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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Man killed over bursting of crackers in Mumbai

MUMBAI: A 20-year-old man was stabbed to death after two groups clashed over the bursting of firecrackers in central Mumbai in the early hours of Friday, following which police arrested five persons, including a woman, an official said. Vivek Gupta lost his life during the confrontation in the Antop Hill area, he said. Five individuals have been taken into custody in connection with the murder and a search is underway to track down more accused, the official said.

### BJP seeks Kharge, Rahul's apology over Cong chief's remarks on poll promises

NEW DELHI: The BJP Friday demanded Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge's apology following the Congress president's advise that his party's state units should make only those promises that are fiscally doable, a statement seen by many as an acknowledgment of financial constraints that some of its guaranteees face in states. BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad asked mockingly if Kharge has given his first "gyan" to Gandhi, noting the former Congress president often boasts of "khata khat" (immediate) transfer of money to different population segments during state and national elections in the case of his party coming to power.

### GST collection grows 9 pc to Rs 1.87 lakh cr in Oct

NEW DELHI: Gross GST collection grew 9 per cent to over Rs 1.87 lakh crore in October on higher revenues from domestic transactions. The Central GST collection stood at Rs 33,821 crore, State GST at Rs 41,864 crore, Integrated IGT at Rs 99,111 crore and cess at Rs 12,550 crore. The total gross GST revenue grew 8.9 per cent to over Rs 1.87 lakh crore last month.

### Anurag Rastogi to take charge as CS till joining of Vivek Joshi

CHANDIGARH: IAS Anurag Rastogi has been given charge of the chief secretary of Haryana until Vivek Joshi joins the post. An order in this regard has been issued by Haryana Government on Friday. It is worthy to mention that Vivek Joshi, a 1989-batch IAS officer, has been appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Haryana following the retirement of the incumbent Chief Secretary, TVSN Prasad, on Thursday.

### Kejriwal, wife offer prayers at Hanuman temple

NEW DELHI: Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) convener Arvind Kejriwal on Friday visited the Hanuman temple in Connaught Place and prayed for the well-being of people. The former Delhi chief minister, accompanied by his wife Sunita Kejriwal, performed a havan at the temple and sought blessings of the deity.

## Toxic smog chokes NCR post Diwali Poor air quality reported in Haryana on festival night

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A thick layer of haze blanketed Delhi, with the national capital's AQI plunging to 362 on Friday as people defied a city-wide ban on firecrackers during Diwali celebrations. Delhi also recorded its most polluted Diwali in three years.

Several areas in Haryana also reported poor and very poor air quality on Diwali night, according to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). As of 11 pm on Thursday, Gurugram recorded an AQI of 322, Jind was at 336, and Charkhi Dadri at 306.

On Diwali on Thursday, the city's 24-hour average Air Quality Index (AQI) was recorded at 330, compared to 218 in 2023 and 312 in 2022, according to Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) data. The national capital's AQI was recorded in the 'very poor' category with a reading of 362 at 9 am on Friday.

Most monitoring stations in Delhi showed similar pollution levels, with 37 out of 39 reporting air quality in the 'very poor' category. According to the Sameer app that provides hourly updates of the national AQI published by the CPCB, the AQI in Alipur was recorded at 355, Anand Vihar at 396, Ashok Vihar at 389, Aaya Nagar 351, Bawana at 396, Burari at 394 and Mathura Road at 371.

At IGI Airport, the AQI was at 371, Dwarka at 376, Jahangirpuri at 390, Mundka at 375, Patparganj at 365, Rohini at 390, Sonia Vihar at 396, and Wazirpur at 390. An AQI between zero and 50 is considered



### 21 reach PGI with firecracker injuries

CHANDIGARH: Twenty-one patients, largely minors, came to the PGI's Advanced Eye Centre here with a history of firecracker injuries in the past 48 hours, the hospital said on Friday. There were 16 males and five females. The decline in numbers, paired with rapid intervention by specialised teams at the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) reflected ongoing improvements in public awareness and swift medical readiness, it said in a statement.

'good', 51 and 100 'satisfactory', 101 and 200 'moderate', 201 and 300 'poor', 301 and 400 'very poor', 401 and 450 'severe' and above 450 'severe plus'.

The concentration of PM2.5 -- fine particles which easily penetrate the respiratory system and pose serious health risks, especially for children, the elderly and those with pre-existing respiratory conditions -- also exceeded the safe limit.

At 6 am on Friday, the PM2.5 concentration in Delhi was recorded at 207.8 micrograms per cubic metre. The safe limit for PM2.5 is 60 micrograms per cubic metre. In an effort to combat the spike in pollution during and after Diwali, the Delhi government had enforced a comprehensive ban on firecrackers for the fifth consecutive year, prohibiting their manufacture, storage, sale and use.

## Will fulfill all promises made in manifesto: Haryana CM

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Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said the present state government is dedicated to realizing the vision of an empowered and progressive India, as envisioned by our revolutionary heroes. Emphasizing the importance of unity and collaborative ef-



fort, the Chief Minister affirmed the present government's resolve to rebuild Haryana in alignment with Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi's ambitious Viksit Bharat goal by the year 2047.

The present state government will lead a new era of development in Haryana. We will fulfill all the promises made in the election manifesto as pledged, advancing the state's

2.80 crore citizens along a path of inclusive growth, said the Chief Minister while addressing a gathering today in Gohana, Sonapat district. He also extended greetings to the attendees and all state residents on the occasions of Vishwakarma Jayanti, Haryana Day, Diwali, Bhai Dooj, and Gopashtami.

The Chief Minister said that the BJP government in Haryana, elected for a third consecutive term, will work with commitment to meet the aspirations of 2.80 crore citizens under the guidance of Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi. He said that officers have been directed to expedite projects in line with the promises made in the election manifesto. As Haryana completes 58 years of progress, all communities deserve congratulations for their contributions, said Sh. Nayab Singh Saini.

The Chief Minister said that he also acknowledges the role of party workers and voters in reinforcing their trust in the BJP, leading to a historic victory. He said that under the robust system established by former Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal, his double-engine government will operate at full speed.

## Cong writes counter response to ECI over Hry polls reply

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NEW DELHI, NOV 1

Responding strongly to the Election Commission's reply to its complaints about "irregularities" in the Haryana Assembly elections, the Congress has accused the poll body of attacking the party and its leaders and threatened to take legal action for expunging such remarks if it continues to do so.

In a strongly worded letter on Friday, the Congress said its communications to the Election Commission of India (ECI) are restricted to the issues and respect the office of the Chief Election Commissioner and the election commissioners but the poll body's replies are written in a condescending tone. "If the current ECI's goal is to strip itself of the last vestiges of neutrality, then it is doing a remarkable job at creating that impression," the Congress wrote.



Replying to the Congress' complaint on Tuesday, the Election Commission had criticised the party for making "baseless allegations when faced with inconvenient electoral outcomes" and cautioned it against making "unfounded and sensational complaints". The poll body had also termed the allegations "irresponsible" and asked the party to take steps to curb a "tendency of frivolous complaints"

## Bibek Debroy, Chairman of PM's Economic Advisory Council, dies at 69

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NEW DELHI, NOV 1

Economist and chairman of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's economic advisory council Bibek Debroy died today at the age of 69. A Padma Shri awardee, Mr Debroy earlier served as the chancellor of the Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics (GIPE) in Pune.

"Bibek Debroy passed away today at 7 am due to in-

testinal obstruction," AIIMS Delhi said.

PM Modi paid his condolences and described Mr Debroy as a "towering scholar".

"Dr. Bibek Debroy Ji was a towering scholar, well-versed in diverse domains like economics, history, culture, politics, spirituality and more. Through his works, he left an indelible mark on India's intellectual landscape. Beyond his contributions to public policy,

he enjoyed working on our ancient texts, making them accessible to the youth," PM Modi posted on social media.

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while insisting that the electoral process in Haryana was flawless.

The Congress, in its response, said it was not surprised that the Election Commission had given a clean chit to itself but said the "tone and tenor of the ECI's response, the language used, and the allegations" made against the party compelled it to reply.

The party said the Election Commission had raised the "exceptional" nature of engaging with it on the issues raised and said it seemed the poll body had forgotten that it was its duty to do so.

"Second, the recent tone of the Commission's communications to the INC is a matter that we refuse to take lightly anymore. Every reply from the ECI now seems to be laced with ad-hominem attacks on either individual leaders or the party itself. The INC's communications confine themselves

to issues and are written with a regard for the high office of the CEC and his brother Commissioners," the letter, signed by nine senior leaders including KC Venugopal, Ashok Gehlot and Ajay Maken, stated. "However, the ECI's reply are written in a tone that is condescending. If the current ECI's goal is to strip itself of the last vestiges of neutrality, then it is doing a remarkable job at creating that impression. Judges who write decisions do not attack or demonise the party raising the issues. However, if the ECI persists then we shall have no choice but to seek legal recourse to expunge such remarks (a remedy with which the ECI is familiar since it unsuccessfully sought to do the same with a High Court's unflattering but accurate observations after Covid)," it added.

## Indian troops start patrolling Demchok sector in eastern Ladakh

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Following disengagement between India and China, Indian troops started patrolling the Demchok sector in eastern Ladakh on Friday.

This development comes after India and China agreed to disengage and start coordinated patrols as per their perception of the Line of Actual Control in the Demchok and Depsang sectors.

Patrolling by Indian troops in the Demchok sector in Eastern Ladakh has started today. Patrolling in the Depsang sector is expected to start soon, Indian Army Sources said. The coordinated patrolling would mean that both sides will know about the schedules of patrols or both sides.

Earlier on Thursday, Armies of both the countries exchanged sweets at various



border points in the Ladakh sector on the occasion of Diwali.

Indian and Chinese Army exchange of sweets took place at Hot Springs, Karakoram Pass, Daulat Beg Oldi, KongkLa and Chushul-Moldo border meeting point in Ladakh.

Ladakh MP Haji Hanifa welcomed the disengagement between the Indian and Chinese armies along the Line of

Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh.

"Those of us who live near the border know what war feels like. We desire peace along the border. We welcome the agreement between the two countries, but we want to see it implemented on the ground. Tensions along the border should be reduced through diplomatic means," said MP Hanifa.

## 2 migrant workers killed in terrorist attack in Budgam

NEW DELHI: Two migrant workers from Uttar Pradesh were shot at in Jammu and Kashmir's Budgam today, the police said. Both were taken to a hospital, where the doctors said they were out of danger. This was the fourth attempt on migrant workers in Kashmir valley in the last two weeks.

The deadliest attack happened on October 20 when terrorists shot dead seven people including a local doctor and two workers from Bihar at a tunnel construction site in Ganderbal district. Of the two terrorists involved, one was identified as a local man from south Kashmir's Kulgam, who joined a

terrorist group in 2023, while the other is believed to have come from Pakistan. Similarly, the terrorists involved in the incident at Bota Pathri in Gulmarg region on Thursday are believed to have been holed up in the higher reaches of Afrawat since early August, news agency PTI reported.

## Indian Railways plans to run more than 170 trains for Chhath Puja



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NEW DELHI, NOV 1

Indian Railways is running special trains across the country to ensure the safe travel of passengers to their hometowns on the occasion of Chhath Puja.

Dilip Kumar, Executive Director of Information and Publicity for Railway Board, informed that the Indian Railways ran more than 160 trains on Thursday and they plan to run more than 170 trains today. Dilip Kumar, Executive Director of Information and Publicity for Railway Board, informed that the Indian Railways have made special arrangements in all important stations in the country including New Delhi, Anand

Vihar, Ahmedabad, Surat, Baroda, Mumbai, Bandra, Vijayawada, Vishakhapatnam, Hyderabad, Chennai and Bengaluru.

"The special arrangements are made for people travelling to their hometown during Chhath Puja. We are running different trains to Bihar and Uttar Pradesh to clear the rush. Yesterday, we ran more than 160 trains and today we have planned to run more than 170 trains. Government Railway Police (GRP) and Railways Protection Force (RPF) staff have been deployed to manage the crowd and Rail Sewaks have been deployed to clear doubts regarding travelling," the railway official said.

## ISRO launches India's first analog space mission in Leh

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LEH, NOV 1

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Friday announced the launch of India's first analog space mission, which commenced in Leh, Ladakh. This mission, led by ISRO's Human Spaceflight Centre, has been developed in partnership with AAKA Space Studio, the University of Ladakh, IIT Bombay, and supported by the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council.

The mission aims to simulate life in an interplanetary habitat and ex-



plore the challenges of establishing a base station beyond Earth.

Sharing the news on X, ISRO said, "India's first analog space mission kicks off in Leh! A collaborative effort

by Human Spaceflight Centre, ISRO, AAKA Space Studio, University of Ladakh, IIT Bombay, and supported by Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, this mission will simulate life in an interplanetary habitat to tackle the challenges of a base station beyond Earth."

This mission is a new step forward in simulating conditions similar to Mars and the Moon. Ladakh's extreme isolation, severe climate, and unique geographical features make it an ideal setting to mimic the challenges astronauts would face on these celestial bodies.

This mission will contribute valuable data to support India's Gaganyaan program and future space exploration.

Ladakh's dry climate, high altitude, and barren terrain closely resemble Mars and lunar conditions, making it ideal for analog research. Dr Aloke Kumar, one of India's prominent scientists, initially proposed the idea of using Ladakh for space research.

According to NASA, analog missions are field tests in Earth environments that mimic extreme space conditions. Analog missions allow scientists and engineers to understand how humans, robots, and technology might respond in space-like conditions.



**ECI accepts Jharkhand govt's proposal to appoint Alka Tiwari as Chief Secretary of state**  
**AGENCY**  
**RANCHI** : The Election Commission of India has approved the Jharkhand government's proposal to appoint Alka Tiwari as the Chief Secretary of the state.

Tiwari, a 1988 batch IAS officer of the Jharkhand cadre, is currently the senior-most IAS officer in the state. Earlier, the Commission had also consented to a five-month extension of the tenure of former Chief Secretary Lalbiaktluanga Khiangtle. Elections for the 81 seats in the Jharkhand Assembly will be held in two phases on November 13 and November 20, with the counting of votes scheduled for November 23. On October 19, the Election Commission of India (ECI) directed the Jharkhand State Government to remove Anurag Gupta from his position as the Acting Director General of Police (DGP) with immediate effect. The ECI issued an order stating that the acting DGP should hand over charge to the senior-most DGP-level officer available in the cadre. This decision took into account a history of complaints and actions taken by the Commission against Gupta during previous elections. Notably, during the 2019 General Elections to the Lok Sabha, Gupta was relieved of his duties as ADG (Special Branch), Jharkhand, following allegations of biased conduct by the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM). On October 29, the ECI held a review meeting with the Chief Secretary, DGP, and other senior officials from Maharashtra, Jharkhand, and their neighbouring states to assess the law-and-order situation for the upcoming assembly elections in both states. During the meeting, the Chief Election Commissioner expressed concern that politically motivated crimes could undermine the electoral environment and compromise a level playing field. The Commission has issued strict instructions to intensify efforts to curb the inflow of inducements, including cash, liquor, narcotics, precious metals, and other incentives, to poll-bound states ahead of the elections.

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**NEW DELHI** : Prime Minister Narendra Modi criticized the Congress Party for failing to deliver on their promises in Karnataka and urged the people to be vigilant and not fall prey to the Party's false promises. PM Modi emphasized the Congress Party's history of making empty promises, citing their unfulfilled loan waiver commitments in several states, including Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Punjab, and Rajasthan. "The Congress Party is realising the hard way that making unreal promises is easy but implementing them properly is tough or impossible. Campaign after campaign they promise things to the people, which they also know they will never be able to deliver. Now, they stand badly exposed in front of the people," PM Modi posted on X. Citing the example of Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka and Telangana, the Prime Minister said that the Congress Party's promises to these states

# "They stand badly exposed": PM Modi after Kharge's remark on poll guarantees



remained unfulfilled, which is a terrible deceit upon the people of these states. "Check any state where the Congress has Governments today - Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka and Telangana - the developmental trajectory and fiscal health is turning from bad to worse. Their so-called Guarantees lie unfulfilled, which is a terrible deceit upon the people of these states. The

victims of such politics are the poor, youngsters, farmers and women, who are not only denied the benefits of these promises but also see their existing schemes diluted,"hesaid. PM Modi alleged that the Congress is busy in intra-party politics in Karnataka, adding that the salaries of Government workers are not paid on time in Himachal Pradesh and farmers are waiting for the waiver they

promised in Telangana. "In Karnataka, Congress is busier in intra-party politics and loot instead of even bothering to deliver on development. Not only that, they are also going to roll back existing schemes. In Himachal Pradesh, the salaries of Government workers are not paid on time. In Telangana, farmers are waiting for the waiver they promised. Previously, in Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan,

they promised certain allowances which were never implanted for five years. There are numerous such examples of how the Congress works,"he said. PM Narendra Modi urged the citizens to be vigilant against the Congress party's culture of making false promises, emphasising that the people of Haryana have already rejected Congress' lies and opted for a stable, progressive, and action-driven government. "The people of the country will have to be vigilant against the Congress-sponsored culture of fake promises! We saw recently how the people of Haryana rejected their lies and preferred a Government that is stable, progress oriented and action driven. There is a growing realisation across India that a vote for Congress is a vote for non-governance, poor economics and unparalleled loot. The people of India want development and progress, not the same old #FakePromisesOfCongress!" he posted on X.

## Shares brighten during special one-hour Muhurat trading



**NEW DELHI**: It's a bright start to the Hindu calendar year of Samvat 2081 for Indian stocks. Sensex closed 0.4 per cent higher at 79,688 points, while Nifty closed 0.4 per cent to end at 24,300 points, rebounding from two days of losses. All sectoral indices opened in green and continued upward during the Muhurat Trading hour, with only Nifty IT closing marginally lower by 0.02 per cent. Here are the Top 5 gainers and losers during the Muhurat hour: The benchmark indices soared, marking a positive start for investors during the one-hour Muhurat trading session on Diwali evening. The exchange platforms – Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) and National Stock Exchange (NSE) – were open for trading from 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm, marking the beginning of Samvat 2081. The pre-market session began at 5.45 pm. The Muhurat trading session typically consists of all the market segments, including equity, commodity derivatives, currency derivatives, equity futures and options (F&O), and securities lending and borrowing (SLB), within this single, auspicious hour. The tradition of Muhurat trading, however, goes back a long time with the belief that investments made during this auspicious time will usher in good returns. Also, the purchase of precious metals such as gold and silver, real estate, electronic items, and automobiles, among others, is specially timed by many on this auspicious day. Usually, trading volumes at exchanges are high because lots of orders are placed all across. Last year, the benchmark stock indices soared substantially to brighten the investors' fortunes during the stipulated one-hour period. Data showed the number of investors over the past years has also been rising during this one-hour special trade, and also in general.

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I Param Khan S/o Nek Mohammad R/o W.No.4, Near Harblas Factory, Ahmedgarh, Tehsil Ahmedgarh District Malerkotla declare that my two sons Shouki and Ameer Khan and daughters-in-law Noori Begum and Sinder Begum are beyond my authority. Therefore, I exclude them from my total movable and immovable property. The person who deals with them will be himself responsible. 63372 I, Simmi Sharma W/o Amit Chopra R/o H.no. 9, Near Parag Hotel, New Shashtri Nagar, Pathankot, Punjab -145001, Hereby declare That I have changed my name from Simmi Sharma to Simmi Chopra from today Dated 01/11/2024. In My Passport My Name be treated as Simmi Chopra. Vide Affidavit Attested by Notary Public (GOVT.OF INDIA) Kindly Correct.it. 63372 I, Saraswati Reddy is Legally Spouse of Army No. JC 388062Y, Rank: Sub. Name: B. Gopal Reddy and Resident of Mandiapalli, Ganjam, States : Odisha-760007, Hereby declare That I have changed my Name from Saraswati Reddy To B. Saraswati and also Changed my DOB from 30.01.1983 to 20.05.1981, as per My Aadhar card. Due to Wrongly entered in the service record of My Husband. Vide Affidavit Attested by Notary Public (GOVT OF INDIA) Kindly Correct.it. 63372 I, Kamlesh Devi Is Mother Of Service No.17020762N, Rank-CFN,. Name; Devendra Singh Yadav And R/O Chandi Chana, Alwar, Rajasthan-301701, Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Kamlesh Devi To Kamalesh And Changed My Dob From 21.06.1975 To 01.03.1964 As Per My Aadhar Card, Due To Wrongly Entered In The Service Record Of My Son. Vide Affidavit Attested By Notary Public (Govt Of India) Kindly Correct.It. 63372

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This is to inform the general public that Sale Deed No. 707/1 dated 09-07-1991, registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Nilotkheri, records that Harbhagwan, son of Jammu Das, resident of Tarori, sold his land measuring 6 marlas, located in Tarori, for a sum of Rs. 18,000 to Jasbir Singh, son of Lachman Singh, resident of Village Saukda, Tehsil Nilotkheri, District Karnal. This deed has been submitted for transfer registration. If any member of the public or any heir of the parties involved has any objection regarding the registration of this transfer, they may submit their objections in person or through a representative to the Tehsildar, Nilotkheri, District Karnal, within 30 days from the date of this notice. If no objections are received, further proceedings will be carried out. Tehsildar/Nilotkheri

### LOST & FOUND

I, China Soni Wife of Sushil Kumar R/o Nai Abadi ST No 10 Abohar District Fazilka declare that my property deed Wasika No. 2184 Dated 27/06/2012 Executed By Sub Registrar Abohar has been lost in Nai Abadi St No 10 Abohar on Dated 22/10/2024. If anybody found then contact at my above address. Phone +91-7827710584

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I Amina Bano aged 27 years daughter of Gulam Sarvar R/o H. No. A-16/1 Kazzakpura Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh currently residing at H. No. 3293 Sector-21. Chandigarh have attained majority by date of birth 05.05.1997. I am muslim by birth that I want to convert my religion from Muslim to Hindu with my own will and choice and I am doing this without any force or coercion. I have changed my name from Amina Bano to Avantika Singh for all purpose. That in future I shall be known as AVANTIKA SINGH.

