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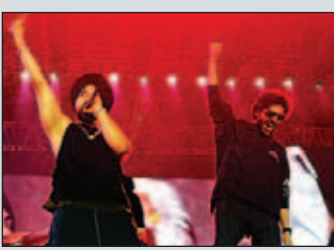


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LeT terrorist, terror associate held in J-K

SRINAGAR: Security forces have arrested a Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) terrorist and a terrorist associate in two separate operations in Pulwama and Baramulla districts of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Monday. "Police along with security forces arrested a terrorist affiliated with proscribed terror outfit LeT and recovered incriminating materials, arms and ammunition from his possession at Tral in Awantipora area (Pulwama district)," a police spokesman said. The spokesman said acting on specific intelligence, police along with Army and CRPF arrested the terrorist, affiliated with LeT, from orchards in village Pinglish area of Police Station Tral.

Sensex drops 241 pts, Nifty falls for 7th day on selling in IT

MUMBAI: Benchmark Sensex declined by 241 points while broader Nifty fell for the seventh session in a row on Monday following a sell-off in IT and oil shares amid unabated foreign fund outflows and weak leads from the US markets. The 30-share BSE Sensex dropped by 241.30 points or 0.31 per cent to settle at 77,339.01, registering its fourth day of decline. During the day, it fell 615.25 points or 0.79 per cent to 76,965.06. Falling for the seventh day in a row, the NSE Nifty dipped 78.90 points or 0.34 per cent to 23,453.80.

Pb Women Commission sends notice to Cong MP over derogatory comments

CHANDIGARH: Punjab Women Commission on Monday sent a notice to Jalandhar Congress MP Charanjit Singh Channi over his alleged derogatory comments against women during the recent byelection campaign. The notice sent by the Commission's Chairperson Raj Lali Gill asked Channi to explain by appearing before it on Tuesday. In a rally at Gidderbaha in support of Congress candidate Amrita Warring, targeting BJP, the MP had allegedly used objectionable language against women. Byelection for four Assembly seats, including Gidderbaha, are scheduled for November 20.

Protester killed in firing during clash with security forces in Manipur's Jiribam

IMPHAL: A protester was killed in firing during a clash between security forces and a mob that was vandalising properties in Manipur's Jiribam district, police said on Monday. Police confirmed that one person was killed in firing but said it was not immediately clear who opened fire, while eyewitnesses claimed the firing came from the direction of the security forces. The incident took place late on Sunday night when agitators were vandalising properties at Babupara in Jiribam police station.

Do not relax anti-pollution GRAP-4 curbs without court's nod: SC

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The Supreme Court on Monday questioned the Delhi government over delay in implementation of stricter anti-pollution measures under GRAP-4, and said it will not allow scaling down of the preventive measures without its prior permission.

A bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Augustine George Masih pointed out that there was a delay in implementation of preventive measures under stage 4 of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) even after the Air Quality Index (AQI) touched alarming levels in the national capital.

At the outset, the counsel for the Delhi government informed the bench that stage 4 of GRAP has been implemented from Monday and heavy vehicles have been banned from entering the national capital.

"The moment the AQI reaches between 300 and 400, stage 4 has to be invoked. How can you take risk in these matters by delaying applicability of stage 4 of GRAP," the bench told the counsel.

It told the state government that the court wants to know what steps it has taken to curb the alarming rise of pollution level.

"We won't allow scaling down of preventive measures under stage 4 even if AQI goes below 450. Stage 4 will continue till court permits," the bench said, adding it will hear the matter in detail at the end of the day's work.

On Sunday, the CAQM announced stricter pollution control measures for the Delhi-NCR under GRAP-4, effective



from 8 am on Monday, including a ban on truck entry and a temporary halt on construction at public projects.

registered outside Delhi will also be prohibited, except for EVs and CNG and BS-VI diesel ones.

Atishi accuses Centre of inaction on stubble burning across North India

NEW DELHI: Delhi Chief Minister Atishi on Monday said that the entire North India has been pushed into a medical emergency as stubble burning continues unchecked across the country, accusing the BJP-led Central Government of failing to take concrete action to curb it over the past 6-7 years. Addressing the media on rising pollution levels, Atishi alleged, "The BJP-led Central Government is responsible for the increasing incidents of stubble burning, as it is their responsibility." "Instead of indulging in politics, they should focus on solving this issue. The Punjab Government has already proved that there is a solution to this problem," Atishi said, highlighting that the Punjab Government has reduced incidents of stubble burning by 80%. "Stubble burning is happening in Punjab, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan. The Central Government is sitting idle," Atishi claimed. "Entire North India has been plunged into a medical emergency as stubble burning continues unchecked across the country. Cities across North India — in UP, Bihar, Rajasthan, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, and Delhi — are reeling under severe levels of pollution. Yet, despite the rising severity of stubble burning over the past 6-7 years, the Central Government has taken no concrete steps to curb it," Atishi said.

Day after quitting AAP, Kailash Gahlot joins BJP



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In a major setback to the Aam Aadmi Party ahead of the Delhi Assembly polls, former Minister and AAP leader Kailash Gahlot joined the BJP on Monday. Gehlot, who resigned from AAP on Sunday citing deep concerns over the party's direction and internal challenges, joined the BJP in the presence of Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and other BJP leaders.

Speaking on his resignation from the AAP, Kailash Gahlot said that it was not an easy step for him.

"This was not an easy step for me. I have been associated with AAP since the days of Anna Ji and have consistently worked for the people of Delhi. To everyone who thinks that I made this decision under pres-

sure, I want to say that I have never done anything under pressure. This is not a decision taken in just one day. I left my legal career to join AAP, and all of us were united by an ideology. Our sole purpose was to serve the people of Delhi," he said.

He highlighted that when he saw those values being compromised, it caused great pain.

"The purpose for which we had come together is no longer visible today. If a government continuously engages in conflict with the central government on every issue, then the development of Delhi cannot take place," Gahlot said. "I firmly believe that Delhi's development can only happen in collaboration with the central government. This is why I have joined the BJP. I will continue to work inspired by the vision and policies of the Prime Minister," he added.

Punjab: Protesting farmers to march towards Delhi on Dec 6

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CHANDIGARH, NOV 18

The Samyukta Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) and the Kisan Mazdoor Morcha on Monday announced that farmers will march towards Delhi on December 6 to press the Centre to accept their various demands, including a legal guarantee of MSP for crops. The decision was taken at a meeting of farmer leaders here.

The protesting farmers have been camping at Shambhu and Khanauri border points between Punjab and Haryana since February 13, when their 'Delhi Chalo' march, spearheaded by the SKM (Non-Political) and the KMM, was stopped by security forces. Addressing the media here, KMM leader Sarwan Singh Pandher said after a long wait, they have decided to head towards



Delhi. "We will move towards Delhi on December 6," he said. Pandher slammed the Centre for not holding any talks with the farmers to discuss their de-

mands. "We have been left with no option. We waited peacefully for the government (to reach out) for nine months. But now we will head towards Delhi,"

No shortage of DAP, sufficient stock is available in state : Haryana CM

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, NOV 18

Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini while speaking regarding the availability of DAP fertilizer in the State, once again firmly clarified that there is no shortage of DAP and sufficient stock is available in the state.

While replying to the calling attention motion brought in the Vidhan Sabha on Monday regarding this issue, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini further informed the House that



fertilizer. For the month of November, a total of 1,10,200 metric tons of DAP has been allocated," shared Sh. Nayab Singh Saini.

the data regarding the availability of DAP at each Primary Agricultural Cooperative Society (PACS) in the state is available with the government and if any member requires information on this, it will be provided. He assured that there is currently no shortage of DAP in the state.

"Being a farmer's son, I deeply understand the challenges farmers face regarding the availability of fertilizer. For the month of November, a total of 1,10,200 metric tons of DAP has been allocated," shared Sh. Nayab Singh Saini.

Cold intensifies as Kashmir's Gulmarg record -3°C night temp

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SRINAGAR, NOV 18

The Ski resort of Gulmarg and tourist destination of Pahalgam remained the coldest places with minimum temperatures dipped to minus 3.0°C and minus 2.6°C on Monday, officials said.

The Meteorological Centre Srinagar said the minimum temperature during the intervening night of Sunday and Monday at the ski resort of Gulmarg in Baramulla district dipped to minus 3.0°C against the minus 1.8°C recorded on Sunday. It was minus 1.5°C below normal for the valley of meadow during this period of the season.



The day temperature recorded at Gulmarg was also 4.4°C Celsius below normal of 7.9°C on Sunday.

The tourist destination of Pahalgam also witnessed further drop in the

night temperature and recorded at minus 2.6°C against minus 2.0°C recorded the previous night. It was 0.5°C below normal for the valley of shepherds in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

The minimum temperature in Srinagar also plunged to 2.0°C on Monday against 5.0°C recorded the previous night. It was, however, 1.3°C above normal for the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir during this period of the season.

Qazigund, the gateway of Kashmir valley, had a minimum of 2.6°C against the 5.4°C recorded the previous night

and it was 2.1°C above normal.

The picnic spot of Kokernag also in south Kashmir recorded a low of 4.2°C which was 2.8°C above normal of 1.4°C on Monday.

Kupwara had a low of 0.2°C against the 1.1°C recorded the previous night and it was still 0.5°C above normal for the border district in north Kashmir on Monday.

The day's temperature improved, but remained below normal, even as the bright sun appeared in Srinagar and other parts of the Kashmir valley on Monday.

The MeT Office said the weather in Kashmir valley is likely to remain dry till November 23.

Poll campaign ends in Maharashtra, Jharkhand; voting tomorrow

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Poll din has come to an end in Maharashtra and Jharkhand, where voting will take place on 20th of November. All political parties have organized their last show on Monday in this game of power.

Counting of votes for both states will take place on November 23.

In the 2019 Jharkhand election Chief Minister Hemant Soren's Jharkhand Mukti Morcha - part of the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance - won 47 of the state's 82 seats.

In Maharashtra, the Bharatiya Janata Party and the (then undivided) Shiv Sena dominated, winning 161 of 288 seats. However, the alliance broke down over sharing of power and the Sena joined hands with the Nation-



alist Congress Party and the Congress to form the government. That government, however, lasted only till 2023; rebellions by the Sena's Eknath Shinde - now the Chief Minister - and the NCP's Ajit Pawar - now Mr Shinde's deputy - forced then Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray to resign and his coalition Maha Vikas Agh-

adi government to fall.

Looking ahead, the BJP - in power in Maharashtra now with the Sena and NCP factions that broke away from Thackeray and Sharad Pawar - will look to finish 2024 on a high after a historic April-June general election that saw Narendra Modi become a three-time Prime Minister.

Anmol Bishnoi, gangster Lawrence Bishnoi's brother, detained in US: Sources

WASHINGTON: Anmol Bishnoi, the fugitive brother of jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, was detained in the United States on Monday, sources told India Today TV.

According to initial inputs, Anmol, also a dreaded gangster and wanted in India for several high-profile murder cases, was taken into custody in California earlier in the



Singh Nijjar, and then Indian authorities may get his custody.

he added. The farmers will move towards the national capital in batches from the Shambhu border. Tejveer Singh of the Bharatiya Kisan Union (Shaheed Bhagat Singh) said they have been camping at the two border points for 280 days and the Centre has not held any talks with them since February 18. Last week, the farmers announced that they would intensify their agitation and start a fast unto death from November 26. Farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal will observe the fast. Besides a legal guarantee of minimum support price (MSP) for crops, the farmers are demanding a farm debt waiver, pension for farmers and farm labourers, no hike in electricity tariff, withdrawal of police cases and "justice" for the victims of the 2021 Lakhimpur Kheri violence, reinstatement of the Land Acquisition Act, 2013, and compensation to the families of the farmers.

SC requests President to decide Balwant Singh Rajoana's mercy plea

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NEW DELHI, NOV 18

The Supreme Court on Monday asked the secretary to the President of India to place the matter of mercy petition of death-row prisoner Balwant Singh Rajoana before the President with a request to consider it within two weeks.

Rajoana was awarded a death sentence for the assassination of the then Punjab Chief Minister Beant Singh in 1995.

A bench of Justices BR Gavai, Prashant Kumar Mishra and KV Viswanathan said that if the mercy petition is not considered within the time stipulated, it will consider the petition for granting interim relief.

At the outset of the hearing, senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi appearing for Rajoana told the bench that the government said that it was not the right time to decide the issue. "When then after his life is over? This is not a case of national security," he added.

Counsel appearing for the state of Punjab said that the Union government had submitted earlier that there is a na-



tional threat if he is released.

The bench questioned the non-representation of the Centre before it and said that the special bench was constituted for this purpose only and the court had deferred the hearing of the matter on the last occasion only because the Union sought some time.

The apex court then in its order noted, "The bench has been specifically assembled only for this matter. On the last date, the matter was adjourned so as to enable the Union of India to take instruction from the office of the President of India as to within how much period the mercy petition of the petitioner would be decided. We therefore direct, Secretary, the President of India to place the matter before the President."

I, Iqbal Singh S/o Gurbal Singh R/o House No. 13, Vasant Vihar, Ph-1, Dhakoli, SAS Nagar (Mohali), Punjab-140603 have changed my name from Iqbal Singh Nayyar to Ibal Singh.	I, Sandhya Bansal W/o Late Vinod Kumar, R/o E-506, Gilco Tower, Gilco Valley, Sector 127, Kharar, SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab, Pincode-140301 Solemnly declare that I have changed my name from Sandhya Gupta to Sandhya Bansal after my marriage.	I, Daryav Singh father of No. 15823229Y Nk Jeetmal of Unit 36 FAD, C/o 56 APO, R/o Vill Mundia Barol, PO Mundia Barol, Teh Narsinghar, Distt Rajgarh, State Madhya Pradesh, Pin 465667 have changed my name from Daryav Singh to Daryav Singh & DOB from 03.09.1951 to 01.01.1956 vide affidavit dt. 18.11.2024 before Notary Public Bathinda	I, Sanjay Kumar S/o Lakhi Ram R/o No.No.1019/27, Nilkanth Marg, Gali No.1, Tosham Road, Bhiwani declare that I have changed my name from Sanjay Sharma & Sanjay Kaushik to Sanjay Kumar for all future purposes.	I, MANPREET KAUR W/O LATE SHAILENDRA SINGH R/O 34, CLUB ENCLAVE, BAREWAL AWANA ROAD, BEHIND MANGET RESORT, RAJGURU NAGAR, DISTT LUHDIANA, PUNJAB have changed the name of my minor daughter KAVYANSHI AGE 06 YEARS and she Shall hereafter be known as KAVYANSHI SINGH	I SURINDER PAL SINGH BADHAN* S/O SOHAN SINGH R/H.N.O. S.W.S 128, SARABHA NAGAR, JALANDHAR, 144004, PUNJAB, INDIA. Have changed my name from SURINDER PAL SINGH BADHAN TO SURINDER PAL SINGH in future may be known as SURINDER PALSINGH.	I, Gurmeet Singh S/o Surjeet Singh R/o Shamgarh (Ludhiana) have changed my name into Gurmeet Singh Shahi.	I Bobby S/O Dharam Pal R/O Vill Bal Kohna Po Khuih Teh Nakodar Distt Jalandhar Punjab India Have Changed My Name From Bobby To Bobby Singh.
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RBI Ombudsman calls on Chief Minister of Haryana

CHANDIGARH: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Ombudsman, Sh. Rajeev Dwivedi, paid a courtesy call on Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini, in Chandigarh. During the meeting, the Ombudsman briefed the Chief Minister on several measures being taken by the RBI for customer protection. Importantly, the single window of RBI Ombudsman Scheme 2021, which works on the principle of 'One Nation One Ombudsman' was discussed in the meeting. The Chief Minister underscored the need for public to be aware of the precautions while carrying out financial transactions, so as to prevent themselves from digital frauds. The Chief Minister added that public should not transfer funds towards offers of investments in shares, crypto currency, etc. and also safeguard themselves from digital arrests. In the meeting, the initiative of the Government of India to report suspected frauds to the portal sancharsathi.gov.in was also discussed.

CHANDIGARH, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024

Health department fully prepared for dengue prevention and control, fogging underway: CM

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, NOV 18

Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini while replying to the calling attention motion brought in the Vidhan Sabha on Monday assured the House that the Health Department is fully prepared for the prevention and control of dengue in the state, and continuous fogging is being carried out throughout the state. He further said that, in view of the changing weather, directions have been issued to speed up the fogging across the state.

Sh. Nayab Singh Saini clarified that the government never and will not hide any data regarding this issue. The arrangements for controlling dengue are in place, and fogging is being carried out regularly every



week. Additionally, inspections are going on for the checking of stagnant water in flower pots, weather coolers

etc. at homes, which could become a key reason for mosquito breeding, said the Chief Minister.

He said that in view of the change in weather, fogging will be intensified and directions have been issued to expedite the process. Furthermore, directions have been given to intensify fogging in every city, locality, and even in villages through panchayats, in order to eliminate the breeding of dengue mosquitoes, said the Chief Minister. He said that the Health Department is continually working to raise public awareness about dengue prevention. He urged citizens to take care of their homes and ensure that water does not stagnate. Immediate cleaning of stagnant water should be ensured to prevent mosquito breeding, said Sh. Nayab Singh Saini.

Along with education, sports also integral part of human life: Sharma

NIRMAL SAINI RADAUR, NOVEMBER 18

Annual sports competition was organised in Gayatri Public School Raipur. School children participated in the program with great enthusiasm and showed their talent. The school principal Vipin Sharma inaugurated the program by lighting a lamp in front of the picture of Maa Saraswati. During this, children participated in competitions like Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Tug of War and Race etc. The competition was conducted under the supervision of coach Ajay Sharma. Vipin Sharma honoured the winners by giving prizes. In his address, Vipin Sharma said that along with



education, sports is also an integral part of human life. While sports keeps the body healthy, on the other hand we can also choose sports as our career. Today there are immense possibilities of getting employment in the

sports sector. Therefore, children should try their luck in sports along with education. On this occasion school staff members Mamta Sharma, Sarita, Priyanka Sunita, Vinod and Ajay etc were present.

Sports improve physical health: Honey Chaudhary

KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI, NOVEMBER 18

A three-day sports event was organised at Pratap Public School Tarawadi. Students of all classes of the school participated in it with great enthusiasm. The programme was inaugurated by Director Honey Chaudhary and Director Pithi Chaudhary by hoisting the tricolour and releasing balloons in the sky. All the students made this moment exciting with thunderous applause. Everyone was welcomed with a welcome speech. The torch relay was conducted by the Sports Captain. The school's athletic team held march past and the head boy administered an oath to all the participants to play the games according to the rules and with integrity. After this, the track and field events started. Through races of all lengths and durations, all types of jumps, drill dance, relay rumble, shot show stopper, makti



race, discus dynamic, tug of war, javelin and staff games, students and teachers displayed their talent and created a great buzz and the audience boosted the morale of the participants by hooting.

To make the atmosphere colourful, the students performed dances and charmed everyone. After that, Taekwondo students displayed their talent and skills by giving marble breaking, self-defence and various types of kicks and the audience cheered them by clapping. School Principal Vikas Uttareja said that sports improve physical health.

Kalandar Sahib procession taken out in Indri

MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI, NOVEMBER 18

A special procession was taken out today on the occasion of the annual Urs Mubarak and Bhandara being held in Indri at the



Dargah of Hazrat Ila-hi Bu Ali Shah Kalandar Sahib, a symbol of unity of all religions. A fan was taken out in the honour of Baba Ji in the procession. The procession started from Ward 1 Darbar Kalandar Sahib Sant Colony and reached the Dargah Sharif via Main Bazaar, Shaheed Udharm Singh Chowk Garhi

presented the Qawwali of Dama Dam Mast Kalandar with its tunes, which made the audience dance.

