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Indian High Commissioner summoned by Bangladesh MOFA

DHAKA: Bangladesh on Tuesday summoned Indian High Commissioner Pranay Verma to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a day after the vandalization of the Bangladesh mission in Agartala. "He has been asked to come," Foreign Affairs Adviser Md Touhid Hossain told reporters. Verma reached the Foreign Ministry at around 4pm to meet Acting Foreign Secretary Reaz Hamidullah. Additional security measures have been taken around the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with the deployment of army and police personnel.

Militant killed in ongoing Kashmir gunbattle

SRINAGAR: Security forces shot dead an unidentified militant in an ongoing encounter in the upper reaches of Dachigam forest on the outskirts of Srinagar, officials said here on Tuesday. They said the gunbattle erupted Monday evening when joint teams of Police and Army launched a cordon and a search operation (CASO) in the upper reaches of Dachigam forest following a specific intelligence input about militant presence in the area. During the search operation, a contact with the hiding militants was established last evening triggering a gunbattle.

PM Modi dedicates to nation the successful implementation of three new criminal laws

RAJENDRA KHATRY
CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 3

Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation the successful implementation of three transformative new criminal laws—Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam at PEC here today.

Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister said the new criminal laws represent a concrete step towards realizing the ideals enshrined in the Constitution for the benefit of all citizens. He said these laws signify the end of colonial-era laws. The colonial-era laws were the medium of atrocities and exploitation committed by the British when they ruled over India, Modi added.

"The 1857 revolution shook the roots of British rule and in 1860, they brought the IPC and later, the Indian Evidence Act and the CrPC framework came into being. The purpose of those laws was to punish Indians and keep them enslaved," the Prime Minister said. Modi watched a live demonstration simulating a crime scene investigation under the new laws.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said the three new laws have been fully implemented in Chandigarh. "Within three years of the registration of an FIR, one will get justice," he said.

Amit Shah came to Chandigarh on Monday evening to hold consultation in this regard. Earlier it was on August 4 last when Amit Shah visited Chandigarh and launched the e-Sakshya, Nyay Setu, Nyay Shruti and e-Summon apps for the three new criminal laws. He had said that the new laws would prove to be the "biggest" reform witnessed by India in the 21st century. Shah said that after the complete implementation of these laws, India will have the most modern and technology-equipped criminal justice system in the world. The Prime Minister and the Home Minister were accompanied by Punjab Governor and Chandigarh Administrator Gulab



New laws replaced colonial-era: PM

CHANDIGARH: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said the implementation of the three new criminal laws in the country signifies the end of colonial-era laws, even as for decades after attaining independence the laws, unfortunately, continued to revolve around the "penal mindset". Mr. Modi was addressing a gathering at an event 'Secure Society, Developed India- From Punishment to Justice' held in Chandigarh, to mark the implementation of the three new criminal laws including the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam.

Chand Kataria, UT Chandigarh advisor Rajeev Verma and Chandigarh Director General of Police Surendra Singh Yadav.

PM Modi today reviewed the progress of three newly introduced criminal laws aimed at overhauling the criminal justice system in the country. He also witnessed an exhibition on the three new laws.

UT police had a thick FIR register to show it to the PM. According to police data from July 1 (when new laws were implemented in the city) till Nov 18, as many as 1,084 cases were registered in Chandigarh under the new Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

Police recorded the crime scene through videography and photography.

Out of 1084 cases, 564 were registered for vehicle lifting and 97 cases were registered under sections in which the punishment is more than 7 years. Forensic teams also visited 97 scenes of crime and collected evidence for examination.

Chandigarh was the first administrative unit in the country where 100 per cent implementation of all three laws were completed first. Newly recruited Indian Police Service (IPS) officers from across the country attended the event on enforcement, judicial procedures and evidence management on the new laws with Chandigarh Police delivering a detailed presentation on the integration and functioning of various applications.

50,000 govt jobs given to youth in 32 months: Punjab CM

RAWEL BHINDER
PATIALA, DEC 3

Continuing mission rozgar, the Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Tuesday announced that though the state has so far provided jobs to nearly 50,000 youth in the state but it will soon launch a massive employment drive in key departments like Health, Education and others to further provide government jobs to the youth.

Addressing the gathering while handing over appointment letters to the youth here today, the Chief Minister said that the state government is committed to provide ample of opportunities to the youth to excel in life and so far around 50,000 government



become overage while agitating for getting jobs.

The Chief Minister called upon youth that there is no short cut for success and the sole key of triumph was hard work. He asked the youth to work hard and keep trying to achieve success in life so that they can achieve their desired goals in life. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the state government will leave no stone unturned to facilitate the youth in this noble cause.

The Chief Minister reiterated the commitment of the state government to ensure the well being of youth and opening new vistas of employment for them.

jobs have been provided to them. He said that further new avenues will be opened for youth to ensure that they become an active partner in socio-economic growth of the state. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that along with providing new jobs to youth feasibility is also being explored to adjust the youth who have

Suspense ends in Maha, Eknath Shinde to take oath as Dy CM

MUMBAI: Eknath Shinde has finally relented to serve as the Deputy chief minister in the incoming Mahayuti government. He will take oath as the Deputy CM along with Nationalist Congress Party's (NCP's) Ajit Pawar on Thursday. Devendra Fadnis is poised to return as the Chief Minister of Maharashtra, India Today reported citing sources. The swearing-in ceremony will take place at Mumbai's Azad Maidan on December 5. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other prominent NDA leaders are expected to attend the ceremony. After the oath taking ceremony, the cabinet portfolios and berths will be finalised for the three Mahayuti allies -- BJP, Shiv Sena and NCP. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is likely to get 21-22 portfolios whereas the Ajit Pawar-led NCP is likely to get 9-10 cabinet berths. The Shiv Sena had sought 16 portfolios but is likely to get 12, sources added.

Gram panchayats to take part in Deepotsav at Gita Mahotsav on Dec 11

CHANDIGARH: Gita Mahotsav will be celebrated at 48 Kos pilgrimages on the land of the Mahabharata. Gita Vani will be heard at all 182 pilgrimages of Kurukshetra, Kamal, Kaijhal, Panipat and Jind districts. A Swachhata Abhiyan will be conducted at the pilgrimages along with Gita Paath. Along with this, cultural programmes, Gita Paath and Gita Yagna will be organized at the pilgrimages of 48 Kos. The purpose of organizing Gita Mahotsav at the pilgrimages is to connect the youth with the universality of the Gita. Along with this, Gita Paath will be organized for elders and women. There will also be original presentations of Haryanvi culture through Haryanvi songs and the theme of these songs will be on topics related to the life of Lord Krishna. A Deepotsav will also be organized on December 11 at all the pilgrimage places of 48 Kos. Gram Panchayats will participate in Deepotsav.



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SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL : Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh said that Gita Mahotsav 2024 would be organized in the district from December 9 to 11. Gita Mahotsav will be organized in Dr. Mangalsen Auditorium where various Gita based programs will also be organized on the occasion. He said that many programs would be organized in this function which will be organized under the aegis of Department of Public Relations, Language and Culture. He said that preparations were in full swing for the successful organization of the Gita Jayanti Mahotsav and officials of different departments have been assigned responsibilities. He said that a beautiful program would be organized in the three-day festival with the cooperation of spiritual cultural programs, Gita message and religious organizations and a beautiful procession will be taken out. He said that along with the exhibition organized by the Department of Information, Public Relations, Language and Culture stalls will also be set up by various departments to provide information about the holy book Gita and the government schemes.

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Meeting held for successful holding of district level Geeta Jayanti celebrations

YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI PEHOWA, DEC 3

Sub-Divisional Officer Civil Aman Kumar said that district level Gita Jayanti celebrations would be organized in sub-division Pehowa from December 9 to 11. Various programs will be organized under the district level Gita Jayanti Mahotsav. Like every year, this year too the district level Gita Mahotsav will be celebrated with great joy and grandeur. SDM Aman Kumar was holding a meeting with administrative officials regarding the organization of district level Gita Jayanti celebrations. On this occasion Tehsildar Pehowa Vinita was also present.

While chairing the meeting, SDM Aman Kumar said that under the district level Gita Jayanti Mahotsav in Pehowa, there will be programs under various activities for three days. We have to organize all the programs successfully by making better coordination. He also informed that during Mahotsav the main events will be held that in-



cluded Geeta Yagna, Geeta Path, Geeta Seminar, Maha Aarti, Bhajan Sandhya, Cultural Program, Deepotsav as well as other programs.

He said that the departments which will be given the responsibility in view of the district level Geeta Jayanti Mahotsav will fulfill their responsibilities and will ensure that all the work is completed on time. He said in the meeting along with the parking arrangements, the police have made extensive arrangements for security. The outline of the work to be done

will also be prepared by the department. Apart from this, whatever department will have whatever duty, they should complete all the preparations on time so that Geeta Jayanti celebrations can be celebrated with joy.

He said that during the meeting today, the celebrations were discussed. There have been suggestions and discussions on some points regarding the successful organization of the event. The event should be organized the district level Geeta Jayanti program together. Soon the

next meeting will be held and the work being done will also be reviewed.

In the district level Gita Jayanti Mahotsav, folk artists will present their presentations showcasing the art and culture of India. To add to the beauty of the celebrations, students of government and private schools will also display their cultural art and participate in painting competition and quiz competition based on Gita. They will also recite Gita. He said that Gita Jayanti Mahotsav was not a government program but it was everyone's own celebration. Every citizen of subdivision Pehowa is invited to Gita Jayanti Mahotsav. All social and religious organizations of subdivision are participating in this festival with great enthusiasm. Apart from this, all the councillors of Pehowa Nagarpalika, village sarpaches, panchs, members of Zila Parishad and Block Samiti and all the numberdars make the celebration more grand by registering their presence in the Gita Jayanti Mahotsav.

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, DECEMBER 3

After mentioning the increasing spread of drugs in Haryana, SP Chauhan, the real hero of The Struggling Man and the convener of Navchetna Manch, has written a letter to the Chief Minister demanding a complete ban on mobile phones in schools and colleges. He has said through the letter that even during study time in schools and colleges, students' attention is focused on mobile phones, due to which their studies are getting disrupted and their career is also getting ruined, students are not able to achieve the target where they have to reach after studying and keep regretting it throughout their life, this is not only a loss to the students but also to the state and the country because students are the future of the country, so it is the duty of both the government and the society to save them from the dreadful consequences of this Internet. Due to the indiscriminate use of the internet, today our young students and even school children are falling prey to obscene, nude and vulgar programs prepared by the enemies of the society, the consequences of which are very fatal. Therefore, there should be a complete ban on mobile phones in schools and colleges, not only this, strict action should be taken against the in-

stitutions which do not follow this rule.

While we have got a great opportunity to know and understand the world through the internet, on the contrary, our children have been destroyed culturally and character-wise by its misuse. Google's world is full of countless dirty and ignorant programs, all of which are



for earning money and increasing TRP, due to which our school and college children are becoming stubborn, this is also a reason for the increase in crime. Shri Chauhan said that the use of mobile phones is right up to a limit but there should be a complete ban on it in schools and colleges so that children and youth can build their future. Due to mobile, children have forgotten their social fabric, they don't even have time for their parents, siblings, even after returning from school and college, they

spend most of their time on mobile, which is the responsibility of the parents but the The government should take the responsibility of a complete ban on mobile phones in schools and colleges, for this Navchetna Manch and its supporting social organizations are ready to cooperate with the government in every possible way. Some children whose goal is to move forward and progress have also made the internet a medium of their progress, they search in it only what is for their curriculum or progress but the number of children with such thinking is less.

The state's prominent social worker SP Chauhan, who is deeply sensitive to every sensitive issue, has appealed to Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and the state's Education Minister Mahipal Dhanda to impose a complete ban on mobile phones in schools and colleges so that the young future generation of Haryana can move ahead in their career as well as understand the dignity of relationships deeply. Some time ago, the real hero of the movie SP Chauhan Struggling Man, SP Chauhan had written a letter to the Chief Minister and appealed for taking a concrete decision to stop the increasing prevalence of drug abuse in schools and colleges.

Muslim community comes in support of Hindus in Bangladesh: Khurshid Alam

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, DEC 3

Former media coordinator of Haryana Haj Committee and BJP leader Khurshid Alam has said that to stop the atrocities on Hindus in Bangladesh, the Muslim community of Haryana should come forward and present the age-old example of patriotism. Khurshid Alam, chairman of All Haryana Muslim Welfare Society, appealed to all the Muslim community people of Haryana state and said that in this crucial time, there was a need to stand with the victims of Bangladesh and showed support of the Muslim community.

To stop the atrocities on all minorities along with Hindus in Bangladesh, the people of the Muslim community should come forward and present an example of mutual brotherhood.



Appealing to the people of Muslim society Khurshid Alam has said that while demanding the release of Saint Chinmay Krishna Das of ISKCON temple in Bangladesh, the leaders of all the social organizations who were detained there without any reason should be released as

soon as possible, in which he demanded the safety of lakhs of Hindus and minority people. Like him, he told the Muslim society that whoever guaranteed the safety of Hindus and minority people in Bangladesh, he demanded from Narendra Modi, Prime Minister, Nayab Singh Saini, Chief Minister of Haryana that the Ministry of External Affairs wanted to tar-

get the victims of Bangladesh by terrorizing them through India. He called upon his Muslim society, now the time has come that more and more of them should become supportive of the people of Hindu religion in Bangladesh.

Kisan Sabha held in IFFCO Nano Model Village Dayanagar

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, DEC 3

IFFCO organized Kisan Sabha in IFFCO Nano Model Village Dayanagar under Nano Fertilizer Awareness Campaign. IFFCO Senior Area Manager Dr. Niranjana Singh said that IFFCO has made Nigdu village a Nano Model Village Cluster in district including five villages Nigdu, Karsadod, Koir, Dayanagar and Majra Rodan. To encourage use of IFFCO nano fertilizers in these villages, IFFCO is giving 25% subsidy on total cost of drone spray along with nano urea, nano DAP and Sagarika. He said that farmers of these villages can come to IFFCO Kisan Bazaar Nigdu and get their registration done and get subsidy from here. He discussed in detail with farmers about importance of Urea Plus and Nano DAP. While discussing about Nano Urea Plus, Dr. Niranjana Singh said that Nano Urea Plus is an alternative to urea and it will be used on crop in one month by spraying 500 ml bottle in 125 liters of water in one acre, so

its use capacity is more than traditional urea. Plants absorb it through leaves and stems. Like urea, nano urea does not pollute underground water, land and environment. He told that Nano DAP is also an alternative to traditional DAP



and it is also effective in increasing productivity of crops. It is cheaper than traditional DAP. Nano DAP 500 ml is used in one acre, which will be used in 250 ml quantity for seeds 5 ml per kg of seeds or tuber,

seedlings, 5 ml per liter of water and remaining 250 ml is to be mixed in 100 liters of water and sprayed on crop of 30-35 days. He told that IFFCO is also providing drone facility to farmers for spraying nano fertilizers where farmers

can get their fields sprayed using drones. He gave information about water soluble fertilizers, Sagarika, bio-fertilizers, their usage method, usage quantity 48 farmers participated.

Arohan Welfare Society celebrates Disabled Day



RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR: Arohan Welfare Society celebrated International Disabled Day on Tuesday. The society runs a day care center for the rights, respect and welfare of disabled people and for the happiness of the disabled. On the International Day disabled people celebrated the day by doing musical chair painting and playing musical instruments. President Dr. Ritu Soni said that all this therapy helped in improving the mental life of these Divyangs and increasing their self-awareness. Coordinator Rekha said, if hard work was done on these Divyangs, they can also lead a normal life and can live happily. Physiotherapist Dr Gurleen said that they can improve the condition of disabled people to a great extent through physiotherapy.