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I Sona Chohan w/o Gopal Krishan R/o house no. 11-13 Block A/Sha Niwas Zakirpur sas Nagar ( Mohali) that I lost property chain sale deed Wasika no. 10682 Dated 12.10.2012 ist registration in Favour of Sunil kumar s/o Som Nath and Smt Rajni Bala W/o Sunil kumar Executed By Mz zikarpur has been lost in Astha Niwas on 17.1.2024. If any body found then contact at my above adress. Phone No 9876028455. 666554

I, Jasvir Singh S/o Gurnek Singh

R/o Mehna Moga, Punjab 142011 have changed my name to Jasveer Singh 90007 I hitherto known as SUNITA DEVI W/o DILIP KUMAR GUPTA R/o. AUJLA PHATAK, NEAR WATER PUMP, FACTORY AREA, DISTT KAPURTHALA-144601, PUNJAB have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SUNITA KUMARI. 72737

(Complaint-138 Negotiable Instrument Act) IN THE COURT OF Ms. Lovepreet Kaur Swaich Judicial Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> Class, Ludhiana M/S UP MONEY VS. HARJEET KAUR CNR No.PBLD03-014626-2021 COMA/8657/2021 NOTICE TO: 1. HARJEET KAUR Address - W/O SH. MANJEET SINGH R/O H.NO. 58/3 VILLAGE BABAIN (145), KURUKSHETRA, HARYANA-136156 WHEREAS IT HAS BEEN PROVED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THIS COURT THAT YOU THE ACCUSED ABOVE NAMED CANNOT BE SERVED IN THE ORDINARY WAY OF SERVICE. HENCE THIS PROCLAMATION UNDER SECTION 82 CRPC IS HEREBY ISSUED AGAINST YOU WITH A DIRECTION THAT YOU SHOULD APPEAR PERSONALLY BEFORE THE COURT ON 29-11-2024 AT 10:00 A.M OR WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS PROCLAMATION. TAKE NOTICE THAT, IN DEFAULT OF YOUR PART TO APPEAR AS DIRECTED ABOVE THE ABOVE SAID CASE WILL BE HEARD AND DETERMINED AS PER LAW, IN YOUR ABSENCE GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE COURT. For details log on to https://highcourthcd.gov.in/trs=district\_notice &idistrict=ludhiana Judicial Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> Class, Ludhiana Dated, this day of 21.10.2024

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I hitherto known as DALIP KUMAR S/O BAJNATH GUPTA R/o. AUJLA PHATAK, NEAR WATER PUMP, FACTORY AREA, DISTT KAPURTHALA-144601, PUNJAB have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as DILIP KUMAR GUPTA. 72737

I, Kulwant Kaur Johal W/o Jagtar Singh R/o Ward No-13 Rose Avenue Ajnala Distt-amritsar Have Change My Name To Kulwant Kaur 72737

ਸ਼੍ਰੀਮਤੀ ਗੁਰਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਕੌਰ, ਸੁਆਇਟ ਸਬ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ ਓਮ-ਨਾਇਟ ਤਰਸਿਮਲਾਰ, ਲਾਹੜਾ। ਅਖਬਾਰ ਇਨਫੋਰਮਰ ਹਰ ਅਮ ਅਤੇ ਸਮ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਸੂਟਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁਰਖ ਮੁਹਤਿਆਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁਰਖ ਸਰਕਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਤਰਸਿਮਲ ਵਾ ਵਿਚ ਬਣਿਆ ਨੇ ਇਸ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਵਿਚ ਦਸਤਾ ਅ ਕੇਆਏ ਕਲੋ ਵਿਚ ਦਸਤਖਤ ਅਤੇ ਵਾਸੀਤ ਖਾਨਕੀ ਵਲੋਂ ਸੁਰਜੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਪੁਤਰੀ ਸਰਕਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁਰਖ ਸਰਜਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਬਹੁਤ ਸੂਟਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁਤਰ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁਤਰ ਸਰਕਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਬੀਰੀ 06-10-2010 ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੈ। ਵਾਸੀਤ ਕੁਲਿਯਾ ਨੇ ਵਾਸੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਵਿਚ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਦੀ ਟਰਲ ਸੇਰ ਹੋ ਬਹੁਤ ਖੁਸ਼ ਅਤੇ ਅਮਦਾਰ ਮਨਦੀ ਹੋਵੇ। ਅਤੇ ਕੌਰ ਹੋਰ ਹਵਾਲ ਨਾਲ ਇਹ ਵਾਸੀਤ ਕੌਰਦੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਉਸ ਦੀ ਮੌਤ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਉਸ ਦੀ ਚਰ ਅਤੇ ਅਮਰਲ ਚਮੀਨ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਛਿਡ ਲਿਹਾਰ ਬੋਲ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਹੱਕਦਾਰ ਉਸ ਦਾ ਭਤੀਜਾ ਸੂਟਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁਤਰ ਮੁਹਤਿਆਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁਤਰ ਸਰਕਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਨਿਹਾਰੀ ਬਾਗ ਤਰਸਿਮਲ ਵਾ ਜਿਲਾ ਬਠਿੰਡਾ ਚੋਰੋਰ ਹੋਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਦਾ ਤਾਲੁਕ ਵਾਲਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਅਮਰ ਕੋਈ ਵਾਸਤਾ ਉਸਦੇ ਕੋਲੋਂ ਤਾਂ ਉਸ ਦਾ ਉਸਦੇ ਗਲਤ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਸੁਰਜੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਵਾਸੀਤ ਕੁਲਿਯਾ ਨੇ ਕਿਹੀ 08-11-2010 ਨੂੰ ਮੌਤ ਹੋ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਪੁਤਰੀ ਸੁਰਜੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਉਸ ਦੀ ਵਾਸੀਤੀ ਸੁਰਜੀਤ ਨੂੰ ਦਸਤਖਤ ਦਵਿਯਾ ਆਏ ਤੌਰ ਵਿਚ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਹੈ। ਜੇਕਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਉਹ ਇਸ ਇਸਤਿਹਾਰ ਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਖਸ਼ੀਤ ਹੋਣ ਤੇ 15 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ ਅਮਰ ਅਪਾਰ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕਰ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਇਤੀ ਗੁਰੀ ਮੌਲਤ ਤੇ ਪਖਮ ਹੋਣ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਇਸ ਖਾਨਕੀ ਵਾਸੀਤ ਨੂੰ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਕਰ ਵਿਚ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ ਅਤੇ ਇਸ ਉਹਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਦਾ ਕੋਈ ਉਹਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ, ਇਹ ਇਸਤਿਹਾਰ ਅਜਿੰ ਮਿਤੀ 28-10-2024 ਨੂੰ ਮੇਰੇ ਦਸਤਖਤ ਤੋਂ ਹੋਰ ਜਾਰੀ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਸੁਆਇਟ ਸਬ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ (ਨਾਇਟ ਤਰਸਿਮਲਾਰ), ਲਾਹੜਾ ਬਠਿੰਡਾ

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**BEFORE SH. NAVEEN, DAMICS ASSTT. ESTATE OFFICER, U.T., CHANDIGARH.**  
Subject:-Transfer of Ownership in respect of RESIDENTIAL Site No.104, Sector 9- B Chandigarh (RP 8826) to the extent of 100% share on the basis of Registered Will of Late Smt. Denise Beverly Singh (Daughter) (2) Amarjeet Sekhon (Daughter) (3) Dalip Kumar Singh Boora (Son) Now Dalip Kumar Singh Boora has applied for the Transfer of Ownership in respect of RESIDENTIAL Site No.104, Sector 9-B Chandigarh to the extent of 100% Share held by Late Smt. Bakshish Kaur in his favour, on the basis of Registered Will dated 30/05/2011. If anybody has any information about any other legal heir(s) of the deceased other than mentioned above, the same may be intimated to the Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh, immediately. If anybody has any objection upon the mutation of the said share in the said property, in favour of the above named applicant he/she/they may furnish the same in writing (supported with affidavit duly attested by Magistrate Notary) in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the said share in the said property will be mutated accordingly in the name of above said beneficiaries and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained at any later stage. **SH. NAVEEN, DAMICS, ASSISTANT ESTATE OFFICER, EXERCISING THE POWERS OF ESTATE OFFICER, U.T., CHANDIGARH**

I Manjinder kaur W/o Satbir Singh gill R/o Mohalla nai serawa, ward no 3, Bassi pathana District Fatehgarh Sahib, have changed my name from Manjinder Kaur to Manjinder Kaur gill. 50008

I Satbir Singh S/o Jaswinder Singh R/o Mohalla Nai serawa, ward no 3, Bassi pathana, District Fatehgarh Sahib, have changed my name from Satbir Singh to Satbir Singh gill. 50008

I, Hav Army No. 15449740y Name Aman S/o Joginder (regional Centre Echs ,pune). Permanent Resident Of Village Balu Tehsil Kalayat Distt. Kaithal (haryana) Declares That In My Army Service Records , My Wife's Name Is Wrongly Written As Jyoti Bura . But My Wife's Real Name Is Jyoti . Please Correct My Wife's Name As Jyoti In My Army Service Records. 84451

I, Suresh Kumar W/o Sh. Ranjit Singh resident of Village Manwal P/o Pathankot, Tehsil and Distt. Pathankot-145001, Punjab have changed my name from Suresh Kumari to Sudesh Kumari for all purpose infuture. 989666

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
This is to inform the general public that following the death of Sheet Kaur, wife of Rajinder Singh, son of Kartar Singh, resident of Village Narayana, Tehsil Nilotkheri, District Karnal, an inheritance transfer based on Will Document No. 44/3 dated 19-06-2023 from the Office of the Sub-Registrar has been submitted to my office for the registration and approval of land located in Tarori and Village Sagga, Tehsil Nilotkheri, District Karnal. Based on the aforementioned will, the transfer is to be registered and approved in the name of Gurdev Singh, son of the late Sheet Kaur, wife of Rajinder Singh, son of Kartar Singh, resident of Village Narayana. If any person, general or specific, has any objections regarding the approval of this transfer, they may submit their objections in person or through a representative to this office within 30 days from the date of this notice. If no objections are received, further proceedings will be carried out. Tehsildar/Nilotkheri

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
I, Firoj Khan S/o Shabir Mohammad R/o Manipur, Yamunanagar (Haryana) has purchased a firm M/S Nova Nexus Education Situated at F-361 Phase-8B, Sector 5-74 Industrial Area SAS Nagar (Mohali) from Sahil Kumar S/o Parveen Singh now residing at 1003, Near Minerva Academy, VTC, Daun Distt. SAS Nagar (Mohali) on 28-09-2024. Now I am became the fully owner of this firm and now in previous and further I will be responsible for the same. 63372

I, Ranjeet Singh S/o Mangal Singh R/o VPO Sadda Singh Wala (Moga) Changed Name Ranjeet Singh Gill. 63372

I, Amandeep S/o Sukhwinder Singh R/o Vpo. Bheen Bhin Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar Punjab-144512, have changed my name to Amandeep Singh. 63372

I, Simar Kaur W/o Narinder Pal Singh R/o B-2/203 St.No. 2 New Teacher Colony Nawanshahr Distt. Saheed Bhagat Singh Nagar-144514, changed my name from Simer Kaur to Simar Kaur, all please note. 63372

I Amanpreet Singh Rathour S/o Budh Singh R/o Rahimabad Khurd, Tehsil Samrala (Ludhiana) Have changed my name as Amanpreet Singh. 63372

I, Lakhvir Singh s/o Nirmal Singh R/o Vpo. Phirni Majara Teh-Balochaur (SBS Nagar) have changed my name Singh Lakhvir, Singh my surname. 63372

I, Manpreet Singh S/o Harbhajan Singh R/o Vpo. Manewal Teh-Balachaur (SBS Nagar) have changed my name Singh Manpreet, Singh my surname. 63372

I, Parveen Kaur D/o Sukhjinder Singh R/o Near Balmik Mandir Datta Patti Gholia Kalan (Moga) have changed my name to Parveen Kaur Ladhur. 63372

I, Jaspreet Kaur W/o Amninder Singh R/o Vill. Badhochhi Khurd, P.O. Badhochhi Kalan, Teh. Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib, have changed my name Jaspreet and Kaur as surname. 63372

I, Amninder Singh S/o Labh Singh R/o Vill. Badhochhi Khurd, P.O. Badhochhi Kalan, Teh. Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib, have changed my name Amninder and Singh as surname. 63372

I Nachatar Kour W/O Gurcharan Singh R/O Raiya Urf Haridaspora Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Nachatar Kaur. 63372

I Sukhjeet Kaur W/O Balraj Singh R/O Sidhu Patti, Gurusar, Bhagta Bhai Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Sukhjitt Kaur. 63372

I, Joginder Singh S/o Sh. Chanana Singh R/o Vill and Post Office Kitna, Teh-Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur have changed my name Joginder Singh to Joginder Singh Rayat. 63372

I Hitherto Known As Rajat S/o Parvesh Kumar R/O Vpo Moron, Tehsil. Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab (India)-144029, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Rajat Verma. 63372

I Jograj S/O Jeet Ram Vpo. Paddi Jagir Tehsil Phillaur District Jalandhar-144409, have changed my name to Jograj Singh. 63372

I Ahinsa Sharma D/O Prithvi Chand Trikha W/O Dharam Vir Pathak H.no. B-7/206, Pathakan Mohalla Nawanshahr Distt SBS Nagar Have Changed My Name Ahinsa Sharma To Ahinsa Pathak. 63372

I, Naseem Thomson W/O Thomson Masih R/O House No 233-A, Chongian Wala Bagh, Sector-10, Kharar, Po Kharar SAS Nagar (Mohali) 140301 I have changed my name from Naseem to Naseem Thomson. 63372

I Raj Kumar Kamra S/O Kishan Chand Resident Of Ward No 12, Assandh, Distt. Karnal State Haryana Changed His Name Raj Kumar To Raj Kumar Kamra. 63372

I Anita Kamra W/O Raj Kumar Kamra Resident Of Ward No 12, Assandh, Distt. Karnal State Haryana Changed Her Name Anita Rani Gandhi To Anita Kamra. 63372

I Prabhjeet Singh S/O Piara Singh R/O Galli No.2, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, Saido Bholana, Kapurthala, Punjab Have Changed My Name To Prabhjit Singh. 63372

I Hardeep Singh S/O Jaswant Singh R/O Biharipur, Bhanolanga, Kapurthala, Punjab Have Changes My Name Hardeep Is My Given Name And Singh Is My Surname. 63372

I, Lovejinder Singh S/o Narinder Singh R/o Vpo. Kandila Teh-Batala (Gurdaspur) have changed my name from Lovejinder Singh to Singh Lovejinder. 63372

I, Gurwaryam Sandhu S/o Jagtar Singh R/o Village Valtoha Tehsil Patti District Tarn Taran have changed my name from Gurwaryam Sandhu to Gurwaryam Singh. 63372

I, Swarnjit Kaur Sandhu W/o Gurwaryam Singh R/o Village Valtoha Tehsil Patti District Tarn Taran have changed my name from Swarnjit Kaur Sandhu to Swarnjit Kaur. 63372

I Shekhar kashyap S/o Sh.Rajbir R/o Village Telipura, jaroda, Distt Yamunanagar that I have Changed my name from Shekhar Kashyap to Shekhar. 100060

I Praveen Khattun W/o Mohd Aslam, R/o Village Mukarampur, P. O Amada Pour, Distt Yamunanagar That I Have Changed My Name From Praveen Khatun To Tabassum Khatoun. 100060

I Number 6494781N, Rank Hav, Name GIRISH PATI TIWARI, Unit 507 ASC BN C/o 56 APO Ferozepur presently residing at Rehi, Mahuwari, Kaimur, (Bhabua), (Bihar), 821101 have changed my Name from GIRISPATTI TIWARI to GIRISH PATI TIWARI vide affidavit dated 19-03-2024 before Notary Public at Ferozepur 900023

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NEWS BRIEFS

Deepawali celebrated by lighting 51,000 lamps in Sitamai temple

SAHIL MEHTA  
NILOKHERI: BJP leader Meena Chauhan Raisen, while giving information said that this time on this holy festival of Diwali, a grand event was organised to celebrate Deepawali by lighting 51000 lamps in Mata Sita temple located in village Sitamai and I got the privilege of participating in it as the chief guest, it is a matter of great pride and joy for me that I inaugurated the Deepshikha of 51000 lamps by lighting a lamp in the temple of Mata Sita at this holy place. This festival of colours will be unforgettable. On this occasion, all the people present wished Happy Deepawali and on this occasion, dignitaries of Sitamai and nearby villages reached Mata Sita temple and received blessings.

# CM celebrates Diwali with elderly at Ladwa old age home

**VIJAY KAUSHIK  
LADWA, NOV 1**

Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini today celebrated Diwali with the elderly and children by visiting Baba Bansivala Vridha Ashram and Sakshi Balkunj Ashram in Ladwa, Kurukshetra, on this festive occasion. He distributed sweets, shawls, and fruit baskets, wishing everyone a Happy Diwali.

The Chief Minister began his visit at Baba Bansivala Vridha Ashram, where he offered his respects. Speaking to the elderly, he expressed his joy in being with them and mentioned that he had come to seek their blessings. He said that Lord Shee Rama returned to Ayodhya on this day, and Diwali is celebrated to commemorate this event. He also highlighted the grand temple of Shree Rama that has been constructed in Ayodhya, which is beautifully adorned for the festival.

On this occasion, he inquired about the accommodation and food arrangements for the elderly residents. During this interaction, some elderly individuals

also requested the Chief Minister's assistance in obtaining old age pensions and Ayushman cards. In response, the Chief Minister directed the Deputy Commis-



sioner, who was present, to take immediate action to address these issues.

The Chief Minister expressed that he felt fortunate to receive blessings from the elders on this auspicious festival.

After this, the Chief Minister visited Sakshi Balkunj Ashram in Lad-

wa, where he extended his blessings to the children living there and wished them a Happy Diwali. He encouraged the children to study with dedication and hard work, emphasizing that goals can only be achieved through perseverance. He also gathered information about the facilities provided to the children from the ashram's director, who mentioned that 15 children reside there and are receiving various forms of support.

The elderly and children expressed great joy at the Chief Minister's presence, noting that this was the first time a Chief Minister had visited them during Diwali to share in their festivities.

Following this, the Chief Minister went to Kisan Vishram Grih in Babain, where he wished BJP workers, officials, and other dignitaries a Happy Diwali.

Deputy Commissioner Mr. Rajesh Joggal and other dignitaries were also present during these celebrations.

## Nirankari Sant Samagam will be held on November 3

**RAHUL KOHLI  
YAMUNANAGAR, NOV 1**

Under the holy patronage of Nirankari Satguru Mata Sukdisha Ji Maharaj, Sant Nirankari Samagam will be organized on November 3 at Tejali Ground behind ESI Hospital. Hundreds of devotees were busy in the preparations of Nirankari Samagam at the venue. Along with Satguru Mata Ji, Nirankari Rajpita Ramit Ji will also reach the gathering. Hundreds of Sadh Sangat and Sevalad brothers and sisters were participating enthusiastically in cleaning the gathering place. Children were also participating in these services. The enthusiasm of was also worth seeing.

Giving details of the preparations, convener Baldev Singh said that thousands of devotees were expected to arrive in the congregation from various districts of Haryana as well as from Uttar

Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab and other places. Every kind of facility for the devotees was being taken care of in the congregation. A huge pandal was being prepared for the satsang in the gathering so that thousands of devo-

canteen, Nirankari publications, lost and found office, free dispensary will be arranged for the devotees in the congregation. All facilities like facilities, toilets etc. have been arranged. A grand entrance has been prepared outside Tejali Road. Apart from this, a Brahma Gyan room was being prepared for the religious lovers who wished to know about God. To spread the information about the Samagam to the general public, hoardings re-



lated to the Samagam are being put up at various places. For the devotees coming from outside, free transport will be arranged by the Mission to take them from the city bus stand and railway station to the Samagam venue. Special arrangements are being made for the elderly and disabled at the venue.

## Yamunanagar Press Club celebrates Diwali with children at Balkunj Orphanage

**RK KASHYAP  
CHHACHHRAULI:** Continuing their tradition, members of the Yamunanagar Press Club celebrated Diwali with children at the Balkunj Orphanage in Chhachhraul. Press Club

President Prabheet Singh spoke to the children about Diwali's significance as a festival of light and energy, which symbolizes the victory of light over darkness. The children received sweets, chocolates, and

festive greetings from the club members, who aimed to bring happiness and warmth to the kids. Attendees included Harish Kohli, Sarvjeet Bawa, Ramkishan, Sunil Gurjar, Dharmveer, Parvez Khan, and Sudha.

## 'Padho Likho Badho' NGO celebrates diwali with underprivileged families



**RK KASHYAP  
CHHACHHRAULI:** The 'Padho Likho Badho' organization celebrated Diwali with families in need, aiming to spread happiness and light. They organized a community meal, providing food to hundreds and distributing sweets and fruits to underprivileged families. NGO Secretary Rajeev Hussain shared that this event was dedicated to bringing festive joy to those who might otherwise miss out. The organization's state presi-

dent, Sumer Walia, emphasized the importance of inclusivity, stating that true joy is achieved by uplifting all sections of society. Community members appreciated this initiative, with key attendees including Mahi Gujjar, Soni Bansal, Saurabh Gujjar, Maulana Azmat Ali, Raman, Ajayab Singh, Sardar Simarjeet Sidhu, Sadaf Khan, Abdul Ahad, Azam Khan, Rizwan Ali, Mukund Bharti, Sardar Harbans Singh, and Dipan-shu Bansal.

## Anti Vehicle Theft Cell arrests two, 11 vehicles recovered

**RAHUL KOHLI  
YAMUNANAGAR, NOV 1**

A police spokesperson said that the police is making every effort to stop the incidents of theft. Sukhwinder Singh, in-charge of Anti Vehicle Theft, said that his team had received secret information that two youths would go from Yamunanagar via Kalanaur to Saharanpur Uttar Pradesh to sell the stolen bike. Based on the information, the team immediately started the investigation by blocking the Kalanaur border. After some time, two youths were seen coming on a motorcycle.

On the basis of suspicion, the accused youths were stopped and investigated. During the investigation, the accused youth could not show any documents of the bike. On intensive interrogation, the accused told that they had stolen this bike from JP Hospital Yamunanagar on 23 September 2023. During interrogation, they were identified as Nitin

and Adesh Patil, residents of village Chhapur, Saharanpur in Uttar Pradesh.

Upon intensive interrogation,



10 more stolen bikes were recovered from the accused. The accused had stolen all the bikes from Police Station City Yamuna Nagar area in the last three months. The team

has also arrested the buyer of the stolen bikes, who was identified as Amarjeet, resident of village Amkhedi, Haridwar in Uttarakhand.

The accused used to steal bikes and sell them to Amarjeet. The accused were produced in the court, from where they were sent to judicial custody.

## Fire engulfs moving trailer near Faizpur, driver and conductor escape unharmed



**RK KASHYAP  
CHHACHHRAULI:** A trailer traveling on the Jagadhri-Paonta Sahib National Highway near Faizpur village suddenly caught fire, forcing the driver and conductor to jump out to save themselves. The blaze engulfed the trailer quickly, reducing it to ashes. The exact cause of the fire remains unknown. The driver managed to maneuver the vehicle to the roadside before escaping. Villagers nearby helped in controlling the flames, preventing further damage.

## Bhai Dooj festival of love and affection between brother and sister

**KAMAL SHARMA  
TARAORI, NOVEMBER 1**

Sisters are excited about the Bhai Dooj festival. The markets of Taraori city were bustling with activity due to the festival. Brothers bought gifts for their sisters on Bhai Dooj. On one hand, while sisters were busy shopping for Bhai Dooj festival, brothers also bought gifts for their sisters. Bhai Dooj festival, a symbol of love and affection between brother and sister, is celebrated after Diwali. According to the Hindu calendar, Bhai Dooj festival is celebrated every year on the second day of Shukla Paksha of Kartik month. Bhai Dooj is known as Yam Dwitiya. On the occasion of Bhaiddooj festival, sisters apply Tilak on their brothers' foreheads and



pray for their long life, good health, happiness, prosperity and good fortune. When the sisters were talked to about Bhaiddooj festival, they said that today they apply Mangal Tilak on the forehead of their brothers and pray for their long life. Brothers also presented gifts to their sisters and pledged to protect them and prayed for their well being.