The procession was also welcomed at many places. When the procession reached Matak Majri

Adda, a flower-sheet was decorated and included in the procession. As soon as the procession reached the Dargah Sharif, it was welcomed. The sheets and feathers included in the procession were offered at the Dargah Sharif. When the procession reached the Dargah Sharif, thousands of devotees gathered.

Haryana Saraswati Heritage Development Board to hold exhibition

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, NOV 18

Haryana Saraswati Heritage Development Board Vice President Dhuman Singh Kirmach said that this time on the occasion of International Gita Jayanti Festival, a huge exhibition will be organized by Haryana Saraswati Heritage Development Board at Kaushalya Ghat on Brahma Sarovar. Board Vice President Dhuman Singh Kirmach was talking to the officials on Monday regarding the preparations for the exhibition to be organised on the occasion of International Gita Jayanti Festival. He said that the exhibition to be organized by the board at Kaushalya Ghat will showcase the development work done by the board. He said that the Aarti that takes place at Brahma Sarovar has taken a grand form after the BJP government was formed in the state after 2014. Apart from the local residents, devotees from far off places also come and participate in this Aarti. He said that in the exhibition to be held at Kaushalya Ghat, de-



tailed information will be given about every pilgrimage and ghat coming under Haryana Saraswati Heritage Development Board. In this exhibition, detailed information will be given on all topics from Adi Badri to Dwarka. He informed that the International Gita Jayanti Mahotsav

is being organised from 28 November to 15 December 2024, during which programmes will also be organised at all the pilgrimage sites within the perimeter of 48 Kos. Many dignitaries including Superintendent Engineer Arvind Kaushik were present on this occasion.

Hooda should take back his statement in assembly on Vij's security: Shandilya

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA AMBALA, NOVEMBER 18

Anti Terrorist Front India's National President Viresh Shandilya demanded former Haryana Chief Minister Bhupendra Singh Hooda to take back his statement in the assembly which he gave regarding the security of former Home Minister and State Energy Minister Anil Vij. Veeresh Shandilya was talking to journalists at his Sector 1 residence today. He said that while two Congress MLAs, including former speaker and senior MLA Dr. Raghubir Kadian and former transport minister Ashok Arora, were serious about Anil Vij's security and both the MLAs demanded the government to be serious about Anil Vij's security, the statement given by Hooda, who was the Chief Minister of Haryana for ten years, regarding Anil Vij's security was not the statement of a responsible opposition leader. Anti Terrorist Front India's national president Veeresh Shandilya, who has been fighting against terrorism face to face for 25 years, said that Hooda advised the Haryana Chief Minister in front of the speaker to make Anil Vij the Home Minister as everything would be fine.

He said that Bhupinder Singh Hooda comes from a family of freedom fighters, his grandfather Maturam fought for the country's independence, his father Chaudhary Ranbir Hooda was a minister in united Haryana and Punjab, was a freedom fighter, was a member of the constitution drafting committee, Bhupinder Hooda, born in such a family, should not have made Anil Vij's security a thing of the past; instead, being a vigilant opposition leader, he should have raised this matter not only at the state level, but also at the national level.

Closing ceremony of Foundation Day of Guru Nanak Khalsa College held

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, NOVEMBER 18

The closing ceremony of the foundation day of Guru Nanak Khalsa College Karnal was celebrated. On this occasion, the entire college campus was filled with devotion and under the leadership of Sardar Kanwarjit Singh Prince, the head of the management committee, the members of the management committee, the principal, the staff and the students paid obeisance at the Sri Gurudwara Sahib located in the college. During this, the Akhand Paath of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji was offered. The college principal Prof. Shashi Madan briefly highlighted the activities and achievements of the college. Sardarni Jaspreet Kaur Virk, the vice head of the college management com-



mittee, General Secretary Sardar Surendra Pal Singh Pasricha, Finance Secretary Sardar Harsukhjot Singh Mann and Incharge of Divinity Committee Dr. Devi Bhushan paid obeisance at the Gurudwara Sahib and participated in the Shabad Kirtan. Under the guidance of Dr.

Krishna Arora, the students of the music department performed the Shabad Kirtan of Gurbani and enthralled the gathered audience. After this, Bhai Inderjit Singh from Sector 7 Gurudwara Sahib performed devotional Shabad Kirtan of Gurbani. Bhai Sahib Singh, Taranjit

Singh and Jagmeet Singh accompanied him beautifully. College students Navneet Kaur, Jashnpreet Kaur and Japji Kaur were felicitated in the program. Apart from them, the winners of the Dastar Sajuna competition in the college along with service-minded students Nirveer Singh, Anshpreet Kanwalpreet Singh, Jagjivan Singh were felicitated. Dr. Jujhar Singh conducted the stage very smoothly. Rajbir Chauhan, Sardar Bhagwant Singh Bhambha, Dilawar Mann, former Principal Prof. SS Bargaota, Dr. SK Goyal, Dr. SP Singh, Dr. Seema Sharma, Dr. Renu Gosai, Dr. Jitendra Pal Singh, Dr. Praveen Kaur, Prof. Manish, Prof. Preeti and a large number of devotees were present. In the end, Guru ka Atoot Langar was served.

Free Jindal medical camp organised in villages



YAGYA DUTT SHASHTRI PEHOWA: Under the public welfare schemes run by MP Naveen Jindal, free medical and Naveen Sankalp camps were organised in Shahpur and Syana Khurd villages. In this, people were given free medicines after health check-up through a medical van. Villagers said that taking forward the thinking of Baaui late OP Jindal, MP Naveen Jindal is serving the needy people through his foundation. Daughters are also getting financially benefited in the field of education through Yashasvi Yojana being run under the guidance of Shalu Jindal.

Dr. Balinder Singh said that the health of 55 people was checked in Shahpur through a medical van. While lab tests of 38 people were done. 23 people were given free medicines in Syana. 116 people took advantage of this camp. Under the Naveen Sankalp camp, 50 people took advantage of Aadhaar card, voter ID, family ID and other online services of the government while five applications were filled for Yashasvi Yojana.

Kidzee Kurukshetra honoured at Pinnacle Awards

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA: Kidzee Kurukshetra (Sector-3 Centre) brought laurels to Haryana by bagging the 2nd Runner-up Award in the People's Choice category



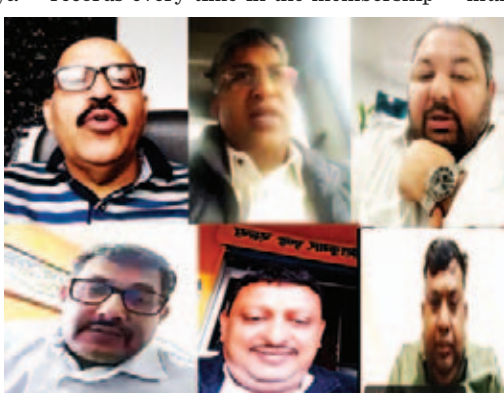
at the prestigious Pinnacle Awards 2024 organised by the Zee Learn team. Out of 2200+ Kidzee centres across the country, only 400 centres were selected for the Pinnacle Awards, out of which 134 centres were awarded. Only Kidzee Kurukshetra was nominated from the state of Haryana, which is a proud moment for the institute. This is the third time that Kidzee Kurukshetra has been nominated for the Pinnacle Awards. The credit for this achievement goes to the support of the Kidzee team, students, parents and family friends. Kidzee Managing Director Mr. Parminder Singh Bath was nominated in different categories among 400 centres in this program. This success is a testament to the dedication of the team and the continued trust of the parents. Thanking the Zee Learn team for pulling off this wonderful event, Kidzee Kurukshetra said that this award further strengthens the commitment of the institution.

Badoli to reach Yamunanagar on Nov 21: Sapra

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR, NOVEMBER 18

BJP District President Rajesh Sapra, while giving information, said that today an online virtual meeting of Bharatiya Janata Party District Yamunanagar organisation was held in which he took detailed information from BJP officials and workers about the membership campaign, BJP District President Rajesh Sapra said that on 21st November, BJP State President Mohanlal Badoli is reaching Yamunanagar district and in his honour a grand program will be organised at Maharaja Agrasen College, Jagadhari at 4 pm in which all the BJP officials and workers of Yamunanagar district will participate, BJP District President Rajesh Sapra assigned duty to BJP workers regarding the proposed program of BJP State President Mohanlal Badoli, BJP District President Rajesh Sapra said in his guidance address that Bharatiya Janata Party is the largest political party in the world, BJP workers have to make it an even bigger party by making the membership campaign successful, BJP District Presi-

dent Rajesh Sapra said that at this time the whole of India including Haryana There is no political party in competition with BJP, BJP is expanding itself by competing with itself and is making new records every time in the membership



campaign.

BJP District President Rajesh Sapra said that BJP is a democratic party where membership campaigns are run and then the election from booth president to national president is done in a

democratic way. BJP District President Rajesh Sapra said that the mantra of strong BJP strong India will be meaningful only when all of us BJP workers together will make the maximum number of primary members of

BJP. For the development of India and Haryana state, it is necessary for BJP to come to power again and again and this membership campaign is its foundation. District Coordinator of BJP Membership Campaign former Mayor Madan Chauhan appealed that maximum number of primary members should be made from district Yamunanagar in Haryana state. For this, BJP officials should set up camps outside schools, colleges and religious institutions and busy places in the market and connect youth and maximum number of common people to Bharatiya Janata Party through Nam0 App and miss call. State Coordinator of IT Department Aditya Chawla and District General Secretary Krishna Singla while giving information said that in district Yamunanagar, this.

Urban Local Bodies Dept holds VC, Municipal Commissioner gives instructions

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR, NOV 18

Street vendors of Twin City will get the benefit of eight schemes of the Central Government. These include PM Jan-Dhan Yojana, PM Suraksha Bima Yojana, PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, PM Shram Yogi Mandhan Yojana. One Nation One Ration Card, Registration Under BOCW, Janani Suraksha Yojana and PM Matru Vandana Yojana. For this, Swanidhi Bhi-Swabhimaan Bhi fortnight was started from Monday. This fortnight will be celebrated till December 2 in the Municipal Corporation office near Kanhaiya Sahib Chowk. In which licence holder street vendors can come and apply for government schemes. During this, loans will be provided to footpath shopkeepers

along with settlement of pending cases. Regarding this, video conferencing was done by the Urban Local Bodies Department on Monday. After this, District Municipal Commissioner and Corporation Commissioner Ayush Sinha held a meeting of officials related to Swanidhi Yojana with Urban Project Officer Office officer Gopal Bakshi and others and discussed the fortnight.

Corporation Commissioner Ayush Sinha, while instructing the officials, said that the fortnight is to ensure prompt disbursement of previously sanctioned loans, resolve pending cases in socio-economic profiling and scheme approval, strengthen the reach of the program through active participa-



tion of concerned departments and targeted IEC campaign. This will further accelerate the progress of PM-Swanidhi scheme. He instructed the bank representatives to settle their pending cases during this period and provide loans to as many sidewalk vendors as possible. He instructed the corporation officials to prepare the profile of street vendors. The street vendors who want the benefit of which scheme, their

profile should be prepared and application should be made accordingly so that they can be given the benefit of the central government schemes. He said that after giving the benefit of the scheme, upload it on the portal, so that the progress can be seen. As many street vendors as possible should be called in the fortnight and provided loans. The vendors coming in the fortnight will be given the benefits of the Central Government's PM Suraksha Bima Yojana, PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, PM Shram Yogi Maandhan Yojana, One Nation One Ration Card, PM Jan-Dhan Yojana, Registration Under BOCW.

GNDU postpones exams scheduled for Nov 20



KULJIT SINGH JANDIALA GURU: Guru Nanak Dev University has announced the postponement of all annual and semester (theory) examinations initially set to take place on Wednesday, November 20, 2024. Prof. Shalini Bahel, Professor Incharge (Examinations) said that the exams will now be rescheduled for Sunday, December 1, 2024, at their originally designated times and examination centers. For further updates and details, please visit the University's official website gndu.ac.in—Examination-datesheet-Notification.

Saint Soldier Elite Convent school celebrates Guru Nanak Dev Birthday



KULJIT SINGH JANDIALA GURU: In Saint Soldier Elite Convent School Jandiala Guru, the birth anniversary of the first Patshah Dhan Dhan Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji was celebrated with great devotion and spirit. During the assembly itself, first of all the children and staff of the school recited Sri Japuji Sahib ji together, then the children recited Sri Chaupai Sahib ji in the form of kirtan, after which the children recited "Satguru Nanak" under the rasa bhacane kirtan. "Miti Dhundh Jag Chaan Hoa" was sung. Later, Sri Anand Sahib ji's recitations were recited and prayers were offered. After that, the managing director of the school, Dr. Mangal Singh Kishan Puri ji, inspired everyone to follow the philosophy and principles of Guru Nanak Sahib Ji, he informed everyone about the biography of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji. On this occasion, the principal of the school Mrs. Amarpreet Kaur ji asked the children to follow the principles of Guru Nanak Sahib Ji's Kirt Karo Naam Japo and Vand Chhako and encouraged them to fight for Gurbani. On this occasion tea langar was served to everyone.

Goods outside yellow line to be confiscated by MC



VERMA QADIAN: Today, under the direction of DC Gurdaspur Uma Shankar Gupta and guidance of EO Bhopinder Singh, the officials of Municipal Council qadian started preparing to take concrete steps in view of the problem of traffic jam in the city. Inspector Ranjit Kaur led the city tour and warned the street vendors and shopkeepers to keep their goods within 5 feet. She said that shopkeepers who throw vegetables or other rotten fruits in the market or drains will be fined up to Rs 5000. She said that if the street vendors or shopkeepers do not put their goods within the radius of 5 feet as per the warning given today, then the extended goods will also be removed with the help of police.

"Your Health is Your Wealth, Say no to drugs": Romesh Mahajan, National Awardee



VERMA GURDASPUR: Under the Nasha Mukti Bharat Abhiyan campaign and with the directions of Sh Shiv Dular Singh Dhillon IAS (retd.) Secretary, Indian Red Cross Society Punjab State Branch Chandigarh, an awareness camp was organised at Golden view Public Sr. sec. school, village Tarpalla block Dera Baba Nanak which was presided over by its Principal Smt Amandeep Kaur. The team stressed upon awareness against drug abuse and motivated the students to fully concentrate on achieving their dreams. They also emphasize more on effects of drugs, its treatment and prevention. The students of this school were also motivated to join community groups to spread awareness and rehabilitate the youth who indulged into addiction.

'Fit India Movement' organised on occasion of Childrens' Day at RR Bawa DAV College for Girls



VERMA BATALA, NOV 18

Under the aegis of Dr.Ek.takhosla, Principal, RR Bawa DAV College for Girls, Batala and under the able guidance of Mrs.Simmi Sharma (Incharge Social Service Club), Mrs.Gurinder Kaur (Co-Convener), a yoga session was organized on the occasion of Children's Day in the college campus under 'Fit India Movement'.Shri Rajesh Kawatra (Chairman, Local Advisory Committee) and

State fully prepared for Bye-elections, voting tomorrow

696,965 voters to cast votes at 81 polling stations

GAURAV GOEL CHANDIGARH, NOV 18

The Chief Electoral Officer, Punjab Sabin C has announced that all preparations for the bye-elections for the 4 Punjab Assembly seats have been completed to ensure free, fair, and transparent elections.

Sharing the information, CEO Sabin C stated that 6,481 Punjab Police personnel's and officials along with 17 companies of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) have been deployed to ensure safe and peaceful elections. Additionally, 3868 polling staff has been assigned duties for the smooth management of the polling process. The CEO mentioned that 10-Dera Baba Nanak constituency has 193,376 voters, with 241 polling stations in total, out of which 61 are critical polling stations and 701 polling staff members are deployed. As of now, 19 complaints regarding violations of the election code have been received, out of which 17 complaints have been resolved. Dur



ing this period, Rs 25.40 crore has been seized as per the guidelines of Election Commission. The counting of votes for the 10-Dera Baba Nanak constituency will take place in 18 rounds on November 23rd at Sukhjinder Group of Institutes, Chandigarh Road, Hoshiarpur. Furthermore, 84-Gidderbaha has 166,731 voters, with 173 polling stations, of which 96 are critical and a total of 1,148 staff members are working here. During the moral code of conduct 24 complaints related to election code violations have been received, out of which 11 complaints have been resolved and Rs 4.70 lakh has been seized. The vote counting for 84-Gidderbaha will be held in 13 rounds at Government Senior Secondary School (Boys) Bharu Road, Gidderbaha. While 103-Barnala constituency has 177,426 voters, and 212 polling stations, with 37 being critical and 975 polling staff has been deployed. Since the implementation of moral code of conduct 7

of the election code have been received, out of which 30 complaints have been resolved. During this period, Rs 60,000 has been seized by district administration. The vote counting for 44-Chabbewal (SC) will take place in 15 rounds at Rayat & Bahra Group of Institutes, Chandigarh Road, Hoshiarpur. Furthermore, 84-Gidderbaha has 166,731 voters, with 173 polling stations, of which 96 are critical and a total of 1,148 staff members are working here. During the moral code of conduct 24 complaints related to election code violations have been received, out of which 11 complaints have been resolved and Rs 4.70 lakh has been seized.

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complaints regarding violations have been received out of which 5 complaints have been resolved and a total of 755.50 lakh has been seized. The counting of votes for 103-Barnala will take place in 16 rounds at S.D. College of Education, Barnala. Sabin C further stated that all polling stations will be monitored through CCTV cameras and to ensure real-time monitoring 100% live webcasting will be provided for all polling stations, as instructed by the Election Commission of India.

The Chief Electoral Officer also mentioned that adequate arrangements for food, accommodation, and protection from the cold has been made for the polling staff at the stations. Furthermore, provisions have been made for drinking water, waiting areas, toilets, and other facilities for voters at polling stations. Sabin C stated that the polling is scheduled for November 20th (Wednesday) from 7 AM to 6 PM, with the counting of votes on November 23rd (Saturday).

Gurdaspur students excel in judo in "khedaan vatan Punjab diyan-3" in progress at multi-purpose stadium of Mansa



NARESH GOYA MANSNA, NOV 18

In the judo competition of boys in 'under-17 (45 kgs) category, Daksh Kumar of Gurdaspur won first position while in 50 kgs category, Raghu Mehra bagged top position. In 55 kgs category, Aarush Dutta of Hoshiarpur and in 60 kgs Parv Kumar of Gurdaspur emerged victorious.

In 66 kgs, Navdeep Singh of Mohali, in 73 kgs Harshavar Sharma and in 81 kgs Rehan Sharma (both of Gurdaspur) while in 90 kgs category Netik

Registration can now be done till 15 Dec to cast votes
HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): District Election Officer-cum-Deputy Commissioner Hoshiarpur Komal Mit-tal, while giving information, said that the date of registration for the election of Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (Board) has been extended to 15 December by the Chief Commissioner Gurdwara Elections. She said that according to the latest schedule, the preparation and printing of voter lists will be done from 16 December 2024 to 2 January 2025. After this, the voter lists will be published on 3 January 2025. She said that the last date for receiving claims and objections will be 24 January 2025. She said that the claims and objections will be resolved by 5 February 2025 as per Rule No. 10 (3) of the Sikh Gurdwara Board Elections 1959. After this, the supplementary lists will be prepared and printed on 24 February 2025. She also said that the final publication of the lists for the election of the Shiromani Parbandhak Committee will be done on 25 February 2025.