MM International School, Mullana organises annual festival 'Synergia'

JAIBEER RANA BARARA, DEC 3

Like every year, this time too, various colours of the world were seen in the annual function of M.M.I.S. Mullana along with positive thinking.

On this occasion, Ambala Division Commissioner, IAS Mrs. Geeta Bharti attended the function as the chief guest and presented an unforgettable dignity to the event. Along with her, MM Trust's treasurer Dr. Vishal Garg, Mrs. Deepika Garg was also present. The chief guest inaugurated the program by lighting the lamp. After this, the school director Dr. Parul Garg and the school principal Mrs. Sunita Dosaj thanked the chief guest and the members present there. When the children and senior students of the school gave their won-



derful and charming performances, everyone was mesmerized. While the children won the hearts of the audience with a very beautiful welcome song, the melodious sound of 'Saraswati Vandana' made the auditorium resonate. As soon as the rock stars started dancing to the song Duniya Ki Saar Kar Lo on the stage, not only children but

even adults got mesmerized by them. Whether it is the school band or the dances of different countries, all the presentations were better than the other. The children dancing in joy looked like accomplished artists. Navras presentation and Durga Puja embodying the various forms of nine Rasas The zeal and energy with which the artists of

MMIS portrayed the various emotions of Mahishasura Mardini stunned everyone. After this, the Head Boy and Head Girl of the school presented a report based on the annual achievements of the school which was appreciated by everyone. Without Punjabi Bhangra, the completeness of any cultural function cannot be imagined and when the Bhangra was performed by M.M.I.S.K. stars, then what can be said. Bhangra is for everyone in Punjab. The students were reminded of the fragrance of the soil of the village. The members of the school management committee and the distinguished guest appreciated the efforts of the students and wished them a bright future and the function ended with the national anthem.

Saundh honours Shandilya for campaign against anti-national forces

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA AMBALA, DECEMBER 3

In the 21st Jagran held in Khanna, Punjab in memory of world famous Punjabi singer Sardool Sikander, in the presence of thousands of people, Punjab Cabinet Minister Tarunpreet Singh Saundh honoured Anti Terrorist Front India and Vishwa Hindu Takht National President Veeresh Shandilya by giving him a dhoti and a memento in the presence of thousands of people and saints for running a campaign against anti-national forces. On this occasion, Sardool Sikander's wife, actress and Punjabi singer Amar Noori, Punjab Mandi Board Chairman Harchand Singh Barsath and Sardool Sikander's sons, singer Sarang

Sikander, Alaap Sikander and people from many political and social organizations were present. Tarun Preet Singh Saundh, Minister of Industry and Panchayati Raj of Punjab, hugged Veeresh Shandilya after honoring him and said that he has not only started a campaign against anti-national forces in the entire country including Punjab, but has also started a campaign to strengthen Hindu Sikh brotherhood in Punjab.

Sardul Sikander's wife Amarnoori said that Veeresh Shandilya's patriotic campaign should be there for every citizen of the country. She said that the campaign that Veeresh Shandilya has started against terrorism in the coun-



try, it seems that he is guarding the thinking of Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, Sukhdev, Udhham Singh, Ashfaqulla Khan, Madan Lal Dhillon, Khudiram Bose, Kartar Saraba. On receiving the honor from the cabinet minister, Veeresh

Rangla Punjab. He said that today in the 21st Jagran being held in Khanna in the memory of Sardool Sikander, he will always keep the honour given to him by Sardool Sikander's family, his wife Amar Noori and Ekta Club.

PACS employees open front against the GM

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, DECEMBER 3

PACS employees of the district have opened a front against the General Manager of the Co-operative Bank. On Tuesday, for the second day, the employees remained on strike at the bank office. A delegation led by District President of Primary Agriculture Co-operative Society Employees Union (PACS) Jasbir Singh met Haryana's Cooperation, Jail, Heritage and Tourism Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma at Phap Dana Sugar Mill. The minister was apprised of the entire matter and told how the General Manager is acting arbitrarily. PACS employees are being harassed mentally and financially. Minister Arvind Sharma has assured to take appropriate action.

Here, the protest was chaired by District President



of Primary Agriculture Co-operative Society Employees Union (PACS) Jasbir Singh and conducted by District Secretary Rishpal. Jasbir Singh said that on November 19 and November 26, a notice was submitted by the union to the General Manager Cooperative Bank Karnal regarding the demands. This letter was also sent to the District Deputy Commissioner and Superintendent of Police. The General Manager did not call the

union delegation for talks. There is a lot of anger among the employees due to the General Manager ignoring them. Provincial head Devendra Rana said that the dictatorship of the General Manager will not be tolerated. The problems should be solved through talks. On this occasion, District Secretary of Sarva Karmachari Sangh Sevaram Badsar said that the demands of PACS employees are justified. The administration should find a

solution to this problem as soon as possible. Employees of all departments are standing with the PACS employees in their struggle.

Former State Head Kuldeep Rana and District Head Jasbir said that a retired bank employee should not be appointed as PACS Manager. There is no justification for reducing the salary of employees. These problems are arising in Karnal district only. On this occasion, former State Head Kuldeep Rana, Ramesh Kumar, Dalbir Singh, Block Head Karnal Suraj Bhan, Nissing Head Rampal, Moonak Head Mukesh Rana, Assandh Block Head Mahipal Rana, Nilokheri Head Dalel Singh, Gharunda Head Rop Ram, Gulab Singh, Chhatrapal Tyagi, Indri Block Head Bir Singh Rana and Paramjeet etc. were present.

Crushing season kicks off at Morinda Sugar Mill with promises of growth



SANJEEV TEJPAL MORINDA: The much-awaited crushing season for the year 2024-25 at the Morinda Sugar Mill commenced with great enthusiasm. The inaugural ceremony began with a religious ritual at the mill's Gurudwara Sahib, where the path Shri Akhand Sahib was concluded, followed by soul-stirring kirtan performances. The event witnessed the presence of distinguished guests, including MLA Dr. Charanjit Singh and Rupnagar Deputy Commissioner Mr. Himanshu Jain, former directors of the mill, and leaders of farmers' organizations, who were honoured by the mill management and Local MLA Dr. Charanjit Singh.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Charanjit Singh highlighted the pivotal role of the Morinda Sugar Mill in the lives of farmers, particularly sugarcane growers from four districts. "This mill is a lifeline for our farmers. It not only processes their hard-earned produce into sugar but also provides employment opportunities for local youth, thereby boosting the regional economy," he said. Dr. Singh also announced an upcoming proposal to the Punjab Government for a new project to be developed on 25 acres of the mill's land. "The aim is to introduce initiatives that free farmers from the constraints of the traditional crop cycle while creating ample employment for the youth in our region," he added. Deputy Commissioner Himanshu Jain commended the mill's efforts and addressed concerns raised by farmers regarding the Morinda-Ropar road's poor condition. He assured the gathering that instructions have been given to the PWD Department to expedite repairs on a priority basis to ensure smoother transportation for sugarcane growers.

DAV Jagraon conducts annual function 'Journey to Enlightenment'



SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON: DAV Centenary Public School Jagraon conducted its annual function, 'Journey to Enlightenment' with great pomp and show. Giving more information about this, school principal Ved Vrat Plaha said that the much awaited program was conducted in two shifts, morning and evening respectively for junior and senior classes. "In the morning event, Mrs. Indu Puri, MD of P Park mustard oil participated in the function as the chief guest while Mr. Satish Sharma, former director of DAV college, CMC, New Delhi participated as the guest of honor whereas, Justice N.K Sood (DAV, CMC, NEW DELHI, retired judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court) participated as the chief guest in evening event," he added. Plaha further said that school manager SK Bhullar, ARO JK Sidhu, cluster head Anu Verma and others highly encouraged the students with their valuable presence in the function. "The day witnessed cultural performances by the students as they impressed the audience with their talent and dedicated efforts towards making the event a success," the principal mentioned. All the guests present at this occasion highly applauded school management and staff for smooth and efficient conduct of the entire event. They encouraged parents to focus on holistic development of their children. Students who excelled in academic, sports and extra curriculars were honoured by school. The school principal proposed the vote of thanks and encouraged students to keep participating in more events in future as well. He also applauded school staff for their dedicated efforts in making the program successful.

Inauguration of sewage treatment plant at Raia by MLA Dalbir Singh Tong



KULJIT SINGH JANDIALA GURU: The MLA of Halka Baba Bakala Sahib S. Dalbir Singh Tong today inaugurated the sewage treatment plant to be built at a cost of around 1.5 million rupees at Raia. On this occasion, he shared his happiness with the local residents and said that the dirty water of Raia town, which used to stand in the dirty ponds and street markets of the village, will now become clean and suitable for reuse with the installation of this plant. Which will also be used for irrigation in the fields. He said that our government's effort is to provide urban facilities to every town and village and we have got this project due to the efforts of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann. He said that village ponds are also being developed on the same lines. He said that by developing these ponds as a Thapar model, the water of these ponds will be cleaned and then made usable for farms. On this occasion, Sa Tong congratulated the residents of this project and said that our effort is to start it as soon as possible. On this occasion, SDO Sandeep Singh, JE Kulbir Singh, Inspector Sukhbir Singh, Surjit Singh, Sangar Bhandari, Sarabjit, Jagtar Billa, Sarabjit Fauzi, Yog Veer, Bhupinder Mann, Sarpanch Prabh Dayal Singh, Vishal Manan, Patwani Anil Kumar, Surinder Singh, Amit Kumar and other dignitaries were also present.

Bains showcases transformative education model of Punjab at UNESCO forum in Korea

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, DEC 3

Representing India at the prestigious UNESCO Forum on the Futures of Education, Punjab School Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains, on Tuesday, unveiled the state's groundbreaking approach to educational transformation, stressing education as the fundamental solution to global challenges.

Addressing the gathering during the international conference, Harjot Singh Bains said that Punjab government has embarked on an ambitious infrastructure development mission, focusing on creating robust educational ecosystems, which includes constructing thousands of new classrooms, erecting boundary walls for school security, providing bus services to students, installing Wi-Fi in schools and deploying security guards to ensure student safety.

"These comprehensive measures have been placed to create a secure and technologically enabled learning environment", said the Cabinet



Minister, adding that Punjab's educational strategy is an unprecedented focus on teacher empowerment and global learning. The state has initiated comprehensive teacher training programs, sending educators to premier global institutions. Principals have been trained at the Singapore Principals Academy, while elementary teachers have received specialized training in Finland's renowned education model, bringing world-class pedagogical insights to Punjab's schools. He said that Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann led government has in-

roduced innovative school concepts that go beyond traditional educational frameworks. "Schools of Eminence" focus on professional training, "Schools of Applied Learning" stress vocational skills and the pioneering "Schools of Happiness" represent a unique child-psychology-based learning approach designed to create joyful educational experiences. Bains articulated a profound philosophy that education transcends academic learning, emphasizing that education is a comprehensive approach to addressing global challenges like climate change, terror-

ism and social inequities. The government's mission is unequivocal which ensure that no child is left behind and every child has access to quality education that prepares them for future challenges, he added. "During the UNESCO Forum, I had the privilege of not just presenting Punjab's educational innovations, but also sharing the rich cultural and philosophical heritage that underpins our approach to learning and social development. I took this global platform as an opportunity to highlight the historic significance of Sri Anandpur Sahib, a place that symbolizes the profound principles of brotherhood and universal harmony. I shared how the Tenth Sikh Guru, Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji transcended conventional boundaries of colour, race and caste, offering the world a transformative message of partnership and collective humanity", the Cabinet Minister categorically shared. He said that my representation went beyond educational strategies to emphasize the deeper cultural symbols of our identity.

MLA Rajnish Dahiya of Ferozepur Rural shares his grief with MLA Dev Mann

NABHA (RAKESH JINDAL): Last day Gurdev Singh Dev Mann MLA Nabha's father Lal Singh passed away today at his office in Nabha. Leaders of various political and religious organizations shared their grief today. M.L.A Ferozepur Rural, Aman Gupta Preside.9nt Cowshala Committee Nabha,Tony Vinod Furniture, Manpreet Singh Kartar Combine Bhadson, Hari Singh Preet Combine, Charan Singh Malikit Combine, Municipal Council President Sujata Chawla, Neeru Sharma Kosler, Karamjit Kaur Kosler, Roji Nagpal Kosler, Amarjit Kaur Sahni Kosler, Sonia Pahuja Vice President, Prabhu Singh Sarpanch Construction And a large number of leaders of social service organizations were present.



ECI announces media awards for "Best campaign on voter education and awareness 2024"

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, DEC 3

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has announced special media awards to recognize the outstanding efforts of media houses in promoting voter education and electoral awareness throughout 2024.

The awards will honor campaigns that have contributed significantly to increasing voter participation by raising awareness about the voting process, accessible elections, election-related IT applications, and other key election topics. The awards, which will be in the form of a citation and plaque, will be presented on National Voters' Day, 25th January 2025.

Punjab Chief Electoral Officer Sibin C informed that the awards will be given across four categories: Print Media, Television, Radio, and Online/Social Media. He emphasized that the evaluation will be based on the quality of voter awareness campaigns, the accuracy and balance of the information presented, and the extent of the campaign's reach.

"We are looking for campaigns that effectively highlight accessible elections, ECI's IT innovations, and combat misinformation while



making a measurable impact on public awareness," as per the ECI letter.

A spokesperson elaborated on the key requirements for each category:

Print Media: "Entries must include a summary of the work carried out, the number of articles published, the total print area, and any public engagement activities. A soft copy, web link, or hard copy of the relevant articles should be provided."

Television and Radio: "Entries should provide material on a CD, DVD, or Pen Drive, including details of the duration, frequency, and total broadcast time. Any other activities like direct public engagement should also be highlighted." Online/Social Media: "We are seeking a summary of posts, blogs, tweets, or campaigns, along with relevant

links or PDFs. The impact of the campaign, as well as any additional activities, must also be detailed." All entries must have been published, broadcast, or posted during 2024. Submissions in languages other than English or Hindi should include an English translation. "Entries should carry the media house's name, address, and contact details, and must be submitted by 10th December 2024 to Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh, Under Secretary (Communication) Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi 110001 and email is media-division@eci.gov.in.

CEO Sibin C expressed his gratitude to media houses for their continued efforts in creating electoral awareness and encouraged them to sustain their contributions during future elections.

Another turmoil in MC Jagraon as President Rana skips crucial meeting



JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR): The house meeting of municipal council Jagraon yet again ended in turmoil due to prevalent factionalism in MC office. According to the information, the meeting was scheduled for 12:30 pm in order to discuss the long standing issue of ill management of waste and garbage dumps in the city. Councillors from one faction reached the meeting hall at time but MC President Jatinderpal Singh Rana suspended the meeting citing his mother's illness though 6 councillors from his faction were already present in the meeting but they did not bother to discuss the crucial issue. Expressing disappointment at this behaviour of MC President, councillor Amarjeet Singh Malwa said that the meeting was called in order to discuss a very crucial matter issue of waste management in the city and even if Rana had to leave owing to his mother's illness, the other councillors could have discussed the issue to find a solution.

"MC President claims himself to be honest and in favour of welfare of people but his actions prove otherwise. With this act of Rana and his faction, it seems that that they have decided that the residents of Jagraon will have to continue living among the heaps of garbage," Malwa added. He further said that the majority of councillors expressed their disappointment at this act in front of EO Sukhdev Singh Randhawa.

Comprehensive plan to provide drinking water to 100% of urban population: Dr. Ravjot Singh

ASHISHPURI
KAPURTHALA, DEC 3

Local Bodies Minister of Punjab Dr. Ravjot Singh on Tuesday stated that the Punjab government has developed a comprehensive plan to ensure that 100% of the urban population has access to drinking water.

During the foundation-laying ceremony for a water supply project worth Rs. 4.35 crore in Phagwara, Dr. Singh stated that all municipal corporations and councils have been instructed to conduct special surveys to identify areas facing water supply shortages. These areas will be prioritized for coverage.

