediately rushed the injured persons to the Bhabha Hospital. Those injured have been identified as Shabir Abdul Rehman (40), Parmeshwar Sukhdar Gupta (28), Ravindra Harihar Chuma (30), Ramsevak Ravindra Prasad Prajapati (29), Sanjay Tilakram Kangay (27), Divyanshu Yogendra Yadav (18), Mohammad Shareef Shaikh (25), Indrajith Sahani (19) and Noor Mohammad Shaikh (18), a civic official said. Shahani and Noor Mohammad Shaikh were in critical condition and undergoing treatment at the hospital, a police official said.

Taj Mahal engulfed in thick haze, tourists complain of low visibility



AGENCY
AGRA, OCT 27

The iconic Taj Mahal in Agra, Uttar Pradesh was engulfed in a thick layer of haze on Sunday as pollution levels continued to rise.

Manoharpur area in Agra recorded its Air Quality Index (AQI) at 190, categorized as 'moderate'. Whereas Shahjahan garden area recorded an AQI of 113 as of 9 AM. The average AQI recorded of Agra for October 26 was 106, categorized as 'moderate' too.

An AQI between 0-50 is considered good, 51-100 is satisfactory, 101-200 is moderate, 201-300 is poor, 301-400 is very poor, and 401-500 is severe. According to a visitor at

the Taj Mahal, the situation in the area has worsened over the years due to the industrial areas traffic increasing.

"I am here on a trip, I wanted to see the sunrise. 14 years ago, I was here and the sky was clear back then. Industrial areas are increasing towards Agra side and vehicle load is also increasing here, I think these are the reasons behind the rise in pollution..." he told a news agency. Another visitor to the iconic site said that due to all the smog it has become difficult to see the monument properly. He told, "It feels good to see the Taj Mahal early in the morning, but it's been hazy, which creates problems in view, in the morning due to the pollution."

Hry CM Nayab Saini flags off Panipat Marathon

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, OCT 27

Haryana youth have distinguished themselves both nationally and internationally through their talent and skills. Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi frequently commends the power of youth. A healthy body is fundamental to a fulfilling life, and it has been said that the first happiness lies in good health. Only healthy individuals can foster a healthy society, and a robust society is the cornerstone of a country's and a state's development and progress.

The Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini expressed this while addressing gathering before flagging off a marathon at the grounds of Sector 13-17 in the historic city of Panipat on Sunday. He said that the marathon aims to raise awareness about fitness while promoting love and brotherhood



among citizens. During the event, the Chief Minister honored the winners and administered an oath to the youth to stay away from drugs. He congratulated all participants in the 21 km, 10 km, and 5 km races, saying that involvement in such events sends a positive message to society and inspires all, especially children and young people.

To further the Prime Minister's Fit India Mission, the state has consistently promoted marathons, sports, yoga, and Raahgiri initiatives in Haryana. The Chief Minister expressed gratitude to the administration and participating organizations for the event's success. He also joined marathon runners in an open vehicle and visited various stalls set up by local institutions.

CBI registers case after complainant duped of Rs 3 lakh by fake KBC entities

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, OCT 27

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Saturday registered a case under sections related to fraud, forgery, and the IT Act after a complainant alleged he was duped of Rs 3 lakh with a false promise of a prize worth Rs 5.6 crore in the popular television show 'Kaun Banega Crorepati (KBC)'.

The CBI also lodged an FIR against an unidentified woman accused of using Prime Minister Narendra Modi's photo to deceive the victim, posing as a senior CBI officer.

According to the CBI, the woman, pretending to be a CBI officer, coerced the complainant into depositing Rs 2.91 lakh to secure the alleged prize money.

The FIR filed by the CBI states that the complainant had been approached on social media by two fake accounts identifying themselves as "KBC Mumbai" and "KBC Kolkata."

The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) has also filed a complaint with the CBI. Further investigation is underway.

CM Mann campaigns in Chabbewal, seeks vote for AAP candidate



BUREAU
CHANDIGARH/ HOSHARPUR, OCT 27

Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann campaigned for AAP candidate Ishank Chabbewal in the Chabbewal assembly constituency on Sunday. The Chief Minister praised Ishank, saying he is a young candidate who understands the local issues. "Make Ishank win, and whatever work he'll bring to me, I will sign it immediately," he stated. Addressing the women at the gathering, the Chief Minister

remarked that mothers and sisters come only to AAP rallies because they know that our government cares for their needs. He added that his next mission is to provide women with 1,100 every month. Mann mentioned that recently, the assembly passed a historic law allowing the recruitment of girls in the fire brigade, making Punjab the first state in the country to do so. Attacking the Congress, Mann said they fight for power, while we fight for the better future of your children.

Awareness key in dealing with 'digital arrests': PM Modi

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, OCT 27

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday flagged the issue of fraudsters targeting people with the cyber crime of "digital arrests" and urged people to adopt the mantra of "stop, think and take action" when faced with such a scam, asserting that these steps will provide digital security to them.

In his monthly 'Mann ki Baat' broadcast, he said probe agencies are working with states to deal with the issue but added that awareness is essential in protecting oneself from this crime. The prime minister also highlighted that the country has decided to celebrate the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Bhagwan Birsa Munda, noting that while



Patel's 150th birth anniversary celebrations will begin from October 31, Munda's will start from November 15.

Modi also informed that with Sardar Patel's birth anniversary on October 31 coinciding with the festival of Deepawali, the 'Run For Unity' event this year will be held on October 29.

He said both these great souls - "Munda and Patel - faced different challenges but their vision was the same, one that of 'unity of the country'."

"If you ask me what the most memorable moments of my life have been, I remember many incidents, but there is one moment which is very special. That moment was when on the

15th of November last year, I had gone to Ulihatu village in Jharkhand, the birthplace of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, on his birth anniversary. This visit had a great impact on me," he said.

Modi said that he is the first prime minister of the country who has had the privilege of bowing his head in this holy land. "At that moment, I not only felt the power of the freedom struggle, but also got an opportunity to connect with the strength of this land," he said. Although the government has decided to celebrate the 150th birth anniversary of these great personalities at the national level, it is people's participation that will infuse life into this campaign, he said.

"Whoever loses election sits in opposition, whoever wins takes oath as PM": Amit Shah takes a dig at Rahul Gandhi

AGENCY KOLKATA : Union Home Minister Amit Shah has taken a swipe at Rahul Gandhi, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, implying that the Congress party's optimism about their performance in this year's Lok Sabha elections is misplaced.

Shah essentially said that winners take the oath of Prime Minister, not sit in the opposition chair, emphasizing that true success is measured by securing the top spot, not settling for opposition leadership.

PM Modi to inaugurate two major healthcare projects virtually on Oct 29

AGENCY NEW DELHI : Chhattisgarh's healthcare sector is set to witness a new chapter as Prime Minister Narendra Modi will virtually inaugurate two major healthcare projects on Tuesday.



naturopathy. This institute will not only promote a healthy lifestyle among the people of the state but will also raise awareness about yoga and naturopathy among schools and youth.

Haryana CM Nayab Saini seeks blessings from saints for state's development



CHANDIGARH: Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini sought blessings from saints for Haryana's development while addressing the 12th Annual Festival of Acharyakulam at Patanjali Yogpeeth in Haridwar as the Chief Guest.

him with enthusiasm and that he is taking renewed energy and purpose back to his state.

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I neelam Chandra Tewasi S/o Sh. Bala Datt Tewari R/o H NO-15, ff, New Colony khudda Lahora UT, Chandigarh. My father name is wrongly mentioned in my passport That Bala Datt And Bala Datt Tewari is same person.

I Suman @ Suman Lata w/o Sh. Subhash Chand R/o H.No. 1815/8 Ekta Vihar Salarpur Road Thanesar, Tehsil Thanesar, District Kurukshetra have declared that my name is recorded as Suman in all the documents, while my name is recorded as Suman Lata in my school records.

I hitherto known as MALKIAT SINGH S/o MUKAND SINGH R/o VILLAGE HATHAN, TEHSIL MALERKOTLA, DISTT MALERKOTLA, PUNJAB have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as MUKHTIAR SINGH

I, PARAMJIT W/O ALI SHER R/O VPO AJNAUD, KHANNA, DISTT LUDHIANA-141421, PUNJAB, declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as BUTA KHAN in my PAN Card No. DDZPP7116M.

I hitherto known as Aungrej Singh S/o Chanan Singh R/o H.No. 3, Anmol Enclave, Ram Tirath Road, Mahal, Distt Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Aungrej Singh.

I, Kuljinder Kaur W/o No. JC434071F NB SUB Sarbjit Singh R/o (Unit 13 Punajb JIND) 197, Main Chakki Waii Gali, Guru Nanak Nagar, Bharariwal, Chabhal Road, Amritsar, Punjab, declare that in the service record of my husband my date of birth and name is wrongly mentioned as 10/10/1985.

I, Paramjit Kaur Aklia W/o Balwinder Singh R/o #28714, St No. 2-D, Near S.A.S Nagar, Partap Nagar, Bathinda have changed my name to Paramjit Kaur

I, Gurlal Chopra S/o Sh. Bhagwan Dass R/o Bhai Rupa, PO Bhai Rupa, Distt. Bathinda (Pb) hereby declares that i have changed my name from Gurlal Chopra to Gundeep. Please note it all.

I Harjot Singh Maan S/O Ranjit Singh Village Nangal Po Dehlon Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Harjot Singh.

I Ranjit Singh Maan S/O Hoshiar Singh Village Nangal Po Dehlon Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Ranjit Singh.

I Iqbal Singh Jhundand S/o Didar Singh Vill-Jhundand Teh-Amargarh Distt Malerkotla Known As By Two Named Iqbal Singh Gill & Iqbal Singh Jhundand.

I Balvir Chand S/o Nasib Chand Vill-Garhi Ajit Singh Distt Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar (Nawan Shehar) have changed name my minor girl's Ruchika to Ruchika Dhir.

I, Salinder Kumar S/o Gurchain Ram R/o Vill: Jethu Mazara Po. Karimpur Teh-Nawanshahr (SBS Nagar) Pb-144516, have changed my son name from Harman to Harman Singh.

I, Paramjot Singh Bedi S/o Sant Rampal Singh Bedi R/o Guru Nanak Darbar Jhande (Ludhiana) have changed my name from Paramjot Singh Bedi to Sant Paramjot Singh Bedi.

I, Okash S/o Jagdish Pal R/o Vpo. Haripur Khalsa Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) have changed my name to Okash Kumar.

I, Jaspreet S/o Jagdish Pal R/o Vpo. Haripur Khalsa Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) have changed my name to Jaspreet Kumar.

I, Gurpreet S/o Malkiat Chand R/o Vill: Atti Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) have changed my name to Gurpreet Paul Singh.

I, Charanjit Kaler S/o Parkash R/o Vill: Uppal Khalsa Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) have changed my name to Charanjit Singh.

I, Manpreet S/o Manjinder Singh R/o Vpo. Mehsampur Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) have changed my name to Manpreet Dadra.

I, Som Nath S/o Resham Lal R/o Vill: Sunner Khurd Po. Rurkee Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) have changed my minor daughter name from Komal to Komalpreet Kaur.

I, Sikander Raut S/o Tufan Raut R/o Moh Ramgarhia Goraya Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) have changed my daughter name from Saniya Kumari to Sania Kumari.

I, hitherto known as Narinder Pal alias Ekamjeet Singh Jnagal S/o Jarnal Singh R/o Vill: Khanpur Po. Dayalpur Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) Punjab-144419, have changed my name and shall here after be known as Ekamjeet Singh Jnagal.

I, Anil Kumar S/o Jagmohan Lal, Hill View Enclave Lower, Nangal (Rupnagar) have changed my minor son Manav name to Maanuv Kumar Baalu.

I, Naresh Kumari Kaushal Wife Of Yash Paul Kaushal, Resident Of H.No. 6, Narain Nagar, Basti Sheikh Road, Jalandhar Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Naresh Kumari Kaushal To Naresh Kaushal.

I, Yash Pal Rai Son Of Anant Ram, Resident Of H.No. 6, Narain Nagar, Basti Sheikh Road, Jalandhar Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Yash Pal Rai To Yash Pal Rai Kaushal.

I Rimple Kumari D/O Dharam R/O Mohalla Ibrahim Basti, Near Railway Station, Nawanshahr, P.O., District Nawanshahr, Punjab, 144514 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Rimple Kumari To Rimple Mahey.

I Amandeep Singh Sidhu s/o gora singh alias Balour Singh Village Mehraj distt Bathinda have changed my name Amandeep Singh Sidhu to Amandeep Singh.

I, Kamalpal Singh Meen S/o. Charanjit Singh Village Alal Teh.Dhuri (Sangrur) Punjab. I have changed my name Kamalpal Singh Meen to Kamalpal Singh. Please note.

I, Joginder Singh Dhull S/o Ghaman Singh R/o Near Govt Girl School, Amiya Patti, Vpo Pai Distt. Kaithal (haryana) Have Changed My Name From Joginder Singh Dhull To Joginder Singh. Concerned Please Note.

I, Dharam Kaur Dhull W/o Joginder Singh R/o Hno. 1147, Amiya Patti, Vpo Pai Distt. Kaithal (haryana) Have Changed My Name From Dharam Kaur Dhull To Dharam Kaur. Concerned Please Note.

I, Sahil S/o Mahavir R/o Near Harjan Gate, Vpo Siwan Distt Kaithal (haryana) Have Changed My Name From Sahil To Sahil Kumar. Concerned Please Note.

I, Rahul S/o Birbal R/o Rama Aashram, Near Saini Mohalla, Siwan Distt Kaithal (haryana) Have Changed My Name From Rahul To Rahul Kumar. Concerned Please Note.

I, Rattanot S/o Jaspal R/o kadianwali Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Rattan Jot Kumar to Rattanot. All note.

I, Baldev Raj S/o Khajan Chand R/o H.no. 113, Shivala Road Amritsar Punjab have change my name From Baldev Raj to Baldev Mahajan.

I, Rajni Mahajan w/o Baldev Mahajan R/o H.no. 113, shivala Road Amritsar Punjab have change my name from Rajni Mahajan to Rajni

I hitherto known as PARAMJIT KAUR W/O CHARANJIT SINGH R/O VPO LAMMA, TEHSIL JAGRAON, DISTT LUDHIANA, PUNJAB have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as HARVINDER KAUR.

I hitherto known as SARABJIT KAUR W/O RAM SINGH R/O VPO RANIAN, TEHSIL NIHAL SINGH WALA, DISTT MOGA, PUNJAB have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as MANJIT KAUR.

I hitherto known as NEETU DHAMJA D/O TARSEM LAL W/O JAGDEV SINGH R/O PATTI SEKHON, VILLAGE JANER, DISTT MOGA-142043, PUNJAB have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as NEETU.

I hitherto known as CHARNJEET KAUR D/O KARNAIL SINGH W/O GURPREET SINGH GILL R/O VILLAGE CHUHR CHAK, DISTT MOGA-152028, PUNJAB have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as CHARANJIT KAUR.

I hitherto known as RUCHI W/O GURPREET SINGH R/O 118, DREAM LANE, HAIBOWAL KALAN, DISTT LUDHIANA-141001, PUNJAB have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as HIMANI.

I hitherto known as KANWALJIT SINGH GHARU S/O PARSON SINGH R/O VPO KOKRI PHULA SINGH, PATTI BABA JVAN SINGH, TEHSIL & DISTT. MOGA, PUNJAB have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as KANWALJIT SINGH.

I hitherto known as CHARANJIT KAUR ALIAS CHARNJEET KAUR GILL W/O SUKHDEV SINGH R/O VPO RAMGARH BHULLAR, TEHSIL JAGRAON, DISTT LUDHIANA, PUNJAB have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SHARANJEET KAUR.

I hitherto known as RAJINDER SINGH SANDHU S/O DHARAM SINGH R/O NEAR SARSE WALA DERA, WARD NO.6, TALWANDI BHAJI, TEHSIL & DISTT FERROZEPUR, PUNJAB have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as RAJINDER SINGH.

I hitherto known as VIRINDER SINGH S/O DALBARA SINGH R/O VILLAGE KOTHE PREMSAR AGWAR LADHAI, TEHSIL JAGRAON, DISTT LUDHIANA, PUNJAB have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as BARINDER SINGH.

I hitherto known as VIKAS KAURA ALIAS SAI DASS S/O MOHAN LAL R/O HOUSE NO.18/574, STREET NO.2, ROAD NO.4, SARDAR NAGAR, DISTT MOGA-142001, PUNJAB have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as VIKAS KAURA.

I hitherto known as HARINDER KAUR W/O TEJINDER PAL SINGH R/O H.NO. B-15/323, MOONGFALI MANDI, NEAR VISHKARMA CHOWK, MILLERGANJ, DISTT LUDHIANA-141003, PUNJAB have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as HARVINDER KAUR.

I hitherto known as OPINDER KAUR W/O HARDEEP SINGH GILL R/O H.NO.375/5, GT ROAD, OPP. LAL PALACE, MODEL TOWN, JAGRAON, DISTT. LUDHIANA, PUNJAB have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SARABJIT KAUR GILL.

I, Sahil S/o Surinder Kumar Resident of Moti Bazar Samana, Tehsil Samana, District Patiala have changed my name from Sahil Kumar to Sahil.

I, Honey Kansal W/o Gagandeep Singla Resident of Aggarwal Colony Patran Road Samana, Tehsil Samana, District PATIALA Have Changed My Name From Honey Singla To Honey Kansal.

I Salindra Kumar & Salindra S/o Shri Chuhar Singh R/o Muradnagar Tehsil Ladwa District Kurukshetra have changed my name from Salindra to Salindra Kumar and in future I should be known as Salindra Kumar.

I Mansa Ram S/o Sarwan Ram R/o Vill: Atti Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) declare that my son Tarlochan Ram Dahiya is out of my control. So I disown with him from my moveable/immoveable property. If anybody dealing with him at his/her own risk. I and my family not responsible.

I, Amita is legally wedded spouse of No. 15568695F Rank HAV/OP (RADIO) Name Dhuri Mangesh Shivaram presently residing at 268 Engineer Bridge Regiment (PMS) C/o 56 APO have changed my name from Amita to Amita Mangesh Dhuri vide Affidavit dated 28 Oct 2024 before notary public District Court Bathinda.

I Army No JC700893L Rank Sub Md Nur Alam permanent resident of Village - Aduri Para, Post office - Kachumara, Niz Bahari, District - Barpeta (Assam) Pin-781302, Hereby Declare that in my service record my Son name has been wrongly entered as Sajeed Ahmed instead of (correct name) Sazeed Ahmed as per Aadhar Card. pertains to one and the same person. vide affidavit attested by Notary Public (Govt Of India). Kindly Correct it.

I, Chandepati Aadhaar No. 2130 4220 3823 W/o Sh. Om Parkash R/o Ward No. 11, Barwala Tehsil Barwala Distt. Hisar (Haryana) - 125121 declare that My Son Jashwant Kumar S/o Sh. Om Parkash is beyond my control and never listen me. That I do hereby disinherit him from my moveable & immoveable property. That anybody infuture having dealing with him of any kind, he himself shall be responsible for the same. Now I have no relations with him.

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

Subject: Transfer of Ownership in respect of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 1358, SECTOR 34-C Chandigarh (RPO 14832) to the extent of 25.00% share on the basis of Court Decree On Basis Of Registered Will dated.