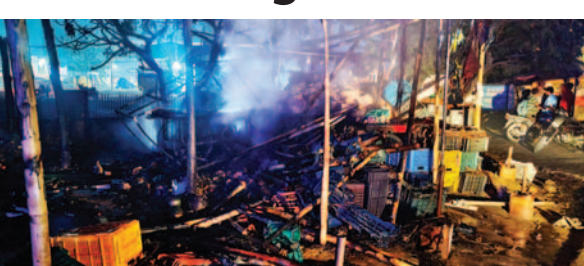
Talking about Bhaiddooj

festival, Suman Bansal from GV Rice Unit Tarawadi, social worker Meenu Toyal, Mamta Goyal from 521 Basmati Pood, CMD of Shri Hans Rice and General Mills Tarawadi Rajni Gupta said that today they will apply Tilak on the foreheads of their brothers and pray for their long life. They said that Bhaiddooj festival is based on the holy relationship between brother and sister. They will pray to God for the

long life of their brothers. CMD of Garg Rice Industries Tarawadi Santosh Gupta, Sanjeeta Gupta associated with social organisations, Bhavna Midda associated with Bharat Vikas Parishad, Radhika Narang, famous poetess Dr. Kanta Verma said that like Raksha Bandhan festival, Bhai Dooj festival is also a symbol of the bond of love between brothers and sisters.

On this day, sisters apply tilak to their brothers and tie Raksha Sutra. Renu Gupta from Brain Gym Abax Academy, social worker Sunaina Hans and Yogita Chawla said that this day is special and full of joy and happiness for sisters. Brothers also wait for this day. They said that they will always pray for their protection by applying tilak on their brother's forehead.

## Goods worth thousands burnt in vegetable stall



**PRITI SAINI  
SADHAURA, NOVEMBER 1**

In Sadhaura last night, a vegetable stall caught fire due to unknown reasons. Due to the fire, goods worth thousands kept in the vegetable shop were burnt to ashes. The fire brigade reached the spot and brought the fire under control. By the time the fire brigade vehicle reached the spot, goods worth lakhs had been burnt to ashes. The vegetable stall owner has accused the fire to be due to enmity. Raju Saini said that he had set up a vegetable and fruit shop in the vegetable market. Saini said that someone set fire to his shop due to enmity because the sound of firecrackers was coming from the fire in the shop. Raju Saini said that goods worth thousands of his were burnt to ashes in the fire.

## Patel's determination and leadership in freedom struggle unique: Dr Ashok

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA  
KARNAL, NOVEMBER 1**

BJP District Media Incharge Dr Ashok Kumar paid tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his birth anniversary and said that today is the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Sardar Patel's determination and leadership in the freedom struggle was unique. He played an important role in merging more than 500 princely states into the Indian Union. Patel's legacy is still inspiring for the country. Shedding light on his life, BJP District Media In-

charge Dr Ashok Kumar said that Vallabhbhai Jhaverbhai Patel was born on October 31, 1875 in a simple farmer family in Nadiad village of Gujarat and qualities like hard work, discipline and self-reliance, which later defined his leadership and vision of service, were visible from his childhood.



spired by his father Jhaverbhai Patel, who served in the army of Rani Lakshmbai of Jhansi. These early experienc-

es fostered a strong commitment to justice, honour and resilience. Dr Ashok Kumar said Patel was initially educated in local schools and later studied law in England. On returning to India, he established himself as a successful lawyer in Ahmedabad. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's efforts strengthened the mass base of the freedom movement, and he proved himself adept at mobilising grassroots support, maintaining discipline and instilling a sense of purpose among ordinary citizens. His strong organisational abilities and dedication to the cause made him a trusted ally of Mahatma Gandhi. Patel's principles of national unity and integrity remind us of the importance of collective identity and resilience.

## Due to Anil Vij, Ambala residents will soon travel by plane to Ayodhya: Shandilya

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA  
AMBALA, NOVEMBER 1**

Anti Terrorist Front India and Vishwa Hindu Takht chief Veeresh Shandilya on the auspicious occasion of Diwali visited the residence of Haryana's Transport, Energy and Labor Minister Anil Vij and congratulated him and presented him a huge idol of Lord Hanuman. Veeresh Shandilya also presented Vij with Maa's chunari and said that may Maa Saraswati always reside in him and may God give him strength to serve the whole of Haryana. Surendra Pal KK, Sanjeev Seth, Shiv Ranjan, Vansh Shandilya were also present on this occasion. Shandilya congratulated Anil Vij on the first Diwali of Ayodhya Shri Ram

Mandir after a long wait of 500 years in Ayodhya and said that under the leadership of Anil Vij, flights will soon start from the airport built in Ambala Cantonment and Ambala residents will

Asia's largest martyrdom memorial to be built in Ambala Cantonment. Vij said that the young generation will get information about the martyrs through this memorial and the number of



be able to see Ram Lalla in a few hours through a direct flight from Ambala to Ayodhya, thanks to Anil Vij.

On this occasion, Veeresh Shandilya also discussed with Anil Vij about

tourists in Ambala will increase and business will also increase. Shandilya also thanked Anil Vij for running local buses. Shandilya said that Anil Vij should order similar local buses in Ambala city as well. Veeresh Shandilya said that all three departments of Vij are connected to the public and definitely after Vij takes over the command of these departments, the problems of the transport and electricity department will end in the coming days and people will not have to face trouble.



May Diwali be auspicious for everyone: Subhash Verma, Rohit Verma



**VERMA GURDASPUR:** The Diwali festival symbolizes the transition from darkness to light and conveys a message of joy, prosperity, and unity. These words were expressed by Subhash Verma, State Secretary of the Transport Wing of AAP and former block in-charge of Sujampur, along with Rohit Verma, Provincial Secretary of the Transport Wing and Block President of AAP. They stated that they wish for Diwali to be auspicious for all. On Diwali, homes are decorated with lamps and rangoli, and sweets are shared. It is a time to share happiness with family and friends. Everyone's face is adorned with smiles, and hearts are filled with love. This festival encourages us all to come together in joy and to light the lamp of happiness, prosperity, and peace in everyone's life.

Diwali celebrated at Punjab Convent School



**KULWINDER KARWAL SARDULGARH:** A grand celebration organized at Punjab Convent School, Jhunj, on the occasion of Diwali, in which students participated with great enthusiasm and zeal. The students created beautiful rangoli inspired by the names of their houses - Ganga, Krishna, Kaveri, and Narmada. Additionally, display board decoration competitions were also held, where Kaveri House scored the first position, Narmada House the second, and Ganga House the third. Students from classes 1st to 5th decorated their classrooms with lamps, candles, and other decorative items, presenting an impressive exhibition. On this occasion, the school Principal, Mrs. Teesha Arora, praised the creativity and hard work of the students, saying that the festival of Diwali brings light into our lives and dispels darkness. The school management committee also honored all staff members, drivers, and Nannies with gifts on the occasion of Dhanteras. The staff extended Diwali greetings to the students and their parents.

St soldier Elite Convent school celebrates diwali and Bandi chhod Diwas



**KULJIT SINGH JALANDHAR:** The festival of lights, Diwali and Bandi Chhod Diwas were celebrated with great fanfare in St. Soldier Elite Convent School, Jalandhara. The event began with the words Salgar Bandi Chhod Hail sung by the children during the assembly itself. Later, a short play was performed on Data Bandi Chhod Day highlighting the importance of the festival. After that, the children presented a group dance showing the glory of Sri Ram Chandrari.

Five flying teams to ensure equitable availability of DAP, other fertilisers

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, NOV 1

In an initiative aimed to protecting farmers from financial exploitation and help them achieve better yields, the Punjab Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department has constituted five flying squad teams to ensure the seamless and equitable availability of DAP and other fertilizers, quality seeds and pesticides for the Rabi season.

According to Punjab Agriculture Minister S. Gurmeet Singh Khudian, these teams will conduct raids to check illegal hoarding, black marketing of fertilisers and tagging of



unnecessary chemicals with DAP and other fertilisers. These teams will also monitor supplies, maintain standards and ensure quality control through regular checking and sampling, he added.

He further informed that these flying squads will visit retail and wholesale

dealers, as well as manufacturing and marketing units of seeds, fertilisers and pesticides to monitor the rates at which these products are being sold to farmers. Sharing a data of quality control drive undertaken by the Agriculture department from 1st April to 31st October, 2024, S. Gurmeet Singh Khudian stated that the department has collected as many as 2,063 samples of pesticides, resulting in the cancellation of 43 licenses due to misbranding.

Additionally, 1,751 samples of chemical fertilizers, 100 samples of biofertilizers and 40 samples of organic manures have been taken. In response to the misbranded samples,

Black Diwali celebrated due to non-payment of salary to paramedical staff of CHC Bajakhana's health department

**JS GILL JAITU:** Punjab Government issued letter No. FD-FB-FD-2013-44-2024 dated 23-10-24 of the Finance Department (Finance Budget-2 Branch) on the festival of Diwali. Keeping in mind, the employees of Punjab state were instructed to release

the salary for the month of October on 30-10-24.

But all medical officers, pharmacy officers, multi-purpose health worker male, female, multi-purpose health supervisor male female, laboratory technician driver, BEE etc. of CHC Bajkhana were not given salary. But

according to the letter of the finance department, all the paramedical employees were waiting for the salary message and went to the banks and made an entry in their bank account and waited for the salary to be deposited. But the salary was not deposited till late night on 30-10-24.

Police busts interstate weapons smuggling module

BUREAU AMRITSAR, NOV 1

In a major breakthrough amidst the ongoing drive to make Punjab a safe and secure state, Amritsar Commissionerate Police has dismantled an interstate illegal weapons smuggling module linked to USA-based Dilpreet Singh with the arrest of seven operatives and recovered 12 pistols along with 16 magazines and 23 live cartridges from their possession, said Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav here on Friday.

Those arrested have been identified as Karanjeet Singh alias Dhanni, Jashandeep Singh alias Maya alias Chillar, Ishmeet Singh alias Rishu, Amritpal Singh alias Spura and Dilpreet Singh alias Dil, all residents of Chheharta, Amritsar; Varinder



Singh alias Ravi and Gurpreet Singh alias Gopi of Baba Bakala Sahib in Amritsar.

DGP Gaurav Yadav said that preliminary investigations revealed that the module was providing logistical support to various gangs by procuring weapons from Madhya Pradesh. Probe also revealed that accused Karanjeet Dhanni along with his brother Jashandeep Singh and Ishmeet brought weapon consignments from Madhya Pradesh to further deliver

them to different persons on the instructions by USA-based Dilpreet Singh, he added. The DGP said that further investigations are on to trace the other people involved in the module and more arrests are expected in the coming days. Sharing operation details, Commissioner of Police (CP) Amritsar Gurpreet Singh Bhullar said that acting swiftly on a secret information about illegal weapons being smuggled from Madhya Pradesh and are being supplied to criminal elements in the state, Police teams from Islamabad Police Station and CIA Staff-2 under the supervision of DCP Investigation Harpreet Singh Mander launched a special operation and apprehended the accused from the area of Chheharta and Baba Bakala.

No shortage of DAP fertilizer, 1015 tons available in district: DC

JS SODHI JALANDHAR, NOV 1

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Himanshu Aggarwal today said that there is no shortage of DAP fertilizer in the district, and farmers will not face any scarcity of DAP for wheat sowing during the Rabi season, as there is a steady supply of the required fertilizer. Dr. Aggarwal shared that, as of November 1, 1015 tons of DAP fertilizer is available in the district, with 500 tons allocated to cooperative societies and 515 tons to private firms. He suggested that farmers can also consider using alternative phosphatic fertilizers for wheat sowing instead of DAP.

Dr. Aggarwal explained that, as substitutes for DAP, fertilizers like Triple Super Phosphate, NPK, and Single



Super Phosphate can be used in line with recommendations from the Punjab Agriculture Department. He noted that these fertilizers are beneficial for both crop yield and soil health. He added that three shipments of Triple Super Phosphate have already arrived in the district as a DAP alternative. Emphasizing that DAP

supply will be ensured based on seasonal demand, he assured farmers there is no need for concern.

The Deputy Commissioner further stated that strict monitoring is being conducted to prevent fertilizer hoarding and black marketing in the district. Appropriate action will be taken against anyone found engaging in such practices, and relevant instructions have already been issued to the concerned authorities. Agriculture Officer Dr. Surjeet Singh while giving more information said that alternative fertilizers, such as Triple Super Phosphate (0:46:0), NPK 12:32:16, Single Super Phosphate, NPK 16:16:16, and NPK 20:20:13, are highly effective for crops and help in replenishing essential nutrients in the soil.

VB nabs Ludhiana MC official red handed taking Rs 10000 bribe

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, NOV 1

The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB), during its ongoing campaign against corruption in the state, has apprehended Gurdeep Singh, alias Sunny, a Data Entry Operator with the Municipal Corporation of Ludhiana, red handed while he was accepting a bribe of Rs. 10,000. According to an official spokesperson for the VB, the arrest followed a formal complaint filed by Amandeep Singh Chandok, a resident of GTB Nagar, Ludhiana, and a recent candidate for the position of Sarpanch from village Shanti Vihar, Bhamian Kalan.

He further added that Chandok, who is a property advisor and builder, has



approached the VB and alleged that Gurdeep Singh had demanded the bribe in his capacity as a nominating officer. The accused reportedly claimed to be working with the Returning Officer and asserted that his nomination papers contained deficiencies that could be overlooked for a bribe of Rs. 10,000.

Following negotiations, Gurdeep Singh agreed to an initial bribe of Rs. 5,000 for processing his nomination file and subsequently demanded an additional Rs. 10,000 to facilitate the submission of nomination files for his team contesting as panchayat members.

The complainant further disclosed that Gurdeep

Singh had also requested a larger bribe of Rs. 50,000, allegedly to ensure his election victory. Recorded evidence, including calls from the accused's mobile phone even after the election, was provided to the VB, prompting a swift investigation and the formation of a team to lay a trap.

The VB spokesperson confirmed that the team successfully captured Gurdeep Singh while he was accepting the bribe of Rs. 10000 from the complainant in the presence of two official witnesses. A corruption case has been registered against the accused at the VB police station Ludhiana Range, and further investigation into the matter was under progress.

DC Gurdaspur leads field effort to extinguish fires in Block Sri Hargobindpur



**VERMA BATALA:** Deputy Commissioner Gurdaspur, Uma Shankar Gupta, stayed in the field all day and the fire in the fields was extinguished in his presence with the support of the fire brigade, civil and police department teams. SSP Batala, Suhail Kasim Mir and SDM Batala Vikramjit Singh were also present on this occasion. Deputy Commissioner, Uma Shankar Gupta, while visiting different villages of Block Sri Hargobindpur Sahib today, saw the fire in the fields of village Harpura and Shahpur Arayan on the way. They immediately stopped the car, went to the field themselves and extinguished the fire. Speaking on this occasion, the Deputy Commissioner said that the entire administration, which includes the civil and police departments, is visiting the farmers from village to village and urging them not to burn stubble and to manage stubble. He said that in view of the happenings of stubble burning in the district for the last two or three days, he himself is visiting different villages of the district so that the farmers are encouraged not to burn stubble.

Diwali celebrations at Cambridge

RADHE SHYAM SHARMA MORINDA, NOV 1

Diwali, the Festival of Lights, was celebrated with immense enthusiasm, joy, and a deep sense of cultural reverence. The festivities kicked off with a specially organized morning assembly, bringing students and teachers together in the true spirit of Diwali. The day began on a peaceful note as the school choir led everyone in prayer, infusing the atmosphere with calm and positivity. Their harmonious chants and hymns created a spiritual start to the day, reminding everyone of the festival's essence—hope, goodness, and new beginnings.

A major highlight of the celebration was a captivating play performed by students. The play depicted the legendary story of Lord Rama's return to Ayodhya



after his victory over Ravana, symbolizing the triumph of good over evil. The students' performance, complete with vibrant costumes, expressive acting, and a powerful message, was a beautiful portrayal of the values Diwali teaches. The audience watched in rapt attention, fully immersed in the story that has inspired generations.

Throughout the assembly, students also

shared inspirational quotes and speeches that highlighted the significance of Diwali in today's world. They spoke about how Diwali encourages us to spread happiness, embrace kindness, and work toward a brighter future for all.

The choir then performed traditional Diwali songs, filling the air with festive music and uplifting the spirits of everyone present. Following the assembly, students from various grades participated in a vibrant Rangoli making activity. With intricate designs and a stunning array of colors, the Rangolis symbolized the welcoming of positive energy and prosperity. The students' creativity and skill were evident in their beautiful designs, and each Rangoli became a piece of art that added to the festive decor of the school.

Construction of Parsowal bridge will be my first priority: Dr. Ishank Kumar

DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, NOV 1

Mentioned about Bichhohi bridge construction by Dr. Raj when causeway washed out every time in heavy rainfall. "I consider it my duty to take care of every trouble bothering my constituents, and I try to solve every problem from the root", these thoughts of Dr. Raj Kumar Chabbewal MP Hoshiarpur, were quoted by AAP candidate Dr. Ishank Kumar when he was addressing his meetings in Bichhohi and surrounding villages. He said that these words of always encourage me to try hard to solve the issues of our people and I will definitely follow the path shown by him! Dr. Ishank said that he has always noticed that during the tenure of Dr. Raj, he always



strived hard to solve the problems from the root and not just make temporary arrangements. A live example of this is bridge constructed on Bichhohi Choe. Multiple times the heavy rains washed away the causeway built on this choe posing severe commutation issues to the residents of in and around this village. Every time it happened, causeway was being reconstructed and the story repeated. It was Dr. Raj Kumar Chabbewal who took the onus to resolve this issue forever and today a bridge can

be seen in place of that causeway. Due to this bridge built at a cost of 2 crore 10 lakhs, not only Bichhohi and Parsowal, but dozens of villages such as Tajawal, Nasran-Badhana, Bherua, Sarangwal, Suna etc. also got a big relief. Dr. Ishank said that this is what I have learned from my father that solving the problems faced by the constituents is a great service and it gives a hearty comfort and I am also committed to the service of the constituency, following this path shown by him.

Seminar on 'drive against corruption' organised in Mata Sundri Girls College Mansa

NARESH GOYAL MANSA, NOV 1

Speaking in a seminar organised by state Vigilance bureau in the local Mata Sundri Girls College, Mansa's Deputy commissioner Kulwant Singh asserted that to eradicate any tyoe of evil, people's participation is of vital importance and nothing is possible without active involvement of general public. He pointed out that corruption is the biggest obstacle in the development and prosperity of a nation and in order to create a corruption free nation we need to develop our moral character and sincerely work to vanish corruption from the society. Singh was the chief guest in a seminar organised by Punjab



Vigilance bureau under the "drive against corruption" week. Addressing the gathering SSP (Vigilance) Bathinda Harpal Singh urged people to come forward and raise their voice against those who ask for bribe from them to do any kind of work. He told that today's seminar is a part of the on-going SSP week being organised by state Vigilance bureau from October 28 to November 3.

SSP Vigilance stated that any complaint made to him or his office shall be promptly attended and immediate action would be taken. Among those present in the seminar included-SDM Mansa Kala Ram Kansal, SP Jaskirat Singh, Dr Ranjit Singh Rai, DSP (Vigilance) Sandip Singh and Dr Barinder Kaur principal Mata Sundri Girls College Mansa.

Congress councillor Jagjit Jaggu Mor joins AAP along with his colleagues

KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA, NOV 1

The election campaign of Aam Aadmi Party candidate Harinder Singh Dhaliwal for the by-election of Barnala assembly constituency got a big boost when Congress councillor Jagjit Jaggu Mor along with his colleagues joined Aam Aadmi Party today in the presence of MP Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer and candidate Dhaliwal. Meet Hayer welcomed the new colleagues to the party and said that the colleagues who have become members of the family will be given full respect. Meet Hayer said that he is asking for votes in return for his work. He



appealed to make the candidate win with a huge margin. He said that due to the work of the government, every section is joining the party today. Meet Hayer said that the state government has done excellent work in the fields of electricity, health, education, agriculture etc.

Water was supplied to the hills, closed canals were opened. A sports policy was made favorable to sports and players, a business-friendly environment was created. Now the long standing demand of plot registration without NOC has been fulfilled.

SSP Hoshiarpur distributes sweets on occasion of Diwali



**DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR:** Diwali Milan Festival was organized on the occasion of Diwali in Police Line Hoshiarpur under the leadership of SSP Surender Lamba. On this occasion, all the officers of the district, police station in-charge, police post in-charge participated in the ceremony. On this occasion SSP Surender Lamba congratulated the local press on the occasion of Diwali and distributed sweets. He also congratulated the grade four employees of the department and distributed sweets.

On this occasion SSP Surender Lamba said that all festivals should be celebrated together, which increases love here and also gives an opportunity to talk to each other. On this occasion he also told about the security arrangements on behalf of the police in view of the festivals and also asked everyone to celebrate Green Diwali. On this occasion, SP Sarabjit Singh Bahia, SP Major Singh PBI and the entire district DSPs, SHO's and police post in-charge were present.





Kinnaur title will be awarded to the winning participant on the last day of the festival on November 2, 2024.

## 100 security guard positions available at SIS India Limited

KISHORI LAL BAINS

UNA: SIS India Limited, through RTA Bilaspur, has announced 100 positions for male security guards. Interviews for these roles will be conducted on November 5 at the Sub-Employment Office in Bangana, on November 6 at the District Employment Office in Una, and on November 7 at the Sub-Employment Office in Amb, beginning at 10 a.m. each day. According to District Employment Officer Akshay Sharma, candidates must have completed at least a 10th-grade education, be between the ages of 19 and 40, have a minimum height of 168 centimeters, and weigh between 52 and 95 kilograms. Selected candidates will receive a monthly salary between 16,500 and 19,500 rupees. Eligible and interested candidates are advised to attend the interviews with their educational certificates, birth certificate, employment office registration card, Aadhaar card, Himachali bonafide certificate, two passport-sized photographs, and original documents. For additional details, candidates can contact 85580-62252.

## Delegation calls on Chief Minister



DINESH AGARWAL

SHIMLA: A delegation of Khet Suraksha Solar Bhabandi Thekedar Sangh led by its President Ajay Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu here today and apprised various demands of the Sangh. The Chief Minister assured the delegation that the Government would consider their genuine demands sympathetically.