Rs. 4.35 crore project aims to benefit over 8,000 residents by providing water supply to neighborhoods including Santokhpur, Kothra, Gobindpu-



ra, Nakodar Road, Purewal Nagar, and Khalwara Road. The project will involve the installation of a 9-kilometer-long pipeline and the provision of more than 1,000 household water supply connections.

Dr. Singh also urged MC Commissioner Navneet Kaur Bal to closely monitor the

project to ensure its timely completion.

Notable attendees at the event included former minister and AAP leader Joginder Singh Mann, District Planning Board Chairperson Lalit Saklani, Improvement Trust Chairman Kashmir Singh, and AAP spokesperson Harnoor Singh.

Basmati rice exports: Reach expands from 106 to 150 countries

ANKUSH SHARMA
LUDHIANA, DEC 3

After registration of Basmati Rice as Geographical Indication (GI) in 2008, the exports of Basmati Rice including from the state of Punjab have increased from 106 countries to 150 countries in 2023-24. Furthermore, the total exports of Basmati rice have also increased from 2.01 Million MTs (USD 2.297 Billion) in 2009-10 to 5.24 Million MTs (USD 5.83 Billion) in 2023-24. The top ten export destinations of Basmati Rice from India, including that from Punjab, are as under: Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Iran, Yemen, UAE, USA, UK, Kuwait, Oman, and Qatar. This has been stated by Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal in an answer to a question on 'Export of Basmati Rice from Punjab' asked by MP (Rajya Sabha) from Ludhiana Sanjeev Arora in the ongoing Winter Session of Rajya Sabha. The designated GI areas



of Basmati Rice in India are the States of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh (30 districts), Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir (two districts in Jammu) & the National Capital Territory of Delhi. In a statement here on today, Arora said the Minister further mentioned in his reply that the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), a Statutory Body under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India is mandated for the registration and protection of Intellectual Property Rights, in respect of Basmati Rice in India or outside India.

NHPC celebrates International Day of Persons with Disabilities - 2024



CHANDIGARH, DEC 3

NHPC, a Navratna enterprise of the Government of India celebrated 'International Day of Persons with Disabilities' with great enthusiasm on 3rd December 2024 under the theme 'Amplifying the Leadership of Persons with Disabilities for an Inclusive and Sustainable Future'. Shri R.K. Chaudhary, CMD, NHPC was the chief guest on the occasion. Shri Uttam Lal, Director (Personnel) and Shri Santosh Kumar, CVO were also present along with other senior of-

ficers and NHPC Divyang employees.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri R.K. Chaudhary, CMD, NHPC expressed his greetings and acknowledged the courage and dedication of NHPC Divyang employees. He praised their determination and resilience and congratulated them for their various achievements in their professional as well as their personal lives. In his address, Shri Uttam Lal, Director (Personnel), NHPC said that NHPC continues to expand its efforts to promote inclusivity.

Punjab Local bodies minister launches Rs 10.61 crore sewerage project in Alawalpur

J S SODHI
JALANDHAR, DEC 3

Punjab Local Bodies Minister Dr. Ravjot Singh laid the foundation stone for a '10.61 crore sewerage project in Alawalpur, aiming to address long-standing waste management issues and transform the town into one of Punjab's cleanest.

The project, catering to 10,452 residents, includes an 896-meter intercepting sewerage line, a two MLD sewerage treatment plant (STP), a main pumping station, a 100-meter rising line, and a screening chamber.

Dr. Ravjot highlighted the initiative's goal to eliminate wastewater disposal into the village pond, ensuring treated water is reused for irrigation and making the pond pollution-free. He reaffirmed the Punjab Government's



commitment to urban and rural development, emphasizing that the state faces no fund shortages for such initiatives.

Key attendees included Halga Incharge Jeet Lal Bhatia, ADC (UD) Jasbir Singh, MC President Neelam Rani,

Chief Engineer Satnam Singh, Superintending Engineer Ashish Rai, Executive Engineer Jatinder Vassudeva, and EO Ramjit Singh. This project reflects Punjab's strides in sustainable development and infrastructure improvement.

Major protest to stop dirty water from falling into Buddha Nullah



SHARMA
LUDHIANA, DEC 3

Under the banner of Kale Paani Da Morcha, various social workers and environmental lovers gathered on Ferozepur Road and Tajpur Road on Tuesday to stop dirty water falling into Buddha Nullah in Ludhiana.

As it was earlier fixed that on 3 December environmental lovers will hold major protest, under which today people blocked the traffic on Ferozepur Road near Verka Bridge, then the police divert-

ed the traffic. During this, Police has detained more than a hundred people. Apart from this, Nihang Singhs also reached Tajpur Road, they also had an argument with the police, there was also a scuffle.

During this, many people's turbans also allegedly fell off. People have also staged a sit-in on Tajpur Road. The situation of city became tense due to this movement. DCP Shubham Aggarwal says that those who are disrupting law and order are being detained.

Cabinet Ministers review the progress of ongoing development works

SUMER GARG
SANGRUR, DEC 3

The Minister of revenue, housing construction and urban development and water supply and sanitation of Punjab, Mr. Hardeep Singh Mundia, while reviewing the progress of the development works with the administrative officials at the district administrative complex here today said that under the guidelines of Punjab Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann, no negligence will be tolerated in providing timely, clean and best administrative facilities to the citizens of district Sangrur.

The cabinet minister of water conservation, water resources and mining and geosciences, Barinder Goyal, who is also present in the meeting said that the development works should be com-



pleted on the basis of priority as the government has no shortage of funds for the development works. He said that the officers and employees should ensure that the citizens work is to be completed within the stipulated time and the don't come to the government offices without any special need and that their

During the meeting, MLA, Narinder Kaur Bharaj said that a large-scale development movement is underway to rejuvenate the urban and rural areas of Sangrur and Bhawanigarh, both subdivisions fall under the San-

grur assembly constituency. She instructed the officials to ensure strict compliance of the orders given by the Punjab government for the implementation of various welfare schemes.

Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner, Sandeep Rishi has made administrative arrangements for regular sanitation in urban and rural areas, availability of clean drinking water for people, street lights, repair and construction of roads, cleaning of sewage, construction of parks and playgrounds and other basic needs.

Dayanand Anglo Vedic School celebrates National Pollution Day



VERMA
GURDASPUR, DEC 3

Dayanand Anglo Vedic School gadian marked National Pollution Day with a series of insightful presentations. Young environmentalists from Lotus House, under the mentorship of teachers Amar Jyoti and Tejinder Sharma, shed light on the pressing issue of pollution. From the dangers of

water and air pollution to the silent threat of noise and soil contamination, the students' projects were both informative and thought-provoking. School authorities, including Manager AK Vaid, Chairman Arun Abrol, and Vice Chairman BK Mittal, praised the students' efforts and urged them to continue their commitment to a cleaner and greener future.

Volunteers of Amb College give message of awareness through rally



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB : On the occasion of World AIDS Day, the NSS volunteers of Government Excellence College Amb took out a public awareness rally to the local hospital Amb with great enthusiasm and zeal. 40 students of National Service Scheme participated in this rally. Through the rally, the volunteers of National Service Scheme gave a message related to prevention, treatment and awareness of the evils spread in the society regarding AIDS. The Principal of the college, Prof. Darshan Kumar said that the main objective of the rally is to increase awareness about HIV AIDS among the youth and society. In his statement, he said that we all want people to be sensible and aware about this disease and adopt a sympathetic approach towards it. Only then can this disease end in the future. On this occasion, the volunteers made a symbol of 'AIDS' through a human chain and appealed to avoid this disease. On this occasion, Prof. Amit Kumar Sharma, Prof. Anay, Dr. Arun Kumar, Dr. Ajay Sharma were present.

Regional Passport Office to organize Passport Adalat on December 7

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA : Regional Passport Office, Railway Board Building, The Mall Shimla 171003 is organizing a Passport Adalat on dated 07.12.2024 (Saturday) from 09.30 A.M to 01.30 P.M. The main purpose of this Adalat is to facilitate those applicants who have applied for passport services up to 30.11.2024 but, have not received their passport due to any reason/objection. Applicants may visit (walk in/without prior appointment) in person along with all original documents (as required) so that their issues may be resolve on the same day. Further, applicants whose file has been put on hold at Passport Seva Kendra, Shimla for further documentation may also visit PSK Shimla in person with required documents on 07.12.2024 from 09.30 A.M to 01.30.

TCP again issues notice to 2 people for illegal construction in Chhattar

RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR : Taking strict cognizance of illegal construction in revenue mahal Chhattar near district headquarters, Town and Country Planning (TCP) department has once again issued notices to two people. In notice issued by planning officer of divisional office of department, Hamirpur, under subsection-2 of section-39 of Himachal Pradesh Town and Country Planning Act 1977, instructions have been given to immediately stop said construction work and restore previous status on the land. Regarding said construction work, department had also issued a notice on October 23 under Rule 28 of Himachal Pradesh Town and Country Planning Rules 2014, but due to non-compliance, notices have been issued again.

NH construction company employees halt work over unpaid salaries

RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR, DEC 3

On Tuesday, workers of the Water Wing under an NH construction company stopped work and blocked company vehicles to protest against non-payment of their salaries. They alleged that they haven't been paid for six months to a year, which has severely impacted their livelihoods.

Employees Amit Kumar, Krishna Kumar, Manoj Kumar, and Vineet Kumar revealed that they have been working on pipeline projects since December, yet they have only received one month's salary during this time. Repeated requests to company officials regarding their dues have been met with evasive responses.

Amit Kumar shared that they have been working under IPH's Surya

CM dedicates Mata Baglamukhi ropeway in Mandi District

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, DEC 3

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today inaugurated the State-of-the-Art Mata Baglamukhi Ropeway in Mandi district. The ropeway located on Chandigarh-Manali National Highway connects Pandoh to Mata Baglamukhi Temple in Bakhli and was expected to significantly boost tourism in the region. The Chief Minister said that with a total length of 800 meters and constructed at a cost of Rs. 53.89 crore, the project was a marvel of modern engineering. Built to European CEN standards the ropeway features a line speed of 6 meters per second (21.6 km/hr) and can carry up to 600 passengers per hour. He said that it bypasses 14 kilometers



of road travel and offers more efficient and scenic alternative for devotees and tourists. He said that the Mata Baglamukhi ropeway was the only one in the state that operates over a water body, the Pandoh Dam reservoir. The breathtaking journey in gondolas suspended above the serene waters

provides passengers with majestic views of the surrounding hills and the tranquil reservoir below. He added that "This unique feature adds to the excitement of the ride, making it a standout attraction." The ropeway was expected to significantly increase the

footfall at the Mata Baglamukhi Temple which was one of the most sacred pilgrims in the state. He said that the ropeway enhances access to the nature park developed by the Forest Department on the opposite side of the highway. This dual attraction was anticipated to draw tourists particularly those visiting popular destinations like Kullu-Manali, Kasol and Lahaul-Spiti.

Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that the project would not only provide a unique experience for visitors but also generate substantial economic opportunities for the local population. "By promoting sustainable tourism and reducing travel time, the ropeway aligns with the commitment of the government to fostering

infrastructure growth while preserving the natural beauty of the region," he added.

The Chief Minister pays obeisance at Baglamukhi temple and prayed for the peace and prosperity of the state. Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri, Chairman APMC Mandi Sanjeev Guleria, Chairman APMC Kullu Mian Ram Singh, Former Minister Kaul Singh Thakur, Former CPS Sohan Singh Thakur, Congress Leaders Jeevan Thakur, Deepak Sharma, Pawan Thakur, Champa Thakur, Chairman HP State Electricity Board Sanjay Gupta, Principal Secretary Transport R.D. Nazeem, Deputy Commissioner Apoorav Devgan, SP Sakshi Verma and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

Disability assessment camp to be held in Nurpur on Dec 13: SDM

SANJEEV MAHAJAN
NURPUR: SDM Nurpur, Gursimar Singh, announced that the District Red Cross Society, Kangra, in collaboration with the Artificial Limb Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO), Mohali, will organize a special disability and senior citizen assessment camp. The camp aims to evaluate and provide assistive devices to eligible persons with disabilities (PwDs) and senior citizens. It will be held on December 13 at the local Savings Bhawan from 11 AM to 3 PM. The SDM shared that the camp will assess and distribute various assistive devices such as tricycles, wheelchairs, hearing aids, crutches, walking sticks, and prosthetic limbs for PwDs. For senior citizens, assistive items like commode wheelchairs, elbow crutches, folding walkers, tetrapods, spinal supports, LS belts, cushions, and hearing aids will also be evaluated and provided. To receive these devices, eligible individuals must bring the following documents for persons with disabilities. UDID card indicating 40% or higher disability. Income certificate (monthly income below Rs. 22,500). Aadhaar card. Passport-sized photograph For senior citizens: Senior Citizen Card or age proof. Income certificate (monthly income below Rs. 15,000), Aadhaar card, Proof of address (copy of ration card, voter ID, etc.). Based on the registrations at the assessment camp, identified PwDs and senior citizens will receive the necessary assistive devices free of charge in a second phase.



Masters Games Association calls on Chief Minister



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, DEC 3

A delegation of Himachal Pradesh State Masters Games Association led by President Vinod Kumar called on Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu here today and invited him to be Chief Guest on the occasion of State Masters Games being organized at Bilaspur from 13th to 15th December, 2024. The Chief Minister said that the present state government was promoting the sports in the State

besides developing world class infrastructure to facilitate the players.

He said that the sports not only keep the youth physically fit but also inculcate the spirit of leadership, discipline and brotherhood among all.

They also honoured the Chief Minister with Himachali cap and shawl. Vice President of the Association Ajay Kanwar Shardiya, General Secretary Tejsvi Sharma and office bearers Ravinder Sharma and Manoj Bakshi were also present on the occasion.

Annual Day celebrations held at New Model Senior Secondary School, Barotiwala



SHANTI GAUTAM

BADDI: New Model Senior Secondary School, Barotiwala, celebrated its Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony with great enthusiasm. The Chief Guest for the event was Baddi Superintendent of Police (SP), Vinod Kumar, who was warmly welcomed by Dr. Shrikant Sharma, Chairman of New Model School Society; Dr. Tarachand Sharma, Managing Director; Principal Krishna Sharma; Vice Principal Rekha, along with the entire staff and students. The program, held in the school premises, was attended by special guests, including Mandhala Panchayat Pradhan Lata Kumari, UCO Bank Manager Pamveer, and representatives from Chintamani School, Doon School, and Dhauladhar School. The event commenced with the Chief Guest lighting a ceremonial lamp before the idol of Goddess Saraswati, followed by performances by students, including Vande Mataram, Saraswati Vandana, and a welcome song.

Beekeeping training program concludes at Govt Arya College, Nurpur

SANJEEV MAHAJAN
NURPUR, DEC 3

The week-long training program on Beekeeping at Government Arya College, Nurpur, concluded with a certificate distribution ceremony. Organized under the guidance of Principal Dr. Anil Kumar Thakur, the program was coordinated by Dr. Diljeet Singh from the Zoology Department. The training began on November 27, 2024, with an educational visit to a beekeeping farm in Samma village (Khajjian). Approximately 25 B.Sc. Medical students participated in the program, gaining insights into various aspects of apiculture. The week-long sessions covered diverse topics: November 27: During the farm visit, owner and expert Sulinder Singh demonstrated artificial hives, frames, and bee species.



November 28: Detailed information was provided about bee anatomy, social structure, species, and life cycles. November 29: Students were introduced to beekeeping equipment, such as honey extractors, smokers, uncapping knives, face veils, bee gloves, hive tools, and brushes, and their applications. November 30: The concept of bee pastures (Bee Flora), plants providing nectar and pollen, and plant species yielding high-quality

honey were discussed. December 2: Bee diseases and pests, along with their management, were covered. December 3: The program concluded with a session on products derived from bees, including honey, wax, pollen, propolis, venom, and their utilities. At the valedictory function, Acting Principal Prof. Sanjay Kumar Jasrotia congratulated the students for successfully completing the training and distributed certificates.