Stubble burning not to be allowed at any cost: SDM



SUMER GARG LEHRA, NOV 18

Under the instructions of Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur, Sandeep Rishi: SDM Lehra, Suba Singh is continuously personally leading administrative teams in villages & farms to curb the bad practice of stubble burning. Today SDM, Suba Singh along with his teams visited various villages, including Bakhora Kalan, Bakhora Khurd, Gobindpura Jawaharwala, Jawa-harwala, Rampura, Leleh Kalan, Leh Khurd, Chudal Kalan, Ballaran, Bhutal Kalan, Dhindsa, Dudian and

Hamirgarh. The SDM said that awareness activities are being carried out continuously by the administrative teams due to which there has been a large fall in stubble burning cases this year. He said that the wheat crop has been sown on a large area of the sub-division by clearing the stubble naturally.

SDM Suba Singh said that now the residue of stubble left in the fields after the paddy harvest is being identified and this stubble will not be allowed to be set on fire at any cost. He said that the teams are constantly going from village to village and

from one farm to another farm to alert the farmers about the damage caused to the environment and the soil of their fields by burning stubble. SDM said that the necessary machinery has already been provided to the farmers on subsidy by the Punjab government for the disposal of stubble in a natural way. He said that if a farmer still needs machinery for straw management, he can contact his office or the agriculture office of his nearby block. He further said that if someone still sets fire to the stubble, action will be taken against him along with fine.

Doctors are examining patients in dark in Government Hospital

VERMA BATALA, NOV 18

While the Punjab government is claiming to provide good treatment to the people by opening Mohalla clinics, doctors were seen treating patients in the dark in the government hospital of qadian.

While the country is moving towards development in the technological era and the World Bank gives huge amounts of money to the governments to spend on health and education. In such a situation, the condition of the government hospital in the historical city of qadian, which plays an important role in the politics of Punjab too, is deplorable.

It is surprising that patients go to hospitals for their treatment considering the



doctor as a form of God, but if there is no light during the treatment due to the emergency of the patient, then what will be the condition of the patient and the doctor who is examining the patient lying on the stretcher.

Due to power cut in the Civil Hospital, the patients are being examined through torches. Some patients of the hospital, on the condition of anonymity, said that due to frequent power cuts in the

hospital, doctors are facing difficulty in examining patients. Even at the time of delivery, power goes off. The hospital has generator facility but power is so frequent off that even the generator is not working. It is said that the hospital, which is facing the problem of filling fuel in the generator in case of power cut, is providing treatment to the patients in the dark.

Here, the performance of the doctors should be appreciated or the misfortune of the hospital should be cursed. When NRI Jagdev Singh Bajwa, who donated land for the hospital, was talked to in this regard, he expressed regret and said that his main aim in donating his two and a half acres of land in the name of his father to the hospital was to provide good treatment to the people of Qadian.

Rayat Bahra paramedical sciences department organises workshop on DNA isolation



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, NOV 18

Rayat Bahra Institute of Management's Paramedical Sciences Department organised a special hands-on workshop on DNA isolation. The workshop was conducted by expert Dr Manjit Kaur from Rapture Biotech, Dehradun under the guidance of Principal Dr Harinder Singh Gill, Director of the department and Dr Sukhmeet Kaur Bedi, Head of the department.

During the workshop, while providing information about DNA and its importance, Dr Manjit Kaur dis-

cussed the biological importance of DNA and its use in various fields such as medicine, forensics, agriculture, and genetics. While demonstrating the isolation procedure, she gave a practical demonstration of the steps of DNA isolation such as cell lysis, protein extraction, and DNA precipitation. Each participant got an opportunity to perform the DNA isolation procedure on their own with the sample. Apart from this, training was also given to check the quality of DNA using spectrophotometry and agarose gel electrophoresis for quality check.

Armed attack on Swarnkar Ram Lubhaya Verma's house in Gurdaspur leaves two seriously injured

VERMA GURDASPUR, NOV 18

A violent assault occurred late last night at the residence of Swarnkar Ram Lubhaya Verma on Kahanwan Road, Gurdaspur, leaving Ram Lubhaya Verma and his nephew Munish Verma critically injured. At around 1:15 AM, a group of 8 to 10 masked assailants armed with sharp weapons, including gandasas (large sickles) and darats (machetes), stormed the house, attacking the occupants.

The assailants broke into the house and physically assaulted Ram Lubhaya and other family members. Despite their resistance, both Ram Lubhaya and Munish sustained serious injuries. Other family members narrowly escaped the attack. The victims were rushed to the hospital, where their condition remains critical. The in-



cident has sparked outrage in the local Swarnkar community. Leaders from the All India Sarafa Union and Swarnkar Union, including President Kashmir Singh and General Secretary Ashwini Kumar Nama, strongly condemned the attack. They demanded swift and stringent action against the perpetrators, expressing concern over the rising fear and insecurity among the community.

Police investigations are underway, with authorities examining CCTV footage

from the area to identify the attackers. While personal animosity is suspected as a possible motive, officials have yet to confirm this. Security in the area has been tightened, and multiple teams are working on the case.

The attack has raised serious questions about public safety and law enforcement in Gurdaspur. Community leaders emphasized the importance of stricter security measures and accountability to prevent such incidents in the future.

Dr. Shiv Chand Kansal inaugurates straw godown at orphan cow ashram



RAMPURA PHUL (KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA): The newly built straw godown at the local Orphan Cow Ashram was inaugurated by Dr. Shiv Chand Kansal and his wife Dr. Madhu Kansal. Dr. Shiv Chand Kansal attended the inauguration ceremony as the chief guest. He also provided financial assistance for the straw godown. The event began with the welcome speech of the chief guest by the chairman of the society, Kamlesh Saraf. Dr. Shiv Chand Kansal said that the Orphan Ashram Society, which is concerned with the care of cows, is very commendable. On this occasion, various programs were organized by the students of Global Discovery School. The stage proceedings were conducted by the Society's General Secretary Sanjeev Paharia and Naresh Tangri.

The Society honored the chief guest and the cow devotees who served the Orphan Cow Ashram with their body, mind and wealth. At the end of the function, the Society's President Joginder Pal thanked the guests who attended the function. On this occasion, Prashotam Singh, Rajinder Kansal, Gagan Bansal, Shashi Singla, Mohan Lal Kattubalia, Mita Sen, Amrit Lal, Dr. Ashok Pal, Subhash Kumar, Yogpal Garg, Ashok Kumar etc. were present.

State-Level Games 2024 inaugurated at Lamrin Tech Skills University Punjab



HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): Under the aegis of the Government of Punjab and the Sports Department Punjab, the State-Level Games for the 2024 season (Kheda vatan Punjab Diya Boxing State Level champion ship) commenced in the district of Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar. The prestigious tournament is being hosted by Lamrin Tech Skills University Punjab, attracting players from various districts across the state.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by Chief Guests Santosh Kataria, MLA of Balachaur constituency, and Dr. Sandeep Singh Kaura, Chancellor of Lamrin Tech Skills University Punjab. Addressing the gathering, the Chief Guests extended their blessings to the athletes, encouraging them to actively participate in sports and steer clear of drugs. They commended the efforts of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Maan and the Sports Department of Punjab for their exemplary initiative in promoting sports, which provides athletes with outstanding training and career opportunities.

Industrial visit by RBU computer students



MOHALI (LK BANSAL): The Department of Computer Applications Science Engineering of Rayat Bahra University organized an industrial visit to Net Solutions company, Chandigarh, for shortlisted students of CSE 5th semester and MCA 1st Semester Students to Covalliance India Pvt. Ltd. The objective of the visit was to make the students conversant with the software industry to understand the current market scenarios, and help students get real-time exposure.

Dr Anand Shukla, Dean, Computing Science, said the students also got conversant with professional work culture and interacted with highly trained professionals. Dean Dr Anand Shukla emphasised that these industrial visits play a vital role in enhancing technical skills of the student which was the need of the hour. He underlined the importance of regularly conducting such activities which were essential for updating practical knowledge of the students.

Chancellor of Rayat Bahra University Gurvinder Singh and Vice-Chancellor Dr Parvinder Singh complimented the Department of Computer Engineering of the University for organising the industrial visit and stressed on the need of giving practical exposure to the students.

Adolescence awareness camp organized in Govt Sr Sec School Kuthar Beet by Health Department Una



KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: Adolescence awareness camp was organized in Government Senior Secondary School Kuthar Beet on Monday today by Health Department Una. This Camp was organized under the directions of Dr Pushwinder Singh Rana BMO Haroli. In this camp, awareness was created about the physical changes in children that occur during adolescence. This is a time of physical, mental and spiritual growth. And it is important for children to take nutritious food and participate in sports during adolescence. Dr Priya, Dr Ruchi, MHS Mohan Laland MHS Mohinder Kumar were given their services in this camp. On this occasion, VirenderChandel Principal of Government Senior Secondary School Kuthar Beet and school staffwere present.

ICFAI University unveils prospectus for 2024-25 academic year



SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI: ICFAI University, Himachal Pradesh, marked a significant milestone with the official launch of its prospectus for the 2024-25 academic session on Monday. The grand event, organized by the prestigious IGID Department, witnessed the participation of over 100 principals from renowned schools across Himachal Pradesh, underscoring its prominence in the academic calendar. Professor Keshav Sharma, Honorable Vice-Chancellor of ICFAI University, presided over the event. Brigadier (Dr) Rajeev Sethi, Advisor to the ICFAI Society, and Shri Srikant Pothuri, Vice President of the ICFAI Group, graced the occasion. University Leadership: Heads of all departments were present, showcasing the institution's commitment to academic excellence. In his address, Professor Keshav Sharma highlighted ICFAI Group's stature as a pioneer in education, comprising 11 universities, 9 business schools, 9 law schools, 7 tech schools, and 3 pharma schools. Fully Wi-Fi-enabled campus with state-of-the-art facilities. CCTV-monitored hostels for unparalleled safety. Comprehensive transport system for convenience. Emergency health services to ensure student well-being. Focus on Student Development: Professor Sharma elaborated on the university's dedicated placement cell that ensures internships and job opportunities for students. He emphasized the mentor-mentee system, which facilitates personalized attention and keeps parents informed about their wards' progress. The event concluded with heartfelt mementos presented to esteemed guests, media representatives, and dignitaries. The collaborative efforts of the department heads and the IGID Baddi team set a promising tone for the upcoming academic year.

NGG Power Tech to fill 28 positions in Polian Beet, interviews on Nov 21

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: NGG Power Tech India Private Limited, located at Jholan Majra, Polian Beet, will be filling 28 positions across various categories. District Employment Officer Una, Akshay Sharma, informed that interviews for these positions will be held on November 21 at 10 AM at the District Employment Office, Una. The available positions include 5 posts each for ITI Electrical and Assistant Coal Assembler, 6 posts each for Assistant HT Binder and Assistant LT Binder, 2 posts for Electrical Engineers, and 10 posts for Helpers. Candidates applying for the positions of Assistant Coal Assembler, Assistant HT Binder, and Assistant LT Binder should have 5 years of experience in transformer manufacturing, while Electrical Engineers must have a B.Tech degree along with AutoCAD proficiency and 7 years of experience in transformer manufacturing. The required educational qualifications for these positions include 8th, 10th, 12th, ITI, Diploma, or B.Tech in Electrical or Mechanical Engineering. Monthly salaries for these positions range from Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 50,000. Interested and eligible candidates should bring their qualification certificates, date of birth, employment registration card, Aadhar card, two passport-size photos, resume, original certificates, and experience certificates to attend the interview.

Sadhwan Police conducts meeting with Panchayat representatives



SANJEEV MAHAJAN
NURPUR: In a community outreach initiative, Bhajan Jaryal, in-charge of the Sadhwan Police Outpost under Nurpur Police District, organized a meeting with the heads and deputy heads of the panchayats within the outpost's jurisdiction. The meeting focused on local issues pertaining to law and order, with an emphasis on areas where police intervention is crucial. Detailed discussions were held, and Panchayat representatives were urged to collaborate with the police to ensure community safety and problem resolution. Jaryal assured the attendees that the police are committed to helping citizens and resolving their grievances effectively. During a morning patrol, the Sadhwan Police also took strict action against illegal mining activities. Two tractor vehicles were found violating the Mining Act, and fines amounting to Rs. 10,000 were imposed on the spot.

Govt contemplating to formulate new compassionate employment policy: CM

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, NOV 18

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu while presiding over a high level meeting, said that the State Government was contemplating to formulate a new compassionate employment policy. He said that the State Government was adopting a liberal and sympathetic approach to offer employment to those who lost their family members during service.

The Chief Minister directed the officers to compile and present the department wise details of the applicants and said that the State Government will take appropriate decision keeping in view all aspects to benefit the maximum number of



applicants. He said that the State Government was committed to support the well being of dependants by giving preference to widows and orphans in providing employment on compassionate ground.

Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that the present State Government has taken numerous initiatives to ensure

the well being of the government employees. In the first Cabinet meeting, the State Government has reinstated the Old Pension Scheme to all the government employees so that they can live a dignified life after their retirement. He said that the present State Government has also released 11 percent dearness allowance to all the

government employees and pensioners within two years of the government's tenure.

Revenue Minister Jagat Singh Negi, Chief Secretary Prabodh Saxena, Principal Secretary Finance Devesh Kumar, Secretaries M.Sudha Devi and Rakesh Kanwar and Secretary Law Sharad Kumar Lagwal were also present in the meeting.

Winning players given grand welcome on their arrival at school



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: In the 29th Amb block level sports competition of primary schools which was organized at Government Primary School Churudu, the under 12 age group girls of PS International School Maiddi brought laurels to the school and parents by winning the runners-up trophy of the volleyball competition. MD Atul Thakur of PS International School Maiddi said that among the boys of the school, Aayan Thakur, Krn, Arif, Shivansh, Ankit, Amir Khan, Anshuman, Riyansh Thakur, Vinayak Jaswal and among the girls, Gunjan, Avni Thakur, Aradhya, Jasmine, Arshiya, Ahana Sagu, Janhvi performed well. For this, the school management also praised the players' trainers Rekha Devi and Anjali Devi. The school's principal Ichchha Dadwal and staff members were also congratulated. On this occasion, the school management felicitated the winning players and training teachers on their arrival at the school.

Seven-day NSS camp concludes



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: Seven-day NSS camp was concluded today by chief guest Sushil Kumar, local school principal at sub-division Amb Government Model Senior Secondary School, Diyada. NSS in-charge Shyamal and Aman Devi Sharma welcomed the chief guest with a flower bouquet on his arrival at the camp and the chief guest appreciated all the volunteers and NSS in-charge Shyamal and Aman Devi Sharma for successfully organizing this camp and he explained to the students that the things you heard from the resource person and the service work you did in the camp, you have to adopt all these things in your life and you have to actively participate in social service works.

NSS in-charge Shyamal thanked the principal and chief guest Sushil Thakur for coming to the closing ceremony of the camp and also thanked all the staff members for making this camp successful. He appreciated all the volunteers who participated in this camp. He told that these volunteers contributed fully in making this camp successful by staying disciplined for 7 days.

Nauni Varsity's vegetable varieties recognized nationally for outstanding performance

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA:

Two vegetable varieties developed by the Department of Vegetable Sciences at Dr. YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni, have been recognized as top-performing varieties for their consistent performance at the national level. The temperate carrot variety Solan Shreshth and the French bean variety Lakshami were officially released by the Central Variety Release Committee (CVRC) recently in New Delhi. The performance of these varieties was presented by Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Project Coordinator of the All India Coordinated Research Project on Vegetable Crops (AICRP VC), at the national release event. Both Lakshami and Solan Shreshth were praised for their outstanding performance across multiple regions. The Lakshami French bean variety has been recommended for cultivation in Zone I (Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand) and Zone IV (Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, and Jharkhand), while Solan Shreshth is suitable for Zone IV and parts of Punjab and Bihar. These varieties were developed by the university in 1992 and 2016, respectively, and tested under the AICRP on Vegetable Crops from 2017 and 2019 before being approved for national release. Dr. Ramesh Kumar Bhardwaj, breeder and Principal Investigator at the Solan Centre of AICRP (VC), explained that both varieties performed consistently over three years of testing.



Limit children's mobile use to enhance focus on studies: MLA Vivek Sharma

JOGINDER DEV ARYA BANGANA, NOV 18

Kutlehar MLA Vivek Sharma graced the annual prize distribution ceremony of Government Senior Secondary School, Tyudi, as the chief guest on Monday. Addressing the gathering, he emphasized the importance of moderating children's mobile phone use to ensure their focus on education and extracurricular activities.

Sharma highlighted that just as parents strive to keep their children away from substance abuse, they must also limit children's exposure to mobile phones. He remarked, "Excessive use of mobile phones, even during meals, is a growing concern. Parents should allow children to use phones only when necessary so they can better engage in studies and other constructive activities." MLA Sharma reiterated his vision of



transforming Kutlehar into a model constituency for education through collaboration among students, teachers, and parents. He applauded Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu's initiative of introducing English-medium education and smart classrooms in government schools, enhancing their competitiveness with

Anil Goel campaigns in Latur assembly of Maharashtra

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA:

Anil Goel, Coordinator of the All India Congress Committee, campaigned in the Latur Rural Assembly constituency of Maharashtra on Monday in support of party candidate Dheeraj Deshmukh. Addressing a public meeting, he said that the people of the country have fully understood the difference between the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) rhetoric and actions. He pointed out that after Haryana and Jammu & Kashmir, BJP leaders are

now making baseless statements against the Congress government in Himachal Pradesh, which is unbecoming of them. Goel highlighted the fact that in its two years in office, the Himachal Congress government has achieved significant milestones compared to the previous BJP government. He said that out of the ten promises made by the Congress government, five have already been fulfilled, and the rest are being implemented in a phased manner.

Specialization in electric vehicle technology at Hydro Engineering College, Bilaspur: Dharmani

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY BILASPUR, NOV 18

Urban Planning, Housing, Technical Education, Vocational, and Industrial Training Minister Rajesh Dharmani expressed deep gratitude to Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu for this ground breaking decision for sanctioning of Specialization in Electric Vehicle Technology classes to Hydro Engineering College at Bandla in Bilaspur. Dharmani hailed it as a historic step toward advancing technical education and fostering innovation in the state. This specialized course aims to provide students with in-depth knowledge of electric vehicle technology, energy management, battery solutions, and green energy systems, positioning Himachal Pradesh as a key player in technical education



both nationally and internationally. Dharmani emphasized this initiative is particularly timely given global environmental challenges such as climate change, pollution, and the depletion of natural resources. Electric vehicles, based on zero-emission technology, offer a cleaner alternative to traditional fuel-based vehicles, helping to establish a sustainable, green transportation system. The course will give students opportunities to specialize in

eco-friendly technologies promoting energy conservation and sustainable practices. With the global demand for electric vehicles increasing, the course will also focus on battery technology, energy storage, and recycling techniques, benefiting not only Himachal Pradesh but also supporting the nation's transition to clean energy solutions.

Dharmani added that this step aligns with the state government's vision of establishing Himachal Pradesh as a Green State. The course will help reduce the local carbon footprint and promote efficient natural resource management. The spread of electric vehicles will also contribute to improved air quality in urban areas, positively impacting public health and reducing fuel costs through increased energy efficiency.

Capt Rameshwar Singh Thakur honored with Letter of Appreciation by Army Chief

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, NOV 18

Former IPS officer Captain Rameshwar Singh Thakur has been awarded a letter of appreciation by the Army Chief. Captain Thakur, who is the Chairman of the Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission and a retired sharp IPS officer, has made invaluable contributions to the progress of the country, placing patriotism first in all his endeavors. Post-retirement, he has set an extraordinary example for citizens and fellow servicemen alike. For his exceptional dedication and service, he was honored with a letter of appreciation by the Army Chief. The award was presented to Captain Thakur at a special ceremony held at Artrac,



Shimla, on Saturday. Known for his unblemished reputation and straightforward professionalism, Captain Thakur made significant contributions wherever he served, bringing honor to both the organization and the position he held. He completed his schooling at Government High School, Ghanabhaty-Shimla, and earned his BA (Honours) from the then Government Boys' Degree College, Sanjauli, Shimla. Captain Thakur passed the CDS exam and received

training at the OTA Chennai. He was commissioned into a very old infantry battalion, serving from 1986 to 1991. During his time in the Army, he demonstrated excellence in his duties, earning the "Best in Tactics" award in the Young Officers' Training Course and carrying out outstanding counter-terrorism operations in the valley. After leaving the Army, he worked as a security officer at IDBI before joining the Himachal Pradesh Police Service (HPPS) in 1994.

