



RS adjourned as Oppn, ruling party members clash

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A day after Opposition INDIA bloc members submitted a notice of no-confidence motion against Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar, the Upper House on Wednesday witnessed massive protests, sloganeering, and chaotic scenes, forcing adjournment of the House minutes after it convened for the day.

The House was first adjourned till 12 noon, but later, when it reconvened, it was adjourned for the day. The House will now meet at 11AM on December 12, 2024.

While both opposition and ruling party members exchanged charges against each other, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju vehemently defended the Vice President and ex-officio Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar.

"If you attack the dignity

Rahul meets Speaker with request to expunge remarks against him

NEW DELHI: Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi met Speaker Om Birla on Wednesday and urged him to expunge remarks made by BJP MPs against him, and ensure the House functions smoothly. Gandhi said the BJP has been making "baseless" allegations against him to "distract" attention from the Adani issue, but he would not be provoked by any of these charges. He also said he and his party wanted a discussion on the Constitution in Lok Sabha starting December 13, and asserted they will ensure the House functions properly, even though it is not their responsibility.

of the Chair of the Vice President, we are going to defend it. You (Opposition) give notice against the Chairman (of the House). It's difficult to find a Chairman like him (Jagdeep Dhankhar). The Chairman has always spoken for the farmers and the poor inside the House and outside it," said Rijiju while speaking in the House.

The Minister said he will not allow the Opposition's agenda to prevail.

"There are reports of links between Sonia Gandhi and George Soros (American businessman). Such reports have been published worldwide. You are working hand in glove with those acting against India. You speak the same language as George So-



ros," he said.

"You people are not worthy of being the member of this House," he added, launching a full-blown attack on the Opposition.

Senior Congress member Pramod Tiwari lashed out at the ruling party, saying that they have murdered the Constitution and nurture the desire to change it.

The Congress party has rejected the Soros charge and said that the ruling party members are making the allegations to divert attention from the alleged corruption by industrialist Gautam Adani. With the opposition in no mood to relent on its stand against Dhankhar, the House was expected to begin on a stormy note on Wednesday.

A collective call to action: Punjab Governor's Padayatra against drugs

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The issue of drug abuse has cast a long and dark shadow over Punjab, leaving its people, especially the youth, grappling with the devastating consequences of addiction. Against this backdrop, Punjab Governor Mr. Gulab Chand Kataria's two-day Padayatra to combat drug abuse is a much-needed and commendable initiative. His active participation sends a clear and powerful message: tackling this menace requires a united front, with every citizen playing a role, especially women, who often hold significant influence within households and communities. Governor Kataria rightly emphasized that while the government is taking steps to combat the drug crisis, the problem cannot be eradicated by policy measures alone. Real change requires collective action and a shift in societal attitudes. His call to action comes at a critical time when drugs have permeated every corner of Punjab, causing untold suffering and jeopardizing the state's future. The younger generation, in particular, has borne the brunt of this scourge, with addiction pushing many into a cycle of crime and despair.

Although the state government has made some strides, including large-scale arrests of drug peddlers, the availability and use of drugs remain

alarmingly high. It is no longer uncommon to witness individuals under the influence in neighborhoods and streets. This widespread addiction has fueled a rise in petty crimes, such as chain snatching and phone thefts, which are often perpetrated by those seeking to fund their drug habits. The situation underscores the urgent need for grassroots-level awareness campaigns and robust enforcement measures.

Community leaders—including school teachers, religious figures, and political representatives—must be mobilized to educate people about the dangers of drugs and steer the youth toward healthier paths. Simultaneously, the authorities must intensify their crackdown on the drug trade by accelerating the confiscation of smugglers' properties and enacting stricter punitive measures. While these steps have been initiated, they should have been implemented much earlier to curtail the spread of this crisis.

With municipal and corporation elections approaching, the government faces a critical test: ensuring that no candidate resorts to distributing drugs to secure votes. In past elections, instances of drugs being used as a political tool have surfaced repeatedly, tarnishing democratic processes and further entrenching addiction in vulnerable communities. This malpractice must be decisively eradicated.

A significant part of the problem lies in deep-seated cultural attitudes that associate alcohol and substance use with masculinity, wealth, or social status. Such misconceptions have no place in an educated and progressive society. The grim statistics paint a sobering picture. According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data for 2022, Punjab recorded the highest number of deaths due to drug overdoses in the country—122 in to-

tal—far surpassing other states like Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh. The state also ranked third in cases registered under the NDPS Act and deaths due to consumption of adulterated alcohol. These numbers reveal the extent of the crisis and underscore the urgent need for action.

The roots of drug abuse run deep, with at least two generations in Punjab falling prey to addiction. To break this cycle, education must play a central role. Schools and colleges should incorporate anti-drug messaging into their curricula, fostering a culture of awareness and disdain for substance abuse. Teachers, as influential figures in the lives of young people, can be instrumental in steering students away from this destructive path. An education policy designed as part of a comprehensive mission could transform societal attitudes toward drugs.

The fight against drugs, however, cannot succeed without the collective effort of all sections of society. Drug suppliers who prey on the vulnerable must face severe consequences, while community support networks should help rehabilitate those struggling with addiction. The Governor's padayatra has highlighted the power of visible leadership in addressing such a complex issue. His presence on the ground not only underscored the gravity of the situation but also inspired citizens to take ownership of the fight against drugs.

Punjab's future depends on its ability to confront this challenge head-on. A brighter, drug-free tomorrow will require courage, determination, and the active participation of every citizen. The Governor's initiative is a step in the right direction, but it is up to the people of Punjab to carry the momentum forward and ensure that their state and its youth thrive once again.

Punjab makes registration mandatory for playway schools

CHANDIGARH: The Punjab Government has decided to implement the recommendations of the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Council across the state. This announcement was made by the Minister of Social Security, Women and Child Development, Dr. Baljit Kaur, during a press conference held at Punjab Bhawan, Chandigarh, today. Cabinet Minister Dr. Baljit Kaur stated that with the implementation of these recommendations, it has become mandatory for private playway schools operat-

ing in the state to register. She stated that it is now mandatory for playway schools to register with the Department of Social Security, Women and Child Development within six months. She further added that only registered playway schools will now be permitted to offer their services in the state. Dr. Baljit Kaur shared that an online system is being established to facilitate the registration of playway schools. This will ensure that no institution faces any difficulties and the registration process can be completed in a timely.

Kurukshetra witnesses Global Gita Recitation; 18,000 children join across world

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CHANDIGARH: Haryana Chief Minister Sh Nayab Singh Saini today announced that the 'Theme park' located on the sacred land of Dharmakshetra-Kurukshetra will now be known as 'Keshav Park'. This initiative aims to further preserve and promote the cultural and spiritual heritage of Kurukshetra, a place of immense religious and historical significance in India.

In addition, the Chief Minister declared a special holiday on Thursday for school students who participated in the Global Gita Path in Kurukshetra. He urged the students to utilize this holiday to prepare diligently for their upcoming examinations.



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The Chief Minister today participated in the Global Gita Paath – Ashtadashi Shloka program, which saw the participation of 18,000 children, during the International Gita Mahotsav at Dharmakshetra-Kurukshetra.

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I ARVIND KUMAR RAI son of SURYA DEV RAI. Resident of V.P.O.GHATTI (680) DISTIC SOLAN HP INDIA declare that I have changed my name from ARBIND KUMAR RAJ (Previous Name) to ARVIND KUMAR RAI (New name) All concerned please may note. 600020

I Gopal Singh Negi s/o Anop Singh Negi R/o # 321 Khuda Ali Sher Sector 1 Chandigarh 160103 have Changed my name Gopal Singh. 60013
I, Amrit Lal S/O Das Raj R/o Gill Nagar, G.T. Road, Moga have changed my name to Amritpal Singh. 90007
I, J.C-533594H Sub Darshan Lal of Unit 20 Garh Rif. C/o 56 APO presently residing at Vill Pagari, PO Mainkhdal, Teh Tehri, Distt Tehri Garhwal, State Uttarakhand, Pin 249132 have changed my wife name from Usha Devi to Usha Bhatt vide affidavit dt. 11.12.2024 before Notary Public Bathinda 100078
I, Sana Peter D/o Rohit Peter R/o Macrobret Hospital Dhariwal Distt Gurdaspur (Punjab)-143519 have changed my name from Sana Peter to Sana . Concerned note. 10005

I, Sahil S/o Balbir Singh R/o Village. Nangal Tehsil. Ratia Distt. Fatehabad (Haryana) Have Changed My Name From Sahil To Sahil Sahil. Concerned Please Note. 84451
I ram chand Son of Shamsher Singh residence of village gadapur sab tahsil kannoj tahsil Rajpura district patiala declare that my son gurbir Singh is out of my control so I discount him from all my movable and immovable properties anybody dealing with on their own risk. 50008
I harminder singh s/o Jagan singh residence gali number 9 ward number 3 guru gobind singh nagar bathinda punjab 151001 have changed my name harminder singh to herminder singh gabbji s/o Jagan singh 50008
I, Rianshu D/o Surinder Pal Singh Resident of V.Po. Mehatpur, Tehsil Nakodar, District Jalandhar, Punjab, India, Pin code 144041, have changed my name from Rianshu to Rianshu Arora. All concerned please note. 100066

I, Komal Rani W/o Shaleen Arora Address - Arora Niwas (Plot No.B-13) Dashmesh Vihar, Near Pannu Dairy Chhabhal Road, Amritsar have Changed my name to Komal Arora 72737
I, Vansh Rajpoot S/o Raman Kumar R/o. H. No. B-3-571 ward No.5, Guru Nanak Nagar Batala PO. Batala Distt Gurdaspur have Changed my name to Vansh Rajput 72737
I, Rajvnt Kaur wife of Jaswant Singh R/o Village Sheikpur PO Jaintpur Tehsil Batata District Gurdaspur, Punjab, India have changed my name Rajvnt Kaur to Rajvnt Kaur. Concern note. 72737
I, Balwinder Kumar S/o Ramesh Kumar R/o 3484, Azad Nagar, Gali No. 3, Putilghar, Amritsar have changed my name from Balwinder Kumar Madaan to Balwinder Kumar 72737
I, Ritu W/o Ravinder Kumar R/o. Gali No.3, Kartar Nagar Chheharta Amritsar declare that Sapna and Ritu both names are of one & Same person 72737
I, Neha attri D/o om parkash angurana wife of Varun Mohan residence of house number 171 beauty Avenue phase -2 Amritsar have been changed my name is Neha angurana to Neha attri 72737
I, Satnam Singh S/o Balwant Singh R/o Village Chaudhari Wala Block Naushehra Pannuan Tam Taran Punjab have Changed my name to Satnam is my given name and Singh is my surname 72737
I Hithero Known As Jagdeep Pal Singh Randhawa S/o Balbir Singh R/o Village Khasanwala, Tehsil Dera Baba Nanak, Distt Gurdaspur-143604, Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Jagdeep Pal Singh. 72737
I Hithero Known As Manpreet Kaur Randhawa W/o Jagdeep Pal Singh R/o Village Khasanwala, Tehsil Dera Baba Nanak, Distt Gurdaspur-143604, Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Manpreet Kaur. 72737
I Hithero Known As Rajinder Kaur W/o Amarjit Singh R/o Vpo Litran Teh Nakodar Distt Jalandhar Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Harjinder Kaur 72737
I Hithero Known As Daljit Kaur W/o Baljit Singh R/o Village Mahunwal, Po & Tehsil Nakodar, Distt. Jalandhar-144040, Punjab, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Paramjit Kaur 72737
I Hithero Known As Rajinder Kaur W/o Darshan Singh R/o Village Billi Chao, Po Khanpur Dhaddhe, Tehsil Shahkot, Distt. Jalandhar-144701, Punjab, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Harjinder Kaur 72737
I, Balraj Singh son of Late Sh Ragbir Singh resident of Plot No 46, Sitar Avenue Verka, Near JBT Centre, Tehsil & Dist - Amritsar, Punjab has changed the name of my mother from VIR KAUR to BALBIR KAUR in Army Records vide affidavit at Amritsar on 11/12/2024. 72737
I, Deepak Jyoti W/O Service No. GS-17681 Msn Mir Chand of Unit 69 RCC (GFEE) C/O 56 APO, Residing at village Fatehgarh, PO. Naushera Nal Bandan, and District Pathankot, state Punjab- 145025. I have corrected my date of birth 01/12/1986 to 15/04/1976. 400014
I, Hithero To Known As Sawinder Kaur Wife Of Naginder Singh Mullani Resident Of H.No. 8 Street No. 1 New Model House Jalandhar, Punjab India Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Vir Kaur Mullani. 524473
I, Jashanpreet Singh S/O Hardeep Singh R/O Vill. Gujarpur Khurd, PO. Paddi Matwali, SBS Nagar-144510, Punjab have changed my name from Jashanpreet As Given name and Singh as surname. All note. 461257

I Rajni Bala W/o Amarjit Singh R/o Desalpur Athola Jalandhar Punjab India. Have Changed My Name From Rajni Bala To Rajni. 461257
I Harvinder Singh S/o Tarlok Singh R/o Vill. Allowal Hoshiarpur Punjab India, Have Changed My Name From Harvinder Singh To Harvinder Singh. 461257
I Harvinder Singh Khosa S/O Balbir Singh Khosa R/O V.P.O. Kotla Surajmal, Tehsil Shahkot,, Jalandhar Pin:144703, Punjab, India have changed my name to Harvinder Singh, Singh considered as Surname and Harvinder considered as Given name. Note Please. 461257
I, Ranjit Kaur W/o Davinder Singh R/o Patti Behniwal Sultanwind, Pind Amritsar, Punjab-143001, have changed my name to Charanjit Kaur. 9998876
I, Krishan Kumar S/o Ramkumar R/o H.No.1/27, Gali No. 4, Ambala Road, Radha Swami Colony, Kaithal (haryana) Have Changed My Name From Krishan Kumar To Krishan Sandhu. Concerned Please Note. 84451
I NO.15420847 L HAV (ORA), PRANAY KUMAR MONDAL of Military Hospital Jalandhar cantt, have changed my Father name from ASOK KUMAR MONDAL to ASHOK KUMAR MONDAL and also have changed my Wife name from SMT. SANGITA MONDAL to SANGITA MONDAL. 900026
I NO. JC 709251 X NB/SUB (AA), MANOJ KUMAR of Military Hospital Jalandhar cantt have changed my Father name from MATHURA PRASAD YADAV to MATHURA YADAV and also have changed my Mother name from BARTEE DEVI to BARTIDEVI. 900026
I Smriti Swaraj legally wedded spouse of No. 15700381L Rank HAV (TTC) Nandkishor Kumar Yadav Unit 11 CSR. C/o 56 APO resident of Vill. Maheshi, PO. Tilakpur Teh. Bhagalpur , Bihar Pin code 813213 have changed my name from Smrity Swaraj to Smriti Swaraj affidavit date 11/12/2024 affidavit attested by Notary. 900026
I Prahlad Dutta father of No. 21003795P Rank Nk Produnmay Dutta Unit 339 Med Regt , Jalandhar cantt, Jalandhar, presently residing at PO- CR Building, Nirmali Gaon, Distt Dibrugarh state Assam have changed my name from Prohlad Dutta to Prahlad Dutta affidavit date 28/10/2024 affidavit attested by Notary, Dibrugarh. All Please Note. 900026
I Vishalchouhan S/o Vijay Chouhan R/O H.No 54, Ward No 5, Mohala Rajiran, Tehsil And Distt Pathankot, PO Pathankot, VTC : Pathankot, Distt: Gurdaspur, State: Punjab -145001, have changed my name to Vishal Chouhan 989666
I, Nirmala Kumari W/o Mohan Lal R/o H.No. 1584 St.No.3 Vishkarma Nagar Tajpur Road (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Nirmala. 63372
I, Ranjeet Singh Nagpal S/O Sangara Singh R/O W.No. 10 Basti Sunma Mallanwala Teh-Zira (Ferozepur) have changed my name to Ranjeet Singh. 63372
I, Vipan S/o Tarsem Lal R/o Mohalla Quilla Nurmahel Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) have changed my name from Vipan to Vipan Saha. 63372
I, Alka W/o Rajesh Kumar R/O Sunam (Sangru) have changed my name from Alka Marria to Alka. 63372
I Jaskirat Singh S/O Pritpal Singh Vpo Bhagauran Teh-Nawansharh Distt SBS Nagar Punjab-144516 declare that my given name is Jaskirat and surname Singh. 63372
I, Gurleen D/o Kishori Lal R/o Vpo Khanpur Teh-Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab, India, have changed my name from Gurleen to Kaur Gurleen. 63372

I, Loveneet D/o Santokh Singh R/o Vpo Kukran Teh-Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab, India. have changed my name from Loveneet to Banga Loveneet. 63372
I, Surinder Pal Kaur W/o Narinder Pal Singh R/o #83 B, Singla Enclave Raikot Road Mandi Mullanpur Mullanpur Ludhiana have changed my name to Suninderpaland Kaur as mysurname. 63372
I, Manjit Kaur W/o Jagjit Singh R/o Village Post Office Jarg Teh-Payal (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Manjeet Kaur. 63372
I, Jagjit Singh S/o Mohan Singh R/o Village Post Office Jarg Teh-Payal (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Jagjeet Singh. 63372
Iam Chandan S/o Kashmir Rai R/o H.No 11/463, Owersiaran Mohala Banga Distt SBS Nagar 144505 Punjab. Changed my name Chandanto Chandan Rai. 63372
I, Amandeep Kaur W/O Anoop Singh Kahlon R/O Village Mandian Tehsil & Distt. Malerkotla have changed my name from Amandeep Kaur to Amandeep Kaur Kahlon. 63372
I, Sheetal Ram S/o Piara Ram R/o Vill. Bika Po. Khan Khana Teh-Nawansharh (SBS Nagar) have changed my name from Sheetal Ram to Stal Ram. 63372
I Sawran Singh S/o S. Sarwan Singh R/o Vill. Bahidali, Po. Kurali, Distt Ropar, Punjab have changed my name to Swaran Singh for all future purposes. 63372
I, Parampreet Singh Samra S/o Jamal Singh R/o Village Pohir District Ludhiana have changed my name to Parampreet Singh. 63372
I, Kamal Kishore S/O Bakhshi Ram, R/O Village: Domeli, District: Kapurthala-144407 (Punjab), Have Changed My Name From Kamal Kishor To Kamal Kishore. 63372
I Rajveer Kaur Khatra W/o Jasvir singh R/o Patti Gill Gobindpura District Bathinda have changed my name to Rajveer Kaur. 63372
I Ninder Kumar Vashist S/O Bhura Ram R/O Vpo Ghudda Distt Bathinda have changed my name to Ninder Kumar. 63372
I Suneha D/o Raja Ram R/o Kot Ise Khan (Moga) have Changed My Name To Suneha Verma. 63372
I Gurpreet Singh Gill R/o Mandar (Moga) have Chang Minor Son name Tejdeep Singh to Tejdeep Singh Gill. 63372
I Kuldip Singh S/O Karnail Singh R/o Vill-Mallpur Po Mehrampur Sub Tehsil Aur Distt Sbs Nagar-144518 Pb have changed my name from Kuldip Singh to Kuldeep Singh. 63372
I Gobind Kamal Singh S/O Makhan Singh Resi Raunta Dist Moga Have Changed My Name Gobind Kamal Singh Dhillion. 63372
I, Harpal Singh Dhaliwal S/o Malkit Singh R/o Vpo Badhni Khurd, Distt. Moga, Punjab- 142037, Have Changed My Name To Harpal Singh. 63372
I, Nirma Kumari W/o Mohan Lal R/o H.No. 1584 St.No.3 Vishkarma Nagar Tajpur Road (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Nirmala. 63372
I, Rano W/o Krishan Kumar R/o Vpo Gunachaur Tehsil Banga District S.B.S. Nagar, 144511, Punjab. Have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Rani. 63372
I, Mandeep Singh S/O Bikeram Singh R/O Hardev Colony, Near Football Ground, Village Haveli, P.O. Mahilpur, Tehsil Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab, declare that my minor son given name is Hardik and in which his surname is Sahnii. 63372
I, hithero known as Amarjit S/o Shingaram R/O Vpo. Chahal Kalan Teh-Banga (SBS Nagar) Punjab-144507 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Amarjit Singh. 63372
I, Gurleen D/o Kishori Lal R/o Vpo Khanpur Teh-Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab, India, have changed my name from Gurleen to Kaur Gurleen. 63372
I, Paramjit Singh S/o Lehmer Ram Pawar R/o Vpo. Nagar Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) have changed my name to Paramjit Singh Pawar. 63372