HIV, TB, Adolescence awareness camp organized in Govt Sen Sec School Kangar by Health Department Una



KISHORI LAL BAINS

UNA: HIV, TB, Adolescence awareness camp was organized in Government Senior Secondary School Kangar by Health Department Una today. This Camp was organized under the directions of Dr Pushwinder Singh Rana BMO Haroli. In this camp, awareness was created about the physical changes in children that occur during adolescence. MHS Mohan said that this is a time of physical, mental and spiritual growth. And it is important for children to take nutritious food and participate in sports during adolescence. Students were also aware about Anemia. And mainly HIV Aids awareness was given to the students by the Health Department team. About TB disease STS Satish told to the students in detail. On this occasion, Sneh Lata Principal of Government Utkrish Senior Secondary School Kangar and school staff were present.

HPNLU Shimla celebrates International Day of Persons with Disabilities with focus on workplace accessibility and inclusion

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, DEC 3

The Centre for Studies Related to Persons with Disabilities, in collaboration with the Debate, Drama, and Literary Society of Himachal Pradesh National Law University (HPNLU), Shimla, under the esteemed leadership of Prof. (Dr.) Priti Saxena, Vice Chancellor of HPNLU, marked the observance of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) with great enthusiasm on December 3, 2024. The event, held at the iconic Gaiety Theatre, located at The Ridge in Shimla, brought together a diverse group of individuals to celebrate the contributions of



persons with disabilities and highlight the importance of inclusivity in all aspects of society. The celebration focused on the central theme of empowering persons with disabilities and advocating for their active participation in societal activities. Through a series of performances and

activities, the event sought to promote a more inclusive environment where individuals with disabilities are not only accepted but actively engaged in the social, cultural, and economic spheres of life.

A key highlight of the event was a street play

performed by students, which poignantly addressed the critical issue of "Accessibility at the Workplace." The play effectively conveyed the pressing need for accessible and inclusive workplaces, emphasizing that ensuring physical accessibility is just the first step. Equally important is the need for a cultural shift that fosters respect, equal treatment, and integration of persons with disabilities into the workforce. The performance underscored the notion that accessibility is not merely about making adjustments to physical infrastructure, but also about creating an organizational culture that is sensitive to the needs of all employees.

Indian Archaeological Department should beautify the fort: Praveen Kumar



SANAJY AGGARWAL

DHARAMSHALA: Insaf Sanstha's president and former BJP MLA from Palampur Praveen Kumar has written a letter to the Indian Archaeological Survey Department regarding the poor condition of Maharaja Sansar Chand's fort adjacent to Bhay Bhunjani Gadh Mata Mandir. Praveen Kumar has drawn the attention of the Archaeological Survey Department to this and has said that the village panchayat Darati Patwar Circle Mathred Hadbast 42 should inspect the historical ancient fort of Maharaja Sansar Chand recorded in the revenue records and maintain and beautify this fort. In the letter, he has said that Insaf Sanstha also wants to bring to your attention that the organization organizes a big program on environmental protection every year. The organization has also planted Navgrah Vatika along with this famous temple. Which was scorched due to a terrible fire some time back during the summer season.

RBU students win medals in NSS, NCC camps



MOHAL: NSS cadets Shruti , Polomi Tarat, Dipali, Sandhu, and Arshdeep Singh of Rayat Bahra University attended two-day All-India adventure camps at Manali and Pirdi Kullu Manali in which rock climbing, river rafting, Artificial bridge making, and wall climbing etc. and many more activities were conducted. Eight NSS volunteers, Khawesh, Kamaljit Singg, Kartik Sharma, Devinder Singh, Gurjot Singh, Preeti Yadav, Jyoti, Avinash Kaur attended two All-India National integration camps respectively at HNGU University in Gujarat and at Jind in Haryana where they performed well and got medal in cultural activities. Meanwhile, NCC cadet Khushboo was selected for All-India NCC adventure camp held at Kullu conducted by Shimla NCC Group where she performed well and won medals in climbing mountains, and rope crossing. Two NCC cadets Akshit Sharma and Nitin Kumar have been selected for Pre RD camp and will attend 26 Jan 2025 Republic Day parade at New Delhi.

Body donation at PGIMER

CHANDIGARH: The Department of Anatomy, PGIMER, Chandigarh has received the body of Mr Suraj Narain Mangla S/O Late Mr Basant Lal Mangla, aged 90 years, male, R/O Kathal who expired on 02nd Dec 2024. The body was graciously donated by his son Mr Rajesh Narain Mangla, daughters Mrs Mani Gupta, Dr Geeta Bindal & Mrs Rashmi Gupta, grand-sons Mr Aditya Narain Mangla & Mr Ramanuja Narain Mangla, great-grand-sons Mr Tejas Narain, Mr Om Narain Mangla and Mr Nihir Narain Mangla on 03rd Dec 2024. The Department is grateful to the family members and admires them for this noble gesture and also appreciated to Dr Shiv Shankar Pahlwa, president of Seva Sangh, Kathnal, Haryana.

Next National Lok Adalat to be held on 14: CJM Rajwant Kaur

PAWAN KALIA KAPURTHALA: As Per Direction of Punjab Legal Services Authority for amicable settlement of pending cases in different courts, quarterly National Lok Adalat to be held on 14.12.2024 under the chairmanship of District & Session Judge , Kapurthala Mr. Harpal Singh at New Court Complex, Kapurthala & Sultanpur Lodhi , Phagwara ,Bholath sub-divisional courts as told CJM Cum Secretary District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Ms. Rajwant Kaur. In this regard District & Session Judge Cum Chairman DLSA, Kapurthala Sh. Harpal Singh has issued directions to the courts for settlement of pending cases through National Lok Adalats on priority basis added CJM Ms. RAJwant Kaur. She also apprised that for making the coming national lok adalat a successful one Managers of different banks and insurance companies are being inspired in bringing the pre-litigative cases. CJM cum Secretary DLSA, Kapurthala Ms. Rajwant Kaur said that the major benefits of the lok adalats are that the court fee paid by litigants is refundable and the decision passed by the Lok Adaalats is final and binding upon the parties, even it can not be challenged in Apex court , added Mr. Rajwant Kaur. CJM cum Secretary DLSA , Kapurthala Rajwant Kaur said that all type of Civil, Revenue, Family, Land Acquisition , Rent cases, Specific Relief Cases , Bank Recovery Case , cases under 138 of Negotiable Instrument Act, Labour matters and Pre-litigative Cases will be taken up in coming National Lok Adalat.

Annual athletic meet held at Broadway Public School, Manal



BALWINDER AZAD MAHEL KALAN: Annual athletic meet was organized at Broadway Public School, Manal (Barnala). Students from pre-primary to fifth class participated in this athletic meet. First, they paraded according to the house. Sports competitions for students from primary to fifth class started in which hula hoop, bag pack race, three ropes race, 50, 80, 100 meters races etc. were conducted. went 1 In the athletic meet, a colorful program was presented along with the games. After that, the winning students of sports events were felicitated by school chairman Ranjit Singh Cheema, director Navreet Kaur, principal Muhammad Anif Saifi and the first, second and third position students. Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals were awarded I Here House was awarded with the 'Cook House Trophy' All the staff and Students thoroughly enjoyed the event. School Chairman Ranjit Singh Cheema, Principal Muhammad Arif Saifi encouraged the children and encouraged the students to participate in sports.

Chandigarh National Crafts Mela: Himachal singers Kaku Thakur and Geeta Bhardwaj steal show



R N KHERA CHANDIGARH, DEC 3

Undeterrd by the traffic restrictions imposed by the Chandigarh Administration, ahead of PM Narindra Modi's visit to city, thousands of Mela enthusiasts on Tuesday thronged the Crafts Mela and enjoyed the haunting folk tunes of various regions.

In the regular morning and evening sessions of the high-octave event, the stage formances included Rajasthani folk singing by Murlil Rajasthani, which was followed by folk

dances, including Jhoomar (Pb), Sirmauri Naati (HP), Badhai (MP), Rakhi pada (Arunachal), Panthi bhapang badan by Yusuf Khan. Jaabro (Ladakh), Balti (Ladakh) Kalbelia (Rajasthan), and Dhamaali (J&K). The star performers of the day were Sukhi Brar and Naqgal Goni Khan, who took the stage by storm. 'Kachi Ghori (Raj), Behurupiyas, Nachar and Baajigar (Pb) Nagada and Been Jogis(Har) were the regular ground performances today. The daily quiz contest for children attracted more than 200



participants today. The On-the-spot photography competition on the theme "Glimpses from Crafts Mela" orgaised by the Chandigarh Lalit Kala Akademy also elicited an overwhelming response from the participants. The star singers of the evening were well-known singers of Himachal Pradesh, Kaku Ram Thakur and the reigning queen of Pahadi folk singing, Geeta Bhardwaj, brought live the divine folk music from the hills. Some of the folksongs Thakur sang included "Chitta tera chola Kala

dora...", "Inhan vadiyan yo tudka lana O thekedarniyes...", "Chamba uaar ke nadiya paar..." to which the music lovers resonated enthusiastically. Bhardwaj added more colour to the musical evening by doling out her popular numbers, including "Maye ni meriye jammuan de rahe...", "Udiya kaleya kaga...", "Dhoban Paniye jo chali ei..." and many more, evoking thunderous applause for the rendition. Tomorrow's (December 4) fixture Popular singer Feroz Khan will wow the audience with his soulful rendition.

Protest over delay in Bhagat Singh's Statue unveiling at Mohali Airport

SHASHI PAL JAIN ROPAR, DEC 3

Hundreds, led by BJP District President Ajayveer Singh Lalpura, participated in a protest against the delay in unveiling Bhagat Singh's statue at Mohali Airport. During the peaceful march towards the airport, Lalpura and his supporters were detained by the police. However, they were released after a few hours.

Speaking about the protest, Lalpura emphasized that this demonstration transcended party politics. "This is not just a BJP protest. It represents every Indian who holds Bhagat Singh's ideals dear," he stated. Protesters carried the Indian national flag instead of party banners, symbolizing unity for the cause. Lalpura criticized the government for its inaction, saying, "Bhagat Singh is a national martyr, and any delay in hon-



oring him is unacceptable. We came here peacefully to demand justice, but our democratic rights were suppressed. The AAP government has shown disregard for our martyrs by delaying the statue's unveiling."

He accused the Bhagwant Mann-led government of failing to prioritize the legacy of Bhagat Singh, despite the airport being named in his honor. Lalpura called the government's indifference a sign of authoritarianism and vowed to continue

the struggle to honor the martyrs and build the India of their dreams.

The protest saw participation from several BJP leaders, including District Youth Wing President Amanpreet Singh Kabadwal, Mandal Ropar President Jagdish Chandra Kajla, Krishan Kumar Atri, Arshpreet Singh Arshi Azampur, Naresh Kumar, Satnam Singh Sattu, Yuvraj Singh, Gurinder Singh Gogi, and Surinder Pal Singh Sethi, along with hundreds of young supporters.

307 Agniveers pass out at 14 GTC at Subathu

SUMER GARG SUBATHU, DEC 3

The PRO defence wing Chandigarh in a Press note said, "In a spectacular display of military precision and pride, 307 Agniveer of the 4th batch passed out of the 14 Gorkha Training Centre (GTC) at Subathu, Himachal Pradesh, today. The Agniveer, who have sworn allegiance to the Indian Republic, will now join the illustrious Gorkha battalions of the First and Fourth Gorkha Rifles of the Indian Army, having a rich and glorious military history of over 200 years of valor and sacrifice.

The Passing Out Parade, reviewed by Brigadier PP Singh, Commandant 14 GTC, marked the culmination of 31 weeks of rigorous training in physical fitness, battle and field craft, weapons, and tac-



tics. In his motivational address, Brigadier PP Singh urged the young Agniveer to keep the National and Indian Army flag flying high across all frontiers of the country.

The parade was followed by a mesmerizing Pipe Band display and a breathtaking Physical Training Display, which left the spectators in awe. The event was witnessed by over 350 spectators, including serving personnel, ex-servicemen, parents and relatives of the Agniveer.

Khalsa Girls School hosts annual function to honor founder's legacy

SANJEEV TEJPAL MORINDA, DEC 3

Khalsa Girls School, Morinda, hosts its annual function under the supervision of the school's Principal, Mrs. Gurpreet Kaur, commemorating the death anniversary of Sant Baba Surjan Singh ji, the esteemed founder of Khalsa College and Khalsa School. The event was graced by Jathedar Harbans Singh Kandhola, who attended as the chief guest.

The day began with the culmination of Shri Akhand Path Sahib, followed by an inspiring kirtan performed by a dedicated group, uplifting the spirits of all attendees. Speaking on the occasion, Jathedar Harbans Singh Kandhola, Manager of the School and College Management Committee, paid a heartfelt tribute



to Sant Baba Surjan Singh ji. He lauded the visionary contributions of Baba Ji, under whose guidance Morinda's first school for girls was established, revolutionizing education in the region.

Jathedar Kandhola commended the students of Khalsa Girls School for excelling in academics, sports, and co-curricular activities.

"The students' achievements are a testament to Sant

Amit Vij appointed screening committee member for corporation elections Amritsar



PATHANKOT (BUREAU): The treasurer of Punjab Pradesh Congress and former MLA Pathankot Amit Vij has been appointed by the Congress Party as a member of the Screening Committee for Amritsar Sahib Corporation by Punjab Pradesh Congress President Amarinder Singh Raja Waring in view of the Municipal Corporation and Municipal Council elections taking place in Punjab. Amit Vij who is a well-known figure in the corporate sector and his work experience in the Congress party is also unparalleled, the correct selection of Congress candidates in Sri Amritsar Sahib will prove to be a milestone for the Congress party.

Kharar MC witnesses 11 executive officer transfers in two years and three months

SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, DEC 3

The Punjab Government's Local Self Government Department has come under scrutiny for its frequent transfer of Executive Officers in Kharar Municipal Council. Over the past two years and three months, 11 officers have been rotated, raising concerns about administrative stability and developmental progress in the rapidly growing town.

Today, Ravi Kumar assumed charge as the new Executive Officer (EO) of Kharar, following his transfer from the Municipal Council Nawan Gao, where he also held additional responsibilities for Mansa and Lehragaga. However, the pattern of short tenures has cast doubt over how long he will remain in his position. Chronic Leadership Instability

The frequent transfers began shortly after the current Punjab Government took office. Since July 2022, the following officers have held the position of EO in Kharar: Rajesh Sharma (till July 5, 2022)

Balveer Singh (till August 10, 2022)

Manveer Singh Gill (till February 27, 2023) Gurdeep Singh (till May 11, 2023, and again till June 30, 2023) Ashok



Patharia (for just four days in May 2023) Sukhdev Singh (till December 14, 2023) Ravneet Singh (till December 3, 2024) Each officer's tenure ended before they could effectively address Kharar's pressing issues, resulting in stunted developmental progress and administrative inefficiencies.

A Growing City with Stagnant Development

Kharar, with an estimated population of over 3 lakhs, is witnessing rapid urban growth. Despite ample funds in the Municipal Council's accounts—reportedly in the range of crores—development remains lackluster. Many areas resemble slums, and basic urban challenges such as sanitation, infrastructure, and housing persist due to the lack of stable leadership.

Local residents have expressed frustration over the perpetual state of flux. They question whether the Punjab Government lacks capable officers for Kharar or simply neglects the city's needs. Frequent transfers disrupt continuity, as officers barely familiarize themselves with Kharar's problems before being reassigned.