## Fairs and festivals are the introduction of our rich culture: Jagat Singh Negi



KINNAUR: Chief guest Jagat Singh Negi, Minister of Revenue, Horticulture, Tribal Development and Public-Grievance Prevention Minister Jagat Singh Negi addressing the attendees at the Mini Stadium located at Rikang Pio in Kinnaur district from October 30 to November 02, 2024 And festivals are the introduction of our rich culture and play an important role in increasing mutual harmony and brotherhood. Revenue Minister Jagat Singh Negi praised the culture and supernatural beauty of district Kinnaur said that tribal district Kinnaur is full of nature's beauty. District Kinnaur is famous worldwide for its rich culture, costumes, catering and guarding. People here despite having difficult life, people have simplicity and humility as well as respect for everyone which makes district Kinnaur different from other districts. He said that even after this changing environment today, the people of Kinnaur district are connected to their original culture and maintaining their cultural heritage and customs. Tribal Development Minister Jagat Singh said the state government is committed to preserving the state's rich culture especially the culture of the tribal regions and continuously strives to promote culture. In addition to this, necessary steps are being taken to promote horticulture in tribal districts. They called on the district farmers and gardeners to learn the latest technology farming so farmers and gardeners could double their income. Farmers and gardeners are being trained on the latest techniques and equipment by the Horticulture Department conducting camps timely. Revenue Minister Jagat Singh Negi said the current state government is committed to providing the right of land to neglected classes through the Forest Rights Act-2006 and has ordered authorities to implement following the instructions in this direction. Also Right to Information Act-2005, MNREGA Act-2005 and Nine-Breaking Act-1968 are also a gift from the then Congress government which has empowered the deprived sections. On the occasion, the Chief Guest also observed the exhibitions organized by various departments and also launched various sports competitions being organized during the festival. District level Shahnai playing competition was organized in the first day of the state level Kinnaur Festival to promote Shahnai playing in the district and prevent it from extinction. Deputy Commissioner Kinnaur and President Fair Committee Kinnaur Dr. Amit Kumar Sharma welcomed the Chief Guest and other dignitaries with souvenirs and letters and expressed gratitude for attending the festival.

## Rising vehicle emissions worsen pollution in Baddi ahead of Diwali fireworks

SHANTI GAUTAM  
BADDI, NOV 1

Himachal Pradesh's industrial hub, Baddi, is once again grappling with rising pollution levels. The State Pollution Control Board has been monitoring air quality across multiple cities for the past week, with Baddi's Air Quality Index (AQI) figures causing concern. Even before Diwali, vehicle emissions had already begun to degrade the air quality. With the additional smoke from Diwali fireworks, pollution has worsened despite restrictions. The Pollution Control Board has issued a comprehensive report and alerted local authorities about the increase in pollution levels. Major cities like Shimla, Dharamshala, Manali, Sundernagar, Una, Damtal, Parwanoo, Paonta Sahib, Kala Amb, Barotiwala, Baddi, and Nalagarh are under close surveillance to assess air quality. In Baddi, the AQI rose from 180 on October 30 to 177 on October 31, and further spiked to 243 on November 1. By Friday, it had climbed to a hazardous 253. According to AQI standards, levels between 101 and 200 indicate moderate concern, but anything above 200 reflects a poor air quality category. Baddi's AQI at 253 indicates severe pollution, signaling an urgent need for air quality management in the area.

# CM offers floral tribute to Indira Gandhi on Rashtriya Sankalp Diwas

DINESH AGARWAL  
SHIMLA, NOV 1

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu while celebrating the Rashtriya Sankalp Diwas at the historic Ridge in Shimla on Thursday paid floral tributes to former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. The Rashtriya Sankalp Diwas is observed on Indira Gandhi's death anniversary to honour her enduring legacy.

On this occasion, the Chief Minister administered the Rashtriya Sankalp Diwas oath. Sukhu said that Indira Gandhi sacrificed her life for the nation and dedicated herself to preserve the unity and integrity of the country. He said that her unwavering commitment, patriotism and resilience in facing the challenges posed by terrorism were beyond description. As the Prime Minister, Indira



Gandhi initiated numerous programmes for the upliftment and development of weaker sections of society, leaving a lasting impact on social welfare and nation's progress.

The Chief Minister also paid tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his birth anniversary. He recalled his

pivotal role in unifying the princely states and recognizing him as the "Loh Purush" (Iron Man) of India. Artists from the Information and Public Relations Department presented patriotic and devotional songs on the occasion. Congress State President Pratibha Singh, MLA Harish Janartha,

Mayor Surinder Chauhan, Deputy Mayor Uma Kaushal, Principal Media Advisor Naresh Chauhan, councillors, Deputy Commissioner Shimla Anupam Kashyap, Superintendent of Police Sanjeev Kumar Gandhi, Congress party members and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

## Transparent governance is identity of Sukhu govt: Kewal Pathania

SANAJY AGGARWAL  
DHARAMSHALA, NOV 1

The welfare of employees and pensioners and transparent governance have become the identity of the Sukhu government of Himachal Pradesh. The employees here will play an important role in fulfilling the government's commitment to make the state self-reliant by the year 2027. Keeping in mind the contribution of employees in the development of the state, the government has taken many decisions for their benefit. Deputy Chief Whip and MLA Shahpur Kewal Singh Pathania said this in a statement issued to the media from Shahpur today. He said that on the occasion of Diwali festival, the government of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu



paid the salary and pension due for the month of October to all employees and pensioners on October 28. Along with this, the government has worked to pay the entire outstanding arrears of pensioners of 75 years or more. A budget provision of Rs 10 crore has been made for medical reimbursement to pensioners and the government has issued instructions to all departments to settle all their pending medical reimburse-

ment bills. He said that the state government has announced to give four percent installment of dearness allowance to the employees and pensioners from January 1, 2023, which will benefit 1 lakh 80 thousand employees and 1 lakh 70 thousand pensioners of the state. He said that as soon as the government came to power, it has secured the future of one lakh thirty six thousand employees by implementing the old pension scheme and giving them social security. He said that the state government is committed to give priority to the welfare of employees and pensioners and ensure adequate assistance to them. He said that the state government will also fulfill other liabilities and legitimate demands of the employees and pensioners with time.

## CM Sukhu wins popularity by ensuring early salaries for govt employees and pensioners ahead of Diwali

JOGINDER DEV ARYA  
BANGANA, NOV 1

In an unprecedented gesture, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu ensured that state government employees and pensioners received their salaries and pensions four days before Diwali, filling markets with festive cheer.

This early distribution has been met with widespread gratitude, as it allowed employees and retirees to prepare for Diwali celebrations without financial concerns. Local MLA Vivek Sharma expressed appreciation, acknowledging that this move not only benefitted employees but also boosted local markets, enhancing the



festivities across the state.

Vivek Sharma highlighted that even the opposition has recognized the impact of CM Sukhu's proactive measures. Known for his grassroots connection, CM Sukhu's initiatives, such as the Sukhu Aashray Scheme supporting

orphans and underprivileged children, have provided direct benefits to thousands of vulnerable individuals. His ability to anticipate public needs, combined with compassionate leadership, has won him widespread admiration.

As the state government

## Governor pays tributes to Sardar Patel on his birth anniversary



DINESH AGARWAL

SHIMLA: Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla paid floral tributes to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his Birth Anniversary at Raj Bhavan. The Governor greeted the people on the occasion of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas which commemorates the birth anniversary of the Iron Man of India-Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

He said that Patel Ji was an epitome of national unity and made a significant contribution in attaining freedom to the country. He said that his life was dedicated to national integration and he fought throughout his life for the upliftment of the people. The Governor administered the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) pledge to the officials and staff members of Raj Bhavan.

During the pledge, the participants dedicated themselves to preserve the unity, integrity and security of the nation and strive hard to spread this message among their fellow countrymen. Secretary to Governor C.P. Verma was also present on the occasion.

## CM celebrates Diwali at Oak over



DINESH AGARWAL  
SHIMLA, NOV 1

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu celebrated Diwali with his family at his official residence, Oak Over on Thursday evening. While extending festive greetings to

the people of the state, the Chief Minister said that the Diwali festival signifies light, unity, shared prosperity and joy among the people.

He calls upon all to embody the spirit of togetherness and a collaborative approach for the growth, welfare and

development of the state. On this occasion the senior Congress leaders, senior officers, Congress party office bearers, workers and people from all walks of life extended Diwali greetings to the Chief Minister and prayed for the peace and prosperity of the state.

## Cyclists across country converge at fifth edition of Tour De Sanawar on Nov 3

BUREAU  
SHIMLA, NOV 1

Shimla, The Lawrence School, Sanawar, in collaboration with Hero Cycles and the Old Sanawarian Society, announces the 5th Edition of the Tour De Sanawar, India's largest Inter-School Cycling Competition, scheduled to be held on November 3, 2024 at its 177 year old school campus situated at the height of 1750 metres. This year's competition aims to take cycling to every school in India, with plans to establish a national league. Over 175 participants from 16 schools and more than 20 cities, including Bangalore, Pune, and Guwahati, will converge for this exciting race.

Vivek Bhatia (IAS), the Director Youth Services and Sports & Principal Private Secretary - cum - Special Secretary to CM Himachal Pradesh, an enthusiastic and avid cyclist himself will grace the occasion as the chief guest. The competition featured four categories in an MTB XCO style, with routes ranging from 11 km for those under 14 years to 15 km with a 600-meter elevation gain for the elite category. Riders will navigate a challenging mix of steep ascents, thrilling descents, and sharp turns, testing the skills of the best cyclists.

The Old Sanawarian Society conceived the idea of cycling in Sanawar in 2017 and since then the Tour De Sanawar has rapidly

transformed from a recreational event into a highly anticipated competition, reflecting the growing interest in cycling across the nation.

The success of the Tour De Sanawar has been made possible through the visionary support of Pankaj M Munjal, Chairman of Hero Cycles and an alumnus of The Lawrence School, Sanawar. His commitment to promoting cycling at the grassroots level has inspired countless young athletes. "By offering a platform for budding cyclists to test their endurance in a supportive environment, Sanawar is setting a standard for how educational institutions can merge history, education, and sports to foster a lasting sporting culture."



## Gurugram residents run with enthusiasm in run for unity, pledging national unity

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA  
GURUGRAM, NOV 1

On the birth anniversary of Iron Man Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, a “Run for Unity” event was held today at Laser Valley Ground in Sector 29 to promote national unity. Despite the Diwali holiday, enthusiastic youth participated in large numbers. Union Minister of Power, Housing, and Urban Affairs Mr. Manohar Lal was the chief guest, joined by Haryana’s Industry and Commerce Minister Rao Narbir Singh and Gurugram MLA Mukesh Sharma.

The event began at 7 am, with over 10,000 runners taking an oath of national unity and participating in 5 and 10-kilometer races, reaffirming their commitment to the nation.

While addressing the runners at the marathon, Mr. Manohar Lal emphasized that the campaign launched by the Government of India in 2014 serves as a reminder of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel’s contributions to the political integration of independent India and his pivotal role in strengthening the coun-

try’s unity and integrity. He highlighted that this day underscores the importance of unity in diversity, reflecting and appreciating the various aspects of Indian society, including its religions, languages, cultures, and traditions. Mr. Manohar Lal said that despite



the British’s divisive tactics, Sardar Patel’s greatest achievement was the unification of 562 princely states into the Indian Union. He asserted that Sardar Patel’s efforts in establishing a united nation imbued with the spirit of nationalism

will never be forgotten.

The Union Minister also mentioned that, after independence, the Indian people had concerns regarding Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir. He stated that this issue has been resolved by Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Sh Amit Shah, in line with Sardar Patel’s ideology, thereby re-establishing unity in the country.

The Union Minister appealed to the public to prioritize cleanliness, stating that the campaign initiated under the guidance of Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi has transformed into a mass movement for the entire nation. He said that the message of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan has instilled a sense of responsibility among citizens. With active participation in cleanliness efforts nationwide, Mahatma Gandhi’s vision of a ‘Swachh Bharat’ is gradually becoming a reality. He urged citizens to make cleanliness a part of their nature and culture, encouraging them to engage others in this campaign.

## MCM bids adieu to Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava

RAJIV JAIN  
CHANDIGARH, NOV 1

Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, bid a warm adieu to its Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava, who superannuated after a glorious tenure as the Principal of one of the leading higher education institutions of the country. An energy economics expert with the heart of a poetess, Dr. Bhargava had an illustrious career of over 38 years and served the college as Principal for 9 years. The farewell was a memorable and heartfelt event filled with admiration, gratitude, and nostalgia. Colleagues, family, and esteemed guests gathered to honour Dr. Bhargava’s distinguished career, recognising her dedication, leadership, and lasting contributions to the institution. The event was made memorable with the gracious presence of Mr. H.R. Gandhar, Vice President, DAV College Managing Committee, Mrs. Sudesh Gandhar, Dr. Gurdip Sharma, General Secretary, Sanatan Dharma Pratinidhi Sabha, New Delhi, family members Col. R K Sharma and Mrs. Sharma, Mrs. Tanvi Sharma, Mr. Pursharth Mahajan, Mr. Akshat Sharma and Mrs. Kanika Sharma. Teaching and non-teaching staff members gathered to celebrate Dr. Bhargava’s contribution to the institution and to pay tribute to her legacy. The event commenced with a moving presentation that captured Dr. Bhargava’s life, achievements, and significant contributions to the college. The slideshow

beautifully illustrated her journey, commitment to excellence, and role as a guiding force for both faculty and students. Following the presentation, a heartfelt felicitation ceremony was held as an expression of appreciation for Dr. Bhargava, her family, and the attending guests. Mrs. Suman Mahajan, Registrar, then read a letter of appreciation received from the office of the DAV College Managing Committee, New Delhi. Mr. Gandhar formally presented this letter to Dr. Bhargava, recognising



her years of dedicated service. Thereafter, ‘Prashasti Patra,’ a college-issued letter of commendation, acknowledging Dr. Bhargava’s immense contributions and the respect she commands within the college community, was read out. In a heartfelt tribute, Mr. Gandhar praised Dr. Bhargava’s resilience and strength, stating, “Ma’am may be petite, but she has a huge might.” This sentiment resonated deeply with everyone, capturing the strength, integrity, and warmth that defined Dr. Bhargava’s leadership.

## Chandigarh Fire Dept records 20 emergency calls on Diwali

SHASHI PAL JAIN  
CHANDIGARH, NOV 1

The Fire & Rescue Services Department, MC, Chandigarh has received 20 emergency calls on Diwali night, marking the lowest number of incidents in the last 3 years. 4 minor injuries were reported .

As of November 1, a total of 20 distress calls related to fire accidents and emergencies were reported from across the city, a significant decrease from previous years as last year reported 22 emergency calls on Diwali.

Speaking about the decrease in fire-related incidents, MC Commissioner, Sh. Amit Kumar, IAS, said that there was no major fire incident reported as the MC had meticu-

lously devised a comprehensive plan to ensure the safety and security of the city.

He further said that the entire city was strategically divided into 07 Fire Zones, each under the jurisdiction of



the respective Station Fire Officer. This mobilization plan ensured efficient coverage and quick response times across all areas.

The Commissioner said that specialized fire vehicles

were strategically deployed for standby duties at venues experiencing heavy footfall and in vulnerable areas. These locations were including Patel Market Sec-15, Plaza Sector-17, Sadar/Palika Bazar Sector-19, Aroma Light Point (also covering Shashtri Market Sector-22), Grain Market Sector-26, Main Bazar Manimajra, and Solid Waste Processing Plant, Sec. 25, Chandigarh. The Fire vehicles were also stationed at 12 cracker sites as earmarked by the District Magistrate, UT Chandigarh to ensure the safety of festivities

at these locations. To maximize deployment, the leave/rest of operational staff was restricted from 30th October to 1st November 2024, ensuring a robust workforce during the crucial period.

## Agriculture deptt inspects DAP fertilizer dealers to ensure smooth supply

RAWEL BHINDER  
PATIALA, NOV.1

To ensure the uninterrupted availability of DAP fertilizer to farmers, Chief Agriculture Officer Dr. Jaswinder Singh, along with his team, conducted inspections of fertilizer dealers across Patiala district. Dealers inspected included M/s Gupta Agro Service Center, Nabha; M/s Dandrala Fertilizer and Pesticides, Rajpura; M/s Vinay Trade Linkages, Rajpura; and M/s Anshul Fertilizer, Rajpura.

Dr. Jaswinder Singh urged farmers to report any instances where a fertilizer dealer is charging higher than the set price or pressuring them to buy additional products. Such cases can be reported to the Agriculture Department for prompt action under the Fertilizer Control



Order of 1985.

Farmers from various blocks can directly contact the following representatives to report any complaints regarding DAP fertilizer: Satish Kumar at 97589-00047 for Samana and Patran blocks, Avninder Singh Mann at 80547-04471 for

Bhunerheri and Sanaur blocks, Jupinder Singh Gill at 97805-60004 for Nabha block, Gurmeet Singh at 97791-60950 for Patiala block, Japinder Singh at 79735-74542 for Rajpura block, and Anurag Attari at 97819-90390 for Ghanaur block.

## PGIMER set to launch pioneering preventive clinic

RN KHERA  
CHANDIGARH : PGIMER is all geared up to inaugurate its new Preventive Clinic focused on cardiovascular risk assessment and management. This initiative aims to address critical aspects of heart health, including dietary assessments, psychological issues, and physical activity. The inauguration ceremony will take place on “Saturday, November 2, 2024, from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM at the Advanced” “Cardiac Centre” and the inauguration will be graced by the presence of “Prof. Vivek Lal, Director,P-GIMER” Chandigarh, who will officially open the clinic. Spearheaded by “Dr. Neelam” from the Department of Cardiology, along with a dedicated team comprising Dr. Krishan K Soni (Department of Psychiatry), Dr. Kapil Goel (Department of Community Medicine), and Miss Navneet (Department of Dietetics), the clinic will operate every “Wednesday and Saturday” , providing essential services to the community aimed at enhancing cardiovascular health. “This clinic represents a significant step forward in our commitment to preventive healthcare. By focusing on early intervention and comprehensive assessment, we hope to empower individuals to take control of their heart health,” stated Dr. Neelam, emphasizing the importance of such initiatives in today’s fast-paced world. The clinic’s multidisciplinary approach will ensure that patients receive holistic care tailored to their unique needs. In addition to cardiovascular risk assessments, the clinic will provide education on lifestyle modifications and psychological support, essential components in the prevention of

## Stubble burners to be punished as per the orders of SC & NGT: DC

SUMER GARG  
SANGRUR, NOV 1:

Deputy Commissioner(DC), Sandeep Rishi has invited the farmers of the district to become leaders in the state in stubble management. He told the farmers assembled at village Longowal, Sheron and Chhajli that as district Sangrur proved to be the leader in the with more production than the rest of Punjab, in the same way district Sangrur as a result of the campaign to preserve the environment the Farmers should also become a leader in the management straw.

Deputy Commissioner Sandeep Rishi; SSP, Sartaj Singh Chahal & Additional Deputy Commissioner Amit Bambi while urging other farmers to take guidance from the progressive farmers in these villages said that during the last years, this village was includ-



ed in the list of the most incidents of stubble burning. But this time the farmers have humanity and While giving a sincere contribution to the preservation of the environment, they should take a pledge that they wouldn’t endanger the health of children, the elderly and set an example of public service by not burning the crop

residue. The Deputy Commissioner said that burning of stubble causes damage to roadside trees and other vegetation, road accidents also occur with pedestrians and motorists on the roads and the fear of loss of life and property continues. .

On this occasion, SSP, Sartaj Singh Chahal while asking for the

cooperation from the farmers said that there is a need to make sincere efforts to save the stubble, so that the pollution spread around them can be controlled. The officials said, “The Hon’ble Supreme Court(SC) and the National Green Tribunal(NGT) are very serious about the issue of stubble burning and under the issued instructions, 49 FIRs have been filed against the stubble burners, red entries have been made in the revenue records and as environmental compensation, s fine of Rs. one lakh 22 thousand 500 has been imposed. Besides others, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Amit Bambi; SP, Palwinder Singh Cheema; SDM Sangrur, Charanjot Singh Walia; SDM Sunam, Pramod Singla; Chief agriculture officer, Harbans Singh and other officials were also present on this occasion.

## Mohali Mandis records purchase of about 1.57 lakh MT of paddy

LK BANSAL  
SAS NAGAR: District Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar Mandis has recorded a purchase of 1,57,465 MT of paddy till Friday evening. The total procurement target for this season has been set at 2,14,776 MT in the district. Divulging details, Deputy Commissioner Mrs Aashika Jain said that the procurement operations in the district are going on smoothly and the farmers are not being allowed to face any kind of problem. She said that the paddy procured by Friday evening constitutes 73 per cent of the total expected arrival. The Deputy Commissioner further said that an amount of Rs 349.88 crore has been paid to the farmers against this procured paddy so far. She further said that so far 52,128 MT of paddy has been lifted from the mandis and the remaining paddy will also be lifted from the mandis soon. According to the Deputy Commissioner, out of the paddy procured so far, Pangrain has procured 52,552 MT, Markfed 39273 MT, PUNSUP 35576 MT, Punjab State Warehousing Corporation 14294 MT and Food Corporation of India 15109 MTs. Private traders have procured 661 MTs of paddy.

## Youth Festival started with a bang in Doaba Group 500 student artists from 65 colleges participated

SHASHI PAL JAIN  
MOHALI, NOV 1

Punjab University Patiala Zonal Youth Festival (Ropar Fatehgarh Sahib Zone) 2024 commenced from 28th October, 2024 organised by Doaba College of Education at Doaba Group of Colleges campus-I, Kharar. Nearly 65 colleges of this zone under Punjabi University Patiala participated in this ‘Fest’. Zonal Youth Festival provided platform to empower young people and recognised their potential as agents of change. The main objective of this Zonal Youth Festival was to provide our young generation particularly students an opportunity to be familiarized with the glorious cultural heritage of Punjab and also rooted to the rich cultural heritage of Punjab.

The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Sukhjinder Singh, Principal of Doaba College of Education on inauguration day and formally welcome to worthy Chief Guest ADGP Punjab Police Dr. Naresh Kumar Arora, Director Youth Welfare Punjabi University Patiala, Profes-

sor Varinder Kaushik and their staff, Principals of various participant Colleges, their staff, cultural coordinators, participant students and other guests. He added in his speech that this type of activity will enhance youths’ personality and will be useful for youth in general.

The first day of the event was inau-



gurated with the lamp lightening ceremony by the Chief Guest ADGP Punjab police Dr. Naresh Kumar Arora and other dignitaries. The dignitaries present on the occasion were Chairman of DGC Mr. M.S. Bath, President of DGC Dr. H.S. Bath, Managing Vice Chairman of DGC Mr. S.S.S. Sangha, Executive Vice Chairman of DGC Mr. Manjit Singh, all

the Director- Principals of DGC and participants of various colleges and other guests. On this occasion Chief Guest of the function, ADGP Punjab Police Dr. Naresh Kumar Arora, also delivered a speech. “The youth should perform diverse activities with hard work and facilities should be provided to them”. According to him, there are various challenges ahead and better planning will help us to overcome those. With these words Shri ADGP Sir wished the students good luck and also encouraged them to participate whole heartedly in this ‘Fest’. Executive Vice Chairman of DGC Mr. Manjit Singh also gave a formal welcome speech and encouraged all the participants. On 28th October,2024, approximately 500 student-artists participated from 65 colleges. On the very first day 17 competitive events of Lokgeet, Folk Orchestra, Bhanga, Group shabad, Classical vocal, Geet ghazal, Group indian song, General Quiz, Clay modeling, Rangoli. On the spot painting,Photography, Cartooning, Collage making, Poster making, Installation, Mehendi were organised.