Possibility of snowfall and rain in the high altitude areas of Himachal for the next four days

SANAJY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, NOV 18

The Meteorological Department has predicted snowfall and rain in the high altitude areas of Himachal Pradesh for the next four days. According to the Meteorological Center Shimla, there is a yellow alert for dense fog in the morning and evening in Bilaspur and Mandi districts till November 21. Very dense fog was recorded in Bilaspur on Monday morning. Due to fog in the plains, people's problems have increased. According to the Meteorological Department, jet stream winds blowing at a speed of up to 100 knots at 12.6 km above the average sea level are blowing in North India. There is a forecast of rain and snowfall in the high altitude areas of Lahaul-Spiti, Chamba, Kangra and Kullu districts from 22 to 24 November. Cold wave has started increasing in the high altitude areas. The minimum temperature has been recorded in minus at three places in the state. The mercury of Keylong has also gone into minus. While it has been recorded at zero at one place. There is a possibility of a drop in the minimum and maximum temperatures in many parts of the state during the next four days. Due to lack of rain in the lower regions, farmers are facing a lot of problems. Due to lack of moisture in the soil, wheat sowing has not started yet. Due to lack of water in small rivers, farmers are not able to supply water to the fields.

Indo-Tibetan border was completely peaceful before China occupied Tibet: Lupon Thupten

SANAJY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, NOV 18

The meeting titled Tibet Liberation Practice and India-China Relations was held. The meeting was organized by India Tibet Friendship Society and Jagjivan Ram Parliamentary Studies and Research Institute Patna. It was attended by the Tibetan Parliamentary Delegation, which included MPs Tenpa Yarpel and Lupon Thupten Gyaltzen. In his address, MP Lupon Thupten emphasized several important points about what the government and people of India can do to support Tibet. He also discussed the historic independence of



Tibet. He referred to Tibet's participation as an independent nation in the 1914 Shimla Conference during British rule and the 1947 Asian Relations Conference in Delhi.

He said that the Indo-Tibetan border was peaceful before China occupied Tibet. It did not require military deployment. He urged the Indian public to recognize that establishing Tibet as a

peaceful buffer zone between India and China would benefit both countries and promote peace in Asia and around the world. The MP also emphasized the cultural and spiritual ties between Tibet and India, pointing out that Tibetan Buddhism, which originates from ancient Indian traditions, is an integral part of the culture of the Himalayan region.

Meri Dastar Meri Shan
camp organized by Youth
Akali Dal Pathankot



**BUREAU
PATHANKOT:** Dedicated to Sri Guru Nanak Dev ji Parkash Purab, the langar of free turbans was installed at Guru Arjun Dev Public School Barh Sahib under the serial campaign Meri Dastar Meri Shaan by Shromani Akali Dal's Haryana Dasta Youth Akali Dal. Free Dastar was anchored by Party President Sukhbir Singh Badal, Working President Balwinder Singh Bhundar, Senior Akali Leader Bikram Singh Majithia, National President Youth Akali Dal Sarabjit Singh Jinjar under the leadership of District President Jaspreet Singh Rana of Youth Akali Dal Pathankot. With the youth of Youth Akali Dal and the school staff, Sri Guru Granth Sahib was illuminated and after the reading of Sri Sukhmani Sahib Ji, Singh Bhai Gurbur Singh's group performed Kirtan and Bhai Harsukhman Singh preached the story. When the Youth Akali Dal youths of the entire organization were decorating turbans, a supernatural atmosphere was visible with Kirtan.

**Students of Mata Sundari
Group of Institutions Dhadde
organized educational tour**



**KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL:** The students of the Fashion Designing and Technology Department of the internationally renowned institution Mata Sundari Group of Institutions Dhadde were organized a one-day industrial visit to Verma Carpet Industry Bhuchio Mandi Bathinda. Students of B.Sc. (FT) and M.Sc. (FD & T) participated in this. On this occasion, the Chairman of the College Management Committee Kulwant Singh Sidhu, MD Gurbinder Singh Balli, Director Administration Parminder Singh Sidhu said that such an initiative is the need of the hour so that the students start thinking about doing something new. Our institution is always progressive and ready to do something new. The FT of our institution it is a commendable initiative to conduct such an educational tour in such efforts due to the students and hardworking staff of the department and to get information about the new fashion technology initiatives as per the need of the time. On this occasion, Principal Prof. Raj Singh Bagha motivated to conduct such a tour and said that the main objective of this tour was to provide practical information to the students about the working of various dept.

**Dera Bassi MLA and
Shiromani Akali Dal Treasurer
N. K. Sharma resigns**



**VICKY BHABAT
ZIRAKPUR:** Former MLA from Dera Bassi constituency and Shiromani Akali Dal Treasurer N. K. Sharma resigned from his post and primary membership of the party after the resignation of party president Sukhbir Singh Badal. He said that he is with Sukhbir Singh Badal only when he becomes the party president will he return to the party and continue serving the constituency like a social worker. He said that he had joined the Akali Dal about 32 years ago and has been associated with this party for 32 years. He said that in all these years he has been spotless and he has never been greedy for a single rupee. He said that he had joined the Shiromani Akali Dal because the then president Parkash Singh Badal respected all religions and his main agenda has been peace, harmony and communal harmony. He said that no other party has done as much development as the Shiromani Akali Dal has done in Punjab. He said that religious personalities also want to destroy the Shiromani Akali Dal under the influence of other parties. He said that in this situation he cannot work, which is why he is resigning and he will not return to the party until Sukhbir Singh Badal becomes the president again.

6276 Panches of Patiala to be administered oath by Dr. Balbir Singh: Dr. Preeti Yadav

**RAKESH JINDAL
PATIALA, NOV 18**

Patiala Deputy Commissioner Dr. Preeti Yadav has told that Punjab Health and Family Welfare and Medical Education and Research Minister Dr. Balbir Singh will attend as the chief guest.

The Deputy Commissioner arrived here today to review the final touches being given to the preparations for the district level ceremony of the oath taking ceremony at the Aviation Club near the New Polo Ground located on Sangrur Road.

On this occasion, he A.D.C. (Rural Development) Anupriya Johal, Group SDAL- to hold a meeting with AI-IMS, Panchayat Department and other officials. Deputy Commissioner Dr. Preeti Ya-

DC Aashika Jain reviews arrangements at open ground, Sector 88, Mohali

**SHASHI PAL JAIN
MOHALI, NOV 18**

District Administration is fully geared up for holding Oath Taking Ceremony of newly elected Panches of District Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar, tomorrow, said the Deputy Commissioner, Mrs Aashika Jain while taking stock of the ongoing preparations at Open Ground (SARAS Mela Ground), Sector 88, Near Manav Mangal School, Mohali.

Divulging the details, the Deputy Commissioner, Mrs Jain said that a total of 1924 Panches of the newly elected gram panchayats have been invited to take oath of office during this ceremony. A total of four seating blocks have been made for housing Panches from Mohali, Derabassi, Kharar and Majri Blocks tomorrow.

The oath of office would be administered by the PWD and Power Minister of Punjab, S. Harbhajan Singh ETO at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, she added. The Member of Legislative Assembly and other prominent persons have also been invited to witness the oath-taking ceremony.

She tasked the officers available there with various responsibilities for the smooth conduct of the prestigious event and asked them to check the seating, parking and other arrangements minutely. The Deputy Commissioner said that after the administration of oath to the Sarpanches at the state level function held



at Ludhiana, it was decided by the Punjab Government to hold an oath-taking ceremony for the Panches of the various districts at district level to make them responsible for the post they hold. She said that after the formal oath-taking, the Gram Panchayats will start formal functioning that would give a major push

to the development works at the village level. The officers present in the review meeting included ADC (G) Viraj S Tidke, SDM Mohali Damandeep Kaur, SP (Traffic) H S Mann, Assistant Commissioner (General) Dr Ankita Kansal, District Development and Panchayat Officer Baljinder Singh Grewal and other officers.

Punjab police committed to making Punjab drug-free state

**PARAMJIT SINGH
JALANDHAR, NOV 18**

In a major breakthrough against drug trafficking, Jalandhar Rural Police have successfully busted an inter-state poppy husk smuggling network and arrested two hardcore smugglers after recovering 102 kg of poppy husk being transported in a specially modified truck, said Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Jalandhar Rural Harkamal Preet Singh Khakh here on Monday.

Police teams have also impounded the truck (HP-12-D-8481) with a specially designed hidden compartment under the floor being used to transport the contraband. SSP Khakh said that following specific intelligence inputs regarding movement of large consignment of poppy husk,



special teams were constituted under close supervision SP Investigation Jasroop Kaur Bath and DSP Shahkot Onkar Singh Brar. Acting swiftly, the police team led by SI Gurnam Singh of Police Station Shahkot intercepted the truck during special nakabandi at T-point on Moga-Jalandhar highway.

Those arrested have been identified as Harpreet Singh

alias Happy son of Darshan Singh of Kathunangal, Amritsar Rural and Varinder Singh alias Raju son of Malkit Singh of Thatta Nawan, Talwandi Chaudhrian, Kapurthala, he said, while adding that two more accused identified as Sonu of Daulewala, Kot Ise Khan, Moga and Karan of Saichan, Sultanpur Lodhi, Kapurthala are currently absconding.

MCM shines at 65th PU Inter-Zonal youth and heritage festival 2024



**RAJIV JAIN
CHANDIGARH, NOV 18**

Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, made its mark at the 65th Panjab University Inter-Zonal Youth and Heritage Festival 2024 held at DAV College, Hoshiarpur, as it grabbed top positions in various items at the festival.

The stellar performances of the college's participants in various competitions resulted in 2 first positions, 5 second positions and 1 third position. Showcasing their exceptional talent, the participants secured first positions in Elocu-

tion and Peerhi making, second positions in Debate, Collage Making, Still life, Bagh embroidery, and Crochet, and third position in Ennu Making. Acknowledging the kind of hard work that goes into the preparation for the fest, Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan was all praises for the participants and congratulated them for their stupendous performance. She said that it is a matter of immense pride that the students of MCM bring laurels to the college at various prestigious platforms, taking the college's rich legacy of excellence forward.

CU of Punjab celebrates Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, honoring Tribal heritage and Birsa Munda's Legacy

**ANIL VERMA
BATHINDA, NOV 18**

The Central University of Punjab came together to celebrate "Janjatiya Gaurav Divas," a day dedicated to honoring the rich contributions of India's tribal communities to our nation's history and culture. Under the guidance of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, the university organized a heartfelt event, led by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Raghendra Prasad Tiwari, who shared his reflections on the life and legacy of the revered tribal leader Birsa Munda.

In his address, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Tiwari spoke warmly of Birsa Munda, describing him as an inspiring figure who taught us all to respect nature and stand up for justice. "Birsa Munda's empathy drove him to fight for others," Prof. Tiwari said. "His example reminds us that our connection to nature is



essential for our future." As a tribute to this legacy, the Vice-Chancellor announced that the university's ground-floor seminar hall will now bear the name of Birsa Munda, symbolizing the enduring impact of his life and ideals. The program included a lecture by Dr. Hareet Kumar Meena, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of History, who shared Birsa Munda's journey from his early years to his role as a freedom fighter. Dr. Meena highlighted Birsa's deep sense of responsibility for his people

and the environment, noting his efforts to defend the rights of farmers to water, forests, and land. "Birsa Munda unified people for a shared cause, showing the power of resilience and community," Dr. Meena shared.

To further celebrate the day, the university also held a speech competition. The competition was a vibrant display of student talent and passion, with Kritika Bhatta securing first place, Manuja Hicchi coming in second, and Pawan-deep Singh taking third.

BOCW Board organizes camps at labour chowks across 19 districts

CHANDIGARH: The Punjab Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board organized camps at labour chowks across 19 Districts in Punjab (where the Model Code of Conduct is not enforced). This initiative was undertaken following directions issued by the Labour Minister, Tarunpreet Singh Sond, in a review meeting held on last week of October 2024. Divulging the details, a spokesperson said that, to register maximum construction workers, Board officials have organized these camps at labour chowks from 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM. These camps will continue from 18 to 23 November, 2024. In those Districts where Model Code of Conduct is currently enforced, the camps will be organized from 25 to 29 November. The officials also generated awareness about the Board's welfare schemes and their financial benefits.

Aman Arora launches scathing attack on Raja Warring and Charanjit Channi

**SUMER GARG
GIDDERBAHA, NOV 18**

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Cabinet Minister Aman Arora today launched a sharp attack on Congress leaders Raja Warring, Charanjit Singh Channi and BJP candidate Manpreet Singh Badal during a press conference in Gidderbaha. Arora accused former MLAs of Gidderbaha (Raja Warring and Manpreet Badal) of neglecting the region and indulging in corrupt practices to maintain their grip on power.

"Raja Warring is Dissatisfied with the System After His Vehicle and Workers Were Caught with Cash Meant for Vote-Buying"

Addressing the media, Arora condemned Raja Warring for his failed leadership and his resorting to corrupt tactics to win elections. "Raja Warring, who has been elected three times, has done nothing for the development of Gidderbaha. His frustration is now visible—he was caught in a desperate attempt to buy votes. Police seized cash and a vehicle linked to his workers who were engaged in vote-buying. Instead of respecting the law, Warring confronted the police in an attempt to escape accountability. This is the extent to which he is willing to go to retain power," Arora stated.



ed. "The people of Gidderbaha see through his lies, and they are determined not to let his corrupt politics continue."

"Charanjit Channi's Recent Remarks Are Shameful and Harm the Dignity of Women" Arora also targeted former Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi for his recent derogatory comments about women. "Charanjit Channi's words were not only disrespectful but also harmful to the dignity of women. For a leader who once held the office of Chief Minister, to stoop so low in attacking political opponents using such vulgar and divisive language is beyond unacceptable," Arora said. "This type of rhetoric is not just damaging to the political climate but also undermines the respect and equality that every woman de-

serves."

"Congress Candidate Amrita Warring Stood Silent While Channi Insulted Women; She Should Have Objected" Turning his focus to Amrita Warring, the Congress candidate from Gidderbaha, Arora criticized her for failing to speak out against Channi's remarks. "Amrita Warring was present during Channi's speech, but instead of standing up for the dignity of women, she chose to remain silent. She should have immediately objected to Channi's shameful remarks. But she didn't, and that speaks volumes about her lack of integrity and leadership," Arora added. "The people of Gidderbaha deserve a leader who will stand up for them, not one who turns a blind eye to such disgraceful behavior."

Modern Sandeepni School Mamun conducts adolescent education program



**BUREAU
PATHANKOT, NOV 18**

Adolescent education program was conducted at Modern Sandeepni School Mamoon Pathankot under the chairmanship of Principal Dr. Neeraj Mohan Puri. Amandeep Kumar Deputy DEO (SE) was present as the Chief Guest.

The program was inaugurated by Principal Dr. Neeraj Mohan Puri, Vice Principal Diksha Bhardwaj and Chief Guest Amandeep Kumar Deputy DEO (SE) by

lighting candles. On this occasion Rajan Kumar DNO (AEP) and BRC (Upper Primary) Siddharth Chander (AE) and Kaushal Kumar Coordinator Army Public School, Pathankot were present on the special occasion. and made aware about adolescent education. Engineer Pawan Mahajan, Chairman of Sandeepni Committee, addressed the guests. Speaking the speakers said that adolescence is the process of independent development of children.

Roadways bus climbs on divider to save motorcycle



ZIRAKPUR (VICKY BHABAT): Today at around 2.30 pm near the Ambala Chandigarh Road flyover, while trying to save a motorcyclist who was crossing the road in the wrong direction, the bus of Sonapat depot of Haryana Roadways climbed the divider and collided with the pillar. The seated passengers also got minor injuries, but the bus driver took his bus from the spot without delay for fear of any action. According to Haryana Roadways, Sonapat depot bus was going from Delhi to Chandigarh, meanwhile when the bus crossed the Zirakpur flyover and moved towards Chandigarh, a motorcyclist was crossing the road in the wrong direction by taking a shortcut.

The bus driver drove the bus on the divider due to which the bus hit an electric pole in the middle of the road and stopped. During the accident, some passengers in the bus suffered minor injuries, but the bus driver took the bus away from the spot without delay. Meanwhile, laborers Sameer and Imran, who were working to install street lights on the road, said that they were about to go to work after eating bread, when the accident happened. She would have died. The motorcyclist, who was going in the wrong direction, also escaped from the spot, although some people chased him to restrain him, but he was not caught.

All India Dhobi Maha Sabha meeting held at Rampura Phul

**KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL, NOV 18**

The 14th grand vigil organized by the Dhobi Samaj Welfare Society, the operator of Jai Maa Kali Jai Shanidev Temple Rampura Phul, was attended by a large number of presidents and representatives of all Dhobi Samaj from Haryana, Rajasthan, Nangal Dam, many other cities and states.

During the vigil, the curtain ceremony of the idol of Shri Sant Gadge Baba Ji was performed at the time of installation. On this occasion, a meeting of the All India Dhobi Maha Sabha was held. Which was chaired by Jagdish Rajoria, President of Dhobi Sabha Patiala, Pritam Kumar Akhria, President of Punjab Sampuran Dhobi Samaj, State General Secretary Haryana



Maha Dhobi Sabha, Suresh Tanwar Hansi and Shri Laxmi Narayan Mandir Conductor Dhobi Maha Sabha Ferozepur, Rakesh Roshan, Rohit Diwakar, Jaipur Dhobi Sabha Sant Garge Ji, Vinod Kumar Jaipur, Jai Maa Kali Jai Shani Dev Mandir, Chairman of Dhobi Samaj Welfare Society Billu Chauhan, President Brij Lal Chauhan, Vice Chairman Mohan Pawar, Vice President Ranjit Mukheriya (KAKA), Secretary Sanjeev

Tanwar, Vice Secretary Ravi Sunaria, Treasurer Joni Chauhan, Assistant Treasurer Tarsem Sunaria, P.R.O. In the presence of Sanjay Tanwar and other dignitaries from many cities and states, a resolution was passed by the Jai Maa Kali Jai Shanidev Temple Society that after the presidency of Brij Lal Chauhan, the election of the committee will be through voting and the term of office will be three years.

Police seize Charas and Chitta in Bilaspur Anti-Drug Drive

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR: In a determined effort to combat drug abuse impacting local youth, Bilaspur Police have intensified their crackdown on drug suppliers and consumers in the district. As part of this drive, police seized both charas and chitta in separate checkpoints across Bilaspur. In the first incident, 228 grams of charas were confiscated from two youths from Haryana at a checkpoint in Malayawar. In the second, police recovered 5.71 grams of chitta from two local youths near Jabbal Bridge. Superintendent of Police spokesperson Madan Dhiman confirmed that all four suspects, identified as drug couriers, have been arrested. Cases have been filed against them under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, as authorities continue efforts to stem the flow of drugs in the region.