I Kuldeep Singh Mann S/O Gurnail Singh R/O Village Burj Manshahia, Po Kararwala, Tehsil Phul, Distt. Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Kuldeep Singh. 63372
I Rishu Pal S/O Sh. Madan Lal R/O Rampura Phul Distt. Bathinda Have Changed My Minor Duaghter Name Krishna To Krishna Garg. 63372
I Surjit Singh S/O Gulzar Singh R/O Machhiwara khas (Ludhiana) Changed My minor son name Jashandeep Singh Sangra to Jashandeep Singh. 63372
I, Ranjit Singh S/o Kartar Singh R/o VPO Nangal (Moga) have changed my name to Ranjeet Singh. 63372
I, Sukhjith Kaur w/o Ranjeet Singh R/o VPO Nangal (Moga) have changed my name to Sukhjeet Kaur. 63372
I, Narinder Kaur w/o Manjit Singh Brar R/o Bhaloor (Moga) have changed my name to Narinder Kaur Brar. 63372
I Balbir Singh Saroy C/o Jagdish Singh R/o H.No 2584 Agwar Ladhaj Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Balbir Singh. 63372
I Amandeep S/O Sh Karnail Singh R/O Ward No 12 Near Vatneri Hospital Assandh 132039 Distt Kamal I Have Changed My Name From Amandeep Singh To Amandeep. 63372
I Palwinder Kaur W/O Sh Amandeep R/O Ward No 12 Near Vatneri Hospital Assandh 132039 Distt Kamal I Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Palwinder Kaur To Palwinder. 63372
I, Kamal Kishore S/O Bakhshi Ram, R/O Village: Domeli, District: Kapurthala-144407 (Punjab), Have Changed My Name From Kamal Kishor To Kamal Kishore. 63372
I Palvi W/o Sh. Vinay Kumar R/o Shiv Shakti Enclave, New Karamsar Colony, Basti Jodhewal, Po. Basti Jodhewal, Distt. Ludhiana has changed my name from Palvi to Palvi Rani. 63372
I Hardeep Singh S/O Hussain Singh R/o Village Kaniah Arjanji, Tehsil Jagraon, Distt. Ludhiana have changed its name from Hardeep Singh to Hardeep Singh (Surname Singh). 63372
I Joginder Singh Dhaliwal S/O Malkeet Singh Village Chak Sarwan Nath District Ludhiana Have To Change My Name As Joginder Singh. 63372
I SHANTILATA legally wedded spouse of no. 15482159P Rank DFR name Sadasiba Nahak, Unit 69 Armd Regt c/o 56 APO 'HQ/SQN, ADM Troop Pin 912669, Resident at Badhai Sahi, Village-Tanganapalli, PO-Tanganapalli, Teh-Chhatrapur, District-Ganjam, State-Odisha Pin-761003 I/ have Changed my name from SHANTILATA to SHANTILATA NAHAK vide affidavit dated 07-12-2024 before Notary Public at Ferozepur. 900023
I Rajesh Kumar Garg S/O Sehaj Ram R/O house no. 28, 29 Agar Nagar south End Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Rajesh Kumar Please concerned note. 111242
I Neha Saini D/o Ashok Kumar Resident of Bahadurpur(401), PO & Distt Kurukshetra, Haryana , In my Passport No V4194541, my name is mentioned as Neha, I have changed my name from from Neha to Neha Saini 100046

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Gurpreet Singh S/o Sh. Ajit Singh R/o Village Nangal Chhanga, Tehsil Nawanshahar, Distt. Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar declare that my wife Jasvir Kaur and my son Jashanpreet Singh are out of my control. So, I disown them from my all movable & immovable property. If anybody deal with them in future he/she/they/them himself responsible for the same 60017

It is for general information that I, PARAMJEET SINGH S/O JAGMAL SINGH, R/O House No-458, Ward No- 07, Hinori Road, Near O P Garg School Ladwa, Post Office Tehsil- Ladwa, Distt- Kurukshetra Haryana-136132, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as PRAMJEET SINGH in my Service Records No. 6483098N. The actual name of mine is PARAMJEET SINGH which may be amended accordingly. 50008
I, Ramesh S/o Moti Ram, R/o House No. 6608-B, Sector 56, Chandigarh U.T. declare that my Son Monu and daughter in law Samayra are out of my control. I disown them from my inheritance in respect of my all movable and immovable properties. I am not responsible for their acts in future. 98748
I, Pooja D/O Santokh Singh VPO. Lakhpur teh.Banga Distt. SBS Nagar, declared that in my education certificate my father name wrongly entered Santokh Ram. But his correct name is Santokh Singh. So emended my education certificate my father name from Santokh Ram to Santokh Singh. 900026

I, Ramesh S/o Moti Ram, R/o House No. 6608-B, Sector 56, Chandigarh U.T. declare that my Son Monu and daughter in law Samayra are out of my control. I disown them from my inheritance in respect of my all movable and immovable properties. I am not responsible for their acts in future. 98748
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Anil Vij Inaugurates 66 kV HVPN Sub-Station

CHANDIGARH: Haryana Energy Minister, Mr. Anil Vij, inaugurated the up-graded 66 kV HVPN Sub-Station in Ambala Cantonment today. During the event, he outlined the state government's priorities and strategic plans for the energy sector. The Minister Mr. Vij emphasized the government's commitment to reducing coal dependency and advancing renewable energy initiatives. He highlighted the proactive steps being taken to achieve energy self-sufficiency in Haryana by promoting solar power. As part of this push, a pilot program to build solar-powered homes in rural areas is set to be launched. Additionally, Mr. Vij announced a new campaign to install pre-paid meters, aimed at enhancing transparency in energy consumption and providing greater convenience to consumers.

Gita is inspiration for life, makes one aware of duty: Jagmohan Anand

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, DECEMBER 11

On the third and last day of the district level Gita Jayanti Mahotsav on Wednesday, Karnal MLA Jagmohan Anand flagged off the huge Nagar Shobha Yatra from the local Ramlila Ground. Earlier, he performed the Aarti of Shrimad Bhagwad Gita decorated in the tableau on behalf of Arya Central Sabha involved in the Shobha Yatra and offered sacrifice in the Yagya. The nodal officer of the program and SDM Karnal Anubhav Mehta, DIPR Manoj Kaushik, social worker Rajesh Aggi, Rajneesh Chopra and representatives of various religious and social institutions welcomed the chief guest. Along with the tableaux of various educational institutions and religious institutions involved in the Nagar Shobha Yatra, the Kalash Yatra by the Women and Child Development Department was the center of attraction. On this occasion, the first, middle and last verses of the Gita were also recited. This year the global Gita recitation has been named 'Ek Minute-Ek Saath Gita Path'. Jagmohan Anand, while



talking to the media, extended his heartfelt wishes of Gita Jayanti to the people of Karnal Assembly, state and country and said that due to the efforts of Gita Manishi Swami Gyananand Maharaj, Gita is being promoted in the country as well as abroad. He said that the knowledge of Gita is an inspiration for life and makes us aware of our duty. He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Minister Manohar Lal and Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini are moving forward on the message of karma of Lord Krishna and are doing karma without any desire for fruit. The

knowledge of Gita is necessary for all of us, if we inculcate the knowledge of Gita in our life, then we can make our life meaningful. He said that Gita is a basic mantra for relief from stress. We should pledge to keep a copy of this holy book in our house on the occasion of Gita Jayanti. He said that Gita is famous all over the world. The form of Gita Jayanti has changed due to the efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Minister Manohar Lal and Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini. Now Gita Mahotsav is being celebrated at the international level in Dharmakshetra Kurukshetra.

On the occasion of the closing of Gita Jayanti Mahotsav, educational institutions and social organizations jointly took out a Nagar Shobha Yatra with 18 verses based on 18 chapters of Gita, which included very beautiful and captivating tableaux of Lord Shri Krishna, Radha-Krishna, Krishna-Sudama, Lord Shri Krishna preaching Gita to Arjun. These include NIFA and RPS International School, Citizens Grievances Committee and Delhi Public School, Bharat Vikas Parishad (Abhimanyu, Suraj, Karnal, Madhav, Radha Krishna, Krishna Branch) and SBS Senior Secondary School, Lakshya Janhit Society and VUMM Jain Public School, Patanjali Yoga Samiti and Bharat Swabhiman Trust and Guru Harkrishan Public School, Apna Aashiyana, Jan Seva Dal and Nishan Public School, Agarwal Sabha Sector-7 and OPS Vidya Mandir, MDD Bal Bhawan and St. Theresa Convent Senior Secondary School, Arya Central Sabha and Nirmal Public School, Maa Jhandewali Seva Samiti and Vivekanand Senior Secondary School.

Gita teaches art of living, it is solution to every problem: Rana



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
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The three-day district level Gita Jayanti Mahotsav concluded on Wednesday in the local Dr. Mangal Sen Auditorium. Indri MLA Ramkumar Kashyap and Assandh MLA Yogendra Rana attended the program as chief guests and honored the students participating in cultural programs by giving them certificates and prizes. On the other hand, SDM Gharanda Rajesh Soni presented mementoes to the guests on behalf of the administration. MLA Yogendra Rana congratulated all the people present on the auspicious festival of Gita Mahotsav. He said that this festival is not only celebrated at the district or state level but is being celebrated all over the world today at the international level. For this, I thank Prime Min-

ister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, Union Minister Manohar Lal and Gita scholar Swami Gyananand Maharaj from the bottom of my heart, due to whose efforts Gita Mahotsav got international recognition. He said that Gita is not a book but a holy text which teaches us the art of living, to come out of every trouble and inspires positivity and the victory of Dharma over Adharma. He said that to make the young generation of the country cultured, it is very important to imbibe great texts like the holy book Gita and Ramayana. In this modern era where the young generation is being influenced by Western culture, today every human should try to fulfill the duty of spreading the teachings of the holy book Gita to the common people. He said that it is necessary to organize programmes like

Gita Mahotsav to connect the young generation with the holy book Gita. Only when the young generation becomes cultured, will the country move forward on the path of progress. Keeping this in mind, the Haryana government has included Gita in the curriculum of the students. He said that today, like Kurukshetra, students here also recited shlokas, which is very commendable. He said that crores of people have made their lives successful by following the Gita. He also appreciated the cultural programs presented and congratulated the administration and all others involved for the successful organization. In the series of cultural programmes, the artists of Nusrat Khan and Party from the Department of Information, Public Relations and Languages performed patriotic songs.

Registration of plots, houses, shops and agricultural land not being done in the tehsil office for the last 10 days

SHALU PARMAR KALAYAT: Due to non-registration of houses, shops, plots and agricultural land of Kalayat area in the tehsil office for about 10 days, people who reached the office returned disappointed. Citizens coming to the tehsil office from far-flung areas have to make several rounds of the tehsil office for registration. Due to this, people's anger towards the administration was increasing. On Wednesday, Krishna Kumar Julani Kheda, Rajendra Balu, Pradeep Songal, Rajkumar, Roop Singh Subhash, Satish Kumar, residents of village Batta, reached the tehsil office from Kalayat. They said that they had signed an agreement to buy land and plot a few months ago to build a house and got agricultural land. The date of registration of the land was near. They were making rounds to the tehsil office for several days to get the registration done. But they were not getting any satisfactory answer from the tehsil office regarding the registration. Due to non-registration, the

amount given to them in the form of agreement seemed going down the drain. They have requested the government and administration to get the registration done soon. Subhash, Satish Kumar, resident of village Batta, said that some days the Tehsildar, Naib Tehsildar, Computer Operator RC did not reach the Tehsil office. Then all the work related to registry came to a standstill. This was the situation for the last few days. Often some or the other employee or officer was on leave. People have to face disappointment due to lack of registration and now the reason being given was that the collector rate has not been set. Steno Sanjay Verma working in SDM office said that the government has implemented new collector rates for registrations. Registrations were to be done on the new collector rate from December 1. But due to technical fault, registrations could not be done. The dealing clerk had gone to the district headquarters to update the new collector rates.

Seminar on Anemia Awareness at New Happy Public School

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, DEC 11

New Happy Public School, Yamunanagar, organised an awareness seminar under the Anemia-Free India Campaign to educate girl students about anemia and its prevention. The seminar was conducted under the aegis of the Civil Hospital, Yamunanagar, and aimed to enhance students' understanding of anemia and encourage preventive measures for better health. The Anemia-Free India Campaign, initiated by the Government of India, provides Weekly Iron and Folic Acid Supplement (WIFS) tablets to school students across the country. This initiative focuses on eradicating anemia and improving students' overall health and well-being.

The seminar featured key speakers, including District Project Coordinator Viney, Dr. Manisha (DAHO), and Sandeep Sharma (Coordinator, Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram). Mr. Viney and Dr. Manisha interacted with the students and provided detailed insights into anemia, its effects, symptoms, and preventive mea-



asures. They emphasized the importance of consuming an iron and folic acid-rich diet to combat anemia. The speakers highlighted that anemia can lead to fatigue, weakness, reduced concentration, and other health issues. The session was highly interactive, with students actively participating and posing questions. The team from Civil Hospital addressed all their queries, making the session both informative and engaging. Principal Dr. Bindu Sharma appreciated the efforts of the Civil Hospital team and said, "The health of our students is crucial

for their holistic development. Seminars like these under the Anemia-Free India Campaign not only raise awareness about health issues but also inspire students to take proactive steps toward their well-being." School Chairman G.S. Sharma also expressed his thoughts, stating, "Health education is an integral part of our students' foundational learning. This seminar has helped our students understand the importance of health and nutrition. We are proud to contribute to such meaningful initiatives."

Shanti Ka Tyohar' programme organised by Raj Vidya Kendra, Haryana

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: 'Shanti Ka Tyohar' programme was organised by Raj Vidya Bhawan in Haryana in a banquet hall near Kohand. Around 3500 people attended this program. A video of Prem Rawat ji's message was shown in the program, in which he said, inner peace cannot be described in words, but can only be experienced; like we can describe the taste of a sweet only after eating it. He emphasized that living means a person living a fear and stress-free life, while people always worry about what others think of them and make a habit of living under stress. A teacher or guide can help a person to focus within himself and live a peaceful life. All the listeners present there listened to this message very attentively and also shared their views. This effort of Raj Vidya Kendra is an important step in spreading peace and awareness in the society. All participants found the event inspiring and looked forward to more such events in the future. Prem Rawat is a world-renowned educator, bestselling author and humanitarian who holds two Guinness World Records. He inspires his audiences around the world to truly connect with themselves and live a fulfilling life. His message is based on his personal experience, having addressed more than 5,500 events over the past six decades. His Prem Rawat Foundation also operates a Jan Bhojan facility in Vantoli (Ranchi) in India, where children and the elderly receive nutritious, local food and clean water every day. Similar facilities are also being run in Nepal and Bhana. Haryana Sikh Ekta Dal welcomes announcement of elections in state.



Jaipuri quilts offer warmth and charm for winter visitors

CHANDIGARH: Jaipuri quilts, known for their lightweight and thin design, provide surprising warmth that is perfect for winter. At the craft fair set up on the sacred banks of Brahmasarovar during the International Gita Mahotsav, the unique creations of Madhu, a skilled artisan from Ahmedabad, Gujarat, are drawing the attention of both domestic and international tourists. Visitors to the fair are consistently stopping at stall number 26, where Madhu showcases her handcrafted quilts, bedsheets, cushion covers, and other decorative items. Madhu informed that she has been engaged in the art of handcrafts for 40 years and has attended the Gita Mahotsav for the past four years. This time, she has brought her special Jaipuri quilts, known for their thin appearance but powerful warmth. The quilts have generated considerable interest among tourists, particularly the handmade bedsheets and cushion covers, which are being purchased in large numbers. "People are naturally drawn to these handcrafted items to beautify their homes," Madhu explained. "Many want to enhance the aesthetics of their living rooms with these beautiful pieces." Tourists from around the world, including Ugic visitors Bhotir and Ramjidin from Uzbekistan, have praised Madhu's work and carefully examined her collection. Bhotir, in particular, purchased several of Madhu's cushion covers and paid a fair price, highlighting the appeal of her handmade products this season. Madhu said that she launched her business as part of the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative and now operates her own company, empowering women and collaborating with them to create high-quality handmade crafts.

Sri Krishna Kripa Seva Samiti organises mass recitation of Gita verses

PREETI SAINI
SADHAURA, DEC 11

Under the global campaign of Gita scholar Swami Gyananand Maharaj, Sri Krishna Kripa Seva Samiti Sadhaura organised mass recitation of three verses of Gita Ji in various schools and temples. After Gita worship at 7 am, Gita Havan Yagna was organised in which officers and members of many social and religious organisations including Sri Krishna Kripa Seva Samiti, Sri Shiv Ganpati Seva Mandal, Bharat Vikas Parishad, Krishna Mandir Samiti participated. Members of Sri Krishna Kripa Seva Samiti collectively re-



cited Gita verses at the ancient Shiv temple at exactly 11 am. Along with this, students and teachers also recited Gita verses in the state's Senior Secondary School Kotla, DAV Public

School, GPS Jain Public School, Harichand Geeta Vidya Mandir, Gita Sankirtan and Deepotsav were celebrated in Dharm Jagran Kendra, Nagar Palika Park, in which religious and social organisations of Sadhaura par-

ticipated. General Secretary of the committee Sudhir Bhalla and President Sachdev Chugh said that at 11 o'clock Gita verses were recited in many countries including India and in Sadhaura too all social and religious organisations collectively recited Gita verses. On this occasion Surenra Verma, Bhisma Chugh, Rajan Arora, Dinesh Kalra, Yashpal Arora, Gopal Singh, President of Shri Shiv Ganpati Seva Mandal, Naresh Bakshi, Vikas Verma, Sandeep Paruthi of Bharat Vikas Parishad were present.

Haryana Sikh Ekta Dal welcomes announcement of elections in state

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, DECEMBER 11

Finally, the hard work of Haryana Sikh Ekta Dal and Sikh Sangat paid off and the Haryana government announced to fulfill a major demand of the Sikh community. Haryana Sikh Ekta Dal has welcomed the announcement of holding the elections of Haryana Sikh Gurudwara Management Committee in January and called it the result of unity of the Sikh community of the state. After the schedule of the Gurudwara elections was announced, in a press conference held at Dera Kar Seva today, members of the core committee of Haryana Sikh Ekta Dal, Preetpal Singh Pannu, Jagdeep Singh Aulakh, Gurtej Singh Khalsa, Punjab Singh Nissing called the decision to



hold elections on January 19 the right decision and appealed to the Sikh Sangat to participate in the election process in large numbers. Haryana Sikh Ekta Dal, while thanking Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, has demanded that after the announcement of elections, to conduct fair elections and to prevent misuse of staff and resources of Gurudwara

Sahib in the elections, the government should dissolve the current ad hoc committee and appoint a capable IAS, IPS officer or a retired High Court judge as receiver till the elections and form a five-member committee under it and give it the responsibility of meeting the general and routine expenses of Gurudwara Sahib till the election process is completed. There was great resentment among the Sikh community of

Haryana that the right to select and send the right person to take care of the historic Gurudwara Sahib of Haryana was snatched from them and the members nominated by the government were violating the Guru dignity. After holding meetings all over the state by Haryana Sikh Ekta Dal, formed to fulfill this big demand and other demands of the Sikh community, Haryana Sikh Sammelan was organized on 8 September in the new grain market of Karnal, in which 70-80 thousand Sikhs from all over the state had gathered. Regarding the demands of the Sikh community, the Chief Minister of the state Naib Singh Saini had called the state level delegation of Haryana Sikh Ekta Dal to the Chief Minister's residence for discussion, where he promised elections in the month of January.

Shivraj Chauhan takes stock of Five Pond System

KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI, DECEMBER 11

Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan said that the government has resolved that no sister should remain poor. She should become economically strong. Women empowerment is the aim of his life. Along with this, there is also an effort to increase the production of crops, reduce costs and provide fair prices to farmers. The government has reduced the minimum export price on Basmati rice. He said that the schemes started by the government for the welfare of women have brought about a change in their lives. The target is to create three crore Lakhpati Didis in the country, out of which 1 crore 15 lakh have already been created. The Union Minister was talking to villagers, women of self-help groups and MGN-REGA workers in Sultanpur



village of Taraori. Before this, he saw the Five Pond System built for the management of dirty water of the village through natural methods. The Union Minister inspected the Saksham Kendra and CSC of the village and inquired about the average daily income from the employees posted there. He also talked to Murti Devi, a beneficiary under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. He visited the e-library in Ambedkar Bhawan and inquired about the number of youth coming there to study

every day. After inspecting the park, he saw the drone flown by Drone Didi and also inquired about it. On reaching the community center, Commissioner and Secretary of Information, Public Relations and Language Department Amit Agarwal welcomed the Union Minister and praised his spontaneity, simplicity and modesty wholeheartedly. Nilokheri MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi also greeted the Union Minister on behalf of the Panchayat, Sarpanch Jasmer Chauhan honored the Union Minister by

putting a turban on him and giving him a memento. On this occasion, MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi, Commissioner and Secretary of Development and Panchayat Department Amit Agarwal, Director Jaikishan Abir, CEO of Rural Livelihood Mission Amrinder Kaur, CEO of Haryana Family Identity Card Authority J Ganeshan, DC were present. Uttam Singh, CEO Zila Parishad Gaurav Kumar, DDPO Sanjay Tank, BDPO Ashutosh, Sarpanch Jasmer Chauhan, SE Virendra Chauhan, XEN Parminder Singh etc. were present. The minister was very happy and satisfied after visiting Sultanpur village. He termed this village as an ideal village. He said that this village is an example of how government schemes should be implemented better. Here better use of MNREGA and better arrangements have been made for drainage and cleaning of dirty water.

Vigilance Bureau arrests Patwari accepting Rs 20,000 bribe

CHANDIGARH: The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB), during its ongoing campaign against corruption in the state, on Wednesday has apprehended Patwari Surjit Singh, posted at Qila Lal Singh in Gurdaspur district for accepting a bribe of Rs 20,000. Disclosing this here today an official spokesperson of the state VB said the above-mentioned accused has been arrested on a complaint lodged by Varinder Singh, a resident of village Qila Lal Singh in Gurdaspur. He further added that the complainant has approached the VB and alleged that his land was acquired by the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) for construction of expressway and the accused Patwari has demanded a bribe of Rs 20,000 for making a report in his favor to include three borewells on the land.

The spokesperson informed that after a preliminary enquiry into this complaint the VB team laid a trap during which the accused was caught red handed while he was accepting a bribe of Rs 20,000 from the complainant in the presence of two official witnesses.

CM pays obeisance at Gurdwara Sri Bhabhor Sahib



NANGAL, DEC 11

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Wednesday paid obeisance at Gurdwara Sri Bhabhor Sahib to offer prayers and seek blessings of almighty to give enormous strength to serve the people of state with all humility and dedication.

The Chief Minister said that he was fortunate to have got an opportunity to serve the state and this visit was aimed at expressing his gratitude to almighty for bestowing this service. Bhagwant Singh Mann reiterated his firm commitment to ensure overall de-

velopment, peace and communal harmony besides cherishing the aspirations of all sections of the society. He also prayed for the progress and development of the state and prosperity of its people.

The Chief Minister sought blessings of almighty to give enormous strength to him for serving the people of state with full dedication. He offered prayers at Gurdwara Sahib and reiterated the firm commitment of his government to serve the people of the state regardless of caste, colour, creed and religion to create a harmonious society. Bhagwant Singh Mann said

that as taught by the great Guru the ethos of love, brotherhood and harmony in the society will be maintained at every cost and will ever remain their top priority of the state government.

The Chief Minister thanked the Almighty for bestowing upon him the responsibility to serve the people of Punjab with sincerity, dedication and commitment to fulfill their aspirations. He said that it is always a unique experience for him to visit such holy shrines, which are fountains of inspiration and positivity for millions of people from around the world.