A Question of Priorities The lack of consistent leadership in Kharar Municipal Council is emblematic of broader issues within the Local Self Government Department. While the staff welcomed Ravi Kumar with enthusiasm today, residents remain skeptical about the duration of his tenure and the possibility of meaningful change under his leadership.

Annual function of GSS School Ajnaha concludes leaving behind sweet memories



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, DEC 3

The 12th Annual Prize Distribution Function of Government Senior Secondary School Ajnaha was celebrated with great enthusiasm under the leadership of Madam Sunita Rani, President of School Management Committee and School Principal Harmanoj Kumar.

On this Occasion Dr. Parminder Sood of SGR Hospital Mannahana attended the function as the chief guest. Eminent people of Ajnaha village and the area were present in this program. In the program, the students entertained the

people present in the confluence by presenting cultural songs, choreography, patriotic songs, dance, gidda, bhangra, drama and other activities in a very impressive manner. In this program, Principal Guran Dass, Principal Inderjit Singh, Harvinder Singh Khalsa, Principal Ashok Parmar, Headmaster Nirmal Singh Parmar, Harbhajan Singh, former Block Committee member Jaswinder Kaur, Manjit Kaur shared their views about education and moral values with the students and motivated them to work hard and bring glory to their parents, village and school.

Police nab two snatchers along with mobile and motorcycle

CHANDIGARH: In a major breakthrough, the Jalandhar Commissionerate Police led by Commissioner of Police Mr Swapan Sharma has arrested two accused involved in snatching in the city. Divulging more details, the Commissioner of Police said that Jyoti Mohammed Smile, s/o Mohammed Shaad, r/o Quarter Colony, Basti Peerzaad, Jalandhar had complained that on November 25, 2024, two unidentified individuals snatched his mobile phone at around 2 pm, near the leather complex in Jalandhar. Consequently, he said that a FIR



No. 195 was filed on November 29, 2024, under sections 304(2) and 3(5) of the BNS at the Police Station Basti Bawa Khel, Jalandhar. Mr. Swapan Sharma said that, during the investigation based on scientific and human intelligence two accused were identified as Sourav, s/o Bittu, residing at H.No. WJ-165, Lahoriya, Mohalla Basti Gujja, Jalandhar, and Poorna, s/o Virtanti, residing at Bhaiya Mandi Chowk, Basti Bawa Khel, Jalandhar. Subsequently, the Commissioner of Police said that the Police nabbed both the accused in the vicinity of the leather complex, close to the water tank, Jalandhar. He said that the police has recovered a stolen mobile phone and a Splendor motorcycle from the accused.

Indian Navy and 61 Cavalry maintained their supremacy



CHANDIGARH (R N KHERA): Indian Navy and 61 Cavalry dominated on the second day of Maharaja Ranjit Singh National Polo Tournament being played at Chandigarh Polo Club, Khuda Lahora on Tuesday. One match of the Young Riders Cup was also played in the morning session.

Indian Navy defeated Artillery 9-5 in a thrilling end. Dhruv Pal Godhara stole the show as this Jaipur based rider scored six goals for the winning team. Godhara excelled by scoring three goals in the first Chakkur (round) which maintained a healthy 4-1 lead for Indian Navy. Godhara was instrumental by scoring two more goals in the second round with 9-2 scoreline on the board. Grenadier Uday Kumar of Artillery tried his best to make a comeback by smashing three goals but not good enough to avoid his defeat by 9-5. Earlier, the Indian Army's only horse mounted regiment 61 Cavalry proved why they are the favourite of the tournament.

The Royal Group Zirakpur organized the 11th Samuhik Anand Karaj



ZIRAKPUR (VICKY BHABAT): The Royal Group Zirakpur, a social service organization of Zirakpur, organized the 11th Samuhik Anand Karaj at Gurudwara Shri Nabha Sahib. On this occasion, the organization provided all the household items such as bed, dressing table, LCD, chair, table, chest, trunk, gold and silver jewelry and other items. On this occasion, Deepinder Singh Dhillon from the Congress Party, former MLA NK Sharma, as well as heads and members of social service, political and religious organizations of the area were present. Group President Harjinder Singh Harry, Chairman Gurjit Singh, Ramanpreet Singh Prince, Sushil Saini, Surjit Singh and other members were present. Speaking on this occasion, Harjinder Singh Harry said that his organization has been established for about 15 years and in these 15 years, he does all the work only with the support of the group members. They do not take any money or donations from anyone outside the group.

**Social Sadbhavna Manch
Hoshiarpur to hold seminar
on Guru Teg Bahadur Ji's
Martyrdom Day on Dec 5**

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIAHPUR: Social Sadbhavna Manch Hoshiarpur is organizing a seminar dedicated to the martyrdom day of Sh Guru Teg Bahadur Ji at DAV College for Education near Shimla Pahari Hoshiarpur on Thursday, 5th December 2024. Giving information in this regard, Mr. Walla said that. This seminar will be presided over by Sadhvi Bhuvaneshwari Devi Ji Maharaj and Gurbachan Singh Mokha will be the speaker in the program.

**ADC reviews
development plans
ahead of upcoming
DISHA meeting**

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Mahendra Pal Gurjar presided over a pre-DISHA meeting in Una on Tuesday to review the progress of development projects and preparations for the upcoming DISHA (District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee) meeting scheduled for December 7. During the session, the ADC assessed the implementation status of directives from the previous meeting and progress under various centrally sponsored schemes. He instructed all departmental officials to come fully prepared with updated data, precise statistics, and detailed reports on actions taken since the last meeting. The DISHA meeting, to be chaired by MP Anurag Thakur, will commence at 9:15 a.m. in the District Council Hall. The ADC emphasized the importance of preparing a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation, requiring all departments to submit their data to his office in advance.

**3,500 new recruitments
of teachers made in HP:
Speaker**

BALKRISHAN PRASHAR
DALHOUSIE: Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha Speaker, Kuldeep Singh Pathania, stated that the state government has made approximately 3,500 new recruitments across various categories of teachers during its current tenure. Additionally, promotions have been granted to around 3,000 employees in the education department. Apart from this, in the near future, the govt would draw a policy for the recruitment of guest teachers, which would not only provide employment opportunities to educated youth at their doorsteps, but would also meet the shortage of teachers in various parts of the state. Speaker disclosed this while presiding over an annual prize distribution ceremony at gov senior secondary school (GSSS) Bagdhar near Dalhousie in Chamba district today. Congratulating the school administration, students and parents for organizing the annual prize distribution function, the Speaker announced a sum of Rs 21 thousand to the students of the school who presented cultural programs, Rs 11 thousand per school to govt middle school Rangad and govt primary school Bagdhar.

Inauguration of Dispensary at District Court Complex

Department, Barnala in collaboration with Health and Family Welfare Department,

Barnala and Deputy Commissioner, Barnala. The main objective of opening this

dispensary is to provide free health services to the district courts, general public, lawyers and all staff of the courts visiting Barnala. A Doctor (House Surgeon), a Pharmacist and a Ward Attendant have been posted in the said dispensary by the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Barnala.

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: Justice Kuldeep Tiwari, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh and Administrative Judge, Sessions Division, Barnala e-inaugurated the dispensary at District Court Complex, Barnala. This dispensary has been started by Judicial

RBI directs banks to activate frozen accounts with special campaigns

AGENCY
MUMBAI, DEC 3

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has directed banks to take immediate steps to reduce the number of inoperative or frozen accounts and to make the activation process smoother and more hassle-free.

To achieve this, the RBI has advised banks to organize special campaigns focused on activating inoperative or frozen accounts.

Additionally, banks have been encouraged to facilitate Aadhaar updates for customers at branches that provide Aadhaar-related services. This initiative aims to assist account holders, particularly those from



underprivileged sections of society, in reactivating their accounts with ease.

RBI said "The banks may also organise special campaigns for facilitating activation of inoperative/frozen accounts. Besides, the banks may also facilitate Aadhaar updation for

customers through the branches providing Aadhaar related services".

It has also given separate instructions to State Level Bankers' Committees (SLBCs) to proactively monitor the situation in their respective regions to minimize customer

inconvenience. Highlighting the importance of this measure, the RBI noted that many frozen or inoperative accounts belong to people from economically weaker sections. The central bank urged banks to adopt an empathetic approach in handling such cases, ensuring that the process is simplified for these customers.

It added "the process of activation of such accounts smoother and hassle free, including by enabling seamless updation of KYC through mobile/internet banking, non-home branches, Video Customer Identification Process, etc".

Furthermore, the RBI pointed out instances where accounts of beneficiaries

under government schemes like Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) or Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) were frozen due to pending or periodic KYC updates.

The central bank has instructed banks to segregate these accounts and ensure uninterrupted credit of DBT/EBT funds while addressing KYC-related issues efficiently.

These steps are part of RBI's broader efforts to improve financial inclusion and reduce barriers for marginalized sections of society in accessing banking services. Banks have been urged to act urgently and ensure customer convenience in resolving account-related issues.

Kapurthala police solves mystery of blind murder within 12 hours: SSP



ASHISHPURI
KAPURTHALA, DEC 3

Kapurthala police solved the mystery of blind murder within 12 hours at village Saidobhulana by arresting the son of deceased along with his three companions who involved in murder. Giving information about this, SSP Kapurthala Gaurav Toora said that the deceased's son suspected that his father would evict him from his property so he had murdered his friends. At the same time, to mislead the police, the son made a

statement and lodged an FIR on unknown assailants. SSP Gaurav Toora told the media that he was informed at around 9:30 pm on the night of 1 December that a person was murdered in the city near RCF. The doctors declared him dead when he was taken to Civil Hospital Kapurthala in a serious injured state. In this incident, while starting the primary investigation, the dead 45 -year -old Suraj Kumar son Devi Chand resident of Amrik Nagar was taken and kept in the mortuary for post -mortem.

Sarpanches, Panches should eradicate groupism from villages, focus on development: Meet Hayer

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, DEC 3

The Member of Parliament Sangrur Mr. Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer today called upon the newly elected sarpanches and panches to eradicate groupism from villages and focus on development. Addressing the newly elected 175 sarpanches and 1285 panches during the district level oath taking ceremony held at Baba Kala Mehar Stadium today, Meet Hayer congratulated the newly elected public representatives and called upon them to perform their duties towards people diligently and honestly. MLA Mehal Kalan and chairman privilege committee Mr Kulwant Singh Pandori said that panchayati raj system was the pivotal in democracy. He called upon the sarpanches and panches to take people decisions so that the



common man is benefitted. Earlier, Deputy Commissioner Barnala Mrs Punamdeep Kaur extended a warm welcome to the sarpanches and panches to the function.

She added that a training program will soon be organized for the newly elected sarpanches and panches apprising them of their works and grants. The chief guest MP Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer, chairman privilege committee Vidhan Sabha Kulwant Singh Pandori,

Improvement Trust Ram Tirath Manna, chairman market committee Tapa Tarsem Singh Kahneke, Harinder Singh Dhaliwal, Hasanpreet Bharadwaj and president nagar council Barnala Gurjit Singh released the book Mera Pind by renowned author Giani Gurditt Singh. ADC (G) Latif Ahmed, ADC (D) Satwant Singh, SDM Barnala Gurbir Singh Kohli, SDM Tapa Rishabh Bansal, DDPO Amarinder Singh Chauhan and others were also present.

PAU-KVK Hoshiarpur hosts training on quality Gur/Shakkar production



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIAHPUR: A five days vocational training programme on "Quality production of gur/shakkar" was recently organized by PAU-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Hoshiarpur at its campus. During the inaugural session, Dr. Maninder Singh Bons, Associate Director (Training) welcomed the participants. He said that PAU, Ludhiana has planned a series of similar programmes, in this crushing season for the benefit of this traditional segment of agro-processing undertaken by the progressive farmers of sugarcane. He stressed upon following the recommended agronomic practices for sugarcane cultivation. He also told that Department of Processing and Food Engineering, PAU Ludhiana has been providing the trainings to the jaggery producers of the state. Dr. Ajaib Singh, Assistant Professor (Agricultural Engineering), KVK Hoshiarpur explained processing of jaggery production and packaging. He gave practical demonstration of various instruments like Refractometer and pH meter for better jaggery processing and productivity. He told that the juice recovery from horizontal roller crusher was more as compared to vertical crusher.

'CM Ki Yogshala' project is proving boon for people of district: DC



KULDEEP SOOD

BARNALA: The state government led by Chief Minister Punjab Bhagwant Singh Mann is running the 'Chief Minister Yogshala' project to keep the people of the state physically and mentally healthy. In this regard, Madam Punamdeep Kaur, Deputy Commissioner Barnala said that the government has made arrangements for free yoga classes under this project. She said that 15 expert yoga instructors have been appointed in the district who are conducting classes in the morning and evening in Barnala city and various tehsils, sub-tehsils, blocks and villages of the district. A total of 90 yoga classes are running in the district in which 2810 people practice yoga daily. Giving more information in this regard, the district coordinator of the project, Madam Rashpinder Brar, said that yoga classes are being organized in the morning and evening at common places like 38 in Barnala city, 12 in Tapa, 11 in Bhadaur, 6 in Shehna, 6 in Dhanaula, 4 in Mahal Kalan, 3 in village Kattu, 1 in Mahal Khurd, 1 in Hamidi, 1 in Badbar, 1 in Bhatlana, 1 in Alakada, 1 in Sanghera, 1 in Farwahi, 1 in Bhaini Mehraj, public parks, Dharamshala etc.

Kirpal Sagar Academy students visit HMC E Valley Ludhiana



CHET RAM RATTAN
NAWANSHAHR: In a bid to provide its students with hands-on experience and exposure to the industry, Kirpal Sagar Academy's Commerce Group students recently visited HMC E Valley Ludhiana. The visit, which was part of the school's efforts to provide its students with practical knowledge, was a resounding success. Under the able leadership of Mr. Pardeep Kumar, Mr. Ashwani, Mr. Nirmal Singh, and Mr. Sultan Mahdi, the students from the 10+1 and 10+2 Commerce stream visited the HMC E Valley unit, where they were welcomed by the team. The students were given a brief history of the unit and were taken on a tour of the entire facility. During the visit, the students witnessed the various departments of the unit, including the design process, manufacturing, quality control, weld shop, robotic line, alloy welding, paint shop, and the assembling of e-rickshaws. The students were fascinated by the intricate processes involved in manufacturing and had a plethora of questions, which were patiently answered by the team from Kirpal Sagar Academy and HMC E Valley Ludhiana.

Kanwar Pal inaugurates development works worth Rs 53 lakh in Jagadhri

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, DEC 3

Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha District President Nischal Chaudhary informed that former Cabinet Minister Kanwar Pal Gurjar had approved a grant of Rs 53 lakh for development works in Kalyan Nagar in ward number 5 of Jagadhri city under Jagadhri assembly constituency before the assembly elections, but at that time due to the sudden implementation of the code of conduct for the assembly elections, this work could not be started, but now after the elections, today he inaugurated the above development works by breaking a coconut. The entire credit for the development works of construction of the streets of Kalyan Nagar goes to the then Cabinet Minister Kanwar Pal Gurjar who approved these



development works. BJYM District President Nischal Chaudhary said that former Cabinet Minister Kanwarpal Gurjar has done record breaking development works in Jagadhri assembly constituency during his time and this pace of development works will continue in the future as well. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, the BJP government is working to take Haryana further ahead by taking

all sections along, the BJP state government is implementing schemes for the uplift of every section, former Cabinet Minister Kanwar Pal Gurjar has developed Jagadhri city as a guardian. Former councillor Ravindra TT, Rampal Saini, Rana Ranbir, Yashpal, Hansraj, Surendra Malhotra, Gopal Malhotra, Subhash Prajapati, Ankit Sharma, BJP district media incharge Kapil Manish Garg and many BJP workers were present.

