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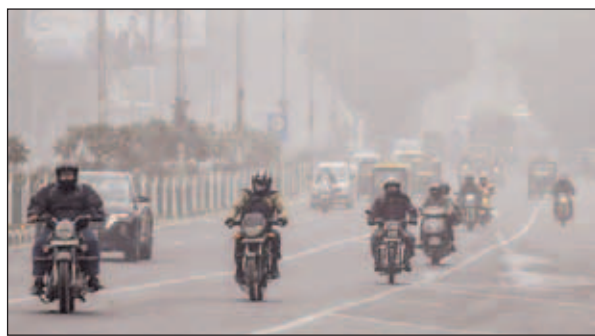
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IMD forecasts temperature drop, dense fog in parts of North

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NEW DELHI, DEC 29

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted a gradual fall in temperatures across parts of north, west and central India, including Delhi, over the next few days. Dr Naresh Kumar, an IMD scientist, stated that temperatures are expected to drop by 3 to 5 degrees Celsius in many regions. "Temperatures will fall gradually from today. We are expecting temperatures to fall by 3 to 5 degrees Celsius in many parts of northwest India and central India," Dr Kumar said. The IMD has also forecast dense to very dense fog in Punjab and Haryana for the next two days, which is likely to affect visibility and could lead to disruptions in travel. "We are expecting dense to very dense fog over Punjab and Haryana for the next two days," Dr Kumar added. While temperatures have been above normal for this time of year, the IMD expects them to return to more typical levels in the



Gulmarg, Pahalgam reel under subzero temperatures

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SRINAGAR: Gulmarg and Pahalgam in Kashmir continued to experience severe subzero temperatures while the rest of the valley saw slight relief from the cold wave, officials said on Sunday. Gulmarg, a tourist resort town known for skiing activities in north Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 8.0 degree Celsius, the Meteorological department said. The base camp for annual Amarnath Yatra in south Kashmir, Pahalgam, registered a minimum of minus 8.5 degree Celsius, the department said. In Srinagar the mercury dipped to minus 0.2 degree Celsius on Saturday night — two degrees above the normal temperature for this time of the year, it added. Qazigund, the gateway town to Kashmir, logged a minimum temperature of minus 0.4 degree Celsius, while Konibal in Pampore recorded a low of minus 1.0 degree Celsius, the weather office said.

coming days. "We are expecting cold conditions today, especially over Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, and Haryana region," he said. However, he emphasized that "no cold wave" is expected in Delhi at this stage. Meanwhile, as the national capital continues to reel under inclement weather conditions, many homeless people are spending nights in government-constructed night shelters as temperatures continue to fall in the national capital on Sunday.

According to the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), the minimum temperature in Delhi has plummeted to 12 degrees Celsius. A thin layer of fog enveloped the national capital, Delhi, on Sunday. The Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB) has set up 235 pagoda tents to provide shelter to homeless people. Night shelters have been set up in several areas of the national capital including AIMS, Lodhi Road, and Nizamuddin flyover.

179 feared dead after plane crashes on South Korea runway

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SEOUL, DEC 29

A plane with 181 people on board crashed at South Korea's Muan airport after it veered off the runway while landing, with 151 people confirmed dead. As per Yonhap news agency, the crash was reported in the South Jeolla province when the Jeju Air flight 2216 was returning from Thailand. Two people — both flight crew — were rescued by authorities, which continued evacuating passengers from the Boeing 737-800's rear section.

Among the 181 on board, 175 were passengers and six were flight crew. Emergency services at the airport began operations around 9 am after the aircraft crashed into a fence after a failed belly landing attempt and erupted in flames. Visuals showed black smoke rising above the crash site.



The crash is believed to have been caused by "contact with birds, resulting in malfunctioning landing gear", coupled with adverse weather conditions. "The plane is almost completely destroyed, and identifying the dead is proving difficult. The process is taking time as we locate and recover the remains," the fire department in Muan said in a statement. Two minutes before the crash, the pilot issued a Mayday call, Ministry of Land. It added,

"It took approximately three minutes from the control tower's mention of a bird strike warning to the aircraft's attempt to land on the runway again." When asked if the accident happened due to the runway being too short — video shows the plane coming off the tarmac and hitting a wall — the official said this was likely not a factor. "The runway is 2,800 meters long, and similar-sized aircraft have been operating on it without issues," they said.