AAP announces list of 784 candidates for MC polls

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, DEC 11

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Punjab announced its first list of candidates for the upcoming Urban Local Bodies elections scheduled for December 21. The elections will cover 87 locations across municipal corporations and committees, along with 49 by-elections to fill vacant seats. The elections will involve 977 wards.

Addressing the media, Punjab AAP President Aman Arora, accompanied by Working President and Bata-la M.L.A. Amansher Singh Sharry Kalsi, State Secretary Gurdev Singh Lakhna, Dr. Sunny Ahluwalia and Chairman Amandeep Singh Mohie, expressed his confidence in the party's preparation and its transparent candidate selection process.

Shri Aman Arora highlighted the significant developmental work accomplished by the Punjab Government under Chief Minister Shri Bhagwant Mann's leadership over the past two and a half years. He said that AAP's



track record in urban and rural development has won the trust of the people, as evidenced by their resounding support in recent panchayat and by-elections. AAP has adopted a grassroots approach to candidate selection. "We received an overwhelming response with over 5,000 applications for 977 wards in just a few days. In some wards, we received as many as 15-20 applications per seat. This reflects the people's faith in our governance and policies," Arora said. He further explained that the party implemented an extensive, transparent, and accountable

process to finalize candidates. Screening committees, comprising party leaders, MLAs, and office-bearers, were set up at the zonal and district levels to ensure fair selection based on feedback from workers and volunteers. The process also involved consultations with district in-charges, Lok Sabha in-charges, and local leaders to ensure inclusivity and consensus. AAP has finalized candidates for 784 wards, with the remaining wards under discussion. These discussions are expected to conclude by this evening. The first list includes 94 wards of Ludhiana, 56

wards of Patiala and 74 wards of Amritsar. Aman Arora commended the dedication of the party's organizational team, including Dr. Sunny Ahluwalia, Sharry Kalsi, and other zonal and district leaders, who worked tirelessly to ensure the timely finalization of candidates despite the short notice from the Election Commission. Citing the overwhelming response from candidates and the public, Aman Arora expressed confidence in AAP's prospects in these elections. He stated, "The high number of ticket aspirants indicates that AAP is the party of choice for the people.

NEWS BRIEF

Jagraon police arrests 2 robbers, FIR filed



SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON: Under its campaign against bad elements being carried out under the guidance of SSP Navneet Singh Bains, district Ludhiana rural police arrested 2 persons for carrying robberies and theft. Giving more information about this, SHO Amarjeet Singh said that police teams led by ASI Sukhwinder Singh and ASI Shaminderjeet Singh arrested accused Mandeep Singh alias Ghori alias Ghoga son of Beant Singh alias Tola and Boota Singh son of Jaspal Singh for allegedly executing several thefts and robberies and filed FIR and filed FIR against them. "It is notable that one of their accomplice was already arrested by police earlier and recovery of mobile phones and sims.

Outrage expressed over attacks on Hindus and minorities in Bangladesh

RADHE SHYAM SHARMA MORINDA: Sanctions and severe condemnation have been voiced over the escalating violence and atrocities against Hindus and other minorities in Bangladesh. BJP Local Body Cell Punjab Secretary Sanjeev Sood expressed deep outrage, calling the attacks by extremist groups intolerable. He highlighted the desecration of temples and the targeted violence against the Hindu community, labeling it as an alarming and reprehensible situation. President of the Youth Brahmhin Sabha, Umesh Sharma, reminded Bangladesh of India's pivotal role in its liberation during the 1971 war. He urged the Bangladeshi government to ensure the safety and security of Hindus and all minorities, emphasizing the need for gratitude rather than neglect. Youth activist Kapil Bhardwaj criticized the silence of political leaders across party lines regarding the brutal killings of Hindus in Bangladesh. He called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi to take decisive action, showcasing his resolve, to protect the lives and properties of Bangladeshis Hindus. Bhardwaj urged immediate measures to safeguard the community from continued atrocities.

GNUD research scholar awarded at ETFP-2024

KULJIT SINGH JANDIALA GURU: Ms. Shivangi Sharma, a Research Scholar of the Department of Food Science and Technology of the Guru Nanak Dev University has been awarded "Second Position" for her poster presentation in the International Conference on "Emerging Technologies in Food Processing-IV (ETFP-2024)". The conference was organized by the Department of Food Engineering and Technology, Ghani Khan Choudhury Institute of Engineering and Technology, Malda, West Bengal. She presented her poster entitled "Formulation of Indian convenience foods for dysphagia patients", co-authored by Dr. Navdeep Singh Sodhi of the university, Dr. Bhavinita Dhillon and Dr. Sukhraj Kaur, in the online mode on the conference theme of "Functional Food and Nutraceuticals". Her research work was focused on formulating Indian convenience foods for dysphagia patients under the guidelines of International Dysphagia Diet Standardisation Initiative (IDDSI).

ADG NCC directorate PHHP&C visits NCC group



GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH: The PRO Defence wing Chandigarh in a Press note said, "Maj Gen JS Cheema, Additional Director General (ADG), NCC Directorate, Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh (PHHP&C) visited NCC Group Chandigarh today. He was accorded a Guard of Honor by the NCC cadets on arrival. During the visit, Maj Gen Cheema witnessed the preliminary preparations, innovative ideas and projects, showcased by the cadets, which will be part of the Republic Day camp - 2025 at New Delhi. Brig Harpreet Singh, Group Commander, NCC Group Chandigarh, briefed the ADG about the various units of Chandigarh group and the issues related to NCC. The briefing highlighted the group's achievements and challenges. Maj Gen Cheema appreciated the efforts of the group commander and his team. Later, Maj Gen Cheema also interacted with the NCC cadets and civilian staff of the constituent NCC units located in the NCC Complex. He urged the cadets to strengthen the NCC's commitment to youth development, self-discipline and nation-building.

LPU student Subham Sahoo represents India at Prestigious Global Conference



JALANDHAR (J S SODHI): Subham Sahoo, a B.Sc Forensic Science student at Lovely Professional University (LPU), has been selected as an Executive Board member for the renowned 'Change the World Model United Nations (CWMUN) Emirates 2024' conference. Held in Abu Dhabi, Dubai, the event brought together thousands of students from over 100 countries to discuss global cooperation and sustainability. Subham is the only Indian panelist in this international forum, representing both LPU and the nation.

Subham's selection followed a rigorous global interview process, highlighting his leadership and expertise in international relations, demonstrated through participation in MUN conferences across India and internationally in Indonesia. He earned a seat on the Executive Board of the International Atomic Energy Agency committee, guiding delegates from Italy, Germany, Russia, and the Middle East on critical global issues.

Annual function of Mata Gujri Public School, Dhanaula celebrated



BALWINDER AZAD BARNALA DEHATI, DEC 11

The annual school function was celebrated in Mata Gujri Public School, Dhanaula in a grand manner. On this occasion, the educational and cultural achievements of the students were highlighted.

The ceremony was led by the school chairman Mr. Bikramjit Singh Walia and the principal Mrs. Varundeep Kaur Walia. The principal presented the annual report and shared the achievements

of the school and the prospects for the next year.

A series of colorful programs were presented at the event: Children's solo dance and bhanga were prepared by Ragwarana. The enthusiastic presentations of the students impressed everyone. Soukhpreet Kaur prepared the donkey for the girls. This program enlivened the Punjabi culture. The play was presented in the context of "Greatness of Punjabi Culture". It was looked after by Kesar Singh Kusturi.

Sukhmani Sahib recitation and farewell ceremony held at NCC Academy, Ropar



DAVINDER SHARMA RUPNAGAR, DEC 11

A special recitation of Sri Sukhmani Sahib was held at the NCC Academy, Ropar, to mark the inauguration of the newly constructed Drivers' Room and to bid farewell to Commanding Officer Colonel Tikka Yuvraj Singh Bedi on his retirement.

The event saw participation from the 23 Punjab Battalion NCC Ropar, the NCC Academy staff, and drivers, who prayed for peace and prosperity. During the ceremony, Colonel Tikka Yuvraj Singh Bedi and Administrative Officer Colonel Rajesh Chaudhary were honored

with traditional Siropao and shawls. The Drivers' Wing presented Colonel Bedi with a commemorative memento as a token of respect and gratitude for addressing their needs, including the creation of the Drivers' Room. Driver Veerangas also expressed their appreciation to Colonel Rajesh Chaudhary for his unwavering support. Chief Officer Ranjit Singh praised the leadership of Colonel Bedi and Colonel Chaudhary, highlighting their contributions to the smooth functioning of the NCC Academy. In his farewell address, Colonel Bedi thanked the staff for their cooperation in maintaining efficient management at the academy.

Fatehpur Victory Day celebrated by 8 Sikh LI Unit

AMRIK SINGH AMRITSAR, DEC 11

Under the leadership of Commanding Officer Colonel Saurabh Sharma and Subedar Major Sahib Singh, the 8 Sikh Light Infantry Unit commemorated its historic victory in the 1971 Indo-Pak War by celebrating Fatehpur Victory Day.

The battalion achieved a landmark victory on December 11-12, 1971, by capturing Pakistan's Fatehpur post, earning international recognition for India.

To honor this victory, the battalion was renamed 8 Sikh Light Infantry Fatehpur Battalion. Each year, this historic triumph is celebrated at the Shaheed Yudd Smarak in Khiala Kalan village with special events organized by both former and active-duty soldiers. This year's celebration commenced with the sa-



cred recitation of Sri Sukhmani Sahib followed by devotional hymns performed by Bhai Gurmukh Singh and his Raagi Jatha. A grand parade was conducted with military personnel saluting the war memorial and martyrs with full state honors.

Veteran officers, Junior Commissioned Officers (JCOs), and soldiers who participated in the Indo-Pak war were honored by Colonel Saurabh Sharma and Sube-

dar Major Sahib Singh. The celebration concluded with a langar (community meal) served to all soldiers, veterans, and their families.

On this occasion, Colonel Saurabh Sharma, Subedar Major Sahib Singh, and former military officer Surjan Singh, who now serves with the district rural traffic police, expressed their gratitude to all the soldiers and families who joined the event.

Police and civil administration gear up for Municipal Council elections



SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON, DEC 11

Municipal Council elections are set to take place in Punjab and the police department is closely monitoring the commencement of elections to ensure that they are conducted peacefully. Regarding the MC elections in the city of Mullanpur, which falls under the Ludhiana Rural district, DSP Virender Singh Khosa and Inspector Amritpal Singh visited office of Returning Officer Ravi Kumar Chopra in order

to discuss election preparations. The officials emphasized the importance of conducting the election duties with honesty and ensuring fairness. They announced that nominations will be accepted from December 9 to December 12.

On December 13, documents will be verified, and nominations will be withdrawn on December 14. The selection of eligible candidates will take place on December 21 under tight security arrangements, ensuring the election process is peaceful.

Attacks on Hindus in Bangladesh condemnable: Medical practitioners express concern



TEJINDER SINGH JOT NAWANSHAHR, DEC 11

In a meeting held under the leadership of Dr. Ashok Sharma, the Medical Practitioners' Association of Raj 295 Block reviewed the progress of the past month. Dr. Sharma expressed deep concern over the recurring incidents of violence against Hindu minorities in Bangladesh.

Highlighting the human rights violations, Dr. Sharma noted that these attacks are not only a blatant infringement of religious freedoms

but also an alarming trend against minorities in the region. He questioned the steps being taken by the authorities to address these incidents and strongly condemned the illegal arrest of ISKCON saint Chinmoy Das, terming it a direct assault on religious liberty.

Dr. Sharma also noted the stark decline in the Hindu population of Bangladesh—from 22% in 1947 to less than 8% by 2022—calling it a reflection of systematic persecution. He termed the recent violence as

part of a continuing genocide against the Hindu community. During the meeting, Dr. Bittu Pawla urged the Aam Aadmi Party government to fulfill its pre-election promises swiftly.

He emphasized that millions of individuals in Punjab rely on self-employment, particularly in providing primary healthcare in rural and semi-urban areas. Dr. Pawla stressed that these individuals must not be rendered jobless, as they play a crucial role in delivering medical aid to the community.

Pensioners' Day celebrated by Punjab State Pensioners Federation Senior Citizens Unit, Morinda

RAJ SHARMA MORINDA, DEC 11

The Punjab State Pensioners Federation Senior Citizens Unit, Morinda, organized a special Pensioners' Day celebration in collaboration with the Indian State Bank (SBI) branch of Morinda at the Hindu Dharamshala, under the chairmanship of Raj Kumar Maggi.

During the event, key officials from SBI, including Gaurav Gupta, Chief Manager of SBI, Rupnagar District, Santosh Kumar Dohre, Chief Manager of SBI Morinda Branch, Usha Bhukal, Branch Manager, and Kirandeep Kaur, Deputy Manager of the Morinda Branch, addressed the gathering. They provided valuable information about the banking services available to pensioners and



shared insights on overcoming challenges related to digital banking systems and precautions against fraud.

The Chief Manager assured the attendees that a special note would be prepared regarding the concerns raised, including the request for the installation of an ATM at Khuh Wala Chowk in Morinda. Dr. Gurpreet Mavi and Dr. Nirmal Dheeman were specially honored during the ceremony for their contributions. The event also saw speeches from several

key figures, including Raj Kumar Maggi, President, Nachhattar Singh, General Secretary, Jagdish Kumar Verma, Vice President, Gurdev Singh, Headmaster, Amarjeet Singh Kang, Bhupinder Singh Patwari, Raman Ballala (D.E.O.), and others. They urged the Punjab Government to promptly address the legitimate demands of pensioners, including pending arrears from the Sixth Pay Commission, Dearness Allowance installments, and other related issues.

Havan Yajna organized on occasion of Gita Jayanti at Mount Litera Zee School



VERMA GURDASPUR, DEC 11

On the occasion of Gita Jayanti, a grand Havan Yajna was organized at Mount Litera Zee School, Pathankot, under the leadership of the school's Director, Mrs. Vinita Mahajan. The event saw active participation from both the staff and students, who joined in the ceremony and chanted mantras. The event was held in the school's courtyard, and its primary purpose was to introduce stu-

dents to the significance of the Bhagavad Gita.

During the Havan, Director Vinita Mahajan explained the importance of Gita Jayanti. She emphasized that the Bhagavad Gita reveals the deep secrets of life and the wisdom it contains guides individuals to walk on the true path of life. She further explained that it is essential to learn this knowledge from scholars over time, as following the teachings of the Gita can bring peace and balance to our lives.

AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: BJP workers on Tuesday expressed happiness over the announcement of Kendriya Vidyalaya recently announced by the Central Government in Chintpurni assembly constituency. On this occasion, Vice President of Yuva Morcha Sumesh Bittu said that the Central Government has not only provided proper help to Himachal Pradesh from time to time, but has also never left any stone unturned

in giving big educational institutions. Una, a small district of Himachal, has always got open budget from the Center for developmental works. He said that MP Anurag Thakur got his parliamentary constituency developed comprehensively, while Una district has become the only district which has Kendriya Vidyalayas in 4 out of 5 assembly constituencies and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya in one assembly constituency.

NEWS BRIEF

Weekly Language Festival concludes at Tauni Devi



RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR: India, known for its unparalleled diversity, stands as a living testament to "Unity in Diversity." It is not only a confluence of various religions, traditions, and cultures but also a harmonious coexistence of countless languages, reflecting the country's cultural richness and unity. Embracing this spirit, the Government Senior Secondary School, Tauni Devi, hosted a cluster-level Weekly Language Festival themed "Unity through Languages." The festival culminated in a grand closing ceremony on December 11, 2024. The week-long event aimed to acquaint students with the rich heritage and diversity of Indian languages. During the closing ceremony, students from third to eighth grades showcased their talents in various Indian languages. Their performances, which included Hindi and Marathi poetry recitations, Punjabi and Rajasthani dances, and Haryanvi plays, mesmerized the audience. The event's keynote speaker, Principal Rajneesh Sharma, addressed the students, highlighting the significance of India's linguistic heritage. He emphasized that language is more than just a means of communication—it is an integral part of culture, tradition, and identity. Principal Sharma remarked that such festivals offer a unique opportunity to understand and honor India's cultural diversity and national unity.

State govt celebrates two years of development and progress

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, DEC 11

A grand event was organised today at Luhnu Ground in Bilaspur to mark the completion of two successful years of the present state government in the state. On the occasion freedom fighters Bhag Singh, Sahaj Ram and Premi Devi wife of Narottam Shastri were honoured in recognition of their invaluable contributions to the Nation. Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu unveiled the Vikas Sankalan a comprehensive publication by the Information and Public Relations Department which highlights the achievements and initiatives undertaken by the government over the past two years. While presiding over the event, the Chief Minister said that the present



state government was committed for the overall and equitable development in the state, following the principles laid down by Rahul Gandhi and the Congress leadership. He said that we would not let the state's wealth to be misused and would ensure its equal distribution among all sections of society. This is Rahul Gandhi's vision and our

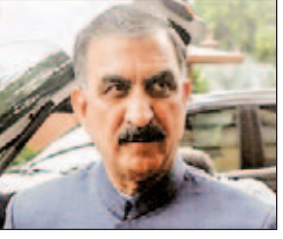
government was steadfastly working towards it," he stated. The Chief Minister said that the Congress government in Himachal Pradesh was formed two years ago with the support and blessings of the people as well as the extensive efforts of leaders like Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi and Rajiv Shukla. He reflected on his

40-year journey in public service, expressing gratitude for the opportunities provided by the Congress party. He said that on 11th December, 2022, a son of a farmer and government employee took the oath as Chief Minister. This was not just a celebration of two years but a reaffirmation of our mission. He said that our true

celebration would be in 2027 when Himachal Pradesh would become self-reliant. Sukhu said that the present state government implemented the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) for 1.36 lakh employees, despite facing pressure from the central government. He said that during last year's monsoon season, Himachal Pradesh experienced an unprecedented disaster. However, the government successfully evacuated 75,000 tourists and provided special reliefs package of Rs. 4,500 crore to the affected families. He said that our government has revised disaster relief manual for affected families from Rs. 1.5 lakh to Rs. 7 lakh and the central government was yet to release the Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) funds to Himachal Pradesh.

Government fulfils five guarantees in 15 months: CM

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, DEC 11



The Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said here today that to mark the completion of two years of the Congress government a state-level function would be held at Luhnu Ground of district Bilaspur. The Chief Minister congratulated and extended his best wishes to the people of the state on the occasion. While highlighting the government's achievements, the Chief Minister said that the two-year regime of the present state government has been a period of progress and fulfilment of promises. He said that our government has successfully implemented five guarantees within just 15 months and the remaining commitments were being fulfilled in a phased manner. Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that several ambitious schemes and

programmes have been initiated for the welfare and development of the people during these two years. He said that our government remains steadfast in its commitment to safeguard the interests of the people and ensure their upliftment and would continue to work with the same dedication and vision. He said that the event would be organized under the theme 'Atmanirbhar Himachal through Vyavastha Parivartan' and expressed his gratitude to the people for supporting the cause of Vyavastha Parivartan.

HP govt proved completely failed in last two years: Rajeev Bhardwaj

SANAJY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, DEC 11

Kangra-Chamba MP Dr Rajeev Bhardwaj said that what is the Himachal government celebrating 2 years for? The Congress government has cheated Himachal's youth, farmers, women, disabled and all sections in the last two years. He asked Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu what is the government celebrating 2 years for. He asked Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu whether the Sukhu government is celebrating cheating 22 lakh farmer families or not buying milk at Rs 100 per liter and cow dung at Rs 2 per kg from farmers? In the last two years, crime, inflation, unemployment, development stagnation and



debt burden have increased tremendously in Devbhoomi Himachal. Is the government celebrating the rebuke from the Supreme Court for not protecting the interests of the disabled? Sukhu government is celebrating cheating the unemployed, closing the institute that provides employment, burdening every Himachali with a loan of more than 1.20 lakh rupees, cheating 28 lakh women, closing the Shagun scheme for

daughters, ending the Grihini Suidha scheme. He said that the Congress government in Himachal has failed in every issue. The condition of the state has deteriorated and the government is celebrating, while the public is unhappy. Targeting the Congress government in Himachal, he said that the 2 years of the government have been stressful for the public. The public is unhappy in the environment created by the bad policies of the government, for which they want to give a befitting reply to the government. He advised Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu that instead of celebrating, he should understand the sufferings of the public and protect the interests of the people of Himachal Pradesh.

CM launches six new schemes to mark two years of state government

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, DEC 11

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu launched six new schemes and distributed financial assistance to beneficiaries during an event at Luhnu Ground, Bilaspur, marking the completion of two years of the present state government's tenure. Aiming to promote natural farming, the Chief Minister introduced "Him Bhog Atta," prepared from maize grown using natural farming practices. The government procured 398 metric tonnes of maize from 1,506 farmers of ten districts of the State and transferred Rs. 1.20 crore directly to their bank accounts. With Himachal Pradesh offering the highest support price in the country for



wheat (Rs. 40 per kg) and maize (Rs. 30 per kg), over 1.98 lakh farmers across 35,000 hectares were engaged in natural farming. To further encourage this Rajiv Gandhi Natural Farming Start-up Scheme under Rs. 680 crore Rajiv Gandhi Start-up Scheme was integrating 36,000 new farmers this year. To benefit small farmers and livestock owners and fulfil the Guarantee enshrined in Congress Pratigya Patra, Sh. Sukhu launched a

scheme to purchase organic compost and vermin-compost at Rs. 300 per quintal. Payments of Rs. 1 lakh were distributed to 100 farmers via direct benefit transfer (DBT). This initiative aims to boost farmer's incomes thereby strengthening the rural economy. The Chief Minister also handed over keys to 16 electric taxi owners under the Rajiv Gandhi Self-Employment Start-up Scheme 2023. Beneficiaries received a

50 percent subsidy for purchasing the e-taxis with the vehicles leased to government offices for five years. This arrangement guarantees a stable monthly income for taxi owners. The state government aims to provide around 150 permits to e-taxi owners in the first phase. Sukhu also rolled down Indra Gandhi Sukh Shiksha Yojana by disbursing Rs. 1.38 crore to the eligible 5145 beneficiaries of the State and also provided them eligibility certificates. The scheme aims to cover 23 thousand children's education and well-being of the widows, destitute women, divorced women and disabled parents, offering them financial assistance for their higher education and well-being.