KU Campus to have spiritual retreat during International Gita Conference

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, DEC 3

Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra is going to organize 9th International Gita Conference on the theme 'Srimad Bhagawad Gita and Sustainable Ecosystem' from 5th to 7th December, 2024 in collaboration with Kurukshetra Development Board (KDB) Kurukshetra. During a conversation, Vice Chancellor, Kurukshetra University said that 628 research papers will be presented during 12 technical sessions making this conference a Mahakumbh of research perspectives on Srimad Bhagawad Gita. Prof Sachdeva further said that the conference will provide a platform for spiritual reflection and discourse on finding solutions for sustainable ecosystem. Director, International Gita



Conference, Prof Tajinder Sharma informed that Vice President, Research and Economic Development, State University of New York, Dr Venu Govindaraju and Shri Brahmishi Surindere Tewarie from Netherlands will be speakers from abroad and other renowned speakers from India will be Swami Gyananand ji, Dr Pawan Kumar, Dr Rajendra Singh, Prof Krishna Ram Bishnoi, Prof Ashish Dahiya, Prof Ashish Virk, Dr R.Radhakrishna Pillai Prof Surendra Kumar, Dr

Amarjeet Singh and other eminent speakers. Deputy Director, Public Relations Department, Dr Jimmy Sharma informed that around 50 posters will be displayed in the Crush Hall of the university. Dr Sharma further said that plenary session will be organized by the Institute of Environmental Studies. First Technical Session 'Vision of Self-reliant and Developed India in the Bhagavad Gita' by Institute of Management Studies and University School of Management, second technical session 'Importance of Gita in Ecological Justice' by Department of Law, Third Technical Session 'Relevance of Shrimad Bhagawad Gita in Environmental Governance' by Institute of Law, Fourth Technical Session 'Nature and Environment in Shrimad Bhagavad Gita' by Department of Sanskrit.

Meeting of Brahmin Kalyan Manch Karnal held in Shiv Mandir

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, DEC 3

The meeting of Brahmin Kalyan Manch Karnal was held in Shiv Mandir Sector 9 under the chairmanship of the president of the Manch Pandit Rishi Dayanand Sharma. In the meeting, senior members as well as Magistrate Sahil Sharma were also honoured. Sahil Sharma has become a Judicial First Class Magistrate. The Manch also specially honoured the members of the Manch aged 70 and 85 years. They were tied turbans and were presented with mementos and letters of appreciation. Pandit Kuldeep Pyarelal Bhardwaj Ji attended the meeting as the chief guest. President Rishi



Sharma made the guests wear turbans. Before this, the programme was started by lighting the lamp. Flowers were offered to the pictures of Lord Parshuram Ji and Maa Saraswati. The chief guest and senior members of the Manch honoured Sahil Sharma by presenting him a turban, memento and citation on his appointment to the post of JMJC. JC Sharma who completed 85 years of age and Surendra Sharma, Dr. VK Sharma, OP Sharma, Dr. SN

Sharma, Mukhtiyar Kaushik, Rameshwar Das and Jagdish Sharma who completed 70 years of age were presented with turbans, mementos and certificates.

Chief guests Kuldeep and Pyare Lal appreciated the work being done by the organisation and will always be ready to support the forum. He said that the youth of Brahmin society are serving on high posts, due to which the whole society is feeling proud.

PACS employees sit on dharna in Co-Op bank

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, DEC 3

The PACS employees of the district stopped work on Monday. All the employees sat on a dharna in the office of the Co-operative Bank. The dharna was chaired by the District President of Primary Agricultural Co-operative Society Employees Union (PACS) Jasbir Singh and conducted by District Secretary Rishipal. Jasbir Singh said that on November 19 and November 26, a notice was submitted by the union to the General Manager regarding the demands. This letter was also sent to the District Deputy Commissioner and Superintendent of Police. The General Manager did



not call the delegation of the union for talks. There is a lot of anger among the employees due to being ignored by the General Manager. Provincial head Devendra Rana said that the dictatorship of the General Manager will not be tolerated. The problems should be resolved through talks. If the attitude of the General Manager remains adamant, the dharna will continue. On this occasion, District Secretary of Sarv

Karamchari Sangh Sevaram Badsar said that the demands of the PACS employees are justified. The administration should find a solution to this as soon as possible. Employees of all departments are standing with the PACS employees in their struggle.

Former state head Kuldeep Rana and district head Jasbir said that a retired bank employee should not be appointed as PACS manager.

Chandra will tour the state to speed up cleanliness

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Before the Swachhta Survey, on the instructions of Chief Minister Nayab Saini, Swachh Bharat Mission Haryana Executive Vice Chairman Subhash Chandra will tour the state from December 4 to speed up the cleanliness campaign and review the progress made so far. By going to each district, he will directly communicate with officials, public representatives, social workers, representatives of religious and business organizations and will motivate them to join the Swachh Bharat Mission. To connect the people of the state with the mission, Subhash Chandra has already taken out Swachhta Yatra in the state four times. This will be his fifth programme during his tenure in which he will seek answers from the officials on the progress made so far in the Swachh Bharat Mission. Swachh Bharat Mission was implemented in the state since Prime Minister Narendra Modi became the Prime Minister of the country. Haryana is the first state where a state level task force has been formed for this. Senior officials as well as non-government members have been nominated in this task force. Apart from this, task forces have also been formed at the district level. Giving information about the tour, Vice Chairman of Swachh Bharat Mission Subhash Chandra said that Swachh Bharat Mission is not only the dream of Prime Minister Narendra Modi but it is also the resolution of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini.



Toyota Kirloskar Motor Joins Hands to Celebrate Hornbill Music Festival

CHANDIGARH: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) today announced its continued association with the prestigious Hornbill Music Festival, one of India's most iconic cultural celebrations, for the third consecutive year through the title sponsorship. Held at the Naga Heritage Village, Kisama, in Kohima District, Nagaland, the festival runs from December 2 to December 10, featuring exciting performances, including a special opening act by Japan's renowned drum ensemble, Drum Tao.

Embrace the winter season with Amazon Fresh's Super Value Days, from 30th November to 8th December

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98.1% of advisors using IPRU Edge, ICICI Prudential Life's mobile app paid commissions on the same day

PANCHKULA/Ludhiana: IPRU Edge, a mobile app offered by ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, exclusively for its advisors, has led to a 37% increase in their productivity in H1-FY2025, resulting in higher earnings for them. Importantly, 98.1% of agents using IPRU Edge were paid commissions on the same day. ICICI Prudential Life is the first life insurer to pay out commissions on the same day to select distributors. The Company has a network of over 2 lakh advisors and approximately 61% of the Company's top advisors are now actively using the app which is helping them grow their business. Mr. Anil Singh, Chief Of Sales, Proprietary Channel, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, said, "Our mobile app, IPRU Edge has enabled our agents to grow their business.

Amazon Fashion Unveils 15th edition of 'Wardrobe Refresh Sale' from 6th to 11th Dec'24: A Winter Style Extravaganza

CHANDIGARH : Amazon Fashion announces its landmark 15th Edition of the Wardrobe Refresh Sale, set to captivate shoppers from December 6th to 11th, 2024. This winter fashion spectacle promises an expansive array of styles across apparel, accessories, beauty, and jewellery, catering to the season's cozy essentials, festive wear, travel, party and wedding styles. The sale is a curated showcase drawn from Amazon Fashion's vast selection, which boasts over 30 million products, including 3 million styles from 1.2 lakh brands spanning apparel, beauty, footwear, accessories, travel luggage etc. With its focused offering, the Wardrobe Refresh Sale aims to be the ultimate destination for customers looking to revitalize their winter wardrobes with the latest trends and timeless classics." At Amazon Fashion, we believe in empowering our customers to stay on-trend with the latest styles by offering an extensive selection of brands, trending styles, new launches, rare finds, all at great value and convenience. Wardrobe Refresh Sale is our strategic bi-annual event to cater to the evolving preferences of our customers. With features like 'wear it with' suggestions from top brands, and existing convenience features like 'easy returns', 'fast delivery', 'no convenience fees' customers can enjoy an effortless shopping experience on A.in. This season, we're bringing premium winter wear, festive favorites, and exclusive wedding collections to help customers feel stylish throughout December," said Siddharth Bhagat, Director Amazon Fashion & Beauty IN. For those looking for premium and luxury selections, we have got you covered, too. From apparel to footwear, beauty, accessories, and travel luggage, customers can combine their summer vibe with a touch of fun and sophistication from brands like Boss, Columbia, Delsey, New Balance, Seiko, Police, Assembly and more. Under premium brands, customers can enjoy minimum of 40% off.

"Wedding Fashion: A Festive Journey" at CP 67 Mall

MOHALI: Get ready to experience the magic of Indian weddings like never before as CP67 Mall hosted "Wedding Fashion: A Festive Journey", a three-day showcase of wedding celebrations, traditions and ethnic fashion trends. CP67 Mall recreated a world of traditional revelries with the beauty of iconic wedding ceremonies. The Haldi Fashion on Day 1 featured cheerful mock Haldi celebrations against a backdrop of marigolds and rustic yellow décor. The Mehendi Fashion on Day 2 was all about intricate henna art, floral swings and lush green aesthetics. During the Wedding Fashion on Day 3, the mall transformed into a grand wedding venue with dazzling red and gold hues, showcasing stunning bridal collections and presenting a breathtaking ramp walk.

Powerful Health Benefits Of Drinking Milk

A glass of milk is often considered as a whole meal because it contains nine essential nutrients. We're sure your mother and grandmothers narrated lists of the health benefits a glass of milk possesses while forcing you to empty yours. And we're here to tell you that the wise women of your life were right. It's time to consider cutting back on those cups of coffee and maybe replacing them with just plain ole milk.

1. Great Source of Calcium Let's get the obvious out of the way first. Calcium doesn't just protect your bones from being brittle. Calcium also plays a big role in literally making your heart pump by allowing your muscles to contract, a study by Harvard suggested. It enables blood to clot, preventing you from bleeding out to death every time you cut yourself. It strengthens your bones and plays a key role in the health of your teeth, nails as well as hair.

2. Reduces The Risk of Obesity

Weight Watchers, this one is for you. A cup of milk can give you the feeling of being full. Moreover, it even satisfies your various cravings by simply adding anything from chocolate powder to fruits. Just be sure to not add excessive sugar and you've found yourself the healthiest drink you can consume. What's more, it costs nothing close to the



expensive diet stuff people usually invest in.

3. Helps Make Your Teeth Healthy

Most of the calcium in our

body comes from our bones and teeth. And for the latter, there is nothing better than milk, be it to make it stronger or to prevent damage. Reposts suggest that

drinking a cup of milk a couple of times a day could help prevent cavities and tooth decay. However, it should be noted, that the calcium in milk can only be absorbed by your body when vitamin D is around. So make sure that the milk you drink is fortified with it by your manufacturer.

4. Helps Prevent Heartburn Various foods in our diet are usually more acidic and spicy in nature than we expect or are used to. These, then, become the culprits of harrowing acidity and stomach woes. To avoid being in these kinds of sticky situations, it's advised to have a glass of milk after a meal that has smoke smoking out of your ears. Studies suggest milk has a cooling effect that coats.

Membership drive aims to strengthen BJP's organizational structure: Devendra

TARAORI(KAMAL SHARMA) Devendra Kamra, member of the District Grievance Redressal Committee and coordinator of the Panchanad Memorial Trust in Taraori, emphasized that the ongoing membership drive by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is significantly strengthening the party's organizational structure. Speaking to journalists in Tarawadi, Kamra shared that over 12 crore people have joined the party so far, drawn by its welfare-oriented policies and commitment to public service. Kamra highlighted that the primary objective of this membership campaign is not just to increase numbers but to expand the reach of the BJP's ideology and governance model. He noted that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the drive has transformed into a mass movement, with an ambitious goal of enrolling 50 lakh new members in Haryana alone. Wide Public Engagement The campaign has witnessed enthusiastic participation from various segments of society, including youth, women, and other communities. Kamra pointed out that BJP representatives and dedicated workers are actively engaged at the grassroots level to spread awareness about the party's policies and initiatives. "The campaign is a platform to reinforce the values and ideals on which the BJP stands. It serves as a bridge between the party's vision and the aspirations of the common people", Kamra stated. He added that BJP's efforts are not merely about membership expansion but about building a strong, ideologically-driven organization. Driving Force Behind the Campaign Kamra attributed the success of the campaign to the welfare policies introduced under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, which have resonated deeply with the people. He also commended the party's leaders and workers for their commitment to connecting with the public through extensive outreach programs at the local level.

Team selected for USA Open Karate Championship and Junior International Cup 2025



CHANDIGARH: The team has been selected for the USA Open Karate Championship and Junior International Cup 2025. Budo Kai Do Mixed Martial Arts Federation of India President Sharanjit Singh said that Mandeep Singh, Harnek Singh, Jeet Singh, Kartik Malik, Harjot Singh, Kush Agnihotri, Ritesh, Ekamveer Singh, Rajkumar, Kuldeep Singh, Jaskarandeep Singh and Gurlal Singh of the Federation have been selected for the USA Open

Karate Championship and Junior International Cup 2025. Along with them, Kuljinder Singh, Madan Lal, Manish Sharma and Harpreet Kaur from the Federation will be with the players as coaches. Budo Kai Do Mixed Martial Arts Federation of India President Sharanjit Singh congratulated the children selected for the Karate Championship and Junior Cup and wished that the children return victorious from there and bring glory to the country.

bauma CONEXPO INDIA 2024 set to take place from December 11

CHANDIGARH - In the dynamic world of infrastructure, where vision meets execution, few platforms command as much influence as bauma CONEXPO INDIA. The 2024 edition of this marquee trade fair, set to take place from December 11-14, 2024, at the India Expo Centre, Greater Noida, promises to not only showcase state-of-the-art innovations but also redefine how the construction and mining sectors approach the future. India's infrastructure ecosystem stands at a turning point. With a GDP that increasingly leans on construction and urbanization, the stakes have never been higher for businesses across the value chain. bauma CONEXPO INDIA 2024 positions itself as the strategic meeting ground for 1,000+ exhibiting brands and estimated 75,000+ trade visitors from 100+ countries, driving real conversations about how cutting-edge technology and global collaboration can transform this vital sector. The upcoming 2024 edition of the trade fair promises to be more dynamic than ever, with the addition of Demtech India 2024 as a collocated show, offering specialized insights and opportunities in the field of demolition technology. Attendees can also explore the exclusive NASSCOM Pavilion, showcasing advancements in construction technology and digital transformation, along with a dedicated Finance Zone to facilitate networking with key financial institutions and investors. For a truly global perspective, the trade fair will feature International Pavilions from countries like Germany, Italy, South Korea and more, where visitors can experience innovations and advanced technologies from across the globe, further reinforcing bauma CONEXPO INDIA 2024 as the ultimate destination for progress and collaboration in the construction industry. Dimitrov Krishnan, Chairman of bauma CONEXPO INDIA 2024 and Managing Director, Volvo Construction Equipment quoted, "India's goal of Viksit Bharat 2047 demands a holistic approach to infrastructure development-one that bridges rural and urban divides, strengthens physical and digital connectivity, and ensures inclusive growth across generations and genders. India's infrastructure journey is no longer just about building; it's about transforming lives and creating possibilities. The road to Viksit Bharat lies in embracing cutting-edge technologies, investing in skill development, and fostering collaboration. bauma CONEXPO INDIA 2024 reflects this vision, uniting visionaries, manufacturers, and innovators to shape the future of India's infrastructure."

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Concludes 32nd iCARE Activity

CHANDIGARH: Reaffirming its dedication to community service and sustainable development, Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) successfully concluded its 32nd iCARE (I Community Action To Reach Everyone) activity at Government High School, Kannahalli, near Kengeri, Bangalore in Karnataka on 1st December 2024. Launched in 2017, iCARE is TKM's institutionalized Employee Volunteering Program (EVP), designed to empower employees to drive meaningful change in their communities through initiatives that promote education, environmental conservation, road safety, and skill development.