NEWS BRIEF

PM Internship Scheme: 6.21 lakh applications received so far

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NEW DELHI: About 6.21 lakh applications have been received for 1.27 lakh opportunities under the Prime Minister's Internship Scheme and the selection process is continuing, the government said on Sunday. The scheme, announced in the 2024 Union Budget, aims to provide internship opportunities to 1 crore youth in top-500 companies over five years. A pilot project of the scheme, started on October 3, aims to provide 1.25 lakh internship opportunities during 2024-25.

Arshdeep Singh nominated for ICC T20 Cricketer of the Year

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DUBAI: Indian pacer Arshdeep Singh has been nominated for the ICC Men's T20 Cricketer of the Year award following a stellar season in which he emerged as the joint highest wicket-taker and played a pivotal role in India's T20 World Cup triumph. The 25-year-old will compete for the prestigious honour alongside Pakistan's Babar Azam, Australia's Travis Head, and Zimbabwe's Sikandar Raza, all of whom are among the standout performers this year. Singh, a left-arm pacer, was a key figure in India's T20 World Cup victory in Barbados.

Bihar civil service aspirants seek re-exam, clash with cops, break barricades

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PATNA: Patna witnessed high tension on Friday as thousands of Bihar Public Service Commission (BPS) aspirants continued their protest at Gandhi Maidan in Patna, demanding a re-examination of the 70th BPS preliminary exams. The demonstrators, firm on their demand to meet Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar to discuss the impasse, broke through two barricades set up by the police near JP Golambar. A minor scuffle broke out between police and BPS aspirants at Gandhi Maidan in Patna. The police responded with a mild lathi charge to disperse the crowd as the protestors attempted to march towards Dak Bungalow via Fraser Road.

Justice Gurmeet Singh Sandhawalia sworn-in as Chief Justice of HP High Court



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, DEC 29

Justice Gurmeet Singh Sandhawalia was sworn-in as the new Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court in a simple but impressive ceremony held at Raj Bhavan today. The oath of office was administered by Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla. Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu was also present on the occasion.

Chief Secretary Prabodh Saxena conducted the formal proceedings of the ceremony and read out the Warrant of Appointment issued by the President of India.

Speaker Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha Kuldeep Singh Pathania, Industries Minister

Harshwardhan Chauhan, Revenue Minister Jagat Singh Negi, Judges of Himachal Pradesh High Court, Judges of Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chairman HP Tourism Development Corporation R.S. Bali, Political Advisor to Chief Minister Sunil Sharma, Pr. Media Advisor to the Chief Minister Naresh Chauhan, Advocate General Anup Kumar Rattan, Chairman HP State Human Rights Commission Justice P.S. Rana, Lokayukta Justice Chander Bhushan Barowalia, Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of various boards and corporations, senior officers of the state government, family members of Chief Justice of HP High Court and other prominent people were also present on the occasion.

Ex-PM Manmohan Singh's ashes immersed in Yamuna river

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The ashes of former prime minister Manmohan Singh were immersed in the Yamuna river near the Majnu ka Tila Gurdwara by members of his family following Sikh rituals.

The ashes were collected from the Nigamboth Ghat on Sunday morning by Singh's family members and later taken to the 'Asth Ghat' on the Yamuna river bank near the gurdwara.

Singh's wife Gursharan Kaur, their three daughters — Upinder Singh, Daman



Singh and Amrit Singh — along with other relatives were present at the immersion site.

As part of Sikh rituals, the family will hold an 'Akhand Path' at its official

residence on 3, Motilal Nehru Marg on January 1.

A 'bhog' ceremony, 'Antim Ardas' and 'kirtan' would be held on January 3 at the Rakab Ganj Gurdwara near Parliament complex.

60 per cent terrorists killed in J-K in 2024 are Pakistanis: Army

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Notwithstanding the economic issues faced by it back home, the Pakistan Army is fully backing the terrorist infrastructure as 60 per cent of terrorists killed in Jammu and Kashmir this year were Pakistanis. The local

recruitment of terrorists in the Pakistan-sponsored terror groups is also very low as only four locals have joined these groups this year, Army officials told ANI. In different encounters and operations, the security has been able to eliminate around 75 terrorists in different regions of the state including the Jammu

region and the Kashmir valley along with the firefights that take place during infiltration attempts by terrorists on the Line of Control, they said.

Notably, Pakistan has traditionally been seen as one of the biggest hubs for exporting terrorists to almost all parts of the world with a main focus on India.