Jain School teachers get Best Teacher Award



MANJINDER SINGH
BANGA: Swami Roop Chand Jain Model Senior Secondary School Banga teachers Madam Kajal and Tajjit were honored with the Best Teacher Award. Principal of the school Manju Bala said, on November 16 and 17, Madam Kajal and Tajjit were honored with the FAP National Award 2024 Best Teacher Award by the FAP National Award. This award program was held at Chandigarh University. It is a matter of pride for Jain Model School, which was organized by FAP Chairman Jagjit Singh Dhuri and the teachers were felicitated. School Chairman Senior Advocate JD Jain President Kamal Jain Manager Sanjeev Jain and all staff members congratulated Madam Kajal and Tajjit.

Students of Omprakash Garg Sr Sec School win in provincial level competition 'Know India'



VIJAY KAUSHIK
LADWA: Bharat Vikas Parishad Haryana North organized the 'Know India' competition at the provincial level on November 17 in Satluj Senior Secondary School, Shahabad. In which Lakshya and Harsh of the senior class of Ladwa branch also participated. They are the students of Om Prakash Garg Senior Secondary School Class IX. There were a total of 28 teams in the competition. Lakshya and Harsh stood first. These students qualified for the regional level competition to be held in Karnal on December 8. School Principal Bhavna Gupta felicitated these children with shields in the prayer assembly and congratulated them. She encouraged the upcoming students to participate in such competitions. In this, students can evaluate their knowledge and gain knowledge about their country.

Delhi: BJP leaders distribute masks, slam AAP over rising pollution levels

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, NOV 18

Delhi BJP President Virendraa Sachdeva and BJP MP Praveen Khandelwal on Monday distributed masks to the public at Central Secretariat Metro Station as air quality remains in the 'Severe' category as per the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

Speaking to reporters, Delhi BJP President Virendra Sachdeva criticized the AAP-led Delhi government for worsening air quality in the national capital and attributed the deteriorating situation to its "poor work".

"The situation in Delhi is getting worse. People in Delhi are suffering because of the



kind of governance by the Delhi Govt. Dust control will have to be done and stubble burning in Punjab will have to stop. The situation of pollution is because of the Delhi government's poor work and people have to face consequences...We have been saying continuously that

pollution is not an issue for about 1 month. We will have to work 12 months to solve this issue," he said.

A thick blanket of smog engulfed several parts of the national capital and the Air Quality Index was recorded at 483 level at 7 am on Monday. Due to worsening air quality,

Students will serve as volunteers at the polling booths

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: More than 1000 students will serve at the polling booths on November 20, the day of polling for the by-election of Vidhan Sabha Constituency 103 Barnala. Today Deputy Commissioner cum District Election Officer Barnala Ms. Punamdeep Kaur IAS and Assistant Commissioner (J) cum District Nodal



Officer Barnala Rajan Goyal and SDM. S. Gurbir Singh Kohli today distributed t-shirts for the students to the teachers of different schools who will help in the

election process by rendering their duties at various polling booths as volunteers of the respective schools. Meanwhile, District Education Officer (Secondary) Ms. Malka Rani, Deputy DEO. S. Barjinderpal Singh, Principal S.O.E. Bhador S. Major Singh, Madam Archana Lecturer LBS. College Barnala and Pritpal Singh S.S. Masters were present.

AAP's autumn has arrived, and its leaves are falling: Anil Vij

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
AMBALA, NOV 18

Haryana's Energy, Transport and Labor Minister, Sh. Anil Vij jibed on the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) today and said that the party's "autumn (Patjhar) has arrived, and its leaves are falling."

While interacting with media persons today, Sh. Vij said that "Slowly, you will see that all the honest people will leave the Aam Aadmi Party. They joined the party because of its image of honesty, but that image has faded, and everyone knows it. That's why all honest people will leave this party."

It is worth noting that Delhi government minister Kailash Gahlot recently resigned not only from his ministerial position but also from the party itself, citing serious allegations. Responding to this development, Cabinet



Minister Anil Vij shared his reaction today.

Referring to Uddhav Thackeray's statement that if his government comes to power in Maharashtra, they will revoke everything given to Gautam Adani by the current government in the first cabinet meeting, Anil Vij humorously remarked that "He is suffering from Adani fever. He don't talk about any other issues like roads, drainage, infrastructure, education or healthcare. He is only obsessed with Adani and see him everywhere."

Achyuta Samanta honoured with FIVB Grand Cross Award

BUREAU
BHUBANESWAR, NOV 18

The Founder of KIIT and KISS, has been conferred the prestigious 'Grand Cross Award', the highest honour from the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB). This recognition was bestowed upon him during the 39th FIVB World Congress, a three-day event held in Porto, Portugal, from November 15 to 17.

This award acknowledges his outstanding contributions to the development of sports, particularly volleyball. FIVB President Dr. Ary Graca presented the award to Dr Samanta in a grand ceremony attended by representatives and presidents of volleyball associations from 222 countries.

Earlier, during a visit to KIIT and KISS, Dr. Graca



had announced that Dr Samanta would be honoured with the FIVB Grand Cross Award for his exemplary efforts in promoting sports. Following this, Dr Samanta was specially invited to the World Congress, where he received prestigious recognition.

The Grand Cross Award is FIVB's highest honour,

given to individuals who have significantly contributed to the growth and development of sports, particularly volleyball. Representatives from 222 countries appreciated Dr Samanta's remarkable achievements in sports and education during the event.

In his acceptance speech, Dr Samanta expressed his gratitude, saying, "I have been chosen for this highest honour by FIVB. I am deeply indebted to Lord Jagannath for this recognition and dedicate this award to Him. I also dedicate it to all sports enthusiasts and sportspersons of India, especially those from Odisha, as well as KIIT and KISS."

This award further highlights the impact of Achyuta Samanta's work in promoting sports and fostering talent at both national and global levels.

World Diabetes Day observed at Rayat Bahra University



LK BANSAL

MOHALI: World Diabetes Day was observed by University School of Allied Health Sciences, (USAHS) Rayat Bahra University. The theme of the day was "Breaking Barriers, Bridging Gaps," The theme highlights the commitment to reduce the risk of diabetes and making sure that everyone with the disease has access to equitable, thorough, reasonably priced, and high-quality care. With this commitment, Dr Pankaj Kaul, Dean, University School of Allied Health Sciences, emphasised on the necessity of early change in lifestyle to prevent diabetes. He along with Pervinder Kaur, Assistant Professor, Clinical Biochemistry, University School of Allied Health Sciences, shared their views on clinical aspects of various conditions leading to diabetes. The speakers primarily emphasised the need for healthy food habits and active lifestyle for the prevention of diabetes. The event ended with a vote of thanks by K. S. Rana, Associate Professor, University School of Allied Health Sciences. Chancellor Gurvinder Singh Bahra and Dr Parvinder Singh, Vice-Chancellor, appreciated the efforts put in by faculty and students of USAHS for spreading awareness about diabetes and its side effects.

Swachh Bharat Mission and MC conduct cleanliness drive in Ward No. 3



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Swachh Bharat Mission team and Municipal Corporation jointly conducted cleanliness drive in Ward No. 3, DC Colony today. Campaign was led by Subhash Chandra, Executive Vice Chairman of Swachh Bharat Mission Haryana. He cleaned with brooms in his hands along with sanitation workers, BJP leaders and colleagues at 7 am amid fog and bitter cold. Dumping point located on DC Colony Road where there were huge piles of garbage was made dirt-free by sanitation volunteers in short time. This campaign was run to make ward clean and beautiful. Vice Chairman appealed to people to come forward for this noble work and work for cleanliness. Subhash Chandra said that cleanliness is most important aspect of our life, which is very important for all of us. It is very important for us to learn cleanliness from childhood because through this we can keep ourselves healthy. He said that cleanliness that is seen in developed countries, same cleanliness has been envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in India. To make Haryana state and country a leader in cleanliness, dream that Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini have seen, we all have to fulfill it together, no matter how much effort we have to make for it.

Punjab Health Corp Chairman vows strict action against Gurdaspur robbery culprits



VERMA
GURDASPUR: Those who disturb the peace and law and order in Gurdaspur will not be spared, and strict legal action will be taken against the culprits. This statement was made by Chairman Raman Bahil after visiting the hospital to inquire about the health of Chairman of District Swarnkar Sangh Ram Lubhaya Verma and District President Swarnkar Sangh Munish Verma, who were injured during an attempted robbery at their home last night. Speaking on the occasion, Raman Bahil, Chairman of Punjab Health Systems Corporation, said that the Chairman and President Verma bravely confronted the robbers, and by the grace of God, they were spared from major harm. Chairman Raman Bahil wished for the speedy recovery of both the Chairman and President of the District Swarnkar Sangh and stated that no anti-social elements will be allowed to disturb the peace and order in the city, and the culprits will soon be behind bars. He also mentioned that he had instructed police officials to ensure no slackness in taking action against the culprits and to arrest them promptly for legal proceedings.

Cast your vote while keeping development in mind: Meet Hayer

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, NOV 18

Member of Parliament Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer and AAP candidate Harinder Singh Dhaliwal held big election rallies in villages on the last day of campaigning for the by-election today and went door to door in Barnala city to seek votes from the residents of the constituency in the name of development. Today, AAP held election meetings in Farwahi, Dhanaula, Handiya Kainchayan, Saran Kothe, Thullehwal, Sanghera and Bhadlawadh, while corner meetings and door-to-door campaigning were held in different parts of Barnala city. Both the leaders said that record-breaking work has been done in Barnala constituency during the Aam Aadmi Party government and even bigger work will be done in the next two and a half years. While



Meet Hayer announced to provide maximum funds for MP quota, the state government under the leadership of Harinder Singh Dhaliwal will take maximum funds for development work in Barnala. Meet Hayer said that to continue the pace of development, Harinder Singh Dhaliwal should be elected with a big margin. Harinder Singh Dhaliwal said that he will leave no stone unturned for the betterment of Barnala constituency. He said that 90% of the promises made to the

people of Punjab by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann before coming to power have been fulfilled in the first two and a half years. He further said that the Aam Aadmi Party government has always paid attention to the needs and issues of the common people of Punjab and will continue to do so. This is the reason why the people of Punjab still have faith in them, because they wanted to get rid of the oppression of traditional parties, that is why they chose change.

Congress takes out walk on the last day of election campaign

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, NOV 18

Congress candidate Kuldeep Singh Kala Dhillon took out a foot march on Monday, the last day of campaigning for the by-election of Vidhan Sabha constituency Barnala. In which former Chief Minister of Punjab Charanjit Singh Channi, Leader of Opposition Pratap Singh Bajwa, former Cabinet Minister Vijayinder Singla, former Cabinet Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu and former Chief Minister Bibi Rajinder Kaur Bhatl participated in a dignified manner. Thousands of people gathered at the local 16 Acre to start the walk march, which was thanked by the entire leadership. Speaking on the occasion, former Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi said that the gathering of thousands of AAP Muharra



people for the foot march has made it clear that the Congress Party is winning the Barnala seat with a big lead. Attacking the AAP government, Channi said that despite the cold weather in Punjab during the tenure of Bhagwant Mann's government, power cuts are taking place. When the people of Barnala wake up in the morning, the power supply is interrupted.

Not only that, the AAP government has taken a debt of Rs 92,000 crore, yet there are no signs of development or concrete reforms for the people. On this occasion, the leader of the opposition

Pratap Singh Bajwa said that the Aam Aadmi Party had made big claims before the 2022 elections, I want to ask where are the new medical colleges, hospitals, airports that Punjab needs? Instead, we see flashy election campaign ads in other states like Goa and Kerala. Where has Punjab's money gone? Former Cabinet Minister Vijayinder Singla said that Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann had told the farmers that the purchase of the crop would be smooth, yet today our farmers are rolling in the markets with the crop and waiting to pick their crop.

Globe Heritage International School wins overall trophy in Inter School Karate Championship

VIJAY KAUSHIK
LADWA, NOV 18

Students of Globe Heritage International School won the Inter School Karate Championship. School's Sports Department teacher Sanjay Kumar informed that the Inter School Karate Championship was organized at Red Dragon Martial Arts Academy Ambala. Forty six students of Globe Heritage International School participated in the Belt Grading Test and Seminar and won the overall trophy by winning a total of 46 medals including 29 gold and 17 silver medals. The medal winning players included Anshit, Deepanshu, Kevin, Namit, Jaash, Manan Saini, Jayansh, Palvit, Dhruv, Riddhan,



Tanish, Mayank, Ansh Rana, Divyam, Duansh, Deepender, Ishika, Ramanee, Amritpal, Keshav Rana, Aarav Pujara, Dhruvika, Kunal, Priyal, Lavisha, Bhavika, Japman, Reshwa and Bhagat Ram won the gold medal and Aarav, Tanishka, Digvijay, Manik, Yojit, Aarav, Annol, Akshit, Nihit, Sarthak, Nikunj, Satyan, Digvijay, Yuvraj, Avni, Vihaan and Advik won silver medals. The winners were welcomed on reaching the school. After welcoming the winners,

Principal Ritu Singla congratulated the players and said that all the students those participated in this competition deserved congratulations because participating in any competition was important in itself and winning a medal in it was like ice on the cake. She also congratulated the team's coach and said that 100 per cent credit for this went to the parents of the students as well as the coach who was always ready to make the children work so hard.

Naveen Jindal Foundation health campaign provides health services through mobile vans

VIJAY KAUSHIK
LADWA, NOV 18

Naveen Jindal Foundation has been running a health awareness campaign in Kurukshetra parliamentary constituency. He is providing health services through mobile medical units in every village under the Swasth Kurukshetra campaign and people are availing health benefits. Mobile medical unit is providing facilities of blood test and urine test on the spot. In the villages of the area, medicines are being given free of cost to the patients in mobile medical unit after consultation with the doctor.

MP Under Jindal's Swasth Kurukshetra



Abhiyan, 144 people benefitted in Badondi and Badonda villages of Ladwa constituency. Besides, 27 people also were tested in these villages. On this occasion, medicines were also distributed free of cost to the patients in the camp. Dr. Raj Kumar of Jindal Foundation team said that MP Naveen Jindal was

trying to provide health services to every person in the parliamentary constituency under the Swasth Kurukshetra campaign. The doctors of the Mobile Medical Unit were also making the people of the village aware about their eating habits so that people adopt a healthy lifestyle and stay healthy.

Free blood sugar check-up camp organized by Manav Seva Uttam Seva Sanstha Nabha



RAKESH JINDAL

NABHA: Manav Seva Uttam Seva Raji Khoondani a free blood sugar check-up camp was organized at Alhoran Gate by State Awardee organization Nabha under the leadership of Chief Sevaarad Vikas Mittal. In this camp, 65 patients were tested free of blood sugar by Dr. Kang's lab. Blood sugar of needy people was checked in this camp. On this occasion, Chief Attendant Vikas Mitl while talking about diabetes said that this problem is present in people all over the world but more problem is seen in Indians. Up to 20 percent of this disease is affected by your family background while 80 percent is due to our common life. He further said that when we eat any food, when the sugar in it enters our body, the pancreas releases sufficient amount of insulin in our body to control it, with which the sugar remains under control, but our With lifestyle and our aging, our pancreas works lessgives. Due to which the amount of insulin decreases and the amount of sugar increases in our body, diabetes begins to occur.

Editorial

Stretched

Physical fitness is not a luxury; it is an absolute necessity to sustain healthy living. But a number of recent studies have shown that time for exercising remains a luxury for most women. According to research conducted by the National Institutes of Health, only 33% of American women have met the World Health Organization's recommendations for aerobic exercise — 150 to 300 minutes per week — as opposed to 43% of their male counterparts. This is consistent with the global numbers. A 2017 study by the same body had found that this gender gap exists across ages and demographics in 147 countries. The reasons for such inequality are not hard to find. The practical barriers that prevent women from committing to a daily exercise regimen are too many: domestic responsibilities, shortage of time, the high subscription cost of gymnasiums and instructors, and lack of space, among others. The unequal distribution of household labour and women prioritising the health of their family members over their own are perhaps the most formidable among these hurdles. Consequently — and the 2024 Free Time Gender Gap report confirms this — women have 13% less free time than men. Ironically, the perception of women exercising might have come a long way: data from the 2022 Women in Sport revealed that 60% of women had been working out for 150 minutes weekly. But working out could not be prioritised by them given the associated burdens of childcare, household work, and professional commitments. The situation in India is not very different. The findings of a recent national study conducted by Dalberg Advisors and Sports and Society Accelerator underlined the gendered dimensions of exercise — 45% of Indian women believe that the pursuit of sports can ruin the marriage prospects of girls.

Lack of exercise has serious implications for health. Cardiovascular diseases, diabetes and depression can be mitigated by working out regularly. Interestingly, a study even suggests that the same quantum of exercise benefits women more than men. This reiterates both the need for women to exercise and their right to recreation but festering societal impediments — prejudices — along with such challenges as the absence of inclusive infrastructure often strengthen a culture of exclusion. The pursuit of exercise should not have been yet another struggle that women have to fight for. But it evidently is.

Zelenskyy urges G20 leaders to address Russia's continued terror

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy expressed his deep gratitude to international partners for their support in providing air defence systems and missiles to Ukraine. He further emphasised the need for these systems, citing the ongoing Russian attacks on Ukrainian territories.

Zelenskyy urged partners to facilitate the delivery of defence systems like the Patriot.

Zelenskyy took to X ot post, "I am deeply grateful to all our partners who support us with air defense systems and missiles. This is a truly global effort. Every time Russia carries out such attacks, it underscores how critical it is that partners don't leave systems like Patriot and others sitting idle in warehouses, but instead provide them to those who know how to protect lives and urgently need them."

"We still haven't received all the necessary systems from our allies—but we continue to work toward that goal. Once these systems are in place, our ability to repel attacks will be much stronger," he posted.

The Ukrainian President further said that one of the key element of Victory Plan is providing the Ukrainian army with long-range capabilities. He said, "One more thing: The plan for strengthening Ukraine is the Victory Plan that I presented to our partners. One of its key elements is providing our army with long-range capabilities. There's been much said in the media today that we have received approval to take relative



actions. But strikes are not carried out with words. These things are not announced. The missiles will speak for themselves."

Meanwhile, Zelenskyy also condemned Russia's latest large-scale attack on Ukraine, which saw 210 missiles and drones target critical civilian infrastructure, resulting in fatalities, including children. Sharing another post on X, Zelenskyy wrote, "This morning began with one of the largest Russian strikes on Ukraine. 210 missiles and drones, including aeroballistic and hypersonic missiles, as well as dozens of Shahed drones, were launched. All of them targeted civilian infrastructure--critical facilities like power

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"Putin drowns the world in his rhetoric, but his only true message is written in destruction and death, delivered through every missile and drone Russia sends. This evening, a Russian missile hit a nine-story residential building. There are confirmed fatalities, including children. Many people are wounded. Emergency services are on the scene, doing everything to save lives. But what is still missing--and desperately needed--is the principled reaction of the world to this evil,"the post added.

Zelenskyy further stressed the need for a decisive action from the global community, particularly as G20 leaders

meet, urging them "not to turn a blind eye to Russia's continued terror."

He added, "These days, leaders of the G20 are meeting. The entire world needs them not to turn a blind eye to Russia's continued terror. Only when the world reacts decisively can the situation change. Russia has involved North Korea in its war--and the reaction has been weak. Russia has continued its terror for nearly 1,000 days--and the world's decisions are still delayed. Two years ago, at the G20 Summit, Ukraine presented the Peace Formula--a clear path to ending this war. Yet it has not been implemented. The time to act is now. The G20 cannot afford weakness or indifference. It must rise decisively to this challenge."

US President Joe Biden has authorised the use of long-range missiles by Ukraine to target the deepest part of Russia, the New York Times reported on Sunday. The missiles could be used in the Kursk region of western Russia to defend Ukrainian forces against Russian and North Korean offensives, the New York Times quoted US officials as saying.