Sukhu government celebrated and public is mourning: Vishav Chakshu

SANAJY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, DEC 11



Employees and officers are upset with the working style of Sukhu government. Congress leaders and workers are also in a state of frustration and trouble with such a government. He said that on one hand Chief Minister Sukhu is crying about the financial crisis of the state, on the other hand he is wasting crores of rupees of the public in the mourning celebration of ruin. The Modi government of the center is constantly sending money to the state and the Sukhu government is spending that money on his pleasures. He

said that in two years Sukhu government has ruined the state more than the disaster. Today the women, unemployed, farmers, employees, former employees, officers and common people of the state are all troubled by this false and incompetent government. He said that on one hand there is no development and on the other hand the state is sinking under the burden of debt. Wherever the Congress party, which gives free guarantees and freebies, came to power, the situation of that state has become unstable. The Congress government got majority in Himachal by giving the illusion of free guarantees and also formed the government, but now there is no money for development there, that means their intentions are not clear, the lack of development work even after taking loans shows this.

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, DEC 11

A one-day workshop on CollabFiles, eTaal and Gov. Intranet Web Portals was organized by NIC for the officers of various Departments of the State here today. The workshop was inaugurated by Chief Secretary Prabodh Saxena who encouraged all the participants to make full use of these tools. He said that these platforms aim to facilitate secure communication, enhance data handling and streamline operations across Government Offices. Over 135 officers from various departments of Himachal Pradesh participated in the workshop. The objective of this workshop was to familiarize the participants with the skills and knowledge to fully leverage the power of



CollabFiles, eTaal and Gov. Intranet Web Portal. Secretary, Ayush and Digital Technologies and Governance, Rakhil Kahlon was the Guest of Honour. Deputy Director General and State co-ordinator Inder Paul Singh Sethi, along with his teams from NIC Headquarters and NIC Telangana played a key role in the workshop. The workshop featured a series of presentations followed by a live demo by Dr P. Gayatri, HoD CollabFiles and Dr O.P. Gupta, Director (IT), NIC Delhi. The speakers gave very

valuable insights into these key digital initiatives aimed at improving Government Office operations. Deputy Director General NIC Sh. Ajay Singh Chahal, welcomed the Chief Guest and all the participants and gave an overview of these digital tools and highlighted their importance for the implementation in Himachal Pradesh. In his introductory address, he also mentioned various ongoing projects being handled by NIC Himachal Pradesh for making the processes simpler, transparent and accountable.

Rapid development work is being carried out in Dharamshala City: Neenu Sharma

SANAJY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, DEC 11



Municipal Corporation Dharamshala Mayor Neenu Sharma said that the Municipal Corporation is working under schemes for the beauty of all the wards. The general public will also have to work on their part to ensure that the cleanliness system in the city remains effective. Dirt can be avoided by throwing garbage in the dustbin. Neenu Sharma said that apart from Dharamshala city, the condition of the wards under the corporation has improved a lot compared to before. Development work is being done rapidly in Dharamshala City under the Municipal Corporation. The Municipal Corporation is also being made self-reliant by increasing the income. Wherever there is encroachment in the name of vending zone, the Municipal Corporation administration will take strict action, so that the city can be kept clean. Where shops are being run illegally in a disorderly manner, it will be arranged. Action will be taken against encroachment. Mayor Neenu Sharma said that in Municipal Corporation Dharamshala, it has been made mandatory to take permission and NOC for putting up advertisements, hoardings and boards at public places as well as private places i.e. houses, shops and other buildings. The prescribed fee on the laws has also been asked to be deposited in MC Dharamshala. Advertisements, hoardings, banners and other promotional material without permission have been banned in Dharamshala city so that the beauty of the city remains intact. She said that encroachment will not be tolerated in the city under any circumstances.

INTUC to hold 314th executive meeting on December 21 in New Delhi

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, DEC 11



The 314th executive meeting of the National INTUC (Indian National Trade Union Congress) will be held on December 21, 2024, at the URMU Congress Hall, Panchkuian Road, New Delhi. Dr. G. Sanjeeva Reddy, the National President of INTUC, will preside over the session, as stated in a press note issued by Comrade Jagat Ram Sharma, the National Executive Organization Secretary of INTUC. The meeting will witness the participation of top national leaders, including Mr. R.C. Khuntia, Mr. Sanjay Singh, Mr. Raghu Bhaiya, Mr. Chandrashekharan, Mr. Ashok Singh, and Mr. Chandraprakash Singh. Additionally, all executive members and presidents of INTUC chapters from across the states will attend. The agenda will focus on pressing issues such as protecting public sector enterprises from destruction under the current government policies, controlling inflation, and addressing the rising unemployment in the country. Other critical topics include the repeal of the four labor codes replacing 44 labor laws, the eradication of outsourcing and contractual employment practices, and discussions on the demands of Anganwadi workers and Class IV employees. Strengthening INTUC's organizational structure and deliberating on union affiliations will also be key points of discussion.

School safety training program on disaster management held at Khadd

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, DEC 11



A one-day school safety training program on disaster management was organized on Wednesday at Pandit Mohan Lal Dutt Memorial Government Senior Secondary School, Khadd, by the 14th Battalion of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Nurpur, Kangra District. The event saw active participation from approximately 298 students and 30 teaching and non-teaching staff members. The NDRF team, led by Inspector Adesh Kumar and supported by Sub-Inspectors Avtar Singh and Mohit Singh, conducted awareness sessions and mock

drills to educate students on rescue and relief measures during various natural and man-made disasters. The training included practical demonstrations on handling emergencies such as fires, floods, and providing CPR and first aid. The training in-charge from the Disaster

Management Cell of the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Una, highlighted the significance of the drills. He emphasized that the students gained hands-on experience and theoretical knowledge about emergency responses and basic medical care during disasters. The NDRF team also presented a medical

treatment kit to the school's disaster management committee to facilitate prompt action during any school-related emergencies. School Principal Narendra Puri expressed gratitude to the NDRF and district administration teams, calling the program highly beneficial for the students. He hoped that the training would equip the students to save their own lives and assist others in future disaster situations. The event was attended by the school's teaching and non-teaching staff, the disaster management committee members, and the entire student body, who collectively ensured the program's success.

Raipur School students learn self-defense and fire safety techniques



JOGINDRA DEV ARYA
BANGANA, DEC 11

A one-day training camp focused on disaster preparedness and safety techniques was organized at Government Senior Secondary School, Raipur Maidan, under the guidance of the Bangana Sub Fire Station. The camp, held under the chairmanship of Principal Nardev Singh, aimed to educate students about various disasters and the importance of fire safety. Deputy Fire Officer Madan Lal briefed students on different fire-related tragedies and their preventive measures. Under his supervision, First Fire Officer Kuldeep Kumar Rana, along with other officers, demonstrated methods to extinguish fires caused by leaking cooking gas cylinders. Students were also taught the classification of fires and the use of appropriate fire extinguishing equipment for each type. Additionally, Officer Kuldeep Kumar educated the students on rescue techniques to aid injured victims during disasters or accidents.

BARNALA DEHATI (BALWINDER AZAD): The annual FAP National Award 2024 was organized by the Federation of Private Schools and the Association of Punjab at Chandigarh University. In which awards were given to the principals, teachers and students of the schools for various categories. 800 schools participated on this occasion. Paradise Academy Wajidke Khurd (Barnala) received the Best School Award by the Principal of the institution Jaswinder Singh Chahal and the management members of the school, Ma: Dilshad Khan was awarded the Best Music Teacher and 9th student Gurvir Singh son of Sukhwinder Singh of village Amala Singh Wala got the third place in Punjabi folk song and got the Best Student award, bringing glory to Paradise Academy and his parents. After this honorable event, upon reaching the school, the teachers and students were given a grand welcome.



Job fair by Mohali Admin helps 80 aspirants to get jobs



LK BANSAL MOHALI, DEC 11

Mohali Administration and District Bureau of Employment and Enterprise in collaboration with some 19 job provider companies offered 80 aspirants attractive jobs based on their qualifications and experience at a Job Fair, organized at the premises of Government Industrial Training Institute, Phase 5, Mohali, today.

"The job fair was held as its commitment to exploring the opportunities for the unemployed/employed fresher or experienced youth having qualifications from middle to post-graduation including ITI, Diploma and other short term skilled courses", said the Deputy Commissioner, Ashika Jain who also led the District Bureau of Employment and Enterprise SAS Nagar, the key organizer of today's job fair.

Wishing all the best to the successful job aspirants, while handing over letters of Intent, Deputy Commissioner Jain said that the rest of the job seekers who couldn't succeed next round should gear up for the next round. She said that a total of 182 job aspirants appeared in the Job Fair today. About 21 companies like D-mart, PVR Cinemas, Tube Product of India, ICICI Bank (iProcess), LIC, Phone pe (Quest Corp), Zomato, Swiggy, Blinkit, Zepto, Allena Auto Industries Pvt Ltd, Industrial tools and gauges Mohali, Ariel Telecom, Diplast Plastics, Murari services, Nik Bakers, Protalk Solutions, Mahindra Swaraj, Gillard Auto Industries, Circle of Crust etc. attended the Job fair as job providers. Interacting with the job seekers and providers during her visit to the Job Fair, she said that Mohali as a most liked destination of investors and business tycoons, have immense potential for employment to youth with big dreams and ambitions. He said that the companies she met here have a huge potential for skilled manpower in different fields so the youth should have at least a proper education and training in job-oriented skills to rise high in their careers. Giving tips to them, she asked them to come up at every job fair with an impressive Curriculum Vitae having all the information about their education and other skills they own with experience so that they could interact with them directly in their desired field.

Nobel prize ceremony celebrated at AIMS Mohali

SHASHI PAL JAIN MOHALI, DEC 11



The Department of Biochemistry at AIMS Mohali, led by Dr. Shalini, organized a grand simulation of the Nobel Prize Award Ceremony, combining scientific exploration, cultural traditions, and global humanitarian values to inspire students and faculty alike.

The highlight of the event was a discussion on the 2024 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, awarded to Victor Ambros and Gary Ruvkun for their discovery of microRNA and its transformative role in gene regulation. MicroRNAs, small non-coding RNA molecules, play a crucial role in regulating gene expression and are housed within what was once considered "junk DNA."

Dr. Suchet captivated the audience with a simple yet insightful explanation of the central dogma of molecular biology—how genetic information flows from DNA to RNA to proteins. He then seamlessly integrated the concept of microRNA, explaining its role in interrupting this flow by binding to messenger RNA, thereby regulating protein synthesis. His engaging approach made a complex topic accessible to everyone present. Dr. Deepak Kaul shared his fascination with how only 10% of the genome codes for proteins, while the other 90%, initially labeled as "junk DNA," includes vital elements like microRNAs. These molecules are now known to be key regulators in numerous biological processes. Dr. Baldeep elaborated on microRNAs as diagnostic and prognostic biomarkers, emphasizing their role in the early detection and prediction of diseases such as cancer, diabetes, and autoimmune disorders. Dr. Veena Dhawan provided a deeper insight into the molecular mechanism of microRNA, highlighting its therapeutic potential in personalized medicine. Adding cultural depth, student Navdeep's intricate origami exhibition of paper cranes symbolized the Japanese tradition of "senbazuru," where

folding 1,000 cranes is believed to grant wishes and embody peace and resilience. The story of Sadako Sasaki, a Hiroshima survivor who folded cranes in her quest for healing, was shared as an inspirational tale of hope and perseverance. The event also paid tribute to the 2024 Nobel Peace Prize, awarded to Nihon Hidankyo for their relentless efforts to advocate for nuclear disarmament, resonating with the universal quest for peace.

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Adviser to Administrator participates as Chief Guest in 'Bhartiya Bhasha Utsav' celebration at GMSSS-10

CHANDIGARH, DEC 11

Bhartiya Bhasha Utsav, or Indian Languages Festival was celebrated today on 11th December 2024 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Mahakavi Subramania Bharati, a renowned Tamil poet and freedom fighter who advocated for the unification and appreciation of all Indian languages.



The Department of School Education, UT Chandigarh Administration organised this state level function at GMSSS Sector 10 Chandigarh. Shri Rajeev Verma Adviser to the Administrator, UT Chandigarh graced the occasion as chief guest. Ms. Prerna Puri, Secretary Education was the guest of honour while other senior officers of the Education Department and Chandigarh Administration registered their

presence on the occasion. Rajeev Verma in his address shared the importance of preserving different languages. He motivated the youngsters to take pride in the diverse and rich culture and languages of India. He added that by celebrating Bhartiya Bhasha Utsav, Chandigarh not only honored its linguistic heritage but also fostered a sense of unity and mutual respect among its diverse population.

The State Level celebration marked the culmination of week-long Bhasha Utsav activities from 4th to 11th December 2024 in schools of Chandigarh where students had participated with great enthusiasm. The event served as a platform to promote cultural harmony and national integration by encouraging students to engage with and appreciate the multitude of languages spoken across the country.

Preparations for transfer of cyber crime branch to police station division number 1 starts: Maninder Singh Lucky

SHARANJEET PATHANKOT, DEC 11

In cases of online fraud and cybercrime, people will no longer have to go to the cyber-crime office in Sadar police station, 12 km away from the city, to register their complaint.

shifted to Police Station Division No. 1, which will bring relief to the people. Let us tell you that cybercrime branch is getting 5 to 10 complaints online and offline every day.

In which the cyber-crime branch has solved many complaints and arrested the accused. Maninder Singh Lucky, president of Pathankot Chamber of Commerce, says that in a recent program organized by traders, a demand was placed before SSP Diljinder Singh Dhillon, who arrived as the chief guest, to transfer the cyber crime branch to Police Station Division No. 1. He said that now with the transfer of Cybercrime Branch to Police Station Division No. 1, people will not have to travel 12 km away for online fraud.

Jogi Grewal, MD of Garry Farms Nanoki honored for his excellent services by Punjab Tourism Department



RAKESH JINDAL NABHA, DEC 11

Punjab Tourism Recognition (PTR)2024, a prestigious initiative designed to honor businesses and organizations that have made significant contributions to Punjab's tourism industry, was organized at Hotel Radisson Blu, Amritsar. It is to be noted that PTR aims to recognize excellence in business performance, sustainable practices and innovative approaches that have positively impacted the state's tourism sector. During the same impressive state-level ceremony, Garry Farms Nanoki of district Patiala received popular choice recognition in the Best Adventure Sports Provider category. It is worth mentioning that Garry Farms was one of the first 14 farm houses to be registered under the Nanoki Punjab Farm Tourism Scheme, which has provided the best and highest level of services to tourists from the surrounding areas as well as faraway. Garry Farms Nanoki combines the popular features of Farm Stay, Wildlife Safari, Mountaineering Basic Training, Off-roading, Rappelling, Boating, Horse Riding, Pottery, Picnic and Educational School Trips.

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MP Aujla reaches to meet Priyanka Gandhi



CHARANJIT SINGH ARORA AMRITSAR, DEC 11

MP Gurjeet Singh Aujla met Priyanka Gandhi today who reached Parliament after winning from Wayanad. MP Aujla congratulated her by giving holy prasad of Shri Harimandir Sahib and a plant.

that just like Rahul Gandhi resonates as the voice of every section in Parliament, similarly now Priyanka Gandhi will also resonate as the voice of the people in Parliament. MP Aujla also invited Priyanka Gandhi to visit Amritsar and informed her about the beauty and religious importance of Guru Nagri. He said that the blessings of the supreme power should continue to guide her while working tirelessly for the people of Wayanad.

Meeting of Sub Committee of compensation to victims of accidents caused due to stray animals held

CHANDIGARH, DEC 11

A meeting of the Sub Committee of Compensation to the Victims of accidents caused due to stray cattle/ animal/ dog bite was held on 10th December 2024.



The meeting was chaired by Sh. Nishant Kumar Yadav, Deputy Commissioner Chandigarh-cum-Chairman of the said Committee. Joint Commissioner Municipal Corporation Chandigarh - cum- Member Convener, Medical Superintendent of Government Multi Speciality Hospital, Sector 16, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Inspector Traffic and Nodal Officer, Dog Control Cell, MC Chandigarh were also present. During the meeting, the sub-committee considered 116 cases, out of which 81 cases were recommendation for

compensation as per the notification dated 02.07.2024. The remaining cases have been put under verification and these will be placed before the Sub-Committee after receipt of verification. Sh. Nishant Kumar Yadav, Chairman-cum-Deputy Commissioner directed all the members of the sub-committee that in case any case is received in their offices for compensation, the same may be forwarded to the Office of Deputy Commissioner or the

Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh so that the same could also be included in the list of such cases and placed before the Committee for a decision.

It is pertinent to mention that the sub-committee is part of a Committee notified by the Department of Local Government, Chandigarh Administration vide notification dated 02.07.2024 on the directions of 18.08.2023 of the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court.

Proposed 35% GST on products will fuel illicit trade

CHANDIGARH (RAJIV JAIN): The proposed 35% GST slab on high-tax products like tobacco and aerated drinks is counterproductive and poses serious risks to India's economy, employment and tobacco control efforts. High taxes on cigarettes will push consumers towards cheaper, illicit alternatives and will give fuel to the smuggled market. India's legal cigarette industry, which makes up only 10% of overall tobacco consumption but contributes 80% of tobacco tax revenue, is under threat from high taxes and a growing illicit trade.

Cigarette tax hikes have been significant, with excise rates increasing by a CAGR of 15.7% between 2012-2017, followed by hikes of 20% in 2017, 13% in 2020, and 16% in 2023. This aggressive taxation has made legal cigarettes unaffordable, driving consumers to the smuggled market. India now has the fourth-largest illicit cigarette market, costing the government an estimated Rs. 21,000 crore annually, with the total illegal tobacco market valued at over Rs. 30,000 crore.

According to studies by Euromonitor International and Alvarez & Marsal (2024), in India, 90% of tobacco consumers can afford products in the Rs 0.50 to Rs 4 per unit range, making them opt out of highly-taxed products in favour of lower-quality cheap tobacco. The growth of smuggled cigarettes has reduced demand for Indian-grown tobacco, causing job losses and a decline in farmer income. From 2013 to 2023, the decline in tobacco production resulted in a loss of 238 million mandays of employment. Tobacco contributes over Rs 72,000 crore in tax revenue (2022-23) and Rs 12,000 crore in foreign exchange (2023-24). According to ASSOCHAM, the sector adds Rs 17 lakh crore to India's economy, including its direct.

Governor Kataria leads 'Nasha Mukta-Rangla Punjab' Walkathon, calls for collective fight against drugs



J S SODHI JALANDHAR, DEC 11

Punjab Governor Shri Gulab Chand Kataria addressed the closing ceremony of the two-day "Nasha Mukta-Rangla Punjab" walkathon at the Jang-e-Azadi Memorial, emphasizing the importance of a united front against drug addiction.

The event, which began with a 7-kilometer walk from Bhatthe village, saw significant participation from women, youth, and social organizations, a sign the Governor described as "encouraging" for creating a resilient Punjab. He called for active community involvement, especially from mothers, to guide the younger generation toward a drug-free future. Honouring Punjab's legacy of sacrifice, Governor Kataria urged the public to draw inspiration from the teachings of the Sikh Gurus to combat this menace. Highlighting the role of collective responsibility, he announced plans for an interfaith dialogue.

Anmol Gagan Mann inaugurates election office of AAP candidate Anju Chander

SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, DEC 11

Kharar MLA and former minister Smt. Anmol Gagan Mann today inaugurated the election office of Aam Aadmi Party candidate Smt. Anju Chander for the upcoming by-election of Ward No. 16 of Kharar Nagar Council here.



While inaugurating, she said that Smt. Anju Chander has been made the candidate only after taking the opinion of the common people and conducting a survey of this area. She said that Smt. Anju Chander has previously been the President of Kharar and she also has experience in development.

The MLA said that her main aim is to develop Kharar city. She said that she has got projects like Kajoli Water Works and STP Plant

passed for Kharar. Smt. Anju Chander thanked Anmol Gagan Mann for giving her ticket.

On this occasion, Anju Chander's husband Principal Jasvir Chander, Ram Saroop Sharma, Vinod Kapoor, Manmohan Singh, Sukhwinder Singh Bittu, Gurwinder Singh

Revolutionizing Construction: Tata Hitachi Launches Cutting-Edge Machines at BAUMA 2025



CHANDIGARH: Revolutionizing the Industry with Electric Innovation Tata Hitachi, a pioneer in India's construction equipment industry, proudly inaugurated its pavilion at BAUMA Conexpo 2024 with an impactful showcase, including Indigenously developed 20-Ton Electric Excavator concept - the EX 210LC Electric. This state-of-the-art electric machine addresses the evolving needs of infrastructure development

while maintaining a steadfast focus on significantly lower operations & maintenance costs and environmental stewardship. This revolutionary step highlights Tata Hitachi's unwavering commitment to innovation, sustainability, and nation-building, exemplified through the theme "Aao Kartavya Nibhaye, Chalo Desh Banaye."



MANISH KUMAR
AMBALA: Gita Jayanti was celebrated with great pomp at Shri Vidyasagar Balbharati Public School. Students worshipped Lord Krishna and recited important shlokas from Gita. Gita Jayanti is celebrated every year on Ekadashi of Shukla Paksha of



Margashirsha month. This day symbolizes the invaluable teachings given by Lord Krishna to Arjuna, which

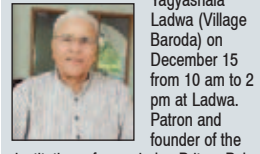
impart amazing knowledge and morality during the war of Mahabharata. Hindi teacher Raman Batra addressed students and said that when Arjuna was hesitant to face his brothers on the battlefield, Shri Krishna made him understand the true religion and duty. "Lord Shri Krishna

gave Arjuna knowledge and inspiration not only for the war but also to face every challenge in life. We should inculcate the messages of Gita in our lives. During the ceremony, students recited important shlokas from the Gita and described the glory of Lord Shri Krishna.