Punjab police arrests mastermind in Gurdaspur attack case

VERMA
BATALA, DEC 29

In a major breakthrough, Punjab Police has busted yet another Pakistan-ISI backed terror-module being operated by Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) being operated by foreign-based Harpreet Singh alias Hassy Passia and Shamsheer alias Honey with the arrest of its five members including mastermind Abhijot Singh involved in lobbing hand-grenade at two police establishments in Batala and Gurdaspur, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Sunday. "By successfully busting this module, Punjab Police has solved all the incidents of attacks on Police Establishments in the state," said the DGP. Other arrested four persons have been identified as Kuljit Singh, Rohit alias Ghessi, Shubham and Gurjinder Singh alias Raja, all residents of Qila Lal Singh in Batala. Police teams have also recovered two pistols including one sophisticated 9MM glock pistol and one .32 bore pistol from their possession. The development came days after some persons hurled hand grenade at

Ghaniae Ke Bangar Police Station in Batala on December 12 at around 10.20pm, followed by attack on the Wadala Bangar Police Post in Gurdaspur on December 20 at around 9.30pm. Following the incidents, terrorist organisation BKI had used social media platform to claim the responsibility for these terror acts using separate social media posts.

DGP Gaurav Yadav said that the accused persons Abhijot Singh and Kuljit Singh have sustained bullet injuries, when both were taken for the recovery and they attacked police team to evade custody, in response the police acted in self-defense. Both the accused persons have been admitted to the Civil Hospital in Batala, where they are reported to be in stable condition, he added. The DGP said that investigations are in progress to establish forward and backward linkages in this case and unveil the entire terror module. Sharing more details, Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) Border Range Satinder Singh said that following the attack at police establishments, Batala Police has launched a special operation to trace the perpetrators.

Constitution is guiding light for the citizens: PM at Mann Ki Baat

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NEW DELHI, DEC 29

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said that the Constitution of India has stood the test of time and has been a guiding light for the citizens. He addressed the year's last and 117th episode of the monthly radio show 'Mann Ki Baat,' saying "On 26 January 2025, our Constitution will complete 75 years of its implementation. It is a matter of great pride for all of us. The Constitution handed over to us by our Constitution makers has stood the test of time. The Constitution is a guiding light for us, our guide," the Prime Minister said. He also said that the government has also rolled out

a special website to connect the citizens with the legacy of the Constitution.

Honouring the milestone of India completing 75 years of Constitution next January, PM Modi announced that a nationwide campaign has been created, inviting citizens to read the Preamble and share their videos on the holy book. "In this, you can upload your video by reading the preamble of the constitution. You can read the Constitution in different languages and can also ask questions about the Constitution. I request the listeners of 'Mann Ki Baat,' school-going children, and college-going youth to definitely visit this website and become a part of it," he



said. Speaking about the Maha Kumbh event going to be held in Prayagraj from 13th January, PM Modi said an AI chatbot will be available for users to access information related to Kumbh, available in 11 Indian languages. Calling the 'Maha Kumbh' of unity, PM Modi appealed to the devout to return from it with resolve to remove hate and division from society. "Let us also make a resolve to annihilate the feeling of division and hatred in the society. If I have to say

it in a few words, then I will say, Mahakumbh Ka Sandesh, Ek Ho Poora Desh..." The message of the Mahakumbh, Let the whole country be united," he added.

Prime Minister Modi hailed India's soft power through films, saying that the WAVES summit to be organised in India next year is an important step in making 'India a hub of global content creation.' He further added this summit is an important step towards making India a hub of global content creation. "I feel proud informing you that the young creators of our country are also joining with full enthusiasm in the preparations for this summit.

When we are moving towards a 5 trillion dollar economy, our creator economy is bringing in a new energy," he said. Talking about the health achievements, PM Modi said, "In India, there has been an 80 percent reduction in the number of malaria cases and deaths between 2015 & 2023. "Malaria ranks third among all infectious diseases that kill children between one month and five years of age. Today, I can say with satisfaction that the countrymen have collectively and strongly fought this challenge," he added. He, however, further added, "The Ayushman Bharat Yojana played an important role in the timely treatment of cancer patients.