## Dragon fruit grown by the farmer distributed in Delhi: FM

SUMER GARG  
DIRBA, NOV 1:

Punjab Cabinet Minister, Harpal Singh Cheema took a new initiative on the occasion of Diwali and distributed the dragon fruit grown by the farmer of his assembly constituency as a gift to the capital of the country, Delhi. While giving more information in this regard, Finance Minister(FM), Harpal Singh Cheema said that it was a small initiative to give encouragement to the farmer, who adopted crop diversification by leaving the traditional farming of wheat-paddy crop cycle.

FM, said that the dragon fruit grown by Balwinder Singh, a farmer of Rogla village in Dirba, was brought to the attention of former Delhi Chief Minister and Aam Aadmi Party supremo, Arvind Kejriwal; 16th Finance Commission Chairman, Arvind Pangaria and Presented to AAP’s national leader Manish Sisodiya said that the gift of dragon fruit on the occasion of festivals by these great personalities was very much appreciated and the work done by the progressive



farmer Balwinder Singh was also praised. He said that while farmers can strengthen their economic situation with crop diversification, we can support their work by buying such products from farmers. Cabinet Minister Harpal Singh

Cheema while sharing the greetings of Diwali, Bandi Chhor Divas and Vishwakarma Divas to the people of the country said that we should celebrate this festival with great devotion & simplicity and should not burst firecrackers to save the environment from pollution.



Vishwakarma Day celebrated on Harchowal Road



**VERMA GURDASPUR:** On the occasion of Vishwakarma Day, a function was organized on Harchowal Road under the leadership of former councillor Ashok Dabb. On this occasion, Shiromani Akali Dal's Assembly in-charge Gurlqbal Singh Mahal was present as the chief guest. On this occasion, while he congratulated all the artisans and labourers on this day, he also said that working with hands and earning bread with hard work have different pleasure. The government should make special efforts for handicraft artisans and labourers so that their social security can be ensured. On this occasion, while the chief guest Gur lqbal Singh was honored by Ashok Dabb by presenting him a Siropa, everyone was also congratulated on this day.

Chabbewal by-poll, EC appoints observers

**DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR:** Election Commission of India has appointed General, Expenditure and Police Observers for the by-election to be held on November 13 in Assembly Constituency Chabbewal-044, who are monitoring the election activities. Additional Deputy Commissioner (General)-cum-Returning Officer Rahul Chaba informed that Election



Commission has appointed 2011 batch IAS officer Mr. Tapas Kumar Bagchi as General Observer, 2010 batch IRS officer Mr. Saren Jose as Expenditure Observer and 2012 batch IPS officer Mr. Siddharth Kaushal as Police Observer. It is noteworthy that the mobile number of General Observer Shri Tapas Kumar Bagchi is 89182-26101, the mobile number of Expenditure Observer Shri Saren Jose is 70876-96950 and the mobile number of Police Observer Siddharth Kaushal is 86998-66950.

Rotaract Club gives baby kits to newborn babies



**NIRMAL SAINI RAJOUR:** Members of the Rotaract Club of Global Research Group of Institutions Nachron presented baby kits to newborn babies at Civil Hospital Rajour on Friday. The hospital administration appreciated this noble act of the club. SMO Dr. Vijay Parmar told the kits donated by the club members reflected their commitment to spread love, compassion and support to the needy. Through this noble act, the members of the Rotaract Club have proved their determination to bring a positive change in the lives of others. We all should actively participate in such works for the welfare of humanity.

Kewal Singh Dhillon prays at Sri Ram temple in Ayodhya

**KARANPREET KARAN BARNALA:** On the auspicious day of Diwali, the BJP candidate for the Barnala Vidhan Sabha by-election, Kewal Singh Dhillon, a former MLA, visited the sacred Sri Ram temple, the birthplace of Lord Sri Ram at Ayodhya. Meanwhile, they prostrated themselves in the temple and worshipped Lord Rama for the good of the universe. Kewal Singh Dhillon said that today on the holy day of Diwali it is very auspicious for me to bow down and bow down at Sri Ram Mandir. It is a very sacred place and we have a lot of faith attached to it and I feel blessed to have this opportunity.

He said that on this day, Lord Sri Ram returned to his home after exile in Ayodhya, so it is a very fortunate thing to pay obeisance at his holy shrine and have darshan of God on this day. Only Dhillon said that I have prayed to Ram Lalla ji to maintain his blessings on the people of Barnala, Punjab and the whole country and to maintain happiness in every home. He said that the mind has got a lot of peace by seeing God.



Himachal imposed four-month Ban on Trout Fishing in Trout Waters: Vivek Chandel

**AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY BILASPUR:** To let the cold water fish Trout its proper growth in the white water of the Himalayan trains, the Fisheries department has imposed four-months ban on its catch. All the cold zone rivers and revolts remain protected till February 28, from today. The trout fish, which houses in the cold water zone, it's time for them to breed and for their natural breeding, ban is necessary to conserve trout fish during their natural breeding season, allowing for natural seed collection for the reservoirs. This four-month ban will ensure the long-term preservation of Himachal Pradesh's fishery resources and boost trout fish



production in the state, Fisheries Warden-cum-Director Vivek Chandel said. A dedicated monitoring force has been deployed to patrol these water areas, and leaves of departmental employees working in these cold regions have also been canceled. During this period, the Fisheries Department has made special arrangements to ensure the safety of trout waters. The trout which is a

great choice of anglers tourists, they have to also refrain from their thrilling experience of angling. Vivek said that last year 1.5576 million trout seed was extracted from its eight trout farms produced while additionally, 1,388.50 metric tons of trout fish from private sector trout farmers. He said this was with a market value of Rs. 76.36 crore. Currently out of total 1,442 raceways in state many trout farmers are earning livelihoods for their families and contributing to the state's economy. This ban on trout fishing applies to approximately 600 kilometers of major rivers and their tributaries across the state including Pabbar River in Shimla district.

DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, NOV 1

India's internationally renowned Karate coach and International Referee Sensei Jagmohan Vij has once again made India proud at the international level by succeeding in the prestigious and difficult examination of Kumite referee during the referee course organised at the international level in Jeslo, Venice, Italy by the Referee Commission of the World Karate Federation. In this examination, which was conducted for 5 days before the 13th Junior and Under 21 World Karate Championship, Jagmohan Vij proved his ability in



front of the expert eyes of the 10 members examination panel by performing different duties in eleven bouts as Karate judge, referee and match supervisor in the practical examination. During this referee course, a theoretical exam was also conducted where you need to score more

than 94% minimum. Jagmohan is counted among the best referees of India? It is noteworthy that Jagmohan Vij is the first Karate coach and referee of North and Central India who has passed the referee test in the referee course organized under the aegis of the World Karate Federation.

Jagmohan Vij has once again made India proud at international level

Diwali festival celebrated at SVS Bal Bharti School



**MANISH KUMAR AMBALA:** Students of Vidya Sadan gave a wonderful performance on theme of Green Diwali. They started their performance with story of Ram ji's arrival in Ayodhya after completing his exile. After this, they presented Rajtilak, which depicted story of Lord Ram's coronation. After this, students presented a play to highlight importance of celebrating a pollution-free Diwali. Play tried to spread awareness about harm caused by pollution, so that audience could be made aware about environmental protection. Through this performance, the students of Vidya Sadan successfully demonstrated the importance of Green Diwali and inspired the audience to celebrate a pollution-free Diwali. After this, Inter House Diya Decoration Competition and Rangoli Competition were organized, in which students displayed their creativity and artistry.

Lord Khatu Shyam always blesses devotees: Vinit Bansal

**KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI:** The Lakhdataar Family Charitable Trust celebrated the festival of Deepotsav with great enthusiasm at the Shri Khatu Shyam Temple in Nath Singh Nagar, Tarawadi. Numerous trust members and devotees gathered to honor Lord Khatu Shyam, filling the temple with chants and praises. Trust coordinators Vinit Bansal and Nitesh



Mangal shared that the festival was marked by lighting lamps to symbolize the joyous return of Lord Shri Ram. The

celebration emphasized simplicity, environmental consciousness, and unity among all devotees. Bansal extended warm Deepotsav wishes to all, highlighting the essence of the festival as a beacon of harmony and devotion. Key participants included Vinit Bansal, Ashok Bansal, Nitesh Mangal, Vinay Garg, Ankur Garg, and Suman Bansal, along with many other devotees.

Toxic foam in Yamuna raises pollution concerns in Delhi, BJP blames AAP

AGENCY NEW DELHI, NOV 1

The National Capital's Kalindi Kunj area saw toxic foam floating on the Yamuna River on Friday, raising concerns among residents and political leaders over pollution just ahead of Chhath Puja. The foam, a sign of high pollution levels, has prompted authorities to spray chemical defoamers to dissolve it.

BJP leader Shehzad Poonawalla criticized the Delhi government, blaming Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) for pollution in the Yamuna. "On the next day of Diwali when we are here at Yamuna ghat, we can



see a thick layer of foam on the river. The reason behind this foam (on the river) here is the corruption done by Arvind Kejriwal and Aam Aadmi Party. Now before Chhath Puja, they are sprinkling chemical defoamer," Poonawalla said. "Arvind Kejriwal is

responsible for making Delhi a gas chamber; we have to wear masks.

They blame UP but forget about stubble burning in Punjab...They did not work on the reasons for pollution in Delhi", he added.

According to sources, a team from the Delhi Jal

Board (DJB) has been involved in cleaning operations and spraying chemicals into the Yamuna River since last week to manage the foam that appears on the water's surface. Local resident Hareram expressed similar concerns about pollution's impact on the upcoming Chhath Puja.

Speaking to ANI, he said, "You can see, there is so much pollution here. For Chhath Puja, we'll now have to think about whether it can even be done here or not." He further added, "Whichever government it is, they focus on their vote bank, but the public suffers. This is an important festival of the year, so how will people celebrate?"

Nayab Saini govt determined to make state developed: Speaker

SAHIL MEHTA NILOKHERI, NOV 1

In the felicitation ceremony organised on the occasion of Deepawali festival, the newly elected Speaker of the Assembly Harvinder Kalyan, MLA from Nilokheri Bhagwan Das Kabirpanthi, MLA from Assandh Yogendra Rana, Jagmohan Anand from Karnal and MLA from Indri Ram Kumar Kashyap said that the confidence with which the people of the state have expressed faith in the BJP and formed the BJP government for the third time, the BJP will live up to the trust of the people under the leadership of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini.

All the MLAs said that they will make every



possible effort for the development of their respective assembly constituencies and the public trust and will also leave no stone turned in the respect and honour of the workers.

On this occasion, senior BJP leader Shiv Nath Kapoor, calling all the five MLAs of Karnal district as five Pandavas, said that while the Haryana

government is determined to make Haryana developed, all the MLAs of Karnal district will leave no stone turned in making Karnal district the number one district. Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan will provide sufficient opportunity to all the MLAs of the state to express their views without any discrimination.

Chhath festival will be celebrated by Chhath Parv Seva Samiti Mandal on Nov 3

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, NOV 1

Chhath Parv Seva Samiti Mandal will be celebrated Maha Chhath festival in Karnal on November 3. The celebration will begin with Kalash Yatra on November 3. On the same day, after performing the flag hoisting ceremony, Shri Ram Katha will be started. Pradhan Suresh Kumar Yadav while giving information, he said that Shri Ram Katha will be organized from November 3 to 8. The main storyteller Sushil Shastri Ji Maharaj will narrate the story. On November 3, the Kalash Yatra will be taken out from Shri Hanuman Temple Krishna Nagar to Surya Temple. Bathing will be taken on November 5. Langar will also be served on the day.. Khama will be celebrated on November 6. As part of the main program, thousands of



people will reach the Western Yamuna Canal on the evening of November 7 and the morning of November 8 to offer water to Lord Surya. The temple is being decorated in a grand manner. There will be proper arrangements for the devotees. Here, Union Minister Manohar Lal, who reached Karnal on Friday, was presented with an invitation card to attend the program. Earlier, Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini and Geeta Manishi Mahamandaleshwar Swami

Gyananand Ji Maharaj were also invited. On this occasion Arjun Pandit, Umesh Chauhan, Ram Bahadur Mahato, Ram Dayal Yadav, Shatroghan Rai, Ram Sagar Rai, Bhola Rai, Sikandra, Nagendra, Rohit Kumar, Shankar Gupta, Sudhir Yadav, Ram Bilas Yadav, Dilip Kumar, Bhushan Yadav, Arvind Yadav, Nand Kishore Gupta, Ravi Kumar, Ashok Kumar, Ram Sakal Yadav, Sanjay, Rajeshwar and Ghanayshyam were present.

2 hurt as truck hits bus from behind



**DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR:** A truck hit a tourist bus from behind on the Hoshiarpur/ Chandigarh main road at around 5:30 am on the outskirts of the town of Mahilpur, due to which a person in the bus died on the spot. 2 passengers including the truck driver were injured. According to the information received, truck driver Sudarshan Singh son of Surjeet Singh resident of Bhagla (Solan) said that he was going to Hoshiarpur with cement from Nalagarh on HP 12 D 4010 truck, when he reached the said place near the bus (HR 38 AB 7897) of Goyal Tourist Company which was taking passengers from Delhi to Jammu, suddenly applied brakes, due to which the truck collided with that bus, due to this collision, a person Anurag son of Bhagwan Lal from Uttar Pradesh died on the spot. In the accident, conductor Sanjay Kumar son of Jagveer Singh, resident of Uttar Pradesh, was injured. Kamla was referred to Civil Hospital Hoshiarpur as her condition was more serious. The bus driver is said to have fled from the spot. ASI Daljit Singh of Mahilpur police station reached the spot and started legal proceedings.

Havan Yajna performed at Shri Krishna Gaushala on Kartik Amavasya



**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL:** A havan yajna was conducted at Shri Krishna Gaushala on the occasion of Kartik Amavasya. After the ritual, cows were worshipped, fed jaggery and fodder, and attended to with devotion. Devotees, including Arun Gupta, Duliya Ram Sharma, Ram Kumar Gupta, Gurdayal Agarwal, and Vivek Agarwal, participated in the ceremony with their families offering oblations for world peace and prosperity for all. Sunil Gupta, the head of Shri Krishna Gaushala, shared that havan yajnas are performed on Amavasya (new moon) and Purnima (full moon) days at the Gaushala. The Gaushala is managed under the guidance of Geeta Manishi Mahamandaleshwar Swami Gyananand Ji Maharaj. Gupta advised that, traditionally, people bathe in rivers on Amavasya, but for those unable to do so, a ritual bath at home while mentally invoking rivers and holy sites can bring equivalent spiritual merit. Adding Ganga water to one's bath is also recommended. Additionally, he encouraged people to give charity—money, clothes, or food—to those in need, as well as to support local gaushalas by donating green grass or contributing to cow care.

Accused arrested for murder of youth in village Pakhoke's Dana Mandi

KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA, NOV 1

Barnala police has succeeded in arresting the accused in the murder of a youth in village Pakhoke's Dana Mandi on October 28. Giving more information about this case, DSP Satvir Singh Bains said that Jasmine Singh alias Jassu son of Gurcharan Singh was murdered during a dispute in Dana Mandi Pakhoke on October 28. After which, on the basis of the statements of the deceased youth's father Gurcharan Singh, a case was registered in Police Station Sadar Barnala against Ramanjit Singh alias Ramana son of Sukhdev Singh resident Pakhoke etc.

He told that under the leadership of Chief Police Station Sadar Inspector Sherwinder Singh, they



started a vigorous search for the murder accused, after which on October 29, accused Ramanjit Singh alias Ramana, Gurpreet Singh, Harjinder Singh alias Jinder, Harmandeep Singh alias Hammu, Ekampreet Singh, Sukhwinder Singh alias Sukha (all residents of village Pakhoke) and Mandeep Singh son Jagdev Singh resident Ghumman

Patti Rangia were arrested. DSP Bains told that the said accused have been produced in the honorable court and taken on remand till November 3 and raids are being conducted by the police to search for the remaining accused in this case. He told that during the remand, the accused will be further questioned in connection with this murder.

Brahma Kumaris decorate Sri Laxmi Narayan's tableau on Diwali at Sukh Santi Bhavan

LK BANSAL MOHALI, NOV 1

Diwali festival was celebrated with great fervor, love, enthusiasm and in unique manner by the local unit of International Organization of Brahmakumaris here today at Sukh Santi Bhavan Phase 7 . About 320 devotees and Rajyoga teachers fromMohali, Ropar, Kharar, Kurali, Nurpur Bedi, Morinda and nearby Rajyoga centers participated. Brahma kumari Premalta in-charge of Rajyoga Centres of Mohali-Ropar Circlepresided over the event and they took pledge to relieve mental suffering and distress of humanity through spiritual knowledge-Rajyoga and social service. Brahmakumars and senior Brahma kumaris in charge of various Rajyoga centers of this circle lit 321 candles on Diwali celebrations.. Along



with this, a Chetan tableau of Satyugi Maharaja - Maharani Sri Lakshmi - Narayan was also decorated. A very beautiful rangoli was also prepared at Sukh Shanti Bhavan. An interesting cultural program was also presented in this event.

Brahma kumari Premalta said in her blessings that on this festival, along with the cleaning done by removing the cobwebs of the houses, lighting the soul with the aim of cleaning the mind

blackened by the cobwebs of jealousy, enmity, five vices, laziness and tension. By doing selfless service on Diwali, people's sufferings and differences should be removed and prayers. She emphasized that today there is a need to bring virtues like truth, obedience, patience, love, harmony, purity and contentment in life like Sri Ram and Sri Krisana ji, which can only imbibed with spirituality.



Ever tried. Ever failed. No matter.  
Try Again. Fail again.  
Fail better.

Samuel Beckett

Our greatest weakness lies in giving up.  
The most certain way to succeed is always to  
try just one more time.

Thomas A. Edison

## EDITORIAL

### Cometh the Commander

In a State where tinsel glamour and politics are inexorably linked, Vijay is the new star on Tamil Nadu's political horizon. Months after announcing his political party Tamizhaga Vetri Kazhagam (TVK), the 50-year-old superstar — popularly called “Thalapathy” (Commander) by his countless fans — has just unveiled his political vision at a massive public meeting at Vikravandi town. A blend of Dravidian ideology, Tamil nationalism, secularism and social justice forms the core of his brand of politics. In his maiden political speech, Vijay sought to position his party as an alternative to the DMK while also opposing the ‘divisive’ politics of the BJP. Though Vijay is one of the biggest stars of Kollywood and commands a huge following, especially among the youth, the key question is whether he will be successful in emerging as an alternative to the bipolar politics represented by the DMK and the AIADMK, a task that remained elusive for many others who preceded him. Actors Vijayakanth and Kamal Haasan — both popular figures in their unique ways — failed to make a mark in politics while the demi-god of South Indian cinema Rajinikanth dropped his plans for political Arangetram at the last minute, citing health reasons. Vijayakanth's DMDK (Desiya Murpokku Dravida Kazhagam) started on a promising note, winning an 8% vote share in its debut elections in 2006, but suffered a steady decline over the years while Kamal Haasan's Makkal Needhi Mayyam (MNM) had a disastrous tryst with electoral politics. The death of two Dravidian stalwarts Karunanidhi and Jayalalithaa, who dominated Tamil Nadu politics for decades, has created a vacuum in the State. Vijay's TVK, set to enter the fray in the 2026 Assembly polls, must be eager to fill this vacuum and offer itself as an alternative political force. The actor's political foray comes at a time when the BJP is trying hard to make inroads into the Dravidian territory. Contesting on its own, it bagged an 11.3% vote share in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. This is significant in a State considered as a Dravidian fortress. Apart from loyalty to Dravidian ideology, a strong sense of Tamil pride, anti-Hindi sentiments, welfarism, social justice and secularism have traditionally guided the State's political narrative. While checking all these boxes, Vijay has clearly identified the DMK as his main political opponent and attacked the party for falsely parading its social justice credentials to perpetuate its dominance and loot the State.

## Thermal imaging may help fruits, veggies stay fresher longer

Before your favourite produce arrives at the grocery store, it must be carefully harvested and stored for extended periods of time. A recent University of Georgia assessment argues that new temperature sensing devices could make that procedure considerably easier, as agricultural issues are exacerbated by changing climates.

Maintaining temperature, humidity and light is critical to ensuring fruits and vegetables don't spoil or deteriorate rapidly. Temperature spikes are the root of adverse outcomes like premature spoilage and rotting, so monitoring these changes quickly and accurately is key.

Researchers say thermal imaging technology could help control temperatures before and after harvesting fruit and vegetables.

"Measuring temperature in food processing environments has to be done right," said Kevin Mis Solval, lead author of the study and an associate professor in UGA's College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. "We do it on a regular basis to make sure we have the proper conditions for producing safe products, but it may not always be done practically. These types of thermal imaging tools are not only feasible but cost-effective and good at measuring temperature profiles. That is beneficial for a farmer or food processing facility."

A thermal image can replace old-school thermometers in some environments



Mis Solval evaluated the technology as a tool for rapidly sensing abrupt temperature changes in crops in real time. By collecting infrared radiation of fruits and vegetables, thermal imaging technology can gauge temperature without contact. These types of cameras are readily available to food producers and range from industrial-grade cameras to smartphone attachments.

But they have one thing in

common: If there's a drastic temperature spike, the technology can flag it.

"Once you harvest, there is a decomposition process that starts right there, so in some instances a rapid cooling process is very critical for extending the shelf life of fresh produce," Mis Solval said. "If this cooling process is not done correctly, then the shelf life of some fruit and vegetables is significantly shorter. We're talking two weeks compared to three or four days."

Many leafy greens must be picked and then immediately cooled, for example, so a quick temperature measurement must match that speed.

Currently, farmers and harvesters use conventional thermometers to capture the temperature of one or two items. But that process is not only time-consuming but potentially damaging to the product. Poking and prodding fruits and veggies for an accurate temperature reading can cause minor damage and

increase the risk of cross-contamination.

Thermal imaging technology could save produce from the trash

External heat flux in the harvesting process is more common than it used to be. Extreme temperatures, intense solar rays and drought stress are making products on the field more at risk for defects.

Ideally, thermal imaging technology will be automated in the future to further optimize the processing of preharvest and postharvest.

Thermal imaging technology has been effective in evaluating the quality of seeds and food safety, but this is the first time it has been considered for such a key part in the pre- and postharvest processes of fresh produce.

This type of technology could make or break the quality of

produce you put in your shopping basket.

"Items with a shorter shelf life have less of a chance to reach the marketplace," Mis Solval said. "If it doesn't meet the quality criteria for the supermarket, it's going to be discarded. If it makes it to the consumer and fails in quality, it's going to be thrown away. We are making sure quality produce reaches the final consumer."

