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Govt scraps windfall profit tax on domestic crude oil, export of fuels

NEW DELHI: The government on Monday scrapped 30-month old windfall profit tax on domestically-produced crude oil and on export of jet fuel (ATF), diesel and petrol following a decline in international oil prices. Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary tabled a notification in Rajya Sabha scrapping the levy on crude oil produced by firms like state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and exports of fuels done by companies like Reliance Industries Ltd. The notification rescinded June 30, 2022 order and withdrew levy of special additional excise duty (SAED) on production of crude oil (which is refined into fuels like petrol and diesel) and on export of aviation turbine fuel (ATF), diesel and petrol, he said.

UPSC teacher Awadh Ojha joins AAP

NEW DELHI: UPSC teacher and motivational speaker Awadh Ojha joined the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in New Delhi on Monday in the presence of AAP National Convener Arvind Kejriwal and former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia. Addressing the media, Arvind Kejriwal said, "With Ojha's entry into politics, the country's education sector will be strengthened." "Awadh Ojha has empowered lakhs of youth by providing quality education, enabling them to secure employment and lead better lives. His joining the Aam Aadmi Party will further strengthen the country's education system," he added. "He is not just an educator but also a mentor who has prepared the younger generation for meaningful employment after completing their studies."

BJP appoints Vijay Rupani, Nirmala Sitharaman as central observers for Maharashtra

NEW DELHI: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has appointed former Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani and Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman as the party's Central Observers for Maharashtra. Despite the Mahayuti alliance's resounding victory in the Maharashtra Assembly elections, more than a week has passed, and the alliance has yet to announce its next Chief Minister. On Sunday, Caretaker Chief Minister and Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde stated that the decision rested with the BJP, and assured his full support to the chosen candidate. Meanwhile, Shiv Sena MP from Kalyan, Shrikant Shinde, on Monday refuted the "rumours" of him becoming the Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra and emphasised that he is not seeking any ministerial position in the state. "After elections results, formation of government is delayed a little and that is why so many rumours are floating around and one is that I am going to be the deputy chief minister in the new government."

SC asks protesting farmer leaders not to cause inconvenience to people



AGENCY
NEW DELHI, DEC 2

The Supreme Court on Monday asked Punjab farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal, who is on a fast-unto-death at the Khanauri border point to press for the acceptance of farmers' demands, to persuade the protesting farmers not to obstruct highways and cause inconvenience to people.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan disposed of a habeas corpus petition filed on behalf of Dallewal, who was removed from the Khanauri protest site on the Punjab-Haryana border on November 26.

"We have seen that he has been released and he even persuaded a fellow protestor to end his fast-unto-death protest on Saturday," the bench said, adding that the issue raised by the farmers has been noted by the court and is considered in a pending matter.

"In a democratic setup, you can engage in peaceful protests but do not cause inconvenience to people. You all know that the Khanauri border is a lifeline for Punjab. We are not commenting on whether the protest is right or wrong," the bench told advocate Guninder Kaur Gill, appearing on behalf of Dallewal.

Justice Kant said that Dallewal could persuade the protestors to organise peaceful protests under the law and without causing any inconvenience to people.

The bench said that at this stage, it was not entertaining Dallewal's petition but he could approach later.

Hours before beginning his fast-unto-death on November 26, Dallewal was allegedly forcibly removed from the Khanauri border and taken to a hospital in Ludhiana. He was discharged on Friday evening. The plea was moved in the apex court on November 29 challenging his alleged illegal detention by the Punjab Police. On November 30, a day after he was

Cops remove barricades after farmers leave protest site on Noida Expressway

NEW DELHI: Traffic movement along the Noida-Greater Noida expressway resumed on Monday evening after hundreds of farmers, who had gathered for a "Delhi Chalo" march over various demands, agreed to vacate the site. Earlier in the day, massive traffic snarls caused inconvenience to commuters crossing the Delhi-Noida border, as police set up multiple barricades to prevent the protesting farmers from Uttar Pradesh from marching towards the Parliament complex over various demands, including a legal guarantee on Minimum Support Prices (MSPs).

released, Dallewal joined the fast-unto-death at the Khanauri border point to press for the acceptance of the farmers' demands. Farmers have been camping at Shambhu and Khanauri border points between Punjab and Haryana since February 13 after their march to Delhi was stopped by security forces. The protestors have accused the Centre of not taking steps to address their demands, claiming that it has not held any talks with them on their issues since February 18. Besides a legal guarantee for MSP, the farmers are demanding implementation of the Swaminathan Commission's recommendations, pension for farmers and farm labourers, farm debt waiver, reinstatement of the Land Acquisition Act, 2013 and compensation to the families of farmers.

Sukhbir Badal directed to perform guard duty, clean shoes at Golden Temple



BUREAU
AMRITSAR, DEC 2

The Sikh clergy at the Akal Takht on Monday pronounced 'tankhah' (religious punishment) for Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Singh Badal and other party leaders for mistakes committed during the SAD-led Punjab government from 2007 to 2017. The punishment includes performing voluntary service at the Golden Temple in Amritsar, cleaning utensils, shoes, and washrooms, and listening to devotional hymns.

During a gathering at the

Akal Takht, Giani Ragbir Singh addressed the guilty Akalis, instructing them to wear plaques around their necks acknowledging their guilt.

Delivering the edict from the 'faseel' (podium) of the Akal Takht in Amritsar, Giani Ragbir Singh, the Jathedar of the highest temporal seat of the Sikhs, directed the SAD working committee to accept Sukhbir Badal's resignation as party president and form a committee to conduct elections for the post and other office-bearers within six months, news agency reported.

Now Parliament will function smoothly, says Rijiju after meeting of LS floor leaders

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, DEC 2

The Parliament is expected to resume its normal functioning from Tuesday after days of disruption over demands of opposition parties with Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju stating after a meeting of floor leaders that members shared concern over the stalemate and "everyone has accepted that discussions will be held from tomorrow".

The two Houses of Parliament have seen repeated adjournments over opposition demands including a discussion on Adani issue, Sambhal violence and



Manipur situation.

In an effort to break the stalemate, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla called a meeting of floor leaders of political parties in his chamber on Monday afternoon.

Talking to reporters after the meeting, Rijiju said listed business including bills will be taken up in the two Houses of Parliament. "Today, a meeting of all-party floor leaders was held with Speaker (Om Birla) today. Since a few days there has been a deadlock in the Parliament, everyone has expressed their concerns over it. We too said that all elected representatives come to the Parliament of India to express their

views and the Parliament not functioning (properly) for several days now is not good. Everyone accepted this," he said. The minister said opposition parties made several demands. He said there was a proposal before Business Advisory Committee to have a discussion on Constitution and the government has agreed to it. "On December 13-14, we will hold discussion on Constitution. The discussion would first be held in Lok Sabha...everyone has accepted. On December 16-17, discussion will be held in Rajya Sabha," he said. Rijiju said Lok Sabha Speaker told the meeting that if anyone wants to raise an issue, there is a rule for it.

President Putin has received invite to visit India in early 2025: Kremlin

AGENCY
MOSCOW/NEW DELHI, DEC 2

Russian President Vladimir Putin has received an invitation to visit India from Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the dates for his visit will be set in early 2025, Kremlin aide Yuri Ushakov said at a briefing.

"Our leaders have an agreement to hold meetings once a year. This time, it's our turn," Ushakov noted. "We received Mr. Modi's

invitation and we will certainly consider it positively," he added.

"We will figure out the tentative dates early next year," Ushakov said, according to a statement from the Russian Embassy.

Putin and Modi maintain regular contact, holding telephone conversations once every couple of months. The two leaders also hold in-person meetings, particularly on the sidelines of international events. In July, the Indian prime minister made a two-day visit to Moscow to take part in the 22nd Russia-India summit.



Punjab : Newly elected MLAs take oath



BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, DEC 2

Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker S. Kultar Singh Sandhwan today administered the oath to the newly-elected AAP MLAs from Chabbewal, Dera Baba Nanak and Gidderbaha Assembly constituencies, in the presence of Punjab Chief Minister and Leader of the House S. Bhagwant Singh Mann and AAP Punjab President and Employment Generation, Skill Development Minister Mr. Aman Arora.

The oath taking ceremony took place in Member's Lounge of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha, where AAP's elected candidate from Chabbewal Dr. Ishank Kumar Chabbewal, from Dera Baba Nanak Sh. Gurdeep Singh Randhawa

and from Gidderbaha MLA Sh. Hardeep Singh Dimpy Dhillon sworn in as MLAs.

An official spokesperson of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha said that on this occasion, Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann congratulated the MLAs on their remarkable victory in the recent by-elections. The newly-elected MLAs were accompanied by their family members and several dignitaries. Prominent amongst others who attended the oath taking ceremony included Finance Minister Advocate Harpal Singh Cheema, Water Resources and Mining & Geology Minister Sh. Barinder Kumar Goyal, Revenue and Rehabilitation Minister S. Hardeep Singh Mundian, Local Government and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Dr. Ravjot Singh, etc.

Folk culture of different states enthralled tourists at International Gita Mahotsav

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, DEC 2

The Tourists coming to the banks of Brahma Sarovar at the International Gita Mahotsav in Kurukshetra are enthralled to see the unique craftsmanship of artisans on display. These craftsmen have enlivened the atmosphere at the mahotsav with their exceptional talent. The tourists can be seen capturing these memorable moments in their cameras.

The North Zone Cultural Center is making all out efforts to show the folk culture of different states at the mahotsav.



The artists are showing the folk culture of the respective states in their unique costumes. Tourists can be seen dancing on folk songs with these artists on the banks of Brahma Sarovar.

Amidst the confluence of art from different states, artists say even in today's modern era, they have kept their art alive and are taking it to the international level. Dance forms like Chhapeli of Uttarakhand, Gatka of Punjab, Gaddi Nati of Himachal Pradesh, Bahrupiya of Rajasthan, Baazigar of Punjab, Langa/Manganiyar of Rajasthan and Bhavai dance of Delhi are being presented.

SSP leads anti-drug awareness meeting in Sudhar



SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON: As per the instructions of IG Ludhiana range Dhanpreet Kaur and under its anti-drug campaign being carried out under the guidance of SSP Navneet Singh Bains, district Ludhiana rural police conducted awareness meeting under its Mission Sampark. SSP Bains accompanied by DSP Varinder Singh Khos and other police officials conducted a meeting at Village Sudhar in the presence of prominent persons from the village and others in order to create awareness about hazards of drug addiction. Bains elaborated on the activities of anti-drug helpline, VDC committees and asserted that police is committed to completely uproot drug abuse from the area. SSP urged people to help police department in doing away with the evil of drug abuse by informing police about any suspicious activity going in their area. The civilians assured him that they shall cooperate completely with the police and shall keep no ties with people involved in the business of drug smuggling.

Giani Zail Singh campus textile students secure placement at Reliance Industries Ltd



ANIL VERMA
BATHINDA: Two students from the B. Tech Textile Engineering program at Giani Zail Singh Campus College of Engineering and Technology (GZSCET), Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University (MRSPUTU), have been successfully placed at Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) through campus placement. The selected students, Sonu Kundu from Haryana and Muskan Diarmy from Assam, were offered an attractive package of 76.5 Lakh Per Annum (LPA), Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Sandeep Kansal, Campus Director Dr. Sanjeev Aggarwal, and Director of Training and Placement Er. Harjot Singh Sidhu extended their heartfelt congratulations to the selected students and wished them success in their professional journey. Expressing his delight, Er. Harjot Singh Sidhu emphasized that students from core engineering branches are increasingly being placed in reputed industries. "We are strengthening our collaboration with leading companies to ensure our students emerge as socially conscious, responsible leaders who will contribute to the nation's progress on a global scale," he added.

DPS KG Machhiwara celebrates its Maiden Sports Day



KHUSHAV SINGLA
MANDI GOBINDGARH: DPS KG Machhiwara organised its 1st Annual Sports Day on the 1st of December, 2024 with great zeal and excitement. Mr Vishwa Raj, the Principal of DPS Khanna inaugurated the sports day by releasing balloons and a placard bearing the school's name. In his speech, he asked the parents to provide quality time to their children. He said that parenting these days is not that easy and children need the presence of their parents and not just gift items. These are the foundation years and children learn by observing their elders. So, the guidance of the parents is very important and they need to be role models for their kids. The young kids performed yoga asanas and a pom pom drill which rejuvenated the spirits of the spectators. Then the much-awaited track and field events started, as the young athletes of DPS Khanna ran for the finish line. There were races for the parents as well which were enjoyed by everyone.

Election of head boy and head girl at Punjab Convent School



KULWINDER KARWAL
SARDULGARH: In Punjab Convent School, Jaskaran Singh, a student of Grade 12, has been elected as the Head Boy, while Mahiknoor Kaur, also from Grade 12, has been elected as the Head Girl. The election aims to foster collaboration between students and teachers, enhancing not only the quality of the academic session but also addressing students' concerns and managing various activities effectively. The school's principal, Mrs. Teesha Arora, congratulated the Head Boy and Head Girl on their new roles. She remarked that Jaskaran Singh and Mahiknoor Kaur will serve as role models for other students, ensuring adherence to school rules and discipline while leading their peers successfully. Additionally, they will take charge of organizing and managing various activities, events, and programs, contributing significantly to elevating the school environment.

Avoid MC polls during Shaheedi Week, AAP urges Election Commission

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, DEC 2

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) appealed to the State Election Commission not to hold municipal elections during Shaheedi Week. AAP Punjab President Aman Arora stated that Shaheedi Week is a matter deeply connected to the emotions of the people of Punjab, and the Election Commission should take this into account before announcing the election dates.

Arora mentioned that the party has expressed its concerns on this matter to the Chief Electoral Officer of the state. Various political parties and religious organizations have also raised this issue. It is a matter of respecting the religious sentiments of the people, and AAP believes that elections should not be held during Shaheedi Week.

Arora said that the sacrifice of Guru Gobind Singh Ji's younger sons, Sahibzada Fateh Singh and Sahibzada Zorawar Singh Ji, is not just significant for Sikhism but holds a vital place in the his-



tory of the entire nation. Their martyrdom is an inspiration for all of us. He added that at such a young age, the sacrifice they made for religion and society is unparalleled in the history of the world. The Punjab President of AAP explained that during Shaheedi Week, there is an atmosphere of mourning throughout Punjab. Remembering the martyrdom of the younger Sahibzadas fills people with sadness. During this time, people even sleep on the

Government will honor various personalities with state awards

CHANDIGARH: Various personalities will be honored with state awards on the International Divyang Diwas on the occasion of the state-level event being organized by the Punjab government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann. This was expressed by the Social Security, Women and Child Development Minister Dr. Baljit Kaur here today.

Divulging in this regard Social Security, Women and Child Development Minister said the state level function regarding the International Divyang Diwas will be held on December 3 at the Faridkot. The Cabinet Minister said that in this state-level event, employees, individuals and non-governmental organizations who have done excellent work will be honored under various categories. Giving further information, Dr. Baljit Kaur said that the Divyang persons will be honored for the commendable work. She appealed to all the Divyang persons to participate in these functions as much as possible and get information about benefiting from the various schemes going on for their welfare.



ground despite the severe cold. No auspicious events or celebrations take place during this period. Therefore, the Election Commission should give special consideration to these aspects and respect the sentiments of the Sangat while deciding the election dates. Arora further said that

while there are strict orders from the High Court regarding municipal elections, which have left the Election Commission in a dilemma, the Commission must adhere to the court's directives and should consider the emotions of the people while setting the election dates.

Cheema advocates for extension of GST compensation cess regime beyond 2026

RAJIV JAIN
CHANDIGARH, DEC 2

In a strong push for the continuation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Compensation Cess regime, Punjab Finance Minister Advocate Harpal Singh Cheema on Monday strongly recommended the continuation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Compensation Cess regime beyond March 31, 2026, to ensure that states can mitigate the revenue loss caused by the subsumation of various taxes into GST. This recommendation was made during the Group of Ministers (GoM) meeting on Compensation Cess, which Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema attended via video conferencing. Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema emphasized that the GST Council, as per the Goods and Services (Com-



pensation to States) Act 2017, has the mandate to recommend extending the compensation period beyond five years. He highlighted the significant and permanent revenue loss faced by Punjab due to the subsumation of the purchase tax on foodgrains into GST. This tax was a crucial contributor to the state's revenue in the pre-GST era, he added.

Finance Minister Cheema further pointed out that the rate of tax on goods under the Value Added Tax (VAT)

PEDA inks MoU with CU to advance energy conservation research



GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, DEC 2

Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Chandigarh University (CU) to collaborate on research and innovative projects focused on energy efficiency and conservation within the state.

The MoU was signed by Chief Executive Officer, PEDA Mr. Sandeep Hans and Dr. Raj Kumar, Professor of Mechanical Engineering Branch, Chandigarh University at PEDA Office here, on Monday. Sandeep Hans stat-

ed that this collaboration aims to focus on research and innovative projects related to energy efficiency and conservation in various sectors, including buildings, industry, clean technologies, and energy-efficient appliances across domestic, commercial, industrial, agricultural and transport sectors in the state of Punjab.