CHANDIGARH: Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has handed over the command of the Chandigarh unit President to DSP Vijay Pal and Omkar Sunny Aulakh has been appointed to the post of General Secretary. These appointments have been made by Rajya Sabha Member and National Organization Secretary of AAP Dr. Sandeep Pathak, AAP Chandigarh In-charge and MLA from Delhi S. Jarnail Singh and AAP Chandigarh Co-In-Charge and Chairman of Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board Dr. SS Ahluwalia. On this occasion, today at Sector 39, Chandigarh, Dr. SS Ahluwalia congratulated President DSP Vijay Pal and other office bearers and distributed laddus and sweets to each other. Dr. Ahluwalia also appealed to all the office bearers to make more efforts for the welfare of Chandigarh residents. He said that Aam Aadmi Party is a staunch honest party, which is working day and night for the welfare of the public. Councillor Hardeep Singh, Councillor Amanpreet Singh Badal, Councillor Jasvir Singh Laddi, AAP leader Abha Bansal and Naresh Bobby Garg have been appointed as Vice Presidents. AAP leaders Sukhraj Sandhu, Harjinder Bawa, Meena Sharma, Kaushal Singh and Ravi Mani have been given the responsibility of Chandigarh Secretary.

CAT III landing systems to be at Airports with high traffic volumes: Minister to MP Arora

SHARMA LUDHIANA: 2024: When the visibility drops below 800m or Runway Visual Range (RVR) drops below 550m, the CAT II/CAT III operations are commenced at the airports. The aerodromes certified for CAT II/CAT III operations are also required to have adequate infrastructure and instruments as per Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)/International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Standards such as Runway edge Lights, Runway Center Line Lights, Approach Lights, Runway Touchdown Zone Lights, Taxiway Center Line lights, Stopbars and CAT II/III Instrument Landing System (ILS). This has been revealed by Minister of State for Civil



Aviation Murlidhar Mohol in an answer to questions on "Mandatory High Visibility Light on Runways" asked by MP (Rajya Sabha) from Ludhiana Sanjeev Arora in the recently concluded winter session of Rajya

Sabha. Giving this information here today, Arora said the Minister further mentioned in his answer that presently, six airports namely, Delhi, Lucknow, Jaipur, Amritsar, Kolkata, and Bengaluru,

have one or more runways certified by DGCA for CAT II/III operations and more than 60 airports operated by AAI are equipped with ILS CAT- I and associated runway lights. The Minister's answer

further mentioned that while there is no current mandate for all commercial airports to be equipped with CAT III systems, the decision to install such systems depends on factors such as operational demand, air traffic volume, and prevailing weather conditions at the respective airport.

Arora had asked about a list of airports in the country with runways equipped with High Visibility Lights makes it easier for pilots to land their aircraft during times of low visibility. He has also asked whether Government plans to make installation of High Visibility Lighting mandatory at all commercial airports of India in the near future, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor.

Book on historical monuments by Lehnaaz Rana and Noor Dhillon young authors released

CHANDIGARH: In a book 'The Time Capsule' written by two class twelfth students Lehnaaz Rana and Noor Dhillon released here today the duo have shared the story of their journey through some of Punjab's most important yet lesser-known historical



sites. Over the past year and a half, the duo have traveled to various locations across the state, including the Kapurthala Palace, Ludhiana Fort, Bural Fort, Manauli Fort, Sanghol Stupa and others such historical monuments and have recorded the history in a book form with imposing pictorial references. Their detailed accounts cover the forts and palaces they visited, as well

as the royal jewels of the Patiala, Kapurthala, and Faridkot families, revealing the connections between local history and European craftsmanship.

The book is a reflection of this journey and a culmination of the

experiences they gained while researching, painting and documenting these sites. Their project began as an Instagram account (thetimecapsule_) and grew into a dedicated website (www.timecapsule.blog).

"A number of monuments in the state for a long time have remained hidden out of public view. The monuments speak of rich historical landmarks and witness the long passage of time, cultural ethos and heritage of Punjab. When we visited these monuments we were overwhelmed and decided to record it in book form," said Rana and her co-author Noor.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
I Harjinder Singh S/o Charanjit Lal, VPO Dadial, Distt. Hoshiarpur (Punjab India). Present address 6304-17 Ave NW Edmonton AB. T6L 1N4 have changed my name from Harjinder Singh to Harjinder Singh Braich. 63372

I Pinki Devi am legal dependent of Army No 14671476K Rank NK, name Vipin Kumar, Presently residing at Vpo Batnour. Teh Mawana, Distt Meerut, Uttar Pradesh, Pin Code-250401. Hereby declare that I have changed my name from Pinki to Pinki Devi which was wrongly declared by my husband at the time of enrollment in the service. Vide Affidavit Attested by Notary Public (GOVT OF INDIA) Kindly Correct it. 63372