The Royal Enfield Goan Classic 350

CHANDIGARH : Drawing inspiration from the '70s and '80s iconic Goan moto-culture, Royal Enfield, global leader in the mid-size motorcycle segment (250-750cc), launched the Goan Classic 350 — a bobber-inspired motorcycle, that celebrates and embodies non-conformity and free-spirited lifestyle. The Goan Classic 350 is a tribute to the kaleidoscope of self-expression that formed India's unique Goan moto-culture. It is a child of the freewheeling counterculture that emerged in Goa in the seventies and eighties - a four-stroked, sun-soaked hippie machine, always on the path of self-discovery and self-liberation. With every curve and contour, the Goan Classic is inspired by the stripped-down and 'tripped-up' creations of Goa's custom builders, blending the spirit of a bobber and Goan free-spirited lifestyle. The chopped fenders, mid-aape handlebars, ergonomically placed low-slung seats and the rear silhouette echo the days when riders stripped their machines down to the bare essentials, turning them into reflections of their personality. Each rev of the engine hums with the spirit of Goa's golden groove, just as the sun-drenched days invite you to enjoy every moment. With true bobber-inspired DNA, the motorcycle is characterised by the single-seat design, floating rider seat, and whitewall tyres on tubeless spoke wheels that evoke the iconic customisations of bobber culture. Speaking about the new Goan Classic 350, Siddhartha Lal, Managing Director - Eicher Motors Ltd. said, "The Goan Classic is a heartfelt tribute to the spirit of freedom and individuality that Royal Enfield has championed for decades. To me, this motorcycle is an embodiment of the cool, laid-back Goan moto-culture, and Royal Enfield's passion to build motorcycles that are more than just machines, and are a means to self-discovery and expression. This motorcycle feels right at home, not just on the streets of Goa, but brings the relaxed, and easy Goan vibe to free-spirited and freewheeling riders everywhere"



MP Naveen Jindal organizes Naveen Sankalp Camps in Ladwa villages

LADWA, 3 December (Vijay Kaushik): In an effort to provide free medical services to rural communities, Member of Parliament (MP) Naveen Jindal's medical van reached the villages of Kadami and Maniarpur in Ladwa on Tuesday. Dr. Balinder Singh reported that 61 people from Kadami and 55 from Maniarpur were checked, and 10 lab tests were conducted. After the check-ups, all villagers were given free medicines. Alongside the medical services, Naveen Sankalp Camps were also organized, where 79 villagers had their pension, Aadhaar, and family identification cards updated. Four individuals were also informed about the Naveen Jindal Yashasvi Scholarship Scheme. The MP's office in charge, Dharmvir Singh, stated that MP Jindal's vision is to strengthen sectors like education, health, roads, and communication. Through the Naveen Jindal Foundation, free medical services and the Yashasvi Scholarship Scheme are being implemented in both Kurukshetra and Kathal districts, directly benefiting villagers who might otherwise be unable to afford healthcare.



Roadways Employees' Union condemns suspension of driver and establishment manager

DEHWA (Yagyadatta Shastri) The Haryana Roadways Employees' Union has strongly criticized the suspension of a driver and establishment manager from the Kaithal Depot by the Transport Minister. State President Nishan Singh issued a statement condemning the action, calling it unjust and detrimental to employee morale. Nishan Singh explained that the driver, who was performing his duties diligently to ensure passengers reached their destinations safely, was suspended without valid grounds. Similarly, the establishment manager, whose shift had already ended, was also penalized, which Singh claimed violated procedural norms. Employees' Commitment in Adverse Conditions Highlighting the dedication of roadway employees, Singh pointed out their relentless service during challenging times, including the COVID-19 pandemic and hazardous foggy weather, often risking their lives to fulfill public transportation needs. "Instead of appreciating their commitment, employees are being punished with suspensions,



iQOO Launches India's Fastest Smartphone, the iQOO 13

CHANDIGARH: iQOO announced the launch of India's fastest smartphone, iQOO 13, which is one of the first smartphones in India to be equipped with the Qualcomm Snapdragon 8 Elite chipset. The iQOO 13 is priced at INR 54,999 (Effective Price: INR 51,999) for the 12GB+256GB variant and INR 59,999 (Effective Price: INR 56,999) for the 16GB+512GB variant. It will be available in two elegant color options: Legend and Nardo Grey. Additionally, iQOO 13 will be available for pre-booking starting December 05, 12 pm and will go on its first sale starting December 11, 2024, at 12 pm at vivo exclusive stores, iQOO e-store and Amazon.in. iQOO 13 will also be available at vivo exclusive stores and other mainline stores. This expansion ensures the convenience of experiencing and purchasing the iQOO devices. The all-new iQOO 13 sets a new benchmark with its cutting-edge technology, exceptional performance, and advanced camera capabilities, all housed in a sleek and striking design. It features the world's first Q10 2K 144Hz Ultra Eyecare display and a dynamic Monster Halo, which flashes to provide real-time alerts for calls, messages, gaming, and music. Powered by the latest Snapdragon 8 Elite chipset, the iQOO 13 achieves an impressive AnTuTu score exceeding 3 million. This powerful chipset is complemented by iQOO's proprietary Supercomputing Chip Q2, which brings together 2K Super Resolution and 144 FPS game frame interpolation, surpassing industry standards to deliver an unparalleled viewing experience. The iQOO 13 also boasts an impressive camera setup: a 50MP Sony IMX 921 VCS true-color camera, a 50MP Sony IMX 816 telephoto camera, and a 50MP ultrawide lens. It uses the same advanced video imaging algorithm to ensure a premium photography experience. Furthermore, the device runs on the latest FunTouch OS 15, based on the all-new Android 15, providing smooth and enhanced user experience.

Flite Unveils Its Bellies Collection for Winter 2024

LUDHIANA : As the weather turns colder, having warm and comfortable footwear becomes essential—from cozy evenings, and casual outings with friends to long hours at the workplace. For women, bellies stand out as the ultimate winter go-to, offering a smart and versatile option that combines snug fit, effortless charm, and timeless style. Known for delivering quality footwear that blends durability with fashion, Flite has unveiled its latest range of bellies, specially designed to meet the needs of women during the winter season. Speaking about the latest collection, Mr. Gaurav Kumaar Dua, Whole Time Director, Relaxo Footwears Ltd., said: "We are delighted to introduce Flite's new bellies range for winter, which has been thoughtfully designed to keep our customers comfortable while ensuring they look their best.

At Flite, we prioritize integrating style with functionality, and this new offering is a testament to our commitment to meeting the evolving needs of our consumers. With this launch, we hope to add a touch of sophistication and comfort to their winter wardrobe." With a focus on both style and practicality, these bellies are crafted to meet the modern consumer's need for comfort during the chilly months while elevating their fashion quotient. The collection features sleek designs with bold color combinations and linen-like textures, making it versatile enough to pair with a variety of winter outfits.



Police Administration cracks down on overloaded and unregistered vehicles



BARARA (Jaibeer Rana) Following the tragic death of three children in a collision with a reckless dumper truck on Monday, the police administration swung into action on Tuesday to clamp down on negligent drivers. The drive was spearheaded by DSP Suresh Kumar, who, along with Traffic Incharge Karmveer Saini and Mulana SHO, conducted a rigorous inspection of vehicles at Dosarka Chowk. Action Taken During the operation, the police team focused on overloaded vehicles, unregistered vehicles, and those violating traffic rules like triple riding. A total of 35 challans were issued, with many drivers attempting to evade the checkpoint upon noticing the police presence. DSP Suresh Kumar emphasized that no leniency would be shown toward violators, as reckless driving remains a primary cause of road accidents. He appealed to the public to exercise caution and refrain from allowing children to drive vehicles, referencing Monday's tragic incident as a dire reminder of the consequences of negligence. Continued Vigilance Promised DSP Kumar warned drivers to adhere strictly to traffic rules, stating that the crackdown on violators would be ongoing and that negligence would not be tolerated. "Either follow the rules, or be prepared to face penalties," he asserted. Traffic Incharge Karmveer Saini reiterated the commitment to curbing illegal and unsafe vehicles, assuring that the enforcement drive would continue. The inspection drive witnessed active participation from police officers, including Mulana SHO Ramesh Kumar and other personnel, ensuring swift and thorough action against violators.

SAMCO Mutual Fund Launches Innovative Multi Asset Allocation Fund



JALANDHAR / AMRITSAR- SAMCO Asset Management Private Limited announced the New Fund Offer (NFO) of Multi Asset Allocation Fund (MAAF), which opens on 4th December, 2024 and closes on 18th December, 2024. The fund which strategically shifts allocations between equities, Gold, and debt/arbitrage to optimize returns and mitigate risk. The scheme has a minimum application amount of Rs. 5,000. Powered by the proprietary R.O.T.A.T.E. strategy, the fund has an ability to rotate predominantly into Equity mode when equities are in a bull market, in to gold mode when equities take a back seat but Gold is outperforming and into Debt / Arbitrage mode when both equities and Gold are falling thus striving to deliver stable returns and protect investor wealth. Offering unparalleled flexibility in asset allocation, this fund provides a truly dynamic approach to investing across categories with the ability to allocate between 20-80% to equities, 10-70% to debt instruments, and 10-70% to gold and silver ETFs. It can also invest up to 30% in commodity derivatives and upto 10% in REITs and InvITs.

Designer Simran Dhillon Unveils his Flagship Store at HLP Galleria with a Spectacular Fashion Show

MOHALI , December 3, 2024 – Renowned fashion designer Simran Dhillon launched his flagship store at HLP Galleria, Mohali, with an event that exuded fashion and elegance. The highlight of the opening was a glam-filled fashion show that showcased his latest bridal and wedding collections which redefine luxury, sustainability, and modern design. Speaking about the launch, Simran Dhillon said, "My designs are about personalization, sustainability, and luxury, and I'm thrilled to bring this experience to not just the discerning Tricity audience but even luxe fashion enthusiasts of the region. Unveiling my flagship store at HLP Galleria is a milestone I am incredibly proud of. I was searching for a space that reflected class and elegance, and HLP Galleria stood out as the perfect choice as it gels so well with my brand's ethos."

The fashion show featured four captivating rounds of stunning ensembles, modeled by 22 male and female models, with showstoppers Master Saleem, Sara Guppal, and Neeru Bajwa bringing star power to the runway.



Each design reflected Dhillon's signature style, blending intricate hand-stitching, luxurious fabrics, and bold color palettes. Moving beyond traditional reds, the collection embraced deep emeralds, rich blues, pastels, and jewel tones, accentuated by pearls, Swarovski crystals, mukaish work, and tissue fabrics. Exquisite jewelry by Jia Diamonds and A Jewels added the perfect touch of sparkle, complementing the outfits flawlessly. Known for his bespoke approach,

Simran Dhillon's studio offers handcrafted bridal wear starting at ₹1.5 lakh and men's wedding attire, including bandhgalas, sherwanis, and tuxedos, starting at ₹40,000. Each creation is tailored to the client's unique preferences, ensuring every piece is a true masterpiece. With a legacy of dressing celebrities from the Punjabi and Bollywood industries, including Badshah, Simran Dhillon has created an enviable niche for himself as a leading designer.

The store launch at HLP Galleria is a celebration of his artistic vision and craftsmanship, offering customers an upmarket and personalized shopping experience unlike any other. It is to be noted that HLP Galleria, Mohali's premier destination for shopping, dining, and lifestyle experiences, continues to attract iconic brands and customers. The addition of Simran Dhillon's flagship store elevates its reputation as a hub of premium and elegant fashion.

Anil Kapoor wraps up schedule of ‘Subedaar’



Bollywood star Anil Kapoor has wrapped up the schedule of his upcoming action-drama ‘Subedaar’.

On Monday, Anil posted some behind-the-scenes moments on Instagram and wrote, “From dreams to reality, from vision to creation--Subedaar takes shape with dedication and heart! Schedule wrapped, but the magic is just beginning. Grateful for the team, the passion, and the journey.”

In candid pictures, Anil can be seen talking with director Suresh Triveni.

Earlier, the makers have announced the commencement of filming for the upcoming project and also shared Anil Kapoor’s look from the film.

Prime Video took to its official Instagram handle and posted the picture along with the caption, “From the frontlines to the home town - a fauji never backs down! #Subedaar, Now Filming!”

Anil also shared a still from the sets on Instagram and treated fans with an action-packed picture of himself.

In the picture, Anil looks intense while performing the action sequence.

Sharing the photo, he wrote, “Abhi toh haath utha hi kahaan hai , Yeh toh bas Taiyari hai. #Subedaar Prep begins.”

‘Subedaar’ features Radhikka Madan as Shyama, the daughter of Anil Kapoor’s character, Subedaar Arjun Maurya.

The film is directed by Suresh Triveni, who previously directed T-Series’ comedy-drama ‘Tumhari Sulu’ (2017) and ‘Jaisa’, both headlined by Vidya Balan.

Vikram Malhotra, Suresh Triveni, and Anil Kapoor serve as producers for the film.



Aamir Khan, Emily Blunt to be honoured at Red Sea Film Festival



The 2024 Red Sea Film Festival, set to take place from December 5 to 14 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia will celebrate global cinematic talent with the honouring of Bollywood icon Aamir Khan and Oscar-nominated actress Emily Blunt.

Both actors will be recognized at the festival’s opening night, alongside Egyptian screen legend Mona Zaki, who was previously announced as a recipient of the prestigious award, as per Deadline.

In addition to the honours, Khan and Blunt will engage in the festival’s popular ‘In Conversation With’ segment, offering festival attendees an intimate look at their careers and creative processes.

The list of notable speakers for this

strand already includes Hollywood stars such as Eva Longoria, Andrew Garfield, and Bollywood’s own Ranbir Kapoor, as per Deadline.

Aamir Khan, one of India’s most influential actors and filmmakers, has consistently delivered successful films over the decades. His notable works include the globally acclaimed ‘Dangal’ (2016), ‘Ghajini’, ‘3 Idiots’, ‘Dhoom 3’, ‘PK’, and the 2002 Oscar-nominated ‘Lagaan: Once Upon a Time in India’.

Khan expressed his gratitude for the recognition, stating, “Cinema has been my lifelong passion, and to be amidst such an inspiring group of artists from across the world is truly humbling,” as per Deadline.

Emily Blunt, known for her roles in ‘A Quiet Place’ and ‘Sicario’, has made waves in Hollywood with her remarkable performanc-

es. Blunt was nominated for the Best Supporting Actress Oscar for her role in Christopher Nolan’s ‘Oppenheimer’ (2023).

Upcoming projects include ‘The Smashing Machine’, in which she stars alongside Dwayne Johnson, and a highly anticipated event film being helmed by Steven Spielberg.

Reflecting on the honour, Blunt shared, “I love all that this festival is doing for innovative and emerging talent in the film industry. In particular, I’m enthused by how they are empowering women in cinema and amplifying their voices,” as per Deadline.

Held in the port city of Jeddah, the Red Sea Film Festival, now in its fourth edition, is one of the most happening cultural events in the Middle East.

Kate Winslet talks about playing WWII photographer in ‘Lee’

Actor Kate Winslet talked about her latest project ‘Lee’ and playing the role of a WWII photographer Lee Miller, according to The Hollywood Reporter. “Oh, honestly, it’s a whole bunch of mind...” she said, adding, “I mean, it is, even to this day. Like anything, going for a job interview, it’s absolutely terrifying. If it’s a job you really want, doubly terrifying.”

Despite her Oscar win for 2008’s ‘The Reader’ she sometimes feels like she isn’t worthy of a role.

“So what?” she said. “When I was doing ‘Lee’, I would sit there and I would say, “This is ridiculous.... I can truly think of at least five other brilliant actresses who would have played this part much better than me. Like a lot better.” And often I will turn to another crewmember and I’ll say, “They just



read the wrong name off the list. I’m telling you, they didn’t mean for me to be here.”