Now, TEJDEEP SINGH AHLUWALIA has/have applied for the Transfer of Ownership in respect of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 1358, SECTOR 34-C, Chandigarh, to the extent of 25.00% Share held by SH. BALDEV SINGH AHLUWALIA in his/her/their favour, on the basis of Court Decree On Basis Of Registered Will dated. If anybody has any information about any other legal heir(s) of the deceased other than mentioned above, the same may be intimated to the Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh, immediately.

NOTICE TO PARTNERS FOR WITHDRAWING THE NAME FROM JOINT VENTURE DEED

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POSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)

Whereas 1) Sh. Ramesh Singh Saini S/o Gurdar Singh Saini R/o House No NA-366, Kishanpura, Jalandhar-1 Industrial Town, Jalandhar-144004 and Guarantors 1. S. Hardeep Singh Badwal S/o S. Amar Singh R/o House No B-X 757/23-A Hoshiarpur Road, New Santokhpura Jalandhar-1, Industrial Town, Jalandhar-2. Rimpi Saini W/o of Ramesh Singh Saini R/o House No NA-366, Kishanpura, Jalandhar-1 Industrial Town, Jalandhar, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being of Rs. 32,03,926/- (Rupees three lakhs, three thousand nine hundred twenty six) considered as on dt. 27/05/2024, plus further interest within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

DISCLAIMER

Hawan Yagya concluded at Lord Parshuram Temple



MANISH KUMAR AMBALA: Hawan Yagya was performed on the last Sunday of the month at Lord Parshuram Temple Peepal Bazar Ambala City. It was conducted by Pandit Pankaj Dimri. After this, the monthly meeting of Ambala District Brahmin Sabha was organized. It was presided over by Pradhan Satish Bakshi. He said that Hawan Yagya not only has spiritual significance, but it is also considered very important from the scientific point of view because researchers have found that oxygen is produced by burning ghee or jaggery used in Hawan. Smokey of Hawan purifies atmosphere because harmful bacteria are destroyed by its smoke. Sabha Chairman Devendra Sharma said that scientists say that a gas called formaldehyde is produced from mango wood, due to which dangerous bacteria are destroyed from atmosphere.

Will fulfil responsibility of Speaker with impartiality: Kalyan

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, OCTOBER 27

After being elected as the Speaker of Haryana Legislative Assembly, Gharanda MLA Harvinder Kalyan reached the BJP office Karna Kamal on Sunday, where Assandh MLA Yogendra Rana, Karnal MLA Jagmohan Anand, Nilokheri MLA Bhagwan Das Kabirpanthi, acting District President Brij Gupta, former Minister Shashipal Mehta, former Mayor Renu Bala Gupta, former OSD Sanjay Bathla, BJP leader Ashok Sukhija, Ashok Bhandari, Nirmal Bairagi, former MLA Kashyap, District General Secretary Sunil Goyal and Jai Bhagwan Sikri, Vice President Rajbir Sharma and Praveen Lathar, Sohan Singh Rana, Dheeraj Kharkari, Mehar Singh, District Media Incharge Dr. Ashok and Megha Bhandari, Madan Gujjar, Karambir Kalyan and a large number of party workers welcomed and greeted Harvinder Kalyan with a bouquet, fireworks, drums and flower garlands and congratulated each other by feeding sweets. This program to welcome Haryana Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan started from Kurukshetra district on Sunday.



On entering the area of Nilokheri Assembly, he was welcomed at Mata Kali Mandir, Taraori, Jijhadi on the National Highway under the leadership of MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi. After this, hundreds of workers including a large number of people welcomed him with bouquets, fireworks, drums and flower garlands at Osius Karna Lake, Baldi Bypass Chowk, Basant Vihar Chowk, ITI Chowk, Karna Kamal Office, Sector-6 Chowk, Tau Devi Lal Chowk, Kambopura, Pakka Pul Unchasma and Kalyan Farm House. On this occasion, Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan also gladly accepted the greetings of the workers with folded hands. The workers expressed their happiness by distributing laddus at various places and the workers were seen taking selfies in between. On this occasion, while talking to

journalists, Harvinder Kalyan said that all the members of the ruling and opposition parties of the Assembly have elected me unanimously as the Speaker of the Haryana Assembly, for which I thank everyone. I will try my best to run the House smoothly by performing the responsibility of the Speaker of the Assembly with impartiality and full honesty. He said that I will also try that all the MLAs get enough time to raise the voice of the people in the House. He said that Parliament and Assembly are the temples of democracy.

To strengthen democracy, all the members were given an opportunity to present their views impartially. He also said that I am grateful to the workers for the respect they have given today. The people of Karnal have worked hard to make BJP win all the five seats. All the five MLAs will work as a team and take Karnal district forward on the path of development and all the workers will get due respect. He expressed his gratitude to the top leadership as well as Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini for the responsibility of the post of Speaker. On this occasion, Assandh MLA Yogendra Rana said that it is the good fortune of the people of Karnal district that Gharanda MLA Harvinder Kalyan has been elected as the Speaker of the Assembly. This is the result of his loyalty and honesty.

Retired Employees Association honours Dilawar Hussain

PREETI SAINI SADHAURA, OCTOBER 27

In the annual felicitation ceremony organised by the Retired Employees Association on the occasion of Diwali festival in the community hall of Shri Laxmi Narayan Temple situated on Toranwala pond, 5 male and 3 female councilors were honoured besides the retired employees of the town. District Council Chairman Ramesh Chand Thaska participated in this programme as the chief guest. Social worker Dharampal Saini, Municipal Chairperson Shalini Sharma and Vice Chairman Devendra Saini participated in this programme as Vashisht Guests. Block Head Dilawar Hussain of the Retired Employees Association said that since the



year 2015, senior citizens are specially honoured on the occasion of Diwali festival. Through this programme, retired employees are honoured by remembering the services rendered by them during their service period and their responsibility towards the society after retirement. The programme was conducted by Mangat Ram Saini. Chairman Ramesh Thaska said that we

should work towards eliminating caste-based discrimination from the society. Such events maintain brotherhood in the society. Secretary Rameshwar Dayal, Akhtar Ali, Chaman Lal Saini, Randhir Singh, Ashok Kumar, Kastur Lal, Ranbir Singh, Baljeet Singh, Subhash Chand, Kundan Lal, Dharampal Singh, Yashpal and Pawan Bakshi were present on this occasion.

Tarlochan Singh urges govt not to raid small shopkeepers

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, OCTOBER 27

Karnal Congress District Convenor Tarlochan Singh has urged the Haryana government to take action under the law on the factories manufacturing the goods instead of raiding the establishments of small shopkeepers and retailers. He issued a statement after the government raided the shops selling banned firecrackers and sweets in Haryana. He says that to curb pol-



lution, the government has banned many firecrackers. These cannot be sold and peo-

ple cannot use them either. Due to the wrong policies of the government, small shopkeepers and retailers are already in a financial crisis. They hope to earn some money during the festive season, but the government and administrative officials target such shopkeepers. This is sheer injustice. He said that if the government bans any item, then only the factories manufacturing it should be closed. Shopkeepers should not be harassed.

Hope to Happiness organization distributes blankets to needy people

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, OCT 27

the members deserve congratulations. While congratulating Madan Parivar Manch he said that the Haryana government would work for public welfare. All the promises made to the peo-

Hope to Happiness organization distributed blankets to poor and helpless people at the Ladies Industrial Home Institute on Sunday. MLA Jagmohan Anand and CM's former OSD Sanjay Bathla attended the function as chief guests. Stage management was done by Joginder Madan.. Blankets were presented to 251 people. On behalf of the Hop to Happiness organization, MLA Jagmohan Anand, former OSD Sanjay Bathla and the people who helped in this noble cause were honored by presenting them mementoes. On this occasion, MLA Jagmohan Anand said that helping the needy sections of society was a virtuous deed. The Hop to Happiness organization has done this praiseworthy work. The organization keeps doing other social works in the same way, for which all

ple of the state will be fulfilled. He was always ready to solve public problems. Present on the occasion were Sunil Madan, Jugal Bathla, Abhishek Gandhi, Mohit, Rama Madan, Shashi Tandon, Anil Rehlan, Chandradeep, Praveen Madan, Amit Ahuja, Prem Sanduja, Baldev Khurana, Pramod Ahuja, Alka, Sudarshan Pasricha, Neeraj Anand and Jaipal Valmiki.



Diwali with My Bharat programme organised: Renu Rani

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, OCTOBER 27

Various activities were organised by the youth volunteers of Nehru Yuva Kendra Karnal and Mera Yuva Bharat Karnal as per the instructions of District Youth Officer Renu Rani. First of all, in the morning, a cleanliness drive was organised in the main market of Karnal with the cooperation of Karnal Vyapar Mandal Shri Krishan Lal Taneja in which the youth volunteers collected the garbage and put it in the garbage collecting vehicles of the Municipal Corporation for disposal. After this, the volunteers made people aware to follow the traffic rules at various squares of Karnal city and also helped the traffic policemen in controlling the traffic. After that all the volunteers carried out a cleanliness drive in the premises of Kalpana Chawla Government Medical College.

On this occasion, District Youth Officer Renu Rani said that the programme "Ye Diwali with My Bharat" is being organised across the country by Mera Yuva Bharat (MY-Bharat), Ministry of Youth Affairs



and Sports, union government. This programme will be organised from 27th to 30th October as part of the first anniversary celebration of the launch of MY Bharat. In this event, the young volunteers of My Bharat across the country will participate

in 4 main activities: 1. Cleaning of markets in collaboration with trade associations 2. Cleaning of hospitals 3. Helping in traffic control in collaboration with traffic police 4. Sharing experiences with My Bharat.

Evening full of songs organised with dandiya



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, OCTOBER 27

Maninder Babu Karaoke Club organised a dandiya night late at night. Colourful programmes were organised on this occasion. Members presented evergreen songs in the program. The programme started with the lighting of lamps. Arun Rajpal addressed the people present on this occasion. Club members presented dandiya on Gujarati songs. On this occasion, the programme was conducted by Maninder Babu. On this occasion Vinay Chawla, Anirudh Kalra, Pushpa Kalra, Arun Rajpal, Yoginder Sisodia, Anupama Anjali Sharma, Ranjit Gill, Jagmohan Singh, Poonam Rakesh Bansal, Anita Gupta, Anil Girdhar, Neelam Chawla, Harish Badhawan, Amarjit Singh, Arun Thapar, Rashmi Thapar, Vinod Bhatia, Vijay Sharma, Pradeep Tyagi, Avtar Singh, Rajni, Indrapal Sachdeva, Seema Sachdeva, Anil Bhagat, Geeta Chawla, Jatinder Singh, Devinder Arora, Ajay Jain, Rajesh Yogi, Naresh Dutt, Shikha, Arun Rajpal were present.

We pray that Kalyan progresses by leaps and bounds: Meena Chauhan

SAHIL MEHTA NILOKHERI:

Nilokheri. BJP leader Meena Chauhan Raison specially reached Karnal to congratulate elder brother Harvinder Kalyan after assuming the post of Assembly Speaker. Meena Chauhan said that we pray that brother Harvinder Kalyan progresses by leaps and bounds day by day and touches new heights and under your guidance and leadership, workers like us also get the opportunity to move forward with respect. She said that undoubtedly under your leadership, the 'Non Stop Haryana' mission will progress rapidly, realising the 'Haryana Ek, Haryanvi Ek' motto of former Chief Minister and currently Union Minister respected Manohar Lal Khattar and may the people of Haryana always get your support and love in maintaining brotherhood.



NIFAA holds blood donation programme

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, OCTOBER 27

In honour of the Prakash Parv (birth anniversary) of the fourth Sikh Guru, Shri Guru Ram Das Ji, the social organisation National Integrated Forum of Artists and Activists (NIFAA), in collaboration with Baba Sukha Singh Kar Seva and Guru Nanak Sewak Jatha Gurdwara Manji Sahib, organised a blood donation camp. A total of 33 donors voluntarily donated blood during the event. The camp was inaugurated by Baba Sukha Singh Kar Seva, in the presence of Ratan Singh, Convenor of Guru Nanak Sewak Jatha, NIFAA's founder chairman Pritpal Singh Panu, and coordinator Advocate Naresh Barana. Special guests, Karnal MLA Jagmohan Anand and Kapil Atreja, a member of the Haryana Staff Selection Commission,



attended the event and honoured the donors by pinning badges and presenting appreciation certificates. MLA Jagmohan Anand extended warm greetings on the auspicious occasion of Guru Ram Das Ji's Prakash Parv and praised the noble act of blood donation. The camp coordinators, NIFAA's joint Secretary Jawinder Singh Bedi, Senior Advisor Parminder

Pal Singh, Bhupinder Singh, and District Secretary Hitesh Gupta, shared that the organisation has been consistently organising blood donation camps for the past 24 years. Bedi highlighted that this year marks NIFAA's Silver Jubilee and, in celebration, blood donation camps are being organised across the country. Today's camp was held in partnership with

Guru Nanak Sewak Jatha. Several members contributed to the organisation of this event.

From Guru Nanak Sewak Jatha, Raju Midda and Amandeep Singh played an active role, while Satinder Gandhi, Maninder Singh Babbu, Mukul Gupta, Mukesh Kumar, Inderjit Singh, and Manjeet Singh Soni supported the camp on behalf of NIFAA.

Vedic Sanskar Fortnight organised in DAV School

PREETI SAINI SADHAURA:

Vedic Sanskar Fortnight is being celebrated by Arya Pradeshik Pratidinidhi Sabha Haryana from 12 October to 31 October, the purpose of which is to give information about Arya Samaj to all the students studying in DAV institutions. On this occasion, ninth class student Naman Bakshi threw light on the life of Anand Swami and eighth class students Bhavya and Harman threw light on the life of Arya Samaj founder Swami Dayanand and DAV institutions founder Hanstraj. On this occasion, a Vedic prayer was sung by tenth class students Puneet and Uday. At the end of the programme, certificates of appreciation were given to the participants to boost their morale. On this occasion, teacher Sonia and music teacher Satbir Singh told the students about Arya Samaj and how Arya Samaj is working for the welfare of humans and the propagation of Vedas. Principal Ajay Sharma gave information to the students about the lives of the great personalities of Arya Samaj and taught all the students to take inspiration from their lives and told that in today's modern era, it is very important to keep the students connected to their culture.



RSS's Path Sanchalan given grand welcome

PREETI SAINI SADHAURA, OCTOBER 27

RSS volunteers took out a Path Sanchalan in the town. The Path Sanchalan was given a grand welcome with flower showers at many places. The Path Sanchalan started from DAV School and passed through the bus stand, Thana Wali Gali and the main market and concluded at DAV School. Social worker Dharampal Saini, the program president, participated in the program organised at DAV School to commemorate the 99th year of the Sangh's establishment. Along with this, weapon worship was also done and then a Path Sanchalan was taken out in the city. The Sangh also gave the message of unity and integrity of the country. The Path Sanchalan included Ghosh and Ghosh Danda. All the volunteers were walking in step with sticks in their hands



in the Path Sanchalan. This time, Ravi Sadhaura, a handicapped person on a wheelchair, who was in full uniform, also participated in the Path Sanchalan.

Seeing the volunteers in full uniform, people stood on both sides of the road to see the Path Sanchalan. Where people gave a grand welcome to the volunteers by showering flowers at many places. Hundreds of volunteers from all the 9 divisions participated in the march in full uniform. Addressing the volunteers on this occasion, Ambala division ser-

vice chief Bhuvanesh said that the Sangh is a social organisation of people dedicated to the service of the nation. The Sangh was founded by reverend Dr. Baliram Hedgegar in Nagpur on the day of Vijay Dashmi in 1925. The Sangh was taken to every corner of the country by thousands of dedicated preachers educated from the Sangh. Today, the work of the Sangh is going on in foreign countries as well. Due to the sacrifice and penance of these dedicated people, RSS has become the world's largest non-political social organisation. Khand

Karyavah Jaswant said that after getting education from the Sangh, the volunteers are working dedicatedly in various fields of the society. Many organisations associated with the ideology of the Sangh are working for nation building in their respective fields. The smallest unit of the Sangh is its regular branch. The physical and mental development of the volunteer takes place from the branch of the Sangh. He works for nation building by getting inspiration from the Sangh. On this occasion block union driver Manish Garg, co-district incharge Bhupesh, co-block incharge Ramkaran Tash and Rishabh Jain, district campaigner Yogesh, block physical chief Tushar, block intellectual chief Aniket, senior volunteer Brahmaprakash Atri, Sumat Jain, Somprakash Sharma, Tejpal Dhiman, Pawan Saini, Awadh Bihari, Kulwant Saini, Wazir Chand.

Kanwar Pal listens to Mann ki Baat programme of Modi

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR, OCT 27

Former Cabinet Minister Kanwarpal listened to the Mann Ki Baat program at Jagadhari office with BJP workers and while giving information, said that in the 150th episode of his monthly program Mann Ki Baat, Prime Minister Narendra Modi also shared a video of a conversation between a fraud and a victim related to digital arrest and said that no agency neither threatens, nor interrogates on video call nor demands money. Prime Minister Narendra Modi asked the people of the country to be aware and said that if any such wrong call comes, you do not have to be afraid. You should know that no government investigation agency ever interrogates like this on phone call or video call. To avoid this, he shared the mantra of



stop, think and take action with the countrymen. He said that do not panic in such cases, stay calm, do not take any hasty steps. Do not give your personal information to anyone. If possible, take screenshots and make a recording. No government agency threatens or interrogates over the phone or demands money over video calls.

BJP District President Rajesh Sapra and former Mayor Madan Chauhan,

while listening to Mann Ki Baat with BJP workers, informed that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had called upon people to dial the National Cyber Helpline 1930 in such cases and report on cybercrime.gov.in, besides informing the family and the police. He said, keep the evidence safe. These three steps will protect your digital security. I will say again that there is no such thing as digital arrest. This is just fraud, lie and deceit. Thousands of

such fraudulent video calling IDs have been blocked. Lakhs of SIM cards and bank accounts have also been blocked. BJP District General Secretary Krishna Singla and BJP District Yamuna Nagar Media Incharge Kapil Manish Garg listened to Mann Ki Baat program at the office and told that Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that government agencies are doing their job well in such cases but awareness is very important to avoid fraud in the name of digital arrest. He called upon people to spread awareness about it everywhere including schools and colleges. Prime Minister Narendra Modi talks about topics related to the country through Mann Ki Baat programme, which is yielding positive results.

Navdeep Kakkar honored by Kuldar Singh Sandhawan

KOTKAPURA (SURINDER DAMDAMI): Dr. Chanda Singh Marwah Government (Girls) Senior Secondary School Kotkapura's S.S. Teacher Navdeep Kakkar was felicitated by Speaker Punjab Vidhan Sabha Kuldar Singh Sandhawan for his valuable services. On this occasion, Principal Prabhjot Singh said that Navdeep Kakkar has been providing good services in the field of education for a long time and he is ready day and night for completing the infrastructure of the institution and for the betterment of the institution. Valuable work is also done by him in the co-educational activities of the institute. On this occasion, Pradeep Deora Dy-District Education Officer (SEC) and Neelam Rani District Education Officer (SEC) also congratulated him. On this occasion Manpreet Singh Dhalival PRO, Sukhwinder Singh Babbar, Hardeep Singh Happy Gill, Tejinder Singh Block Nodal Officer, Manohar Lal, Vivek Kapoor, Jagsir Singh, Kulwinder Singh Jatana, Chandan Singh, Mahaveer, Sukhpal Singh, Rajan, Naresh Kumar etc.