It is for General Information That I Service no. JC-406712M, Sub. Ram Kumar Saini Presently Serving in 19 Guards C/o 56 APO, Mirthal (PB) Permanent Resident of Vpo Rajnola Tehsil Kotputli Distt Jaipur, State Rajasthan Pin Code-303110 That I am the father of Minor Daughter Named Priya Saini Aged 17 year who has Passed 10th class (CBSE BOARD) on 13.05.2024, Hereby Declare That on My Daughter's 10th School Marksheet/Certificate (CBSE BOARD) Her DOB Wrongly Entered as 09-07-2007 instead of Correct as 09-10-2007 as per her Aadhar card and as per My Service Record Vide Affidavit Attested by Notary Public (GOVT OF INDIA) Kindly Correct it. 63372

I Rajshri Devi Mother of Number 15614143P Rank Hav Name Singh Dharendra Bahadur Of Unit 9Guards c/o 56 Apo Declare that i have changed my Name from Rajshri Devi TO Rajshri Vide affidavit before notary Pathankot, Punjab. 63372

I Army Number Jc 314381W Rank Sub Name Shrishail Talawar Of Unit 422 (i) Engr Sqn C/O 56 Apo Declare That in my service record my Son Name has been wrongly entered as Preetam Instead Of Preetam Shrishail Talawar Vide affidavit Number Before notary Pathankot Punjab. 63372

I Army Number Jc 314381W Rank Sub Name Shrishail Talawar Of Unit 422 (i) Engr Sqn C/O 56 Apo Declare That in my service record my Son Name has been wrongly entered as Pradeep S Talwar Instead Of Pradeep S Talwar Vide affidavit Number Before notary Pathankot Punjab. 63372

LOST & FOUND
I, Narinder Kaur W/o Davinder Pal Singh my address C/o Rupinder Singh S/o Amar Singh W.No. 6 New Apex Colony Dosanj Road Moga-142001 i am holding SBI Life Insurance Policy No. 51798692304 this is to inform that i have lost my original Policy. It is have not taken any loan against the said Policy. 63372

PUBLIC NOTICE
ਮੈਂ ਗੁਰਮੁਖ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਬੰਦਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਤੇ ਡਾਕ-ਜੀਵਨਪੁਰ ਜੱਟਾ, ਤਾੜਹ-ਗੜ੍ਹ ਸ਼ੰਕਰ, ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਰੋਹਤਾਸ਼ਾਹਪੁਰ (ਪੰਜਾਬ) 146109 ਦਾ ਰਹਿਣ ਵਾਲਾ ਹਾਂ, ਅਤੇ ਇਹ ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੀ ਲੜਕੀ ਰਜਨੀ ਸਾਡੇ ਕਹਿਣ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੈ। ਅਤੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਮਨਮਾਜ਼ੀ ਕਰਦੀ ਹੈ, ਮੈਂ ਆਪਣੀ ਲੜਕੀ ਰਜਨੀ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਤਮਾਮ ਚੱਲ ਅਤੇ ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ, ਅੱਜ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਮੇਰਾ ਤੇ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਦਾ ਰਜਨੀ ਨਾਲ ਕੋਈ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਾਸਤਾ ਜਾਂ ਕੋਈ ਰਿਸ਼ਤਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਜੇਕਰ ਕੋਈ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਕਿਸਮ ਦਾ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਦਾ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਉਸਦਾ ਉਹ ਖੁਦ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। 63372

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Sarbjit Singh S/o Karnail Singh R/o Village Kirrian Tehsil Patti District Tarn Taran declare that my Daughter Kawalpreet Kaur is totally out of my control. I disown her from my all movable and immovable property. I and my family will not be responsible for any good or bad deeds done by her. 63372

I Manjula P Legally wedded spouse of Number JC 314331L Rank Nb/Sub Name Bhaskar Pediredla of unit 422 (i) Engr Sqn c/o 56 APO Presently residing at Door NO - 45-42-20/3 Village Akkayapalem Postoffice Akkayapalem Distt - Visakhapatnam State Andhra Pradesh Pin 530016 Declare that I have change my Name From Manjula P TO Pediredla Manjula Vide Affidavit Number Before notary Pathankot Punjab. 63372