This comes as President-elect Donald Trump is set to assume charge. In earlier statements, Trump has called to bring an end to the war.As per the officials, Ukraine will be allowed to use the long-range missiles, known as the Army Tactical Missile Systems, or ATACMS, the New York Times reported.

Biden's decision comes in response to Russia's surprise decision to bring North Korean troops into the fight, officials told the New York Times.

Literature & Health

Al Ain Book Festival 2024 kicks off

Under the patronage of Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Chairman of the Abu Dhabi Executive Council, and organised by the Abu Dhabi Arabic Language Centre (ALC), the Al Ain Book Festival 2024 kicked off its activities at Al Ain Square - Hazza Bin Zayed Stadium.

Held under the theme "All Eyes on Al Ain", the festival is scheduled to run until November 23. This year's festival presents more than 200 events and activities, bringing together a distinguished group of pioneers in culture, art, and poetry from various creative fields. The event aims to promote a culture of reading and encourage members of the community, especially youth and young adults, to engage with Emirati cultural heritage and appreciate its rich legacy. Dr. Ali bin Tamim, Chairman of the ALC, said, "The patronage of the Al Ain Book Festival by Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Chairman of the Abu Dhabi Executive Council, underscores the success of the festival and con-



solidates its position as a prominent cultural destination that promotes knowledge, embraces culture, contributes to the publication of books, and celebrates icons of culture, science, knowledge, and arts."

"With its distinguished vision," he continued, "the festival has supported the Centre's strategic efforts to promote the presence of the Arabic language as a key component of cultural identity, in line with the Emirate of Abu Dhabi's vision to create a generation of avid readers with strong ties to their language and culture and to the Emirati heritage and authentic values."

Biden announces major climate initiatives

United States President Joe Biden announced major climate initiatives on Sunday in a bid to fight against climate change.

President Biden, who is in Brazil to attend the G20 Summit scheduled to be held on Monday in Rio De Janeiro, visited the Amazon rainforest on Sunday and became the first US sitting president to do so.

Addressing the press after his visit, Biden promised an additional 50 million dollars as a contribution to the Amazon fund. The US has previously contributed 50 million dollars. During the address, Biden stated that fighting climate change has been a "defining cause" of his administration and made four key announcements to tackle



it. He announced that the US development finance corporation will mobilize hundreds of dollars in partnership with a Brazilian company to reforest the Amazon.

He also promised restoration and a bioeconomy finance coalition to mobilize at least 10 billion dollars by 2030 to restore and protect 20, 000 square miles of land in Brazil.

Moreover, he stated that the US will provide funding to help launch Brazilian President Lula's important new initiative 'The Tropical Forest Forever Fund'.

"It is in the interest of all of us. US benefits from it as much as any other country does including here in Brazil," President Biden said.

President Biden outlined that the fight to protect the planet is "literally" a fight for humanity for generations to come.

"I will leave my successor and my country with a strong foundation to build on if they choose to do so. It's true some may seek to deny and delay the green energy revolution that is underway in America but nobody can reverse it," he added.

POEMS

Journey Home

The time that my journey takes is long and the way of it long. I came out on the chariot of the first gleam of light, and pursued my voyage through the wildernesses of worlds leaving my track on many a star and planet. It is the most distant course that comes nearest to thyself, and that training is the most intricate which leads to the utter simplicity of a tune. The traveler has to knock at every alien door to come to his own, and one has to wander through all the outer worlds to reach the innermost shrine at the end.

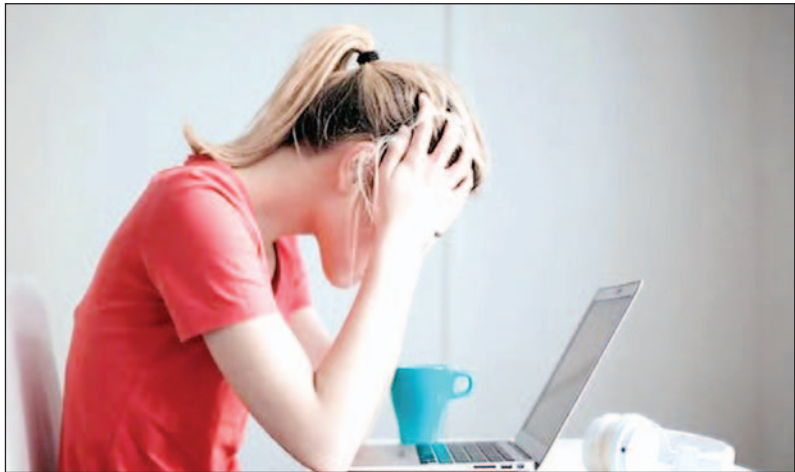
Rabindranath Tagore

How stress is fundamentally changing our memories

Researchers at The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) revealed that stress alters how our brain encodes and retrieves aversive memories, and they developed a potential new method for restoring adequate memory specificity in persons suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

If you stumble during a presentation, you might feel stressed the next time you have to present because your brain associates your next presentation with that one poor and aversive experience. This type of stress is tied to one memory. But stress from traumatic events like violence or generalized anxiety disorder can spread far beyond the original event, known as stress-induced aversive memory generalization, where fireworks or car backfires can trigger seemingly unrelated fearful memories and derail your entire day. In the case of PTSD, it can cause much greater negative consequences.

In a study published in Cell, Drs.



Sheena Josselyn and Paul Frankland, Senior Scientists in the Neurosciences & Mental Health program, identify the biological processes behind stress-induced aversive memory generalization and highlight an intervention which

could help restore appropriate memory specificity for people with PTSD.

"A little bit of stress is good, it's what gets you up in the morning when your alarm goes off, but too much stress can be debilitating," says Josse-

lyn, who holds a Canada Research Chair in Circuit Basis of Memory. "We know that people with PTSD show fearful responses to safe situations or environments, and have found a way to limit this fearful response to specific situations and potentially reduce the harmful effects of PTSD."

Together with their colleague Dr. Matthew Hill at the University of Calgary Hotchkiss Brain Institute, the research team was able to block endocannabinoid receptors on interneurons, and limit stress-induced aversive memory generalization to the specific, appropriate memory.

In a preclinical model, the research team exposed subjects to an acute, but safe, stress before an aversive event to create a non-specific fearful memory that could be triggered by unrelated safe situations, similar to how PTSD presents in humans.

The team then examined the subject's memory engrams, which are physical representations of a memory

in the brain pioneered by the Josselyn and Frankland labs at SickKids. Usually, engrams are made up of a sparse number of neurons, but the stress-induced memory engrams involved significantly more neurons. These larger engrams produced generalized fearful memories that were retrieved even in safe situations.

When they looked closer at these large engrams, the study found that stress caused an increase in the release of endocannabinoids (endogenous cannabinoids) which disrupted the function of interneurons, whose role is it to constrain the size of the engram.

The endocannabinoid system enhances memory formation and helps link lived experiences with specific behavioural outcomes. In the amygdala, the emotional processing centre of the brain, certain 'gate keeper' interneurons have special receptors for endocannabinoids, and help constrain the size of the engram and the specificity of the memory. But, when too many

endocannabinoids are released, the function of the gatekeeping interneurons is disrupted, causing an increase in the size of the engram.

"Endocannabinoid receptors function like a velvet rope at an exclusive club. When stress induces the release of too many endocannabinoids, the velvet rope falls, causing more generalized aversive fearful memories to form," explains Josselyn.

"By blocking these endocannabinoid receptors just on these specific interneurons, we could essentially prevent one of the most debilitating symptoms of PTSD."

In 2023, previous research in Science identified larger, more generalized memory engrams in the developing brain than in the adult brain, just like stress-induced memory engrams. As they continue to explore this unexpected link between engram size, stress and age, the teams are also delving into how daily stressors may impact happy memories.

HDFC Bank was adjudged as the 'Best Private Bank in India' at the Global Private Banking Awards 2024

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: HDFC Bank, India's leading private sector bank, was honoured with the 'Best Private Bank in India' award at the Global Private Banking Awards 2024, organized by Professional Wealth Management (PWM). Mr. Rakesh K Singh said, "We are honoured to receive this award from Professional Wealth Management (PWM). This award is a testament to our team's dedication to serving clients and the trust they have placed in HDFC Bank for nearly three decades. HDFC Bank places a strong emphasis on a customer-centric approach and is committed to providing tailored financial solutions across asset classes. To enhance customer experience, we remain focused on a physical approach. Our wealth managers cater to clients in 923 locations across India.

Provivi and Godrej Agrovet launch pest control solutions

CHANDIGARH: Provivi, a global leader in pheromone-based crop protection, and Godrej Agrovet Limited (GAVL), a leading Indian Research & Development focused food and agri-business conglomerate, today announced a strategic collaboration to deliver sustainable pest control solutions tailored for India's critical rice and corn farmers. Under this collaboration, GAVL would be introducing sustainable solutions in India. The company will distribute Provivi's YSB Eco-Dispenser, specifically designed to control Yellow Stem Borer (YSB) in rice and will hold exclusive commercialisation rights for the FAW Eco-Dispenser targeting Fall Armyworm (FAW) in corn in India. These pheromone-based technologies will provide Indian farmers with advanced, environmentally friendly pest management tools, supporting the livelihoods of millions of growers who depend on rice and corn cultivation.

Vihaan Verma won the cycling title



Chandigarh, With the aim of creating passion towards cycling at the grassroots level, Cycle Group - Cyclegarh organized a cycling competition for children in five different categories at New Chandigarh wherein nearly 55 participants from the tricity participated. Vihan Verma emerged as the champion in the Road Race of the under 15 category while Mohammad Kabir stole the show in MTB category. In the girls category Lakshika Dhiman won the title. Aham got the first prize in the under 12 category while Roshni was placed first in the girls category. Gunveer Verma won the gold medal in the under 10 category while Seerat Chaudhary stood first in the girls category. Arjun Goyal was the winner in under 8 category wherein Aarya Mohantu won the gold in the girls category. Satvik Sahu stood first in the under 6 category as Anika Soni was the winner in the girls' category. Organiser Mishra Bar said the purpose of organizing the competition was to inculcate a competitive spirit in children in cycling sports. She affirmed that Cyclegarh will continue to organize Children Edition in near future as well.

Rodic Consultants Develops SAAJ App

SHIMLA: Rodic Consultants, a leading engineering and digital infrastructure consulting company, developed the SAAJ (Sehat aur Aarogya ki Jaankari) app, a state-of-the-art digital platform, to streamline healthcare access for residents across Bihar. The app, which has been developed for Bihar Government, represents Rodic's commitment to leveraging cutting-edge technology to address critical healthcare needs and improve the healthcare experience for all residents. The app is designed to provide comprehensive information about hospitals and healthcare facilities, including real-time data on service availability, which will significantly reduce the barriers to accessing critical medical services. "We are excited to work with the Bihar Government to bring this important project to life. The SAAJ app represents our commitment to leveraging technology to address healthcare challenges and improve the quality of life for residents in Bihar," said Mr. Raj Kumar, CMD, Rodic Consultants Pvt. Ltd. The launch of the SAAJ app aligns with the Government of Bihar's vision to enhance healthcare infrastructure and promote digital health solutions, making healthcare more accessible and efficient for all residents of Bihar. Rodic Consultants is dedicated to driving impactful change through innovative solutions. With the SAAJ app, the firm aims to empower individuals to take charge of their health while providing the government.

World COPD Day 2024: understanding lung health for early detection and management

Amitrasi: - As part of World COPD Day 2024, health experts are emphasizing the importance of knowing and understanding lung health, in line with this year's theme, "Know Your Lung Function." This focus is crucial as non-communicable diseases (NCDs) account for 74% of global deaths, with chronic respiratory diseases (CRDs) like COPD significantly impacting health outcomes, especially in India. COPD is the most prevalent yet underdiagnosed respiratory condition, affecting around 55 million Indians and ranking as the second leading cause of death in the country as per the Global Burden of Disease Study 2019. [1] [2] Speaking on the importance of lung function testing Dr. Naresh Chawla, Chest Physician, Amitrasi said, "Early diagnosis and treatment are vital for effective management of chronic respiratory disease like COPD and in preventing further complications. Spirometry, a lung function test that measures the amount of air the lungs can hold and how quickly you can exhale, is crucial for diagnosing COPD early, before the severity of the condition further escalates. [3] Unfortunately, many individuals in India only recognize the signs of COPD when a family member has experienced it, often dismissing early symptoms as aging, the common flu or a smoker's cough.[4] Patient education is therefore essential.

Bajaj Finance FDs witness momentum across demographics

CHANDIGARH(R N Khera): Bajaj Finance Limited (BFL), part of Bajaj Finserv Ltd., one of India's largest and most diversified financial services groups, has reported a growth of 21% in its Fixed Deposits (FDs) book as on 30 Sep 2024, to touch Rs. 66,131 crore. Sachin Sikka, Executive Vice President – Deposits, Investments, Rewards and EMI Cards, Bajaj Finance, said: "The Bajaj Group's century-old legacy of trust resonates across generations of Indian families. Bajaj Finserv is founded on the business philosophy of the Bajaj Group, which has encouraged people across demographics to choose its FDs. It is this multi-generational trust that's driving us to continuously transform savers' experience through digital journeys, competitive interest rates and a safe investing platform."

Yoga poses and stretches for sciatica pain relief

Back pain is not amusing, regardless of how you slept in an unusual position or had a bad posture while working at your desk. Yoga can help with sciatica pain! Finding out what is really creating the distress is the first step toward getting rid of it. Maybe muscle cramps? An irritated sciatic nerve resulting in sciatica is another possibility. What is sciatica and how can yoga help? 'Sciatica' is the medical term for sciatic nerve pain. If the sciatic nerve is strained, compressed, inflamed, or injured, this happens. Let's go a little more into how you might use yoga's healing properties to avoid, relieve, and treat sciatica. A mild yoga practice can greatly aid in the relief of sciatic discomfort. Back pain and sciatica sufferers might benefit greatly from yoga asanas combined with mindful, calm breathing. It provides patients with the necessary aid to manage their discomfort and avoid major problems. Here are some of the Poses and Stretches For Sciatica Pain Relief that you can try safely. 1. Child's Pose (Balasana) Child's Pose is a fantastic method to connect with your body and soothe it. This promotes flexibility and mobility in your hips, thighs, and lower back by lengthening and stretching your spine. 2. Half Moon Pose (Ardha Chandrasana) Half Moon Pose helps to develop balance and stabilize your body. It



relaxes your spine, glutes, and thighs while increasing flexibility and relieving stress. 3. Cobra Pose (Bhujangasana) This relaxing position strengthens and extends your spine while also increasing blood flow and flexibility. 4. Cat-Cow Pose

(Marjaryasana/Bitilasana) It requires shifting the spine from a rounded (flexion) to an arched posture (extension). This is a basic vinyasa since each movement is done in combination with either an inhale or exhale of the breath. 5. Locust Pose (Salabhasana) The spine, glutes, and thighs are

all strengthened in this position. It supports your lower back and core. It also helps to improve hip circulation and flexibility. 6. Bridge Pose (Setu Bandha Sarvangasana) The spine is stretched in a Bridge Pose, which relieves pain and stress. It stimulates circulation by gently stimulating the body. It also strengthens your legs, glutes, and core. 7. Downward-Facing Dog (Adho Mukha Svanasana) This forward bend helps to correct your body, alleviating discomfort and tension. Downward-Facing Dog strengthens your entire body while correcting imbalances. Holding this pose for about a minute can do wonders for the pain.

Meesho Steps Up Fight Against Online Fraud with Project Vishwas

CHANDIGARH: Meesho unveiled the second edition of its 'Trust Assurance Report' today. The report delves into Meesho's proactive measures and continued efforts to enhance security and user trust. By emphasizing on technological innovations, collaboration with industry experts, and implementing robust security measures, Meesho has earned a reputation as a secure and trustworthy e-commerce platform for its customers. As part of Project Vishwas, the company continues to invest in strengthening its dedicated 'trust and safety' team, focused on building and maintaining user trust on the platform. Sourabh Pandey, General Manager, Fulfillment & Experience at Meesho says that a key component of Meesho's strategy is 'Project Vishwas', a broad initiative that incorporates various methods to demonstrate our commitment to the safety of both customers and sellers. By leveraging advanced technologies, collaborating with specialized agencies and consultants as well as conducting rigorous on-ground audits, we are trying to stay ahead of the curve in fraud prevention. To effectively combat these frauds, we also have a dedicated trust and safety team focused on building and maintaining user trust.



108 Ambulance Trains Nursing Students in Life-Saving Skills at First Responder Workshop



Jalandhar: The 108 Ambulance service reaffirmed its commitment to community health and safety by conducting a First Responder Program (FRP) at the School of Nursing, Civil Hospital, Jalandhar. Over 50 nursing students participated in this impactful workshop designed to equip them with essential emergency response skills. The FRP session was led by Dr. Neha Mandpal, supported by Cluster Leader Kamaldeep Singh. The program provided comprehensive training and hands-on demonstrations in life-saving techniques, empowering students to respond

effectively in critical situations. The workshop emphasized the importance of timely and confident action during emergencies, preparing participants to be reliable first responders within their communities.

Manish Batra, Project Head of 108 Ambulance, praised the initiative, saying, "Our mission is not just to provide emergency services but also to educate and empower communities. Programs like the First Responder Program are vital in building a network of trained individuals ready to step up and save lives when every second counts."

Braj Ras Katha begins with Shri Pundarik Goswami Ji Maharaj



Panchkula: The much-awaited Braj Ras Katha was started today under the spiritual guidance of Shrimad Madhavgovindeshwar Vaishnavacharya Pujyapad Shri Pundarik Goswami Ji Maharaj of Vrindavan, which is captivating the hearts and minds of devotees. These discourses took the devotees on a spiritual journey of Vrindavan through devotional stories and music, exploring the divine themes of Renu (Braj Raj), Venu (flute), Dhenu (cow), Shri Krishna and Shri Radha, thereby developing a deep connection with knowledge towards our spiritual heritage. On this occasion, Shri Manmadhav Gaudeshwar

Vaishnav Acharya Shri Pundarik Goswami held a press conference at House No. 1111, Sector 7, Panchkula and said that religious awareness is necessary in every work. He said that it is also very important to have religious journalism in the country, in which you have knowledge of everything. He said that we should not get into the caste trap and should not believe what we hear from anyone. He said that 20,000 students are studying here in his school, most of whom are educationists, doctors, lawyers and various professionals. He said that we should read all the religious texts, which gives us a lot of knowledge.

Duroply offers superior calibration across its range of plywood products

Shimla : Duroply, India's premium and one of the most experienced among the leading plywood manufacturer, offers Superior Calibration across its range of plywood products, setting a new benchmark in customer-centric innovation and quality in the industry. With 68+ years of rich expertise, Duroply has consistently focused on innovation and excellence, and this latest offering underscores its commitment in setting a benchmark to meet the evolving needs of builders, architects, and interior designers across the country. Abhishek Chitlangia, President - Manufacturing, Duroply, said, "We are excited to ensure Superior Calibrated Plywood offering across Duroply's range of plywood products. We have advanced technology in our manufacturing processes to ensure that the flat surface in the final product not only enhances the beauty of the interiors by being flawlessly flat but makes it durable to last generations. Each sheet of Superior Calibrated Plywood at Duroply undergoes a meticulous manufacturing process to guarantee uniform thickness and smooth surfaces on all ends, ensuring consistent quality enhancing beauty, sturdiness, and durability of home, office, and commercial interiors."