He said that Chandigarh University (CU) will promote the program locally to ensure sufficient participation. Additionally, CU will provide strategic research support, guidance and direction for the development of research

and Development (R&D) projects, as well as for the design, testing, performance evaluation and analysis of various technologies. Director PEDA, Mr. MP Singh, lauded the efforts of Chandigarh University for initiating projects in the field of research and development of energy conservation in Punjab. He also discussed ideas for undertaking research and development projects related to energy conservation following the signing of the MoU. Project Engineer PEDA Money Khanna, Rohit Kumar and Dr. Harpreet Lubana of CU were also present at the event.

Hemorrhoids and urinary tract diseases camp organized at Amar Hospital



RAMPURA PHUL (KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA) : A camp for hemorrhoids, urinary tract infections and piles is going on from December 1 to 15 at Amar Hospital located on the local factory road. Hospital administrator Dr. Suresh Singla and Dr. Lavnish Singla said that camps are held in the hospital from time to time for the welfare of common people. In this 15-day camp, piles, hemorrhoids and urethritis will be treated with laser, binoculars, doppler, color doppler etc. This treatment is done without incision, without stitches and without anesthesia and the patient is discharged within two hours. Patients will be treated at concessional rates during the camp. Treatment of female patients by Ladies Dr. Lavnish singla does. Dr. Singla said that excessive consumption of pizza, burgers, fast food, fried items, alcohol leads to problems of piles, hemorrhoids and constipation. He said that to avoid these diseases, constipation should not be allowed and one should walk daily.

Cabinet Min inaugurates construction work of school of happiness



SHARANJEET
PATHANKOT, DEC 2

The construction work being done under School of Happiness has been started at Government Primary School Dera Baba Basantpuri and village Kilpur. It is worth mentioning that today the construction works under School of Happiness have been started in Dera Baba Basantpuri and village Kilpur and soon the construction of these schools will be started so that every people can enroll their children in these schools. Addressing on this occasion, Lal Chand Kataruchak said that a lot of big works are being done under the able leadership of Chief Minister Punjab Bhagwant Singh Mann.

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Constitution Day celebrated by University School of Law Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University



AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, DEC 2

As per guidelines of UGC, the University School of Law organized one day national seminar on 26th of November to celebrate Constitution Day.

The theme of Constitution for the year is to promote the legacy of sovereignty, equality and democracy. The event was organized under the patronize of Vice-chancellor Dr. Prithpal Singh and Dean Academic Affairs Dr. Sukhwinder Singh Billing. The event was graced by the auspicious presence of Mr. Arun Gupta, District and Session Judge, Fatehgarh

Sahib. The Proceedings were managed by Dr. Navneet Kaur. In charge of the Department. She narrated in brief the significance of the day and highlighted the salient features of the Constitution emphasizing the importance of the theme. Prof. Sukhwinder Singh Billing, Dean Academic Affairs welcomed the guest and congratulated the department for organizing such an event on the special day to create awareness amongst all. Dr. Param Jeet Singh, Professor of the Department, highlighted the role played by Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar chairman of the Drafting committee.

Women can conquer every front: Dr. Baljit Kaur

SRI MUKTSAR SAHIB, DEC 2

"Women are achieving remarkable milestones in every domain, breaking barriers and contributing significantly to society," declared Cabinet Minister Dr. Baljit Kaur. She was addressing the state-level inaugural event held at village Danewala, Malout, as part of a groundbreaking health and employment camp dedicated to empowering women.

Dr. Baljit Kaur emphasized that the camp's primary objective is to protect women from life-threatening diseases like cancer and to create employment opportunities for young girls. Over 500 women registered for cancer screening, showcasing the camp's impact on raising health awareness. Simultaneously, the camp facilitated a placement drive where 209 young women participated.



Remarkably, 134 of them were offered jobs by seven leading companies on the spot. "This initiative is a one-stop solution, bringing together a range of essential services for women under one roof," said the Minister. Various departments set up specialized stalls, including those offering healthcare facilities, widow and old-age pensions, employment placement services, yoga sessions, and more. She also highlighted key schemes like the Sponsorship Program, providing widowed

mothers with a monthly incentive of 74000 for their children, and low-interest loans to support economic independence. In a significant move, the Minister distributed cheques worth Rs 67.32 lakh under the Ashirwad Scheme to 132 beneficiaries, each receiving Rs 51,000. Dr. Baljit Kaur reiterated the Punjab Government's unwavering commitment to safeguarding women's rights and ensuring they are aware of the numerous benefits available to them.

Himanshu Aggarwal honors winners, urges youth to prioritize sports

PARAMJIT SINGH
JALANDHAR, DEC 2

The Punjab State Senior Badminton Championship concluded on a high note at the Raizada Hansraj Badminton Stadium in Jalandhar, with local players dominating the event. Jalandhar's Manya Ralhan and Mridul Jha emerged as standout performers, each claiming double crowns in their respective categories. Ralhan triumphed in both the Women's Singles and Doubles, while Jha secured victories in the Men's Singles and Mixed Doubles. Additionally, Adhyan Kakkar from Amritsar earned titles in both the Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles, making it a memorable competition for the region. DBA Secretary Ritin Khanna shared

that approximately 200 players participated in five events, including Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles. This year's



championship marked a milestone for the Punjab Badminton Association as it introduced cash prizes totaling Rs. 2 lakhs for the first time in its history. The winners were presented with their awards by the Chief Guest, Dr. Himanshu Aggarwal, IAS, Deputy Commissioner of Jalandhar.

CM financial assistance of Rs 2 lakh provided to family

VERMA
GURDASPUR, DEC 2

Recently, a tragic death occurred due to negligence at a private hospital on Bahirampur Road.

This incident left the family in deep shock. While nothing can compensate for the loss of a loved one, every effort was made to support the family during this difficult time. The representatives of the bereaved family submitted a request to the Chief Minister of Punjab, Shri Bhagwant Singh Mann, for financial assistance.

The Chief Minister accepted their request and assured support, issuing an order to release Rs 2 lakh from the "Chief Minister's Relief Fund." This financial help provided some relief to the family, and they felt reassured that the government was standing with them in their difficult time. Today, a special



event was organized to hand over the financial assistance to the family. In this event, under the leadership of District Commissioner Shri Uma Shankar Gupta, Shri Raman Bahal, Chairman of the Punjab Health Systems Corporation, handed over the Rs 2 lakh check to the family. During the occasion, he expressed condolences to the family and assured them that the government shared in their grief. He also emphasized that the administration is always ready to provide any help. The

family expressed heartfelt thanks to Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann and the administration for their support. They stated that this financial assistance would act as a lifeline for them, bringing them some peace of mind during this challenging time. This gesture by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann reflects the sensitivity of the government, as such support not only provides financial relief but also demonstrates the government's responsibility towards its citizens.

National Lok Adalat to be held on Dec 14

SUMER GARG
SANGRUR, DEC 2

As per the instructions of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), New Delhi and Punjab state legal services authority, SAS, Mohali and under the able guidance of District and Sessions Judge - cum - Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Sangrur, the National Lok Adalat is being held at district court complex Sangrur and sub tehsil court complex Dhuri, Sunam, Moonak and Malerkotla.

While giving information in this regard, Civil Judge (SD)/CJM-cum-Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Sangrur, Ms. Daljit Kaur said that the common people should take maximum advantage of this National Lok Adalat and settle their pending cases through mutual agreement. She also said that this saves money and time of both the parties and increases



mutual fraternity. Any person who wants to settle his or her case through the Lok Adalat should approach the concerned court or the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Sangrur and at Sub division. A person can get his dispute settled through this court by filing an application at the front office of the Sub division. For more information about this National Lok Adalat, call this office's phone number 01672-230725 or National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), New Delhi and Punjab State Legal Services Authority, SAS Nagar's toll free helpline number 15100 can be contacted.



Chamba Chowgan closed for conservation during winters

BALKRISHAN PRASHAR CHAMBA : The historic Chowgan of Chamba has been banned for organizing various activities with effect from December 1 till further orders. Chamba District Magistrate (DM) Mukesh Repaswal has issued orders in this regard. The Chowgan would be kept closed for the purpose of its maintenance and conservation for a few months till the beginning of next summer season, the DM stated in the orders. It is pertinent to mention here that the "doob", a local grass, planted in the Chowgan needs sometime to regenerate and grow during the winters thereby ensuring the greenery and scenery of the legendary Chowgan. In case of any violation of these orders, an action would be initiated as per the provision of prescribed rules, the DM further revealed. It is pertinent to mention here that the vibrant Chowgan of Chamba town is the epicenter of the International Minjar Fair festivities.

HP govt grants nagar panchayat status to Banikhet town

BALKRISHAN PRASHAR DALHOUSIE : The Himachal Pradesh government has granted Nagar Panchayat status to the town of Banikhet near here, as announced by the Deputy Commissioner of Chamba, Mukesh Repaswal, in an official communiqué issued here yesterday. This nagar panchayat includes the areas of Surkhigala, Banikhet, Pukhri and the Lahar area of the Banikhet patwar circle, while the Banikhet Jarai area is only partially included. Repaswal further stated that residents of the newly designated nagar panchayat of Banikhet had been given an opportunity to submit objections. Any objections must be submitted in writing to the Principal Secretary (Urban Development) of the Himachal Pradesh government through the Deputy Commissioner Chamba. The deadline for submitting objections is two weeks from the publication of the notification in the Himachal Pradesh Gazette, dated 23 November 2024, DC told. The Deputy Commissioner emphasized that any objections received within this period would be considered by the state government.

Electricity Board warns of power cuts for Rs. 13 lakh pending dues in Mubarinikpur

AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB : SDO Dharampal of Subdivision Electricity Department Mubarinikpur said through a press release that all the consumers coming under Sub Division Mubarinikpur have about Rs 13 lakh stuck with the Electricity Board. Due to the payment of electricity bill, the Electricity Board has decided to take action. Departmental officials say that if the electricity bill is not deposited by December 10, 2024, then the electricity connection will be cut by the Electricity Board without any notice. All domestic consumers coming under the electricity subdivision Mubarinikpur can reach the electricity subdivision office Mubarinikpur for KYC from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Farmers urged to insure weather-based crops: Dr. Kulbhushan Dhiman

KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA, DEC 2

The eighth Crop Insurance Week is being observed in the district until December 7 to educate farmers about the Weather-Based Crop Insurance Scheme. At the inauguration of the week, Deputy Director of Agriculture, Dr. Kulbhushan Dhiman, urged farmers to insure their wheat crops by December 15 and their potato crops by December 31 to safeguard against losses caused by adverse weather conditions. Dr. Dhiman explained that under the Weather-Based Crop Insurance Scheme, implemented by Agriculture Insurance Company, potato farmers in Una and Haroli blocks can insure their crops until December 31. The scheme requires farmers to pay a premium of Rs. 25 per

CM Sukhu lays foundation stone for Dhalli Sabzi Mandi

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, DEC 2

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today dedicated Rs. 13.25 crore newly constructed Dhalli Bus stand, in Shimla to the public and also inspected the facilities therein. Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri, who also holds the transport portfolio was also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the sidelines of the function, the Chief Minister, Sh. Sukhu said that the previous BJP government merely laid the foundation stone for construction of Dhalli and Theog bus stands without allocating any budget. All this was done purely for electoral gains and not in the name of development. He said that his government allocated



rupees five crore last year and an additional rupees five crore this fiscal for the completion of the bus stand at the earliest to facilitate the public. He added that a modern HRTC workshop to cost Rs. 24 crore was also being constructed in the area and would be completed at the earliest. The Chief Minister said that the

previous BJP government deceived the public with their hollow promises. Their "double-engine centre-state government", completely failed at all the fronts and during the fog end of their regime. distributed freebies worth Rs. 5,000 crore ahead of assembly elections in 2022. However, the people

ultimately rejected BJP's governance model, said Sh. Sukhu, adding that the present government carry out the foundation stones of the development projects after ensuring proper budgetary provisions and ensures timely completion of such projects. Later, the Chief Minister laid the foundation stone for the modernization of the Dhalli Vegetable Mandi, projected to cost Rs. 36 crore the work of which would begin within a month and will be completed in one and a half years. He further stated that a new parking would be also constructed at Dhalli. Sukhu emphasized the state government's efforts to strengthen the road infrastructure. He said that the state government was prioritizing road construction

and added that the Parwanoo-Shimla four-lane highway to Dhalli would be ready within two years. He also revealed plans to construct Asia's tallest bridge in the state.

The Chief Minister also inaugurated a community center and parking facility in Cemetery, Sanjauli, constructed at a cost of Rs. 1.65 crore. Addressing a public gathering in Dhalli, Sh. Sukhu emphasized the government's initiatives to strengthen the rural economy. "Himachal Pradesh has become the first state to provide a Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Rs. 45 per liter on cow milk and Rs. 55 per liter on buffalo milk," said the Chief Minister, adding that the farmers in Rohru expressed their gratitude for the same.

Gas leak claims life of 7-year-old girl, two others injured

SHANTI GAUTAM

BADDI: A tragic gas leak near Bhataulikalan, close to the Unichem Chowk under the jurisdiction of Barotiwalwa police station, claimed the life of a 7-year-old girl and left two others injured. The incident occurred when a gas leak in the kitchen led to a fire, causing the collapse of walls in a residential room. The deceased has been identified as a young girl, while the injured—Pawan, son of Raghdha Shah, and his cousin Dharmendra—suffered burn injuries. Both were rushed to the ESIC Katha Hospital for treatment. The Barotiwalwa police have registered a case against unknown persons in connection with the incident, and an investigation is underway. The site was examined by a forensic science laboratory (FSL) team to ascertain the cause of the mishap. Superintendent of Police (SP) Baddi, Vinod Dhiman, along with Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Ashok Kumar Verma, visited the site and later met the injured at ESIC Katha Hospital. They assured the family of all necessary support and offered words of comfort during this difficult time.



Governor and CM to inaugurate Sadbhavna Cricket Cup Tournament on 7th and 8th December



DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, DEC 2

A preliminary meeting for organizing the Sadbhavna Cricket Cup, being organised by Him Sports and Cultural Association (HSCA) was held here today convened by Deputy Chief Whip Kewal Singh Pathania in which Naresh Chauhan, Principal Media Advisor to the Chief Minister and the President of HSCA, Kewal Singh Pathania, representative of Governor XI MLA Hans Raj and General Secretary of the Association, Hardyal Bhardwaj were also present. The tournament will be played on 7th and 8th December at Bishop Cotton

School, Shimla. Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla and Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu will inaugurate the tournament on 7th December. Being played on the Theme 'Nasha Chodo, Khel Khelo' the first match will be played between Governor XI and Press XI at 9.30 AM on 7th December 2024 and second match between CM XI and Chief Justice XI at 1.30 PM to be inaugurated by acting Chief Justice HP High Court, Justice Tarlok Singh Chauhan, who will also be the Chief Guest on the occasion. The final will be played on 8th December which will be inaugurated by Speaker HP Vidhan Sabha Kuldeep Singh Pathania.

Chamba residents protest against water, sewerage tariff hike



BALKRISHAN PRASHAR

CHAMBA: The Chamba Residents Sangharsh Samitti recently organized a rally to protest against the recent threefold increase in drinking water and sewerage tariffs imposed by the state government. The rally, led by the samitti, witnessed significant participation from locals who voiced their discontent over the sharp hike, calling it unjust and burdensome for the common people. The protestors marched through key parts of the town, raising slogans against the government's decision, which they claimed would disproportionately affect middle-class and lower-income households. Following the rally, a delegation led by the samitti president Dr DK Soni met the Deputy Commissioner Mukesh Repaswal and submitted a memorandum addressed to Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu. The memorandum highlighted the adverse impact of the tariff hike on the general public and demanded its immediate rollback.

BJP will protest at district level against government's celebration: Balbir

AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB, DEC 2

District BJP President and former MLA Balbir Singh Chaudhary has said that BJP will hold a strong protest on December 7 at the district headquarters against the celebration of two years of the state government in Bilaspur on December 11 and workers from all five divisions and senior BJP officials will be present in it. In a press conference held here on Monday, Balbir Chaudhary said that the two-year tenure of the Congress government has been very disappointing. The Congress government, which came to power by telling lies, has not fulfilled even a single guarantee. He said that the Congress party has been divided into two camps over this celebration. The party's state president and Public Works Minister himself



said that they have no information about this celebration. Balbir said that the Chief Minister goes everywhere and lies that pension is being given to the women of the state. Whereas the truth is that every woman spent up to Rs 500 to apply for pension but now the government has handed over the responsibility of giving pension to women to the Panchayats. He said that as soon as the government came to power, it closed the government institutions opened for the convenience of the people. So far 10 such

institutions have been closed in Chintpurni assembly constituency alone. He said that numberdars play a major role in revenue related works but during the tenure of this government, there are talks about abolishing the posts of numberdars. Not only this, the honorarium given to numberdars is also not being given by this government. On this occasion, District BJP General Secretary Sham Minhas, former Mandal President Kuldeep Singh Thakur and Mandal General Secretary Kuldeep Thakur were also present with him.