FM inspects procurement, lifting arrangements of paddy



SUMER GARG DIRBA, OCT 27

Punjab Finance Minister (FM), Harpal Singh Cheema today made a surprise inspection of the purchase and the lifting of paddy at local anaj mandi. He instructed the officers of the concerned departments present on the spot to carry out the procurement, lifting and payment to the farmers of their commodities during the entire paddy season as per the time limit set by the Punjab Government.

Mr. Cheema while expressing satisfaction over the procurement and lifting process of paddy in the grain market said that the Punjab government led by Chief Min-

ister, Bhagwant Singh Maan is standing firm with farmers, commission agents and sheller owners.

He said that the sheller owners are cooperating with the Punjab government and the lifting process is going on smoothly. He further said that by buying the crops of the farmers, who bring dry paddy in the grain markets, they are being given leisure on a priority basis, so that the farmers can celebrate the festival of Diwali with their families at their homes. He reiterated that every grain of dry paddy being brought by farmers will be bought. On this occasion, Cabinet Minister Harpal Singh Cheema, while answering the questions asked by the

journalists, said that the Punjab government is completely serious about solving the issue of farmers and in this regard, Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Maan is constantly holding meetings with the central government. In response to another question, he said that the officials of the GST department have been strictly instructed not to harass the traders unnecessarily during the festival days and if any officer or employee is found doing illegal work in violation of these instructions, strict action will be taken against him. Besides others, SDM Dirba, Rajesh Sharma and Cabinet Minister OSD Tapinder Singh Sohi were also present on the occasion.

Police busts smuggling racket, two held with 105-kg heroin, six weapons

CHARNJIT SINGH ARORA AMRITSAR, OCT 27

In one of the largest ever heroin seizures in the state amidst the ongoing war against drugs, Punjab Police has busted a cross-border smuggling racket after arresting two associates of Turkey-based drug smuggler Navpreet Singh alias Nav Bhullar and recovered 105kg heroin and six weapons— including five foreign made pistols and one country made pistol— from their possession, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Sunday.

Those arrested have been identified as Navjot Singh, a resident of Guru Tegh Bahadur Colony in Baba Bakala, Amritsar and Lovepreet Kumar, a resident of Kala Sanghian in Kapurthala.

DGP Gaurav Yadav said that apart from recovering big haul of heroin, the police teams have also recovered huge quantity of scheduled drugs, including 31.93 Kg Caffeine Anhydrous and 17 Kg dextromethorphan (DMR),



from their possession. "Investigations revealed that the accused persons were using these scheduled drugs as multiplying agent to increase the heroin quantity by four times," he said. Sharing operation details, DGP Gaurav Yadav said that the team of Counter Intelligence (CI) Amritsar received an intel-input that a foreign-based smuggler Navpreet Singh alias Nav Bhullar has been operating a Pak-backed cross-border smuggling racket using his associates camped at rented accommodation at Colony Lady Road in Baba Bakala.

Acting swiftly, an intelligence-led operation was launched and a special checkpoint was established under the supervision of DSP CI

Amritsar Balbir Singh in the area of Baba Bakala, leading to the arrest of accused persons Navjot Singh and Lovepreet Kumar and recovery of 7Kg Heroin from their Volkswagen Virtus car (PB02-DY-3031), in which they were travelling, he said, while adding that the police teams have also impounded the car. The DGP said that on the basis of disclosure statements of the arrested accused persons, police teams have recovered remaining 98kg heroin along with weapons, Caffeine Anhydrous and DMR from their rented premises. Route of smuggling the narcotic consignment is being investigated, he said. Further investigations are on to establish backward and forward linkages in this case and police teams are on manhunt to arrest more criminals involved in the drug cartel.

In this regard, a case FIR No. 62 dated 26.10.2024 has been registered under section 21, 25 and 29 of the NDPS Act and section 25 of the Arms Act at Police Station State Special Operations Cell (SSOC), Amritsar.

4th Gorkha rifles celebrates regimental reunion at Subathu

SUMER GARG CHANDIGARH, OCT 27

The PRO (Defence Wing) Chandigarh in a Press note said that the 4th Gorkha Rifles (4 GR), one of the Indian Army's most revered regiments, proudly hosted its Regimental Reunion yesterday at Subathu, Himachal Pradesh.

This momentous occasion brought together generations of soldiers, veterans, and their families, celebrating 167 years of legacy marked by bravery, sacrifice, and brotherhood. Veterans from across India and Nepal joined the reunion with their families, rekindling old friendships and memories. Over 500 serving officers, veterans, and families attended the reunion, reaffirming the deep bonds that unite the regiment. The Reunion was also attended by Lt Gen Mohit Wadhwa,



Chief Of Army Staff, HQ Western Command who exhorted all ranks to keep up with the glorious history of 4th Gorkha Rifles. On the occasion, Major General Balbir Singh, Colonel of the 4th Gorkha Rifles while greeting the participants said that The 4th Gorkha Rifles has a storied history, having played a key role in several significant battles and operations, both in pre-independence and post-independence India. The reunion has served as a platform for members of the regiment to re-

fect on their glorious past and look forward to the future with shared pride and purpose. It's a time to honor the sacrifices of our comrades and celebrate the shared legacy of courage and brotherhood that defines the 4th Gorkha Rifles, he added. The event featured a wreath-laying ceremony at the war memorial, a Bara-khana, cultural programs showcasing the rich traditions of the Gorkha Rifles, and the unveiling of statues, a yearbook, and a memorial.

Vb arrests retired head teacher, clerk for Rs 36 lakhs embezzlement in salaries



GAURAV GOEL CHANDIGARH, OCT 27

The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB) during its ongoing campaign against corruption in the state, has arrested two accused involved in usurping salaries amounting to Rs 36,67,601 for their personal benefits who were evading their arrests since last four years. The accused have been identified as Gurmel Singh, Head Teacher (Now retired), and a Clerk Sukhwinder Singh (Terminated from job), posted in Government High School Tal-

wandi Madho, Jalandhar district. Disclosing this here today an official spokesperson of the state VB said this case was registered after an investigation on a complaint filed by then District Education Officer Jalandhar. He further revealed that during the probe it was found that both the accused in connivance with each other had committed a fraud in the salaries from the years 2015 to 2017 and deposited Rs 35,81,429 as monthly payments in the accounts of their four relatives showing them as teachers in the school.

Meena visits purchase centres of Mansa, pulls up officials for slow lifting of paddy



MANSA (NARESH GOYAL): Punjab's principal secretary V.K. Meena paid a visit to the purchase centres of various villages of the dist and took stock of the paddy procurement. Though dist officials engaged in procurement claimed that the entire process of procurement is going on smoothly, but he seemed to be dissatisfied and is learnt to have pulled up officials for slow procurement as well as slow lifting of procured paddy from the purchase centres. It is pertinent to mention here that in view of slow procurement and lifting of their produce, farmers of the state have launched state-wide stir and in Mansa too, activists of various farmers' outfits have been on the warpath.

They are staging dharna on the main gate of local MLA's residence near civil hospital in the city. Divulging details of the paddy procurement, dist officials reportedly told Meena that 1,33,788 metric tonnes (MT) paddy has so far arrived in all purchase centres of dist Mansa out of which 88,630 MT tonnes paddy has been procured.

Voter awareness activities by sweep team



KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA: As per the direction of Deputy Commissioner cum District Election Officer Mrs. Punamdeep Kaur today the district sweep team conducted voter awareness activities in the markets of Barnala. The district sweep team is led by Assistant Commissioner (J) Mr. Rajan Goyal, Baljinder Pal Deputy DO, Sr. Major Singh Principal Archana and Pritpal Singh went to Alal Market and appealed to the shop owners and staff to educate the people around them and the customers about the right to vote. Similarly, Krishna Garment owner and more than 20 workers and customers working in his shop were also made aware about votes. Mr. Pritpal thanked them for their support. Under the same series, atelier master owner, manager and their staff were also made aware about votes. Similarly, the staff of Vinod Plastics were made aware. Prof. Archana urged everyone to exercise their right to vote without any fear, fear or greed.

Excise Dept seizes 175 boxes of smuggled english liquor



BAHADURJEET SINGH RUPNAGAR: The Excise Department has seized 175 boxes of English Liquor (IMFL) worth around Rs 5 lakh being smuggled into Punjab from Chandigarh. Giving information about this, Excise Officer Ropar Range Shekhar said that following the directives of Excise Commissioner, Punjab IAS Varun Ruzam and Deputy Commissioner (Excise) Patiala Zone, Udaideep Singh Sidhu, the Excise Department Rupnagar and Rupnagar Police jointly conducted the operation and recovered a 175 boxes of IMFL worth Rs. 5 lakh, which were being smuggled from Chandigarh to Punjab. He further said that acting on tip off this operation was conducted by Assistant Commissioner of Excise, Ropar Range, Mr. Ashok Chahola and Excise Inspector, Ropar Jorawar Singh, Ropar Police on the intervening night of October 26.

Thandal from Chabbawal Assembly constituency receives blessings from Mahant Prachin Thakur Dwara Patti



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR: BJP candidate from Chabbawal Assembly Constituency Sohan Singh Thandal receives blessings from Mahant 1008 Pawan Kumar Dass of Prachin Thakur Dwara and Mahant Suraj Prakash Dass. On this Occasion Bibi Rani Ji, Pandit Rajiv Kumar and other dignitaries were present.

Akhil Garg becomes Judge: A wave of happiness in the area



ISHWER GARG TALWANDI SABO: The area is abuzz with joy as Akhil Garg, son of Bachan Dev, has been appointed as a judge in Ram Mandi. His family—mother Manju Garg, father Bachan Dev, and brother Sahil Garg—celebrated this achievement by sweetening his face at home today. They expressed their happiness and mentioned that they have received continuous congratulations from the local community and relatives. Akhil Garg shared with reporters that he completed his tenth grade in 2013 at RIMDAV Senior Secondary School in the locality. He then finished his Class XII at St. Joseph's School, Bathinda, in 2015, followed by a B.Com from DAV College, Bathinda, in 2018. After that, he enrolled at Panjab University, Chandigarh, where he was inspired to become a judge rather than a lawyer.

PPS celebrates 64th Founders' Day



RAKESH JINDAL NABHA: The Punjab Public School, Nabha celebrated its 64th Founders' Day on October 27, 2024. The proceedings got underway with the arrival of the chief guest Shri Gulab Chand Kataria, Governor of Punjab & Administrator, Union Territory, Chandigarh and Chairman, the School Board of Governors. He took the salute and inspected the Guard of Honour. Headmaster Dr DC Sharma presented the School Report. While presenting the Headmaster's Report, Dr Sharma profusely thanked the patrons of the school for rendering all possible help for the growth of the institution over the years. The Lifetime Achievement Award was conferred on Shri Ramesh Chander Bhalla, Ex-Mathematics Teacher & Deputy Headmaster.

SSP holds surprise checking of various police stations in Tarn Taran



KULJEET HONEY TARN TARAN, OCT 27

Abhimanyu Rana, IPS senior superintendent of police district Tarn Taran made a surprise inspection of police station Jhalab and interacted with the policemen.

Reviewed the management of ongoing cases. Ensure prompt administration of justice. Emphasis on the importance of dedication and accountability in duty to create SSP Tarn Taran after checking Jhalab police station he Checked Sarai Amanat Khan and inspected the police station building. Necessary instructions were given to the

force and emphasis was placed on cracking down on anti-social elements and ensuring public safety. After this SSP Sh. Abhimanyu Rana checked PS Bhikhwind, PS Kacha Pakka, PS Sadar Patti and PS Harike where police station records and security were reviewed.

Apart from this, the police personnel were also motivated to perform their duties honestly and diligently. The employees were given directions to 'ensure speedy redressal of public grievances, speed up cases under investigation, take action against drug peddlers and maintain good public behaviour'.

Dhillon's election campaign is getting tremendous support from people of Barnala

KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA, OCT 27

During the Barnala assembly by-election, the election campaign of BJP candidate Kewal Singh Dhillon is going on in full swing and he is getting good response from the people everywhere. Today Kewal Singh Dhillon addressed various election meetings in the city. On this occasion, Kewal Singh Dhillon said that today every section of Punjab is unhappy with the Aam Aadmi Party government.

Farmers, laborers, youth and women are also unhappy with the anti-people policies of the government. The government could not fulfill even a single promise. No youth was given employment. The promise of Rs 1000 per month made to women was not fulfilled. A big shock was given by cutting the ration cards of



the poor. He said that the crores of rupees that the central government had sent for the treatment of the poor under the Ayushman Yojana were wasted in their advertisements. In the two and a half years of rule of the government, Punjab has been made bankrupt.

Due to which now every section wants to get rid of this government. Kewal Singh Dhillon said that BJP is working keeping every section in mind. Punjab is also develop-

ing with central grants. Only BJP government can bring Punjab, which is facing economic crisis, to a better position.

He said that my only purpose of joining politics is to raise the voice of the people of my Barnala city and provide them every comfort and facility. He appealed to the people of the area to support him in the form of votes on November 13. BJP leaders and city residents were present with him on this occasion.

Jalandhar police arrests key aide of Amritpal Singh, three others with illegal arms

PARAMJIT SINGH JALANDHAR, OCT 27

In a significant breakthrough the Jalandhar Commissionerate Police led by Commissioner of Police Mr Swapan Sharma has arrested four persons including a PSO of Amritpal Singh for their involvement in smuggling of illegal arms, drugs, extortion and others.

Divulging the details, the Commissioner of Police said that the racket has been operative in the state and were planning a major action to foil law and order in the state. He said that the four persons have been identified as Lakhwinder Singh s/o Mohinder Singh, from Village Haibowal, PS Garhshankar, Hoshiarpur, Gurbhej Singh s/o Balbir

Singh, from Village Gudara, PS Bajakhana, Ferozepur Satinder Singh (alias Kala), son of Hardev Singh, from Village Palahi, PS Mehtiana, Hoshiarpur and Bharat (alias Bhau), son of Mukhtyar, from Ward No. Barar Mohalla, Patti, Tarntaran Swapan Sharma said that Harshdeep Singh, who had been previously arrested, was well-acquainted with Lakhwinder Singh, a known drug dealer with multiple criminal cases against him.

The Commissioner of Police said that Lakhwinder Singh had been supplying drugs to Harshdeep Singh, who was also involved in the trade of illegal arms, which he obtained from Gurbhej Singh, a close associate of Amritpal Singh (of Waris Punjab De).

Computer teachers take out huge candle march against Punjab Government

SACHIN MOUDGILL LUDHIANA, OCT 27

Computer Adhyapak Sangharsh Committee, Punjab organized a huge candle march against the Punjab Government at Chabbawal, Hoshiarpur on 25-10-2024.

The Union leaders said that the Bhukh Harhtaal at Sangrur has been going on for more than 54 days, but due to the apathy of the government and fed up with the lara lappe policies of the government, the computer teachers had to take to the streets.

They told that about 40 to 50 meetings have been held with the government with the computer teachers, but the government has not resolved the issue of the computer teachers. Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains' promise to give Diwali gift in 2022 also proved false. The leaders of



the organization said that more than 100 computer teachers have died in the course of duty due to Corona and other activities and their families are forced to move on the streets because after the death of the computer teacher, his family's livelihood is lost. There is no means of bread left.

Despite the government signing the orders made by the governor to regularize the computer teachers, the regu-

lations are not being implemented and the computer teachers are being treated like a stepmother by not paying the sixth pay commission. Due to which it is inevitable to arouse anger among computer teachers. Also, leaders of the Computer Adhyapak Sangharsh committee Punjab told that they will boycott the elections and other activities of the government, which will be the sole responsibility of the state government.

MC of Patiala conducts successful plastic plogging drive in collaboration with local NGOs



PATIALA (RAKESH JINDAL): The Municipal Corporation of Patiala, under the leadership of Commissioner Dr. Rajat Oberoi, Joint Commissioner Deepjot Kaur, and Medical Officer of Health Dr. Navinder Singh, conducted a successful plastic plogging drive today. The initiative was supported by the Corporation's health team and various NGOs, including Janhit Samiti Patiala, Youth Federation of India, and Power House Youth Club. Held at the Environmental Park on Passi Road and Baradari Garden, the drive saw enthusiastic participation from all involved. In recognition of their significant contributions, Commissioner Dr. Oberoi felicitated key coordinators from the NGOs, including Vinod Sharma, H.S. Lamba, and Jatwinder Grewal. As part of their commitment to environmental sustainability, the NGOs resolved to make the plastic plogging drive a regular event, scheduled every Saturday from 6 am to 8 am.

Harbhajan Singh invites newly formed Gram Panchayats to conduct joint work of people on priority basis



KULJIT SINGH JANDIALA GURU, OCT 27

Punjab Cabinet Minister S. Harbhajan Singh ETO has congratulated the Sarpanch and Panch candidates who won in the panchayat elections which were conducted in a peaceful manner recently and invited them to do the joint work of the people on a priority basis. Today, the cabinet minister felicitated all the members and villagers while specially participating in the occasion of honoring

the panchayats of the villages of Dayalgarh, Maluwal Bhatti K, Raipur Kalan and Talwandi Dogra of Jandiala Assembly Constituency. He said that the villagers are to be congratulated for starting the work by taking the Guru's oat shelter. The cabinet minister said that the Punjab government led by Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann has carried out numerous developments in the rural and urban areas of the constituency during the last two.

Sukhu government's guarantee has also ended: Vishav Chakshu

SANAJY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA : The guarantee of Sukhu government, which came to power by luring the people of Himachal Pradesh with 10 guarantees for the Vidhan Sabha elections 2022, has also ended now. Despite two years of power, Sukhu government has not been able to fulfill all its promises yet, due to which the anger of the people against the government has crossed the head. Himachal Pradesh BJP media co-incharge Advocate Vishav Chakshu said that it has been two years since Sukhu government was formed in the state. The public is not able to understand where the promises of the government went wrong. The women of the state are waiting for Rs 1500. Sukhu government has a liability of 8000 crores towards 22 lakh women. Vishav Chakshu said that for power, Congress leaders had campaigned vigorously on 10 guarantees. The senior leaders of Congress had promised to give guarantees like 5 lakh jobs to the youth of the state, Rs 1500 to women, 680 crores of startup fund in the first cabinet. But today Sukhu government is sometimes making excuses of disaster and sometimes making false statements against the central government and trying to shirk its own guarantees. He said that the public has come to know what is truth and what is lie.

CM to launch Adventure activities at Bilaspur Technical Education Minister Rajesh Dharmani

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY BILASPUR: It's good news for tourists coming to Himachal now as they can enjoy the water adventure tourism at Govind Sagar near Bilaspur. As the untapped water body is ready to offer tourists' water activities including mini crus, shikara, parasailing, water scooters and many more activities on the way while going to Kullu Manali. Technical Education Minister Rajesh Dharmani interacting with media said that promoting tourism activities in state is under the top priority of the state government. Bilaspur was given due consideration and on the move already a Tourism Complex at Auhar under progress and now Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu is going to launch adventure activities at Bharani bridge on October 29, he said. The water body Govind Sagar came to existence after the construction of Bhakra Dam and remained untapped for over seventy years. After construction of Chandigarh-Manali four lane water body will get more as weekend tourist attraction as just a two hour drive from Chandigarh. Dharmani said that the government has formed a local society under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Bilaspur to run the adventure activities involve local youth.