ISB unveils brand refresh and new logo, fortifying its mission to create new age leaders for India and world

Mohali : The Indian School of Business (ISB) has announced its strategic brand refresh by unveiling a refreshed logo, marking a pivotal step in its mission to develop leaders equipped with the knowledge and character to drive global transformation. Renowned brand consultancy Landor partnered with ISB to bring this vision to life. This evolution aligns with ISB's legacy and ambition, highlighting its position as a world-class institution grounded in rigorous research, innovative pedagogy, and a global outlook. From its robust research centres and world-class faculty to its dynamic alumni network, ISB showcases its success in nurturing leaders who drive impact. ISB's updated logo is a manifestation of its strategic direction and symbolises the institution's innovative and forward-thinking approach. It builds on ISB's core elements while incorporating a modern, forward-thinking design with a bold, clean sans-serif wordmark. The logo itself has been directionally reoriented to move forward and upward towards a direction that conventionally signals progress and empowerment — qualities that are central to ISB's strategic direction. Dean Madan Pillutla remarked, "Our new brand embodies ISB's relentless pursuit of excellence. We are firmly committed to nurturing leaders who drive impactful change in a complex world. We are already on a path of evolution this year with a revised curriculum and a new programme for young leaders. Our new brand identity reflects our belief that the future belongs to those who create it." Lulu Raghavan, President APAC at Landor, added, "This brand refresh is more than a design evolution—it's a powerful statement of ISB's role in shaping future-ready leaders for India and beyond." Since its inception in 2001, ISB has pioneered business education, emerging as a premier research-driven institution. The refreshed brand reflects ISB's focus on blending cutting-edge research with real-world application, fostering an environment where knowledge meets practice.

PM Releases commemorative postage stamp

CHANDIGARH: Prime Minister Narendra Modi released a commemorative postage stamp to mark the centenary of Hindustan Times. Speaking on the occasion he said that Completing the journey of a 100 years is a historic accomplishment. I congratulate everyone who has been a part of this enterprise, who has fought adversity, but remained steadfast. Welcoming the Prime Minister and setting the context for the release of the commemorative postage stamp, HT Media Ltd chairperson and Hindustan Times editorial director Shobhana Bharia said that I thank the Prime Minister from the bottom of my heart for releasing the

commemorate postage stamp. This is a milestone in our long journey, and we know that our mission is far from over." For more than a century, HT has been



an upright witness to landmarks in India's history as the country overthrew colonial rule, established democracy against all odds, pulled millions out of

poverty, and stamped its presence on the world stage. It transformed from a newspaper to a global media conglomerate, launching editions across the country, digital offerings, and a business publication, Mint. It was at the forefront of the global race to professionalise the newsroom, introduce data journalism, and has a strong presence across mediums. But throughout this remarkable arc, HT remained true to its mission — to chronicle the progress of this remarkable country fearlessly, accurately and thoughtfully. It stood for trust and truth. And it remains India's first voice and last word.

Fino Bank launches "Gullak" account aimed at improving household savings

Gurgaon, : Having made banking easy, simple and convenient, Fino Payments Bank is now focusing on making customers save more. Continuing its efforts towards creating value for customers, Fino Bank has today announced the launch of a new savings account "Gullak" aimed at improving savings by offering a range of benefits designed to meet the unique needs of customers.

One can open Gullak account at any of Fino Bank's around 13500 merchant points spread across the state of Haryana and enjoy the benefits. With a minimal account balance of Rs 1000, Gullak account holders need not pay any annual plan fee, get to make cash deposits without any charges, avail 7 free ATM transactions in non-metro locations and enjoy offers on Rupay debit card. An exciting proposition is



the waiver of the minimum account balance on meeting certain criteria.

These include, five UPI transactions through FinoPay mobile app in a month valued at Rs 500 or booking a one-year Fixed Deposit of at least Rs 5000 issued by Fino's partner bank or credit of any government welfare scheme benefit in the account. If customers meet any one of the three criteria, then even if the account balance is less than Rs 1000 there will not be any charges for non-maintenance of minimum balance. Gullak (Piggy Bank) assumes significance in today's context where majority of people withdraw all or most of the money from their bank accounts, thereby losing the opportunity to save and invest.

Bandhan Mutual Fund Launches Bandhan Nifty 200 Quality 30 Index Fund

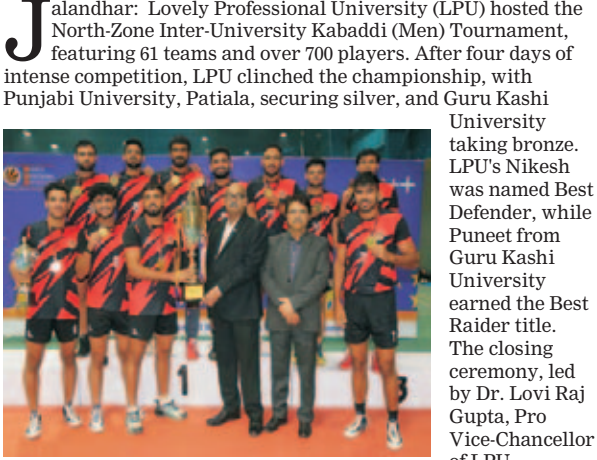
CHANDIGARH : Bandhan Mutual Fund announced the launch of the Bandhan Nifty 200 Quality 30 Index Fund, an open-ended index scheme that tracks the Nifty 200 Quality 30 Index. This fund offers investors access to 30 high-quality companies within the Nifty 200 universe, selected based on key financial metrics such as Return on Equity (ROE), Debt-to-Equity ratio, and Earnings Per Share (EPS). The fund aims to provide both resilience and growth potential, positioning it as a reasonably attractive option for investors seeking relative stability amid market volatility. The New Fund Offer (NFO) will open on Monday, November 18, 2024, and close on Friday, November 29, 2024. Investments in the Bandhan Nifty 200 Quality 30 Index Fund can be made through licensed mutual fund distributors, online platforms, or directly at https://bandhanmutual.com/nfo/bandhan-nifty-200-quality-30-index-fund/. Highlighting the key reasons to invest in the Bandhan Nifty 200 Quality 30 Index Fund, Vishal Kapoor, CEO, Bandhan AMC, said, "As economies face increasing headwinds, there is a growing shift towards large-cap, high-quality stocks that offer resilience and stability. Quality stocks, with their solid financial fundamentals, have become a favoured choice, especially in uncertain markets. The Nifty 200 Quality 30 Index targets companies with robust profitability, manageable debt levels, and consistent earnings, aiming to deliver better risk-adjusted returns with lower volatility. Focused on sectors like Consumer Discretionary and FMCG, these companies have historically shown steady performance and smaller declines during global crises.



CoinSwitch launches first of its kind feature- SmartInvest

CHANDIGARH: Bajaji Shtari, Business Head at CoinSwitch, explained, "Crypto trading can feel complex — choosing assets, timing entries and exits, identifying opportunities... It's challenging for investors. The API trading feature, which was launched last year, received strong interest; however, we recognized that many users lacked the skills or time to create their own strategies. SmartInvest bridges this gap, allowing investors to access expert-driven strategies without needing coding expertise." SmartInvest allows users to leverage expert trading strategies without coding experience, aimed at enhancing their gains and minimizing the risk through intelligent strategy execution. This offering is an extension of CoinSwitch's API trading which was launched last year. SmartInvest offers a selection of strategies crafted by experienced traders, optimized to seize market opportunities, including arbitrage. Users can evaluate and choose from available strategies based on historical profits, minimum investment requirements, and adoption statistics. Once selected, SmartInvest's algorithms execute trades automatically on behalf of users, with a share of profits allocated to strategy developers. Users will be able to monitor the real-time Profit and Loss (P&L) from the SmartInvest section. CoinSwitch piloted the feature in September and received an overwhelming response. SmartInvest currently features nine expert creators offering 13 strategies, each meticulously vetted through a three-stage assessment.

LPU Crowned North-Zone Inter-University Kabaddi (Men) Champions



Jalandhar: Lovely Professional University (LPU) hosted the North-Zone Inter-University Kabaddi (Men) Tournament, featuring 61 teams and over 700 players. After four days of intense competition, LPU clinched the championship, with Punjab University, Patiala, securing silver, and Guru Kashi University taking bronze. LPU's Nikesh was named Best Defender, while Puneet from Guru Kashi University earned the Best Raider title. The closing ceremony, led by Dr. Lovi Raj Gupta, Pro Vice-Chancellor of LPU, celebrated the players' achievements and emphasized the university's commitment to fostering sportsmanship and nurturing young talent. Dr. Gupta encouraged teams to excel at the upcoming national championships. The event showcased exceptional talent, passion, and the rising popularity of Kabaddi, underscoring the spirit of sportsmanship among youth across the region.

Shemrock World Ropar celebrates Annual Day with Vibrant Performances



Mohali: Shemrock World Ropar celebrated its Annual Function "The Annual Talent Extravaganza 2024" with great fervor and enthusiasm, showcasing the talents of its students through a spectacular array of performances. The event, held at the school, was attended by esteemed guests, parents, teachers, and students. Honorable Justice Sanjiv Berry, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The guests of honor included Sh. Sham Lal Chahana, Addl. Distt & Sessions Judge, Rupnagar, Ms. Monika Goyal, Addl. Distt & Sessions Judge, Rupnagar, Mrs. Josphica Sood, Civil Judge Rupnagar, Sh. Gurdeep Singh Cheema, Former Additional Advocate General, Punjab Gov, Sh. Sarabjit Singh Randhawa, Former Addl. Advocate General Punjab Gov. Mrs. Kamlesh Kapoor, Mr. Sunil Kapoor, CEO at Epsilon Advanced Materials and Mr. Jagtar Singh's presence also added grandeur to the event. The program commenced with the lighting of the lamp, followed by a welcome address by Mr. Raghav Berry, Managing Director, Shemrock World Ropar. The school Principal Ms. Charanpreet Kaur proudly read out the Annual Report of the school. The students then took center stage, mesmerizing the audience with their performances, including cultural dances, music and drama. The annual day function also recognized the academic and extra curricular achievements of the students, where certificates were distributed to outstanding performers.

Xiaomi Said to Replace GetApps With PhonePe's Indus Appstore in India

Xiaomi will likely soon discontinue its GetApps app store for Indian users. Although the company has yet to officially announce the store's discontinuation, information regarding the same has surfaced online. The Chinese smartphone maker is said to replace the app store with Indus Appstore, an Android-based mobile app marketplace by PhonePe. The Indian digital payment platform introduced the storefront in the country in February. Indus Appstore supports English and 12 Indian regional languages. Xiaomi to Replace GetApps With PhonePe's Indus Appstore in India According to an X post by user Aryan Gupta (@SavageAryan007), Xiaomi has begun notifying Indian users about PhonePe replacing its GetApps store. The move will affect Xiaomi, Redmi and POCO devices purchased in the country. The post claims that some Xiaomi users in India have started receiving a notification about the impending change within the GetApps store.

Bachpan Play School Teachers Honoured at FAP National Awards 2024

Zirakpur Bachpan Play School, VIP Road, Zirakpur, has achieved a significant milestone with three of its esteemed teachers being recognized at



the prestigious 4th FAP National Awards 2024. The event, hosted by Chandigarh University, honored outstanding private school teachers across the nation. Ms. Samruti, Ms. Seema, and Ms. Vidushi

were awarded the Best Teacher Award for their exceptional contributions to education and their dedication to nurturing young minds.

Dr. Yogesh & Dr. Mukta Verma Directors of Bachpan Play School, expressed immense pride in the achievement of the teachers. She stated, "This is a momentous occasion for our school. We are incredibly proud of our teaching staff and their unwavering commitment to excellence. These awards are a testament to their hard work and dedication." The 4th FAP National Awards 2024 concluded with the Governor of Punjab, Gulab Chand Kataria, gracing the occasion as the Chief Guest. A total of 455 awards were presented, recognizing outstanding achievements in various categories, including academic excellence, social impact, and lifetime achievement. About Bachpan Play School Bachpan Play School, VIP Road, Zirakpur, is a renowned institution dedicated to providing quality early childhood education. With a focus on holistic development, the school strives to create a nurturing environment that fosters creativity, curiosity, and a love for learning.

Aim of membership campaign to connect with resolution of developed India-developed Haryana: Ranjit Bhardwaj

KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI : State executive member of local body cell and former general secretary Ranjit Bhardwaj said that BJP's membership campaign is going on in full swing and its aim is to reach every village, every street, every house and every person of state and connect everyone with resolution of 'developed India-developed Haryana'. State executive member of body cell and former general secretary Ranjit Bhardwaj appealed to general public to join this campaign and said that they should play their role in realizing resolution of Antyodaya of BJP and goal of non-stop developed Haryana. He also urged to take membership by giving a missed call on number 8800002024 issued to become a member of BJP State executive member of civic cell and former general secretary Ranjit Bhardwaj said that in BJP's Sangathan Parv Membership Campaign 2024, so far more than 10 crore people have become members of BJP across country. Successful Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji launched new schemes for the welfare of the poor and made every effort to empower the poor person. In Haryana, BJP has set a target of adding 50 lakh new members. State executive member of civic cell and former general secretary Ranjit Bhardwaj expressed confidence that people of Haryana are participating enthusiastically in this campaign. He has appealed to everyone to make this campaign a success by joining BJP to realize dream of 'Developed Nation and Developed Haryana'.

Junior Red Cross Camp till November 22



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL : As per directions of Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh and under guidance of Indian Red Cross Society, Haryana, Junior Red Cross Camp is being organized by District Red Cross Society, Karnal at D.A.V. Centenary Public School, Indri Road, Karnal from November 18 to 22. Camp was inaugurated by District Education Officer Sudesh Thakural by lighting lamp. 120 children from various schools of district participated in camp. District Education Officer thanked all children who came to camp and wished them a bright future. District Red Cross Society Secretary Kulbir Malik informed children about activities being run in district. On first day of camp, Ashok Kumar made children aware about HIV AIDS. D.A.V. Centenary Public School Principal Mamta Pandey greeted all guests who came. Camp Director Rajpal Chaudhary registered volunteers from all schools and provided information about history of Red Cross and its rules and regulations.

Vijay Kapoor chairman DAV School appreciates HC order to tackle noise pollution

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: Vijay Kapoor, chairman of DAV School and social activist, lauded the High Court's order for taking strict action against noise polluters. He stressed that 'citizens have a constitutional right to a peaceful environment and should not do anything beyond the prescribed norms'. Noise pollution is a serious punishable offence which in the long run reduces the hearing ability of the people and also causes unhealthy environment as some create panic when they drive noise making bikes, cars and buses with loud horns. Vijay Kapoor urged the Haryana government to take adequate preventive and remedial action at the earliest to tackle the noise pollution for the welfare of the public.

Subsidy is being given to farmers to promote improved varieties of sugarcane: Dr. Praveen

MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI: Assistant Sugarcane Development Officer Dr. Praveen Joshi said that to promote agriculture, government has launched many schemes in interest of farmers. Under Sugarcane Technical Project by Sugarcane Department, while sowing notified recommended varieties of sugarcane in year 2024-2025 by Department of Agriculture and Farmers, subsidy amount is to be provided to farmers for setting up demonstration plants at rate of Rs 5000 per acre in seed nursery, Rs 3000 per acre in wide row, blank method of cultivation and Rs 3000 per acre for promoting single bud chip method of sowing and Rs 5000 per acre in Variety CO-15023 to promote improved varieties of sugarcane. Similarly, under National Food Security Mission Sugarcane, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is to provide subsidy at rate of Rs 3200 per acre for sowing notified recommended varieties of sugarcane in year 2024-25 and setting up demonstration plants in other crops along with sugarcane. After registering sugarcane field on Mera Fasal-Mera Byora portal for setting up demonstration plants of above methods, interested farmers can apply on website of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department Haryana www.agriharyana.gov.in till 31 December 2024.

Third ATLS course successfully completed in Adesh



GOLDY CHUGH
SHAHABAD: Third ATLS course was successfully completed in Adesh Medical College and Hospital, Mohri. MD of Adesh, Dr. Guntas Singh Gill said that it is a matter of pride for Adesh Hospital that 16 experienced doctors from North India have completed ATLS course in Adesh campus under supervision of 6 doctors. He said that under this course in Adesh, 16 doctors have been made to complete ATLS course by Dr. Mohit Joshi and Dr. Narendra Chaudhary from AIIMS Delhi, Dr. Abhishek Agarwal from Amrita Institute Faridabad, Dr. Varun Dogra and Dr. Praveez from AIIMS Vijaypur Jammu and Suresh Sangi, coordinator of ATLS course. Chairman of Adesh Group, Dr. H.S. Gill, congratulated 16 doctors on completing ATLS course. He congratulated all 16 doctors who completed course and also praised 6 doctors who completed course.

Knowledge is the greatest power for nation-building: Bandaru Dattatreya

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, NOV 18

The 10th Convocation of Central University of Haryana (CUH), Mahendragarh, was held on Monday. On this occasion, Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Governor of Haryana was present as the Chief Guest and Prof Raghvendra P Tiwari, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Punjab, was present as the Guest of Honour. On this occasion, the Chief Guest, Governor Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, extended his best wishes to all the students receiving their degrees. He said, "You are the present and the future of our nation.". Further he said that in today's era it is not money but knowledge that is the greatest power for nation-building.



He also urged the youth to become job providers rather than job seekers. He emphasized that the global-level curricula introduced under the New Education Policy would help restore India's legacy of knowledge and re-establish its glory. The Vice Chancellor of Central University of Punjab Prof Raghavendra Prasad Tiwari congratulated all the degree

recipients, stating that today is a day to commit to fulfilling one's dreams. He urged the students to pledge their contributions to build a new, prosperous, and ambitious India.

On this occasion, Vice-Chancellor Prof Tankeshwar Kumar welcomed the Chief Guest, Guest of Honour and guests of the convocation ceremony. The Vice-

Married woman dies, brother accuses in-laws

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER
BARARA: A young woman from village Talheri Rangdan died at her in-laws' house. The girl's brother has accused her in-laws of murder and on Monday her body was cremated in her native village amid a mournful atmosphere. Talheri Rangdan resident Ravindra Kumar said that his sister Aarti was married to Jasbir, a resident of Babaheri village near Ambala Cantonment on 18 December 2022. He said that Aarti's in-laws used to harass her for dowry and also beat her. Ravindra told that he went to Babaheri many times in this regard and explained to his brother-in-law and his family, but still they kept harassing Aarti. Two days ago also Aarti called him to say that her in-laws were beating her for demanding a motorcycle. Ravindra said that on November 17, his brother-in-law Jagtar Singh told him that Aarti had died. He reached Babaheri with his brother Nikhil, mother Bala Devi and other relatives and saw that Aarti's body was lying in a car. When he inquired, he came to know that Aarti was hanged by her in-laws due to which she died. Ravindra complained to the police about this, on which the Padav police station has registered a case against husband Jasbir, father-in-law Krishna Lal, brother-in-law Praveen and sister-in-law Sheetal. Ravindra told that he brought Aarti's body to his village Talheri where her last rites were performed on Monday. Aarti has a girl child of about 8 months.

BKU will hold big protest in 500 district headquarters across country on Nov 26

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, NOV 18

On the call of Rashtriya Samyukta Kisan Morcha, farmers will protest at the district headquarters in 500 districts across the country on November 26. In this connection a meeting of Bharatiya Kisan Union was organized in Gharaunda on Monday. The meeting was chaired by Gharaunda Block Pradhan Dhanettar Rana of BKU. He said that the central and state governments have been continuously ignoring the demands of the farmers, due to which anger was constantly growing among the farmers. To get their demands



implemented, a call has been given to protest across the country on November 26, under which protests will be held at about 500 district headquarters across the country. He said that the main demands of the farmers will be to make a law guaranteeing purchase on MSP, abolishing the pollution law of NGT and withdrawing the cases registered for burning

Panchayat renovates dilapidated toilets

PREETI SAINI
SADHAURA: Gram Panchayat Bilaspur built four public toilets with the help of Zila Parishad to provide facilities to the people. Town Sarpanch Kirti Rani inaugurated the toilets by cutting the ribbon. Sarpanch Kirti Rani said that the old public toilets built near the main post office in the town had become dilapidated. Due to which people were facing problems for urination etc. She said that the Panchayat has renovated these dilapidated toilets by taking a grant of Rs 2 lakh from the Zila Parishad and has given them a new look. Under the new construction work, two men and two women toilets have been built. An employee has been appointed by the Panchayat to look after the toilets. Sarpanch representative Pankush Khurana said that for a long time, the town residents and shopkeepers were demanding the construction of public toilets in the town. Which has been fulfilled. Panchayat member Dr. Subhash said that due to the absence of public toilets from Shiv Chowk to Agrasen Chowk, Kapalmochan Marg, Jagadhari Marg, Sadhaura Marg in the town, the general public and the passersby coming from outside the town had to face a lot of problems.