BSF's 60th Foundation Day celebrated with enthusiasm by Himveer Jagriti Manch



SANJEEV MAHAJAN

NURPUR: Himveer Jagriti Manch celebrated the 60th Foundation Day of the Border Security Force (BSF) at KK Palace in Jawali with great enthusiasm. Nearly 100 retired personnel from Nurpur, Jawali, Fatehpur, and Indora tehsils attended the event, exchanging greetings and spreading joy. The BSF, the world's largest border-guarding force, is entrusted with guarding India's borders with Pakistan and Bangladesh, spanning approximately 7,000 kilometers. Additionally, the BSF plays a crucial role along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir.

The force has made significant contributions to both external and internal security, including its pivotal roles in the 1971 Liberation War, combating terrorism in Punjab and Jammu & Kashmir, and defending the nation during the Kargil War. Himveer Jagriti Manch is an organization of retired personnel from Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF), working for public welfare and national development.

153 mini Anganwadis were upgraded in state: Bhardwaj

SANAJY AGGARWAL

DHARAMSHALA: Union Minister of State for Women and Child Development Savitri Thakur told Kangra Lok Sabha member Rajiv Bhardwaj in Parliament that 153 mini Anganwadis of Himachal Pradesh have been upgraded and converted into main Anganwadis. She told that at present 539 mini Anganwadi centres are functioning in Himachal Pradesh and the state government had sent a proposal to upgrade 153 mini Anganwadis which has been accepted. She told Lok Sabha member Dr Rajiv Bhardwaj in Parliament that in view of the primary education and care of children, the Government of India has decided to upgrade all the mini Anganwadis working across the country under Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan Programme as full-fledged Anganwadis, under which one worker and one helper will be deployed in each Anganwadi centre. He informed that out of a total of 1,16,852 mini Anganwadi centres in 23 States and Union Territories, approval has been given to upgrade 86,351 mini Anganwadis into full-fledged Anganwadis as per the proposals sent by 20 States and Union Territories.



Red Ribbon Club at Tauni Devi School calls for a world free from AIDS

RAJNEESH SHARMA HAMIRPUR, DEC 2

On World AIDS Day, the Red Ribbon Club of Government Senior Secondary School, Tauni Devi, organized various awareness activities under the theme "End AIDS and Build a World Where Everyone Has Equal Opportunities." The event prominently showcased the Red Ribbon, a global symbol of solidarity with HIV-positive individuals and AIDS victims. Students from the Junior Red Cross Club, NSS volunteers, Scouts and Guides, and Eco Club



members formed a giant Red Ribbon in the school playground to spread awareness about AIDS prevention. Principal Rajneesh Rangra emphasized that the purpose of World AIDS Day is to educate people of all ages about the dangers of HIV infection and preventive measures. He highlighted that AIDS weakens the body's

immune system, leaving it vulnerable to common illnesses, and urged parents to treat HIV-positive children with empathy and respect.

Eighth-grade student Yashmeen and B.Ed trainee Astha educated the audience about HIV and AIDS. They explained that AIDS is caused by the HIV virus, detectable only through blood tests 12 weeks post-

infection. They also stressed that an HIV-positive person can lead a seemingly normal life for 6 to 10 years but can transmit the virus during this period. The main causes of HIV transmission include unprotected sexual relations, contaminated needles or blood transfusions, transmission from infected parents to newborns, and intravenous drug use.

The speakers dispelled myths about HIV transmission, clarifying that it does not spread through casual contact like handshakes, sharing meals, drinking water from the same source, using common toilets, or playing sports.

Competition organised in college on occasion of World AIDS Day



AVINASH CHAUHAN

AMB: A speech competition was organized on the occasion of World AIDS Day by the Debate and Declaration Committee in Maharana Pratap Utkrishta Mahavidyalaya Amb. The main objective of this speech competition was to prevent AIDS and create awareness about it. 15 participants took part in it. Priyansu BA first year secured first position, Tamanna BA first year secured second position and Ripul secured third position. Principal Prof. Darshan Kumar was the chief guest on this occasion. In his speech, he gave a message to the students and said that HIV AIDS is a social challenge for which education and such competitions should be conducted so that students and people can become aware of it. Dr. Shruti, Dr. Ajay Sharma, Prof. Poonam Sharma were the judges in this competition.

Use of single super phosphate for small farmers



GURDEEP SINGH GREWAL KHAMANO: Due to the non-availability of DAP for wheat sowing the farmers of the district have to use single super phosphate. Triple Super Phosphate, NPK, has proven beneficial as an alternative source of NPC in place of Single Super Phosphate. (12:32:16) . These farmers seem quite satisfied with the results of wheat sown. One such farmer, Lakhveer Singh of village Khant has been sowing wheat using single super phosphate since last year in his 06 acres of land. This farmer told that he used single superphosphate instead of DAP fertilizer and wheat was sown using 30 kg urea per 100 kg per acre. As a result of which this farmer has been greatly affected. He says that where single super phosphate was available much cheaper than DAP, it was used on the crop. Wheat has been sown using 30 kg urea per 100 kg acre.

District level awareness campaign regarding World AIDS Day starts



KULJIT SINGH JANDIALA GURU: According to the orders of the Punjab Government, under the leadership of Civil Surgeon Amritsar Dr. Kirandeep Kaur, the office of Civil Surgeon Amritsar launched the World AIDS Day awareness campaign by conducting district level workshops, rallies and street plays. During this event, Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission, Abhiyakti Foundation, Mansa Foundation, RPS Foundation, Savera Society, Shape India, L Women Conference, Link Worker Scheme NGO, representatives of Giving information on this occasion, Civil Surgeon Amritsar Dr. Kirandeep Kaur said that information and caution about HIV/AIDS is the only cure. If anyone notices any of these symptoms, they should immediately go to the nearest government hospital or ICTC. By going to the center for examination, one can get treatment from the ART center. Free examination, treatment and counseling are provided in these centers and the patient's name and record are kept confidential.

World AIDS Day organised at Rayat Bahra University



LK BANSAL MOHALI: University School of Allied Health Sciences (USAHS) of Rayat Bahra University organised an awareness session for the students and faculty on World AIDS Day. Theme of the day was "Collective Action: Sustain and Accelerate HIV progress". The day is observed each year to raise awareness about HIV and AIDS. Taranjit Singh, Assistant Professor, Clinical Biochemistry, spoke about the history of AIDS, how it spreads and how its spread can be checked. He also spoke on the diagnosis, prevention options, and anti-retro-viral therapy. A skit was presented for the students and faculty to make things more narrative and understanding. The skit was energetic and motivational. Dean of USAHS, Dr Pankaj Kaul, explained "the 5H disease" standing for Haitian, Homosexuals, Hemophilias, Hereditary and Heroin users being the source of infection. Dean, USPR, Dr Lalit Gupta, in his message encouraged the staff to organise more such events with student participation for wider awareness.

ASP and Rajasthan Polo Club emerge winners on opening day of Maharaja Ranjit Singh National Polo Tournament



R N KHIERA CHANDIGARH: The Army Service Corps (ASC) and Rajasthan Polo Club won their inaugural matches on the opening day of the Maharaja Ranjit Singh National Polo Trophy being played at Chandigarh Polo Club, Khuda Lahora under the aegis of Indian Polo Association (IPA) Army Service Corps (ASC) kicked off their campaign on a winning note when they outclassed Hyderabad Polo and Riding Club (HPRC) 8 - 4.5. Sepoy Mukesh Gurjar of Supply Corps, the top scorer with four excellent goals controlled the game for Services while Sepoy Ravinder Mang smashed three targets to the goal post. Major Qaramat Ali scored one goal. Salim Azmi managed three goals for the losing side. Earlier, Rajasthan Polo Club (RPC) defeated host Chandigarh Polo Club (CPC) 12.5 - 4. Col Manoj Dewan gave Chandigarh a excellent start by scoring a goal in the very first minute of the play.

National Public School Kurali celebrates its 44th annual function“Vasudev Kutumbakam”

SHASHI PAL JAIN
KURALI, DEC 2

National Public School, Kurali celebrated 44th Annual Function“Vasudev Kutumbakam” under the guidelines of School management members, chairperson Ms. Santosh Sharma, Vice Chairman Harkesh Gupta, Manager, Aman Sharma, Treasurer and founder chairman, Ish Aggarwal former chairmen, Vijay Sharma and Sushil Kaushal Former chairmen and Amit Bansal Joint Secretary . They illuminated the lamp to seek the blessings of Goddess Saraswati to start the event.

The celebrations enriched by the presence of Chief guest, Mr. Amanpal Singh PCS, SDM Phillaur (alumnus of NPS) who shared his thoughts on the importance of nurturing talent, preserving cultural heritage, and fostering a sense of unity in diversity in the students.

He also acknowledged the dangers of drug abuse and advised the students to stay away from this danger to our society. He also highlighted the inclination of youth for foreign countries. The celebrations included classical dance, and reflected India's rich cultural heritage through Punjabi folk dances, Giddha and Bhangra. Students also showcased international dances including Japanese, African, Brazilian etc. performances spreading Global Essence. They also highlighted the issues like social media addiction and evil of child labour.

The event also served as an occasion to recognize and celebrate academic excellence, sports achievements, and contributions to the community. Awards were presented in various categories, including academics, sports, hundred percent attendance and cultural activities. “The event has been a beautiful reminder of the incredible talent and cultural wealth within our community,” said school Principal, Ms. Madhu Kalia.

She presented the Annual report of the school. She said, “It is heartening to see young minds not only excelling in academics but also embracing and celebrating their cultural roots. This holistic development will shape the leaders of tomorrow.” Her words resonated among both students and parents, serving as a reminder of the potential each individual has to contribute meaningfully to society.

The annual function concluded with a vote of thanks by the Treasurer, Mr Ish Aggarwal who expressed gratitude to all the participants, performers, and volunteers for making the event a memorable success. He reiterated the significance of the theme Vasudev Kutumbakam, encouraging everyone to live by the values of compassion, kindness, and cooperation.



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CM to dedicate Nishan-e-Inquilab plaza on December 4: DC

SHASHI PAL JAIN
MOHALI, DEC 2

Punjab Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann to dedicate Nishan-e-Inquilab Plaza on December 4, 2024, at Shaheed Bhagat Singh International Airport, Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar, said the Deputy Commissioner Mrs Aashika Jain, here, today.

Taking stock of the ongoing preparations the Deputy Commissioner said that this Plaza has a 30 feet high statue of legendary freedom fighter and hero of the Nation, Sardar Bhagat Singh as a main attraction that will make the people aware of the supreme sacrifices made for the independence struggle of the country.

While directing the PWD and other line departments to give all the finishing touches



to the plaza to make it prepare for the inauguration, she said that there should be proper coordination between all the departments and all have to work in tandem to make the event a grand success without causing hindrance to anyone. She said that the arrival and departure of the residents will not suffer due to the event and special attention has been given to keeping the area free of any traffic obstruction.

ADC Viraj S Tidke and Sonam Chaudhary, Commissioner MC T Benith, ACA GMADA Amarinder Singh Tiwana, SDM Mohali Daman-deep Kaur, SP (Traffic) H S Mann, Executive Engineers PWD, Shivpreet Singh and S S Bhullar, Executive Engineer Horticulture GMADA Man-deep Singh Lachowal and other senior functionaries were present during the visit of Deputy Commissioner.

Chandigarh book exhibition organised by National Book Trust inaugurated



CHANDIGARH, DEC 2

Chandigarh Book Exhibition organised by National Book Trust (NBT) was inaugurated at T.S. Central State Library Sector 17, Chandigarh in the august presence of Preeti Saxena, DC, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Bindu Arora, Deputy Director, Education Department, Chandigarh Administration, eminent litterateur Prem Vij and Dr. Vinod Sharma.

On the occasion, Librarian Dr. Neeja Singh welcomed the guests including school children, teachers and other

Power shut down today

KHARAR (SHASHI PAL JAIN): According to the information received from Sub-Divisional Officer Eng. Satinder Singh Urban-2 Kharar Punjab State Power Corporation, the power supply of the areas Modern Valley, Khanpur Village, Noor City, Nirvana Society, Amarya Society, Ambika Gold City, GBM Apartment and Siva Enclave running from 11 KV Khanpur feeder running from 220 KV Kharar grid will be affected on December 3 from 9 am to 5 pm.

Staff of Government Polytechnic College honors Principal Rajeev Puri



SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, DEC 2

Principal Rajeev Puri of the Government Polytechnic College, Khuni Majra, who also served as the Additional Director in the Department of Technical Education and Industrial Training, retired to day. To honor his contributions, the staff and students of the college organized a farewell party in his honor.

The farewell event was graced by notable attendees including Additional Directors Dr. Darshan Singh Sidhu and Dr. Ravinder Singh Hundal, Controller of Examinations Narinder Pal Singh Lamba, Registrar of Punjab

State Board of Technical Education Sanjeev Goel, Dr. Kavaljeet Kaur (wife of former Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi), acclaimed actress Satinder Satti, former DGP D.R. Bhatti, and SDM Kharar Gurminder Singh representing the district administration.

They all paid tribute to Rajeev Puri's dedicated service to the district administration, the Department of Technical Education, and the Government Polytechnic College, Khuni Majra. The college's Officer In-Charge of Civil Engineering, Prof. Gurbakhsh Singh, highlighted Mr. Puri's accomplishments during his tenure and shed light on his

remarkable personality. Principals of various polytechnic colleges, including Principal Manoj Jabla, Principal Kulwinder Singh Bedi, and former Principals Narinder Singh and Harjinder Singh Saini, also congratulated Rajeev Puri for his outstanding contributions. The college staff extended their best wishes to the retiring Principal.

Students marked the occasion by cutting a cake and planting a sapling on the college premises. In his concluding remarks, Principal Rajeev Puri, accompanied by his wife Dr. Anjali Puri, expressed heartfelt gratitude to the entire staff for the grand farewell celebration.

Raman Bahl lays foundation stone of DEIC at District Hospital



VERMA
GURDASPUR, DEC 2

The efforts of the Chairman of Punjab Health Systems Corporation, Mr. Raman Bahl, to provide quality health services in Gurdaspur Assembly Constituency along with the entire state are also continuing. Due to the efforts of Mr. Bahl, the state government has spent Rs. 32 crore in the last 2 years to provide quality health services in Gurdaspur Assembly Constituency. To ensure access to quality health services to the common people, the Punjab Gov-

ernment has established an RTPCR Laboratory at District Hospital Gurdaspur (Babri) which was inaugurated today by the Chairman of Punjab Health Systems Corporation, Mr. Raman Bahl. Along with this, he also laid the foundation stone of the District Early Intervention Center at the Civil Hospital. On this occasion, Chairman Mr. Raman Bahl said that in the last 2 years, while discharging his duty, he has brought projects worth Rs. 32 crore to provide quality health services in the Gurdaspur assembly constituency.

Rotary Club Roopnagar organises RYLA for special children



BAHADURJEET SINGH
RUPNAGAR, DEC 2

Rotary Club Rupnagar organized RYLA - Rotary Youth Leadership Awards for special need children at Ambuja Manovikas Kendra in Salora of Rupnagar. More than 100 students of two local schools Ambuja Manovikas Kendra & Parkash Memorial Deaf & Dumb School participated at this event. This project is very close to the heart of rotarians hence considered to be best project of this Rotary year.

It is pertinent to mention here that under Youth Service program of Rotary Inter-

national, RYLA is a unique leadership event which is organized by Rotary clubs, where young people of the age of 14 to 18 years develop their leadership skills while having fun and making connections. Participants connect with community leaders, distinguished speakers & learn how to Build Communication and problem-solving skills. Discover strategies for becoming a dynamic leader in their school or community. Unlock their potential thru motivation & many more skills. The daylong event was organized in two parts as of Inaugural ceremony & Award function.

Police arrest two individuals involved in robbery, theft with stolen goods

ASHISHPURI
KAPURTHALA, DEC 2

Senior superintendent of police Gaurav Toora, briefed to media that a special operation against notorious criminals was conducted by the Kapurthala District Sub-Division Phagwara Police Team. This operation led to the successful arrest of two individuals involved in robberies and thefts, along with the recovery of stolen goods in Kapurthala, other parts of Punjab, and various cities in different states.

SSP Toora further stated that On November 29, 2024, Preeti, wife of Soni, resident of House No. 154-E, Chahal Nagar, phagwara City Police Station, Kapurthala, reported that two individuals on a motorcycle had snatched her gold chain and fled from outside her house. A fir under Section 304 (BNS) was registered against



unknown persons at Phagwara City Police Station, Kapurthala. A dedicated police team used technical methods, including CCTV footage and scientific investigation, to trace the accused. Within 12 hours, the police succeeded in arresting Rajbir, son of Om Singh, a resident of Ali Nagar, Banna Jinjana, District Shamli, Uttar Pradesh, and Ravi, son of Satpal, a resident of Ali Nagar, Thana Jinjana, District Sham-

li, Uttar Pradesh. They were arrested along with the motorcycle (PB-10-HV-4305, Pulsar) used in the crime, the stolen gold mangalsutra of Preeti and three gold chains. Both accused were placed under a 4-day police remand for further interrogation. During questioning, they revealed that they had committed thefts and robberies in various cities across Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh.