Sukhwinder Sukhu is a "Flip-Flop Chief Minister": Suresh Kashyap

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA: BJP MP and former state president Suresh Kashyap has labeled Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu as a "flip-flop leader", accusing him of constant backtracking on government notifications. Kashyap pointed to a recent notification regarding the termination of jobs in Himachal Pradesh. Though dated October 26, Kashyap claims it was retroactively changed to October 23 to mislead the public. Kashyap criticized the Congress government for having "zero control over officials" and failing to deliver on its promises. He accused the government of creating confusion and chaos by frequently issuing and then revising notifications. Kashyap stated, "This government is misleading the public, and it seems like the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister believe they are the only knowledgeable individuals in Himachal." Further, Kashyap described the administration as a "zero-performance government", alleging that the promises made to the public are not being fulfilled.

Volunteers take out an awareness rally on drug abuse

AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB: On the sixth day of the seven-day special camp of NSS going on in Government Adarsh Senior Secondary School Amb, Government Contractor and social worker Ajay Kumar came to the camp and gave some tips to the students to live an ideal life and told that we should always work hard in our life. He also told that no work is small or big, we should do whatever work we get with honesty and hard work. After that, the volunteers took out an awareness rally on drug abuse, this rally was lagged off by the school principal Vinod Varyal. This rally started from the school premises and went to the local market in which the volunteers made people aware of the ill effects of drugs by raising anti-drug slogans and tried to remove the evil of drugs from the society. School Principal Vinod Varyal explained to the students that one should never consume any drug in life and other people in the society should also be made to understand that drugs will ruin our life.

Chief Minister expresses grief over deaths in road mishap

SHIMLA: Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has expressed grief over the death of five persons in a tragic road mishap that occurred yesterday night at Lachkandi near Barot of Mandi district. The Chief Minister has extended his heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased, stating that his thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved families and assuring them of all possible support. The Chief Minister has assured all possible assistance to the bereaved families. The district authorities have provided immediate relief of Rs. 25000 each to the next of kin of the deceased. Sh. Sukhu prayed to the Almighty to give peace to the departed souls and strength to the bereaved family members to bear this irreparable loss.

CM Sukhu launches 'Sarkar Aapke Dwar' programme from Kwar

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA: Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has created history as the first Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh to stay overnight in Dodra Kwar, often referred to as the 'Kala Pani' of Shimla district due to its remoteness and difficult topographic terrain. Though some Chief Ministers have visited the Dodra Kwar area, but none had stayed overnight until now since the State's formation.

Sh. Sukhu launched the 'Sarkar Aapke Dwar' programme in Dodra Kwar and spent the night at the residence of retired teacher Hardayal Khepan. He arrived at the home around 7:45 p.m. on Saturday evening, where he was warmly welcomed by Hardayal's family. Upon arrival, the Chief Minister interacted with the family, sitting by the bonfire, and inquired



about their local traditions and customs. The Chief Minister asked, "When do you light wood fires in court-yards? In our local dialect, we call it Ghyana, and it is often set up during weddings

in the winter season." The Chief Minister engaged with the residents, discussing various aspects of their daily lives, food, and local customs. Women from the community sang tradi-

tional songs, beginning with the 'Laaman', a song dedicated to the local deity Kwar Jakha, to welcome him. For dinner, he enjoyed a traditional meal prepared by about eight village women.

The menu included Betu, Koda, and Fafra bread (roti), alongside local specialties like Siddu, Oglu, Chiyaun (local mushroom), and curry of locally grown Rajmah. A local delicacy called Limdi was also prepared for dessert. The women expressed their joy at the Chief Minister's visit, with Jaipradha, Hemlata, and Pratibha sharing how honoured they felt to prepare the meal.

Pallavi, Hardayal's daughter and a trained JBT teacher, expressed her excitement about hosting the Chief Minister, saying, "Having him stay in our home is a proud moment for our family. We took many photos together, and it is a memory we will cherish for life." The elated Hardayal described the Chief Minister as a warm and down-to-earth personality and the villagers appreciated his humbleness.

Workshop for BLOs/Supervisors on special revision of photo voter lists



KISHORILAL BAINS UNA: Under the directives of the Deputy Commissioner of Una, a one-day workshop was held on Saturday for BLOs (Booth Level Officers) and Supervisors from the district's five assembly constituencies. The workshop, conducted as part of the 2025 Special Revision Program of Photo Voter Lists, was presided over by Tehsildar (Elections) Suman Kapoor.

During the workshop, the participating BLOs and supervisors were briefed on various activities required during the revision process. Suman Kapoor emphasized the importance of ensuring the

registration of all eligible citizens who will complete 18 years of age by 1st January 2025. The BLOs and supervisors were instructed to be proactive in their roles to meet the objectives set by the election department.

Key Instructions for BLOs and Supervisors: BLO help desks should be set up at all public and private educational institutions to facilitate the registration of eligible voters, especially those turning 18 during the revision period.

BLOs must prepare lists of eligible voters from their polling area, including those who will turn 18 by 1st January 2025.

Shri Shakti organization celebrates Diwali with special event in Una

KISHORILAL BAINS UNA : Shri Shakti Organization, with the support of the Himalayan Foundation Baddi, organized a special Diwali program in the Andoura region of Una. The event honored social worker Zeenatman Mahant as the guest of inspiration. She was presented with a shawl, floral bouquet, and herbal products in recognition of her impactful journey and dedication to social service. Her story of overcoming challenges and serving society deeply moved the women in attendance.

During the event, Shri Shakti's president, Rekha Janwal, addressed several misconceptions and rumors surrounding the



transgender community, seeking to dispel myths and clear doubts for the audience. She emphasized the importance of learning from such individuals, who inspire many through their resilience and strength.

The event saw the participation of 28 women, who enthusiastically engaged in

various activities such as the "Sainya Challenge," "Pot the Ball," and "Dumb Charades." Pooja Sharma won first place in the Dumb Charades competition, while Chanchal emerged as the winner of the "Sainya Challenge." All participants were gifted herbal products in celebration of Diwali.

INTUC Himachal Pradesh holds 109th State Executive Meeting



KISHORILAL BAINS UNA: The 109th State Executive Meeting of the Himachal Pradesh INTUC (Indian National Trade Union Congress) was presided over by State President Baba Hardeep Singh. Technical Education Minister Rajesh Sharma Dharmani attended the event as the chief guest.

The meeting's proceedings and outcomes were shared in a press note issued by Comrade Jagat Ram Sharma, the National INTUC Organizing Secretary and Himachal

Pradesh INTUC General Secretary. He acknowledged the participation of Rajesh Dharmani and emphasized the Congress Party's historic role in India's freedom struggle.

Further discussions focused on organizational matters and INTUC's role in promoting labor rights across the state. The meeting also highlighted the ongoing efforts to strengthen the union's influence in key sectors of the economy and foster better coordination among its members.

Himachal Pradesh Electricity Board employees to stage protest today



SANJEEV MAHAJAN NURPUR: Electricity Board employees and retired staff in Himachal Pradesh, under the banner of the Joint Front, will hold a major protest on October 28, demanding the fulfillment of pending issues, including the restoration of the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) and reinstatement of abolished posts. In a meeting chaired by Executive Member Engineer Vikas

Thakur, Ashwini Thakur, and State Organization Secretary Pawan Mohal, several key concerns of the board's employees were discussed.

The employees voiced frustration over the government's failure to restore 51 abolished engineering posts and re-employ 81 outsourced drivers.

MoEFCC accused of National Medical Devices Policy violations by Industry Associations

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA: The PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) and the Association of Indian Medical Devices (AiMed), in alliance with the Manufacturers of Imaging, Therapy and Radiology Devices Association (MITRA), the Association of Diagnostic Manufacturers of India (ADMI), and key stakeholders from the MedTech industry, held a press meet at PHD House to discuss serious concerns regarding recent Office Memorandums issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MoEFCC), the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), and the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW). These memorandums permit the import of refurbished and pre-

owned medical devices, despite similar devices being manufactured in India.

Industry leaders believe this poses a significant threat to India's self-reliance in medical device manufacturing, undermining the nation's efforts under the Prime Minister's vision of 'Make in India' and 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' initiatives. This development is seen as a major setback for domestic manufacturing capabilities and India's push towards self-sufficiency.

Additionally, concerns have been raised about potential risks to patient safety, as refurbished devices may not meet the rigorous quality standards of newly manufactured equipment, further intensifying the issue.

Visibly disappointed Mr.



Rajiv Nath, Forum Coordinator, AiMed rued the detrimental impact of this memorandum on local manufacturing, and said, "The Office Memorandum (OM) issued by the MoEFCC undermines the National Medical Devices Policy 2023, which was launched by the Honourable Prime Minister last year. The OM allows the import of pre-owned medical equipment into India, putting

the investments made by Indian and overseas manufacturers under the "Make in India" initiative at risk of becoming Non-Performing Assets (NPAs), some of which are ironically subsidised by the Government of India under its PLS scheme. This 'two steps forward by one government department and one step backwards by another' approach is confusing and unsettling for investors.

KCC Bank increases bonus amount and dearness allowance



SANAJY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA : Employees of Kangra Central Cooperative Bank met the bank's Chairman Thakur Kuldeep Singh Pathania. The employees expressed their gratitude to him for the bonus amount given by the bank and the increase in dearness allowance from 38 percent to 42 percent and the release of pay scale arrears. The Hon'ble Chairman also responded positively to the various demands of the employees and assured that other demands including promotion to higher post will be approved soon.

Notorious drug dealer Ricky Nalagarh arrested with heroin

SHANTIGAUTAM BBN: The Baddi district police have arrested notorious drug dealer Ricky Nalagarh with 18.92 grams of heroin. A case has been registered under NDPS Act (Sections 21, 29-61-85) at Nalagarh police station. The accused, Balwinder Kumar alias Ricky, a resident of Dittu Plasra in Nalagarh, was caught red-handed with the heroin.



conducting a thorough investigation into his activities on social media and the dark web to dismantle his network and curb the illegal

drug trade.

During a press briefing, Baddi SP Kumari Ilma Afroz (IPS) reaffirmed the police's commitment to freeing society from the menace of drugs and ensuring strict action against such antisocial elements. She also appealed to the public to report any suspicious activity and collaborate with the police to support their efforts.

Firing Incident Reported in Nalagarh's Rajpura Road Village Kheda In another case under Baddi police district, a firing incident occurred in Kheda village on Rajpura Road, Nalagarh. This incident is linked to an earlier Colgate scrap case, for which an FIR

was registered at Barotiwala police station.

To ensure a swift and professional investigation, the Baddi police have set up five special investigation teams (SITs). These teams will analyze every aspect of the case, employing forensic ballistics, media analytics, and asymmetric social intelligence to uncover the truth.

SP Afroz assured the public that the district remains safe and peaceful. With the upcoming Diwali and Chhath festivals, she urged citizens to cooperate with the police to celebrate these festivals in an atmosphere of harmony and security.

HPCSB Director praises 'Government at Your Door' initiative

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA: Hari Krishan Himral, Secretary of the Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee (HPCC) and Director of the Himachal Pradesh Cooperative State Bank, commended the Sukhu government's initiative of 'Government at Your Door', launched yesterday by Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh during his overnight stay in the remote village of Dodra and Quar in Shimla district. This marks the first time a Chief Minister has spent a night in a village to closely observe the local issues and challenges faced by the residents of Himachal Pradesh. Dodra Quar, once referred



to as the "Kala Pani" of Himachal Pradesh due to its inaccessibility, has now become the focal point of the Sukhu government's initiative to send

government officials to remote areas. This effort aims to gain firsthand insight into the difficulties that ordinary citizens encounter in their daily lives. Himral praised this move, highlighting the government's commitment to making Himachal Pradesh self-reliant and improving the lifestyle of underprivileged communities.

He noted that Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu's actions reflect his vision for uplifting the poor by enhancing their living conditions and moving government operations out of air-conditioned offices to the most remote regions of the state.

Car skids into 300 meter deep ditch, five youths die
SANAJY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA: A major accident took place late night in Mandi district. 5 youths died in this accident when a car fell into a ditch 300 meters below in Bardhan of Chaharghati of Padhar. It is being told that the five youths were returning home after leaving the bride from the wedding. All the youths in the car are residents of Dhamchyan village, who had gone to a wedding ceremony in Barot. This accident happened while returning home late at night. This information was received on Sunday morning. The five youths involved in this accident in Mandi have been identified. The deceased have been identified as Gangu, Karma, Sagar and Ajay, one of them is a teenager of about 16 years and the age of the other four is said to be between 25 to 30 years. This tragic accident has spread a wave of mourning in the entire Chaharghati. It is being told that in the morning a person saw the car fallen in the ditch and told the local people about it. After this, Panchayat representatives reached the spot and informed Tikkan police about the accident. After this, a police team reached the spot and saw that the car was completely destroyed. The bodies of the youths were also lying in a mutilated condition in the car.

JALANDHAR (JS SODHI): Platinum jubilee of Mehr Chand Polytechnic College will be celebrated on 29th October for successful completion of 70 years of Journey of college (1954-2024). The platinum jubilee event will be presided by S. Kular Singh Sandhawa, Honble speaker Punjab Vidan Sabha. According to Principal Dr. Jagroop Singh, Sant Baba Balbir Singh Seechewal Ji, Sh. Amit Talwar IAS, Director Technical Education, Sh. Raman Arora M.L.A Jalandhar Central, Prof B.R Gurjar. Director NITTTR Chandigarh will participate as Guest of Honour. About 1000 Alumni Student are expected to attend the event from India & Abroad.



Chandigarh Carnival 2024: Colours, music and life



BUREAU CHANDIGARH, OCT 27

The Chandigarh Carnival 2024 was officially launched on the 26th of October by Punjab Governor and UT Administrator Gulab Chand Kataria.

The event also saw the participation of Mayor Kuldeep Kumar, UT Adviser Rajeev Verma, and Tourism Secretary Hargunjit Kaur, along with other administrative officials. The festivities commenced with the Administrator flagging off a lively parade featuring beautifully crafted floats designed by students from Chandigarh Arts College. Embracing the carnival spirit, he toured various exhibition stalls, engaging with

artists from across different cities. Various government departments showcased initiatives from the Government of India at their booths, alongside products from local government societies and programs aimed at raising traffic awareness. This unique fusion of cultural celebration and educational exhibits highlighted the carnival's goal of providing a rich and diverse experience for visitors. Additionally, painting sessions were part of the activities, while food stalls offered a variety of regional delicacies and an amusement park promised thrilling rides. For the first time, the Chandigarh Carnival has united persons with disabilities, their families, caregivers, civil society

organizations, and policy-makers, fostering inclusivity within the community. This year's carnival also introduces new characters like 'Aladdin' and 'Gin'. Attendees can enjoy free rides on a hop-on, hop-off bus service throughout the three-day event. The atmosphere at the Chandigarh Carnival reached a fever pitch as fans erupted with excitement during Satinder Sarta's electrifying performance on the first evening. The festivities culminated in a captivating three-hour session of Sufi tunes, featuring beloved tracks such as "Sai," "Beet Jaaniya," and "Masoomiyat." The performance gradually built momentum, blending soulful melodies with vibrant folk rhythms.

Efforts are on to boost tourism sector in Punjab: Tarunpreet Singh



SHASHI PAL JAIN MOHALI, OCT 27

Tarunpreet Singh, Minister for Tourism and Cultural Affairs, Punjab, stated that he would make concerted efforts to boost the tourism sector in the state, adding that new initiatives would be launched to showcase Punjab's rich historical, cultural, and religious heritage globally.

Singh was speaking at the 'Diwali Night' event organized by the Press Club, SAS Nagar, in Phase-6, Mohali, where he was the chief guest. The minister com-

mended the efforts of the Press Club SAS Nagar and noted that the media plays a crucial role in society's development today.

Mohali MLA Kulwant Singh, who was also present at the event, emphasized that the media should play a key role in exposing crime, safeguarding public health and safety, and preventing the public from being misled by statements from individuals or organizations. MLA Sukhwinder Kumar Sukhi from Banga was also present on the occasion. During the event, Press Club President Hillary Victor highlighted the club's achieve-

ments over the past year, and the general secretary, Pardeep Singh Happy, delivered the vote of thanks. Punjabi singer Satwinder Bhatti entertained the audience with her popular songs, along with folk singer Bai Hardeep, who also entertained the audience.

Among others present on the occasion included Prabjot Kaur, Chairperson of the District Planning Board, SAS Nagar; Harsukhinder Singh Bubby Badal, senior AAP leader and social worker; actress Poonam Sood, Punjabi singer Satvir Satti and Surinder Singh Roda, AAP leader in Mohali.

Tributes paid to Late Brijpal Tandon at 'Bhog' ceremony

RAJIV JAIN CHANDIGARH, OCT 27

Hundreds of people from different walks of life attended the 'Bhog' ceremony for Late Brijpal Tandon, mother of Sanjay Tandon, a member of the BJP state executive and co-in-charge of the Himachal Pradesh BJP, to pay their heartfelt tribute to the departed soul.

In his condolence address, Sanjay Tandon recalled the special contributions of his mother, Brijpal Tandon, in inspiring and guiding the political careers of his father, Balram Ji Das Tandon, and himself. The Governor of Punjab and Administrator of Chandigarh, Gulab Chand Kataria, and Administrator of Chandigarh, Gulab Chand Kataria, led a gathering of individuals from various backgrounds who paid their tributes. Among those who joined the



ceremony were Rajya Sabha MP Satnam Singh Sandhu; Chandigarh MP Manish Tewari; General VP Malik; RSS leader Prem Goyal; former MP Avinash Rai Khanna; UT Adviser Rajeev Verma; BJP leader Som Prakash; Chandigarh Mayor Kuldeep Kumar; former Haryana Speaker Gian Chand Gupta; and Brahma Kumaris leader Poonam Didi, along with Swami Sampurnanand Ji and Swami Guru Kripanand Ji from Divya Jyoti Jagriti. Chandigarh BJP Pres-

ident Jitendra Pal Malhotra, former Mayor and ex-Chandigarh BJP President Kamla Sharma, Arun Sood, Akhil Bharatiya Brahmin Sabha President Veeresh Shandilya, former Himachal Pradesh Minister Rajiv Sejal, and former MLAs Parmjeet Pummil and Vijay Agnihotri were also present. Notable members of the judiciary, including Justices Lisa Gill, Pankaj Jain, Harkesh Manuja, retired Justice Sudhir Mittal, and retired Justice S.S. Saron also gathered to pay their respects.

Sandhu joint candidate of SAD, Panthak organizations visits various places in Barnala constituency



KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA, OCT 27

The joint candidate of Shiromani Akali Dal (Amritsar) and sectarian organizations, Govind Singh Sandhu visited different places of Barnala constituency today.

Today Sandhu shared the grief with the families by participating in Bhog events at different places. Along with this, he visited the grain markets of village Bhaini Mehraj and village Brown and shared ideas with farm-

ers, artisans and workers. People from all walks of life including farmers, labourers, traders, employees, pensioners, raw workers and educated unemployed youth of Punjab are suffering from the performance of the government. Claims of development and promotion are limited to advertisements only. S. Sandhu said that the promises made by the Punjab government to the people during the last elections were to be fulfilled, instead the rights of the people are being killed.