## Japan protests UN call for reviewing male-only imperial succession



Japan has lodged a protest with a UN human rights watchdog that called for reviewing a domestic law that limits imperial succession to male heirs on the emperor's father side, the top government spokesman said on Wednesday.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshimasa Hayashi said the imperial succession system is linked to the foundations of Japan as a country, and that the

government had told the UN panel, which aims at eliminating discrimination against women, before the release of the review that it would be "inappropriate" for it to take up the issue, according to Japan Today.

"It is extremely regrettable that the final report included a reference to the Imperial House Law," Hayashi said at a press conference.

While the panel

acknowledged in its report released Tuesday that the 1947 Imperial House Law is "not within the purview" of its competence, it said it considers the succession rule "contrary to the object and purpose" of the UN convention to eliminate discrimination against women.

"We have lodged a strong protest with the committee and called again for the removal of the reference," he added.

## Harris and Trump in tight contest in Georgia, North Carolina

With just a few days to go for the United States elections, a staggering 61.0 million Americans have already made their voices heard by casting their ballots in the



November election, according to a report by news agency.

Notably, voters have cast their ballots either by mail or through early in-person voting for the presidential elections between Vice President Kamala Harris, a Democrat and former President Donald Trump, a Republican.

Meanwhile, according to new CNN polls conducted by SSRS, the presidential race is heating up in Georgia and North Carolina, with the latest polls showing a neck-and-neck contest between Harris and Trump. Likely voters in Georgia divide 48 per cent for Trump to 47 per cent for Harris, and in North Carolina, Harris

stands at 48 per cent to Trump's 47 per cent, CNN reported.

These narrow margins are within the poll's margin of error, indicating no clear frontrunner in either state.

It is interesting to note that North Carolina, which supported former President Barack Obama in 2008, has voted Republican in the past three presidential elections. However, in 2020, Trump won against US President Joe Biden.

Joe Biden made history in Georgia four years ago by defeating Donald Trump with a margin of less than 1 percentage point, becoming the first Democrat to win the state since Bill Clinton's victory in 1992.

In both states, Georgia and North Carolina, Harris is leading among the Black likely voters (84 per cent to 13 per cent in Georgia; 78 per cent to 19 per cent in North Carolina) and voters with college degrees (55 per cent to 39 per cent in Georgia; 53 per cent to 42 per cent in North Carolina).

On the other hand, white college graduates divide around evenly in both states (50 per cent Harris to 47 per cent Trump in North Carolina, 48 per cent Trump to 46 per cent Harris in Georgia). Trump holds a commanding lead, 81 per cent to 15 per cent, among White voters without college degrees in Georgia.

## POEMS

### "Power Is Opium"

The crown , the title, the authority,

Seeks an aspirant on the basis of priority.

Challenges and obstructions on the way,

Build new horizons with robust stay.

Sometimes career,sometimes friends and family,

With a heavy heart brushes off every plea.

Sometimes grandeur,sometimes responsibility,

Designates to the generous stature of serviceability.

Where long distance to cover before I recline.

Where numerous nods to comply before I decline.

Where loads of liabilities to fulfil before I celebrate.

Where scores of smiles to scatter before I frustrate.

Power is less of petals,more of thorns,

Power is opium in which an aspirant indulges.

Still it soothes.....

Still it relaxes.....

Still it elicits.....

BY HARPREET KAUR

## Empire State Building in New York lights up with Diwali wishes

The Empire State Building on Thursday lit up in Diwali wishes. The Consulate General of India in New York said that the vibrant lights symbolises the triumph of light over darkness.

In a post on X, the Consulate General of India in New York said, "The iconic Empire State Building lights up in vibrant orange to celebrate Diwali, symbolising the triumph of light over darkness!"

@IndiainNewYork Earlier in the day, Israeli Foreign Minister Israel Katz wished External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on the auspicious occasion of Diwali.

In a post on X, he said, "My friend S Jaishankar, I wish you and the people of

India a Happy Diwali 2024! Israel and India share the values of democracy, freedom, and a vision for a brighter future. May this Festival of Light bring us all joy, prosperity, and peace. Happy Diwali."

US Ambassador to India Eric Garcetti shared heartfelt messages on X to commemorate the Festival of Lights.

"This Diwali, Indians, and Americans across Mission India are sharing these diyas that bring joy and blessings to all. Join us in the festivities as we celebrate the Festival of Lights with music, dance, festive cheer, and a grateful heart. On



behalf of the U.S. Mission in India, I wish everyone a very Happy Diwali," he said.

Earlier, leaders and diplomats from around the world expressed their heartfelt greetings to India, highlighting the spirit of unity and cultural appreciation that the festival of lights represents.

Norwegian Ambassador to India May-Elin Stener also shared Diwali greetings in both Hindi and English, posting, "From all of us @norwayinindia #HappyDiwali2024 Best wishes of Diwal to everyone."

Russian Ambassador Denis Alipov extended his wishes in Hindi, stating, "On the auspicious occasion of Diwali, I extend my warm greetings to my Indian friends and wish them happiness and prosperity from the bottom of my heart. Happy Diwali."

Australia's High Commissioner to India and Ambassador to Bhutan, Philip Green, joined the Diwali festivities by sharing a post on X, saying, "Best wishes to everyone on the festival of Diwali. Light, joy and a lot of dancing! This is how the Australian High Commission family came together for our annual #Diwali celebration. Sharing some glimpses from our Festival of Lights."



Toyota Kirloskar Motor Continues to Post Record Growth: Sells 30,845 Units in October 2024

**C**HANDIGARH: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) today reported yet another month of strong performance with the sales of 30,845 units. This indicates a growth of 41% in comparison with October 2023, when the sales stood at 21,879 units. During October 2024, TKM's domestic sales stood at 28,138 units while exports announced to 2707 units. Commenting on the strong performance, Mr. Sabari Manohar – Vice President, Sales-Service-Used Car Business, Toyota Kirloskar Motor said, "Our entire range of product offerings has experienced strong sales momentum, bringing festive cheer to all of us at Toyota. This growth is fuelled by increased footfalls and strong demand for our SUVs and MPVs, along with a significant boost from the introduction of Festival Limited Editions of the Urban Cruiser Hyryder, Urban Cruiser Taisor, Glanza, and Rumion, which were specially launched for the season.

Samsung Announces Biggest Ever Festive Offers on Galaxy Z Fold6 and Z Flip6 in India

**C**HANDIGARH: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today announced exciting limited period offers on its immensely popular sixth-generation foldable smartphones - Galaxy Z Fold6 and Galaxy Z Flip6. Starting today, consumers purchasing Galaxy Z Fold6 will get the smartphone at as low as INR 144999 along with a 24 months no-cost EMI. Similarly, consumers purchasing Galaxy Z Flip6 will get the device at just INR 89999 with 24 months no-cost EMI as a part of a limited period festive offer. Galaxy Z Fold6 is priced starting INR 164999 and Galaxy Z Flip6 is priced starting INR 109999. Consumers seeking enhanced affordability can take advantage of the convenient EMI options starting as low as INR 2500 for Galaxy Z Flip6 and INR 4028 for Galaxy Z Fold6.

Sagility India Limited's Initial Public Offering to open on Tuesday, November 05

**M**umbai: Sagility India Limited, provides technology-enabled business solutions and services to clients in the U.S. healthcare industry, has fixed the price band of ₹28/- to ₹30/- per Equity Share of face value ₹10/- each for its maiden initial public offer. The Initial Public Offering ("IPO" or "Offer") of the Company will open on Tuesday, November 05, 2024, for subscription and close on Thursday, November 07, 2024. Investors can bid for a minimum of 500 Equity Shares and in multiples of 500 Equity Shares thereafter. The IPO is entirely open for sale of up to 702.20 million equity shares by Sagility B.V, the Promoter Selling Shareholder.

Swiggy Limited's initial public offering to open on November 06

**C**handigarh: Swiggy Limited (the "Company"), proposes to open its initial public offering ("Offer") on Wednesday, November 06, 2024. Bid/Offer Closing Date will be Friday, November 08, 2024. Anchor Investor Bidding Dates is one Working Day prior to Bid/Offer Opening Date, that is, Tuesday, November 05, 2024. The Price Band of the Offer has been fixed from ₹ 371 per Equity Share to ₹ 390 per Equity Share. Bids can be made for a minimum of 38 Equity Shares and in multiples of 38 Equity Shares thereafter. The Offer comprises of a Fresh Issue of Equity Shares aggregating up to ₹ 44,990 million (the "Fresh Issue") and an offer for sale of up to 175,087,863 equity shares (the "Offer for Sale") by the Selling Shareholders. The Offer includes a reservation of up to 750,000 equity shares of face value of ₹1 each, aggregating up to ₹1 million, for subscription by eligible employees not exceeding 5% of our post-offer paid-up equity share capital (the "Employee Reservation Portion"). The Offer less the Employee Reservation Portion is hereinafter referred to as the Net Offer. The Equity Shares offered through the Red Herring Prospectus are proposed to be listed on BSE Limited ("BSE") and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE"). This is an Offer in terms of Regulation 19(2)(b) of the SCRR read with Regulation 31 of the SEBI ICDR Regulations. This Offer is being made through the Book Building Process in compliance with Regulation 6(2) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations wherein not less than 75% of the Net Offer shall

Cinepolis India Launches Captivating CGI Diwali Campaign

**C**HANDIGARH: Cinepolis India is thrilled to announce the launch of its vibrant CGI Diwali campaign, Diwal Lights Meet Cinema Magic, celebrating the union of the Festival of Lights with the joy of cinema. This season, Cinepolis invites patrons to experience the magic of film as a beacon of warmth and unity, symbolised in their stunning visual theme, "Lanterns of Diwali, Lights of Cinema." Through this CGI-driven campaign, Cinepolis brings the essence of Diwali to life by merging traditional motifs of Diwali lanterns with the radiant lights of cinema. As lanterns illuminate the night sky with hope and togetherness, Cinepolis seeks to mirror this by drawing families and friends into theatres, where screens are aglow with stories that inspire and unite. "Diwali is a time when families come together to celebrate, and at Cinepolis, we believe in amplifying that spirit through cinema. This campaign beautifully captures our vision of cinema as a form of light, much like Diwali lanterns, brightening lives with stories of joy, hope, and reflection."

Google expands split-screen Gemini functionality to more devices

**W**ashington: Google has announced the expansion of its Gemini AI assistant, enabling split-screen functionality on a wider range of devices, including various Samsung Galaxy and Google Pixel tablets and foldable phones. Initially introduced with the Galaxy Z Fold6 and its One UI 6.1.1, this feature allowed Gemini to operate in a split-screen mode exclusively on that device, according to GSM Arena. However, Google has now broadened access to this innovative capability across multiple large-screen Android devices. Reports obtained by GSM Arena indicate that the Gemini AI can now be utilized in a floating window on older Galaxy Z Fold models, as well as on Galaxy Tab tablets.

OpenAI Will Not Release GPT-5 This Year But 'Some Very Good Releases' Are Coming, Says CEO Sam Altman

**O**penAI CEO Sam Altman and several other company executives hosted an ask-me-anything (AMA) session on Thursday. The session was hosted on the social networking platform Reddit and users were told to ask questions about the AI firm's products such as ChatGPT or general queries about artificial intelligence (AI) and artificial general intelligence (AGI). During the session, Altman said that GPT-5 will not be released this year, however, the company plans to introduce "some very good releases" before the end of 2024.

Growing Demand for Construction Chemicals in India

**T**he construction chemicals market in India has experienced significant growth, driven by rapid urbanization, infrastructure development, and increasing demand for durable construction materials. As the country focuses on enhancing its infrastructure, the importance of construction chemicals becomes utmost. **Market Overview** As of 2023, the construction chemicals market in India is valued at approximately USD 2.5 billion, with a projected compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of around 10-12% over the next five years (MarketsandMarkets, 2023). The market includes a variety of products like concrete admixtures, waterproofing agents, repair and rehabilitation materials, flooring compounds, and sealants. **Key Segments** Concrete Admixtures: This segment is the largest, accounting for over 50% of the market share. Admixtures enhance the performance, durability, and workability of concrete (Research and Markets, 2023). Waterproofing Chemicals: With rising construction activities, particularly in residential and commercial sectors, the demand for waterproofing products is on the rise. Repair and Rehabilitation Products: As infrastructure ages, the need for repair and maintenance has increased, driving demand for specialized repair materials.



**Flooring Chemicals:** The growth of industrial and commercial construction has spurred demand for flooring solutions, enhancing aesthetic appeal and functionality. **Key Drivers of Growth** Urbanization and Infrastructure Development: India's urban population is expected to reach 600 million by 2031, necessitating

substantial infrastructure investments (NITI Aayog, 2023). **Government Initiatives:** Initiatives such as "Housing for All," "Smart Cities Mission," and "Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT)" are driving growth in the construction sector, positively impacting the construction chemicals market. **Technological Advancements:** Innovations in construction materials are leading to higher performance and durability standards, increasing the adoption of advanced construction chemicals. **Increasing Quality Standards:** Rising awareness about the importance of quality and sustainability in construction promotes the use of construction

chemicals. **Challenges in the Market** Price Volatility of Raw Materials: The construction chemicals industry is heavily dependent on petroleum-based products. Fluctuating crude oil prices can impact production costs and pricing strategies (IBEF, 2023). **Regulatory Compliance:** Adhering to stringent environmental regulations and product standards poses challenges, particularly for small and medium enterprises. **Lack of Awareness:** Despite their benefits, there is still a lack of awareness among smaller construction firms about the advantages and proper usage of construction chemicals.

**By Sanjay Goenka, CMD of Hindcon Chemicals Ltd**

Dominating DFC Swipe 3 goals past Table-Toppers Garhwal Heroes FC, Close Gap at the Top

**C**HANDIGARH: DFC pulled off a stunning 3-1 victory against Garhwal Heroes FC, the current leaders of the Premier League, narrowing the gap at the top to just two points. DFC dominated from the start, exerting relentless pressure on their opponents. Goal-scoring sensation Goyary, continues his form from the SAFF Championships and the I-League and scored again putting his team ahead in the 51st minute. Goyary's prolific goal-scoring record, honed since his youth days, has made him a valuable asset to DFC.

His ability to find the back of the net has been a hallmark of his career. Sajal Bag, a



promising talent signed by DFC this season, doubled the tally in the 84th minute,

showcasing his potential to become a key player. Bag's vision, skill, and work rate have made him an instant favorite among fans. Akash, on the other hand has been a prodigy, and lives up to the name as he sealed the win with a late strike in the 90th minute, demonstrating his exceptional skill and maturity. Akash's emergence as a game-changer has sent excitement waves through the DFC camp. Garhwal Heroes FC managed a consolation goal via a penalty but couldn't overcome DFC's convincing lead.

Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles Partners with DUPR India Masters to Champion Pickleball and Sub-culture Community Spirit

**G**URUGRAM : Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles is thrilled to announce its partnership with the DUPR India Masters Pickleball Tournament, a landmark event in Delhi's sporting calendar and a significant stop on

From music to street culture and sport, Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles has long supported emerging subcultures in India. As a patron of the International Surfing Festival and Covelong Classic, we have fueled the spirit of surfing in India. This year, we also partnered with All You Can Street, India's first and largest festival celebrating fashion, sneakers, music, and street art, which brought together creative minds across industries. In music, our association with Mahindra has seen us champion iRock and the Mahindra Blues Festival in Mumbai, celebrating the best of India's diverse music scene. The Delhi tournament, organized by DUPR and held at the Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium, draws enthusiasts worldwide, with pickleball players at all levels coming to together.



the Pickleball World Rankings. Like motorcycling, which connects riders through a shared love of community and adventure, pickleball unites players across age and skill on the court, creating bonds that transcend the game. This partnership aligns with our commitment to championing India's rising subcultures and uniting communities around shared passions.

United Against Polio: Sustaining India's Vigilance Through Vaccination

**G**urgaon : Despite India's remarkable achievement of being polio-free for over a decade, the recent polio incident reported in Meghalaya serves as a stark reminder that vigilance is essential.3. While India has successfully eliminated the disease, polio continues to pose a significant threat globally, with cases still present in countries like Afghanistan and Pakistan.5. Poliomyelitis, a highly infectious disease that spreads through faecal-oral transmission, primarily affects children under five, leading to irreversible paralysis and even death if not prevented. "Vaccination is our most critical defence against polio, ensuring immunity from the early stages of life," stresses Dr Mahaveer Prasad Jain, Director at Nova Care Clinic, Gurgaon. "By administering the Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV) from six weeks onward, parents can protect their children and contribute to keeping our communities safe from this disease. Vaccination remains an essential component of our public health strategy.3."



health success, achieved through extensive immunization campaigns and massive public cooperation. In the years leading up to the last case, WHO supported India in administering nearly a billion doses of the polio vaccine annually to 172 million children, a testament to the effort required to maintain polio elimination.3. Reflecting on the ongoing risk, Dr Mahaveer Prasad Jain warns, "Polio may be gone from India, but it's not gone from the world. Global movement increases the likelihood of reintroduction, which is why every unvaccinated child represents a potential vulnerability. Vaccination isn't just an individual choice; it's a commitment to public safety.3." The Indian Academy of Paediatrics Advisory Committee on Vaccines and Immunization Practices (IAP ACVIP) stresses the need to strictly follow the recommended vaccination schedule. This includes a birth dose of oral polio vaccine (OPV), an inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) at 6, 10, and 14 weeks, followed by boosters at 16-18 months and again at 4-6 years.4. Adherence to this schedule is critical to maintaining individual and herd immunity.

Tata Motors registered total sales of 82,682 units in October 2024

**C**HANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Tata Motors Limited sales in the domestic & international market for October 2024 stood at 82,682 vehicles, compared to 82,954 units during October 2023. Domestic Sales Performance: Domestic sale of MH&ICV in October 2024, including trucks and buses, stood at 15,574 units, compared to 15,211 units in October 2023. Total sales for MH&ICV Domestic & International Business in October 2024, including trucks and buses, stood at 16,274 units compared to 16,048 units in October 2023. Passenger Vehicles: Includes sales of Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Limited and Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Limited, both subsidiaries of Tata

Fighting Polio Together: The Essential Role of Vaccination

**N**EW DELHI : On this World Polio Day, it's essential to recognize the persistent threat posed by polio. Polio, a highly infectious viral disease which spreads through faecal-oral transmission and primarily affects children under five, leading to irreversible paralysis and, in some cases, death. Despite decades of progress, the disease remains a global health risk, particularly for nations like India, which are polio free, however must remain vigilant to avoid resurgence. Dr Anuj K. Goyal, MD Pediatrics, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Specialist, Saroj Hospital, Rohini, New Delhi shares, "Vaccination remains our most powerful weapon against polio, a virus that still has the potential to return if we lower our guard.



The Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV) is essential to protecting the lives of our children from 6 weeks of age.3." India's success story—12 years of being polio-free—has been an extraordinary public health achievement, facilitated by massive immunization drives. According to WHO, in lieu of Polio eradication in India, around 1 billion doses of polio vaccine were

administered annually to 172 million children over the course of four years leading up to the last case.3. Yet, recent incidents of polio resurfacing in parts of the world raise a crucial concern: India cannot afford to let its guard down. Dr Goyal emphasizes, "Polio-free status does not mean that we are completely safe. The resurgence of cases in other parts of the world is a clear reminder that global travel and migration could reintroduce the virus." The Indian Academy of Paediatrics Advisory Committee on Vaccines and Immunization Practices (IAP ACVIP) stresses the need to strictly follow the recommended vaccination schedule. This includes a birth dose of oral polio vaccine (OPV), an inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) at 6, 10, and 14 weeks, followed by boosters at 16-18 months and again at 4-6 years.

All you need to know about stroke

**A**mritsar, November, 1:- A stroke is a life-threatening medical condition that occurs when there is a disruption in the blood supply to the brain. Dr Manik Mahajan, Additional Director, Neurology, Fortis Escorts Amritsar elaborates on the key aspects of stroke, the golden hour along with crucial tips for prevention and timely medical intervention. Stroke can be broadly classified into: ischemic and haemorrhagic. Ischemic strokes are more common, resulting from blocked or narrowed blood vessels, often due to blood clots. Haemorrhagic strokes, on the other hand, occur when a

blood vessel in the brain ruptures. Recognizing the early symptoms and warning signs of stroke is vital. These include sudden numbness or weakness in the face, arm, or leg, typically on one side of the body. Speech problems, confusion, trouble seeing, and severe headaches could be some of the symptoms. The BEFAST acronym (Balance issues, changes in eyesight, Face drooping, Arm weakness, Speech difficulty, Time) are crucial as you can recover if given proper treatment in the golden hour. The golden hour of a stroke is the first 60 minutes after a stroke begins when treatment is most

effective. During this time, there is a high chance of saving threatened tissue and restoring blood flow. Immediate action is crucial. Consult your doctor as soon as stroke symptoms are observed, as prompt treatment can minimize the damage caused to organs. Stroke treatments may involve medication to dissolve clots (iv tPA, Tenecteplase), Mechanical removal of clot, surgical interventions, or rehabilitation. Prevention is key to reducing the risk of stroke. This includes maintaining a healthy lifestyle with a balanced diet, regular exercise, managing high blood pressure.

From Diyas to Sweets: How Zee Punjabi Artists Celebrate Diwali with Loved Ones

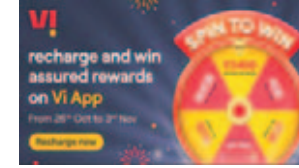
**W**ith the festive spirit, Zee Punjabi's beloved stars share their most treasured Diwali memories and rituals. From family gatherings to lighting diyas, these artists share the joy that makes this festival unforgettable. Ankush Kulkreja, who plays Harnav in the show Jawaai Ji, reflects on the warmth of Diwali with his loved ones. "Diwali has always been special for me because it brings everyone together. We light diyas and rangoli and enjoy homemade sweets. For me, the best part is



exchanging gifts with family and close friends." Neha Chauhan, who portrays Sidak in Jawaai Ji, and Jasmeet Kaur who plays the lead role of "Sehaj" in the Show "Sehajever", cherish the simplicity of family traditions. "Diwali is a time of gratitude and love. My family decorates the house with flowers and rangolis, and we spend the evening performing the Lakshmi puja. It's also the one time when all my cousins come together, making it feel like a grand reunion."

Through their stories, these talented stars remind us of the importance of togetherness during the festive season. From lighting lanterns to savouring festive delicacies, their memories capture the true essence of Diwali—spreading joy, love, and positivity. Tune into Zee Punjabi to watch your favourite stars bring the same warmth and charm to your screens.

This Deepawali, Vi brings assured rewards for its subscribers!



**G**URUGRAM / HISAR : Leading telecom operator Vi is set to make Deepawali celebrations more splendid for customers by introducing assured rewards for those who recharge on the Vi App. As part of this festive bonanza, those who recharge on the Vi App qualify to spin the wheel and win assured rewards up to Rs 3498. Deepawali rewards for Vi customers include 1 GB/ 2GB/ 5GB/ 30GB extra data, discount coupons from popular online portals, as well as Rs 3,499 annual recharge packs. Users can spin the wheel, answer an easy question post the recharge and win rewards, once in 48 hours. These offers are available exclusively on the Vi App until 3rd November 2024. Additionally, while recharging, Vi customers can also avail attractive offers like instant discount upto Rs. 100 & upto 50GB extra data on annual prepaid packs, additional data and validity on select packs & more! Along with these, there is up to 25% discount on popular brand vouchers like Myntra, Flipkart, Amazon, Sony LIV etc. on Vi Shop via Vi App. This festive season, Vi is committed to providing more value to its customers, helping them get more for less and enjoy seamless connectivity with loved ones.