Family reunion program organized by senior citizens of Irrigation Department Punjab



SHASHI PAL JAIN
MOHALI, DEC 2

The third Family Reunion program was organized by the senior citizens of Ranjit Sagar Dam of Punjab Irrigation Department at Radius Hotel located on Mohali Airport Road, which was presided over by K. C Bhagat, Rajinder Sharma, Jatinder

Arora, Sudhir Sharma, Amrit Verma. All the families celebrated together and on this occasion all sang songs for the marriage of Sudhir Sharma's son and gave heartfelt congratulations and good wishes. On this occasion, the most senior retired members Harbajan Singh, Tarlok Singh Jassar and Suba Singh were honored by all the members

along with their families by presenting them with Dushalas and mementos and prayers were offered for their eternal health. The members of this group participated enthusiastically and it was unanimously decided to organize the next family reunion program on February 23 and all the members were requested to attend.

Regarding attack of pink stem of wheat, it is Necessary to inspect crop before watering to check attack of pink stem: Dr. Amrik



FARIDKOT (SURINDER DAMDAMI): The wheat sowing work in the district will be completed during this week. In the meantime, the wheat crop sown in the first week of November has been seen attacked by the insects called Pink Sundi and Saimik Sundi.

Chief Agriculture Officer Dr. Amrik Singh, giving information about the attack of pink borer, said that in most of the area, wheat has been sown with super/happy, smart or surface seeder , in some places, the pink borer is damaging the wheat crop, which requires continuous monitoring to prevent it. He said that this time due to seasonal changes, the wheat crop planted in the first week of November has been attacked by pink borer. He said that every farmer must first inspect the wheat crop before applying water and if any attack of pink borer is found in any field then the concerned agricultural officials should be contacted.

He said that the pink borer can attack the wheat crop sown with all kinds of techniques. Apart from wheat, this sundi corn , also attacks in paddy , basmati and sorghum, so there is a need not to fear pink blight but to treat it using recommended techniques in time.

Dhaliwal asks Corporation for list of valid constructions to identify illegal constructions



JANDIALA GURU (KULJIT SINGH): Cabinet Minister S. Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal has sought a list of constructions being approved from Corporation Amritsar in a high-level meeting held to review the ongoing development works in Amritsar city. He said that with the list of constructions passed by you, I will be able to reach the illegal constructions. He said that we need to take action first to stop illegal constructions and not to take decisions like demolishing or imposing restrictions after the construction. Sardar Dhaliwal also instructed that after the Aam Aadmi Party government in Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Bhagwant Singh Mann had given 150 crore rupees to each constituency for development works and in Amritsar it should be told where and how much this money has been invested, along with the tenders issued by the corporation so far. And also asked for the list of works being done. After hearing about the long-closed Rego Bridge, he also asked for the map of the building passed by the hotel being built near the bridge to find out whether the construction is being done according to the rules or not.

PPS Riders shine at Chandigarh Horse Show with stunning medal haul



RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA : The Punjab Public School, Nabha, achieved a remarkable milestone at the Chandigarh Horse. Demonstrating exceptional equestrian skills, the PPS riders bagged an impressive tally of 52 medals, comprising 17 gold, 15 silver, 12 bronze, and 8 copper. Headmaster Dr DC Sharma congratulated the riding team for their outstanding performance and lauded their dedication and perseverance. He expressed his confidence in their continued success, emphasizing the school's commitment to fostering excellence in sports and co-curricular activities. This extraordinary achievement is a testament to the school's tradition of nurturing talent and its unwavering focus on holistic development.

Skilled craftsmanship adorns Brahma Sarovar at International Gita Mahotsav



DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA : The sacred banks of Brahma Sarovar have transformed into a vibrant showcase of craftsmanship at the ongoing International Gita Mahotsav 2024. From November 28 to December 15, artisans from various states have gathered to present their intricate handmade creations at the Saras and Ship Mela. Visitors to the fair are left awestruck by the artistry on display, reflecting India's rich tradition of handicrafts. Among the many participants, an artisan from Assam has brought along an exquisite collection of bamboo-made home décor items, including fruit baskets, flower pots, wall hangings, table lamps, and water bottles. He expressed gratitude to the Kurukshetra Development Board (KDB) for providing a platform and allotting him a stall. "This festival serves as an excellent stage to revive and promote our fading handicraft traditions," the artisan shared. His creations, priced between Rs. 50 and Rs 1,000, are made by a team of craftsmen back in Assam. Beyond celebrating art, his work also generates employment opportunities for others, contributing to community livelihoods. The artisan further highlighted that he participates in the festival annually and travels to other states to exhibit his craft. Visitors have been enthusiastically purchasing his items, adding a distinct flavor to their experience at the fair.

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Science quiz organised at Apollo International School

KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI: A science quiz competition was organized at Apollo International School, Dadu Pur Khurd, where students from classes 6 to 12 showcased their knowledge and enthusiasm. The event featured four teams: Genetic, Hydrocarbon, Helix Weavers,



and Radioactive. After a spirited contest, the Hydrocarbon team emerged victorious, earning hearty

congratulations from the teachers.] Science educators Anisha, Bindiya, Pallavi, and Mahak engaged the students with interactive and fascinating insights, making the learning of science both enjoyable and accessible. Their efforts aimed to instill curiosity in students and inspire them to embrace

science with greater interest. Principal Rajni Sharma applauded the participants and encouraged them to delve deeper into scientific learning. She highlighted the importance of education in shaping the nation's future, remarking, "Today's children are tomorrow's pride."

WD likely to bring rain, snowfall in J&K: MeT

AGENCY
SRINAGAR, DEC 2

Night temperatures in the Kashmir Valley have improved but remain below freezing, ahead of an expected Western Disturbance (WD) that could bring snow and rain to Jammu and Kashmir, officials said. The Meteorological (MeT) Department stated that a weak WD is likely to affect the region, potentially causing light rain and snow over higher reaches and scattered areas from late Monday evening to Tuesday morning. Dry weather is expected to prevail afterward until December 7, they said. On December 8 there is a possibility of another wet spell with the possibility of light rain and light snow over the higher reaches and at isolated places, the MeT office said. The weather will



remain dry hereafter till December 12. The Kashmir Valley continued to shiver even as the day and night temperatures slightly improved but stayed below normal at most places, with the tourist destinations of Gulmarg emerging as the coldest place at minus 2.9°C and Pahalgam at 2.3°C on Monday. The minimum

temperature recorded during the intervening night of Sunday and Monday in Srinagar improved and settled at minus 0.8°C against the minus 1.3°C the previous night. This was 0.4°C above normal for the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir during this period of the season. Srinagar's iconic Dal Lake and other parts were

also engulfed with the fog, disrupting normal activities. Qazigund recorded a low of minus 1.4°C against minus 1.8°C a day ago, and this was 0.2°C below normal for the gateway of Kashmir in south Kashmir. The minimum temperature at Pahalgam dipped to minus 2.3°C against the minus 0.3°C on Sunday. This was still 1.0°C

above normal for the famous tourist destination in south Kashmir. The ski resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir's Baramulla district emerged as the coldest place, with the mercury settling at minus 2.9°C on Monday against the minus 2.6°C recorded the previous night. This was still 0.2°C above normal for the valley of meadows during this period of the season. Kokernag recorded a low of 0.2°C against the 0.4°C recorded the previous day, and it was 0.8°C above normal for the picnic spot of South Kashmir.

The night temperature at the frontier Kashmir district of Kupwara dipped by a notch and settled at minus 0.6°C on Monday against the minus 0.5°C a day ago, and this was 1.1°C above normal for the border area during this period of the season, the MeT office.

International Gita Mahotsav 2024: Unique 'My Favourite Gita Shloka' competition announced

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, DEC 2

As part of the International Gita Mahotsav 2024, the Kurukshetra Development Board is organizing a unique competition titled "Mera Priya Gita Shloka" (My Favourite Gita Shloka). This initiative offers a platform for individuals who have experienced positive transformations in their lives inspired by the teachings of the Bhagavad Gita. The event aims to spread the timeless wisdom of the Gita and highlight personal stories of those who have found guidance and inspiration in its verses. The primary objective of the competition is to share the Gita's profound message globally while showcasing how its shlokas have impacted individuals. Participants are invited to

create short videos about their favorite shloka, explaining how it became a source of inspiration in their lives. These videos will be shared on the "My Favourite Shloka in Gita" YouTube channel, making them accessible to a global audience.

Competition Details:
Video Duration: Maximum 40 seconds. Submission Requirements: Video title, participant's name, phone number, and address. Deadline: December 11, 2024, by 5:00 PM. Submission Email: shlokagita@gmail.com. The winner will be selected based on the highest number of views on their video and will receive a cash prize as recognition. The Bhagavad Gita, a revered spiritual text of India, provides profound guidance on all aspects of life.

Administrative officers are eyes and ears of government: Harvinder Kalyan

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, DEC 2

Gharaunda MLA and Speaker of Haryana Assembly Harvinder Kalyan said that administrative officers are eyes and ears of government, in such a situation, officers of all departments should work with team spirit and speed up development works, if there is any obstacle then inform immediately. Development of Gharaunda constituency is his main responsibility, there will be no shortage of budget for development works. He was addressing officers present during thanksgiving tour in his assembly constituency today. He said that earlier also unprecedented development work has been done in Gharaunda area and big projects have been brought but now during these 5 years the shortcomings of previous years will be removed, for this



cooperation of officers is necessary. He said that development works going on under constituency of assembly should be completed at a fast pace and proposals for new development works should be prepared. He said that officers should give detailed information about development works related to their department as well as public welfare schemes and also give their feedback and suggestions for solution of problem so that they can be resolved from Chandigarh headquarters. He

also gave information about repair of roads being built through Public Works Department, Marketing Board, District Council and status of new roads. He also took information about status of drinking water from the officials of the Public Health Department and said that wherever there is a problem of drinking water, it should be resolved and where there is a need for water tubes, it should also be informed so that budget can be made available from government.

School of Eminence Bhadson students promote waste management awareness



RAKESH JINDAL
BHADSON: Students from the School of Eminence, Bhadson, in District Patiala took an innovative step towards sustainability by participating in a role play activity during the 8th week of the Sustainability Leaders Program. This activity focused on raising awareness about effective waste management practices, specifically the segregation of wet and dry waste, and was conducted in collaboration with the Municipal Council. As part of the program, students not only educated their peers but also reached out to the community, spreading awareness about reducing waste and the proper use of separate dustbins for effective waste disposal. Their efforts highlighted the health hazards caused by improper waste management, including the spread of diseases, emphasizing the importance of sustainable practices for a cleaner environment. Preetinder Ghai, Principal of the School of Eminence, underscored the significance of such initiatives, which align with the "Swachhata Hi Sewa" Campaign and the broader Clean India Mission. He remarked, "Field visits and innovative projects like this empower students to become responsible citizens and active change-makers, fostering a deeper connection with sustainable practices."

Do not discriminate against AIDS patients: Civil Surgeon



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: Civil Surgeon Barnala Dr. Baldev Singh said that World AIDS Day is celebrated every year on December 1 to spread awareness about prevention of AIDS and respect and mental strength of the people suffering from it, not to discriminate against AIDS patients. He said that AIDS patients should not be discriminated against. Accordingly Senior Medical Officer Barnala Dr. Tapinderjot Kaushal flagged off an awareness rally of school children. Dr. Kaushal said that AIDS is spread by HIV virus. It reduces the body's ability to fight diseases. AIDS can spread from one person to another through needle syringe, tattoo razor blade, from an AIDS infected woman to a child and through unsafe sex. Counselors Manjinder Singh and Harmanjit Kaur said that HIV testing is done free of cost at ICTC centers in Barnala, Tapa and Dhanaula and counseling is given for prevention.

Vijay Kapur urges authorities to restore Yamunanagar's glory

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: Vijay Kapur, Chairman, DAV Schools, Yamuna Nagar and Social Activist remarked that once Model Town of Yamuna Nagar was considered fine locality for good living, where people could have majestic walk on the roads without any hurdle and breathed in healthy environment. Vijay Kapur emphasised 'Now the glory of Yamuna Nagar is dwindling as indiscipline is ingrained in Indian Character, since people do not follow ethics and values. They do not feel responsibility toward the society and the nation. Thus roads are being damaged as vehicles are being washed adjoining the roads and waste water is thrown on the roads. Now the roads have pot holes, which require immediate repair for smooth movement of traffic. People throw garbage near houses of other fellows as well as in drains instead of using dustbins. Thus drains are choked, which supplement breeding of mosquitoes. Further drains are not cleaned timely, which has become stinking place and keeps us away from healthy environment. Besides pedestrians are unable to walk care-free on roads due to lack of proper foot-paths as well as encroachment on foot-paths, which is vital for their safety'. Vijay Kapur said 'another factor which creates caos in Model Town, when traffic becomes congested surrounding Nehru Park due to lack of proper parking as commuters park their vehicles on the roads. Besides commuters sometimes drive vehicles at high speed in Yamuna Nagar city without observing speed limit, which endangers the life of public. Simultaneously noise pollution is also created, when they drive vehicles with loud horns, which creates panic as well as deafens the hearing of public.

NRMU Workshop Branch Kalka organises gate meeting in view of elections

SUBHASH KOHLI
KALKA, DEC 2

NRMU Workshop Branch Kalka organized a gate meeting during lunch break under the chairmanship of Branch Secretary Pradeep Sharma, Branch President Kamal Kumar. In which mainly All India OBC Railway Employees Organization Northern Railway Kalka Branch Secretary Sanjeev Kumar, Branch President Shashank and Kalka Shimla Branch Branch Secretary Jai Prakash and Vice President Akhilesh Yadav along with their colleagues participated in large numbers. In which OBC Branch President Shashank said that our full support is with NRMU. For some time, false people are spreading false propaganda by calling themselves OBC organization, all of them are



fake, fake people, do not get misled by them. We declare through this platform that, FIR will also be registered against the false people, those who call themselves fake OBC, because the entire vote and support of our OBC organization is with NRMU. Branch Secretary Sanjeev Kumar said that the then General Secretary of the All India OBC Railway Employees Organization, Northern Railway is S.K. Yadav, and we will only

follow his orders and no one else. Secretary Sanjeev said that we will work as per the orders of the General Secretary of the OBC Organization, S.K. Yadav, and as per his orders, we will all work together with NRMU, and vote for them and make them victorious. Any employee who brings his work to us, his work will be done 100 percent. In which full efforts will be made by us and the NRMU branch.

Dr. Jagdish urges farmers to monitor wheat crops and use pesticides as needed to control pests

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, DEC 2

Chief Agriculture Officer Dr. Jagdish Singh said that pest surveillance teams have been formed for the survey of pests and diseases on the crops in the district, which are going to the farmers' fields from time to time, surveying the crops and advising them to use pesticides if necessary. is being given Dr. Giving information, Jagdish Singh said that the wheat crop should be continuously monitored, if the wheat crop sown in the first week of November is getting more than the economic value in the fields, then he advised the farmers that the recommendation of the Punjab Agricultural University Accordingly, before watering the wheat crop, mix 7 kg of Fipronil or



one liter of Chlorpyrifos 20 EC in 20 kg of silty soil. He said that it is preferable to water the wheat crop first during the day so that the birds can hunt more and more birds.

He said that if the attack of sundi appears after the first watering, then 50 ml of chlorantraniliprole (corazine) 18.5 SC should be dissolved in 100 liters of water and sprayed. Chief Agriculture Officer Barnala, while giving information,

said that farmers should continuously survey their wheat crop, if damage is seen or found on the wheat crop due to pink sundi, then contact their respective block agriculture officer or circle. Contact should be established with the agricultural authorities so that it can be controlled by using insecticides as per the recommendations of Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana in time for its prevention.

Tribute ceremony on 22nd death anniversary of Shri Harbans Lal Sharma

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, DEC 2

A tribute meeting was organized at Gandhi Arya Senior Secondary School, Barnala today on the 22nd death anniversary of late Shri Harbans Lal Sharma. On this occasion, sewing machines were distributed to 11 girl students of Smt. Sheela Rani Goyal Sewing Centre. On this occasion, Sanjeev Shori, Chairman of the School Management Committee, while paying tribute to late Sharma ji, said that Sharma ji's entire family has been dedicated to social service. Today his son Shri Sudarshan Sharma ji is the President of Arya Pratindhi Sabha Punjab. He is always ready for the progress of Arya



institutions. The Sharma family has contributed a lot to social service. Taking inspiration from this family, the teachers, students and members of the Management Committee of our school decided that langar will be organized every evening in the school. Where the needy will be able to have dinner. This langar arrangement will be in the school from 5:30 pm to 7 pm every day from today. Principal of the school Raj Mahendra ji paid floral tribute to Shri

Harbans Lal Sharma ji and said that we all should take inspiration from his life. On this occasion, Manager Kewal Jindal of the School Management Committee, Master Satpal Goyal, Ashok Kumar Garg, Satish Sidhwani, Rajinder Chaudhary, Surinder Kumar, Binder Garg, Rishav Jain, Ashok Kumar Badri, Principal Rajesh Kumar, Rekha Garg, Suman Lata, Veena Chaddha and other teachers and students of the school also paid tribute to Sharma ji.