Modern Sandeepni School organizes 27th annual function

BUREAU PATHANKOT, OCT 27

The 27th annual function of the school at Modern Sandeepni School Pathankot was organized with great fanfare under the chairmanship of Principal Dr. Neeraj Mohan Puri with the support of the school staff.

The theme of this event was Atulya Bharat. By the way it has been observed that the stars are in the sky, but sometimes they also come down to the ground to show their true brilliance, the program presented by the children in this event turned these lines into reality. DC Pathankot Aditya Uppal was present as the chief guest at the annual event. While school administrators Pawan Mahajan, Pinky Mahajan, Deputy Manager Sall Mahajan, Navjot Kaur Mahajan, Sorabh Bahl, Satish Mohindru were special-

ly present. The guests inaugurated the program by lighting the lamp. Sandeepni Music Band entertained everyone during the annual event. The small children enthralled everyone by performing Saraswati Vandana and welcome songs. Taking the jungle theme, the children gave a message to live with love to humans as well as wild animals. The four yugas and nine forms of Navadurga are rendered in a very eloquent and exciting manner and the atmosphere is devotional by depicting the Indian culture and tradition. Tributes were paid to martyrs depicting their role in India's journey from slavery to independence. The Hollywood vs Pollywood theme added charm to the programme. Principal Dr. Neeraj Mohan Puri, Manager Pawan Mahajan presented their ideas to the parents and encouraged the children.

Paramjit Sachdeva's valuable work for society with his successful business-cultural association



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, OCT 27

There are very few people in the society who have the determination to advance the society along with their own progress and we are proud of the social worker and successful businessman Paramjit Singh Sachdeva who has been involved in successful business as well as social welfare for a long time is making a great contribution in the field, this was expressed by Punjab

Vidhan Sabha Speaker Kuldar Singh Sandhwa while giving the Prominent Punjabi Award to Paramjit Sachdeva in Chandigarh and said that Paramjit Singh Sachdeva will continue his social welfare work in the future as well. It is worth mentioning that while Paramjit Singh Sachdeva has been successfully moving forward in the stock market for the last 34 years, he has also played a major role in running JSS Asha Kiran Spe-

Harpal Singh Rana meets MP Anurag Singh Thakur to discuss BBMB employees' concerns

MANJINDER BHATIA NANGAL, OCT 27

Labor leader Harpal Singh Rana met with MP Anurag Singh Thakur at the Una Circuit House today to discuss several pressing issues faced by BBMB (Bhakra Beas Management Board) employees. Among the key concerns highlighted was the delay in the disbursement of incentive payments, which have been pending for the last two years.

Rana pointed out that since 2011, BBMB has stopped providing free unit facilities to its employees, impacting their benefits. He raised concerns regarding the ongoing reduction of positions under the guise of restructuring, which he believes is transforming Nangal city into a neglected area. Additionally, issues related to the regular-



ization of contract employees and delays in promotions within the BBMB cadre were also discussed.

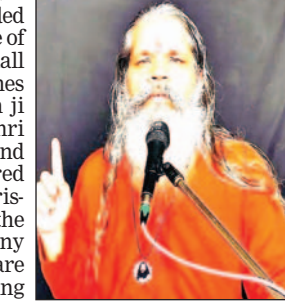
Anurag Singh Thakur listened attentively to the demands raised by Rana.

Harpal Singh Rana expressed confidence that whenever the BBMB Employees Union approaches Thakur with issues, they will be addressed seriously and solutions will be sought.

It is great honor to serve Guru: Swami Harishananda

PATHANKOT (BUREAU): A monthly Bhandara was organized by the Divya Jyoti Jagriti Sansthan at the local ashram Pathankot. The program began with the singing of Mahatma Ashwani's melodious hymns. On this occasion, Swami Harishananda shared his thoughts with the congregation and said that those living souls are very fortunate, who get the opportunity to serve. Only by serving the Guru can we end our deeds.

On this occasion he succeeded in his life by receiving the grace of God, Guru's service is never small or big, service is service, it comes in history that Shri Hanuman ji contributed to the service of Shri Ram by lifting a mountain, found And there a little jackal covered his body with dust. Swami Harishananda said that by serving the Guru we get liberation from many of our karmas and rites, which are the cause of our bondage, leading us to liberation through Guru seva, so we should continue to serve the Guru in life. At the end of the program, melodious hymns of Mahatma Ashwani and Mahatma Raman were sung, a meditation camp was also organized by the Brahmagians present on the occasion to wish for world peace. In the end, a storage facility was arranged for all the devotees.



Dept of higher edu secy inspires CU Punjab faculty to collaborate, innovate and transform education through multidisciplinary research

ANIL VERMA BATHINDA, OCT 26

In pursuit of actualizing Government of India Vision of AtmaNirbhar Bharat through the effective implementation of transformative educational reforms outlined in NEP-2020, Shri K. Sanjay Murthy, Secretary of the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, interacted with the faculty of Central University of Punjab during the first day of his visit to Bathinda.

During the welcome address, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari presented on the university's progress report, highlighting its achievements in education, research, and societal outreach. He emphasized the university's mission to shape young minds into self-reliant, intellectually capable citizens



who can contribute toward realising Viksit Bharat@2047.

Addressing the faculty, Shri K. Sanjay Murthy underscored the Government of India's commitment to provide ample opportunities for the strengthening the education, research, and startup ecosystems, which are essential drivers of a developed economy. He emphasized that institutions like Central Universities must play a pivotal role in nurturing

young talent to maximize the potential of the Amrit Kaal. Murthy commended CU Punjab's success in securing extramural funding close to INR 100 crore within just 15 years and encouraged the faculty to increase this by fostering multidisciplinary and translational research through collaborative efforts. Such research, he said, could drive affordable, indigenous solutions and stimulate the startup economy.

Angels World School hosts annual event "The Legacy" at Tagore Theatre



MORINDA (RADHE SHYAM SHARMA): Angels World School in Morinda organized its annual program titled "The Legacy" at Tagore Theatre, Sector 18, Chandigarh. The event was graced by Dr. Charanjit Singh, MLA from Chamkaur Sahib, as the chief guest. He was warmly welcomed with a bouquet of flowers by the school director, U.S. Dhillon, school chairperson, Amandeep Kaur, and principal, Deepika Sharma.

The event was attended by notable guests including Gurpreet Kaur, Vice President of Morinda, and Natar Pal Rana, among others. Over 900 parents of approximately 400 students were present. The program commenced with the lighting of the lamp by Dr. Charanjit Singh, U.S. Dhillon, Amandeep Kaur, and Deepika Sharma. The students began the festivities with a rendition of hymns from the Shri Guru Granth Sahib Ji. Principal Deepika Sharma expressed her gratitude to all the guests, followed by a presentation by senior wing students paying homage to Lord Ganesha. The main objective of the annual event was to showcase the unity of various states in India and present the richness of Indian culture on a single platform.

Online shopping has caused Diwali slump for small shopkeepers



VICKY BHABAT ZIRAKPUR, OCT 27

What the small shopkeeper used to fear has now become apparent. Diwali is a festival that every shopkeeper looks forward to throughout the year, whether he is a Jeweller, a Shoemaker, a Clothier or anyone else, everyone's work goes well on Diwali days because on these days, along with festivals, weddings Season are held.

It is also the time of marriage and because of the onset of winter, people also buy

new winter clothes. When online shopping started, the shopkeepers were afraid that one day this online shopping will attract their customers and they will become early, which is now seen during festivals especially Diwali. Those were the days when the markets were buzzing with customers and the shops were crowded but now Diwali is just two days away but the shopkeepers are sitting idle. Online shopping and mega malls have left small shopkeepers stranded.

Jalandhar rural police bust interstate opium smuggling racket, seizes 2.31 kg of opium



BUNNY SODHI JALANDHAR: In a major anti-drug operation, the Jalandhar Rural Police dismantled an interstate opium smuggling network, seizing 2.31 kg of opium and intercepting a truck transporting narcotics from Jharkhand to Punjab. The arrested suspect, identified as Satnam Singh alias Satta, son of Buta Singh from Gurdaspur, was apprehended on GT Road near Patara. Senior Superintendent of Police Harkamal Preet Singh Khakh reaffirmed the police's commitment to curbing drug trafficking in Punjab, stating, "Our operations will persist in uprooting these illegal networks." Led by Inspector Pushap Bali, the operation was conducted under the guidance of SP Investigation Jasroop Kaur and DSP Sarwanjit Singh. Acting on intelligence, the police discovered the opium hidden in a compartment behind the driver's seat. Satnam Singh admitted to buying the opium in Jharkhand for distribution across Punjab. An FIR has been filed under Sections 18B, 61, and 85 of the NDPS Act at Patara Police Station. The accused has a criminal history, including a previous sentence in Tihar Jail, and his property records are now under investigation for legal action. SSP Khakh issued a warning to traffickers, stressing that Jalandhar Rural Police will continue to target and dismantle drug networks.

Ahmadiya Muslim Jamaat India's sub-organizations organized grand annual conference



VERMA GURDASPUR: A grand annual conference of Ahmadiya Muslim Jamaat India's sub-organizations was organized in Qadian. The objective of this conference is to draw the attention of the members of the Ahmadiya Muslim community to fulfill the rights of Allah and the rights of humans in the light of Islamic teachings and to create a feeling of sympathy with humanity in them and to make them useful for the nation and the country. On the occasion of this gathering, separate educational and sports competitions will be organized for all the participants with their respective institutions, which will result in the enhancement of their skills. Men, women and children from all over India have come to the Ahmadiya Jamaat center in Qadian to participate in this conference. Efforts are made throughout the year by these sub-organizations in the context of establishing peace throughout India. Also, various public welfare works are organized like free medical camps, cleaning work at public places through Waqar-e-Amal, help to the needy, care of patients in hospitals, tree plantation, blood donation camps etc. Under the great spiritual leadership of Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad Sahib, the fifth Caliph of Jamaat-e-Ahmadiya Alamgir, all the sub-organizations of Ahmadiya Muslim Jamaat are working for public welfare throughout India.

Until we meet again-The Global PGI alumni summit 2024 concludes with promise to reunite



CHANDIGARH: As the sun set on the final day of the highly anticipated Global PGI Alumni Summit 2024, feelings of joy and nostalgia filled the air here at PGIMER today. Prof. Vivek Lal, Director PGIMER, eloquently summarized the sentiment of everyone present, stating, "This event isn't just about the past; it's a promise to stay connected in the future. The bonds we created here are timeless. While we say goodbye today, it's not really goodbye. We celebrate our journey together and will continue to support each other, no matter where life takes us." The day was packed with exciting sporting events that brought alumni together. Intense cricket match brought out friendly rivalries, while strategic chess games challenged many minds. Badminton courts were alive with laughter as participants, some playing after decades, rekindled old friendships.

Punjabi movie "Chor Dil" special screening held at Mohali walk



TILAK RAJ MOHALI: Most awaited Thrilling New Punjabi Movie "Chor Dil," an exhilarating new Punjabi movie organised special screening at Mohali walk. Giving an information about movie Knock media MD Vishal Kalsi told the dynamic Jaagret Sandhu and the talented Fida Gill. He told 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.

Students make beautiful rangoli on occasion of Diwali



NIRMAL SAINI
RADAUR: Rangoli competition was organized on the occasion of Diwali at Maharaja Agrasen Senior Secondary Public School located at Gumthala Rao. Students from class 5th to class 12th participated in the competition. During this, students displayed their talent by making beautiful rangoli. Class 10th got first place, class 9th got second place and class 6th got third place in the competition. School Principal Dr. Sudesh Bansal encouraged students and said that participating in such competitions enhances the talent of the students. Students learn something new through competitions, which is useful for them in future.

Students given information about life of brave soldiers



NIRMAL SAINI
RADAUR: Veer Gatha program was organized in Government High School Mandhar. Children of class VI to VIII and IX to X were divided into two classes. School in-charge Rohit Arora presided over program. Students wrote beautiful poems and made paintings related to heroes of the country who received the Param Vir Chakra. In-charge Rohit Arora honored students who performed well in competition by giving them prizes. Rohit Arora gave detailed information to students about the life of brave soldiers.

PM Surya Ghar - Eligible citizens can avail benefit of free electricity scheme

RAMAN GUPTA
KAITHAL: DC Dr. Vivek Bhatti said that PM Surya Ghar - Free Electricity Scheme has been started by the Central Government. Under this scheme, such families of the state whose annual income is less than Rs 1.80 lakh can avail the benefits of this scheme. The cost of installing solar panels is Rs 1 lakh 10 thousand. Of these, an amount of Rs 60 thousand will be given by the Central Government and an amount of Rs 50 thousand will be given by the Haryana Government. By taking advantage of this scheme, the electricity bill will become zero and the government will buy the extra electricity left, which will generate additional income for them.

We will make every effort for Dev of village: Sarpanch Raju



ISHWER GARG
TALWANDI SABO: Sarpanch of Jajal village Malikt Singh Raju said while facing the press that the villagers have given him the honor of Sarpanchi by winning and he will always be Ready to serve the village. He said that we will leave no stone unturned for the development of the village and therefore all tricks will be done by the government. It is worth mentioning that Sarpanch Malikt Singh Raju Pahlia has also been participating in social work and village work.

'Viksit Maharashtra' needed for 'Viksit Bharat': Jaishankar ahead of assembly polls

MUMBAI: As the Maharashtra assembly election draws nearer, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar stated on Sunday that "Viksit Maharashtra" is needed to achieve "Viksit Bharat", adding that the state is always ahead in contributing to the national development. Jaishankar, while speaking at a press conference in Mumbai, said, "In the third term of Modi government, we are working so fast, our aim is 'Viksit Bharat' for which we also need 'Viksit Maharashtra'... Maharashtra has always been the leading state in contributing to the national development."

"We want the double-engine government to be successful in Maharashtra as it was in many other places," he added. He further noted that India is the leader in fighting terrorism. "Mumbai is a symbol of counter-terrorism for India and the world. When we were members of the UNSC, we were presidents of the counter-terrorism committee. We held the security council meeting for the first time in the hotel where a terrorist attack took place, in Mumbai. When the world sees - who is standing firm in front of this challenge of terrorism, people say - India. Today, we are leaders in fighting terrorism... We should not have a repeat of what happened in Mumbai. We are very clear, we also need to expose terrorism." Jaishankar said in Mumbai. He further said that the Modi government is managing border security counter-terrorism, and instability in India's neighbourhood well.

Delhi's air pollution worsens, people say "feels suffocating"

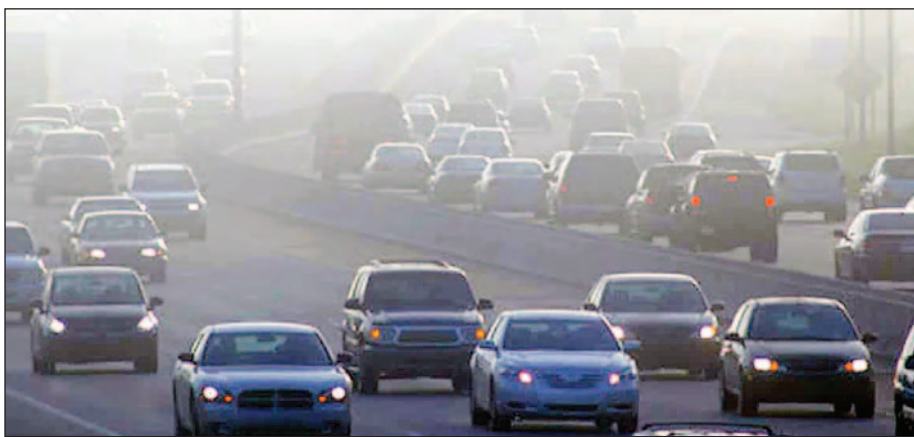
NEW DELHI, OCT 27

The air quality deteriorated in the national capital on Sunday, with the Air Quality Index (AQI) being recorded at 352, in the 'very poor' category, according to System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting And Research (SAFAR). This is worse than the average AQI recorded at 255 on Saturday, categorized as 'poor'.

Moreover, AQI in Anand Vihar area crossed the 400 mark, being recorded as 405 at 7 AM, categorized as 'severe', worse than the AQI of 367 recorded on Saturday.

AQI at the Akshardham Temple deteriorated 261, whereas IGI airport recorded an AQI of 324, both categorized as 'very poor'.

A layer of thick smog enveloped certain parts of the city. Himanshu, a visitor to the national capital said that the increasing pollution feels 'suffocating'. "It feels suffocating due to pollution...The govt should look into what can be done to reduce pollution," he told. Moreover, a cyclist in the city told that they are facing a lot of



problems with breathing. "We are from Delhi and we (the cyclist group) cycle daily here, but this situation of air pollution since the last few days we are facing a lot of problems. We can't breathe properly, we get tired faster due to the pollution. We take precautions like wearing a bandana but nothing is working because the pollution is increasing a lot," he said. He further said that the measures taken by the government don't seem effective enough, and the government should encourage

the people to use public transport more.

"The government did some work like stopping construction and implementing odd-even but it doesn't seem like it is working as this is increasing day by day. There should be constructive measures to encourage people to use public transport and carpooling," he added. As the festival of lights nears, the Delhi government has also banned firecrackers till January 1 amid efforts to curb pollution levels. Moreover, toxic foam on the Yamuna river in the Kalindi Kunj area persisted. Earlier the pollution in the river became a topic of hot political debate between the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), with BJP leader Shazia Ilmi criticizing the Delhi government for its handling of the city's worsening pollution crisis, highlighting the alarming presence of toxic foam in the River Yamuna and the resulting breathing difficulties for residents.

Samajwadi Party is ready, will contest on people's issues : Dimple Yadav

MAINPURI: Samajwadi Party MP Dimple Yadav exuded confidence in winning the Uttar Pradesh by-polls, which will be held on November 13, and said that the party is ready and all the preparations have been done.

Dimple Yadav said, "Samajwadi Party is ready (for the bypolls). In the previous elections, the Samajwadi Party was ready. For the

coming bypolls also our preparations have been done."

"We will contest the by-election on the issues of the people. Youth and women are disappointed. Health services and electricity are in a questionable state. This government is incompetent in fulfilling the dreams of the people," she added. On Saturday, the Samajwadi Party released a list of 19-star

campaigners for the upcoming by-elections to nine assembly seats in Uttar Pradesh. The prominent leaders in the list include SP Chief Akhlesh Yadav, the party's Rajya Sabha MP Ram Gopal Yadav, party's Jaswantnagar MLA Shivpal Yadav. 9 of the 10 vacant assembly seats in Uttar Pradesh will go to polls on November 13, except Milkipur of Ayodhya district.

PM Modi salutes "indomitable spirit and courage" of all Ranks, Veterans on occasion of Infantry Day

NEW DELHI, OCT 27

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday hailed the "indomitable spirit and courage" of all Ranks and Veterans of the Infantry on the occasion of Infantry Day.

In a post on X PM Modi wrote, "On Infantry Day, we all salute the indomitable spirit and courage of all Ranks and Veterans of the Infantry, who tirelessly protect us. They always stand resolute in the face of any adversity, ensuring the safety and security of our nation. The infantry embodies the essence of strength, valour and duty, inspiring every Indian."

On this occasion, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan, Chief of the Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi, and other senior officers lay wreaths at the National War Memorial.

Infantry Day is celebrated every year to commemorate the landing of the 1st Battalion of the SIKH Regiment at Srinagar airfield on 27 Oct 1947 to protect the people of Jammu and Kashmir from the nefarious designs of Pakistani Kabaili Raiders aided by the Pakistan Army. This gallant action resulted in the



foiling of Pakistan's plans to occupy Jammu and Kashmir. Infantry is also known as the "Queen of the Battle" and its history is as old as the first human war.