Thawing Permafrost Releases Greenhouse Gases, Contributing to Global Warming

**R**esearch has highlighted the significant role of thawing permafrost in contributing to global warming. A study co-authored by NASA scientists sheds light on the release of greenhouse gases from the Arctic region, where vast amounts of carbon have been stored for thousands of years. Permafrost is ground that remains frozen for extended periods that last for quite a time even for centuries. It contains layers of organic matter, including dead plants and animals. As the Arctic warms, this permafrost begins to thaw. When it does, microbes break down the organic material, releasing greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. This process is a concerning feedback loop that can further exacerbate climate change. Research Findings The study, led by Stockholm University, tracked greenhouse gas emissions across the Arctic from 2000 to 2020. It found that the region, particularly its forests, initially absorbed more carbon dioxide than it emitted. However, this balance shifted as emissions from lakes, rivers, and wildfires offset the uptake. As a result, the permafrost region has transitioned from being a carbon sink to becoming a net contributor to global warming.

CII Foundation and Cadence Conduct a Crop Residue Management Farmer Outreach Event in Bhuna, Fatehabad

**F**ATEHABAD: The CII Foundation, in partnership with Cadence Design Systems, today organized a Farmer Outreach Event to expand its Crop Residue Management (CRM) initiative in the Bhuna block of Fatehabad district. The event, held at the Community Centre in Dullat village, brought together over 150 local farmers and dignitaries. Launched in 2019, the CII Foundation's CRM initiative has already made a significant impact. This year, the project is further expanding its reach and the CII Foundation and Cadence Design Systems will support an additional 1,520 farmers across 15,400 acres in Fatehabad. The primary goal remains to reduce stubble burning and promote sustainable agricultural practices. To further strengthen the initiative, 10 new in-situ machines will be distributed this year, in addition to the 36 machines already provided.



Speaking at the occasion, SDAO, Dr. Bhim Singh Kulharia said "The CII Foundation's CRM initiative is a commendable effort to address the pressing issue of stubble burning. By providing farmers with the necessary tools and knowledge, we can significantly reduce air pollution and improve soil health." AAE Dr. Pawan Jyani said "Government schemes and subsidies are available to support farmers in adopting sustainable agricultural practices. I urge all farmers to take advantage of these opportunities and work towards a greener future."

The fifth edition of Tour De Sanawar to be held on Nov 3

**C**handigarh, The Lawrence School, Sanawar, in collaboration with Hero Cycles and the Old Sanawarian Society, announces the 5th Edition of the Tour De Sanawar, India's largest Inter-School Cycling Competition, scheduled to be held on November 3, 2024 at its 177 year old school's campus situated at the height of 1750 metres. This year's competition aims to take cycling to every school in India, with plans to establish a national league. Over 175 participants from 16 schools and more than 20 cities, including Bangalore, Pune, and Guwahati, will converge for this exciting race. Vivek Bhatia (IAS), the Director Youth Services and Sports & Principal Private Secretary-cum-Special Secretary to CM Himachal Pradesh, an enthusiastic and avid cyclist himself will grace the occasion as the chief guest. The competition featured four categories in an MTB XCO style, with routes ranging from 11 km for those under 14 years to 15 km with a 600-meter elevation gain for the elite category. Riders will navigate a challenging mix of steep ascents, thrilling descents, and sharp turns, testing the skills of the best cyclists. The Old Sanawarian Society conceived the idea of cycling in Sanawar in 2017 and since then the Tour De Sanawar has rapidly transformed from a recreational event into a highly anticipated competition, reflecting the growing interest in cycling across the nation. The success of the Tour De Sanawar has been made possible through the visionary support of Pankaj M Munjal, Chairman of Hero Cycles and an alumnus of The Lawrence School, Sanawar. His commitment to promoting cycling at the grassroots level has inspired countless young athletes.



Securing Immunity, Securing Futures: India's Stand Against Polio

**P**atiala, November, 1:- Days like Polio Day serve as crucial reminders of the importance of staying vigilant against poliomyelitis. Recent events in Meghalaya underscore the persistent threat this highly infectious disease poses, especially to children under five, where it can lead to irreversible paralysis and even death.1. Dr Neeraj Arora, Consultant Paediatrician & Neonatologist, Patiala comments, "The progress India has made over the past 12 years is remarkable, yet we must remember that viruses like polio don't wait. Our best strategy is to ensure full, timely vaccination for every child, leaving no room for complacency. Each immunisation strengthens our shield against this persistent threat." Dr Neeraj Arora explains, "We often speak of polio as a thing of the past, but as long as cases appear anywhere in the world, the risk remains. Vaccination is not just a protective measure; it's a step toward a future where no parent fears this disease" India, with its large population and high-density areas, faces a particular risk if the disease is reintroduced. Therefore, ensuring that every child receives the polio vaccine is not just a personal health responsibility but a national priority.3.5 The Indian Academy of Paediatrics Advisory Committee on Vaccines and Immunization Practices (IAP ACVIP) stresses the need to strictly follow the recommended vaccination schedule. This includes a birth dose of oral polio vaccine (OPV), an inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) at 6, 10, and 14 weeks, followed by boosters at 16-18 months and again at 4-6 years.4. Adherence to this schedule is critical to maintaining individual and herd immunity. Dr Neeraj Arora concludes, "Polio eradication is within reach globally, but it depends on collective action. India's commitment must stay strong, with healthcare providers and parents both playing a crucial role in keeping our communities protected. Complete, routine immunisation is how we secure a polio-free future." On World Polio Day, the message is clear: vaccination is the key to preventing a resurgence. By maintaining high immunization rates and supporting public health initiatives, India can continue its fight against polio and protect future generations from this preventable disease.



Insta360 X4 BMW Motorrad Limited Edition Action Camera Launched

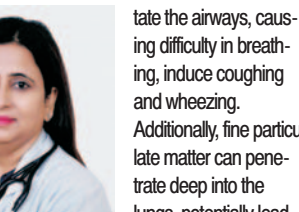
**I**nsa360 X4 BMW Motorrad Limited Edition action camera has been unveiled in China. The new variant is similar to the standard version in terms of specifications and features, but has a slightly different design. It is equipped with a 72-megapixel CMOS sensor and AI noise-reduction backed inbuilt microphones. It supports up to 8K resolution 360-degree video recording. The Insta360 app also offers AI editing tools that users can utilise to edit the 360-degree panoramic videos. The Insta360 X4 is claimed to offer a recording time of up to 135 minutes on a single charge. The China launch of the limited edition action camera was confirmed in a Weibo post by Insta360. The Insta360 X4 BMW Motorrad Limited Edition price is set in China at CNY 3,649 (roughly Rs. 43,100). It includes extra accessories in the box. The company has not yet revealed if the BMW variant will be introduced in other markets including India. The Insta360 X4 BMW Motorrad Limited Edition camera shares similar features as the standard variant, with the main difference being in the design. There's a BMW Motorrad Logo on the body and the included case. You also get two protective lenses. The camera features a 1/2 inch 72-megapixel CMOS sensor that supports 8K resolution 360 degree video recording.

Experts at Fortis Hospital Amritsar share essential first aid tips to manage breathing difficulties during Diwali celebrations

**A**mritsar:- Diwali, the festival of lights, is celebrated with immense joy and enthusiasm across the country and is often marked by the bursting of firecrackers. This contributes to air pollution, which can trigger breathing difficulties for many individuals. To help manage these risks, experts from Fortis Escorts Amritsar shared essential preventive measures and first aid tips for managing respiratory issues during this festive season. Fireworks release various air pollutants, including particulate matter, sulphur dioxide (SO2), nitrogen dioxide (NO2), and carbon monoxide (CO). Dr Rominder Kaur, Senior Consultant Pulmonology, Fortis Escorts Amritsar explained, "These pollutants can signif-

icantly impact the respiratory system, particularly for those with pre-existing conditions, like asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). The smoke and fine particles from fireworks can irritate the airways, causing difficulty in breathing, induce coughing and wheezing. Additionally, fine particulate matter can penetrate deep into the lungs, potentially leading to long-term health complications."

Following Diwali celebrations, it's crucial to monitor any persistent breathing difficulties. If symptoms persist, seek professional medical evaluation and treatment. Ensure indoor spaces are thoroughly cleaned and ventilated to remove residual pollutants for a healthier recovery.





## CM Mann felicitates people on Vishwakarma Day

**BUREAU CHANDIGARH:** Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Friday greeted all the Punjabis living across the globe on the auspicious occasion of parkash divas of Lord Vishwakarma, celebrated as Vishwakarma day in the entire world. In his message, the Chief Minister said that Lord



Vishwakarma, the divine architect of the entire universe, was believed to be the master of all machinery and equipments being used by the people in all the industrial activities. He said that since ages this great Deity of all craftsmen and architects has inspired our artisans, workers and labour class to work hard for the

development of the nation besides inculcating a feeling of dignity of labour and a sense of pride in them. Exhorting the workers and craftsmen to make concerted efforts for strengthening the infrastructure of the state and the Nation, the Chief Minister said that it would be a real and befitting tribute to Lord Vishwakarma.

## Nitin Eye Care and Retina Center proving boon for eye patients

**VERMA GURDASPUR:** Nitin Eye Care and Retina Center, located on the second floor in front of Dr. Chhabra Neelkanth Hospital at Chennai Maratha, Dahousie Road, Pathankot, is proving to be a boon for eye patients.



It is known that the center has been serving the residents of Pathankot with the most experienced retinal specialists for the past 14 years. Dr. Nitin Gupta, MBBS, DO, DNB FVRS (Arvind Eye Hospital, Madurai Fellowship in Vitreo Retina), is dedicated to resolving patients' issues day and night. Dr. Nitin Gupta informed that patients are receiving treatment for their eyes with complete satisfaction at their hospital, ensuring that they face no difficulties. To facilitate routine check-ups, a well-educated and experienced staff is readily available to assist patients. In conclusion, Dr. Nitin Gupta extended heartfelt Diwali greetings and best wishes to all district residents and citizens of the country.

## Diya wins intra-college paper reading competition held



**SRI MUKTSAR SAHIB:** A paper reading competition was organized by Guru Gobind Singh College of Management and Technology, Gidderbaha, as an inter-college event for the students of the college. There was a large number of students from the arts department who participated in this competition. The judges' opinion states that Diya Sonia and Simarjeet Kaur have achieved the first and second positions, respectively, whereas Jarvi and Jashanpreet Kaur have been awarded the third position, based on the judges' opinion. In the course of the competition, the judges highly praised the participants for their ability to speak clearly and concisely during the presentation. During her remarks at the beginning of the day, Nancy Rani, the head of the English department at the college, emphasized the importance of such activities and emphasized the significance of encouraging students to participate in them. Both Dr. Amandeep Kaur Dhillon and Sukhwinder Kaur were also present at the event, and both of them spoke during the event, and I would like to thank them both for their presence. Our efforts were greatly appreciated by them. Aiming to motivate and congratulate the students as well as the event's organizers, Gur Gobind Singh College of Management and Technology's principal, Dr. R.K. Uppal, was able to engage the students as well as the event's organizers by motivating and congratulating them.

## BJP govt formed again due to honesty and development works: Khattar

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, NOV 1**

Union Minister and Karnal MP Manohar Lal Khattar reached the Bharatiya Janata Party's Deepawali Milan and Abhinandan ceremony at Anmol Garden in Karnal on Friday. He thanked all the workers and the general public for the formation of the BJP government for the third time. He said that in the last 10 years of BJP's tenure, those who were selected for government jobs without any slip and without any expenses, considered us as their own and the BJP government was formed for the third time. Union Minister Manohar Lal appointed BJP leader Kavinder Rana as MP representative for Karnal. Assembly Speaker and Gharaunda MLA Harvinder



Kalyan, Chief Whip and Indri MLA Ramkumar Kashyap, Nilokheri MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi, Karnal MLA Jagmohan Anand, Assandh MLA Yogendra Rana and BJP District President Brij Gupta were present.

On this occasion, MLA Bhagwan Das Kabirpanthi, MLA Yogendra Rana and

MLA Jagmohan Anand expressed gratitude for their victory while wishing Diwali to the workers present on the spot. Manohar Lal said that I considered the 2.80 crore people of Haryana as my family. I worried about the person standing at the last rung. He told all the MLAs and workers that if we consider the people as our

own, then the people will consider us as their own. We worked for the people. We worked to get the rights of the weaker people in society first. He said that today the Bharatiya Janata Party is giving a clean and good governance. Only then the people have given me a chance to serve by electing me again.

**DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, NOV 1**

While wishing people of Kurukshetra parliamentary constituency on Haryana Day, MP Naveen Jindal said in his message that Haryana has its own glorious history. Haryana Day is a symbol of respect for our rich history, culture and hardworking people. Let us strengthen our resolve for developed Haryana and take state to new heights of progress. He said that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has resolved to make India a developed nation by 2047. Haryana being a leading state, will become a developed state by 2035. For this, we will have to unite and work hard day and night. In this direction, I have started work of fulfilling my resolve in Kurukshetra parliamentary



constituency. It is worth mentioning that MP Naveen Jindal is running many important schemes in Kurukshetra parliamentary constituency with courtesy of Naveen Jindal Foundation.

Among these, solving document problems in Naveen Sankalp camps for availing benefits of Haryana Government schemes, Naveen Jindal Yashasvi Scholarship Scheme for smooth running of students' education, Naveen Jindal

Mobile Medical Unit Scheme for providing health facilities, Naveen Jindal Kanyadan and Shagun Scheme, Naveen Jindal Tiranga Awareness Scheme, Naveen Jindal Gym and Cricket Kit Scheme for youth in sports and Incentive and Training Scheme for farmers to promote natural farming are prominent ones. Along with this, work is being done at fast pace for skill development of youth of Kurukshetra parliamentary constituency.

## CM Saini made Diwali memorable for 24,000 youth by giving them jobs: Verma

**DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, NOV 1**

District convener of the arts and culture cell of Bharatiya Janata Party, Anil Verma, said that Chief Minister Naib Saini, as soon as he took oath as Chief Minister, made Diwali memorable for 24000 youths by giving them jobs. This view was expressed by District Coordinator of Art and Cultural Cell of Bharatiya Janata Party, Anil Verma, after presenting Diwali greetings to Chief Minister Naib Saini at Chief Minister's residence on auspicious occasion of Diwali. Anil Verma, while presenting Diwali greetings to Chief Minister Naib Saini, presented an attractive idol of Shri Ram Darbar and a copy of the holy Shri Ramcharit



Manas. Anil Verma said that policies of social welfare and public upliftment of Bharatiya Janata Party have created different respectable place for BJP in minds of people, truth of which has been proved by the BJP majority government formed for the third time in state. Anil Verma said that in BJP government, due to

employment to lakhs of youth without slips and without expenses, lakhs of families have been able to celebrate a happy and prosperous Diwali in the true sense. Anil Verma said that Congress gives slogan of Garibi Hatao and BJP government proves that slogan. This is reason that Congress is a party of words and BJP is a party and government of action. Anil Verma said that even Prime Minister Narendra Modi praises humility and efficiency of Chief Minister Naib Saini on public platforms. Due to which every Haryanvi's chest swells with pride. Anil Verma wished that this Diwali brings happiness and prosperity to all Sanatan lovers living in country, state and abroad.

## Intra-college poster competition held at Guru Gobind Singh College of Management and Technology



**BUREAU SRI MUKATSAR SAHIB:** A poster competition was held within GGS College of Management and Technology, Gidderbaha, as part of its intra-college activities. There were several students from the arts department who participated in this competition. The judges awarded Jhansi the first place, while Anmoldeep Singh and Amandeep Kaur secured the second place according to the results. Sakashi and Lovepreet Singh, who received third place in the competition, were highly praised by the judges for their creativity and originality. There was a strong emphasis put forth by the head of the English department, Nancy Rani, on the importance of such activities. In addition to Dr. Amandeep Kaur Dhillon, Sukhwinder Kaur also spoke at the event. There was a lot of appreciation expressed by both of them. Dr. R.K. Uppal, the principal of Guru Gobind Singh College of Management and Technology, encouraged and congratulated the students as well as the organizers of the event during his speech.

## BSF foils drone smuggling in Amritsar, recovers two drones and heroin



**AGENCY AMRITSAR:** The Border Security Force (BSF) troops on Friday recovered two drones and one packet of suspected heroin at three different places in the border area of district Amritsar. Based on information from the BSF intelligence wing, the troops foiled the attempt of drone smuggling through the border. According to an official statement, one packet of suspected heroin (Gross weight- 570 Grams) was recovered by BSF troops during the night hours of October 31 at about 11:15 pm from a harvested paddy field adjacent to the village- Pulmoran of Amritsar district. The narcotics were wrapped with yellow adhesive tape and a steel ring and an illuminating strip were also found attached to the packet.

## Speaker Sandhavan congratulates people on Diwali and Bandi Chhod Day

**SURINDER DAMDAMI KOTKAPURA, NOV 1**

Speaker Punjab Vidhan Sabha Kulnar Singh Sandhavan congratulated all the district residents on Diwali and Bandi Chhod Day and wished them a bright future. He said that Diwali is a festival of light and happiness. He prayed to God that people should remain in the same color of happiness. S. Sandhavan said that this festival symbolizes the victory of truth over falsehood, religion over iniquity and good over evil and represents the values and ideas of the country's cultural heritage. He also appealed to the people to celebrate Green Diwali to



make the environment safe. Speaker S. Sandhavan celebrated Diwali by distributing sweets to the hardworking, laborers, poor and needy at his native village Sandhavan.

On this occasion, he congratulated the people and

interacted with them. He said that my heartfelt wish was that I celebrate Diwali with those people. Let's celebrate with those who work even on Diwali day and do not let themselves be idle on this day too i.e. always keep themselves

connected with work and become a source of inspiration for others. Speaker Sandhavan also held a tea party program with all the journalists of district Faridkot on the occasion of Diwali, in which the entire journalist community participated.

He said that the press association Kotkapura has done a very commendable job that the festival of Diwali has been celebrated by distributing saplings and they wished them a happy Diwali. He gave a message to keep the environment clean. He said that Diwali and Lord Shri Ram will be pleased only by the purity of the environment and not by spreading pollution.

## Kala Dhillon welcomed by former Cong dist president Lucky and Mahindrapal Pakho



**KARANPREET KARAN BARNALA:** Kala Dhillon, the candidate of the Congress party for the by-election from Barnala, was warmly welcomed by former Congress district president gurpreet singh Lucky Pakho and state secretary Mahindrapal Pakho on his arrival at Cestel Palace on Raikot Road and he won. Barnala residents strongly appealed! On this occasion, Kala Dhillon said that CONGRESS government did many development works in Punjab during its tenure and did not allow any class to face any problem, but today the people of Aam Aadmi Party. People who are saddened by the opposition policies are remembering the tenure of the Congress government. Congress candidate Kuldeep Singh Kala Dhillon was greeted by ex-district president Gurpreet Singh Lucky and Mahindrapal on this occasion, Congress leaders Mahesh Kumar Lota, Narinder Sarma were present with them.

## Haryana couldn't establish new capital and separate High Court in 58 years: Shakti Singh

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, NOV 1**

Extending greetings to the people of the state on the 59th Haryana Day, social worker and advocate Chaudhary Shakti Singh said that Haryana has achieved unprecedented progress and comprehensive development over the past 58 years. Despite the efforts of every political party and chief minister who governed during these years, no party or chief minister has succeeded in establishing Haryana's own capital or a separate high court. The question remains why they have not yet been able to create Haryana's own capital and separate high court. Advocate Shakti Singh has urged the central government, led by Honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Haryana state government under Chief Minister Nayab Saini, the judiciary, and the Ministry of Home Affairs and Law to keep Chandigarh with Haryana and to create a new state capital and a separate high court as soon as possible. He suggested that Karnal, located at the center of the state along the national highway, would be the most suitable place for the new capital and high court.



## Harvinder Kalyan pays obeisance at Ghantakarna Bhagwan Mahavir Swami Temple



**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA**

**KARNAL:** Haryana Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan on Thursday paid obeisance at the Ghantakarna Bhagwan Mahavir Swami temple located on Indri Road in Karnal. He was accompanied by Indri MLA and Chief Whip Ramkumar Kashyap, Karnal MLA Jagmohan Anand and former Mayor Renu Bala Gupta was also there. They also offered prayers at the temple. During this, everyone also received blessings from Jigyasa Ji Maharaj and Promila Ji Maharaj. They congratulated the Assembly Speaker and MLAs on their victory and wished them all the best for the upcoming term. Everyone also performed Aarti in the temple and prayed for the happiness and well-being of the people of the state and the district. On this occasion Navneet Jain, Puneet Jain, Anil Jain, Sushil Jain, Ajay Jain, Chetan Jain, Rajan Jain, Rohit Bhandari, Pawan Jain, Rajesh Pal, Ravindra Rana and others were present.

## Diwali celebrated in Rational World School



**VIJAY KAUSHIK**

**LADWA:** Diwali was celebrated with great pomp in the premises of Rational World School. On this occasion, various activities were organized in the school. On this occasion, a diya decoration competition was organized in the kindergarten and on the other hand, a diya decoration competition was organized in the school. Candle decoration competition was organized by students of class 1st to 2nd and Toran decoration competition was organized by students of class 3rd to 5th. Rangoli making and declamation competition was organized in all other higher classes of the school. On the occasion, a play was presented in the school. This was presented with the objective of celebrating pollution free Diwali and going green. On this occasion, the school was decorated very beautifully. On this occasion, the Principal of the school, Mrs. Parneet Kaur extended her heartfelt wishes of Diwali to all Indians, teachers of the school and residents of the area. He said that this festival was a symbol of light and all of them should remove the darkness of evil from their lives and adopt the light of goodness.

## CMD of Double Chabi Basmati Rice Tarawadi wishes for Bhai Dooj festival

**KAMAL SHAMA**

**TARAORI:** Bhai Dooj, a festival of love and affection between brothers and sisters being celebrated all over the country. On this festival, sisters apply Tilak on the forehead of their brothers and pray for their bright future and long life. This festival of Bhai Dooj or Bhaiya Dooj is celebrated on the second day of Shukla Paksha of Kartik month. On this day sisters prayed for the long life of their brother. Preksha Goyal, CMD of Double Chaabi Basmati Rice Tarawadi said that this festival was a symbol of love and affection between brothers and sisters. The purpose of celebrating this festival was to maintain the flow of love and respect in the relationship between brothers and sisters. It was dedicated to affection. All sisters applied Tilak to their brothers and prayed for their long life and happiness and prosperity. Mr Preksha Goyal, while extending her hearty greetings and best wishes for Bhai Dooj, a festival symbolizing the love and affection of brother and sister, said that it has been a tradition since ancient times that on the day of Bhai Dooj, sisters prayed for their brother's long life, happiness and prosperity. They applied tilak. It was said that the sister who applied kumkum tilak on her brother's forehead on Kartik Shukla Pratipada, her brother got all the happiness. According to Hindu beliefs, the brother who goes to his sister's house on Bhai Dooj there is happiness in the homes of the brothers as well. She has appealed to everyone that on the day of Bhai Dooj festival, they should take a pledge to protect their sisters and daughters.