Kirpal Sagar Academy: A sanctuary of excellence in education

CHET RAM RATTAN
NAWANSHAHR, DEC 2

Nestled in the tranquil landscape near the banks of the River Satluj, Kirpal Sagar Academy stands as a beacon of learning and growth. Established in 1989, this renowned boarding school has consistently provided a nurturing environment for holistic education. The academy owes its foundation to the late H.H. Dr. Harbhajan Singh, a celebrated spiritual leader and educator. Originally established as Kirpal Public School with 75 students, the vision expanded to create a comprehensive boarding



school offering not just academics but life skills and values, leading to the creation of Kirpal Sagar Academy. Affiliated with the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Delhi, the academy offers education from Nursery to 10+2 in all streams. It integrates academic rigor with character development, spirituality, and creativity, producing students who excel in diverse fields. The

academy's illustrious alumni include: Aleena Korachan, Ireland's first scientist. Baba Banta Singh, an esteemed Sikh scholar. Dr. Gurlal Singh Brar, a prominent dentist. Mrs. Baljinder Kaur, MLA from Punjab. Mr. Yatinder Singh, a globally acclaimed bodybuilder. Judge Karanvir Singh, a compassionate jurist. Economist Harvinder Kaur Aujla, a distinguished academic.

KU NSS volunteers to light 18 thousand lamps at Gita Jayanti Mahotsav 2024

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, DEC 2

On the occasion of International Gita Jayanti Mahotsav, 18 thousand lamps will be lit by the National Service Scheme volunteers of Kurukshetra University at Brahma Sarovar on 11 December at 4 pm. Vice Chancellor, Kurukshetra University, Prof. Som Nath Sachdeva conveyed his message that this ceremony of floating of lamps will be a source of spiritual connection for the students and they will imbibe the skills of intuition, concentration, mindfulness, inner peace and self confidence. Deputy Director, Public Relations Department, Dr Jimmy Sharma informed that on 11 December, Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini will be the Chief Guest of the 'deep daan' ceremony at Brahma Sarovar in which lamps will be lit by various social organizations and guests. National Service Scheme Coordinator, KUK, Dr. Anand Kumar said that preparations for 'deep daan' have been started by the volunteers of National Service Scheme. Dr Anand informed that 18 thousand lamps will be lit by the KU NSS volunteers at Brahma Sarovar on behalf of the university.



Editorial

Trapped again

When camera traps were put into use in forests to monitor animal habitats and learn more about the animals, it was not imagined that they could be used as traps for women. After interviewing 270 villagers, including women, who live around Jim Corbett National Park and enter the forest to gather produce, researchers found that their normal practices have undergone a change because they know they are being watched. For these women, ironically enough, the forest was a safe place where they went not only to forage but also for some relief from the conflicts at home. This was a man-free area. Here they bonded with one another, talked and sang, loudly enough to keep away elephants and tigers. But technology meant for conservation and learning is being used by local officials and men from the villages for surveillance of the women without their consent, even when they go to relieve themselves in some cases. Such monitoring means that the man-free space is now penetrated with an overall male gaze. Not sure of who is watching, women are no longer free, talking and singing softly, and thus laying themselves open to attacks from predators. One of the women in the interview was later taken by a tiger.

The research exposes the tragic nature of gender inequality in India. No space is protected from male control, whether by rules, social norms or simply the gaze. Necessarily, in such a situation, women become the objects and men one comprehensive subject. From this point of view, what is happening in Jim Corbett National Park is symbolic of women's position. Women are denied their 'naturalness', their feeling of transitory freedom, their window of occasional escape. More, they are made vulnerable to predators. It is a kind of psychological imprisonment; the women are caught between men's surveillance and beasts of prey. The men's actions argue a distortion that comes from a sense of unchecked entitlement: they affect the women's physical safety, mental health and behaviour. It must also be asked how men from the village are allowed to watch the feed from the camera traps and whether forest officials are doing their actual duty of watching animals and protecting them if they are monitoring the women. Obviously, technology for the best purposes can be perverted to truly damaging uses.

Biden pardons son Hunter in tax violation case

US President Joe Biden signed a pardon for his son, Robert Hunter Biden, who had been convicted on charges related to gun crimes and tax violations. The pardon ensures that Hunter Biden will not face sentencing for these offences and removes the possibility of prison time.

In a statement, President Biden addressed the charges against his son, arguing that individuals in similar situations—such as those with tax payment issues due to addiction—typically receive non-criminal resolutions. He contended that Hunter's case was treated differently, leading to felony charges despite the absence of aggravating factors.

Biden also stressed his commitment to not interfere with the Justice Department's decision-making, despite his belief that his son had been "selectively and unfairly prosecuted."

"Today, I signed a pardon for my son Hunter. From the day I took office, I said I would not interfere with the Justice Department's decision-making, and I kept my word even as I have watched my son being selectively and unfairly prosecuted. Without aggravating factors like use in a crime, multiple purchases, or buying a weapon as a straw purchaser, people are almost never brought to trial on felony



charges solely for how they filled out a gun form.

Those who were late paying their taxes because of serious addictions but paid them back subsequently with interest and penalties are typically given non-criminal resolutions. It is clear that Hunter was treated differently," the statement read.

Biden explained that the charges against his son were initiated after political opponents in Congress pushed for the case to be brought forward. He added that a plea deal, which had been negotiated with the Department of Justice, unraveled in court due to political

pressure.

"The charges in his cases came about only after several of my political opponents in Congress instigated them to attack me and oppose my election. Then, a carefully negotiated plea deal, agreed to by the Department of Justice, unravelled in the courtroom—with a number of my political opponents in Congress taking credit for bringing political pressure on the process. Had the plea deal held, it would have been a fair, reasonable resolution of Hunter's cases," the statement added.

The President maintained that the charges were politically motivated, as-

serting that Hunter was targeted because of his relationship with him. Biden concluded his statement by expressing his belief that, while he had faith in the justice system, the legal process had been influenced by politics, leading to a "miscarriage of justice."

"No reasonable person who looks at the facts of Hunter's cases can reach any other conclusion than Hunter was singled out only because he is my son—and that is wrong. There has been an effort to break Hunter, who has been five and a half years sober, even in the face of unrelenting attacks and selective prosecution. In trying to break Hunter, they've tried to break me—and there's no reason to believe it will stop here. Enough is enough," Biden said.

"For my entire career I have followed a simple principle: just tell the American people the truth.

They'll be fair-minded. Here's the truth: I believe in the justice system, but as I have wrestled with this, I also believe raw politics has infected this process, and it led to a miscarriage of justice—and once I made this decision this weekend, there was no sense in delaying it further. I hope Americans will understand why a father and a President would come to this decision," the statement added.

Literature & Health

UNRWA pausing delivery of aid through Kerem Shalom

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) announced that it is pausing the delivery of aid through Kerem Shalom, the main crossing point for humanitarian aid into Gaza.

Philippe Lazzarini, the UNRWA Commissioner-General, said in a post on his official X account (previously known as Twitter), that, "We are pausing the delivery of aid through Kerem Shalom. The road out of this crossing has not been safe for months. On 16 November, a large convoy of aid trucks was stolen by armed gangs. Yesterday, we tried to bring in a few food trucks on the same route. They were all taken."

This difficult decision he explained, comes at a time when hunger is rapidly deepening. "The delivery of humanitarian aid must never be dangerous or turn into an ordeal."

In Gaza, he added, the humanitarian operation has become unnecessarily impossible due to the ongoing siege, hurdles from Israeli authorities, political deci-



sions to restrict the amounts of aid, lack of safety on aid routes and targeting of local police.

All of the above led to a breakdown in law and order. The responsibility of protection of aid workers and supplies is with the State of Israel as the occupying power. They must ensure aid flows into Gaza safely & must refrain from attacks on humanitarian workers, he concluded.

Sharjah calligraphy forum draws 30,000 visitors

The 11th edition of the Sharjah Calligraphy Forum, under the theme "Numerals" wrapped up yesterday following a two-month celebration dedicated to Arabic calligraphy, drawing 30,000 visitors from around the world.

The forum, organised by the Cultural Affairs Department of the Sharjah Department of Culture and held under the patronage of H.H. Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Sharjah, took place from October 2 to November 30 at various locations throughout the emirate.

This year's edition achieved a remarkable milestone, attracting more



than 30,000 visitors from around the world. The event highlighted over 600 artworks created by 260 artists from diverse countries and included 94 activities such as exhibitions, workshops, lectures, and

seminars, in partnership with more than 30 institutions in Sharjah.

The forum brought together local, regional, and international delegations, reinforcing Sharjah's position as a global centre for cultural and artistic exchange.

Mohammed Ibrahim Al Qaseer, the Director of the Cultural Affairs Department at the Sharjah Department of Culture and head of the Sharjah Calligraphy Forum, stated that the event is in line with the vision of H.H. Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qasimi.

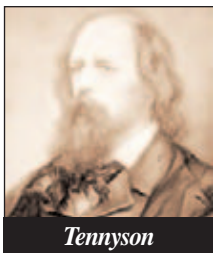
This vision aims to elevate Arabic calligraphy as a genuine Islamic art form and an important aspect of historical heritage.

POEM

Enoch Arden

Long lines of cliff breaking have left a chasm;
And in the chasm are foam and yellow
sands; Beyond, red roofs about a narrow
wharf In cluster; then a moulder'd church; and
higher A long street climbs to one tall-tower'd
mill;

And high in heaven behind it a gray down



With Danish barrows;
and a hazelwood,
By autumn nutters
haunted, flourishes
Green in a cuplike hollow of the down.

Here on this beach a
hundred years ago,
Three children of
three houses, Annie Lee, The prettiest little
damsel in the port,

And Philip Ray the miller's only son,
And Enoch Arden, a rough sailor's lad
Made orphan by a winter shipwreck, play'd
Among the waste and lumber of the shore.

By Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Word of the Year

NILESH SETH

Out of all the fluff created towards the end of a year, wrap-ups are increasingly becoming the most loved way of, well, wrapping up the year. Be it the Spotify Wrap or Vox's Year in Review, which recaps the entire year's news in mere minutes, netizens have grown an appetite for summed-up year-enders.

Another such wrap-up from the world of linguistics and literature is Oxford's Word of the Year. It is a contest of popularity between the most used words in a single year. This year's contest was won by the word 'Brain rot'. A word so new that writing software will fly out on a concord to flag it for being grammatically incorrect.

The Oxford University Press in its press release define Brain rot as- "the supposed deterioration of a person's mental or intellectual state, especially viewed as the result of overconsumption of material (now particularly online content) considered to be trivial or unchallenging.



Also: something characterized as likely to lead to such deterioration".

Each year, Oxford's Word of the Year is selected through a thoughtful process that aims to capture the essence of the times. Linguists and researchers at Oxford University Press analyze vast amounts of language data, drawn from

sources like books, newspapers, websites, and even social media, to identify words or phrases that have gained notable traction.

These terms often reflect major global trends, cultural shifts, or key societal moments. In recent years, the process has included public participation, with a short-

list of contenders being put to a popular vote, allowing people to help shape the final decision.

The ultimate choice is made by a panel of language experts, who evaluate which word best encapsulates the mood or concerns of the year. Whether it's a new term or one with a renewed significance, the chosen word speaks to the evolving ways we communicate and understand the world.

The Oxford University Press's justification of Brain rot winning this contest is "Our experts noticed that 'brain rot' gained new prominence this year as a term used to capture concerns about the impact of consuming excessive amounts of low-quality online content, especially on social media. The term increased in usage frequency by 230% between 2023 and 2024."

The other five words in this year's shortlisted words include demure, romantasy, lore, slop and dynamic pricing. It is very important to note that out of these six choices only one word (dynamic

pricing) is chosen because it has been a phenomenon in the actual world and not just a social media storm.

As another year ends, this wrap of linguistics and world of lexicography extends a unique lens to reflect on the increasing pace of evolution of our culture and language. "Brain rot," this year's winner, captures a growing unease with the overwhelming influence of trivial online content on our mental states—a phenomenon that resonates deeply in today's hyper connected digital age.

The increasing popularity of wrap-ups like this underscores our collective fascination with distilling complex realities into digestible summaries. While the shortlisted words reflect varied dimensions of contemporary life, the victory of "Brain rot" highlights not just a linguistic trend but a societal reckoning with how we consume and prioritize information. In doing so, it reminds us that language, much like culture, is ever-changing, mirroring the concerns and preoccupations of the time.

PhonePe Launches Affordable Dengue and Malaria Insurance

Chandigarh : PhonePe, today announced the launch of a new Dengue and Malaria Insurance Plan on its platform, starting at just ₹59 per year. This affordable health coverage plan offers comprehensive year-round coverage of up to ₹1 lakh for medical expenses related to vector and air-borne diseases. This insurance cover also ensures users, especially in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities, are financially protected against unexpected medical expenses caused by such illnesses throughout the year. This plan offers PhonePe users extensive coverage against 10+ vector-borne and air-borne diseases including malaria, dengue, chikungunya, filariasis, Japanese encephalitis, swine flu, bird flu, typhoid, pulmonary tuberculosis, and meningitis. The cover includes hospitalisation, diagnostics, and ICU stays. Unlike other seasonal plans, the coverage with this plan is not limited to the monsoons.

Turkish Airlines became the sponsor of 3rd World Sports Tourism Congressby UN Tourism in Madrid

Chandigarh/ Ludhiana: Turkish Airlines, the airline that flies to more countries than any other, has announced its sponsorship for the 3rd World Sport Tourism Congress (WSTC), organized by the World Tourism Organization (UN Tourism)and the Government of the Region of Madrid (Comunidad de Madrid). Under the theme "Tourism and Sport Creating a Lasting Legacy for Destinations", the event is being held at the iconic Santiago Bernabéu Stadium in Madrid on 28-29 November, bringing together leaders and experts from around the world to promote sport tourism as a driver of sustainable development.

Turkish Airlines Debuts in Sydney with the Arrival of Its Longest-Ever Flight

Chandigarh/ Ludhiana: Turkish Airlines, the airline that flies to more countries than any other, has launched its longest flight with the addition of Sydney flights. The flag carrier landed on Sydney soil for the first time on November 29th, marking a monumental milestone as it expands to its second destination in Australia, reaching 351 destinations across six continents within its global network. New South Wales Minister for Jobs and Tourism, The Hon. John Graham said: "Turkish Airlines' arrival in Sydney is a landmark moment that offers a new high-quality option for local travellers to Europe and a boost in visitor numbers to Sydney. This exciting new route from Istanbul was made possible by a financial incentive from the Minns Government.

Vi Introduces AI Powered Spam SMS Identification Solution To Safeguard Customers

URUGRAM / HISAR : Leading telecom operator Vi, today announced a significant step forward in protecting its users from spam. Starting today, the company is introducing a spam management solution powered by AI and ML. This new solution is designed to proactively detect and flag potential spam messages through a machine based automated solution, helping Vi users' maintain a secure and clutter free mobile experience. Since its initial testing phase, the solution has already flagged over 24 million spam messages. With spam messages on the rise, which are often used as a gateway to frauds, Vi's Spam SMS solution will safeguard customers by identifying and managing unsolicited and potentially harmful text in real time. Speaking on the development, Jagbir Singh, TO, Vodafone Idea Limited, said: "As more customers embrace digital communication, we recognize the growing threat posed by SMS based spams and potential scam attempts. Our AI-powered spam detection technology reinforces our commitment to customer safety by delivering proactive, real-time protection. Vi is focused on staying ahead of these threats and empowering customers with information to make their mobile experience safer.

As part of its broader commitment to customer safety and experience, Vi is continuously working to develop solutions to curb spam, including voice calls, to ensure its users are further protected from unsolicited calls. These measures are in addition to various existing solutions and practices including making the mobile-app URL simple to use for filing spam complaints by enabling automatic pick up of spam content (SMS), sender number, and date, as well as whitelisting URLs in brand messages. Vi also uses insightful consumer feedback and complaints in conjunction with UCC (Unsolicited Commercial communication) detection, which identifies bulk call patterns (such as calls made from a single number to many distinct numbers) and limiting their use in order to stop further abuse.

Aviva India Announces Strong H1 FY25 Financial Results

Chandigarh : Aviva India has announced its financial results for the first half of FY25, showcasing steady progress across key metrics. Building on its robust FY24 performance of ₹90 crore in profit, the company is on track to surpass this benchmark, driven by strategic initiatives, customer-centric innovations, and operational efficiencies that continue to bolster its market position and financial health. The Assets Under Management (AUM) grew by 13% to ₹14,636 crore in H1 FY25, reflecting prudent fund management and growing investor trust. Additionally, sales quality saw a notable improvement, with "complaints per 10K policies" reducing from 10.3 in H1 FY24 to 8.8 in H1 FY25, underscoring Aviva India's commitment to enhancing customer experience. The Gross Written Premium (GWP) for H1 FY25 stood at ₹548 crore, reflecting flat growth compared to ₹546 crore in H1 FY24, while operational efficiency significantly improved. The Opex-to-GWP ratio declined to 27% from 30% last year, demonstrating a focus on cost optimization and streamlined resource management. Aviva India's product mix reflects a growing focus on protection, with the share of protection products increasing as compared to H1 FY24. This aligns with Aviva India's strategy to diversify its portfolio and cater to evolving customer needs. The claim settlement ratio, a critical trust indicator, stood at an impressive 98.98%, further cementing Aviva India's reputation for reliability and commitment to policyholders.