As per a government release, the infantry has played a crucial role in the army in protecting the sovereignty of the nation since independence. Be it the war of 1962 with China or of 1947-48 with Pakistan, be it the war of 1965, 71, or the 1999 Kargil conflict. The contribution of infantry in triumphing these

historical wars is unparalleled.

Apart from these wars, the Counter Insurgency/Counter Terrorist Operations in North and North East, Op BLUE STAR and Op RAKSHAK in Punjab, Op PAWAN in Sri Lanka, and recently Op SNOW LEOPARD in Eastern Ladakh have been the continuous witness of the sheer professionalism and commitment of infantry which eventually led to success of these operations, an official release said.

Guru Ramdas Ji's Prakash Parv celebrated

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, OCT 27

Under the Sikh tradition, the Prakash Parv of the fourth Patshahi Sri Guru Ram Das Ji Maharaj was celebrated in the tradition Kar Seva today under the guidance of Baba Sukha Singh, the main sect preacher of Dera Kar Seva. On this occasion, a Diwan was decorated.

Guru's Aatu Langar was served throughout the day. From morning, devotees reached to bow before Guru Sahib. Today, the praise of the Guru was sung by the Ragi Dhadi groups who came from far and wide. This information was given by Ratan Singh, member of Manji Sahib Gurudwara Committee and HGPC, Rajendra Middha of Guru Nanak Sevak Group, Pratipal Singh Satendra Singh, Aman Middha, Preet Middha, Manjeet, Santinder Singh Tejendra Singh Gurjeet, Bajaj, Mon-



tu Ahuja, Kanwal Jeete Singh. He said that the Gurumat Samagam programme continued on Prakash Utsav from 9am in Dera Kar Seva. Bhai Sarvijit Singh Patna Sahib Wale, Bhai Mehtab Singh sang the glory of Guru in Gurumat Samagam. On this occasion, a blood donation programme was also organised with the help of NIFAA. MLA Jagmohan Anand and Staff Service Selection Commission member Kapil Atreja reached Gurmat Sam-

agam to bow before Guru. They bowed their heads before Guru. Guests were honoured by Gurnanak Seva Jatha and HSGPC member Ratan Singh, Guru Parv Managing Committee head Varinder Singh and general secretary Inderpal Singh by presenting them to Siropa. Guru's unbroken langar will be served on this occasion. Darshan Singh Sehgal, Rajendra Arora Pappi, Surendra Singh Ramgadiya were present on this occasion.

Famous Haryanvi artists to entertain Diwali fair of NIILM University Kaithal

RAMAN GUPTA KAITHAL, OCT 27

On the occasion of Diwali festival at NIILM University Kaithal, Harit Deepotsav ceremony is being organized by the University in the University premises, in which Haryana's well-known popular pop artists K.D., M.D., Manish are present to create a stir.

Mastashubash Fauji and Gamdi Wala are mainly coming to participate and Superintendent of Police Kaithal Shri Rajesh Kalia ji will participate as the chief guest in the program and the program will be presided over by University Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Shamim Ahmed. Giving detailed information about the function, School Public Relations Officer Dr. Manoj Kumar said that the preparations for the function are in their final stages and

the entire team of the university is engaged with full enthusiasm in giving its final shape. All the social and religious groups of the city are participating in the program.

Institutions and social workers, administrative officers, principals and staff of all government and non-government schools of the district, all Gram Panchayat Block Committee, District Council representatives have been specially invited by the invitation committee of the University and everyone gladly accepted the invitation of the University. While doing this he has also expressed his gratitude to the university administration. Students and cultural artists from outside the university can participate in the program free of cost.

For this, they will have to register online on the university website or come to the university premises.

B.Ed first year team secures first place in Rangoli and poster making



MEGHRAJ LUTHRA KACHHWA, OCT 27

The team of B.Ed. first year students secured the first place in the Rangoli and poster making competition held on the occasion of Diwali at SSR College located on Tarawadi Road in village Kachhwa on Sunday. Principal Dr. Rekha said that such competitions were held every year in the college on the main festivals of the year. This increased creativity and competition instinct among children. The team led by Ravi secured

first place while team led by Kiran Pal secured second place and the team led by Kamaljeet got the third position. On this occasion, the college director Ashwani Bhardwaj encouraged the students and said that such events inspired them to do their best. He congratulated the winning team and wished them a Happy Diwali and also extended his best wishes. In this event, Infinity Public School Director Dr. Nitish Bhardwaj, Rekha Kalra, Sadhna, Shweta, Aditya, Monica from college staff, Alit, Sankalp Maan.

Diwali celebrated at St. Joseph's School



MANISH KUMAR AMBALA, OCT 27

On Saturday, Diwali was celebrated with great enthusiasm. The program started by lighting the lamp by Principal Madam Bhavna Chhibber. The school courtyard was filled with devotion and was reminiscent of the city of Ayodhya. Various types of competitions were also organized in this function like Rangoli, Bandhanwar, Diya, Thali Decoration etc.

On this occasion, a short drama on Ramayana was presented by the students of all the houses which was the center of attraction. Students participated enthusiastically in all these programs.

The school management wished all the students and teachers a happy Diwali and said that this festival inspired them from the life of Shri Ram that they should always live a life of honesty and duty and did all their work with dignity.

Exhibition stalls in KUK Ratnawali 2024 fascinate visitors

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, OCT 27

KUK Ratnawali 2024 is entertaining the visitors with cultural carnival as well as with the exhibition of 45 stalls. This exhibition comprises various food, beverages, handicraft articles, glimpses of Haryana's culture and with other self made items by the university students. Total 45 stalls have been set up in this craft exhibition. These stalls have been set up by students of University Sr Model School, KUK, IMCMT Department, Tourism Department, Fine Arts Department, MBA Department, Home Science Department, Hotel Management Department and Dayal Singh College Karnal.

Deputy Director of Public Relations Department Dr Jimmy Sharma informed that



the stalls of decorative items in the exhibition have displayed the art of local artisans. Where everything is available from traditional artifacts to modern designs. These decorative items include earthen diyas, tattoo making, sparklers, photo frames, cartoon paintings, woolen bags, lippan art, jewellery, bandarwal etc. which are the prominent markers of Haryana's cultural identity.

Dr Sharma added that healthy food stalls also fascinated visitors' attention. It included salads, Gohana jalebi, brownies, cupcakes, muffins, parathas, bheluri made from fresh vegetables. Apart from this, stalls of handmade craftsmanship captivated crafts lovers. Artists kept the roots of Haryanvi culture alive through their art. Painting stalls also added charm to the exhibition.

Gulshan Jain caught by CBI from Delhi airport about 1 month ago, now Vigilance has brought him on remand from Patiala jail



KULJIT SINGH JANDIALA GURU, OCT 27

Gulshan Jain, wanted in the multi-crore paddy scam of Jandiala Guru, was caught by CBI from Delhi airport about 1 month ago because a lookout notice was issued against him. Let us tell you that a case was registered against him in the year 2018 against 10 people including his family members. After the case was registered, he

went to Canada with his family. Due to this he was declared a fugitive. He had taken a loan of 200 crores from PNB Bank's branch Jandiala Guru by manipulating the papers. In this case, the bank has taken possession of the shelter building. The sales tax department also has a due of Rs 13 crore 48 lakh 6 thousand 91 for the year 2016-17, the notice of which is also pasted on the gate of the shelter.

Govt should get paddy crop lifted from mandis at the earliest: Dharminder Tonny

DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, OCT 27

The state government should buy the paddy crop lying in the mandis of the farmers and get it lifted as soon as possible so that during these religious festivals, along with the farmers, other sections of the society also do not have to face problems.

These words were said by the prominent social worker of the area, Lion Club President and farmer-friendly Dharminder Kumar Tonny Paras during a special meeting.

He further said that these days, Punjabis living abroad have also come back to their country.

They too have to face many problems in commut-



ing and these days every small and big businessman is also facing problems. Therefore, he appealed to the government to buy the paddy crop lying in the mandis from the farmers and get it lifted as soon as possible so that everyone's problems can be solved.

CGC Jhanjeri hosts star night with Bollywood Singer Ankit Tiwari



LK BANSAL MOHALI, OCT 27

The Chandigarh Group of Colleges (CGC) Jhanjeri Campus organized a vibrant Star Night event, with celebrated Bollywood singer Ankit Tiwari captivating the audience. Students and attendees enjoyed a lively performance as Tiwari sang his popular hits like "Teri Galiya", "Sun Raha Hai Na Tu", "Tu Hai Ki Nah", and "Sheeshon Ka Samudra", filling the evening

with excitement. Students were seen dancing enthusiastically to the music, as Tiwari kept the audience entertained with his four-hour live set.

The evening began with a ceremonial lamp lighting by CGC Chairman Rachpal Singh Dhaliwal. During the event, Managing Director Arsh Dhaliwal welcomed attendees, emphasizing that Star Night serves to foster students' creative expression and provide them a break from academic pressures. According

Huge excitement among city dwellers about Trident Diwali fair



KARANPREET KARAN BARNALA, OCT 27

Under the direction of Padmashri Rajinder Gupta, Founder of Trident Group and Vice Chairman of Punjab Planning Board, there was great enthusiasm of the city dwellers in the huge Diwali fair organized at Arun Memorial, which was built in front

of Trident Group Industry. Seeing An open invitation has been given to the families and relatives of Trident employees in this fair. On the second day of the Trident Diwali Fair, where the residents of the city enjoyed various food stalls, various products were purchased.

Trident Group products such as towels, bed sheets,

both robes, blankets etc. were seen on the stalls where a huge crowd of city dwellers was seen. For entertainment in the fair, students of different schools performed, tradition fashion show and western troupe dance Chandigarh people entertained the audience through dance, choreography and plays. Supreet Sidhu anchored the stage well.

Editorial

Effective deterrent

The American politician, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, famously said, "You are entitled to your opinion. But you are not entitled to your own facts." Claims such as the September 11 terror attacks were an 'inside job' of the US government, Haitian immigrants are eating pets in Ohio, or the Congress manifesto for the 2024 Lok Sabha election proposed to redistribute private wealth to Muslims are not facts. They are baseless conspiracy theories easily refutable if one cares to look for evidence. Yet a large number of people believe them to be true. When online platforms, with their extensive and instant reach, repeatedly and forcefully spread pernicious lies such as these, falsehoods seep into the collective consciousness. Common people short on resources and time to discern facts from fiction start believing them.

An ill-informed population weakens democracy. But a misinformed population imperils democracy. Abraham Lincoln's belief that "a government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the Earth" is founded on the premise that a well-informed populace will make decisions that safeguard the republic. But false claims when widely circulated lead people to form opinions based on misinformation rather than facts. Studies done by the European Commission, RAND Corporation, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and the Oxford Internet Institute suggest that a bulk of online misinformation is designed to deepen societal divisions, erode confidence in democratic processes, and prepare the ground for violence or even authoritarian takeovers.

Realising the dangers disinformation poses to democracy, Australia has recently introduced a slew of new digital legislations to contain its spread. The most significant among them is the Communications Legislation Amendment (Combating Misinformation and Disinformation) Bill 2024, which arms the Australian Communications and Media Authority with regulatory powers to hold "digital communications platforms" accountable for misinformation and disinformation that cause "serious harm". Misinformation, the unintentional spread of false information, and disinformation, the deliberate spreading of lies, are two sides of the same coin. The Australian initiative could provide a much-needed roadmap to safeguard democracy without stifling dissent or unreasonably restricting free speech. It is markedly different from the Government of India's fact check unit that was to be set up "to identify fake, false and misleading information about the government and its establishments" on social media.

EU concludes wide crisis response exercise

The European Union (EU) successfully concluded the EU Integrated Resolve 2024, a joint exercise co-led by the Council of the EU, the European Commission, as well as the European External Action Service.

Over the past 6 months, the EU had planned and tested its overall preparedness and capacity to manage complex crises. This year's edition of the exercise has significantly strengthened the EU's ability to respond to potential hybrid crises, both inside and outside the EU.

Starting on September 30, the exercise unfolded in two subsequent phases. The first phase focused on the planning of a 'Common Security and Defence Policy' military operation and coordination during a consular crisis. The second phase consisted of a series of simulated multilevel scenarios of a hybrid nature, including the evacuation of EU citizens from a conflict zone.

EU institutions, bodies and agencies, 24 EU member states, the US and Norway, actively engaged in the exercise, testing their decision-making and operational capabilities and boosting preparedness and resilience. EU-level mechanisms supported the



response to the complex hybrid crisis. This involved a debate at the level of EU member states' ambassadors and the activation of the Council's Integrated Political Crisis Response arrangements, as well as the Commission's crisis management instruments, for example, the Emergency Response Coordination Centre, as part of the EU Civil Protection Mechanism.

EU Integrated Resolve 2024 has

also served to deepen the cooperation between the EU and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) at the staff level as foreseen in the 2016 Warsaw EU-NATO Joint Declaration. The exercise tested the coordination of parallel crisis management between both organisations.

This wide-scale exercise provided a timely opportunity to enhance the EU's preparedness in line with the EU Strategic Compass, which out-

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lines shared threat assessments and crisis response strategies.

By simulating the response to potential hybrid threats and campaigns, including through disinformation, foreign information manipulation and interference in a specific situation, the EU is better prepared to ensure a swift, unified, and effective crisis management, response and communication in the event of a future challenge.

Literature & Health

Study finds new target for treating heart failure

As society ages, the number of patients suffering from heart-failure->heart failure grows significantly. Fibrosis, or excessive growth of fibrotic tissue in the heart, has been linked to the advancement of heart-failure->heart failure. A group from Nagoya University Graduate School of Medicine in Japan discovered an enzyme called protein kinase N (PKN) that controls cardiac fibrosis.



The enzyme converts heart fibroblasts to myofibroblasts, putting the heart's integrity at risk. Deleting this enzyme reduced ventricular dysfunction, indicating that anti-PKN therapies are a prospective therapy for protecting patients from heart-failure->heart failure.

The findings were published in Nature Communications. The heart maintains its integrity by the usage of tiny cells known as fibroblasts, which are frequently transformed into myofibroblasts following damage. Myofibroblasts promote wound healing by creating fibrous connective tissues like collagen and elastin. However, in heart-failure->heart failure patients, they frequently

cause extra tissue to collect, resulting in hardening of heart tissue and reduced function, a disease known as fibrosis. This process reduces the integrity of the heart's structure, increasing the risk of a heart attack. The enzyme PKN has been implicated in a signaling cascade that causes heart fibroblast activation. A group led by Drs. Satoya Yoshida, Mikito Takefaji, and Toyooki Murohara in the Department of Cardiology at the Nagoya University Graduate School of Medicine suspected the involvement of PKN in the changes of fibroblasts to myofibroblasts seen in fibrosis.

Grave mistake or good beginning?

The Israeli attack in Iran has drawn both criticism and applause at home from across the political spectrum. Israeli Minister of National Security Itamar Ben Gvir, who criticized Israel's restrained response to the Iranian attack in April, wrote a more positive post on his X account this time, saying that the strike "was a good beginning in order to target Iran's strategic assets, which needs to be the next phase." He added, "We have a historic duty to remove the Iranian threat."

The attack was also praised by opposition leader Yair Golan, head of the Israeli Labor Party, for "harming Iran's defensive and offensive capabilities without dragging us into a war of attrition."

However, the strike was criticized for not inflicting serious damage to either Iranian economics by striking oil reserves or to Iran's nuclear program.

Yair Lapid, leader of the opposition, wrote on Saturday on his X account that Iran should have "paid a much heavier price" and that "the decision not to attack strategic and economic targets in Iran was wrong." Tally Gotliv, a member of the



Knesset from Netanyahu's governing Likud party, used even stronger words, saying that "Not striking Iran's nuclear facilities will be a cause for regret for generations. Not striking Iran's oil reserves is a grave mistake." She added, "Unfortunately, this is submission to the Biden administration which doesn't think for a moment about Israel's interests."

On Saturday, Israel struck a number of military targets in Iran in response to the Iranian attack on October 1.

POEM

St. Simeon Stylites

Let this avail, just, dreadful,
mighty God, This not be all in
vain, that thrice ten years,
Thrice multiplied by superhuman
pangs, In hunger and in thirsts,
fevers and in cold, In
coughs, aches, stitches,
ulcerous throes
and cramps, A sign betwixt
the meadow and the cloud,
Patient on this tall pillar I have
borne Rain, wind,
frost, heat, hail, damp, and sleet,
and snow; St. Simeon, with all that he
does, still doubts his salvation.
While he believes that experiencing
pain can be beneficial, he questions
if there will be any benefit from his
actions.



Tennyson

Alfred, Lord Tennyson

India "deeply concerned" by escalations in West Asia

The Ministry of External Affairs on Saturday expressed its concern on the recent developments in West Asia after precision strike of Israel on Iran's military sites.

In a statement, the MEA reiterated its call to return to dialogue and diplomacy.

"We are deeply concerned by the evolving escalation in West Asia and its ramifications for peace and stability in the region and beyond. We reiterate our call to all concerned to exercise restraint and return to the path of dialogue and diplomacy," the statement said.

"The ongoing hostilities are to nobody's benefit, even as innocent hostages and civilian populations continue to suffer. Our Missions in the region are in contact with the Indian



community," the statement added.

On Saturday morning, Israel Defence Forces (IDF) announced that its military had conducted "precise strikes" on Iranian military targets, around a month after Tehran launched around 200 ballistic missiles towards Is-

rael.

Israel's strike came weeks after Iran launched a barrage of missiles toward Tel Aviv earlier this month. The Iranian strikes followed a nearly yearlong conflict between Israeli forces and Iran-backed Hezbollah in Lebanon, includ-

ing the deaths of senior leadership, and fighting in the Gaza Strip.

Both sides traded cross-border strikes, including Hezbollah in support of its fellow proxy Hamas and Israel to clear the way for displaced settlers to return to the border area.

Israel has been standing against "the terror attacks from Iran and its proxies" and has "precisely targeted military bases" in the country, Israel Consul General Kobbi Shoshani said on Saturday and asserted that Israel can reach any place in the Middle East "in a very massive way".

In an interview with ANI, Kobbi Shoshani spoke about the conflict in the Middle East and said they have some conditions which include Hamas not having any military capability and there should be safety zone in Lebanon

where Hezbollah will leave the area and there will be Lebanon Army.

"That bothers us very much... Some friends of Israel are negotiating with Hamas to find a solution. We are also looking forward to a solution. We have some conditions and one of them is that Hamas will not have any military capability... Secondly, in Lebanon, we want to create a safety zone where Hezbollah will leave the area and the army of Lebanon will be there," he said.

Iran media on Saturday said that the country's air defence systems have been activated in central Tehran in response to the escalating attacks by Israel.

State news agency IRNA said that Iran has successfully shot down "adversarial targets" in the airspace around Tehran province.

Chandigarh, The Primary Wing of Sacred Heart School, Sector 26 celebrated Diwali with enthusiasm, blending tradition and eco-consciousness.



NEWS BRIEF

Host Jharkhand fell cheaply for 202 against UT boys

Chandigarh, UT boys wrapped up host Jharkhand cheaply for mere 202 on the second day of the Ranji trophy match being played at Keenan Stadium, Jamshedpur on Sunday.