NEWS BRIEF

Free medical camp will be organized on Yagyashala premises on Dec 15

VIJAY KAUSHIK
LADWA: Former Judge Pritam Pal, founder of Yagyashala Ladwa (Village Baroda) and Vi Help Charitable Trust Ladwa informed that a medical camp will be organized at Yagyashala



Yagyashala Ladwa (Village Baroda) on December 15 from 10 am to 2 pm at Ladwa. Patron and founder of institutions, former judge Pritam Pal said that like every year, this year also a free medical camp will be organized for the welfare of the people on December 15 at 10a.m. with courtesy of a social organization Vi Help Charitable Trust Ladwa and Yagyashala Gurukul. In the camp specialist doctors of MM Medical College Mullana will provide free medical checkup, consultation and free medicines to the people. He told that blood of the patients will be tested in the camp. Check-up, sugar test and blood pressure test will also be done free of cost.

MoU between Govt Arya Mahavidyalaya Nurpur and Raja Ka Baag for new opening for students



SANJEEV MAHAJAN
NURPUR: The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Government Arya Mahavidyalaya Nurpur and Raja Ka Baag: The Boutique Hotel will open up new possibilities for students. Under this agreement, students of B.Voc Hospitality and Tourism Department of college will be given on-the-job training in hotel, which will provide them employment opportunities along with training. Agreement was signed by Principal of college Dr. Anil Kumar Thakur, Prof Sanjay Kumar Jasrotia and Dr. Sohan Kumar, Nodal Officer of Hospitality and Tourism Department of V.Voc. Member of the Board of Directors of Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation and Managing Director of Raja Ka Baag: The Boutique Hotel, Amber Mahajan said that the students will be well trained and will be provided job opportunities in industry of Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation. This agreement will be beneficial not only for the students but also for the tourism industry of Himachal Pradesh. This will overcome the shortage of skilled and trained youth in the tourism industry and will boost the tourism industry.

Delhi Excise policy case: SC relaxes bail conditions for Manish Sisodia

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, DEC 11

The Supreme Court on Wednesday granted relief to former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Manish Sisodia by relaxing a key bail condition in the Delhi excise policy matter.

A bench comprising Justice BR Gai and Justice KV Viswanathan removed the requirement for Sisodia to mark his attendance before the investigating officer every Monday and Thursday. This condition had been imposed in corruption and money laundering cases related to the now-scrapped Delhi Excise Policy.

While deleting the



condition, the Court emphasised that Sisodia must attend trial proceedings without fail.

"The application to relax the condition requiring the applicant to visit the police station twice a week is

allowed. We hold that the condition is not needed and, therefore, deleted. However, the applicant shall regularly attend the trial," the Bench stated in its order.

In August 2024, the Supreme Court granted bail

to Sisodia in cases filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

The Court observed that the prolonged delay in the trial violated Sisodia's right to a speedy trial, a cornerstone of liberty under Article 21 of the Constitution.

The initial bail was subject to several conditions, including furnishing bail bonds of Rs 10,00,000 with two sureties of the same amount. Surrendering his passport and reporting to the investigating officer every Monday and Thursday.

Sisodia had sought relaxation of the third condition, which the Court

granted.

Sisodia had been in custody from February 26, 2023, until his release on bail in August 2024.

The case involves allegations of irregularities in the Delhi excise policy, including claims that it was altered to benefit certain liquor vendors in return for bribes, which were allegedly used to fund AAP's election campaign in Goa.

Senior Advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, along with advocates Vivek Jain, Mohd Irshad, Suchitra Kumbhat, Amit Bhandari, Rajat Jain, and Sadiq Noor, represented Sisodia in the matter. Additional Solicitor General SV Raju appeared for the ED.

Indian tricolour is symbol of our identity and unity: Savitri Jindal



DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, DEC 11

Savitri Jindal, former minister and MLA Hisar, attended the Naveen Jindal Foundation pavilion at the International Gita Mahotsav. Under the Flag Foundation of India's "Mera Dhaaga, Mera Tricolour, Mera Desh" campaign, Savitri Jindal donated thread for making of national flag and signed in support of Flag Foundation of India's campaign to celebrate January 23 as National Flag Day. Savitri Jindal said on this occasion that my thread is not just a contribution but a symbol of my commitment to nation. Indian tricolour is a

symbol of our identity and unity. I appeal to every citizen to be a part of this campaign and make Flag Foundation of India's efforts to celebrate National Flag Day on 23rd January a success. On International Gita Mahotsav, purpose of this special event is to promote a sense of respect and pride among citizens towards Indian tricolour. Member of Parliament Naveen Jindal is gathering public support to get January 23 declared as National Flag Day. For this, support is being gathered by running a signature campaign during the International Gita Jayanti Mahotsav.

'Chalo Chamba' campaign creates new identity in Kolkata

BALKRISHAN PRASHAR
CHAMBA, DEC 11

"Chalo Chamba", an official campaign of the district administration, has got a new identity with the support of Tourism Gandhi of India Raj Basu and his ACT organization. It has also been supported by the Himalayan countries. In a recently held sixth Himalayan Orange Tourism Festival (HOTF) 2024 from December 6 to 8 in Kolkata, the Chalo Chamba abhiyaan has become a part of the big network. In this festival, 50 stalls were set up showing tourism of the country and abroad. About 700 representatives informed people about the tourism of their respective areas at 50 stalls. Out of these, the stall of Chalo Chamba campaign was set up by the 'Not On Map' organization of Chamba. Around 60 thousand people



had attended the festival. These people were given information about the world famous tourist places of Chamba district as well as untouched beautiful tourist places by the Not On Map organization. Alongwith this, information was given about the historical importance of Chamba district and religious tourism to community-based rural tourism. People listened to the comprehensive information

given by Not On Map and also expressed their desire to come to Chamba. The three-day festival mesmerized the people with the cultural performances showcasing the vibrant traditions of North Bengal, Sikkim, Meghalaya, Himachal Pradesh, Nepal and Bhutan. Magandeep, Jyoti and Adama Singh, associated with the Chalo Chamba campaign, said that during the festival they got a chance to meet Tourism Gandhi of India. The Chalo Chamba campaign has been highly appreciated by the people who came to participate in the event.

"People associated with tourism campaigns should continue to build bridges between urban and rural places and go on promoting tourism which benefits both people and the environment", said Raj Basu, Founder of Act organization.

Redefining Skill Development: National Federation demands revival of descriptive exams to transform vocational training

PARMOD VERMA
NARAINGARH: In a decisive step toward revolutionizing India's vocational education system, the All India United Federation of Government ITI Employees' Associations has launched a powerful campaign calling for the reinstatement of descriptive examinations. This bold initiative seeks to address the shortcomings of the current Computer-Based Test (CBT) system and usher in a comprehensive, skill-oriented evaluation framework. National Federation President V.S. Shekhawat delivered a sharp critique of the CBT model, describing it as an ineffective and restrictive assessment mechanism. "CBT reduces vocational education to mere checkbox exercises, failing to evaluate practical skills or inspire creativity. Descriptive exams are the cornerstone of fostering innovation and preparing our workforce with the expertise required in today's competitive world," he asserted.

The limitations of CBT have been particularly detrimental in subjects like Engineering Drawing, which demand precision and spatial reasoning. Federation National General Secretary Parimal Kumar Pal emphasized, "CBT's one-size-fits-all approach undermines the integrity of skill training. Descriptive exams are vital for a fair and accurate assessment of trainees' true capabilities."

The Federation's call has sparked widespread support from educators, industry leaders, and vocational training advocates across the nation: Anil Kumar, President of the H.P. State ITIs Technical Employees Association, stated, "CBT creates inequities in assessment. Descriptive exams ensure fair and precise evaluations, providing trainees with an equal opportunity to excel."

Vaccination services given on occasion of Mamata Divas: SMO



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: Civil Surgeon Barnala Dr. Baldev Singh under the guidelines of, Dr. Senior Medical Officer. Under the leadership of Gurtejinder Kaur, Mamta Day was celebrated at various health centers under Block Mahal Kalan. On this occasion Dr. Gurtejinder said that pregnant women and children are vaccinated on Mamata Divas so that both mother and child remain healthy and children can be protected from 10 deadly diseases by getting vaccinated. Health Supervisor Balwinder Kaur said that children from newborn to one and a half years old are vaccinated against polio, whooping cough, whooping cough, tetanus, cerebral fever, jaundice, measles, rubella and pneumonia. The drops are administered to protect against polio drops and rotavirus disease. On this occasion, BEE Shivani said that mothers and pregnant women who come for vaccination are also given detailed information about health care. He said that the newborn baby should not be given a doll and to keep the baby away from infection, the hands should be washed thoroughly with soap and then the baby should be picked up.

International Disabled Day observed with students with special needs



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: As per the guidelines of Director Employment Generation, Skill Development and Training Department Punjab, Chandigarh, the World Day program was organized by District Employment and Business Bureau Barnala at School for Differently Aabled Children (Pawan Seva Samiti) Barnala. In this program, District Employment Generation, Skill Development and Training Officer Barnala shared information about all types of facilities provided by the employment office to the candidates with special needs and organized activities. On this occasion, stationery items like note books, pens and file covers were also distributed to the students. Apart from this, online registration of all these students was also done on PGRCOM so that in future, information about government recruitments coming from time to time for Divyang candidates can be obtained. In the end, the head of the school, Deepthi Sharma, was thanked on behalf of the group employment office.

Shobha Yatra takes out on the occasion of district level Gita Mahotsav

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, DEC 11

As part of the three-day programs organized by the Department of Information, Public Relations and Language and the District Administration on the occasion of District Level Gita Mahotsav-2024, a Shobha Yatra was taken out from Maharaja Agrasen Chowk near Railway Station and this Shobha Yatra was flagged off by MLA Ghanshyam Das Arora. The Shobha Yatra was started with chanting of mantras and started from Maharaja Agrasen Chowk and passed through Shahid Bhagat Singh Chowk, Pyara Chowk, Nehru Park, Model Town and culminated at the main event venue, Dussehra Ground where district officials and dignitaries were present. People welcomed the procession and received



Shrimad Bhagwat Geeta Ji with reverence and bowed to Geeta. In the procession, a palanquin was kept in the grand procession of Shrimad Bhagwat Geeta book.

In this tableau, there were tableaux of various departments as well as social-religious organizations. Through this the usefulness of Gita's message in life and social messages were shown. The tableaux included the tableau of Shri Krishna Kripa Seva Samiti and Nagar Kirtan by Neeru Chauhan on behalf of GO Geeta, tableau of

Health Department, District Project Coordinator/Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, AYUSH Department, Women and Child Development Department, HAFED, District Citizen Resource Information Manager. People in large number participated in the procession along with Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, Nagar Kirtan, New and Renewable Energy Department, District MSME Centre, Guru Nanak Khalsa College, Shani Dharm Sansthan tableau, Suruchi Chemical Industries Band.

Annual function of SMS Memorial Public School celebrated



KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI, DEC 11

The annual function of SMS Memorial Public School, Taraori was celebrated with great pomp in the school on Wednesday. The annual function was named Aagaaz Jagriti. First of all, the students of the school welcomed the guests by applying tilak on their foreheads. The annual function of the school was started by the school manager Gursharan Singh Grewal and the school principal Dr. Vibha Kaushik and other dignitaries by offering flowers to the statue of Maa Saraswati. In the colourful cultural program the students mesmerized everyone with their melodious presentations. Through a short play presented by the students the society was made aware about the increasing cyber crimes in the society and how to prevent these. The teachers of the school gave the



message of environmental awareness. The presentations of the students included Saraswati Vandana, Colourful programmes like Shabd Gayan, Women Empowerment, Garba, Bhangra. School manager Surat Singh Grewal said that along with education, such cultural activities should be organized from time to time for skill development of students. Students must set high goals in their lives and hard work was very important to achieve those goals. During this time, students who achieved excellent success in the field of education were honored with trophies and cash prizes and encouraged. The school's principal Dr. Vibha Kaushik threw light on the program Aagaaz Jagriti Ka presented in the school. She said that the aim of the Jagriti program was to prepare young minds to voluntarily adopt some great values in their lives and thus faced the challenges of life in a better way.

Huge procession taken out on concluding day of Gita Jayanti celebrations in Ladwa

VIJAY KAUSHIK
LADWA, DEC 11

For the first time, a three-day Gita Jayanti was celebrated in Ladwa on Wednesday. Every year Gita Jayanti is celebrated at an international level in Kurukshetra but for the first time a three-day Gita Jayanti celebration was organized in Ladwa with the help of Chief Minister Naib Saini. At its conclusion, a huge procession was taken out from Ladwa Hindu High School. Ladwa's Nambardar Association gave a grand welcome to the procession in the old vegetable market and welcomed Gita Jayanti by distributing fruits. He said that the message of Gita was present in every particle of Haryana. The



message of Gita shows us the path of living. We found the solution to every problem, difficulty and stress of human life in Gita. On Wednesday, he was addressing the people present as the chief guest on the occasion of the huge procession organized on the third day of the district level Gita Jayanti celebrations at Hindu High School. He said that Lord Shri Krishna had preached the Gita to Arjun.

Due to these teachings the culture and traditions of this country were still intact. People in this country have always protected religion by giving sacrifice, penance and self-denial. This strength has come only and only from the teachings of the holy book Gita and the blessings of God. The entire humanity has got the message of doing karma and not expecting the result from the teachings of the holy book Gita.

Pb govt officers must avoid highhandedness and interference in Municipal polls: Bittu

RAWEL BHINDER
PATIALA, DEC 11

Union Minister Ravneet Singh Bittu appealed to Punjab government officers to refrain from interfering in the democratic process during municipal elections. He alleged that IAS and IPS officers are delaying NOCs under political pressure, against the BJP candidates.

Addressing a press conference in Patiala, Bittu warned officers to avoid such actions, stating that strict vigilance is being kept on those indulging in such activities under the influence of the Aam Aadmi Party-led Punjab government.

"Officers must remember their cadres are with the central government. If



evidence is found against any officer, FIRs will be registered through the Election Commission," Bittu said. He also warned, "I will remind these officers that neither Bhagwant Mann nor Arvind Kejriwal will stand by them during their difficult times." Bittu appealed to Patiala voters to elect a BJP mayor for the city's overall development, ensuring direct access to the central

leadership. "A BJP mayor will facilitate the initiation of large projects for Patiala's development, just like in other states like Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and Maharashtra, which have already benefited from BJP's development agenda," Bittu added. Regarding the ongoing farmers' protest at Punjab's borders, Bittu reiterated his willingness to engage in dialogue.

Program-unity through languages-organised by Maharishi Dayanand Hindi Sahitya Parishad



YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI
PEHOWA: A discussion program on the topic of unity through languages was organized by Maharishi Dayanand Hindi Sahitya Parishad and the Hindi Department in DAV College on Wednesday. After the start of the program, the Head of the Department Dr. Sumanlata said that the University Grants Commission organized such programs under the Indian Language Festival. He said that India presented unity in diversity through the co-existence of innumerable languages in its vast geographical area. This was the objective of the National Education Policy 2020. Keeping this in mind, emphasis has been laid on inclusion of Indian languages in the curriculum. The theme of this year's Indian Language Festival was unity through languages which showed how India's diverse linguistic traditions promoted national unity. Assistant Professor Ravindra Kumar said that every year on December 11, Indian Language Festival was celebrated on the birth anniversary of great poet Chinmaswami Subramanya Swamy.

Editorial

Wider reach

The poor social diversity among the higher judiciary has become a matter of concern among social activists and others who work for the scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and other backward classes. Based on the numbers given in writing in the Rajya Sabha by the Union law minister, the chairman of the National Confederation of Dalit and Adivasi Organisations pointed out that 3% of judges are SC, 2% are ST and 12% are OBC, which makes the higher judiciary into an "exclusive club" of the upper castes. The law minister's account also said that there are only 37 minority judges and two women judges in the Supreme Court. That defines the exclusive club even more clearly, particularly its patriarchal character. The system of selecting judges has no scope for reservations. The names are sent up by a collegium and approved by the government. The law minister said that the government has been asking the collegium to give special attention to suitable candidates from SC, ST and OBC segments, but so far the selections imply that this may not have been the case. The NACDAOR chairman and the secretary of the All India Other Backward Classes Employees Federation feel that a law or an executive order should be enacted to create the desired social diversity among the upper judiciary, since the judiciary is not taking corrective action.

It is certainly paradoxical that the institution that upholds the rights of the underprivileged and the historically oppressed should itself lack in social diversity in its higher echelons. Those wishing for change feel that without adequate representation, the points of view of the weaker-voiced segments will not be fully understood. Besides, it is only fair that the courts too should have the social diversity that has been introduced in other institutions by law. Also, courts that establish the rights of women should have more women among judges; they should exemplify the gender equality that they pronounce on. None of this is to question the wisdom or fairness of the honourable judges, but it does emphasise the importance of perception for any public institution. Public perceptions of equality, diversity and transparency are valuable in the case of the justice system. Social diversity and gender equality are issues at the forefront of public discussion; it would be reassuring if courts exhibited them.

India to oppose China-led investment facilitation

India will oppose the Investment Facilitation for Development (IFD) proposal, which is led by China, at the World Trade Organisation (WTO), sources in the Commerce Ministry said on Tuesday.

China is pushing for the IFD proposal at the WTO. China has got the support of 128 countries out of a total of 166 member countries. The US is neither supporting nor opposing the proposal, and four other countries are supporting India on this issue. The proposal will be binding for only the signatory members.

"We are opposing this. It is a plurilateral agreement, and it is also not a trade agreement," sources said.

India will also submit papers to the WTO against this, the official said, adding that such agreements would dilute the multilateral nature of the Geneva-based organisation.

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livelihood issues of its farmers. According to sources, India's support measures to the farmers are for their sustenance. India has been able to align with about 80 countries on this particular issue.

On the other hand, production-based support measures to farmers distort trade. India provides a meagre subsidy of USD 465 per farmer against USD 81,000

per farmer by America in 2022-23.

The source said that India's stand is very strong and that if any decision will have to come on agriculture, then the first thing that will be done is our permanent solution to public stock-holding; otherwise, we will not allow any other decision in agriculture. This will be our priority, and India's stand will be a "big red line"

for the country, and it is non-negotiable.

Other than this India has advocated for adopting a per capita distribution of subsidies criteria to address concerns over overfishing and capacity under the WTO framework, ahead of the General Council meeting in Geneva on December 16-17.

India has submitted a paper highlighting the disparity between distant water fishing nations and low-income nations. India has submitted three papers before and it would come up for discussion in the meeting.

The Indian paper has noted that it provides a modest USD 35 per fisherman annually, compared to subsidies as high as USD 76,000 per fisher per year in some European countries.

In 2022, the countries finalised a pact on stopping subsidies for illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing activities.

Countries like Norway, China, Japan, and the US undertake distant water fishing and provide huge subsidies to their fishing community.

On the other hand, developing countries that have yet to build such capacities and support large fisher populations are placed at a disadvantage, it said, adding, "This paper posits that countries should not be subjected to stricter disciplines based on the total value of their subsidies but rather on the intensity of subsidies provided."

Literature & Health

Indian delegation meets Pope Francis, presents books on PM Modi's vision

Members of the Indian delegation had the honour of meeting Pope Francis at Vatican City, presenting two books, Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery and Mann Ki Baat @100: Igniting Collective Goodness.

BJP Spokesperson Anil K Antony posted on X (formerly Twitter), saying, "Very blessed to meet Holy Father Pope Francis at Vatican City as a part of the Indian delegation. Presented two books 'Modi@20, dreams meet delivery' and 'Mann Ki Baat @100, igniting collective goodness' to His Holiness during my interaction with him."

Highlighting Prime Minister Narendra Modi's governance and leadership, the books were offered as a gesture of cultural and diplomatic exchange during the interaction. The BlueKraft Digital Foundation, responsible for publishing the works, expressed pride in this significant moment. In a post on X, the foundation wrote, "A moment of immense pride for BlueKraft Digital Foundation as 'Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery' and 'Mann Ki Baat: Ignit-



ing Collective Change'-two seminal works reflecting the governance & leadership of PM Narendra Modi were presented to His Holiness Pope Francis." Prime Minister Narendra Modi also shared his pride and joy over the elevation of George Jacob Koovakad as a Cardinal of the Holy Roman Catholic Church. In a message posted on X, PM Modi stated, "A matter of great joy and pride for India! Delighted at His Eminence George Jacob Koovakad being created a Cardinal of the Holy Roman Catholic Church by His Holiness Pope Francis."

1st India-Nepal Tourism meet held in Kathmandu to promote Mahakumbh 2025

The Embassy of India in Kathmandu, in association with the Nepal Tourism Board organized the 1st India-Nepal Tourism meet focusing on promotion of Mahakumbh 2025 in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh.

The event organized with an aim to create B2B connections to foster implementation of circuit tourism between India and Nepal was attended by Minister of State for Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation, Government of Nepal Arun Kumar Chaudhary as Chief Guest. Deputy Chief of Mission from the Indian Embassy in Kathmandu-Prasanna Shrivastava, along with Deepak Raj Joshi, CEO, Nepal Tourism Board inaugurated the session on Tuesday, a release from Indian Embassy



stated. In his remarks, Prasanna Shrivastava, Charge D' Affaires, Embassy of India, underscored the developments in physical and digital connectivity that are driving higher tourism flows between India and Nepal. He also stressed on continued joint efforts of both sides to fully leverage the India-Nepal tourism potential, including through promotion of religious and cultural circuits involving places in Nepal and the neighboring states of India.

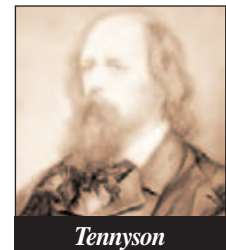
Chief Guest Minister of State for Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation Arun Kumar Chaudhary in his remarks mentioned that cross border tourism especially through land routes is a big contributor to tourism in Nepal even though not totally captured in formal statistics.

POEM

Locksley Hall

Comrades, leave me here a little, while as yet 't is early morn: Leave me here, and when you want me, sound upon the bugle-horn. 'T is the place, and all around it, as of old, the curlews call, Dreary gleams about the moorland flying over Locksley Hall;

Locksley Hall, that in the distance overlooks the sandy tracts, And the hollow ocean-ridges roaring into cataracts.