Škoda Auto India announces value pricing across the Kylaq range; bookings open today

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Power Up Your Fitness Journey By Going Nuts!

Starting our mornings with a bowl of soaked nuts has become a common practice for many, and experts rightfully consider nuts as nutritional powerhouses. Various studies have associated nut consumption with a reduced risk of chronic diseases like diabetes, heart disease, and high blood pressure. Recently, a research study funded by the National Institutes of Health revealed that incorporating nuts into your diet, whether it's peanuts, walnuts, cashews, or almonds, can significantly improve heart health.

When it comes to good fats, nuts are at the forefront. Rich in monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats, they provide essential fatty acids that support overall health. Incorporating nuts into your diet can help reduce bad cholesterol levels, lowering the risk of heart disease and stroke. Additionally, these healthy fats contribute to satiety, keeping hunger at bay and aiding in weight control.

But with a wide variety of nuts available, which ones should you choose for optimal health benefits? Let's explore some of the top picks:

Almonds: Renowned for their heart-healthy properties, almonds are packed with monounsaturated fats, fiber, and antioxidants. They have been shown to reduce LDL cholesterol levels and promote weight loss when consumed as



part of a balanced diet.

Walnuts: With their unique omega-3 fatty acid content, walnuts offer potent anti-inflammatory effects and are

beneficial for brain health. Including walnuts in your diet may improve cognitive function and support overall well-being.

Pistachios: These vibrant green nuts are not only delicious but also nutritious. Rich in protein, fiber, and antioxidants, pistachios help regulate blood sugar levels and promote gut health. Their low calorie and high protein content make them an excellent choice for weight management.

Cashews: Creamy and indulgent, cashews are a good source of healthy fats, protein, and minerals such as magnesium and zinc. They support heart health, aid in muscle recovery, and contribute to healthy skin and hair.

Peanuts: This locally grown

nut contain antioxidants like resveratrol and vitamin E, which protect against cell damage and reduce inflammation. They also provide key vitamins and minerals such as magnesium, potassium, and B vitamins, supporting overall health and reducing the risk of chronic diseases.

Nutritionist and author of The Immunity Diet Kavita Devgan who is a leading advocate for balanced and nourishing diets, underscores the importance of relishing nutritious foods that also tantalize the taste buds. "Healthy food should be palatable," she asserts, "as taste plays a crucial role in sustaining dietary habits.

Bhoomi Poojan Ceremony at Satkarmic Mission HQ in Dharamshala

Dharamshala: Bibi Harleen Kaur, the esteemed leader of the Satkarmic Mission, presided over a profound Bhoomi Poojan ceremony at the mission's headquarters in Dharamshala. This event marks the beginning of an inspiring spiritual endeavor aimed at promoting universal welfare, prosperity, and community harmony through divine practices. Central to this initiative is the creation of a Haven Kund dedicated to continuous prayers. These rituals, including the Money Mantra, are designed to channel divine energy to attract, sustain, and multiply wealth while ensuring holistic prosperity for all. The Haven will be streamed live on the mission's digital platforms, enabling global participation and blessings. Message from Bibi Harleen Kaur "Wealth," she stated, "is not merely a material pursuit but a means of empowering individuals and uplifting society. With divine blessings, we aspire to ensure prosperity for every soul, leaving no one behind."

The Divya-Jyot Yatra and Palki Initiative The Haven will kindle a sacred flame, or Jot, which will be transformed into multiple Jyots to spread the mission's blessings worldwide. These Jyots will be carried in specially designed Palki vehicles as part of the Divya-Jyot Yatra, symbolizing hope, light, and unity across communities.



Scoot Expands its Network to Padang, Phu Quoc and Shantou



Amritsar: Scoot, the low-cost subsidiary of Singapore Airlines (SIA), today announced the launch of three new flight services to Phu Quoc in Vietnam, Padang in Indonesia and Shantou in China. Flights to Phu Quoc and Padang will commence on 20 December 2024 and 6 January 2025, respectively, and will be operated on the Embraer E190-E2 aircraft while flights to Shantou will begin on 16 January 2025 on the Airbus A320 family aircraft. Phu Quoc is a tropical haven perfect for a holiday of adventure or relaxation. It also houses the Phu Quoc National Park, recognised as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. From 20 December 2024, Scoot will

operate three times weekly flights to Phu Quoc. Two more weekly flights will be added from 25 January 2025, bringing the total number of weekly flights between Singapore and Phu Quoc to five times. Brian Torrey, General Manager, India and West Asia, Scoot said, "With Scoot's expanded network, we're excited about the potential for increased travel from India to destinations like Phu Quoc, Padang, and Shantou. We expect Phu Quoc especially to become a popular addition to Indian travellers' itineraries, complementing existing Vietnam destinations that Scoot serves – Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi – and offering a rich, multi-city experience."

Zee Punjabi's "Nava Mod" Premieres Today: A Tale of Love, Resilience, and New Beginnings



The wait is finally over! Zee Punjabi's most anticipated show, Nava Mod, premieres today at 7:00 PM. Featuring an exceptional cast including Navdeep Singh Bajwa as Angad, Jagriti Thakur as Ridhi, Yashika Sharma as Myra, Manya Dhawan as Kiara, and Atharva Bhatia as Aarav, this heartwarming drama is set to redefine family narratives on television.

Nava Mod presents a socially progressive storyline, following Ridhi and Angad, two individuals who find strength in each other while navigating life's challenges after losing their partners. Together, they create a nurturing and supportive environment for their children, showcasing the

power of resilience, love, and familial bonds.

Navdeep Singh Bajwa shared his thoughts on the show, saying, "Nava Mod is a story of second chances and finding hope amid life's challenges. Playing Angad has been a deeply emotional journey, and I believe the viewers will relate to the heartfelt emotions and relationships we bring to the screen."

Jagriti Thakur added, "Ridhi's story is one of courage and perseverance. Her strength as a mother and her journey toward rebuilding her life is something that will resonate with audiences. I'm honored to be a part of such a meaningful project."

Retail Ecosystem Gets a Boost with Coca-Cola's Cutting-Edge Solutions

Chandigarh/Ludhiana: As India charts its path to become \$35 trillion, fully developed economy by 2047, the non-alcoholic beverage sector continues to remain a contributor, providing value addition to the nation's economic growth through effective retail networks and consumer-focused strategies. Launched in collaboration with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), the Super Power Retailer Program is a cornerstone of Coca-Cola India's retailer empowerment strategy. Through the program, kirana shop owners gain valuable skills in product display, customer engagement, and sales strategies—enhancing their business prospects and enriching customer experience. Sundeep Bajoria, Vice President of India Operations at Coca-Cola India said, "Our approach to cooler technology is about creating long term, scalable platform for retail growth. From tech-driven cooler models to advanced retail programs, with every step, Coca-Cola India is constantly innovating to create a resilient ecosystem. We're committed to the future of retail by ensuring kiranas remain integral, profitable players in a new era of commerce."

AGI Global School set to host a sports festival from December 2 to 7



JALANDHAR(BUNNY SODHI) : AGI Global School, Urbana, Jalandhar Heights 2, inaugurated its six-day sports festival today with a vibrant march past and oath-taking ceremony. The event, featuring 150 participants, will host diverse competitions including athletics, futsal, chess, cycling, and marathon. Principal Mrs. Anita Sharma highlighted the festival's focus on sportsmanship, while Director Mrs. Harleen Mohanty announced the prize distribution ceremony on December 7, 2024. The opening day saw thrilling races such as hula hoop, football, hurdles, and 100-meter sprints, with standout performances by students across grades. Notable winners included Samyak, Karen, Vanshika, and Eklayva in their respective categories, reflecting the students' talent and enthusiasm.

MIT-WPU Students Bag Gold at All India Table Tennis Championship 2024

Chandigarh, 2 December: MIT World Peace University (MIT-WPU), Pune, takes immense pride in announcing that its talented students, Ms. Priitha Varikar and Ms. Sayali Wani, have clinched gold medals at the prestigious All India Inter-Institutional Table Tennis Championship 2024, organized by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The championship was held in Chandigarh, Punjab, from November 24-29, 2024. This extraordinary achievement highlights the dedication, discipline and hard work of these remarkable young athletes. It also reflects the expert guidance and unwavering support provided by their mentor and coach, Mr. Rohit Bagawade of MITWPU's Sports Faculty, whose leadership has been pivotal in shaping their success. Speaking on this proud moment, Shri. Rahul V. Karad - Executive President, MIT-WPU expressed his heartfelt congratulations, stating, "This victory is a proud moment for MIT-WPU and reflects the strength of our students' determination, discipline and commitment. We will continue to support and celebrate the incredible journeys of our student-athletes as they strive for excellence in both sports and academics." MITWPU takes immense pride in offering world-class sports facilities and a supportive environment that empowers students to excel both academically and athletically. This achievement underscores the university's unwavering commitment to developing well-rounded individuals and providing platforms for young talent to thrive, reaffirming its mission to inspire excellence and holistic growth.

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Petr Janeba, Brand Director, Škoda Auto India said, "The all-new Kylaq marks the advent of a New Era for the Škoda brand in India. Škoda Kylaq will be a gamechanger not just for us, but for the segment, and will democratise European technology on Indian roads, alongside redefining the customer experience. We have announced the best-in-segment ownership experience for the first 33,333 customers. Kylaq has generated tremendous excitement and buzz through 2024, which reached its peak at the world premiere in November. This SUV comes with global design cues, unmatched driving dynamics, uncompromising safety, a host of features, a spacious and functional interior which is matched by value pricing across the range. We are confident that Kylaq will further our goal of entering new markets, bringing new customers into the Škoda family and strengthening our brand presence in India."

Options galore: The Kylaq is available with a choice of two transmissions, four variants and seven colours at launch. It is powered by the high-performance, efficient and reliable 1.0 TSI engine, producing 85kW of power and 178Nm of torque, with the option of a six-speed manual or a six-speed torque converter automatic.

Mind Tree School Brings India's Festivals Alive with Vibrant Annual Day Celebration

Mind Tree School celebrated its Annual Day with a dazzling showcase of India's cultural heritage, themed "Light, Colours & Celebration – A Festival of Festivals." The event captivated the audience with a blend of drama, music, and dance, as students brought to life the essence of Indian festivals with



extraordinary creativity and zeal. The celebration began on a spiritual note with the ceremonial lamp lighting by Principal Ms. Harveen Kaur, followed by the chanting of a traditional

Shloka and an enthralling Ganesh Vandana. This set the stage for a joyous journey through India's diverse cultural tapestry. The performances unfolded with a variety of plays and dances, each dedicated to a different festival. The journey began with the vibrant celebration of Lohri, showcasing the traditional harvest festival of Punjab. A mesmerizing Kashmiri dance transported the audience to the snow-clad valleys of Kashmir, while a heartwarming Christmas play celebrated joy, sharing, and togetherness. The lively rhythms of a Goa dance captured the festive spirit of the coastal region, followed by a colorful Holi performance, which highlighted the exuberance of the festival of colors.

LPU Shines as 1st Runner-Up at Punjab State Youth Festival 2024



JALANDHAR(J S SODHI) : Lovely Professional University (LPU) achieved the 1st Runner-Up position at the Punjab State Youth Festival 2024, held at Punjab Agricultural University under the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann. The festival, showcasing youth talent and vibrant Punjabi culture, saw participation from over 2,500 students representing 20 institutions. Punjab University claimed the top spot. LPU excelled with 11 First Positions, 15 Second Positions, and 7 Third Positions in 51 cultural and heritage competitions, continuing its streak as the only private university consistently ranking among the top three for the past three years. Highlights included wins in Nukkad Natak, Folk Group Song, Phulkari Weaving, and Classical Vocal Solo. Dr. Ashok Kumar Mittal, Founder Chancellor of LPU, lauded the students for their exceptional performance, emphasizing holistic development and cultural pride. Performances by artists Jasbir Jassi, Kanwal Grewal, and Harbhajan Maan added to the event's vibrancy, making it a true celebration of youth energy and heritage.

BOSS Burger by SOCIAL Unveils Its New Menu - A Bold Take on Burgers!

CHANDIGARH: BOSS Burger by SOCIAL, the gourmet burger delivery brand from Impresario Entertainment & Hospitality Pvt. Ltd., is unveiling crave-worthy new additions to its menu that are bold, indulgent, and designed to satisfy every craving. Launching today across 48 delivery locations in India, the new menu combines high-quality ingredients, innovative flavors and indulgent fillings, bringing a premium burger experience to your doorstep. Whether ordering at home or hosting a gathering, BOSS Burger is set to elevate your burger moments like never before. The new menu at BOSS Burger is a bold celebration of flavors and indulgence, introducing a lineup of drool-worthy burgers crafted to satisfy every craving. Leading the charge are the indulgent Smash Burgers, where the juicy Tenderloin Smash Burger, the rich Lamb Smash Burger, and the succulent Chicken Smash Burger take center stage, each available in double-patty variants for those seeking an extra bite of decadence. For spice enthusiasts, the fiery Peri-Peri Grilled Chicken Burger delivers a kick of heat, perfectly balanced with creamy guacamole and crunchy veggies. Meanwhile, the Korean Fried Chicken Burger adds an exciting Asian twist with its saucy glaze and bold flavors, promising a taste adventure like no other. And for those craving something truly unique, the Shams' Signature Steak Burger brings together succulent steak bits, a sunny-side-up egg,

Redefining Possibilities: Flipkart is championing a more inclusive workplace on International Day of Persons with Disabilities

HARYANA : Every individual deserves the opportunity to live with dignity, financial independence, and a sense of purpose. In this context, Flipkart seeks to create meaningful opportunities to individuals with disabilities through dedicated programs and inclusive practices. By creating an environment where employees can bring their authentic selves to work, Flipkart is contributing to greater inclusion and empowerment. With over 2,000 specially-abled employees as an integral part of its ecosystem, Flipkart is taking notable steps toward enhancing workplace inclusion. Initiatives like PwD Hubs reflect the company's commitment to recognizing abilities over disabilities, helping to build a more equitable and inclusive future. This International Day of Persons with Disabilities, Flipkart highlights the remarkable journeys of individuals who, defying all odds, have carved a path to independence and self-respect. Through the inspiring stories of delivery executives like Sunil Kumar, Venkatesh and Ravinder, we see firsthand impact of Flipkart's initiatives. Sunil Kumar: A journey from struggle to stability Sunil Kumar, a survivor of polio, struggled to find stable work after his time in a hotel laundry was lost during the COVID-19 pandemic. With a family to support, he faced tough times until an encounter with an NGO volunteer led him to Flipkart's initiative for hiring individuals with special abilities. Every morning, he checks his delivery assignments and sets out to make an average of 70-80 deliveries. On special sale days, like the Big Billion Days, Sunil takes on the challenge of delivering over 100 packages—something he does with pride and determination. Sunil expresses, "What I value most is the inclusive work environment at Flipkart, where even my team leads and managers are differently-abled, having earned their positions through hard work. It gives me hope that one day I can transition to a desk role too. My message to others is simple: 'Don't let your disability hold you back. Believe in yourself, take the first step, and opportunities like this can change your life.' Venkatesh: From village dreams to urban triumphs Venkatesh, a 21-year-old from the remote village of Sunkeshwar Tanda in Karnataka, faced limited opportunities due to polio. After struggling with low-paying jobs in call centers and hotels, he sought better prospects. A friend at Flipkart informed him about opportunities for differently-abled individuals, and despite initial doubts, Venkatesh took the leap. The training and support he received at Flipkart helped him overcome his challenges and pursue a brighter future. Venkatesh, now a delivery partner in Bangalore, earns a stable income with accommodation and a vehicle provided by Flipkart. He values the role of its stress-free environment and supportive culture, saying, "There are no unreasonable targets. I focus on doing my job well and connecting with customers."