Chandigarh (298/5) proved too good against Uttarakhand

Chandigarh, An unbeaten century knock from wicketkeeper batter Akshat Rana (109) helped UT boys to pile up 298/5 against Uttarakhand on the opening day of the Col CK Nayudu Trophy being played at Ramnagar on Sunday.

OnePlus 13 Display Features Revealed Ahead of October 31 Launch Date

OnePlus 13 will be launched by the company in China on October 31, and the company's upcoming smartphone is confirmed to debut with Qualcomm's new Snapdragon 8 Elite chip and a display produced by BOE.

Samsung Galaxy S25 Series to Feature Older Display Technology to Cut Costs: Report

Samsung Galaxy S25 series will reportedly feature slightly older display technology to keep costs of producing the upcoming handsets in check.

It was a challenge to get into Sahasra Raavan's character and truly understand his motives

Mumbai October 21, 2024. Sony SAB's Sahasra Raavan brings to life the timeless saga of Lord Ram (Sujay Riju) and Sita (Prachi Bansal). In the show, Lord Ram and Sita are currently living apart, with Sita residing in an ashram in the forest where she has given birth to Lava (Shreyas Mandoriya) and Kush (Ahanvha Sharma).

Here are some practical ways to beat sedentarism

Sedentarism is a curse that accompanies modern life. Given the many comforts and conveniences we have at our disposal today, people have little motivation to get their daily dose of physical activity.



these things yourself from time to time. Walk Short Distances We

have gotten so used to modern day conveniences that even something as simple as walking down a short distance instead of driving ourselves there, feels like a lot of work.

Sitting is the new smoking. It slows down the circulation of blood in your body and can lead to obesity, high blood pressure, heart disease and other health problems.

Take The Stairs If you can't find time to do a full-fledged workout, incorporate small movements in your everyday activities.

Participate In Household Chores Another way to pack in some movement in your daily routine is to help around the house.

Viva ACP Appoints Superstar Anil Kapoor as Brand Ambassador

AMRITSAR - Viva, Asia's largest manufacturer and supplier of aluminium composite panels (ACP), is proud to announce the appointment of the Superstar Anil Kapoor as its first-ever brand ambassador.

continues to set the benchmark for high-quality, stylish, and durable cladding solutions. From redefining facades to offering contemporary



solutions for interiors, Viva's products are known for their cutting-edge technology, including industry-first innovations like 4 color

Shakti Pumps (India) Limited announced the financial results

LUDHIANA / JALANDHAR- Shakti Pumps (India) Limited (SPL), announced the financial results for the quarter and half year ended 30th September 2024.

tated by increased operational activities during the quarter. Our order inflow continues to remain robust with the outstanding order book stood at around Rs. 1,000 Crores as on September 2024.



Mr. Dinesh Patidar, Chairman of Shakti Pumps (India) Limited, expressed his delight over the company's recent performance that we are delighted to announce another exceptional quarter for our company.

Kundan International School Celebrates 18th Founders Day



Chandigarh: Kundan International School (KIS) celebrated its 18th Founders Day at the School Ground in Sector 46 here.

Airtel is top mobile network service provider for 5G in Haryana according to Opensignal

Amritsar: Bharti Airtel has solidified its standing as the premier 5G network provider in Haryana according to Opensignal's recent Mobile Network Experience Report for October 2024.

Opensignal recognises Airtel's dominance in the Haryana region, marking Airtel's significant wins across multiple metrics: 5G Video Experience.

network makes it the go-to option for gaming enthusiasts. The network supports uninterrupted multiplayer experiences, offering the best possible gaming experience across all genres.

Get ready for laughter and entertainment as Khichdi 2 Premieres on Zee Cinema!



Chandigarh: Prepare for a laughter riot as Khichdi 2 is all set for its World Television Premiere this festive season on Zee Cinema on Sunday, 3rd November at 8pm.

film promises to make you laugh and leave you with a smile that lingers long after the credits roll.

Prabhu and Hansa's classic banter, Jayshree's quirky manipulations, Himanshu's rib-ticking comedy and Babuji's sarcastic wit—elements that have made Khichdi a household name for years.

OMRON Healthcare Advocates Use of Nebulizers for Respiratory Management During the Winter Season

Shimla: As winter approaches, northern states like Himachal Pradesh bracing for a severe season, with temperatures expected to plummet.



the use of nebulizers. 'OMRON nebulizers are engineered to deliver medication directly to the lungs, ensuring quick and effective relief from respiratory distress.'

Ravi Mahashabde is the new Krishna Bihari Vajpayee in &TV's Atal

Chandigarh: &TV's Atal, the show that delves into the intricacies of Atal Bihari Vajpayee's childhood, recently took a five-year leap.



job in bringing young Atal's father to life. I have great respect for stepping into his shoes to portray a man who significantly shaped Atalji's principles.

A two-day long IT Professional's sports meet OPL ends, over 400 participated

Chandigarh, The two-day long sports meet meant for IT professionals - Outline Premier League (OPL) ends successfully at GMSS School, Sector 23 on Sunday.

Chandigarh Carnival: NGO's set an example, hold one-of-a-kind ramp walk for specially-abled children



Chandigarh: In a significant initiative to foster inclusion and equality, Chandigarh hosted a special inclusive fashion ramp walk featuring children with disabilities on the concluding day of the Chandigarh Carnival 2024 at Leisure Valley, Sector 10.

NIT Jalandhar alumnus achieves All India Rank 83 in UPSC Civil Services Examination

Jalandhar (J.S.Sodhi): Manpreet Sharma, an alumnus of NIT Jalandhar's 2016 Mechanical Engineering batch, has achieved an All India Rank of 83 in the UPSC Civil Services Examination reserve list of 2023, which was released on 25th October 2024.

Bhai Jaitajee Foundation organised Alumni meet



Chandigarh: Bhai Jaitajee Foundation India held its Alumni Meet at the Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Public Administration, Chandigarh. BJFI is a Non-Profit organization working in the areas of education & health that has been producing outstanding results in highly competitive Entrance tests of IIT/JEE/NEET.

Abhijeet ne Daya ko kyun maara? Watch the CID Trailer To Find Out!



CHANDIGARH: The iconic CID is set to make a thrilling return on Sony Entertainment Television, bringing back its beloved cast of characters that fans have cherished for over two decades.

The Role of Sleep in Managing PCOS Symptoms

Madhika Sharma Polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) is a common hormonal disorder affecting many women of reproductive age. It is characterized by a range of symptoms, including irregular menstrual cycles, weight gain, acne, and excessive hair growth.

Annual Day: Tiny tots of Vivek High School, Mohali mesmerise audience



Mohali: The children of Toddlers and Montessori Primary of Vivek High School Mohali had their Annual Production themed 'Tick-Tock of Nature'.

CHANDIGARH, MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2024

Cleanliness is necessary in life to avoid diseases caused by dirt: SDM

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER BARARA : Under the chairmanship of SDM Ashwani Malik of Barara, a special cleanliness campaign is being run to promote cleanliness in Barara on Saturday under the Swachh Ambala Swachh Haryana Swachh Bharat. Under this campaign, people have been made aware to pay special attention to keeping cleanliness around them. To avoid diseases caused by dirt, it is very important to adopt cleanliness around you in life. It is very important for all of us to participate in this campaign. During the cleanliness campaign, he also honored cleaning staff. SDM said that under Swachh Abhiyan, it is the duty of all of us to make every person aware of cleanliness. He told that along with mother power, it is responsibility of all of us to keep cleanliness in all areas and the objective of this campaign is to eliminate dirt from urban and rural areas. This campaign is the people's own campaign.

CM Naib Singh Saini reaches Thanesar to participate in numerous programs

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, OCT 27

Haryana Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini reached Thanesar via air from Haridwar on Sunday. Former Minister of State Subhash Sudha, Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Joggal, Superintendent of Police Varun Singla and other administrative officials and dignitaries showered flowers on Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini upon his arrival at the local police line. He was welcomed with a bouquet. Before this, the Chief Minister was given Guard of Honor.

From Thanesar he went straight to his Sector 3 residence in Kurukshetra where he enquired about the well-being of BJP officials and workers. The Chief Minister will participate in many programs on Monday. Additional Deputy Commissioner Sonu Bhatt, SDM Kapil Sharma, SDM Pankaj Setia, City Magistrate Dr. Raman Gupta, Chairman of Livestock Development Board Dharamvir Mirzapur, BJP District President Sushil Rana, BJP leader Rajkumar Saini, Ravindra Sangwan along with other BJP officials and all officers of the district administration were present.



Commerce Calibre Club holds Intra College Mad Over Ad Competition at Guru Nanak Khalsa College

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR, OCT 27

Commerce Calibre Club of Guru Nanak Khalsa College Yamunanagar organized an exciting Intra College Mad Over Ad Competition giving students the opportunity to demonstrate their creativity and marketing skills in 3 categories: Print Media, PPT Format, and Video Format.

Principal Dr. Harinder Singh Kang highlighted that Competitions like these foster creativity and practical skills among students, which are essential in today's dynamic environment.

The conveners of event, Dr. Jasvinder Kaur Dean, Dr. Sanjay Arora Head and Associate Professors Dr. Ashok Khurana and Dr. Rajinder Singh Vohra, appreciated the efforts of all participants and praised students' enthusiasm and commended the organizing team for their dedication. Competition was evaluated by Prof. Shilpi, Prof. Pooja, and Prof. Mangeet, whose insights and exper-

tise provided valuable feedback to the participants. In competition, Tisha Dhanwan from M.Com Final, Jatin from B.Com Final, and Manpreet Kaur from B.Com 2nd Year secured 1st, 2nd and 3rd places respectively in Print Media category. Bhavya from M.Com Final, Amandeep Singh from B.Com Final, and Gar-

vish from B.Com Final, Gaurav Kamboj from M.Com Final, Navneet Kumar from B.Com Final and Ayush Dhiman from BCA 2nd Year achieved 1st, 2nd and 3rd places, respectively. Co-Conveners Prof. Mangeet Kaur and Prof. Nishi, along with organizing team Prof. Seema, Dr. Shave-

ta Sachdeva, Prof. Shilpi, Prof. Jaspreet Singh, Prof. Sonam, and Poonam Bhasin played a vital role in successful execution of the event. Sardar Randeep Singh Jauhar, President of Governing Body and Managing Committee congratulated the winners and appreciated efforts of Commerce Calibre Club.



MP Varun Chaudhary appointed member of Advisory Council of Delhi Development Authority along with 2 committees of LS

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER : Varun Chaudhary, MP from Ambala Lok Sabha has been appointed as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Department of Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice - Related Parliamentary Standing Committee in the Lok Sabha. He has also been appointed as a member of Advisory Council of Delhi Development Authority. He had made his mark in Assembly even while being an MLA, he was also given the responsibility of Chairman of Public Accounts Committee of Legislative Assembly twice in a row, which MP had performed with full devotion and in March 2021, MP Varun Chaudhary was awarded Best MLA Award for 2020-21 for his 'overall outstanding contribution to Legislative Assembly', selection criteria for this award included attendance in the House, behavior in the House, contribution of the member in completing development works for the constituency and contribution to various House committees. MLA expressed his gratitude to the top leadership for giving him this responsibility in Parliament through the media and said that earlier, while being an MLA, I tried to do my best in the House in terms of legislative work.

Jagmohan Anand participates in religious, social programmes



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL : Karnal MLA Jagmohan Anand participated in the programmes of various social and religious organisations in the city on Sunday. Along with this, he also encouraged the blood donors in the blood donation camp and distributed certificates to them. He bowed his head to Sri Darbar Sahib Ji in the gathering organised on the occasion of Prakash Utsav of Guru Shri Ramdas Ji at "Dera Car Seva" located at Kalandari Gate and prayed for the welfare of the entire society. On this occasion, he reached the blood donation camp organised by the Sikh Sangat and encouraged the blood donors and also distributed certificates to them. He also received langar prasad on this occasion. He said that organising a blood donation camp on the Prakash Utsav of Guru Shri Ramdas Ji is very commendable. This helps the needy people who need blood. Many parts of our body can be made artificially by scientists, but we have to take blood from the human body. In such a situation, blood donation is a great donation. MLA Jagmohan Anand reached "Brahma Kumari Ashram" located in Sector-9 and took blessings of BK Nirmal Didi and BK Urmil Didi. He said that the contribution of Brahma Kumari Ashram is invaluable in the social and spiritual field. Society becomes prosperous with your thoughts and we also get inspiration for public welfare. If a person's thoughts are pure, then his conduct is also good. He said that many inspirational programs are organised by Brahma Kumari Ashram, which are beneficial for the society. He worshipped in Nagarkheda.

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Efforts will be made to give a new impetus to the development of Haryana at a rapid pace: Shyam Singh Rana

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR, OCT 27

Haryana Agriculture Minister Shyam Singh Rana said that clear instructions have been issued by Chief Minister Naib Saini to the official concerned that every grain of paddy with moisture content up to 17 per cent should be purchased and in this regard if any complaint was received, strict action would be taken against the concerned officials.

Government procurement is going on at MSP in Mandis of Haryana state and the purchase money was directly transferred into the bank accounts of the farmers. He said that the government was shoulder to shoulder with the farmer brothers. He told that another noble initiative was taken by the Haryana Government in the interest of farmers, subsidy of Rs 1,000 per quintal on certified seeds of wheat for Rabi crop 2024-25 was being provided by the Haryana Government.

Cabinet Minister Shyam Singh Rana while praising the Central Government said that to improve the condition of women, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had started the Beti

Mudra Yojana, Jan Dhan such many schemes to take women forward. The government has been continuously working for this, the work of women empowerment will continue through



Bachao-Beti Padhao campaign from Haryana, in the last 10 years. The Central Government and Haryana have made many achievements in the interest of women. The government has done a great job. Nari Shakti Vandan Bill was passed to empower women. Besides, Sukanya Samridhi Yojana, Free Ujjwala Gas, Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao,

Self Help Group and Drone Didi. He said that the present Haryana government would work on Non Stop Haryana and Badhta Hua Haryana. On this occasion, BJP leader Nepal Singh Rana Many BJP officials and workers including Pushpendra, Kuldeep, BJP District Yamuna Nagar Media Incharge Kapil Manish Garg were present.

Seva Trust organizes awareness camp against drug use

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA : Seva Trust UK-India organized a camp at Government Senior Secondary School, Mirzapur, to raise awareness among students about the dangers of drug use. Over 400 students participated in the event. Principal Ramkumar was the chief guest and emphasized the negative impact of drug use on mental health and behavior. He stated, "Drug abuse impairs our judgment, leading to poor decisions, academic setbacks, and isolation from peers." He encouraged students to stay away from drugs to secure a better future.

Rajesh Sain, coordinator of the Seva Trust for Thanesar block, highlighted the importance of teachers monitoring students' behavior. He advised that any change in a student's behavior should be addressed through friendly counseling. "Students should be encouraged to actively participate in sports, yoga, and other extracurricular activities, as yoga helps keep them away from drugs," he added. He also emphasized the need to integrate yoga into students' daily routines. School's Hindi teacher, Anita Bharat, thanked the volunteers from Seva Trust and stressed the importance of practicing yoga for physical and mental well-being. She also led the students in taking a pledge to abstain from drugs.



35th Regional Science Cong concludes successfully

VIJAY KAUSHIK LADWA : The 35th Regional Science Congress, organized by the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, concluded today at NIT Kurukshetra. The chief guest, Mamta Gautam, Director of the National Institute of Design, Kurukshetra, emphasized the importance of having "deep eyes and an open mind" for students to make new discoveries and inventions through her multimedia presentation titled "Look Around."

Students were awarded medals and certificates for their best projects and models. The principal of the host institution, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Kurukshetra, Niranjan Singh, inspired participants by quoting Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam: "To succeed in your mission, you must have single-minded dedication to your goal." He presented mementos to the chief guests and other dignitaries as a token of appreciation.

Professor Sathans from NIT Kurukshetra informed participants that the Regional Science Congress is more than just an event; it is a transformative experience. Dr. Y. Dwivedi, Assistant Professor at NIT Kurukshetra, and R.K. Panwar, Principal of JNV Gurugram, were present as distinguished guests. Hari Krishan, PGT English at JNV Kurukshetra, expressed gratitude for the support and contributions from NIT Kurukshetra and other individuals that made the event successful. The occasion was also graced by V.P. Chahal, Ms. Santosh, Sunil Vats, Subodh Sharma, Sunil, and Shaukeen.



Bharat Vikas Parishad celebrates Diwali with enthusiasm in Ladwa



VIJAY KAUSHIK LADWA : The Bharat Vikas Parishad, Ladwa branch, celebrated the festival of Diwali with great enthusiasm at a private hotel in Ladwa.

The event commenced with the lighting of lamps and the singing of "Vande Mataram." The program was spearheaded by project heads Dr. Amrit Garg, Dr. Rajesh Gupta, and Dr. Raj Chhabra, who also co-hosted the event.

Members were divided into teams to participate in various entertaining games, and the winning team, "Mastane," was awarded prizes. During the celebration, heartfelt Diwali wishes were extended to all members. Attendees enjoyed a delightful spread of snacks and dinner.

The event saw participation from nearly all members of the council. At the conclusion, branch president Navneet Singhal expressed gratitude to all attendees and wished everyone a happy Diwali.

The program wrapped up with the national anthem, fostering a spirit of unity and celebration among all present.

SMS Memorial Public School takes pledge to celebrate pollution free Deepawali

KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI : SMS Memorial Public School, Tarawadi celebrated Diwali festival with pomp on Sunday. The program was started with bhajans in the prayer meeting. Various cultural activities were organized in the school. Little children organized Deepotsav and made Rangoli and danced on Deepawali songs. Children took a pledge to celebrate Deepawali under Go Green, Go Clean. School manager Gursharan Grewal wished everyone a Happy Deepawali and said that Diwali was celebrated with great fervor. The festival was a festival of happiness and also a festival of self-realization. It was a unique festival to awaken the dormant consciousness within us. It was a festival to purify our aura and spread awareness about the cleanliness of the environment. He has urged everyone to be careful about the environment. In view of the ever increasing air pollution, people were urged to contribute towards protecting the environment by not bursting crackers on Diwali. Various competitions such as decoration of lamp, rangoli competition, decorate the arch, make Ganesh Lakshmi idol from clay, decorate the thali were organized, in which the students of the school participated enthusiastically. Principal Dr. Vibha Kaushik while wishing everyone a Happy Diwali said that Diwali symbolized the spiritual victory of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance. The light of Diwali destroyed all our dark desires and thoughts, eliminated evils. Festivals marked the time to unite and give us strength and enthusiasm to move forward with our goodwill in the rest of the year.

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UN Day celebrated in Pratap Public School

KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI : United Nations Day was celebrated in Pratap Public School Taraori to raise awareness about the work of the United Nations Organisation. The students of the school told everyone through an act that the United Nations is an organisation that acts as a platform for nations to cooperate on issues such as peace, security, human rights and economic development in all the nations of the world. On this occasion, the students briefly described the work done by the United Nations and their importance. Through this act, the students also made everyone aware about various global challenges. On this occasion, Director Pithi Chaudhary encouraged the students for their wonderful performance of the description of the work of the United Nations. On this occasion, he also described the important role of the United Nations in maintaining peace and security in the world. Principal Vikas Kumar, while throwing light on the United Nations, told the students that the United Nations promotes the protection of human rights in the world and provides humanitarian aid to the needy people of any nation. He said that the United Nations works to solve global issues like climate change, poverty and hunger. School staff and other employees were present on this occasion.