## Cabinet Minister pays obeisance at various religious places on Diwali



**BUREAU**

**PATHANKOT:** As the day of Diwali dawned, Punjab Cabinet Minister Lal Chand Kataruchak paid obeisance to various historical shrines located at Halka Bhoia of district Pathankot. In which he first offered obeisance at the ancient Shiva temple Chatpat Bani located in village Kataruchak and then along with his family he bowed down at the historical shrine Gurdwara Sri Barth Sahib. There he prayed for the good of all. Talking to the media on this occasion, Cabinet Minister Punjab Lal Chand Kataruchak, while congratulating everyone on Diwali, said that on this day Lord Shri Ram returned to Ayodhya after the victory of good over evil, on which people welcomed him. Even today the whole of India remembers that day and lights lamps. This festival is one of the major festivals of our country India, which we all should celebrate with great love.



NEWS BRIEF

Salima Tete, Navneet Kaur express excitement ahead of Bihar Women's Asian Champions Trophy Rajgir 2024

Rajgir : With just 10 days left until the start of the Bihar Women's Asian Champions Trophy Rajgir 2024, the Indian women's hockey captain Salima Tete and vice-captain Navneet Kaur expressed their excitement and shared insights into their preparations for the tournament, scheduled to take place from November 11 to 20 at Rajgir Hockey Stadium. Following the success of last year's Women's Asian Champions Trophy in Ranchi, Hockey India is gearing up to deliver another spectacle, this time in Rajgir, Bihar. This event will strengthen their vision of expanding hockey's presence across India. Top Asian teams, including Paris 2024 silver medalist China, along with Japan, Korea, Malaysia, and Thailand, are set to assemble in the historic town of Rajgir. Expressing excitement for the Bihar Women's Asian Champions Trophy Rajgir 2024, India Captain Tete said as quoted from HI, "The anticipation and excitement for the Women's Asian Champions Trophy is in equal measure as we will be playing at a new venue in a beautiful town Rajgir. We played an exhibition match here in August and received a great response from the crowd. We're looking forward to returning to Rajgir and playing our best hockey."

"The no brainers would've been 10-11 players...": KKR CEO highlights struggle in deciding retention list

Kolkata: Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) CEO Venky Mysore said that the number of retentions do feel less and there were around 10-11 "no brainer" players that the team management had in mind while deciding on the final retention list. KKR announced on Thursday that they have retained Sunil Narine, Andre Russell, Rinku Singh, Ramandeep Singh, Harshit Rana, and Varun Chakravarthy ahead of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 mega auction. In IPL 2024, KKR secured their third title under Shreyas Iyer's captaincy with an 8-wicket victory over Sunrisers Hyderabad. However, Iyer, who led the Knights in the 17th season, has not been retained. Several big stars including Shreyas Iyer, Mitchell Starc, Phil Salt, Venkatesh Iyer, Nitish Rana have been released. Speaking on the KKR's website, Mysore said, "Obviously the number of retentions do feel less, because we first build a squad and try to put all pieces in place in order to compete. And when you compete, and particularly in our case, thankfully, we won our third championship, and after that, it becomes even more difficult, because you really want to keep the squad that you have carefully built, who are also the defending champions. So in an ideal world, we would have wanted the whole team back. But the reality is that we cannot, and therefore making those decisions within the parameters provided makes it definitely challenging."

Bengaluru FC bask on recent form to extend unbeaten run against FC Goa

Fatorda: Bengaluru FC (BFC) and FC Goa (FCG), two teams with a longstanding rivalry, are set to reignite their contest at the Fatorda Stadium in the Indian Super League (ISL) 2024-25 on Saturday at 7:30 pm IST. Both teams have previously claimed ISL titles, with Bengaluru FC winning in 2018-19 and the Gaurs securing the League Shield the following season. Each side now aims to recapture that glory, and although their recent form contrasts sharply, the calibre of players on both teams promises an intense clash with much at stake. Playing at home usually brings an advantage, but this hasn't been the case for FC Goa recently. They are now four games without a home win, marking their longest such streak in the ISL. A swift end to this slump would bolster their campaign, helping to rally their supporters this season. One factor that could turn the tide for the Gaurs is head coach Manolo Marquez's impressive record against Bengaluru FC. Marquez's teams remain unbeaten in eight encounters with the Blues, one of only two teams, along with East Bengal FC, against whom he has a flawless record after facing them at least thrice in the ISL.

Dates, venues for Australia's Test tour to Sri Lanka in early 2025 unveiled

Melbourne [Australia], November 1 (ANI): Dates and venues for Sri Lanka's two-match Test series and a sole ODI against Australia have been revealed on Friday. Sri Lanka will host Australia for two Tests, a part of the ongoing cycle of the World Test Championship, and a single ODI, which will help both teams bolster their preparations for the ICC Champions Trophy in Pakistan. The first Test will begin on January 29 in Galle, and the second Test will kick off on February 6 at the same venue. Both teams will square off in the sole ODI on February 13, but the venue remains to be decided. The two Tests could influence the fate of teams standing in contention to feature in the WTC final next year in London. Australia hold a strong position en route to the WTC final. The Baggy Greens currently sit in the second position with a point percentage of 62.5 per cent. On the other hand, Sri Lanka continue to breathe down Sri Lanka's neck in the third spot with a point percentage of 55.56 per cent. The result of the series could shape the WTC final depending on how the other results unfold before the beginning.

AGENCY MUMBAI : Veteran all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja disclosed that he was unaware of

# Day 1: India batters collapse as NZ take control over Mumbai Test

**AGENCY MUMBAI:** The Indian batters collapsed on the first day of the third and final Test match at the Wankhade Stadium on Friday after brilliant performance from spinners Ravindra Jadeja and Washington Sundar.

At Stumps on Day 1, India are 86/4 with Shubman Gill and Rishabh Pant unbeaten on the crease. The hosts still trail by 149 runs.

The third and final session of Day 1 of Mumbai Test resumed New Zealand's innings from 192/6, with Daryl Mitchell and Ish Sodhi unbeaten with scores of 53(96) and 1(7), respectively.

Sodhi was the first one to fell in this session when the team score was 210. His wicket was taken by left-arm spinner Ravindra Jadeja.

Following Sodhi's departure, Matt Henry came out to bat in the middle along with Mitchell.

At the score of 210, the visitors lost another wicket as Henry was sent back to the pavillion without opening his account as he was cleaned up Jadeja.

The Tom Latham-led side lost their ninth wicket at the score of 228 as



Mitchell was sent back to the dressing room after playing a magnificent knock of 82 runs which was laced with three fours and sixes each in his innings.

The Kiwis were bundled out at 235 in the 66th over of the day as Washington Sundar took the last wicket of Ajaz Patel who went back after scoring just seven runs for his side.

The pick of the bowlers for the Rohit Sharma-led side was Jadeja who snapped five wickets in his spell of 22 overs where he conceded 65 runs. This was

his 14th five-wicket haul in the longest format of the game.

Four wickets were bagged by Sundar in his 18.4 overs where he gave away 81 runs in his spell. One wicket was taken by right-arm seamer Akash Deep in the five overs he bowled in the innings.

In reply of Blackcaps 235, Openers Rohit Sharma and Yashasvi Jaiswal came out to bat for the hosts. Both batters together put on a partnership of 25 runs before the skipper was dismissed by Henry after scor-

ing 18 runs with the help of three fours.

The right-hand batter, Shubman Gill came to bat along with Jaiswal. Team India completed the 50-run mark on the first ball of the 14th over as Gill slammed a boundary on the bowling of Ajaz Patel.

In the 17th over, Jaiswal and Gill completed their 50-run partnership as Gill took a single on the bowling of right-arm off spinner Glenn Phillips.

In the next over, Jaiswal was sent back

after playing an inning of 30 runs which included four boundaries in his innings on the bowling of Ajaz Patel.

The left-arm spinner took two wickets in two balls as he dismissed the night watchman Mohammed Siraj

In the second session of the third and final Test, Will Young and Mitchell continued to trouble India with a barrage of sweep and reverse sweep shots. The session continued to pass on, with the hosts once again looking out of their wits and New Zealand looking to take a shot at the 300-run mark.

Going down on one knee, sweeping or using the reverse variation of the shot to find the boundary rope was a constant theme throughout the second session.

With hopes slowly fading away at Wankhede, Jadeja came in to change the course of the opening day by dwelling on his experience.

The 45th over turned out to be the one where India got their reward for the patience that they had exhibited throughout the gruelling 87-run partnership.

Hong Kong Sixes 2024: India will take on UAE; Australia play Nepal on Day 2

**AGENCY**  
**MONG KOK :** Day 2 of the Hong Kong Sixes 2024 will kick off with Australia taking on Nepal in their Pool B match, followed by India facing off against the UAE in Pool C. The Men in Blue will aim to secure their first win of the tournament.

Schedule & Fixtures:  
Pool B Match- Australia vs Nepal- 8:30 AM (Local Time), 6 AM (IST)  
Pool C Match- India vs UAE- 9:25 AM (Local Time), 6:55 AM (IST)  
Bowl Match 1- New Zealand vs Oman- 10:20 AM (Local Time), 7:50 AM (IST)  
Bowl Match 2- England vs India/UAE- 11:15 AM (Local Time), 8:45 AM (IST)  
Quarter Final 1- Australia vs Hong Kong- 12:10 PM (Local Time), 9:40 AM (IST)  
Quarter Final 2- South Africa vs Pakistan- 13:05 PM (Local Time), 10:35 AM (IST)  
Bowl Match 3- New Zealand vs India/UAE- 14:00 PM (Local Time), 11:30 AM (IST)  
Bowl Match 4- England vs Oman- 14:55 PM (Local Time), 12:25 PM (IST)  
Quarter Final 3- Sri Lanka vs Nepal- 15:50 PM (Local Time), 1:20 PM (IST)  
Quarter Final 4- India/UAE vs Bangladesh- 16:45 PM (Local Time), 2:15 PM (IST).

scoring two half-centuries and amassing 105 runs.  
In bowling, Bangladesh's Jishan Alam leads with four wickets in two matches, while Matthew Boast, with three wickets and an impressive economy of 6, holds second place.

## "I don't look at my overs as gold...": Jasprit Bumrah reveals his pragmatic approach while bowling

**AGENCY NEW DELHI** Mumbai Indians famed speedster Jasprit Bumrah doesn't see his overs as "gold," the 31-year-old just sees it as a "responsibility" that he has to carry out.

Five-time Indian Premier League champions MI decided to retain their 'Fab Four' by shelling out a hefty amount from their Rs 120 crore purse ahead of the mega auction.

Along with Hardik Pandya, Rohit Sharma, Tilak Varma and Suryakumar Yadav, Bumrah was among the five players who were retained by the franchise ahead of IPL 2025.

Ahead of the new season, Bumrah brought out the competitiveness hidden inside him and laid out their intentions of restoring their glory by taking a shot at lifting the IPL trophy.

"So you have to accept



the good with the bad. So whenever you win, you accept, you start from zero.

So whenever you lose, you start from zero. That's the beauty of this sport.

**AGENCY MANCHESTER:** Days after sacking Erik Ten Hag, Manchester United have announced the appointment of Ruben Amorim as head coach from Sporting CP.

Days after sacking Erik Ten Hag, Manchester United have announced the appointment of Ruben Amorim as head coach from Sporting CP.

The Red Devils issued a statement confirming Amorim's arrival on a contract running until 2027, with the option of a one-year extension. Amorim will officially begin his tenure at Old Trafford on 11 November.

"Manchester United is delighted to announce the appointment of Ruben Amorim as Head Coach of the men's first team, subject to work visa requirements," the club said in a statement.

"He will join until June 2027 with a club option for an additional year, once he has

## Manchester United bring in Ruben Amorim to replace Erik Ten Hag as club's head coach



fulfilled his obligations to his current club. He will join Manchester United on Monday, 11 November," the

statement added.

Amorim is regarded as one of the most exciting and highly-rated young coaches in European football. An accomplished player and coach, he has twice won the Primeira Liga in Portugal with Sporting CP; the first of these marked the club's first title in 19 years.

According to Sky Sports, Manchester United paid Sporting an additional EUR1 million (£840,000) above his EUR10 million (£8.4 million) release clause for an early exit from his 30-day notice period.

## Jadeja reveals he "didn't know" about surpassing Ishant, Zaheer to become India's fifth-highest Test wicket-taker



surpassing renowned pacers Zaheer Khan and Ishant Sharma to become India's fifth-highest wicket-taker in Test cricket.

On a sweltering day in Mumbai, the stars aligned perfectly for Jadeja, setting the stage for him to showcase his skill with the red ball.

By claiming another five-wicket haul, Jadeja overtook Zaheer and Ishant, marking a


significant achievement in his illustrious career.

Reflecting on his performance for India, Jadeja candidly admitted he hadn't been aware of his milestone. "Taking a five-for for India in Tests is always special. I didn't know that. I usually check stats when I'm not playing. It's good to know I'm progressing and taking wickets," Jadeja remarked at the close

of Day 1.

In his outstanding spell, Jadeja claimed five wickets, conceding 65 runs in 22 overs, with an economy rate of 3.00.

The Wankhede Stadium witnessed the 35-year-old's brilliance, as his tally rose to 314 wickets in Test cricket. Before this match, Zaheer and Ishant were ahead with 311 wickets each in their distinguished careers.



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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Superintending Engineer, 1st Circle, HPPWD, Mandi on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the percentage rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPPWD for the works is detailed in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of Division	Name of Work	Const-ruction Cost (In Lacs)	Main-tenance Cost (In Lacs)	Total Estimated Cost (In Lacs)	Period of Com-pletion	Starting Date for downloading Bid	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Deadline for submission of Bid
1.	Nerchowk	Up-gradation of Nerchowk Ratti kalkhar road Km. 0/0 to 13/300 Distt. Mandi: HP (SH:- C/o ROFID, R/wall, b/wall dumping sites, CD, drain parapets, Crash barrier, citizen information board, logo board, Km stones and 200 mtr. stones and tarring in Km 0/0 to 13/300) Under NABARD RIDE-XXX.	1953.98	92.56	2046.54	Two year	04-11-2024	40,93,113/-	18-11-2024 upto 10:30 AM

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website [www.hpntenders.gov.in](http://www.hpntenders.gov.in). The department has right to extend or cancel the bids without declaring any reasons thereof.

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**DECLARATION ABOUT CRIMINAL CASES**  
(As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No. 536 of 2011)

(Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)

Name and address of candidate : IQBAL SINGH S/O SURJEET SINGH R/O NEAR BUS STAND, VILLAGE RAMEANA, TEHSIL JAITO, DISTT FARIDKOT  
Name of political party : INDEPENDENT  
(Independent candidates should write "Independent" here)  
Name of Election : LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
Name of Constituency : GIDDERBAHA

I, IQBAL SINGH (Name of candidate), a candidate for the above mentioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

Sl. No.	Name of Court	Case No. and Dated	Status of Case(s)	Section(s) of Acts concerned and brief description of offence (s)
N/A				

(B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences

Sl. No.	Name of Court & Date(s) of order(s)	Description of offence(s) & punishment imposed	Maximum Punishment Imposed
1.	Amrinder Pal Singh Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Faridkot	U/S 61 (i)(a) of Punjab Excise Act. Conviction and released on probation on furnishing his personal bond for sum of Rs. 5000/- for a period of 6 months and Rs. 1000/- as cost and litigation.	U/S 61 (i)(a) of Punjab Excise Act. Conviction and released on probation on furnishing his personal bond for sum of Rs. 5000/- for a period of 6 months and Rs. 1000/- as cost and litigation.

**HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG**  
**NOTICE INVITING TENDERS**

The Assistant Engineer Jal Shakti Sub-Division Bangana, on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, invites the of fine bids from the eligible contractors on or before 6.11.2024 up to 05.00 P.M. which shall be opened on 7.11.2024 at 11:30 AM.

Sr. No.	Description	Estimated Cost	Bid Security	Time	Cost of Bid
1.	Providing Functional Households Tap connection ( FHTC) to left out household by retrofitting/ Improvement of distribution system of various existing water Supply schemes in Dhundla Block & Part of Una/Amb Block in Distt. Una H.P. ( SH:-Excavation, Laying Jointing and testing of GI pipe 32 mm dia from Junction Point Tando to Anokha tanda job No.I	119165/-	2383/-	250/-	One Month
2.	Providing Functional Households Tap connection ( FHTC) to left out household by retrofitting/ Improvement of distribution system of various existing water Supply schemes in Dhundla Block & Part of Una/Amb Block in Distt. Una H.P. ( SH:-Excavation, Laying Jointing and testing of GI pipe 32 mm dia from Junction Point Tando to Anokha tanda job No.II	117507/-	2350/-	250/-	One Month
3.	Providing Functional Households Tap connection ( FHTC) to left out household by retrofitting/ Improvement of distribution system of various existing water Supply schemes in Dhundla Block & Part of Una/Amb Block in Distt. Una H.P. ( SH:-Excavation, Laying Jointing and testing of GI pipe 32 mm dia from Junction Point Tando to Anokha tanda job No.III	117507/-	2350/-	250/-	One Month
4.	R/M of LWSS Balh Khalsa Salli Changer in Tehsil Bangana Distt. Una. H.P. (SH:- Dismantling of Damaged GI pipe 25 mm dia from Balh Khalsa Guradwara to Village Balh Khalsa	116707/-	2334/-	250/-	One Month
5.	R/M of LWSS 17 Nos. Gram Panchyat from Kohdra to Tutroo in Kutlehat Constituency in Tehsil Bangana Distt. Una. ( SH:- Laying Jointing and testing, of GI Pipe 20 mm dia, 25 mm dia and 32 mm dia from Pakhalab Tank to Lower Hatwana and Rit Satrukha tank to SC Basti)	172666/-	3453/-	3453/-	One Month

The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be downloaded form the website [www.hpiph.org](http://www.hpiph.org).

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Sonakshi Sinha celebrates her first Diwali with hubby Zaheer Iqbal

The festival of lights is extra bright for Sonakshi Sinha this year as it marks her first Diwali after marrying her long-time boyfriend, Zaheer Iqbal. The 'Dabangg' actress took to Instagram on Thursday to share her Diwali celebrations and send warm wishes to her fans. Her post was filled with beautiful pictures that are sure to make anyone smile.

In the photos, Sonakshi looked stunning in a green and gold salwar kameez, while Zaheer looked dapper in a classic black kurta. Sonakshi kept her look simple with minimal jewellery and light makeup. She left her hair flowing and completed her outfit with a bindi, adding to the festive vibe.

Along with the pictures, the actress added a caption that read, "Happy happy happy Diwali har ghar mei roshni, har ghar mei khushi aap sab ke liye hamari yahi dua hai." Sonakshi got married to Zaheer on June 23 this year in the presence of their loved ones at their residence in Mumbai. It was an intimate wedding. The wedding was followed by a wedding bash at Bastian which saw numerous Bollywood celebrities in attendance.

Their wedding post read, “On this very day, seven years back (23.06.2017) in each others eyes, we saw love in its purest form and decided to hold on to it. Today that love has guided us through all the challenges and triumphs... leading up to this moment... where with the blessings of both our families and both our gods... we are now man and wife.

Here's to love, hope and all things beautiful with each other, from now until forever. Sonakshi Zaheer  
23.06.2024."

Meanwhile, on the work front, Sonakshi was last seen in Kakuda alongside Riteish Deshmukh and Saqib Saleem. Helmed by Aditya Sarpotdar, 'Kakuda' is set in the village of Ratodi in Uttar Pradesh's Mathura district.



## Kartik Aryan spills about his own encounters with the supernatural on Netflix's The Great Indian Kapil Show Season 2

**CHANDIGARH:** We enjoyed the thrilling tales of the Do Patti cast last week and now are prepared to Ami Je Tomar ourselves to the star-studded cast and crew of Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 - Kartik Aryan, Vidya Balan, Tripti Dimri, Rajpal Yadav and Anees Bazmee on Netflix's The Great Indian Kapil Show Season 2. This Diwali special episode also comes with a spooky touch, creating a never-before-seen Bhoot Bhari Diwali.

One such spooky moment in this episode comes when Kaartik Aryan spills about his real-life experience with the supernatural during the shoot for *Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3* upon Kapil's inquiry.

Kartik Aryan shares, “This happened jab hum log (Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3) ke set par shoot kar rahe the. Ek badi haveli thi, andhera tha, pura atmosphere hi darawna sa tha. Hamara shot lena se pehle hi, main to kissi se baat hi kar raha tha, ki achanak se kisi ne mujhe peechhe se scratch kar diya! Tripti ko to laga ki main ko improvise ya acting kar raha tha shot ke pehle, par tab



maine bola ki, 'Nahi yar mujhe sach main kuch scratch kiya hain. Par hamare peeche koi tha bhi nahi tha...'

It seems even ghosts would do anything to get Kartik's attention, and who can blame them?

To catch some more spooky funny tales, tune in to watch *The Great Indian Kapil Show* only on Netflix, this Saturday at 8 pm!

# Saira Banu remembers Dilip Kumar

Saira Banu extended her Diwali wishes to fans by sharing adorable throwback pictures with her late husband, the legendary actor Dilip Kumar, remembering their special moments together. The actress took to her Instagram account to share two pictures.

In the first picture, Sai-ra and Dilip Kumar are seen smiling happily together. The second picture looks like it was taken during a Diwali celebration. In the photo, they are sitting on a sofa, surrounded by lit candles. Along with these pictures, Sai-ra added a touching message in the caption on the deeper meaning of Diwali.

"Beyond the luminous glow of Diyas and the sweet exchange of heartfelt wishes, Diwali invites us to cherish not only our external joys but also the triumphs within. As the light of Diwali triumphs over darkness, may it inspire us to



confront our struggles with renewed hope and unwavering courage. Let each diya, in its gentle radiance, serve as a reminder of the resilience that emerges even in the most challenging moments, transforming obstacles into opportunities for growth, strength, and kindness....," read her post.

On the work front, Saira Banu made her acting debut in 1961 with 'Junglee' opposite Sham-

mi Kapoor for which she received Filmfare Award for Best Actress nomination. She received three more Best Actress nominations for 'Shagird' (1967), 'Diwana' (1967) and 'Sagina' (1974). Banu went on to work in a number of movies including 'Bluff Master' (1963), 'Aayee Milan Ki Bela' (1964), 'Jhuk Gaya Aasman' (1968), 'Padosan' (1968), 'Victoria No. 203' (1972), 'Herh Pheri' (1976) and 'Bairaag' (1976).

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A portrait of a man with a red turban and a full black beard, looking directly at the camera. He is wearing a white shirt. The image is framed by a yellow border.

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