Tennyson

Many a night from yonder ivied casement, ere I went to rest,

Did I look on great Orion sloping slowly to the West. Many a night I saw the Pleiads, rising thro' the mellow shade, Glitter like a swarm of fire-flies tangled in a silver braid.

Here about the beach I wander'd, nourishing a youth sublime With the fairy tales of science, and the long result of Time;

By Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Canadian Hindus protest outside Bangladeshi consulate in Toronto

Canadian Hindus on Tuesday staged a protest outside the Bangladeshi Consulate in Toronto to seek justice and protection of Hindus and other minorities in Bangladesh.

Despite the cold winter weather, a significant number of Canadian Hindus gathered outside the Bangladeshi consulate to voice their concerns. The protesters chanted slogans with banners in their hands written: "Shame Shame Bangladesh", "Mohammed Younus A Murderer", "Hindu Lives Matter and 'Stop Hindu Genocide'.

The protesters urged the Canadian and Indian governments, and the international community to press the Bangladeshi Government to protect Hindus and other minorities.

Speaking to ANI, a protester said, "What's happening is in Bangladesh they're genociding Hindus, they're assaulting our women, they're raping our children, they're doing whatever they can because the Hindus are a minority and they're trying to overrun the Hindu minorities. That's what they have done in Pakistan, they have done in Afghanistan, now they're trying to do in



Bangladesh. We are here to support our brothers and sisters all over the world to unite and show our concern."

Another protester stated, "Today is also World Human Rights Day. And we as a

united Canadian Hindus have been gathered here as a protest in front of the Bangladesh Council in Toronto, Canada. We are protesting because what we have seen, what's going on in Bangladesh since

August 3, 2024."

"We want Bangladesh to stop killing minorities. We want Bangladesh to stop killing Hindus, stop burning worship places, stop raping women, abducting women. And we want peace in Bangladesh," he added.

Further, a Bangladeshi-origin Hindu woman also spoke to ANI, and expressed her concern about the plight of Hindus in Bangladesh. "Being a Bangladeshi origin, my heart goes out to them. So this needs to be stopped," she said.

Highlighting the historical presence of Hindus in Bangladesh, stating, "We are vanished from Afghanistan. We are vanished from Pakistan. This is the high time. If we are not saved now, we will be vanished from Bangladesh as well. This was our land. Our 14th generation was born over there. People of Bangladesh need to stay back in their own homeland. They are not invaders. They are not Britishers. They are the son of the soil of that land."

"They (Hindus) need to be protected. Their rights need to be protected. And they should be saved in their own home country.

And stop killing them..If you do not take care of Hindus today, tomorrow there will be no Hindus in Bangladesh," she added.

Notably, there have been multiple attacks on Hindus and other minorities by extremist elements in Bangladesh.

There also have been cases of arson and looting of minorities' homes and vandalism and desecration of deities and temples.

The arrest of Hindu priest Chinmoy Krishna Das in Chittagong on October 25 on sedition charges led to heavy protests.

Another Hindu temple was allegedly set on fire in the outskirts of Dhaka. The Mahabhabhya Lakshminarayan Mandir, at Dhor village, in the north of Dhaka, also came under attack.

India had on November 26 noted with deep concern the arrest and denial of bail to Chinmoy Krishna Das, who is also the spokesperson of the Bangladesh Sammiti Sanatan Jagran Jote.

India had urged Bangladeshi authorities to ensure the safety and security of Hindus and all minorities, including their right to freedom of peaceful assembly and expression.

NEWS BRIEF

Tata Motors to increase prices of its passenger vehicles from January, 2025

Chandigarh December 9 : Tata Motors, India's leading vehicle manufacturer announced today that it will take a price increase of up to 3% across its passenger vehicles portfolio, including EVs. Effective January, 2025, the price increase will vary depending on model and variant, and is being taken to partially offset the rise in input costs and inflation.

Kotak Securities releases Market Outlook for 2025

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Kotak Securities Ltd. today released its Market Outlook report for 2025. Kotak Securities launched the report highlighting macro-economic perspective along with equity, commodities and currency outlook that investors can watch out for in the upcoming year. Shripal Shah, MD & CEO, Kotak Securities, said, "India maintains its position as one of the world's fastest-growing major economies, making it a compelling investment destination for global investors. While we remain confident in India's long-term growth potential, we advise investors to approach the market with a degree of cautious optimism. We foresee the equity market to gain more momentum and commodities crossing its historic best in 2025. Alongside, an increase among young investors entering the stock market to build wealth early on, will also add to the overall market growth."

Anant National University Hosts the 6th Convocation

CHANDIGARH: Anant National University hosted the 6th Convocation, conferring degrees on 293 students from the Bachelor of Design, Bachelor of Architecture, Master of Design and Anant Fellowship in Sustainability and Built Environment. Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri awardee, Member of Parliament - Rajya Sabha, Founder of Infosys Foundation, Chairperson of Mufco Trust, author and philanthropist, Mrs. Sudha Murty, was the Chief Guest. Mr. Ajay Piramal, President, Anant National University, Dr. Anunay Chaudhary, Provost, Anant National University, Dr. Pramath Raj Sinha, Founding Provost, Anant National University and the members of the board were present during the convocation. Dr. Swati Piramal, Vice Chairperson, Piramal Group, also attended the ceremony.

At the fifth edition of its Smbhav Summit, Amazon strengthens its commitment to 'Viksit Bharat'

Dharamshala/Mandi: At the fifth edition of its annual 'Smbhav Summit', Amazon announced a series of initiatives strengthening its commitment to 'Viksit Bharat'. The Smbhav Summit is part of Amazon's efforts to celebrate, support, and empower India's small businesses, aiming to accelerate their growth across India and the world. As part of this, Amazon has signed an MoU with DPIIT to accelerate government's key priority of establishing India as a global manufacturing hub. Amazon has earmarked \$120MM from its Smbhav Venture Fund to invest in startups that digitize consumer goods manufacturing in India and cater to domestic and global demand, creating thousands of jobs.

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Vi launches Super Hero Prepaid Plan with Unlimited Data from Midnight to Noon

Ludhiana/Chandigarh: As the internet becomes a backbone for communication, education, work, and entertainment, uninterrupted access to data has never been more critical. In line with its commitment to delivering a seamless and worry-free digital experience, Vi, India's leading telecom operator, today introduced the Super Hero Plan, a unique proposition tailored for Indian prepaid users. The Super Hero Plan is designed to align with evolving data consumption patterns, empowering users to maximise their digital experiences without worrying about running out of data. With this plan, prepaid customers enjoy unlimited data for half a day, from 12 AM to 12 Noon. The plan strengthens Vi's appeal to data-savvy youth, already benefiting from Vi's successful Hero plan, additionally also addressing the needs of women who prioritise productivity during morning hours, with enhanced data benefits tailored to their schedules.

SBI Card Crosses 2 Crore Cards in Force Mark

Himla: SBI Card, India's largest pure-play credit card issuer, has surpassed the 2 crore cards in force milestone, highlighting its commitment to delivering innovative solutions and enhancing customer experiences across the nation. This achievement also underscores SBI Card's pivotal role in transforming India's credit card landscape, and its promise of 'Currency of Digital India'. Since its inception in 1998, SBI Card has been a pioneer in designing a wide range of products to meet diverse customer needs. From thoughtful core cards, co-branded partnerships with premium brands, to rewards-driven and lifestyle-centric offerings, SBI Card has consistently set new benchmarks for customer-focused innovation in the Indian credit card industry and strengthened its leadership in the market.

Eastman powers up India with launch of largest inverter battery range

Himla: Eastman Auto & Power, a leading provider of power solutions, today announced a major expansion of its inverter battery portfolio, introducing over 100 new models under the Eastman brand and over 70 under its ADDO brand with a total of 170+ SKUs. This positions Eastman as the leader in the inverter battery market, offering the largest portfolio, the highest capacity, and the longest warranty in the industry, offering a one-stop solution for every power need. The expanded portfolio covers a wide spectrum of capacities, from 100Ah to a groundbreaking 400Ah, the first of its kind in India. This ensures energy solutions for every application, whether residential, commercial, or industrial. Eastman has set a new benchmark for reliability in the Indian inverter battery market with its industry-leading warranty across the entire range.

Yasmin Karachiwala shares 5 tips for brides to look their best on their wedding day

Chandigarh/ Ludhiana, 11 December 2024: Every bride wants to look and feel their best on their wedding day and rightly so. However, in the run-up to the big day, health and fitness often take a backseat amidst endless tasks like planning, shopping, and invitations. Fitness coach and Pilates expert Yasmin Karachiwala offers these five tips to help brides feel confident and radiant:



confident for your big day. Regular workouts also improve blood circulation, which enhances your

skin's natural glow, making you look and feel your best. Incorporate pre- and post-workout snacks, like a handful of California almonds to stay energized and support weight management. Almonds are also known as a nutrient-dense nut that can be eaten every day for good health in the recently released Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) Dietary Guidelines for Indians. Furthermore, because almonds contain beneficial vitamins and healthy fats, they are also known to aid in weight management.

Hydration is essential. Brides often overlook drinking water, especially during winter when thirst is less noticeable. Staying hydrated improves digestion, reduces stress, and enhances skin health. Carrying a water bottle and setting reminders can ensure

consistent hydration throughout the day. Including water-rich fruits like cucumber and citrus fruits like oranges can also contribute to hydration.

Manage Stress Through Breathing and Movement. Wedding preparations can lead to stress, but managing it effectively is important. Incorporating practices like mindful breathing and light yoga can calm the mind and improve oxygen flow, promoting a sense of relaxation. These practices also benefit the skin and overall appearance, adding to the bridal glow.

Prioritize Rest and Recovery. Adequate sleep is non-negotiable for any bride-to-be. Rest is when your body recovers, repairs, and rejuvenates. Aim for at least 7-8 hours of quality sleep every night. A well-rested bride not only feels more relaxed but also looks radiant.

Nana Patekar's Heartwarming Memories with Amitabh Bachchan Leave Viewers Enthralled on KBC 16

CHANDIGARH : This Friday, on Kaun Banega Crorepati 16, hosted by the legendary Amitabh Bachchan, get ready for a special episode featuring the star cast of Vanvaas—Nana Patekar, Ulkarsh Sharma, Simrat Kaur, and writer-director Anil Sharma. The highlight of the evening will be when the iconic Nana Patekar takes the hot seat, captivating viewers with his engaging stories and wisdom. Playing for the Naam Foundation, Nana aims to raise awareness and funds to combat farmer suicides, a cause close to his heart. In a heartwarming moment, Nana Patekar fondly recalled a story tied to the word "Nana", saying, "We were shooting for the movie Kohram, and one day, Amit ji came and was distributing sweets to everyone. I asked him, 'What's the occasion?' and he said, 'My daughter just had a baby, main Nana ban gaya hu!'" The ever-humorous Nana, known for his wit, smiled and replied, "Kitne saal jag gaye, main too Janam se Nana hu". Tune in for a memorable evening as Nana and Amitabh Bachchan bond over their incredible careers and shared experiences. This Friday, be sure to tune in to this special episode on 'Kaun Banega Crorepati 16' at 9 PM only on Sony Entertainment Television.



CID has been one of the longest-running shows in India because it was always ahead of its time: Dayanand

Chandigarh : The iconic crime investigation show CID is all set to make a grand comeback on Sony Entertainment Television starting 21st December 2024, and will air every Saturday - Sunday at 10 PM. Shivaji Satam (ACP Pradyuman), Dayanand Shetty (Daya), and Aditya Srivastava (Abhijeet), will reprise their roles in this fan-favourite drama. In a candid interview, actor Dayanand Shetty (Daya) speaks about the excitement of returning to the show and reconnecting with the audience, sharing that the new season will feature a mix of nostalgia and fresh, engaging cases and much more. It's not just me; the entire team is very excited, and even more so, our fans are thrilled. We are returning after 6 years, and the response we've received from the fans, the emotions they expressed, made us feel that the show shouldn't have ended so soon. People continued to follow the show, even old episodes were being re-watched—people saw them on YouTube, in buses, and taxis. It seemed like they had developed a deep connection not just with the show, but also with the characters. So I can't be happier



reprise my role as the beloved Daya, who will break down even more doors in this new edition of the show. It's been an incredible journey and the most rewarding part is the love I've received from fans. Whenever we went, it never felt like our show was off air. People weren't talking about the shows that were currently on air; instead, people were discussing CID. It felt as if the show was still relevant, as if it was still on air, thanks to our fans. We have a very dedicated fan base. Even today, some fans manage to get my number and send me WhatsApp messages. I'm not very active on social media, but I hear about how fans keep sharing CID memes and talk about iconic dialogues. Their love and it is truly overwhelming. When you work with the same people for so long, it almost starts to feel like family so the most exciting part for me is to get the opportunity to work with the CID team again. The challenge is to be able to deliver a show that fans can fall in love with again, especially given all their support and wishes that they blessed us with when we were off air. CID returns to Sony Entertainment Television on 21st December and will air every Saturday & Sunday at 10 PM.

Aviva India's New Era: A Bold New Approach to Life Insurance for Customers

Chandigarh: Aviva Life Insurance India is transforming the life insurance landscape with a groundbreaking commitment to customer wellness, transparency, and accessibility. Guided by a forward-thinking vision, Aviva has introduced innovative products and initiatives that set a new standard in the industry, aligning with the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India's (IRDAI) "Insurance for All" mission.

At the core of Aviva's approach is a focus on comprehensive wellness for its customers, anchored in five key pillars: Physical Fitness, Mental Well-being, Proactive Health Checks, Balanced Nutrition, and Financial Security. This holistic view of well-being is reflected in Aviva's flagship products, which include a Preventive Wellness Package offering smart health tools like a smart scale, BP monitor, smartwatch, AI-powered diet guidance, genome testing, and consultations with nutritionists. This suite of wellness tools encourages policyholders to take a proactive role in their health and enhances the value Aviva brings to its customers' lives.

"As a life insurance provider, we believe that true security is about more

than financial protection; it's about empowering our customers to lead healthier lives," said Mr. Asit Rath, CEO & MD, Aviva India. "Our wellness-centric approach transforms life insurance into a resource for holistic well-being, supporting our customers' health journeys beyond traditional boundaries."

Aviva's commitment to transparency and ethical practices is evident in its Aviva Signature Product Series, which aims to eliminate mis-selling and ensure that each product is well-suited to the customer's unique needs. This focus on ethical product offerings has led to increased customer trust and consistency, setting Aviva apart in the life insurance sector. The new additions to Aviva's Product Portfolio are designed to support Aviva's advisors with a competitive long-term commission model, making it a sustainable and rewarding choice for long-term advisory careers.

"Transparency and trust are at the heart of everything we do at Aviva," Mr. Rath emphasized. "Our Products reflect our pledge to deliver value to customers with honesty and integrity, empowering them to make informed choices that truly benefit their long-term well-being."

vivo's #SwitchOff Campaign Returns with its 6th Edition

CHANDIGARH: As smartphones continue to pervade every aspect of our lives, the need to reflect on their impact on human relationships has never been more urgent. Continuing its endeavour to foster mindful use of technology, vivo India proudly introduces the 6th edition of the #SwitchOff campaign, urging families to step away from their smartphones and rediscover the joy of quality and meaningful moments together. Supported by a compelling video, conceptualized by FCB India, the campaign draws insights from the 6th edition of vivo - Cyber Media Research's (CMR) study 'Impact of Smartphones on Parent-Child Relationships 2024'. The study reveals 8 out of 10 children call for 'Parental Controls for Parents' Smartphone Usage'. The survey also found that 69% of children identify excessive smartphone usage as a source of conflict between them and their parents. Notably, the study also revealed that 86% parents feel that excessive smartphone usage doesn't let them engage meaningfully with their children. Geetaj Channana, Head of Corporate Strategy at vivo India, said, "The findings of this year's survey connect a pressing issue - as smartphones connect us to the world, they also disconnect us from the people who matter the most. Interestingly, the study also reveals that children are more aware of the negative effects of excessive smartphone use than their parents."

Bridging the Gap Between Talent and Stardom: Prinday's "Melbat Vibe On" Takes Center Stage

Prinday's 'Melbat Vibe On' isn't just a reality show; it's a cultural revolution, a vibrant tapestry woven with the threads of raw talent. As it traverses the length and breadth of North India, from the bustling cities to the serene countryside, this show is more than a competition; it's a platform that's amplifying young voices, nurturing budding stars, and redefining the music scene. So far, 'Melbat Vibe On' has electrified 21 colleges and universities across Punjab, Haryana, and Delhi, discovering 125 exceptional talents who've left the judges in awe. But the journey doesn't stop here—the show is reaching its ambitious target of racing towards 25 campuses! With every visit, the excitement grows, as this platform transforms budding artists into rising stars, one stage at a time.

With a star-studded judging panel featuring JSL Singh, Raveet Singh, and Amit Uchana, 'Melbat Vibe On' is all about capturing the diverse vibes of youth—be it Hip-Hop, Singing, Rapping, or Beatboxing. It's not just a competition; it's a celebration of talent, creativity, and self-expression, providing



a platform for young artists to showcase their unique energy and style. JSL Singh echoes the sentiment, "This platform is a game-changer, giving deserving talent the recognition they deserve." "The raw energy and passion of these contestants are truly inspiring," shares judge Raveet Singh

and Co-judge Amit Uchana believe the show bridges the gap between raw talent and industry professionals.

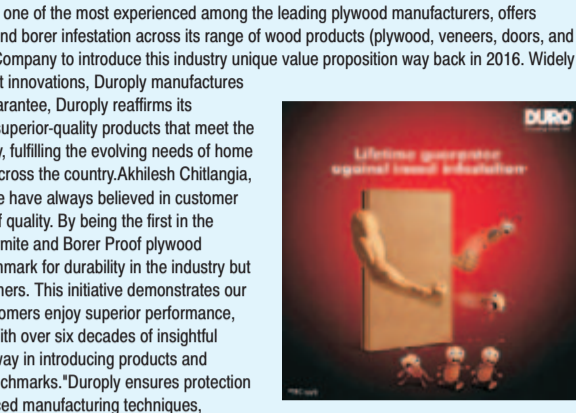
Prabhatj Kaur Mahant, MD of Prinday Company, shared her pride in the initiative, stating, "Melbat Vibe On' is more than just a show; it's a dream come true for aspiring artists across India. This platform celebrates creativity, self-expression, and mentorship, giving young talent the chance to shine and connect with the mainstream industry. Watching these artists grow and showcase their potential has been truly inspiring, and we're thrilled to continue empowering them." Adding to this, Baljinder S. Mahant, the creative force behind the format of 'Melbat Vibe On', shared his vision: "Melbat Vibe On' is a celebration of diversity, individually, and untapped talent. It's about giving young artists a platform to express themselves unapologetically and showcasing the unique energy of every performance. This isn't just a show—it's a gateway for fresh talent to break into the mainstream and make their mark on a larger stage. We're here to transform dreams into reality and create a legacy for the next generation of stars."

Decathlon Expands Retail Footprint with New Store Opening in Solan

SOLAN : Decathlon, the leading sports products brand, today launched its first store in Solan, Himachal Pradesh. The store located in G Square Mall, spans an impressive 800 square meters and offers a wide range of high-quality products of hiking, trekking, skating, running, cycling and other outdoor fitness products to cater to the needs of all sports enthusiasts and adventure seekers in the city. This launch underscores Decathlon's purpose of moving people through the wonders of sport in India, from metropolitan hubs to emerging towns. This expansion follows DECATHLON's recent announcement of plans to open 190 stores in India over the next five years, with an investment of approximately Rs. 933 crore, positioning India as one of its fastest-growing markets globally. This positions India as one of Decathlon's fastest-growing markets globally. The significant investment will drive the growth of DECATHLON's retail footprint and support the expansion of its manufacturing operations in the country.

Duroply offers lifetime guarantee against termite and Borer infestation across its range of wood products

S himla : Duroply, India's premium and one of the most experienced among the leading plywood manufacturers, offers Lifetime Guarantee against termite and borer infestation across its range of wood products (plywood, veneers, doors, and blockboards). Duroply was the first Company to introduce this industry unique value proposition way back in 2016. Widely respected for such customer centric product innovations, Duroply manufactures products that last generations. With this guarantee, Duroply reaffirms its commitment to providing long-lasting, and superior-quality products that meet the highest standards of durability and reliability, fulfilling the evolving needs of home owners, architects, and interior designers across the country. Akhilesh Chitlangia, MD and CEO, Duroply, said, "At Duroply, we have always believed in customer centric innovation to push the boundaries of quality. By being the first in the industry to offer a Lifetime Guarantee of Termite and Borer Proof plywood products, we have not only set a new benchmark for durability in the industry but also reinforced our assurance to our customers. This initiative demonstrates our unwavering commitment, ensuring our customers enjoy superior performance, enduring value, and lasting contentment. With over six decades of insightful experience, Duroply continues to lead the way in introducing products and features that end up becoming industry benchmarks. Duroply ensures protection against termites and borers through advanced manufacturing techniques, including Core Treatment, and Glue Line Treatment with SHT Technology. Core Treatment with specially formulated chemicals are applied to the surfaces and also inside every layer of plywood product creating a protective barrier throughout that prevents wood-boring insects from penetrating."



Consumption of stainless steel in India grew by about 11% over FY23: ISSDA

H ISAR: According to the Indian Stainless Steel Development Association (ISSDA), the consumption of stainless steel in India has increased from 4.02 million tonnes (MT) in FY23 to 4.46 MT in FY24, a growth of about 11% over FY23. This includes both flats and longs. The country's per capita consumption of stainless steel has increased from 2.25 kilograms (kgs) in FY19 to 3.1 kgs in FY24. The figures imply the rising preference for stainless steel in sectors such as the infrastructure sector, processing industry, and railways sector, to name a few owing to the metal's overall sustainability properties, corrosion resistance, durability, and formability. As India aspires to become a \$40 trillion economy by 2047, sectors such as construction, infrastructure, and manufacturing - key contributors to the gross domestic product - are expected to drive stainless steel demand growth. Commenting on this growth, President, ISSDA, Mr. Rajamani Krishnamurthy said, "The Indian stainless steel industry has achieved significant progress, with an 11% growth in consumption reflecting the nation's growing reliance on sustainable input materials. Over the past two decades, demand for stainless steel has diversified across multiple sectors, although the country's per capita consumption remains below the global average of 6.5 kg. India boasts an installed capacity of 7.5 million tonnes, capable of producing a diverse range of products that adhere to both national and international standards. Our research in collaboration with CRISIL indicates that India's stainless steel consumption is projected to reach 12.5-12.7 million tonnes by FY2040 and 19-20 million tonnes by FY2047."