EVM Unveils Locally Storage Solutions Made in India Ram & SSD's

Chandigarh : Hundia Info Solutions Pvt. Ltd, a Mumbai-based leading vendor of computing and mobility products and the brand owners of EVM, one of the leaders in IT Storage Solutions, proudly announces the launch of India's first Made-in-India storage products, including SSDs, RAM, and other cutting-edge solutions. This launch marks a historic milestone as EVM becomes



the first Indian brand to introduce locally developed and manufactured, Made in India storage solutions. Owned by Hundia Info Solutions Pvt. Ltd., EVM has solidified its position as the No. 1 Indian brand in the IT storage solutions space, achieving the remarkable milestone of over 25 crore products. With this launch, EVM takes a giant leap toward strengthening India's technological self-reliance while empowering local innovation. For locally made storage solutions, EVM to initial start with range of SATA and NVMe SSDs, along with DDR4 and DDR5 RAM modules, designed to cater to the needs of both everyday consumers and industry professionals & adding

more products going forward. "This is more than a product launch; it's a declaration of India's capability in the global tech arena. EVM plans to build on this momentum by expanding our product portfolio in the near future, introducing additional locally manufactured storage solutions," said Kunal Hundia,

Jindal Stainless Hisar Unit Clinches Gold at Tenth India Green Manufacturing Challenge

HISAR: Jindal Stainless Limited (JSL), Hisar unit has been awarded the prestigious Gold Medal at the Tenth India Green Manufacturing Challenge (IGMC) held on November 8, 2024, at ITC Maratha, Mumbai. This accolade celebrates Jindal Stainless' achievements in advancing sustainable manufacturing practices, underscoring its commitment to reducing environmental impact and promoting eco-friendly practices.



The India Green Manufacturing Challenge recognises companies in the manufacturing sector that demonstrate exceptional progress in adopting sustainable and green practices. Companies are encouraged to compete in sustainability efforts through the IGMC platform, fostering continuous improvement through training, evaluation, and recognition. Reflecting on the recognition, Mr. Abhyuday Jindal, Managing Director of Jindal Stainless, said, "We are honoured to receive this prestigious sustainability award, which stands as a testament to our unwavering commitment to environmental stewardship. At Jindal Stainless, we believe that growth and responsibility must go hand in hand, and this recognition further reinforces our dedication to sustainable manufacturing practices. It inspires us to continue driving innovation while prioritising the well-being of our planet for future generations." In addition to the Gold Medal, Jindal Stainless was also the only company among more than 100 participants to earn the exclusive "Excelsior" category recognition in the Net Zero Torch Bearers Program. This acknowledgement celebrates companies making substantial strides toward achieving net-zero carbon emissions.

Man accused of murdering wife in Ambala

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER

BARARA: On Monday, a new twist came in the case of the death of a woman a few days ago in village Nahra of the district. On Monday, Praveen Kumar, brother of the deceased woman Deepo Devi, met the Ambala SP with his companions and submitted him



a written complaint accusing Deepo's husband and her

daughter-in-law murdering

In the complaint given to the SP, Praveen Kumar said that his sister Deepo was married to Subhash, a resident of Thanbad, 28 years ago. Deepo Devi gave birth to son Aniket and daughter Ashu. Subhash is now living with his family in village Nahra.

Aniket was married to Manisha, but Aniket died a year ago. Praveen alleged that Subhash had illicit relations with his daughter-in-law Manisha. When Deepo came to know about this, she opposed it. But Subhash and Manisha together started torturing his sister Deepo.

Anil Vij criticizes Rahul Gandhi's economic remarks, defends India's growth

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
AMBALA, DEC 2

Haryana's Energy, Transport and Labor Minister Sh. Anil Vij said that "The country's economic condition has consistently improved, and our economy is rapidly advancing at the international level. I don't know which school Rahul Gandhi studied in and who provides him with these statistics."

Vij was responding to a question asked by media persons regarding Rahul Gandhi's statement about the country's economic situation continually worsening.

In response to a question about allegations made by Bhupinder Singh Hooda regarding rising crime in the state, he asked that "Where is the government sleeping? The government is working day and night. Efforts are



constantly being made to arrest all antisocial elements, and the government is doing its job." In response to a question about the notice given to Hooda for vacating his Kothi, he said, "It's normal that when Hooda Sahib is no longer the Leader of Opposition, he is vacating the Kothi. Many ministers had been allotted kothis, and now that they are no longer ministers, they are vacating it. The department is

ensuring that all are vacated, and there should be no issue regarding this." In response to a question about Priyanka Gandhi's demand for elections to be held through ballot papers, he said that "They want to take the country backward instead of moving forward. He gave an example, saying, 'We moved from bullock carts to tractors, from tractors to trucks, and now they are asking us to go back to

using bullock carts.' The times are moving forward, who would listen to them?" Regarding the farmers' plans to go to Delhi on the 6th, he said that "If I have to hold a public meeting in Ambala, I need to take permission from the administration. Similarly, farmers should tell if they have taken permission from Delhi to go there."

Responding to a question about a video showing a person in Himachal Pradesh with regard to Rahul Gandhi, and the bus driver and conductor's asked about the video, he sarcastically said, "The Sukhu government of Himachal is like the old films of Rajendra Nath, always making excuses. Sometimes they say they cannot pay employees' salaries, sometimes samosas go missing, and sometimes they take action against others when watching videos."

Agriculture Minister inaugurates construction of open air theater and auditorium with Bhoomi Puja

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, DEC 2

The Municipal Corporation organized a ground breaking ceremony on Monday for the construction of an auditorium and open air theatre in Sector 17 at a cost of Rs 52.87 crore. Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Husbandry Minister Shyam Singh Rana was the chief guest. MLA Ghanshyam Das Arora, former cabinet minister Kanwarpal, former mayor Madan Chauhan, former MLA Balwant Singh, BJP district president Rajesh Sapra, former councillor Preeti Johar and others were special guests. Deputy Corporation Commissioner Dr. Vijay Pal Yadav, Superintending Engineer Hemant Kumar, Executive Engineer Vikas Dhiman, Sukhwinder Singh, Narendra



Suhag greeted the chief guest and special guests by offering them bouquets. The chief guest and other guests performed Bhoomi Puja by chanting mantras and offering sacrifices in the Havan Yagna.

After this, the chief guest Shyam Singh Rana and others entered the auditorium and the construction work was started by laying the foundation of the open air theatre. On August 13, Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini

laid the foundation stone of the auditorium and open air theater through video conferencing from Panchkula. Now its construction will be started by performing Bhoomi Puja and laying the foundation stone. Chief guest Shyam Singh Rana said that the district has received this gift due to the tireless efforts of Manohar Lal, who was the Chief Minister in 2005 and Nayab Singh Saini, the current Chief Minister.

Run for Unity organized on occasion of Sardar Patel's birth anniversary



NIRMAL SAINI RADAUR: Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan organized a program in Government High School Mandhar on Monday in which 9th and 10th class children of the school participated in large numbers. School in charge Rohit Arora presided over the programme. Nehru Yuva Kendra Rinki and Shikha Devi, who came on behalf of the organization, said that Run for Unity was organized to commemorate the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. They encouraged children to participate enthusiastically in such programs. They said that in this way Children's talents were enhanced only by participating in the programs. They get to learn something new, which is useful for them in the future. During this, the winners were felicitated by giving them prizes. On this occasion, Sushil, Joginder, Rajesh, Praveen, Uma, Preeti were present.

Doors of government are open 24 hours for public: MLA

MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI, DEC 2

MLA and Chief Whip Vidhan Sabha Haryana Ram Kumar Kashyap heard problems of common people at rest house of irrigation department today. He took cognizance of problems of each person and directed officers of concerned department to solve problem soon. He said that being representative of public, it is my responsibility to solve their problems. Doors of government are open 24 hours for public. It is necessary to solve problems of people for prosperity of constituency. Officers should also take interest in these problems and solve the problems of people in shortest possible time. His only effort will be to complete as



many development works as possible in constituency so that public can get its benefits. He said that poor people are getting benefit of many welfare schemes of Central and State Government. Government will soon fulfil promises made by BJP to people before elections. Now we all have to make assembly constituency Indri better in terms of development

with the spirit of unity and brotherhood. Kashyap said that under leadership of Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini, government is working in action mode regarding development works. Government has implemented many developmental schemes in every sector in interest of public and has worked to provide their benefits to people.

Shrimad Bhagwat Geeta unique gift given by Lord Krishna: Swami Gyananand



KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI: Geeta scholar Swami Gyananand Ji Maharaj said that the message given by Lord Krishna in form of Shrimad Bhagwat Geeta to Arjun was not only for Arjun but for the entire humanity. This message is a unique gift for the entire humanity. He said that we all should make our lives successful by following the path of religion. He was preaching at a program organized at the residence of BJP leader Shivnath Kapoor. Senior BJP leader and social worker A large number of dignitaries, representatives of social and religious organizations received the blessings of Swami Gyananand ji at the residence of Shivnath Kapoor. During the discourse, Swami Gyananand ji Maharaj said that about 5250 years ago, Lord Krishna had given a message to the dejected and hopeless people at the battlefield. The message that was given through the distressed Arjun is as meaningful today as it was then.

Legal aid centres inaugurated in Kutel and Jundla



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Under the guidance of District Sessions Judge and District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Chairman Chandrashekhar, Chief Judicial Magistrate and District Legal Services Authority Secretary Iram Hasan inaugurated legal aid centers in Kutel and Jundla villages on Monday and provided legal aid to the people. She informed them about this. After this, she reached Alpha City and planted a tree on the occasion of Pollution Control Day and motivated the citizens living there not to use plastic and distributed cloth bags. Chief Judicial Magistrate and Secretary of District Legal Services Authority Iram Hasan said that National Lok Adalat would be organized in District Court Karnal on December 14, 2024, in which a person can put pending cases in the court and get them decided. Apart from this, pre litigation Lok Adalat will be organized on December 13, 2024 in the permanent Lok Adalat, Karnal for pre-litigation stage cases.

Water is priceless, do not waste it: Ramesh Kadian

KAMAL SHARMA

TARAORI: State president of Haryana Seeds Producer Association and social worker Ramesh Kadian said that water is priceless, do not waste it at all, if the waste of water is not stopped in time, then we may have to face serious consequences in the future. He said that every drop of water is precious, but due to negligence, clean water is flowing wastefully. Which needs attention. State president of Haryana Seeds Producer Association and social worker Ramesh Kadian was talking to journalists in Taraori. He said that due to increasing population and industrialisation, such a situation has arisen today that there are chances of water getting exhausted. Water sources are also decreasing. Deadly diseases are arising due to drinking water not being pure. Kadian said that water on earth is definitely unlimited, but only a part of the total water is clean. Due to this, the importance and conservation of water increases a lot. He said that especially the villages are being affected a lot by the problem of drying up of wells and ponds and deposition of silt. Due to indiscriminate cutting of forests, the environment has been disturbed and rainfall has become irregular. In such a situation, it has become necessary that the government and administration should work under a campaign for this and along with increasing awareness among the people, the general public should be encouraged to conserve water. Ramesh Kadian appealed to everyone and said that water is life, every drop of which needs to be saved.



Yagya programmes held to make children aware of Indian culture: Raman Sharma



NIRMAL SAINI

RADAUR: Under the Arya Samaj Aapke Dwar program, a havan yagya and satsang were organized in Shiv Colony. The program was organized by DAV Public School under the aegis of Arya Yuva Samaj. In which Dr. Baldev Saini, Sahil Arya, Aditi, Ajay, Subhash Kamboj, Sumer Kamboj, Ramesh Verma, Praveen Agarwal participated as the main Yajman. They prayed for the welfare of the world by offering sacrifices in the Yajna. Acharya Adhiram of Baraundi Gurukul performed the Yajna ritually. The yagya was completed by chanting mantras. Bhajanopadeshkas Jaipal Arya and Jagdish Arya, who came from Gurukul Kurukshetra, explained the qualities of God through bhajans and discussed the biographies of great men who removed evils from the society. The program was presided over by Principal Raman Sharma. He said that Arya Samaj at your door program was being organized under the aegis of DAV School. The main objective of this program was to spread the thoughts of Swami Dayanand Saraswati among the people and to make children aware of Indian culture and our great men.

Target to make 50,000 members of BJP in Radaur assembly



NIRMAL SAINI

RADAUR: As part of the membership campaign being run by the BJP, membership campaign was conducted in the villages of Alahar, Marupur, Unhed and Jathlana under Naharpur Mandal on Monday. Mandal President Harpal Marupur presided over the meeting. During this people were made members of the party by telling them about the party's policies. Harpal Marupur said that this campaign was being run in Radaur assembly under the leadership of Agriculture Minister Shyam Singh Rana. This campaign will run till December 5. Under which 50,000 people will be made members of the party in Radaur assembly. A target has been set to add new members to the party. People were very enthusiastic about becoming members of the party. People are constantly joining the party after being impressed by the party's policies. He said that under the leadership of the country's Prime Minister Narendra Modi the party has been continuously getting stronger. Mohit Rana Unhed, former Sarpanch Alahar Gopal Krishna and Gurdeep Rana were also present on this occasion.

All types of facilities to be made available in market: Ramkumar Kashyap



MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI: MLA and Chief Whip Vidhan Sabha Haryana visited garlic market Indri today and took stock of the arrangements. On reaching market, MLA was welcomed by commission agents by garlanding him. During this, he talked to commission agents and heard their problems. MLA Ramkumar Kashyap said that state government is working in interest of all sections. Government is moving forward with vision of Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas. Taking cognizance of demand for a cleaning worker kept by commission agents, he said that a cleaning worker will be appointed for the market soon. Also, cognizance will be taken on the demand to build market shops at the place of closed petrol pump. He said that construction of these shops will improve the market, as well as provide convenience to the commission agents. He said that efforts will be made to fulfill these demands soon. All types of facilities will be made available in the market. Arhatiyas and farmers will not be allowed to face any kind of problem. MLA and Chief Whip Ram Kumar Kashyap said that there will be no delay in development work being done in the constituency.

Oath administered at Shaheed Udham Singh College, Matak Majri under World AIDS Day



MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI: Under World AIDS Day and HIV AIDS Awareness Campaign, oath ceremony was organized at Shaheed Udham Singh Government College, Matak Majri, Karnal under supervision of Red Ribbon and Red Cross Committee Convenor Dr. Rita Arora. This program was organized under chairmanship of College's Executive Principal Dr. Rajiv Gupta as per instructions of Higher Education Department. Addressing students, Prof. Rajiv Gupta said that appropriate steps should be taken to prevent HIV AIDS. He said that awareness is necessary to remove misconceptions and myths related to HIV AIDS and also motivated people to adopt safe behavior and get their tests done on time and get treatment. Members of Red Ribbon and Red Cross Committee, Dr. Rajni, Dr. Savita Rani, Dr. Dimple, Dr. Bharti and all academic members, Prof. Ranbir Singh, Dr. Rajkumar, Prof. Anil Dhillon, Prof. Ramesh Rohilla, Prof. Mamta, Professor Pradeep, Prof. Rajni, Prof. Manju, Prof. Meera, Prof. Anita, Dr. Deepa Sharma, Prof. Sumit, Dr. Harish Kumar, Prof. Gulab Singh, Professor Vibha, Prof. Bohati and Prof. Suman were present.

Rajesh Verma elected unanimously Head of Ramleela Committee



VIJAY KAUSHIK

LADWA: A meeting of the city's religious stage organization Shri Ram Hanuman Ramlila Committee was organized. Giving information, the committee's stage secretary Amit Singhal said that in the meeting, Rajesh Verma was once again unanimously elected as the head of the committee. After becoming the head, he thanked the members of the committee and said that he will try to live up to the trust reposed in him and like the previous years, in the future also he will not only give a better shape to the Ramlila performance but will also make the Ramlila performance even better. Not only this, but Mahashivratri program will also be expanded further. Talking about the executive, he said that Dr. Ashok Nirmal was the chairman, Jogdhyan and Sushil Garg were the patrons, Kush Garg was the director, Anil Malik was the music director, Rajesh Verma was the head, Hemant Saini was the secretary and Ishu Kamboj was the chief. Treasurer, Naresh Garg and Rakesh Kamboj as vice-presidents, Vipin Kamboj and Vipin Sharma as joint secretaries, Amit Singhal as stage secretary, Rakesh Garg as stage manager, Ranit Kamboj as manager and Rajesh Arora was given the responsibility of coordinator.

English language proficiency test organised in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya



VIJAY KAUSHIK

LADWA: English language proficiency test was organized in PM Shri Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Nivarsi (Kurukshetra) under the initiative of "Developed Resolution India 2047". This test was conducted to enable students to dive into the ocean of knowledge and learn grammar. This test provides an opportunity to the students to identify and correct errors related to their studies. Students from class 6 to 12 participated enthusiastically in this test and the best performing students were awarded prizes. Hari Krishna, PGT English led the program. Ranjit Singh Fulia, Retired Executive, National Insurance Corporation; Mr. Jagdish Chandra, Principal, Government Senior Secondary School; and Joginder, Lecturer, Government Senior Secondary School conducted the examination and played a significant role in making the program successful. Principal Niranjan Singh, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Nivarsi said that the school was always committed to academic excellence and overall development of students. The school regularly organizes such programs. Counselors are engaged in the activities of students to promote the academic development of the students. He congratulated the students for their active participation and appreciated the efforts of the organizing team.