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Arya Bhat House team first in inter-house competition

KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI : An inter-house competition was organised for girl students at Shri Brahmishri Vidya Mandir Convent Taraori in which the teams of the four houses of the school, Anyabhata, Banbhata, C.V. Raman and J.C. Bose, participated. Girls from class 6 to 12 participated in the competition. In the competition, the school's coordinator Amarnath Rana played the role of referee and maths teacher Yogesh Jangra played the role of scorer. Teachers Mohan Sharma, Vini Popli and Geeta Taneja encouraged the players through commentary. On this occasion, in his encouraging speech, the school director Dr. Rakesh Sharma highlighted the importance of sports, praised the students and teachers and gave the green signal to the tournament, wishing them good luck for the continuous progress of the school. The team of Arya Bhat House stood first in the inter-house competition. Rashi Chaudhary of Arya Bhat House was declared the best player. The school's vice principal Ravi Sharma congratulated the president of Arya Bhat House Anu Seema Kashyap and all the players for the victory. At the end of the program, the school's vice principal thanked the dignitaries for giving their valuable time. He thanked sports teacher Ashwani Kumar for the successful organisation of the competition and all the supporting staff.

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Shandilya congratulates MLA Chander Mohan on Deepawali

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA AMBALA : After the newly elected MLA from Panchkula, Chander Mohan took oath in the Haryana Assembly, Vireesh Shandilya, National President of Anti Terrorist Front India and International Head of Vishwa Hindu Takht, reached there. Chander Mohan welcomed Shandilya on his arrival at his residence. Shandilya honoured Chander Mohan by giving him Mata ki Chunari and in his statement, Shandilya said that in the form of Chandramohan, Haryana has once again got Bhajan Lal. Shandilya said that Chander Mohan is the voice of 36 communities of Haryana and he takes everyone along and works above politics.

Vireesh Shandilya said that 24 years ago, Chander Mohan along with thousands of people had welcomed the anti-terrorist Rathi Yatra taken out by him from Delhi to Kashmir at Matka Chowk in Chandigarh. Shandilya said that Bhajan Lal and Beant Singh fought together against terrorism in Punjab and both these leaders have played an important role in keeping Punjab and Haryana safe. Chaudhary Bhajan Lal gave a befitting reply to Khalistan terrorists while being the Chief Minister and due to this a conspiracy to kill him was also hatched by planting RDX in Ambala. Shandilya expressed his special respect for two important leaders of Haryana.



Arshiya Singh wins title of Miss UKIBS and Aman Singh got Mr. UKIBS

NEW DELHI : The UK International London Beauty School's annual beauty contest 'Bellezza 2024' was crowned winners in the country's capital, Delhi. In a grand event held on Tuesday at Crown Plaza in Mayur Vihar, Delhi, the winners were declared in the Mr., Miss, and Mrs. categories, recognizing the best display of beauty, balance, and creativity of the participants, in which Arshiya Singh was selected as Miss UKIBS, Aman Singh as Mr., and Jyoti Chand Sahdev as Mrs. UKIBS. A total of 28 participants participated in all three categories. While the title of 'Student of the Year' went to Arbaaz Khan. On this occasion, UKIBS Chairman Abdul Khan's book "Mastering the Art of Beauty—UKIBS" and Iza Beauty were also launched. Congratulating the winners, Chairman Abdul Khan



said, "Bellezza 2024 has once again showcased the immense talent, creativity, and determination of our students. These competitions not only prepare them for the industry but also instill in them the confidence and resilience they will need in the real world. It is a privilege to see the progress and dedication of our students, and I am confident that very soon these students will make their mark in the industry." Praising the stu-

dents, Dr. Uzma Khan, CEO of the school, said that Bellezza serves as a platform to combine academic excellence with real-world experiences.

Earlier, at the annual event of UKIBS, the students of the school showcased their artistic talent and technical mastery. During this, through avant-garde hairstyling, fantasy round, and bridal styling, the students displayed the artistry and innovation nurtured at UK International London Beauty School, which goes beyond boundaries and sets new trends in the world of beauty. Adding energy and enthusiasm to the program, several dance performances and talent competitions were held, through which the diversity of talents of the students and the school's holistic approach to education were demonstrated.

Sukant Kadam triumphs at Japan Para-Badminton International 2024

Tokyo: India's para-badminton athlete, Sukant Kadam, delivered an outstanding performance at the Japan Para-Badminton International 2024, winning a gold medal in men's singles (SL4) and a silver medal in men's doubles (SL3-SL4) alongside his partner Dinesh Rajaiiah. Sukant's victories further affirm his standing as one of India's most formidable shuttlers on the global para-badminton stage. In a thrilling singles final, Sukant faced fellow Indian shuttler Tarun and dominated the match with a powerful 21-12, 21-10 victory. From the onset, Sukant showcased his strong game, maintaining momentum and precision throughout the contest, leaving Tarun with limited opportunities to challenge his gameplay. In the doubles category, Sukant and Dinesh displayed grit and determination against India's Umesh Vikram Kumar and Surya Kant Yadav. The duo fought valiantly, recovering from a challenging first set to claim the second 22-20. In a closely contested third set, Sukant and Dinesh ultimately secured the silver, with the final score reading 5-21, 22-20, 16-21. Sukant expressed his gratitude and excitement following his remarkable performance and said that it was an incredibly special achievement for him to win gold in singles and silver in doubles.

Lewis' ton guides West Indies to eight wicket win over Sri Lanka in 3rd ODI

Pallekele: An explosive century from comeback man Evin Lewis helped West Indies secure a eight-wicket win over Sri Lanka in the third and final ODI, earning their first win on Sri Lankan soil after 2005. Sri Lanka still won the series by 2-1. West Indies won the toss and opted to bowl first in this 23-overs-per side match due to rain. Openers Pathum Nissanka and Avishka Fernando gave the Lankan Lions a fine start as they were dealing in boundaries against West Indies bowling attack. However, all-rounder Roston Chase put an end to their partnership at 81 runs, catching and bowling Fernando for 34 in 50 balls, with four boundaries and a six. Another half-century followed between Nissanka and Kusal Mendis, with Nissanka bringing up his fifty in 58 balls, with seven fours and a six. A run-out by Alzarri Joseph put an end to Nissanka's knock of 56 in 62 balls, with eight fours and a six. Sri Lanka was 138/2 in 21.3 overs. Mendis reached his half-century in just 19 balls, with nine fours and a six. Sri Lanka ended their innings at 156/3 in their 23 overs, with Kusal (56 in 22 balls, with nine fours and a six) and Charith Asalanka (6 in three balls, with a six). Chase and Sherrane Rutherford took a wicket each for the Windies.

Manika Batra makes history at WTT Montpellier

Montpellier (France), Oct 27 (UNI) In a landmark achievement for Indian table tennis, Manika Batra has become the first Indian player to reach the top eight in a WTT Champions tournament. Manika's historic journey at the WTT Champions Montpellier 2024 came to a close on Saturday when she faced off against China's Qian Tianyi in the quarterfinals, suffering a 3-0 defeat (11-8, 11-8, 12-10). The WTT Champions series, which launched two years ago, showcases the top 32 male and female players from around the globe, competing for substantial prize money and valuable ranking points. Manika, currently ranked 30th in the world, made headlines with her impressive performance throughout the tournament. She kicked off her campaign with a convincing 3-0 victory (11-4, 11-8, 12-10) over the USA's Li Zhang. The standout moment came on Friday when she upset world No. 14 Bernadette Szocs of Romania with a 3-1 victory (11-9, 6-11, 13-11, 11-9). This was particularly noteworthy, as Manika had previously defeated Szocs 3-0 during India's 3-2 win over Romania in the women's team event at the Paris 2024 Olympics earlier this year.

PM Modi lauds Arjun Erigaisi's historic achievement as Indian Grandmaster breaks 2800 rating mark

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has congratulated Arjun Erigaisi, the Indian chess prodigy who recently achieved a significant milestone by surpassing the 2800 Elo rating mark in live chess ratings. This accomplishment makes Erigaisi the youngest Indian and only the second player from the country, after the legendary Viswanathan Anand, to cross this coveted threshold. The 21-year-old grandmaster reached this milestone on October 24, during the 2024 European Chess Club Cup. Representing Team Alkaloid, Erigaisi secured victory in a critical fifth-round match against Russian player Dmitry Andreikin, playing with the White pieces. This win not only propelled Erigaisi's live rating past 2800 but also elevated him to World No. 3, joining an elite group of only 16 players in chess history to achieve this rating. French grandmaster Alireza Firouzja holds the record as the youngest player to cross the 2800 mark at 18 years and five months, while five-time World Champion Magnus Carlsen reached the milestone as the second youngest.

He will soon learn : Shastri backs Gambhir after Test series loss to NZ

AGENCY PUNE: Former India head coach Ravi Shastri came out in support of the current Indian head coach Gautam Gambhir after the side conceded the ongoing Test series to New Zealand. India, captained by Rohit Sharma, marking their first Test series loss at home in 12 years. Shastri explained that since Gautam Gambhir is in the early phase of his coaching stint with the national team, there is still enough time on hand.

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"New Zealand have beaten them (India) handsomely in both the Test matches. It's food for thought (on series loss). He (Gambhir) has just taken over the job. It is never easy being coach of a team that has such a big following. It is still early days in his career as a coach. But he'll soon learn," Shastri said, while on commentary during the second Test in Pune.

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(76 in 141 balls, with 11 fours) and Rachin Ravindra (65 in 105 balls, with five fours and a six) placed Kiwis in a strong position at 197/3, with Ravichandran Ashwin (3/41) being the only one to have made some dents into the batting. Floodgates opened for wickets after Conway's dismissal, with comeback man Washington Sundar (7/59) get-

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However, their effort was cut short at 49 runs. Just like the first innings, dismissal of a set Gill paved way for Mitchell Santner to run through the Indian line up. Santner (7/53) and Glenn Phillips (2/36) made Indian batters dance to their tunes on their own pitches, skittling them out for just 156 runs. Ravindra Jadeja top-scored

with 38 in 46 balls, with three fours and two sixes.

Kiwis got themselves in a commanding position in their second innings. Led by skipper Tom Latham's 86 in 133 balls, with 10 fours and some important contributions from Phillips (48 in 82 balls, with four boundaries and two sixes) and Tom Blundell (41 in 83 balls, with three fours).

Top 3 of 4 Indian batters are short of confidence against spin": Manjrekar



AGENCY MUMBAI: Former Indian cricketer Sanjay Manjrekar expressed disappointment with Team India's batting during their shambolic loss to New Zealand in the second Test at Pune, which led to the hosts' first-ever series loss at home in 12 years.

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Speaking on ESPNcricinfo, Manjrekar said that he felt India could pull off a surprise when Yashasvi Jaiswal and Shubman Gill had a partnership going on but remarked that the latter does not have a "feel for spinners" and feels pressure while playing them on turning pitches.

"When Yashasvi and Shubman were going together, I thought that there would be a surprise around the corner. Shubman Gill clearly does not have the feel for spinners. You know batters, who can work with their footwork instinctively, he clearly is under pressure when he is playing spinners on turning pitches," Manjrekar said.

Manjrekar also said that star batter Virat Kohli once again misread the length of Santner's delivery and skipper Rohit Sharma felt underconfident on the crease against spin. He feels that the top three of India's top four are short of confidence against spin. He feels India should have backed their

defence more and not lost early wickets.

"Virat Kohli once again misread the length. The ball was much fuller than he anticipated and came back into him sharply. Rohit Sharma was not confident at the crease. There are a lot of guys, top 3 out of 4 who are short of confidence against spin. On pitches like these, you see that it is difficult to bat vs spin in first session and a half. I think that if India backed their defence a little more, things could have gotten easier. If India had not lost too many wickets earlier, this game could have been much closer with Rishabh Pant, Washington Sundar and Ravindra Jadeja being around," he said.

Coming to the match, New Zealand won the toss and elected to bat first. Half-centuries from Devon Conway (76 in 141 balls, with 11 fours) and Rachin Ravindra (65 in 105 balls, with five fours and a six) placed Kiwis in a strong position at 197/3, with Ravichandran Ashwin (3/41) being the only one to have made some dents into the batting. Floodgates opened for wickets after Conway's dismissal, with comeback man Washington Sundar (7/59) getting the remaining wickets to get NZ to 259 all out.

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"It's our job to make sure": Brendon McCullum backs Ben Stokes after Test series loss against Pakistan



AGENCY NEW DELHI: England cricket team head coach Brendon McCullum has backed national team captain Ben Stokes following their 1-2 series loss against Pakistan in the three-match Test series.

On Saturday, the Three Lions lost the series decider by nine wickets at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium.

"That injury was quite significant. He had to work incredibly hard to get back. Being the driven athlete he is, he's all in when he does something. He put in a lot of graft, and subconsciously, it can... not cloud things, but maybe you're not as locked in as you could be in terms of decision-making," McCullum said, as quoted by ESPNcricinfo.

"That's natural, as long as you learn from it and make sure that the next time you're in that situation, you block out the noise and stay crystal clear in the moment. He's disappointed, but he's our skipper, and we know he's a tough competitor. He'll come back, and it's our job to support him and help him along the way," the former cricketer added.

Coming to the match, England opted to bat first. Reduced to 118/6, a counter-attacking century stand between Jamie Smith (89 off 119 balls, with five fours and six sixes) and Gus Atkinson (39 off 71 balls, with five fours) lifted England to 267.

Sajid (6/128) and Noman (3/88) were the top wicket-takers for Pakistan. Thanks to a brilliant century from Saud Shakeel (134 off 223 balls, with five fours) and lower-order contributions from Noman (45) and Sajid (48), Pakistan reached 344, gaining a 77-run lead.

"Just want to enjoy...": MS Dhoni all but confirms his participation in IPL 2025

Panaji: Chennai Super Kings (CSK) star MS Dhoni has nearly confirmed his participation in the 2025 Indian Premier League (IPL), stating that he simply wants to enjoy whatever cricket he can play in his remaining years.

After CSK's unexpected exit in the group stage of IPL 2024, Dhoni had been reserved about his plans for the next edition of the league.

The deadline for all ten franchises to submit their list of retained players is set for October 31, ahead of the mega auction.

For this upcoming edition, CSK has the option to retain Dhoni as an uncapped player, following a rule change. The IPL has reinstated the rule scrapped in 2021, allowing players to be considered uncapped if they have retired from international cricket for five years.

Speaking at an event in Goa, Dhoni shared that pro-



fessional sport often makes it difficult for a player to enjoy the game purely. The 43-year-old said he now wants to savour the game for the next few years.

"I just want to enjoy whatever last few years of cricket I'm able to play, like how during our childhood we used to go out and play at 4 pm, just enjoying the game. But with professional sport, it becomes challenging to enjoy the game as just a game. There are emotions and com-

mitments, but I want to enjoy it for the next few years," Dhoni told ESPNcricinfo.

Reflecting on his batting position in IPL 2024, Dhoni explained his straightforward approach, mentioning that since others were performing well, he didn't see the need to bat higher up. The former CSK skipper also noted that, with the T20 World Cup 2024 approaching, he gave opportunities to players like Ravindra Jadeja and Shivam Dube to help them prepare for possible selection to the Indian team.

"My thinking was simple: if others are doing their job well, there's no need for me to come up the order. Last season, with the T20 World Cup squad announcement coming up, it was essential to give those fighting for a spot a chance. In our team, we had a few players like [Ravindra] Jadeja and Shivam Dube who needed opportunities to prove themselves for the Indian team. There was nothing in it for me - no selection stakes. So I was happy batting down the order, and my team was content with my role," he added.

The 43-year-old is expected to be retained by CSK as an uncapped player, costing the franchise Rs 4 crore from their Rs 120 crore purse. All IPL franchises are allowed to retain up to six players ahead of the IPL 2025 mega auction.

"Shami is a big loss": Australia head coach Andrew McDonald opens up on India's squad for BGT

AGENCY NEW DELHI: Australia head coach Andrew McDonald reacted to India's squad for the upcoming Border-Gavaskar Trophy and said that Mohammed Shami's absence will be a big loss for the Rohit Sharma-led side.

Earlier on Friday, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced their team for the upcoming Border-Gavaskar Trophy (BGT) series against Australia next month and Shami was not included since the seamer is still recovering from the injury.

Following the end of the ODI World Cup 2023, the India pacer suffered an ankle injury, which forced him to stay away from the field since November last year. McDonald said that



India will miss the combination of Jasprit Bumrah and Shami during the BGT. He added that India's reserved players shouldn't be underestimated.

"Mohammed Shami is a big loss. The way our batters speak about his relentless nature, his line and lengths, the way he goes about his business, a real

good complimenting skill set to Bumrah so think that one-two combo they'll lack a little bit, and they'll miss that. But needless to say we saw what happened

last time, they had reserves that came in and did the job as well so they cannot be underestimated at all," McDonald was quoted by ESPNcricinfo as saying.

A lot of new faces have been included in the squad for the upcoming Test series which included players like Nitish Kumar Reddy and Harshit Rana.

The most awaited Border-Gavaskar series between India and Australia will begin on November 22, with the first Test at Perth.

The second Test, scheduled for December 6 to 10 at Adelaide Oval, will feature the exciting day-night format under the stadium's lights. After that, fans will turn their attention to The Gabba in Brisbane for the third Test, which will be held

from December 14 to 18.

The customary Boxing Day Test, set for December 26 to 30 at Melbourne's storied Melbourne Cricket Ground, will bring the series to its penultimate stage.

The fifth and final Test, to take place at the Sydney Cricket Ground from January 3 to 7, will serve as the series climax, promising a dramatic conclusion to an exciting contest.

India's squad for the Border-Gavaskar Trophy: Rohit Sharma (C), Jasprit Bumrah (VC), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Abhimanyu Easwaran, Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, KL Rahul, Rishabh Pant (WK), Sarfaraz Khan, Dhruv Jurel (WK), R Ashwin, R Jadeja, Mohd. Siraj, Akash Deep, Prasidh Krishna, Harshit Rana, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Washington Sundar.

Babar, Rizwan alone in top category as PCB awarded men's central contracts for 2024-25 season



AGENCY LAHORE: The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) on Sunday also awarded the men's central contracts for 2024-25 to 25 cricketers, which have been effective since 1 July 2024. Five players have been offered the contract for the first time - Khuram Shahzad, Mohammad Abbas Afridi, Mohammad Ali, Muhammad Irfan Khan and Usman Khan have been placed in Category D.

Pakistan's Test skipper Shan Masood, who led the side to their first long-format series win since July 2023 this week, keeps his spot in Category B. Babar Azam, who was dropped from the second and third Test matches against England, his position in the highest category retained. Meanwhile, pacer Shaheen Afridi has been dropped to the second category. Mohammad Rizwan became the only other category A player along with Babar. On the other hand, Fakhar Zaman missed out on the central contract for the first time in eight years. According to ESPNcricinfo, there were reported to be concerns over his fitness, though his relationship with the PCB has deteriorated of late. Earlier in the day, Pakistan announced 15-member squads for white-ball series tours to Australia and Zimbabwe starting from November 4 onwards, with star batter Babar Azam being rested from the Zimbabwe tour. Mohammad Rizwan will be available for both Australia matches and the Zimbabwe ODIs but will not participate in the T20Is.

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