Vectus Unveils Most Advanced 10-Layer Water Storage Tank - Setting New Standards for Strength, Safety, and Longevity

S himla : Vectus, India's leading water storage solution provider, has launched a groundbreaking 10-layer water storage tank, marking a revolutionary advancement in water storage technology. The innovative tank combines exceptional durability, unmatched UV resistance, and the latest antibacterial protection to deliver the ultimate solution for clean, safe, and long-lasting water storage.



The Vectus 10-Layer Water Storage Tank is engineered with ten distinct layers, each serving a unique purpose to enhance the tank's strength, resilience, and water quality. Key highlights include: Revolutionary 10-Layer Technology: Each layer is designed to optimize the tank's structural integrity, insulation, and protection. This multi-layered approach not only enhances strength but also safeguards against temperature fluctuations, extending the tank's lifespan in diverse climates. Antibacterial Protection: The tank's inner layer is embedded with cutting-edge antibacterial technology, which inhibits bacterial growth and helps maintain the purity of stored water. UV-Protective Layer: With Vectus's specially formulated UV-resistant layer, the tank effectively blocks harmful UV rays, preventing degradation and ensuring water remains cool and safe for use. Improved Durability and Leak-Proof Design: The robust 10-layer structure offers unmatched durability, making it an ideal choice for residential, commercial, and industrial applications. Eco-Friendly and Safe Material: The tank is crafted using food-grade plastic and environmentally friendly materials, ensuring no harmful chemicals are leached into the water. Commenting on the launch, Managing Director of Vectus Mr. Atul Ladha said, "Our 10-Layer Water Storage Tank is a true testament to Vectus's commitment to pushing boundaries in innovation and quality. We understand that water is one of our most valuable resources, and with this new product, we aim to provide our customers with a solution that not only preserves water but also protects their health and the environment."

Cambridge hosts international education workshop for school leaders in Ludhiana

Ludhiana : —The International Education group at Cambridge University Press & Assessment (Cambridge) recently convened school leaders from across Ludhiana to discuss the rising demand for international curriculum in the country. The workshop in Ludhiana emphasised how schools can integrate world-class educational practices to better equip students for future success. The growing popularity of international curriculum in India reflects a desire among parents and students for an education that develops the skills and understanding needed to thrive in a changing world.

Vinay Sharma, Cambridge's Senior Vice President for International Education, South Asia, said, "We are seeing a growing demand for international education across the country as schools and parents alike recognise its potential to help young people get ready for the world. They understand that in today's interconnected world, learners need more than just academic excellence; they need skills such as critical analysis and problem-solving to navigate global complexities. Cambridge is committed to supporting schools in developing these future-ready skills, ensuring their learners can thrive on the global stage."

SBI Card Crosses 2 Crore Cards in Force Mark

Ludhiana / AMRITSAR: SBI Card has surpassed the 2 crore cards in force milestone, highlighting its commitment to delivering innovative solutions and enhancing customer experiences across the nation. This achievement also underscores SBI Card's pivotal role in transforming India's credit card landscape, and its promise of 'Currency of Digital India'. Since its inception in 1998, SBI Card has been a pioneer in designing a wide range of products to meet diverse customer needs. From thoughtful core cards, co-branded partnerships with premium brands, to rewards-driven and lifestyle-centric offerings, SBI Card has consistently set new benchmarks for customer-focused innovation in the Indian credit card industry and strengthened its leadership in the market. SBI Card has witnessed strong growth of around 25% CAGR in cards in force, and 28% CAGR in spends, between FY19 and FY24. Commenting on the achievement, Abhijit Chakravorty, MD&CEO, SBI Card, said that SBI Card brand is based on the value proposition of 'Make Life Simple'.

Journalists duo getting 1,000 salary turned beauty skill training tycoon worth 300 Cr

Chandigarh, December 11: In 1998, two friends, Dinesh Sood and Kuljinder Sidhu, embarked on their careers with a mere ₹1,000 monthly salary as journalists. Over 25 years, fueled by passion, determination, and an unwavering spirit, they achieved what once seemed like an impossible dream. Through relentless hard work, courage, vision, and creativity, the duo transitioned from journalism to advertising, public relations (PR), event management, and the entertainment industry, ultimately revolutionising the beauty and wellness skill development sector. Today, they stand as the founders of

Orane International, a ₹300 crore enterprise that operates hundreds of skill development schools across India and abroad. Humble Beginnings and Big Dreams In the late 1990s, Dinesh and Kuljinder worked tirelessly as trainee journalists at a local newspaper in Chandigarh. Despite their limited resources and meagre income, they dared to dream big. They often struggled to pay rent and survive on packed meals for days, so they refused to let financial constraints dampen their aspirations.



Asian Paints launches re-engineered Apex Ultima Protek powered by 'Graphene', for ultimate exterior protection

GURUGRAM : The exteriors of our homes face constant challenges like heavy rains, intense sunlight and continuous dust. Over time, this can affect the look and durability of homes, leaving homeowners searching for a long-term solution. Asian Paints, trusted by most reliable protection for Indian homes. To bring this new product to life, Asian Paints has launched an all-new campaign, "The Safe House," with brand ambassador Ranbir Kapoor. In the commercial, Ranbir Kapoor is seen as a spy for the first time, making thrilling escapes from dangerous situations. The ad begins in a Moroccan market as it takes viewers on an adventure. Ranbir, as the dashing agent, along with his heroine, escape through winding streets with enemies chasing them. Just when a missile locks onto its target, Ranbir cleverly runs into their "Safe House," protected by Ultima Protek powered by Graphene.

material ever tested, is changing industries with its great strength, flexibility, and durability. Now, it makes Asian Paints Apex Ultima Protek a strong barrier that protects homes from UV fading, cracks, and water damage. Graphene's advanced elastomeric properties is the strongest and most reliable protection for Indian homes. To bring this new product to life, Asian Paints has launched an all-new campaign, "The Safe House," with brand ambassador Ranbir Kapoor. In the commercial, Ranbir Kapoor is seen as a spy for the first time, making thrilling escapes from dangerous situations. The ad begins in a Moroccan market as it takes viewers on an adventure. Ranbir, as the dashing agent, along with his heroine, escape through winding streets with enemies chasing them. Just when a missile locks onto its target, Ranbir cleverly runs into their "Safe House," protected by Ultima Protek powered by Graphene.



MP Vikram Sahney Seeks Intervention of Finance Minister for Rural & Market Development Fees (RDF & MDF)

Chandigarh: Dr. Vikramjit Singh Sahney, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha from Punjab and Member of Parliamentary Consultative Committee on Finance today called upon

to resolve the issue of payment of Rural Development Fund and Market Development Fees for Punjab. Dr. Sahney re-iterated that Punjab cannot be compared with other states as it procures highest paddy of 173 Lakh MTs and wheat of 125 lakh MTs per annum. "Punjab had wide network of 64,724 Kms rural link roads connecting to Mandis for transportation of agri produce by the farmers which needs to be maintained and upgraded from time to time by Mandi Board from RDF." Dr. Sahney added. Dr. Sahney also said that Punjab had 19,36 Mandis, the largest in the country for procurement and storage of agri produce and the Mandi Board is responsible for all the operational expenditure and maintenance of Mandis. Dr. Sahney requested the Finance Minister to convene a meeting of all the concerned at the Centre and the Punjab state for early resolution of the issue as according to Punjab government Rs. 6,771 Crores is still pending on account of RDF and Rs. 1,516 Crores on account of MDF.



Finance Minister of India Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman requesting her intervention

Jalandhar Rural police crackdown on street crime in full swing

PARAMJIT SINGH JALANDHAR: In a major crackdown on street crime, Jalandhar Rural Police arrested 10 individuals in four separate operations and recovered eight stolen mobile phones, nine stolen vehicles, including a scooter, and 360 narcotic pills in Phillaur and Nakodar Sub



Divisions. The arrested accused have been identified as Gurreet Singh alias Bagga, Mandeep Singh alias Money, Rahul Gill alias Gayani, Navjot Singh alias Ravi, Nindar Kumar, Rohit Dhir alias Chariya, Darbara Ram alias Bara, Vijay Kumar, Rajan, and Vijay, all residents of SBS

Nagar, Nakodar, or Mehatpur areas. The Phillaur Police, led by DSP Sarwan Singh Bal, arrested two highway robbers, Gurreet Singh alias Bagga and Mandeep Singh alias Money, during patrolling. Four stolen mobile phones and a motorcycle were recovered from their possession.

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NEWS BRIEF

15-day Gita Jayanti Festival celebrated



RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNA NAGAR: 15 days Gita Jayanti Festival was celebrated at Sanatan Dharma Senior Secondary School Under which verses of Gita were recited daily in morning meeting of children presented beautiful statements explaining usefulness and importance of Srīmad Bhagavad Gita in various fields. Content of Gita and general knowledge were taught to the children every day. A written questionnaire was conducted to evaluate what children learnt. Performance of children was commendable Principal Satish Garg encouraged children to study Gita and asked them to adopt the ideals of Gita in their lives.

PAU-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Hoshiarpur holds awareness camp



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR: PAU-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Hoshiarpur organizes awareness camp for promotion of biofertilizers PAU-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Bahawal, Hoshiarpur, in collaboration with the Department of Microbiology, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, recently organized an awareness camp to promote biofertilizers in adopted village Rampur Sainian. At the outset, Dr. Maninder Singh Bains, Associate Director (Training), KVK Hoshiarpur, welcomed the participants and elaborated on KVK's activities aimed at supporting the farming community. He highlighted the purpose of the camp and encouraged farmers to adopt resource conservation technologies advocated by PAU, Ludhiana, for environmental sustainability. Dr. Bains also shared important tips regarding integrated weed, nutrient and pest management in rabi crops. Dr. Urmila Gupta, Head, Department of Microbiology, PAU, Ludhiana outlined the services offered by her department. She detailed the benefits of fermented organic cleanser bioenzymes and their use in utilizing organic household waste for various cleaning purposes. Dr. Priya Kalyal, Microbiologist, introduced Kombucha, a tea-based functional beverage, advocating its health benefits. Dr. Pratibha Vyas, Assistant Professor (Microbiology) discussed the use of wheat biofertilizers and provided a detailed explanation of their application for optimal benefits.

CM Nayab Saini visits Gita Sthal Jyotisar to worship Holy Book Gita

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, DEC 11

Chief Minister Naib Singh said that thousands of years ago at Gita Sthal Jyotisar, Lord Krishna had given the teachings of Gita to follow the path of karma. Even today, the message of peace was being given to the entire country through the teachings from this Gita Sthal Jyotisar. The person, state and country which will follow these teachings of the holy book Gita, will definitely move forward on the path of progress.

CM Naib Singh Saini reached Gita Sthal Jyotisar on Wednesday to worship the holy book Gita in the International Gita Mahotsav 2024. Earlier, Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini, Geeta scholar Swami Gyananand Maharaj, former state minister Subhash Sudha, Chief



Minister's OSD Bharat Bhushan Bharti, Baba Bhupendra Singh Maharaj visited the Jyotisar Experience Center and here Geeta scholar Swami Gyananand talked about the project of Geeta Sthal Jyotisar. He talked to Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini regarding the Banyan tree. After this, Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini, Geeta scholar Swami Gyananand

performed Purnahuti in the Yagna being conducted on Gita Jayanti and Pandit Naresh Sharma and Vedpathis performed Puja-Archana for world peace. After this, all the guests worshipped the holy book Gita and the Banyan tree under which Lord Krishna had been worshipped thousands of years ago. They also saw the Banyan tree on which Lord Krishna gave sermons to end Arjun's attachment. All the guests saw the huge form of Lord Krishna.

During this, Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini directed the officials to make some improvements in the beautification and spiritual aspect of this pilgrimage site. Sharing his views, Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini said that all the sins of a person who came to this holy land were washed away and he attained virtue.

Memorandum given to SDM to solve problems of people

KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI, DEC 11



Every ward of Nilokheri city is plagued with problems due to neglect. There are heaps of garbage in the ward. There is no relief from the problems. Apart from this, the common people here are facing many problems including drains, water drainage, speed breakers, increasing thefts and bad condition of roads. The problems have been made known. Many dignitaries including the city's social worker Prem Munjal together handed over a memorandum to SDM in the name of CM Nayab Saini and made them aware of the problems. A memorandum was handed over in the tehsil premises regarding the solution of problems. In the memorandum handed over, social worker Prem Munjal said that the city dwellers are facing problems. People are

getting injured due to the bad condition of the roads. On the other hand, due to the lack of sanitation and cleaning of drains, people are constantly facing problems. Due to which people are falling ill due to the accumulated filth. People have requested to solve these problems soon by telling about the problems in the demand letter. Giving information, former chairman representative Prem Munjal, former councilor representative Bhupesh Juneja, Devendra Kumar, Ramniwas,

Mahendra Singh, Sunny and others said that the road going from Nilokheri grain market to SDM office is in bad condition, people are getting injured on this road. This road should be built soon. The road going towards Kisan Basti Nilokheri is also in bad condition, it should also be built soon. Apart from this the Chautang drain should be cleaned, because there are huge heaps of garbage here, due to which the number of flies and mosquitoes is increasing and there is also a risk of disease.

Minister Rajesh Nagar visits KU Haryana Pavilion

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA: State Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department, Rajesh Nagar visited Haryana Pavilion accompanied by former State Minister Subhash Sudha. State Minister said that Haryana Pavilion is a symbol of Haryana's culture and while arriving in KU Pavilion, we realise that our culture, tradition, customs and heritage are the richest. State Minister, Rajesh Nagar said that International Gita Mahotsav has made its notable identity in the country and abroad. Former State Minister Subhash Sudha said that the efforts of Kurukshetra University in the upliftment of Haryanvi culture are commendable. By setting up Haryana Pavilion at the International Gita Mahotsav, Vice Chancellor of Kurukshetra University Prof Som Nath Sachdeva and Registrar Prof Sanjeev Sharma have done a remarkable job because through the Haryana Pavilion, the young generation is getting an opportunity to get acquainted with its rich culture and heritage.



Haryana Speaker Kalyan lays foundation for Rs. 6 cr road projects

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, DEC 11

Haryana Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan on Wednesday laid the foundation stones for three major road projects connecting the city to nearby villages. These roads, set to be constructed at a total cost of ₹6 crore, aim to improve accessibility and benefit farmers significantly. Speaking at the event, Kalyan highlighted that the construction of these roads fulfills a long-pending demand of the people and will soon provide them with better connectivity. The roads inaugurated include the stretch from Furlaq Road to Hasanpur Border, the route near BRM



College to Malikpur Road, and the pathway from Shamshan Ghat to Panodi village. Residents welcomed Kalyan with flower bouquets and garlands during the ceremonies. Kalyan emphasized that these roads are vital for the city and assured the public that several other development

projects are in the pipeline. He credited Chief Minister Nayab Saini for approving many of these projects, which will commence soon. He added that while development activities had slowed during the COVID-19 pandemic, efforts are now being made to accelerate progress in the region.

KLM International School launches free NEET & JEE mock test series with TalimPlus



VERMA GURDASPUR: In a remarkable initiative for students preparing for competitive exams, KLM International School, in collaboration with TalimPlus Coaching Institute, has launched a free mock test series for NEET and JEE aspirants. A press conference was organized at the school premises to announce this initiative, which was attended by the school's President Surinder Mahajan, Director Sukhmani Kaur Grewal, and MD Sahil Mahajan. Atul Sharma, in charge of TalimPlus, expressed his gratitude to the school management for this commendable initiative. He stated that the mock test series will provide students with a great opportunity to assess their preparation, identify weak subjects, and improve their performance. Addressing the students, School President Surinder Mahajan mentioned that the initiative will also help boost the students' confidence and familiarize them with the exam pattern.

Want smooth functioning of House: Rahul Gandhi

AGENCY NEW DELHI: Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday met Speaker Om Birla and asked him for smooth functioning of the House and also urged that derogatory comments against him be expunged. Later talking to the media, Gandhi said, "Running the House is not the responsibility of the Opposition. But we will run the House." Gandhi said, "I met the Speaker of the Lok Sabha and told him that the derogatory comments made against me should be expunged. The Speaker said that he will examine them." He said, "December 13, has been scheduled for debate on Constitution in the House and we want the House to run, and the debate should take place, irrespective of what they say about me." When asked about the Adani issue, Gandhi said, "One thing is clear, they don't want discussion on Adani. They want to distract us from Adani and they have been doing it and we know that. But at the end, we will not leave that." Reacting to US businessman George Soros, the Raebareilly MP said that the ruling party will keep on levelling allegations, "but we want the House to run."



The Zero Hour on Wednesday witnessed an unruly scene when the treasury and opposition benches created an uproar over the George Soros issue.

KLM International School student qualifies for National Championship in shooting

VERMA GURDASPUR: The 26th All India Kumar Surendra Singh Inter-School Shooting Championship was held in Nalanda, Bihar, from November 29 to December 6, 2024. The prestigious event saw talented young shooters from across the country competing. In the championship, Ansh Kumar, a student of KLM International School, put on an outstanding performance in the 10-meter Air Rifle Sub-Youth Men's category and secured a spot in the National selection. Ansh Kumar's precision and confidence on the shooting range earned him a well-deserved place in the National qualifiers. His remarkable achievement is a reflection of his hard work and dedication, as well as the consistent support from his coach, Abhishek Malik, and his parents. The school's Chairman, Surendra Mahajan, expressed pride in Ansh's success, acknowledging that the achievement was not just the result of the student's efforts but also the continuous guidance from the coach and support from his family. The school's Director, Mrs. Sukhmani Kaur Grewal, and Managing Director, Mr. Sahil Mahajan, stated that this victory lays a strong foundation for Ansh's promising future and enhances expectations for further achievements at the national level. The school management also thanked Mr. Abhishek Malik, the shooting coach, for preparing the students to perform at such a high level.



Historic feat in Kurukshetra: Millions recite Bhagavad Gita together



KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI: The city of Kurukshetra, known as the "Land of Dharma," witnessed a historic moment on the occasion of the International Gita Jayanti Mahotsav, with millions of people participating in a collective recital of the Shreemad Bhagavad Gita. This monumental event set a new record, underscoring the enduring legacy of Indian culture and spirituality. As part of the celebrations, 18,000 children gathered at the theme park in Kurukshetra to recite Gita shlokas in unison. Their recital was synchronized with approximately 1.5 crore participants who joined online from across India and abroad. Visitors and devotees from Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, Uttarakhand, and other states, as well as international tourists, participated in the festivities, making it a truly global event. Local social activists from Taraori expressed their joy and praised the event for promoting Indian culture. They emphasized that the Shreemad Bhagavad Gita is not just a sacred text but also an invaluable guide for humanity, offering profound teachings on karma, devotion, and knowledge.

Lyricist dedicates Punjabi song to Anil Vij



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA AMBALA: Inspired by the work ethic of Haryana's Energy, Transport, and Labour Minister Anil Vij, young lyricist Raju Wadali has dedicated a Punjabi song titled "Babe da javab nhi ji vij da javab nhi" to him. He visited the minister at his residence and presented the song. Upon hearing it, Cabinet Minister Anil Vij praised the lyricist and patted him. Raju Wadali, who has previously composed several songs inspired by Anil Vij's work ethic, sang the Punjabi song in front of the minister today. The minister and all others present appreciated the performance. It is worth noting that in the past, Raju Wadali has created multiple songs influenced by Minister Anil Vij's work ethic. These include titles such as "dhaakad phaisale levai jo mhaare hariyaana main, saare gun avaleh hain anil vij sayane main", "ham phain hain anil vij ke." Lyricist Raju Wadali mentioned that Minister Anil Vij's work style is well-known across the state.

28 Nominations filed for Patiala Municipal Elections: ADC

RAKESH JINDAL PATIALA: Patiala Additional Deputy Commissioner (Rural Development)-cum-Additional District Election Officer Anuprita Johal has said that on the third day of nominations for general elections and by-elections of municipal corporation, municipal council and municipal panchayats in Patiala district, 26 nominations have been made today. He said that in this way the total number of nominations has increased to 28. He said that a total of 13 nominations have been filed for Municipal Corporation Patiala. ADC Anuprita Johal said that the returning officer for Ward No. 1 to 14 of Municipal Corporation Patiala is RTO. Patiala Naman Markann has 1 candidate nominated. Similarly SDM for ward 15 to 20. Patiala Manjit Kaur has 3 nominations. PDA for Ward No. 30 to 45 8 nomination papers have been filed with EO-cum-Assistant Commissioner (J) Patiala Richa Goyal. Similarly, Ward No. 46 to 60 SDM. Nabha Returning Officer Dr. 1 candidate has filed nomination papers with Ismat Vijay Singh. Today, 2 candidates have submitted their nominations for Nagar Panchayat Bhadson to District Revenue Officer Patiala Navdeep Singh Returning Officer. The returning officer for 15 wards of Municipal Council Sanur is AMD. PRTC 1 candidate has filed nominations with Navdeep Kumar. Returning Officer for 13 wards of Nagar Panchayat Devgarh SDM. No candidate filed nomination with Doodhan Sadhan Kirpalveer Singh today. The returning officer for 13 wards of Nagar Panchayat Ghagga is SDM. Similarly, Tarsem Chand has received 3 nomination papers. Returning Officer for Wards 11 of Nagar Panchayat Ghanour SDM. 5 candidates have filed nomination papers with Rajpura Avikesh Gupta.