Sadhaura Bypass Road Poses Risk to Commuters Due to Deep Potholes

PREETI SAINI
SADHAURA: The Sadhaura-Kotla Road near Ram Bagh Chowk is turning into a danger zone for commuters as sections of the road leading towards the bypass have sunk deeply in several places. Despite this, the authorities seem to be ignoring the issue. The bypass road, starting from Ram Bagh Chowk and extending towards Kala Am, is riddled with deep potholes that are not easily visible to travelers. These potholes are causing frequent accidents, especially for bikers and small vehicle drivers. Commuters have been facing significant challenges while navigating this stretch. With foggy weather expected in the coming days, the risks for travelers are likely to increase manifold. It is worth noting that a similar incident occurred recently when another section of the road caved in. However, the department only made temporary repairs, filling the potholes without addressing the underlying problem. Now, yet another section of the road has deteriorated, and authorities have yet to take action.

Officers should ensure prompt resolution of public grievances: Health Minister

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, DEC 2

Haryana Health, Medical Education and Research, and AYUSH Minister, Arti Singh Rao, said that officers from all departments should ensure the timely delivery of the government's public welfare schemes and facilities to the people, as well as the prompt resolution of their grievances, so that the benefits of the good governance policies can reach the common people in an efficient manner. The Minister issued these instructions while chairing the monthly meeting of the District Public Relations and Grievances Committee in Palwal on Monday. A total of 12 complaints were discussed in the meeting, of which 8 were resolved. The Health Minister, while addressing the com-

plaint of Rajender, a resident of village Sultanpur, regarding the non-drainage of contaminated water in the village and the closure of the path



leading to his field, instructed the District Development and Panchayat Officer, along with other concerned officials, to complete the construction of the drain for water drainage by January 1. Additionally,

she directed the opening of the path to the field and asked a report from the concerned officer in the next meeting. Regarding the complaint from Saqir, the Health Minister ordered the Executive Engineer of the Panchayati Raj Department to complete the unfinished construction of the Anganwadi Bhawan in village Mithaka by February 28. On hearing the complaint about the illegal excavation of a cremation ground in village Mamolaka by an individual, who was converting it into a pond, Health Minister Arti Singh Rao instructed the formation of a committee, chaired by the Additional Deputy Commissioner, to investigate the matter. In response to the complaint about compensation for land from a resident of village Gharrot, the Executive Engineer of the Public Health

Engineering Department clarified that this issue was very old, and the compensation was to be distributed by the concerned Land Acquisition Officer in Ambala. His office had no role in the distribution of the land compensation. In response, the Health Minister directed the City Magistrate to investigate the matter, and the issue was left pending until the next meeting. In addition, during the Grievances Committee meeting, instructions were given to the concerned officials to ensure that there is no negligence in processing the pensions for eligible individuals in cases related to the non-generation of pensions. Issues concerning dilapidated roads and piles of garbage on the roads were also raised by the attendees of the meeting. In response, Health Minister Arti Singh Rao assured that these grievances would be addressed and resolved promptly. On this occasion, MLAs Harinder Singh, Raghuvir Singh Tewatia Mohammad Israel were also present.

Will make up for all the shortcomings in 5 years: Kalyan

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, DECEMBER 2

Haryana Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan today made a thanks giving tour of half a dozen villages of Gharaunda constituency. During this, he heard the problems of the people and directed the officials to resolve them. He said that the previous lack of development works will also be completed in the next 5 years. Gharaunda constituency is his family. In future, not only pending works will be completed but new works will also be started. Kalyan visited villages Nabipur, Khirajpur, Mahmadpur, Nalvi Khurd, Kunda Kalan and Nalvi Kalan and thanked the people for making him MLA for the third time. He also thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, party's national president JP Nadda, Union Housing and Energy Minister Manohar Lal, central and state leadership for entrusting him with the new responsibility (making him Speaker). In every village, the Speaker was honoured by wearing a turban and giving a bouquet of flowers. He said that the thanksgiving tour that started today in the villages of the constituency will continue for about two months. He will collect details of the development works to be done in the villages from the people. After this, these works will be completed one by one. Priority work will be done first. He told the villagers that



before demanding grants for development works, ensure the availability of land there. The Assembly Speaker said that in the last five years, due to the Corona period, development works could not pick up pace. Some works are still pending. In future, not only the previous works will be completed but new projects will also be started. For development, the residents of the constituency will have to keep patience and also provide cooperation. Public cooperation is also necessary for development. He said that the Prime Minister has announced plans to provide houses to 2 crore people. Houses will be provided to eligible people in Haryana too, but priority will be given to those whose houses are in worse condition. Kalyan said that some works are related to the budget. It is not possible to do all such work together. Some works will be completed in the first year, some in the second, third or

fourth year. He appealed to the people to use their strength for the betterment of the village. During the tour, he also heard the problems of the villagers and gave appropriate instructions to the officials for their solution. In village Khirajpur, he instructed the concerned officials to clean the pond. In village Mahmadpur, he said that in the previous scheme, he had sanctioned Rs. 1.25 crore for the school building of the village. Now the tender has been floated for the work. Mandal President Jogendra Rana, General Secretary Satbir, former Chairman Iam Singh, Sarpanch Nirmala, Rakesh Kamboj, Sarpanch Krishna Kumar of Khirajpur, Naresh Kumar of Nalvi Khurd, besides BDPO Monika, DDPO Sanjay Tank, DEO Sudesh Kumari, SE PWD Daleh Dahiya, Agriculture Deputy Director Wazir Singh and officials of various departments were present with him.

26 participants showcase talent in Sarthak's Aapka Apna 'Manch'

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, DECEMBER 2

26 participants displayed their talent in Atal Park under the aegis of 'Aapka Apna Manch' organized by Sarthak Sanskritik Sangh. The program started with the praise of Mother Bhagwati by singer Vinod Sharma. Later he sang songs like 'Where has this bird of time stopped, I was a mad person who kept calling it, I came to the city to earn some money, I kept remembering my village', 'These silky hair, these sharbati eyes, everyone is living by seeing them'. Alisha and Aayushi sang Punjabi folk song 'Naachde gandhe ronak lande galiyan to rush lande aiya ni hun jago aiya' and Haryanvi folk song 'I will decorate my form and color, I will get mehndi applied on my hands, I will get anklets and bracelets also, but I will not go to fill my water, I will walk swaying with 52 yards of skirt'. The audience praised both the folk songs wholeheartedly. In the program, the children's presentation 'Ekadantaya Vakratundaya Tanyaya Dheemahi' prepared by famous dance teacher Khushi Chawla won the hearts of

the audience and received a lot of applause. Apart from this, the dances of Akshema, Anvi, Karan, Raveena were highly appreciated. The stage was conducted by Sushant Lakhanpal. 'Sarthak' president and film TV director Sanjeev Lakhan Pal said that this program is for everyone and is free. It is held on the first Sunday of the month at this place from 4 pm to 6 pm. Any parent can bring their children here and show their talent. Giving information, he said that on December 29, a district level dance competition 'Nritya Utsav' is being organized at Shri Krishna Kripa Dham in Sector 9, in which participants from the entire district will participate. Participants securing first, second and third positions will be honored with prizes. In the end, Om Prakash Puri's song 'Sau Baar Janam Lenge Sau Baar Fana Honge Ae Jaane Wafa Fir Bhi Hum Tum Na Juda Honge' received a lot of praise. On this occasion, apart from Sarthak member Megh Raj Luthra, Rajeshwari Randhawa, Sangeeta Sharma, social worker JK Sharma and others were present. The next programme will be organised on January 5.

Railway Minister approves stoppage of trains at Mustafabad Railway Station

YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI
KURUKSHETRA, DECEMBER 2

On the request of MP Naveen Jindal, Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav has approved the stoppage of Delhi Ambala Cantonment Intercity Express and New Delhi Jalandhar City Intercity Express at Mustafabad Railway Station. This will facilitate the railway passengers on this route to travel to the respective cities. MP Naveen Jindal has shared this information on his social media account and expressed his gratitude to Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav. MP Office in-charge Dharamveer Singh said that on July 24, a letter was sent to the Union Railway Minister on behalf of MP Naveen Jindal for the stoppage of the above trains at Mustafabad Railway Station. Not only this, MP Naveen Jindal also met Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav and informed him about the problems of the passengers. On the request of MP Naveen Jindal, the Union Railway Minister has



accepted this demand. The Railway Ministry has confirmed the stoppage of the above trains by sending a reply to the MP's letter. People expressed their gratitude to MP Naveen Jindal for fulfilling this demand and said that Naveen

Jindal knows the problems of the common man very well and whenever people meet him with even the smallest demand, he seriously tries to get it fulfilled. It is a matter of good fortune for the area to have such an MP.

Senior Officers Forum meeting held under Luthra

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, DECEMBER 1

The meeting of the Senior Officer Forum, an organisation of first class retired officers, was held under the chairmanship of LR Luthra. It was conducted by OP Anand. The club members sang songs. A cake was cut celebrating the wedding anniversary of ML Sharma. In the meeting, RS Gupta expressed his inability to take up the responsibility of the post of treasurer due to personal reasons. All the members including LR Luthra praised his services and welcomed him by presenting a memento. Vinod Kalra was unanimously appointed as the treasurer. It was decided in the meeting that the Senior Officer Forum will gift warm clothes to the needy people in the winter season. A campaign will be launched to create awareness about the ill effects of polythene.

Everyone should contribute to Corruption Free India campaign: Arora



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Anti Corruption Foundation of India's Team Leaders Meet was organised at Hotel Diverture under the chairmanship of National Supremo Narendra Arora. On this occasion International Director Rubina, International Chief Director Satish Malhotra, National Chief Director Munish Jain, National Director Ajit Rahi, National Chief Chairperson Payal Mittal, National Chairman Cyber Crime Cell ND Goyal and State Director Haryana Kamal Goyal participated as chief guests. On this occasion the chief guests and top leaders were welcomed with garlands. The newly appointed members were also specially welcomed with garlands. On this occasion the top leaders of the third and last week of November were honoured with appreciation gifts. On this occasion Narendra Arora said that the foundation is working diligently for corruption eradication awareness. The foundation's officers and members are playing a key role in this campaign. He said that everyone should contribute to the Foundation's Corruption Free India campaign. Harish Wadhawan, Surendra Mohan Gaba, Tarsem Kumar Gupta, Vijay Pal Bhatia, Surendra Kumar Lalit, Karam Singh Langyan, Sanjeev Garg, Dinesh Kumar Chhabra, Surendra Kumar Hinduja, Manoj Kumar, Ranjit Gill, Virk Harman, Ram Kishan Nagpal, Komal Prakash Kheterpal, Praveen Sachdeva, Gulshan Kumar Madan, K P Agarwal, Rakesh Kaul, Ajit Kumar, Rajan Chhibber, Deepa Khanna, Jarnail Singh, Bhupendra Goyal, Shashi Sharma, Kashish, Ravi Bansal, Dr Vikram Singh, Balbir Kumar were honoured with the Top Leader Award.

Music is a medicine that removes tension: Dr. Ashok Kumar

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Chahat Musical Group organised a colorful programme of songs in the local Atal Park. On this occasion, children presented a very charming dance and apart from this, other people also presented their songs and displayed their talent. Vinod Verma was the organiser of this programme held by Chahat Musical Group. He said that our registered group provides free platform to all the emerging talents for songs, music and dance and he requested all the music lovers to reach Atal Park every Sunday and give wings to the hidden talent within them. He said that no fee is charged from anyone in this event. Former councillor Dr. Ashok Kumar, who was present on this occasion, said that music is such a magic that it works like a medicine and relieves a person from tension. In the programme, 9-year-old girl Diya performed a wonderful dance on the song Aaj Ki Raat Maza Husn Ka, Aankhon Se Lijiye and forced the people present there to applaud. Rajeshwari mesmerised the audience by dancing on the song Nasha Sharab Mein Hoti To Nachti botal. People also applauded the song Ghungroo Ki Tarah Bajta Hi Raha Hoon Main sung by Dr. Ashok Kumar. Lavanya Sharma, age 5, jumped up and down with her dance and received applause from the audience. 11-year-old Kajal Kumari, Parth Mehta, 9 years, Harshit Dhulia, 10 years, Raveena, 12 years, Lavanya Sharma, 8 years, Sonu, 12 years and Khushi, 5 years were honoured for giving a better performance.

Justice Sandeep Moudgil urge young lawyers to study Constitution of India

RANVIR PARASHAR
PANIPAT/KAITHAL, NOV 2:

Justice Sandeep Moudgil, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court, has appealed to young lawyers to study the Constitution of India. He said, "If we do not go through deeply into the provisions of Constitution, we can't justify ourselves being an advocate. He was addressing a state level convention organized under banner of Adhivakta Parishad, Haryana, on occasion of Constitution Day' at the main auditorium of Arya PG College at Panipat on Sunday. He said Constitution is largest document in world with basic theme of dignity and honor of life so that all can get equal rights and justice. He emphasized for regular study of the Constitution as it was not less than any religious book for lawyers. He also highlighted Consti-



tution's 75 years journey citing all subsequent amendments therein. Mukesh Garg advocate and law Member of HERC in his speech emphasized need of review all historical errors. He

highlighted three battles of Panipat and stressed upon the need of the hour for looking into background of establishing places of a particular religion by demolishing worship places of Hindus

during the Mugal regime. Garg reminded that how Hindus are victimized and terrorized in neighboring nation Bangladesh. Law member of HERC called upon the young lowers to do more hard work which will not only sharpen their noble carrier but also will be fruit full in delivering justice to needy people. On this occasion justice Krishan Pehal a Judge of UP High Court, Baldev Raj Mahajan AG Haryana, Satyaparkash National Vice President, Padam Kant National secretary , Hariborikar Regional Organizing Secretary of Adhivakta Parishad also spoke in convention and called upon the Lawyers to work to provide Justice for all in speedy manner. As many as 1800 advocates across the state of Haryana and P & H High Court Chandigarh attended the convention.

Interactive meeting organised with CGST by YJCCI

RAJNI SONI
YAMUNANAGAR, DEC 2

An interactive meeting was organised yesterday by Yamunanagar Jagadhri Chamber of Commerce and Industry at a local hotel. Revenue collection of GST in Panchkula zone has shown a growth of 30 per cent in 2024-25 over last year which is higher than Chandigarh and Punjab. This was stated by Manoj Kumar Srivastava, Chief Commissioner CGST Haryana. He was speaking on the occasion of an interactive meeting with industry organized by Yamunanagar Jagadhri Chamber of Commerce and Industry (YJCCI). He further lamented that his endeavor is to meet Industry and Trade of small towns across Haryana to obtain firsthand information about the difficulties faced by the industry. The purpose of such a meeting is to extend a helping hand to the industry to foster



ease of doing business. Varinder Mehndiratta, President of the YJCCI chamber, presented to the Chief Commissioner a memorandum of concerns and issues faced by the industry regarding implementation of GST laws. He welcomed the dignitaries' and emphasized the need of communication between the Industry and the highest level of Govt machinery. Pankaj Malik moderated the interaction and stated that the objective of the government and the industry is to achieve full compliance of the

GST laws but there can be a difference in the point of view of government and the industry regarding interpretation of the GST laws. Therefore, it is very important to establish a dialogue between the government machinery and the industry to understand the divergent viewpoints, for which the Chamber works as a bridge. Rajan Datt, Commissioner GST Panchkula, also addressed the large gathering of representatives of industrial units and trade in the local hotel and listened to the con-

cerns and issue raised by the Chamber. Datt brought clarity on all the issues raised by the industry and put forward the government's point of view on the issues. He also informed about the steps being taken by the government for smooth implementation of GST laws and to reduce burden of compliance on the tax payer. Datt informed that for the benefit of taxpayers, the government has introduced an amnesty scheme effective from 1st November 2024 valid up to 31st March 2025 whereby in case of recovery proceedings under section 73 have been initiated against the taxpayer and he deposits the amount of tax only, he will be entitled to waive off of interest and penalty. He further informed that the government is sensitive about the wrinkles in the implementation of GST laws, and the endeavor of the government is to iron out such wrinkles.

Yogendra Rana lays foundation of Parshuram Chowk in Assandh

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
ASSANDH, DECEMBER 2

Assandh MLA Yogendra Rana laid the foundation stone of the reconstruction of Parshuram Chowk in Assandh. On this occasion, the people of Assandh gave a rousing welcome to MLA Yogendra Rana and thanked him for laying the foundation stone of the Chowk. He said that he had promised the development of Assandh before the elections and he will leave no stone unturned in the development of Assandh constituency. Addressing the people present on the occasion, he said that the current central and Haryana government of BJP is engaged in the all-round and holistic development of the people. Under



the unique thinking of Prime Minister Narendra Modi like Sabka Saath-Sabka Vikas and the leadership of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, the Ganges of development is flowing in Haryana state. Rana said that our country is constantly touching new heights of development under the leadership of

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and State Chief Minister Naib Saini. He said that the country and the state should continue to move forward with this speed. This is the resolution of all of us and with this resolution India will be a developed country by 2047. Sanjeev Kaushik, Patron Chowk Committee, Madan

Lal Phafdaana Pradhan Chowk Committee, Ramroop ji, Advocate Satish Kaushik, Vinod Sharma Moonak, Praveen, Hansraj, Surendra Vats, Kamal Kaushik, Rajendra Sharma, Rishi Dupedi, Raju Chochhra, Sunil Chochhra, Sonu Salwan, Triloki Shastri, Mahendra Salwan and others were present.

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