Sacred Heart Convent School wins silver medal in CBSE NZ 2 tennis contest



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: Sacred Heart Convent School Jagadhari won silver medal in CBSE North Zone 2 tennis competition held at Silver Oak International School Hoshiarpur in Punjab. It was organized at Silver Oak International School. Anya Tandon, Aradhya Tandon, Angel Tyagi and Hitashi Batra of Sacred Heart Convent Senior Secondary School Jagadhari represented the girls' Under 17 team in this championship. Anya and Aradhya reached the finals of the and brought laurels to district Yamunanagar by winning the silver medal. All four children were coaching at Advantage Tennis Academy Yamunanagar. In their first round, Anya and Aradhya won both their singles matches against Shah Satnam Ji Girls Senior Secondary School Sirsa Haryana and made the team victorious. In their second match, quarter finals also, they won both their singles matches and entered the semi-finals by defeating Manav Mangal Smart School Mohali Punjab 2-0. In the semi-final match, defeated Cambridge International School Jalandhar Punjab 2-0 and entered the final.

Rs 1000 to be given per acre for residue management under Hy Parali Protsahan Yojana: Dr. Ashwani Kumar

MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI: Block Agriculture Officer Dr. Ashwani Kumar said that state government has taken special steps to keep environment clean and crop residue management. Haryana government has started scheme for management of crop residues under Haryana Parali Protsahan Yojana 2024-25. Under this

scheme, incentive of Rs 1000 per acre will be given for crop residue management. Interested farmers can apply online till November 30. Dr. Ashwani Kumar said that we have to face many diseases by burning crop residues. Burning crop residues not only pollutes our environment, but it also has bad effect on our yield. Objective of this scheme

of government is to prevent farmers from burning stubble and provide them financial assistance. This will not only protect environment, but farmers will also be motivated to manage crop residues properly. Through this scheme, it will also help in reducing air pollution caused by burning of stubble.

Congress corrupt and AAP highly corrupt: Badoli

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, NOV 18

BJP State President Pandit Mohan Lal Badoli cornered Congress and Aam Aadmi Party in Karnal and said that if Congress party is corrupt then Aam Aadmi Party is highly corrupt. He said that both the parties avoid their responsibility and make senseless statements. On Monday, State President Baroli, who arrived in Karnal to speed up the membership campaign, held a meeting with the workers and also reviewed the membership campaign. He urged the workers to complete the target as soon as possible. BJP State President Pandit Mohan Lal Badoli also answered the questions of the journalists openly. He said that till now 50 thousand people have taken membership of BJP in Karnal. About three lakh members will be made from



Karnal district. Badoli also talked about the party's structure and plan. He said that after the membership campaign, active members will be made and they will be given responsibilities. On the question of Congress not choosing the leader of the opposition, he said that the Congress party has become weak and is stuck in internal conflicts. The family-oriented Congress is entangled in the

fight to save its families, so it is busy establishing its brothers and sons. He said that the workers have been given the target of making more than 250 people members of the party at every booth. A target has been set to connect 50 lakh people to BJP in Haryana, which we will soon accomplish. He said that the main objective of the membership campaign is to strengthen the party and to serve the people with the power of a strong organisation.

Farmers to march to Delhi from Shambhu border on Dec 6



MANISH KUMAR
AMBALA: Farmers' unions stationed at the Shambhu and Khanauri borders have announced plans to march to Delhi on December 6. After nine months of protests at the Punjab and Haryana borders, Kisan Mazdoor Morcha and Samyukt Kisan Morcha have decided to escalate their agitation. In a press conference in Chandigarh, farmer leaders Sarwan Singh Pandher and Jagjit Singh Dallewal stated that they would start a hunger strike on November 26 at the Khanauri border, giving the government a 10-day ultimatum. If no resolution is reached, they will march to Delhi on December 6. Farmers will travel without tractor-trolleys, except for essential supplies like food and tents. Farmers allege that borders remain closed despite court orders, and their demands have been ignored for nine months. Leaders criticized the central government for failing to fulfill written promises made during the last Delhi protests and accused the state government of failing to supply necessary DAP fertilizers.

Geeta Jayanti Mahotsav: Programs to be held at Mahabharata-era pilgrimage sites



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: The Geeta Jayanti Mahotsav, celebrating the timeless teachings of the Bhagavad Gita, will be observed with grandeur across the district from December 9 to 11, 2024. Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh announced plans to beautify approximately 40 pilgrimage sites in the district and organize programs at these locations. The Mahotsav, an international celebration, will take place from November 28 to December 15 in Kurukshetra, with Tanzania as the partner country and Odisha as the partner state for this year. Chief Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister, Rajesh Khullar, reviewed the preparations during a video conference with district commissioners, issuing directives to ensure inclusive and grand celebrations. Khullar emphasized that the 48-kos area associated with Mahabharata, encompassing five districts—Kurukshetra, Karnal, Kaithal, Jind, and Panipat—houses 182 pilgrimage sites. He directed officials to decorate these locations and hold programs that highlight their historical and spiritual significance.

BJP state president Badoli visits Vijay Ved Pal's residence



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KARNAL: BJP State President Mohan Lal Badauli visited the residence of BJP leader Vijay Ved Pal ahead of the party's membership drive. Badauli was warmly welcomed with floral garlands and a traditional Haryana turban, symbolizing the state's pride, by Ved Pal and other attendees. Prominent figures present included Captain Lakhi Ram, President of the Ex-Servicemen Association; OP Sachdeva, General Secretary of the Sarv Jatiya Mahasabha; Baldev Raj Singla, President of Shradhdhanand Orphanage; Sher Singh, General Secretary of Kashyap Sabha; Dalit leader Kam Singh Chaudhary; Dr. Jai Prakash Sharma; and Fauji Kashyap. In his address, Badauli praised the dedication of BJP workers, emphasizing their role in the party's rise to power. He specifically lauded Vijay Ved Pal and his team for their unwavering commitment, even during challenging times when other members were leaving the party. He also reminisced about former Deputy Speaker Chaudhary Ved Pal, acknowledging his contributions to the party. Baldev Raj Singla and Dr. Jai Prakash Sharma highlighted Vijay Ved Pal's relentless efforts in organizing major events and attracting new members, which played a pivotal role in strengthening the party.

Kartik Aaryan surprises fans at Diljit Dosanjh's Ahmedabad concert



Kartik Aaryan surprised fans by making a special appearance at Punjabi singer and actor Diljit Dosanjh's Ahmedabad concert that took place on Sunday. The crowd erupted in excitement as the 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3' actor shared an unforgettable moment with the Punjabi superstar. Taking to his Instagram account on Sunday, Kartik shared a series of pictures from the event where the duo can be seen twinning in black outfits, and the pictures captured them raising their hands, hugging, and laughing together. Captioning the photos, Kartik simply wrote, "Vibe hai."

The title track of 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3' features vocals by Pitbull, Diljit Dosanjh, and Neeraj Shridhar. Meanwhile, ahead of the Ahmedabad concert, Diljit performed in Hyderabad on November 15, where he received a legal notice from the Telangana government, asking him not to sing songs promoting alcohol, drugs, or violence. The notice, issued just hours before his performance on Friday, cited a complaint from a Chandigarh resident who claimed that Dosanjh had performed songs promoting alcohol and violence at a previous concert in New Delhi. Diljit's Dil-Luminati Tour will continue

with performances in Lucknow (November 22), Pune (November 24), Kolkata (November 30), Bengaluru (December 6), Indore (December 8), Chandigarh (December 14), and Guwahati (December 29). Talking about Kartik, the actor is currently basking in the success of his latest film 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3'. The film, which was released on Diwali, has been performing incredibly well at the box office. Directed by Anees Bazmee, 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3' stars Kartik Aaryan, Vidya Balan, Triptii Dimri, and Rajpal Yadav besides Madhuri. Vijay Raaz, Sanjay Mishra, Ashwini Kalsekar and Rajesh Sharma are also a part of the film.

"The action in this film is exactly why I love this genre" Vidyt Jammwal Calls Deadpool & Wolverine the Ultimate Thrill—Now Streaming on Disney+ Hotstar

CHANDIGARH: Action icon Vidyt Jammwal expresses his excitement for the release of Deadpool & Wolverine on Disney+ Hotstar. Known for his warrior-like discipline, Vidyt resonates deeply with the intense action brought to the screen by Ryan Reynolds and Hugh Jackman. Recently, Vidyt's own film Crakk released on Disney+ Hotstar, but this time, he returns as a fan. He's excited to share the thrill of Marvel Studios' latest blockbuster, complete with edgy humour and lovable bromance, with a gripping video calling out to his Jammwalions. In the video created in collaboration with Disney+ Hotstar, Vidyt channels his inner action fan as he describes the film's high-octane sequences. He highlights the adrenaline-inducing moments, from bone-crunching stunts to epic explosions. With jaw-dropping slow-motion shots, Deadpool & Wolverine becomes a must-watch for thrill-seekers. Vidyt draws his fans into the excitement, sharing his love for the film's riveting intensity while inviting them to feel the same rush he felt while watching it. Sharing his excitement on the film's debut, Vidyt Jammwal commented, "I'm someone who enjoys action films, Deadpool & Wolverine took me on a ride unlike any other. The action in this film is exactly why I love this genre—jaw-dropping stunts, epic visuals, and I'm excited to watch the bromance between Ryan Reynolds and Hugh Jackman. Wolverine has always been iconic for me, and seeing him back in action with Deadpool is pure magic. What makes it even better is that it's available in Hindi, Tamil, and Telugu, so we get to enjoy all that action and energy in a way that feels even closer to home."



International Men's Day: Zee TV actors talk about 'celebrating men'

CHANDIGARH: International Men's Day is celebrated on 19th November every year to raise awareness about men's mental health and other issues they face in life. It is a reminder for everyone to celebrate men and the hard work they put in to build their lives. This International Men's Day, Zee TV actors like Aishwarya Khare from Bhagya Lakshmi, Bharat Ahlawat from Jaane Anjaane Hum Mile, Adirja Roy from Kundali Bhagya, Yesha Rughani from Rabb Se Hai Dua, Aarya Babbar from Jagriti-Ek Nayi Subah, Srishti Jain from Kunkum Bhagya, and Rohit Suchanti from Bhagya Lakshmi, open up about the significance of acknowledging men's efforts and value they add in our lives. Bharat Ahlawat who essays the role of Raghav in Zee TV's Jaane Anjaane Hum Mile said, "International Men's Day is a moment to reflect on the journey of every man, the challenges, the growth, and the strength it takes to go through all. I have seen a lot of men around me who are not very expressive and always choose their families before them. But on this day, I want every man to celebrate themselves, embrace themselves, and take pride in what they do! Happy International Men's Day!" Aishwarya Khare who essays the role of Lakshmi in Zee TV's Bhagya Lakshmi said, "International Men's Day is a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the men in our lives who constantly strive to be better sons, brothers, partners, and fathers. It's a day to celebrate their



ers, partners, or friends. Even, on the sets of Kundali Bhagya, I see how hardworking and supportive my co-stars like Paras and Baseer are, both, on and off camera. This day is a reminder to recognize the challenges they face quietly and to celebrate their real side. I believe it's important for men to feel comfortable expressing their emotions and know it is okay to seek help when needed. Let's work towards creating a world where men are empowered to be their most authentic selves." Yesha Rughani, who essays the role of Ibaadat in Zee TV's Rabb Se Hai Dua said, "International Men's Day is a celebration of the wonderful men who inspire us with their kindness, integrity, and support. It's also a time to acknowledge that men, too, face struggles that they may not always voice. I hope we con-



tinue encouraging men to prioritize their mental and emotional well-being, free from societal expectations. To every man out there—thank you for being a source of strength and for showing us that true masculinity is about love, empathy, and respect and not the ideal definition made by society of 'Being a man'. Here's to embracing a world where every individual, regardless of gender, feels valued and supported." Aarya Babbar, who essays the role of Kalikant in Zee TV's Jagriti-Ek Nayi Subah said, "International Men's Day is a reminder of the diverse challenges and experiences men face in today's world. As an actor, I've had the privilege of portraying a wide range of male characters, each with their struggles, strengths, and vulnerabilities. Today, let's celebrate not only the achievements of men but also the need for compas-



sion, understanding, and mental well-being. Men, like everyone, deserve space to express their emotions, confront their challenges, and seek support when needed. It's about encouraging men to break free from outdated stereotypes and to embrace their full humanity." Srishti Jain, who essays the role of Monisha in Zee TV's Kunkum Bhagya said, "On International Men's Day, I think it's important to reflect on the role men play in our lives and the world, not just in terms of their achievements, but in their humanity. I've first-hand seen how complex and layered a man's experience can be. We often talk about the need for women to break through barriers, but men also face their own set of pressures and expectations. Today is a reminder to acknowledge and support men in embracing vulnerability, mental



health, and self-care, just like we often do for women's well-being. Men, like women, deserve to be seen for who they truly are, not just the roles society expects them to play. It's a day to recognize that we all, regardless of gender, deserve respect, empathy, and the opportunity to live authentically." Rohit Suchanti who essays the role of Rishi in Zee TV's Bhagya Lakshmi, "Celebrating International Men's Day every year is a reminder that we can be better versions of ourselves. Let's strive to be kind, empathetic, and compassionate men for ourselves and everyone around us. The true meaning of being a man is not just about playing patriarchal roles, but about being a role model, who is real. Today, I reflect on what masculinity means to me and acknowledge the incredible men who inspire me."

Zee Punjabi Stars Jasmeet Kaur and Ramandeep Singh Sur Crowned International Iconic Best Jodi, Yasmeen Wins Most Favourite Actress

Zee Punjabi is celebrating a moment of pride as two popular shows, Sehajveer and Gal Mithi Mithi, were honoured at the prestigious International Iconic Awards. Jasmeet Kaur and Ramandeep Singh Sur, who bring the beloved characters of 'Sehaj' and 'Kabir' to life in Sehajveer, were awarded the International Iconic Best Jodi of Punjabi Television Industry. Meanwhile, Yasmeen, who stars as "Reet" in Gal Mithi Mithi, won the title of International Iconic Most Favourite Actress of Punjabi Television. Expressing her gratitude, Jasmeet Kaur shared, "This award is a celebration of the bond Sehaj and Kabir have created with viewers. We feel truly blessed to be recognized as a favourite on-screen duo, and we're thankful to our fans for their endless support." Ramandeep Singh Sur added, "Playing Kabir has been an incredible journey, and receiving this award as a Jodi is the cherry on top. It inspires us to continue giving our best." Yasmeen, thrilled by her achievement, said, "Being recognized as the Most Favourite Actress is a dream come true. Reet's character holds a special place in my heart, and I am grateful to the viewers who have connected with her story." Zee Punjabi is proud to provide a platform for artists to showcase their talent and connect deeply with audiences, nurturing stories and performances that resonate with fans across the Punjabi community.



Geetanjali Mishra Draws Inspiration from the Late Sridevi for Her Double Role

CHANDIGARH : &TV's Happu Ki Ultan Paltan continues to entertain audiences with its delightful antics, revolving around Daroga Happu Singh (Yogesh Tripathi), his wife Rajesh (Geetanjali Mishra), and their quirky family. Known for its light-hearted humour and engaging storylines, the show is now set to take the fun quotient a notch higher with a special track featuring Geetanjali in a double role. In this new twist, Geetanjali will portray a character that's a stark contrast to her usual portrayal of Rajesh, promising both comedy and drama. Sharing her excitement about this new challenge, Geetanjali, who plays Rajesh, said, "I feel truly fortunate to be part of a show that allows me to entertain viewers through such diverse characters. Playing a double role has always been on my wishlist, and I'm thrilled that it's finally happening on Happu Ki Ultan Paltan. When I first heard about the new storyline where Rajesh has a look-alike, I was thrilled. To prepare for this role, I drew inspiration from one of my all-time favourite films, Chaalbaaz, in which the late Sridevi Ji delivered an iconic double-role performance. I am a huge fan of hers and have watched that film countless times. To do justice to my character, I revisited the movie and found Sridevi's wit and energy to be truly inspiring. While my character isn't exactly like hers in the film, I've certainly taken inspiration from her portrayal." Describing her experience with the dual role, Geetanjali added, "In this track, Rajesh is frustrated because no one in the family, not even her husband Happu or the kids, takes her seriously. Fed up, she decides to leave, and that's when a bold, new version of Rajesh enters the scene, shocking everyone. Shooting these scenes was such a fun experience! There were moments when I had to remind myself, 'Which Rajesh am I playing today?' Am I the loving, caring wife, or the fierce, no-nonsense version? My co-stars had a great laugh at my dual personality on set! This track is packed with humour and drama, and I'm sure the viewers will love it." Watch Geetanjali Mishra as Rajesh in Happu Ki Ultan Paltan at 10:00 pm, every Monday to Friday, only on &TV!



The truth behind Rajat leaving Baani comes to light in 'Badall Pe Paon Hai'

CHANDIGARH : Sony SAB's 'Badall Pe Paon Hai' follows Baani (Amandeep Sidhu), an ambitious young woman committed to improving her family's life despite financial hardships. Recently, viewers were left shocked as Rajat (Aakash Ahuja) left Baani and moved in with Lavanya (Bhaweka Chaudhary). Although devastated, Baani chooses to remain with her in-laws, working alongside her father-in-law Bishan (Sooraj Thapar) to establish an affordable wedding planning business to keep the family afloat. In the upcoming episodes, Lavanya deliberately sabotages one of the Khannas' wedding orders, pushing Rajat to confront her for putting his family under such strain. As tempers rise, a shocking revelation comes to light: Rajat's step to leave Baani was part of a secret deal with Lavanya to protect Baani from ending up in jail. With Lavanya's threats of reporting Baani's insider trading looming, Rajat has been pretending to be the villain to keep Baani and his family safe. Will Baani uncover the truth in time to save her relationship with Rajat, or will Lavanya's manipulations ultimately drive them apart? Amandeep Sidhu, who essays the role of Baani in the show, says, "Baani is completely heartbroken as she's under the impression that Rajat has left her for good to reunite with Lavanya. It's a huge emotional blow for her, but despite her pain, she chooses to stay with his family and stand by them during these tough times. She has no idea about the deal Rajat has made, so she believes he has genuinely chosen Lavanya over her. But soon, she'll start sensing that things are not adding up and that doubt will drive her to dig deeper. The upcoming episodes will be full of suspense and drama, and I can't wait to see viewers' reaction to the unfolding story." Aakash Ahuja, who essays the role of Rajat in the show, says, "Rajat's actions might look harsh and cold-hearted, but his decision to step away from Baani was a painful one. He knows it's breaking her heart and that she feels abandoned, but he's doing it to protect her from the consequences Lavanya is threatening. Rajat is deeply torn because he wants to keep his family and Baani safe, even if it means sacrificing his relationship with her and appearing as the bad guy. The truth will start coming to light and the coming episodes will reveal just how far he's willing to go for Baani's well-being."



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