Winslet, who also produced her latest picture, investigated archives with the help of Miller’s son to play World War II photographer Lee Miller. She also engaged a historian

to create an exact copy of Miller’s camera, which she used to take photographs during her performance.

“It couldn’t just be a prop,” she said. “It needed to feel like an extension of my arms. I had to be confident and comfortable with it. And in order to do that, I had to know what I was doing.”

“Miller was a fashion model who turned to photography. During WWII, she served as a war correspondent for Vogue and took the photos of the first recorded use of napalm as well some of the first images of the horrors of the Nazi concentration camps at Buchenwald and Dachau. She also was photographed sitting in Adolf Hitler’s bathtub in his private apartment in Munich the day he committed suicide in Berlin. Winslet said it wasn’t easy to get backers on board initially,” as per The Hollywood Reporter.

ACTORS REVEAL HAIRCARE SECRETS!

CHANDIGARH: Great hair does not happen by chance - it is the result of consistent care and the right routine. Whether it is dealing with frizz, dryness, or keeping those locks strong and shiny, the key lies in finding what works best for you. &TV artists open up about their tried-and-tested haircare secrets, revealing how they nurture their tresses to maintain their stunning, healthy shine. These include Neha Joshi (Krishna Devi Vajpayee, Atal), Vikram Dwivedi (Vishambhar Singh, Bheema), Geetanjali Mishra (Rajesh, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan), and Shubhangi Atre (Angoori Bhabhi, Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai). Neha Joshi, aka Krishna Devi Vajpayee from Atal, shares, “As a working woman with naturally curly hair, maintaining my curls is challenging. To protect my hair from becoming dry and unmanageable, I rely on a homemade mask made from avocado, coconut oil, and egg yolk. I leave it on for 30 minutes before rinsing it with lukewarm water. This mask keeps my hair deeply moisturized and nourished. I avoid heat styling and prefer protective hairstyles like braids to shield my hair from damage. A silk scarf or pillowcase is also essential for minimizing friction and

keeping my curls frizz-free and healthy.” Vikram Dwivedi, aka Vishambhar Singh from Bheema, shares, “A healthy scalp and nourished hair are essential for me, both on and off-screen. I avoid overusing styling products like gels, waxes, or sprays, as they can cause buildup and weaken hair. My hair care routine starts with a warm oil massage twice a week. I use a combination of coconut oil with fenugreek seeds, sometimes adding a few drops of tea tree oil to keep my scalp healthy and hydrated. Massaging my scalp improves circulation and helps prevent dandruff. I also make sure to protect my hair from pollutants and harsh weather by wearing a hat or scarf when outdoors.”

Geetanjali Mishra, who plays Rajesh in Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, shares, “Good haircare is not just about shampoos, it is about giving your hair the right nourishment. My routine starts with a weekly hot oil massage using coconut oil infused with curry leaves and hibiscus petals, which condition and strengthen the roots. I follow up with a mild, sulfate-free shampoo and a hydrating conditioner to keep my hair soft and shiny. To combat frizz, I apply a leave-in se-

rum that locks in moisture. Once a week, I indulge in a banana and honey hair mask to repair damage and add a natural shine. This routine helps me keep my hair healthy and resilient.” Shubhangi Atre, aka Angoori Bhabhi in Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai, says, “For me, the key to great hair is nourishment from within. I stay hydrated and eat food that is rich in omega-3 fatty acids, like walnuts and flaxseeds to help keep my hair strong. A DIY (do it yourself) hair mask made with methi (fenugreek) seeds, soaked overnight, and blended into a paste with curd helps reduce dandruff and keeps my scalp healthy. After washing my hair, I avoid blow-drying and towel-dry it gently to maintain its natural texture. A drop of argan oil on the ends prevents splitting and adds shine. This simple routine keeps my hair smooth, strong, and healthy.”



Special tracks ke saath dugna entertainment!



CHANDIGARH : &TV shows Atal, Bheema, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan and Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai will entertain the audiences with its special tracks this week. In &TV’s Atal, Krishna Devi, portrayed by Neha Joshi, says, “Atal is deeply distressed for being unable to save those affected by cholera. However, his father, Krishan Bihari Vajpayee, comforts him and reminds him of the support he’s received from the people, who have also fasted for his well-being. Atal goes to thank them, but in the meantime, Daroga Bhatia arrests Bhavna’s father for supporting Atal. When Bhavna informs Atal of her father’s arrest, he heads to the police station. Daroga Bhatia demands that Atal sign a confession letter in exchange for Bhavna’s father’s release. Atal tells Daroga that he will give him what he wants, but he will not allow an innocent person to suffer. Later, Daroga Bhatia gathers the people in the mohalla and announces that Atal will be arrested and will never return.”

In &TV’s Bheema, Mewa, played by Amit Bhardwaj says, “Bheema is forced to dance for money to cover the medical expenses of her father, Mewa, and her uncle, Chabee-la, who were severely beaten and injured following Kailasha Bua’s orders.”

About &TV’s Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, Daroga Happu Singh aka Yogesh Tripathi reveals, “Happu catches his wife, Rajesh (Geetanjali Mishra), stealing money from his wallet and reprimands her. In response, Rajesh retorts that if Happu earned more, she wouldn’t need to steal, and that if he were a successful businessman, their financial situation would be better. Happu shares this with Beni (Vishwanath Chatterjee), who admits that his own wife, Bimlesh (Sapna Sikanwar), has also been trying to take money from his wallet, but it’s always empty. Both men wish they could be businessmen. The situation takes an unexpected turn when a Meteorological Department employee comes to the police station to file a complaint against his boss. This leads Happu to learn about a predicted cold wave in Kanpur, which sparks the idea of starting a winter wear business. Happu and Beni decide to borrow fifty lakhs from two moneylenders, Gappu and Chappu, promising to repay the loan within five days with interest. However, the forecast is wrong, and instead of a cold wave, a heatwave hits. To make matters worse, Gappu and Chappu demand a 32% monthly interest rate on the loan! Trapped by this overwhelming debt, Happu is forced to consider selling his home to repay the moneylenders.”

About &TV’s Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai, Rohitashv Gour, who plays Manmohan Tiwari, shares, “Tiwari is astounded when he meets Prem (Vishwajeet Soni) and learns that Prem has made a fortune by investing in the stock market. Greed takes over, and Tiwari borrows one crore from a moneylender and invests it in the stock market.

Parampara Tandon dedicates her Musical Journey to Her Mother on Sa Re Ga Ma Pa’s Love You Maa Special Episode

CHANDIGARH: Zee TV’s Sa Re Ga Ma Pa, India’s singing reality show, continues to enthrall audiences with its perfect blend of talent, entertainment, and inspiration. As the competition heats up, the nation is glued to their screens, cheering on their favourite contestants and witnessing the transformation of their raw talent into polished performers under the guidance of the mentors Sachin-Jigar, Sachet Parampara, and Guru Randhawa.

During the Love You Maa special episode of Sa Re Ga Ma Pa, the atmosphere turned deeply emotional as host Vipul Roy asked the mentors to share heartfelt anecdotes about their mothers. The episode celebrated mothers’ pivotal role in shaping their children’s lives, and Parampara Tandon’s journey with her mother left everyone profoundly moved. When asked about her mother, Parampara revealed how her music journey has been intricately tied to the unyielding support and guidance of her mother, Sangeeta Thakur. Her words resonated with the essence of the episode, showcasing the love and gratitude that artists carry for the ones who inspire them.

Parampara said “I never thought talking about this would make me so emotional, to the point where my voice trembles. I’ve rarely had the opportunity to speak about my mother. Whatever music is within me, it’s all because of her. Her name, fittingly, is Sangeeta, and she has been my guru since childhood. She’s a classically trained singer and has imparted invaluable lessons, not just about music but about life itself. She has always stood above everyone else for me, shielding me from scoldings and believing in me. She would often tell others, ‘Whatever my daughter does, she’ll do it well.’ Today, I bow down to her from here. Everything I am, all that I have, is because of her blessings.”



Introducing Jamai No.1: Jo apne hi andaaz mein sabko sudhaarega!



CHANDIGARH: In Indian households, a jamai isn’t just a son-in-law—he’s often welcomed like royalty, showered with love, and treated with reverence. Traditionally, a jamai visits his in-laws with respect and patience, quietly fitting into the family fold. “But what happens when this jamai steps into the household to shake things up in his own unique way?”

Enter Neel Paranjape played by Abhishek Malik in Zee TV’s Jamai No. 1—a jamai like you’ve never seen before. Born and raised in the spiritual town of Nashik, Neel comes from a close-knit middle-class family. His father, a pujari at Trimbakeshwar, raised him with strong values, but Neel dreams of creating his own destiny. Armed with charm, jugaad, and an irresistible wit, Neel has a way of handling situations that’s unconventional yet always effective.

Fate leads Neel into the life of Riddhi Chotwani played by Simaran Kaur—a fiercely successful businesswoman who has spent her life shielding herself from pain and trusting no one. As the CEO of her family’s winery, Riddhi is sharp and driven, but her mother, Kanchan played by Papia Sengupta, rules the family with a firm grip. When Neel becomes a ghar jamai in the Chotwani household, he brings his unique flair to every challenge, turning even serious moments into playful battles of wits. Neel and Kanchan’s interactions are like a spark meeting fire—both equally spirited, their constant back-and-forth is full of humour. Whether it’s Neel’s mischievous ways of bending the rules or Kanchan’s unwavering determination to assert her authority, their tug-of-war keeps the family on their toes while Riddhi tries to make sense of this new dynamic.

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Woman accused in murder case arrested in Shahzadpur

MANTISH KUMAR
AMBALA : As per the instructions of Superintendent of Police Ambala Surendra Singh Bhatia, during special campaign launched by Ambala Police to prevent crimes and against wanted accused in criminal cases, in murder case registered at Police Station Shahzadpur, on 2 December 2024, the police took action and arrested woman and sent her to judicial custody as per order of Court. One accused involved in this case has already been arrested. Complainant Gurpal Singh resident of village Sabapur had lodged a complaint at Police Station Shahzadpur on 27 November 2024 that on 26 November 2024, an unknown accused had murdered Man Singh in village Bapoli.

Bahujan Samaj Party is strengthening organization: Vishal Gurjar

RK KASHYAP
CHHACHRAULI: A meeting of state and district executive and assembly presidents of Bahujan Samaj Party was held in district office Jagadhari. State in-charge Haryana Vishal Gurjar and State President Haryana Dharampal Tigra were present as chief guests. Vishal Gurjar said that work is being done to strengthen organization in all 4 assemblies of district. Bahujan Samaj Party is working to connect people of all communities in organization. Vishal Gurjar said that Shamsher Gurjar was appointed as district in-charge in district Yamunanagar.

Hry Engineering College students get prizes in competitions organized in District Level Youth Red Cross Training Camp

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: Five-day district level Youth Red Cross Training Camp organized at Hindu Girls College Jagadhari concluded with a prize distribution ceremony. Dr. Mukesh Agarwal, General Secretary, Indian Red Cross Committee, Haryana State Branch, Chandigarh was present as chief guest in this ceremony. Students of Haryana Engineering College performed



well and secured second and third positions in various competitions. Richa Jha, a second year student of B. Tech. Computer Science and Engineering, got second prize in the declamation competition and Sargam and Bhumika, second year students of B. Tech. Computer Science and Engineering, got third prize in dance competition.

CM's representative Kailash Saini inspects Barot Government Hospital

VIJAY KAUSHIK
LADWA: Kailash Saini, the representative of Chief Minister, Haryana, visited Barot village in the Ladwa block and conducted a surprise inspection of the Government Hospital there. After reviewing the primary healthcare services, Saini expressed his satisfaction with the ongoing developmental work in the state under the leadership of Chief Minister Nayan Singh Saini. He mentioned that since the formation of the current government, numerous developmental initiatives have been taking place across Haryana. During the inspection, Saini highlighted that after



the Chief Minister's leadership, multifaceted development is underway, including advancements in the healthcare sector. He also mentioned the addition of five new doctors to the civil hospital in Ladwa on 5th November, filling long-standing vacancies.

VIP Hut at Sip N Dine, Gurdaspur inaugurated by Commissioner PK Sabharwal

VERMA
GURDASPUR: A newly built VIP Hut with sitting capacity of twenty persons inside Sip N Dine, Restro Bar a unit of Hotel R K Regency Gurdaspur has been inaugurated by Sh Pardeep Kumar Sabharwal IAS, Commissioner Jalandhar Division Jalandhar. It is meant for kitty parties, engagement ceremonies and the people who want to enjoy their dinner privately. A long pending demand of the city has been fulfilled. It contains extraordinary furniture and is decorated with antique attractive pieces and scenery. Romesh Mahajan National Awardee and managing director of this hotel pay heartfelt thanks to PK Sabharwal who has very kindly visited this premises and inaugurated this beautiful built Hut.



Society needs positive attitude towards differently-abled: Harvindra Kalyan

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
PANCHKULA, DEC 3

Haryana Assembly Speaker Harvindra Kalyan emphasized the need for a positive societal outlook towards the differently-abled, stating that this is essential for their inclusion in mainstream development and society-building. Addressing a state-level event on International Day of Persons with Disabilities held at Sector 16, Panchkula, Kalyan called for focused attention on the education of differently-abled individuals, as illiteracy poses a dual disadvantage for them.

The program was organized by the Haryana Deaf and Dumb Welfare Society. Kalyan highlighted that improving the education system is pivotal to enabling differently-abled individuals



to face life's challenges with courage and wisdom. He stressed the importance of providing special opportunities in education, employment, and healthcare services for them, along with ensuring respectful treatment in public spaces,

transportation, and services. He also advocated for awareness campaigns to develop a positive attitude towards disability in society.

The Assembly Speaker acknowledged the efforts being made at the government level,

referencing the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, introduced by the central government, which has proven instrumental in empowering differently-abled individuals and boosting their confidence and dignity in workplaces. He also recalled Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call during the 15th episode of Mann Ki Baat in December 2015 to replace the term 'viklang' (disabled) with 'divyang' (divine-bodied), which, he said, has brought about a significant change in public perception worldwide.

The event was attended by notable dignitaries, including Megha Bhandari, Vice President and Chairperson of the Haryana Deaf and Dumb Welfare Society, along with several prominent citizens.

NTPC Koldam: A beacon of CSR excellence in Himachal Pradesh

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, DEC 3

National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Koldam Project contributing as corporate social responsibility in upliftment of the affected areas at large.

Project Head Subhash Thakur showcasing its remarkable contributions to regional development and corporate social responsibility (CSR), emphasized NTPC's commitment to balancing energy innovation with social and environmental progress.

Subhash Thakur highlighted NTPC's substantial efforts in areas such as education, healthcare, water supply, road construction, and environmental protection. He remarked that the project is not merely an energy venture but a catalyst for uplifting local communities and fostering sustainable growth. The NTPC Koldam Project is



actively supporting 1,125 families across four districts—Bilaspur, Shimla, Solan, and Mandi—under its CSR initiatives. Thakur outlined the organization's focus on youth empowerment, particularly through sports. He announced plans to provide comprehensive support to local athletes, helping them excel in national and international competitions. He also shared NTPC's vision to develop better facilities for talented players to thrive on the national stage. In addition to sports, NTPC has prioritized improving the quality of education in local schools,

offering affordable healthcare, and promoting rural development. Thakur underscored that the company's efforts extend far beyond industrial development, making a meaningful impact on the social, environmental, and economic well-being of the region. The event was attended by senior NTPC officials, including AGM HR Umesh Kumar, AGM Sugata Das Gupta, AGM Civil Rajneesh Pathania, AGM O&M Deepu, CMO Dr. Rajesh Vishnoi, Dr. Manjula Agarwal, DGM Legal K.S. Naidu, Manager Planning & Systems Nitin, and PRO Shweta Goyal.



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