Team to check complaint given in District Grievance Redressal Committee meeting records statements of complainant



NIRMAL SAINI RADAUR: To investigate complaint given in District Grievance Redressal Committee meeting a few days ago, alleging wrong treatment against a hospital operator, team of Health Department reached village Rajheri on Wednesday along with District Grievance Redressal Committee members Sushil Batra and Dhanpat Saini. Here the team first reached the doctor's clinic. After that, team reached the house of the complainant along with prominent people of the village and talked to him to know the reality of the complaint. The statements of the complainant were recorded. SMO Dr. Vijay Parmar, who arrived from the Health Department, said that he had reached the spot to investigate the complaint. A team was formed for investigation. On investigating reality of complaint, it was found that they had some other dispute. Complainant Bir Singh has said in his statement that some time ago his son was injured. His wife was also ill for a long time due to which he was mentally disturbed.

Fire Safety Department holds special mock drill



MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI: As per the directions of the Principal of Shaheed Udhama Singh Government College, Matak Majri, Dr. Mahendra Singh Bagi, Fire Safety Department, Karnal organized a special mock drill by Fire Safety Committee. Its purpose was to ensure quick and effective response in emergency situations. College staff members and about 100 students participated in this exercise. A situation of artificial fire was created, and people present were given practice in process of escaping from fire, giving first aid, and calling emergency services. Fire brigade team demonstrated various methods of extinguishing fire and explained how to use fire-fighting equipment correctly. This exercise was successful in making people understand the need to remain calm and organized in case of fire. During mock drill, training was also given on the use of fire extinguishers. The entire process was completed in 40 minutes, which shows efficiency of emergency response.

HCSSC partners with PUM Netherlands to conduct Expert workshop for Handicraft Artisans

RAKESH JINDAL NABHA: While talking to the journalists he said that. Issuing a press note to Krishna Kumar, Chief Executive Officer, Handicrafts and Carpet Sector Skill Council, said that. Handicrafts and Carpet Sector Skill Council (HCSSC) has partnered with the prestigious international organization, PUM Netherlands, to organize a special international expert workshop with the aim of empowering the artisans in the traditional and heritage craft groups of India. To several international expert workshops will be organized with the aim of empowering. The present program will be organized at the Center of Excellence of HCSSC in collaboration with Patiala Handicraft Workshop Co-operative Society Limited. This 7 day workshop will focus on key areas such as innovation, business strategy, marketing and AI-driven entrepreneurship, specifically tailored for the handicrafts sector. The workshop will be moderated by international expert Ms Anojeska Timmerman, a renowned authority in the field. TOT (Training of Trainers) and TOMT (Training of Master Trainers) models for: enhancing market knowledge and understanding of emerging business strategies. Entrepreneurship Development for TOT and TOMT: Handmade crafts and new handcrafted products to suit market needs. Marketing Strategy: Strengthening value propositions for handicraft products in domestic and international markets.



NEWS BRIEF

Vijay Merchant Trophy: Delhi (108/4) fumbles against Chandigarh (162)

Chandigarh, UT colts bounced back in the game by restricting Delhi 108/4 after being dismissed for mere 162 at the opening day of the Under 16 Vijay Merchant Trophy match being played at Shimoga (Karnataka) on Wednesday. Earlier, Delhi won the toss and invited Chandigarh to bat first. City lads had a disappointing start with 24/4 on the board but Arjun Veer Singh and Parth sensed the danger and paired for 61 run partnership to steer the innings to 85. Top scorer Parth (48) was first one go. Later, Arjun (43) joined him in the pavilion leaving the side at 116/6. The duo of Dhruv Bindra (5/33) and Nikhil Sangwan (4/66) tamed the tallenders and wrapped up the innings at 162 in 59 overs. In reply, Delhi made a cautious start by without losing a wicket till 64 runs. Despite this start, Ranveer Ahuja successfully ended Chandigarh's struggling day by taking four wickets for the last 33 runs in his nine overs spell. Delhi scored 108/4 with the help of Garv Kumar (65) before the stumps were drawn.

Head-Siraj exchange a misinterpretation: Ponting

Adelaide, Dec 11 (UNI) Australia cricket legend Ricky Ponting has downplayed the heated exchange between India's Mohammed Siraj and Australia's Travis Head during the second Test in Adelaide, attributing it to a "misinterpretation." Speaking on The ICC Review, Ponting described the incident as an "accidental" escalation stemming from a misunderstanding. The clash occurred in the 82nd over of Australia's first innings when Siraj bowled a stunning yorker to dismiss Head, who had just reached a commanding 140. The Australia batsman, moments after hitting Siraj for a six, exchanged words with the Indian pacer as he walked off the field to a standing ovation. Ponting explained that the altercation was not born of malice but was likely a reaction to Head's remark, which Siraj misinterpreted. "I don't think there was any ill intent at the start," Ponting said. "It seemed like a miscommunication that spiralled into something bigger." Both players faced sanctions from the ICC, with Siraj receiving one demerit point and a 20% match fee fine, while Head was also penalised with a demerit point. Reflecting on Siraj's fiery reaction, Ponting noted the pressure on the bowler, who had struggled to make an impact until that moment. "Fast bowlers are bound to respond with intensity, especially after being hit for six and then taking a crucial wicket," Ponting explained. The former captain also raised concerns over Siraj's send-off gesture. "As soon as I saw it, I got worried for Siraj,

Harry Brook overtakes Joe Root to secure top spot in latest ICC Men's Test Batter Rankings

Delhi: Harry Brook overtook Joe Root on Wednesday to snatch the top spot on the latest ICC Men's Test Batter Rankings, the ICC said in a release on its website ICC Cricket. "A changing of the guard at the top of the Test batter rankings, while stars from Australia and South Africa make big gains on the updated list," ICC stated in a statement. Joe Root's reign as the best player in the world came to an end as rising England star Harry Brook confirmed his climb to the top by claiming the No.1 spot for the first time on the latest ICC Men's Test Batter Rankings. Brook overtakes Root to snatch the premier Test batter ranking on the back of his eighth Test century against New Zealand in Wellington last week, with the England right-hander now holding on to a narrow one-point advantage over his more experienced teammate at the top of the rankings list. The rise of Brook to a total of 898 rating points is just one more than Root's current haul of 897 and sets the 25-year-old join India great Sachin Tendulkar with the equal 34th highest rating of all time for Test batters.

Aim to pick up maximum points in coming games to clinch playoff spot, says Bengal Warriorz coach Prashant Surve

Pune: The Bengal Warriorz stormed past the Chennai Super Kings in the process registering an important fifth win of the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) Season 11. As the race for the playoffs heats up, the pressure is on the Bengal Warriorz, who took a massive step in the right direction during their resounding win on Tuesday. Reflecting on the 15-point win, coach Prashant Surve said, "Our defensive unit is a very strong one and we have full faith in them. Fazal and Nilish have shown what they are capable of and our raiders also stepped up as well, and that's what helped us pick up this win," as per a press release by PKL. When asked about qualification for the playoffs, the Bengal Warriorz's coach responded confidently. Prashant Surve said, "Definitely we have not given up hope of making it to the PKL Season 11 Playoffs and we have to win our upcoming games to make the next round. We are preparing and planning one game at a time and the team is confident that we can get the required results."

Top Pro Panja League athletes compete in Assam ArmWrestling State Championship in Guwahati

Guwahati: More than 500 athletes took part in the Assam ArmWrestling State Championship in Guwahati. The tournament was organ-

BGT 2024-25: Rohit Sharma-led Team India lands in Brisbane ahead of 3rd Test against Australia

AGENCY BRISBANE: Rohit Sharma-led Team India on Wednesday landed in Brisbane ahead of the third Test match of the prestigious Border-Gavaskar Trophy (BGT) against Australia. The five match series is tied with both teams winning 1 test each. Travis Head's scintillating century at home, accompanied by brilliant bowling performances from Mitchell Starc and Pat Cummins led Australia to a 10-wicket win at the Adelaide Oval in the second Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. The third match of the series between Australia and India will kick off from Saturday at the iconic Gabba. The official social media handle of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) shared a clip of Team India travelling from Adelaide to Brisbane.

The team was in a relaxed mood as they are looking forward to taking on the mighty Aussies in the third Test match. Recapping the Adelaide Test, India won the toss and opted to bat first. However, they had to face the wrath of a moving, erratic pink ball and its mastermind, Mitchell Starc (6/48). Except for a 69-run stand for the second wicket between KL Rahul (37 in 64 balls with six



fours) and Shubman Gill (31 in 51 balls, with five fours) and a fighting 42 in 54 balls (three fours and three sixes) from Nitish Kumar Reddy, there was not much high-

lights from India who were skittled out for 180 runs. Skipper Cummins and Scott Boland also took two wickets. In the first innings, a 67-run partnership between Nathan

McSweeney (39 in 109 balls, with six fours) and Marnus Labuschagne (64 in 126 balls, with nine fours) for second wicket set the platform for Travis Head to impose his

domination over Indian bowlers yet again with a counter-attacking 140 in 141 balls, with 17 fours and four sixes, just when Aussies lost some regular wickets.

Skipper Mehidy Hasan pinpoints reason behind Bangladesh's defeat to West Indies in 2nd ODI



AGENCY BASSETERRE : Skipper Mehidy Hasan Miraz reflected on Bangladesh's seven-wicket defeat to West Indies in the second ODI match and said that they did not bat well in the middle overs, reports ESPNcricinfo.

A four-wicket haul from Jayden Seales and a blitz half-century from opener Brandon King helped West Indies clinch a seven-wicket victory over Bangladesh in the second ODI match at Warner Park in Basseterre on Tuesday night. With this win, West Indies has

taken a 20 lead in the three-match series against Bangladesh.

Speaking after the match, Mehidy Miraz said that there was no partnership from the Bangladesh batters in the first inning. The skipper also praised Mahmudullah and Tanzim Hasan Sakib for their crucial knocks. "We didn't bat well in the middle overs. No partnerships. Back to back wickets. Mahmudullah and Sakib played well, but it was our mistake (with bat in hand that cost us). Seales and Co bowled

really well. We didn't get early runs. We were 20 for 4, but even then we thought we can come back. Our score wasn't enough, 300-plus was needed. We bowled really well in the first ten overs, esp our best bowler - Rana. On this wicket, it's hard for bowlers to defend an under-par score," Mehidy Miraz was quoted by ESPNcricinfo as saying.

Coming to the match, after winning the toss, West Indies opted to bowl first against Bangladesh.

Tanzid Hasan (46 runs from 33 balls, 4 fours and 2 sixes) was the only Bangladesh batter who managed to score runs in the top order. Hasan played at a strike rate of 139.39 and added a few crucial runs on the board. In the middle order, Mahmudullah (62 runs from 92 balls, 2 fours and 4 sixes) and Tanzim Hasan Sakib (45 runs from 62 balls, 4 fours and 2 sixes) cruised Bangladesh to a total of 227 runs with five overs left.

Harbhajan Singh reflects on India skipper Rohit Sharma's recent form

AGENCY NEW DELHI: Former cricketer Harbhajan Singh opened up on India skipper Rohit Sharma's recent form and said that he needs to make runs, reported StarSports.

Travis Head's scintillating century at home, accompanied by brilliant bowling performances from Mitchell Starc and Pat Cummins led Australia to a 10-wicket win at the Adelaide Oval in the second Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. The victory also ensured Australia reclaimed their place atop the WTC25 standings.

His captaincy also became a hot topic of debate after his decision to bat under gloomy Bengaluru sky in the opening Test against New Zealand. The single decision saw India back in the dressing room with its lowest home total, 46.

Even in the recently concluded second Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy against Australia in Adelaide, Rohit scored just nine runs, including two innings.

Speaking exclusively to Star Sports, Harbhajan Singh said that Rohit will think better and

do better things if he scores some runs. He also hoped that the India skipper would put some runs on the scoreboard soon.

"As a captain, I would like Rohit Sharma to make runs. When he scores runs, he will think better and do better things. No matter how big a player is, he is always worried about his performance. There is no doubt that when a player scores runs, he makes a better decision. So, let's hope that Rohit Sharma scores some runs so that his captaincy gets better," Harbhajan Singh was quoted by Star Sports as saying. Recapping the Adelaide Test, India won the toss and opted to bat first. However, they had to face the wrath of a moving, erratic pink ball and its mastermind, Mitchell Starc (6/48). Except for a 69-run stand for the second wicket between KL Rahul (37 in 64 balls with six fours) and Shubman Gill (31 in 51 balls, with five fours) and a fighting 42 in 54 balls (three fours and three sixes) from Nitish Kumar Reddy, there was not much high-lights from India who were skittled out for 180 runs. Skipper Cummins and Scott Boland also took two wickets.



AGENCY PERTH : Smriti Mandhana scored her fourth ODI century of 2024 during India's defeat to Australia at the WACA. This remarkable achievement set a new all-time record for the most centuries scored in a calendar year in women's ODIs, according to Wisden.

Mandhana's innings came as India chased 299, a target set by Australia thanks to Annabel Sutherland's 110 off 99 balls, with Ashleigh Gardner and Tahlia McGrath also contributing half-centuries. Despite losing her opening partner, Richa Ghosh, early-bowled by Megan Schutt—Mandhana stood out in an otherwise disappointing performance by the Indian batting lineup.

Following Harleen Deoofs dismissal for 39 by Alana King, Mandhana held the innings together as wickets fell rapidly around her. Harmanpreet Kaur managed only 12 runs off 22 balls before being dismissed, while Jemimah Rodrigues contributed 16. The lower order crumbled, with Deepthi Sharma, Minnu Mani, and Saima Thakor all falling for single-digit scores.

Mandhana reached her half-century off 50 balls in the 14th over, at a time when India's prospects seemed brighter with a run rate

exceeding five an over and only one wicket down. She brought up her century by tucking a delivery from King to short fine leg, reaching the milestone in 103 balls. However, she was dismissed less than two overs later for 105, sparking India's collapse.

This century marked Mandhana's fourth of the year, following two consecutive centuries against South Africa in June and another against New Zealand in October. Her achievement of four centuries in a single calendar year sets a new record in women's ODIs, surpassing the previous mark held by seven players who each scored three centuries in a year.

Mandhana's latest century also elevated her position on the all-time century list in women's ODIs, bringing her total to nine. She is now tied with Nat Sciver-Brunt, Chamari Athapaththu, and Charlotte Edwards in joint fourth place. Tammy Beaumont, with 10 ODI centuries, is Mandhana's next target.

Mandhana's exceptional form in 2024 underscores her status as one of the premier batters in women's cricket, despite India's struggles in the series against Australia.

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1	Date of Online Publication	12.12.2024 (15.00 HRS)
2	Document Download Start and End Date	12.12.2024 (15.00 HRS upto 23.12.2024 (09.00 HRS)
3	Bid Submission Start and End Date	12.12.2024 (15.00 HRS upto 23.12.2024 (09.00 HRS)
4	Physical Submission of Documents	As per uploaded SBD
5	Date of Technical Bid opening	23.12.2024 (11.00 HRS)

Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delay due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.
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Bypass to be constructed to decongest traffic in Kurukshetra: Hry CM

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, DEC 11

Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said that the central government has granted in-principle approval for the construction of the Kurukshetra bypass, which will soon begin. The construction of this bypass will not only benefit the residents of Kurukshetra but also people from neighboring regions, ensuring better connectivity and improved infrastructure in this sacred land.

The Chief Minister was addressing the heads of pilgrimage sites at the 48-Kos Teerth Sammelan during the ongoing International Gita Mahotsav in Kurukshetra today. Haryana Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Sh. Shyam



Singh Rana, Tanzania Tourism Minister Smt Pindi Chana, Gita Manishi Swami Gyananand Maharaj were also present on this occasion.

The Chief Minister also directed the heads of all the pilgrimage sites along the 48 Kos Parikrama to be devel-

oped as tourist destinations with an estimated investment of approximately Rs 175 crore. A Mahabharata-themed Jyotisar Anubhav Kendra is also being constructed at Geeta Sthal, Jyotisar, with an investment of Rs 205 crore. This Anubhav Kendra was recently inaugurated virtually by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Congratulating the people on this occasion, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini expressed his gratitude for the leadership of Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi, a Karmayogi who embodies the teachings of the Gita in his life. He said that the policies of the Prime Minister aim not just at policy-making but at transforming the lives of millions of farmers, women, and the underprivileged.

ward and help make Kurukshetra the cleanest place in the country. He emphasized that if we work together, this religious region spanning 48 Kos can undoubtedly become a leader in cleanliness across the nation.

Haryana to launch Pilgrimage covering the 48 Kos Land of Kurukshetra on the lines of 84 Kos Brij yatra

Chouhan bats for 'one nation one election' says frequent polls creating hurdles

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KURUKSHETRA, DEC 11

Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Wednesday contended that frequent polls were creating hurdles in the nation's progress, while making a strong pitch for 'one nation, one election'.

Addressing an event in Kurukshetra as part of the ongoing International Gita festival, Chouhan said the country is moving ahead rapidly under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

A glorious, prosperous and powerful India is being built under the leadership of the prime minister. Soon, India will become the "Vishwa Guru" (world leader) in front of our eyes. There is no doubt about it, and the whole world knows it, he said.

"But there is one hurdle in India's progress and development, which is frequent elections. Any other thing may be happening or not in the country, but election preparations continue for twelve months all five years," he said.



"When Lok Sabha elections get over, Assembly elections come. Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Maharashtra and Jharkhand are done, now Delhi assembly polls are coming," Chouhan said. "Then there will be elections in Bihar and when we will deal with it, there will be another round of elections. All political parties prepare for elections all five years and in that public welfare works and development works get left behind," he said. "Chunav jeetne ki chinta mein, sare dalon ke neta lage rehte hai (Leaders of all parties remain engaged in the race of winning the elections)," the

Union minister said in the presence of Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini. "Now I am the Agriculture Minister, but if elections come, I remain engaged in election campaigning for three months continuously," he said. A lot of time of the prime minister, chief ministers, ministers, MPs, MLAs, officers and other employees is wasted and all development works are impacted, the minister charged. "Public welfare works are left behind," he said, while adding that expenditure is involved in conducting elections while poll expenses are also incurred by those contesting.

US grants aid to Haryana airport redevelopment

ARLINGTON : The US Trade and Development Agency awarded a technical assistance grant to India's Haryana Airports Development Corporation Limited (HADC) to support the comprehensive redevelopment of Maharaja Agrasen International Airport (Hisar Airport) into an integrated aviation hub focused on cargo and logistics, an official statement said.

The project will increase air cargo throughput at Hisar Airport, located in the National Capital Area, which includes Delhi, as per the statement.

"USTDA's partnership with HADC is an example of USTDA's longstanding commitment to advancing India's growing civil aviation sector," said Enoch T Ebong, USTDA's Director. "Our work will enhance the redevelopment of Hisar Airport, strengthen local supply chains, and create opportunities for US companies to deploy their technology for its implementation," the statement quoted her as saying. Since opening in 1967, Hisar Airport has primarily been used for general and business aviation purposes like private aircraft and pilot training. It is located over three hours by car from the nearest international airport, impeding businesses seeking to take advantage of air cargo services. This USTDA-funded technical assistance will alleviate these challenges by facilitating the airport's transformation into a cargo hub, supporting two-way trade and investment in local infrastructure while strengthening India's supply chain network. "The agreement between HADC and USTDA demonstrates the progressive vision and spirit of cooperation between the two nations," said Chief Minister of Haryana Nayab Singh Saini. "Our vision is to take advantage of USTDA's international expertise to make Hisar into an integrated cargo complex. This will help India achieve its aviation infrastructure growth targets," as per the statement. "Since 2007, the United States and India have worked together to foster tremendous growth in the civil aviation sector," said US Ambassador to India Eric Garcetti. "Today, we celebrate the latest step in building an even better aviation experience for our citizens, businesses, and passengers throughout the world. Together, through partnerships like these, the United States and India are laying the groundwork for the future of civil aviation."

Chandigarh awaits its home munda

CHANDIGARH: the vibrant heart of Punjab, is gearing up for a musical extravaganza as its beloved home munda, Diljit Dosanjh, prepares to take the stage in his upcoming concert on 14th December in Chandigarh. The Dil-Luminati Tour is produced by Saregama Live and Ripple Effect Studio. After successful shows in Delhi, Jaipur, Hyderabad, Lucknow, Ahmedabad, Pune, Bengaluru & Indore the anticipation of him coming to Chandigarh has sent waves of excitement across the region, with fans eagerly anticipating a night to remember. This concert is not just a celebration of music; it is a testament to Chandigarh's growing prominence as a hub for large-scale cultural events.



The city, known for its blend of modernity and tradition, is set to host what promises to be a landmark event in its entertainment calendar. While recent performances, such as Karan Aujla's, have showcased the city's love for Punjabi music, Diljit Dosanjh's concert is poised to elevate the scale, bringing together fans from across the region for an unforgettable experience. Such events have far-reaching benefits for Chandigarh, boosting the local economy and tourism industry. From bustling hotels and restaurants to local vendors, the ripple effects of a concert of this magnitude are immense. Moreover, it reinforces Chandigarh's status as a cultural epicenter, attracting global attention and fostering pride in Punjabi heritage. The whole community in Chandigarh is already buzzing with excitement as Diljit's music resonates deeply with people of all generations.

Social Presents SU REAL



CHANDIGARH: SU REAL will be dropping the freshest and most electrifying commercial hip-hop tracks that will keep you on your feet all night long on 14th December at Sector 7 Social. Join the hilariously witty Jeeveshu Ahluwalia at Comi-Kaun Vol. 4. Catch this comedy powerhouse at Elante Social, for an evening filled with laughter and unforgettable fun on 19th December at Elante Social.

“आज देश में स्पोर्ट्स से जुड़े इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर का विस्तार किया जा रहा है। देश खुले मन से अपने हर एक खिलाड़ी की पूरी मदद कर रहा है।”
- नरेन्द्र मोदी

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International Gita Mahotsav

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Chief Minister, Haryana

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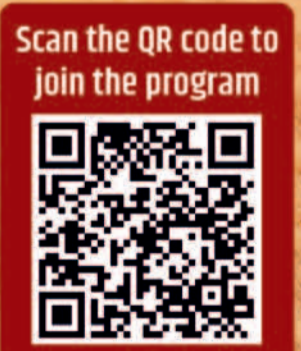
★ **2nd Prize** ₹ 1 Lakh

★ **3rd Prize** ₹ 50,000

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