ਮੈਂ ਨਜੀਰ ਮੁਹੰਮਦ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਰਮਜਾਨ ਖਾਨ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਬੀਨਾ, ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਖੋਨਾ, ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਇਹ ਹਲਫ਼ੀਆ ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰਾ ਨਾਮ ਨਜੀਰ ਮੁਹੰਮਦ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਰਮਜਾਨ ਖਾਨ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਮਾਲ ਮਹਿਕਮੇ ਦੇ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਵਿਚ ਮੇਰਾ ਨਾਮ ਵਜੀਰ ਖਾਂ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਰਮਜਾਨ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਹੋਇਆ ਹੈ। ਮੈਨੂੰ ਨਜੀਰ ਮੁਹੰਮਦ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਰਮਜਾਨ ਖਾਨ ਅਤੇ ਵਜੀਰ ਖਾਂ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਰਮਜਾਨ ਖਾਨ ਦੋਹਾਂ ਨਾਮਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਜਾਣਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ। ਨਜੀਰ ਮੁਹੰਮਦ ਅਤੇ ਵਜੀਰ ਖਾਂ ਇਹ ਦੋਵੇਂ ਨਾਮ ਮੇਰੇ ਹੀ ਹਨ। ਮੈਂ ਇਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਹਰ ਤਰਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹਾਂ। 63372

I, Niyati D/O Pankaj, R/o 141/11, Kishanpura, Ganaur, Sonipat, Haryana-131101. Declare that Name of My Mother has been wrongly written as Pratibha in my 10th Class Certificate. The actual name of My Mother is Sunita Devi, which may be amended accordingly. 900026

I, Manprit Kaur Wife of No. JC274398Y Ex Naib Subedar Dalbir Singh, resident of Village & Post Office Patial, District Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from M A N P R I T K A U R to M A N P R E E T K A U R. Please note all concerned. 900026

I Ashwani Kumar Gill S/o Raj Kumar R/o H.No. W D-297, Ali Mohalla , Jalandhar -144001, have changed my name from Ashwani Kumar Gill to Ashwani Kumar. All concerned noted. 900026

I Som Raj S/o Sadhu Ram Indra Colony, Dina Nagar, Gurdaspur -143531, have changed my name from Som Raj Sidhu to Som Raj. All concerned noted. 900026

I Rimple Gill W/o Ashwani Kumar R/o H.No. 69, New Anand Nagar, Jalandhar -144008, have changed my name from Rimple Gill to Rimple Sidhu. All concerned noted. 900026

I Army No. 15729944H, Name- Pankaj Kumar Yadav, presently resident at Amdar VTC Parghari, PO Sabhour, Distt. Bhagalpur, State Bihar, 813210 AT PRESENT 15 IDSR, Amritsar Cantt, Distt. Amritsar, declare that my son name and DOB is mentioned incorrect in some documents as Yuvraj and 05/01/2019 but his correct name and DOB is Yuvraj Kumar and 05/04/2020 72737

I hitherto known as MARITA DEVI W/O MOHIT GARG R/O HNO.1948 B2, SAINI MOHALLA PINJORE KALKA, PACHKULA, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as AMRITA GARG. 72737

I, Sanju S/o Rangji Ram R/o Village Nauch Tehsil & Distt. Kaithal (haryana) Have Changed My Name From Sanju To Sanju Kumar. Concerned Please Note. 84451

I Malkit Singh S/o Labh Singh R/o House No 396C, Ward No 2, Mundi Kharar (Mohali) Sas Nagar Changed My Name To Malkit (Singh) As A Surname 666554

I Gurjit Kaur W/o Malkit Singh R/o House No 396C, Ward No 2, Mundi Kharar (Mohali) Sas Nagar Changed My Name To Gurjeet Kaur 666554

I, Jamaldeen S/o Sher Khan R/o H.No. A 563 Vpo. Rohira Dist. Malerkotla I have changed my name to Jamal Din. 63372

I, Gurjant Singh Sekhon S/o Bhajan Singh R/o Vill-Chhapar Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Gurjant Singh. 63372

I, Sunita Devi W/O Satpal Sagar R/O VPO Bhoot Tehsil Banga Distt. S B S Nagar have changed my name from Sunita Devi to Sunita Rani. 63372

I Jaspreet W/o Navjot Singh R/o Vill-Bhoot Teh-Banga Distt SBS Nagar, Punjab-144512 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Jaspreet Kaur. 63372

I, Malkeet Singh S/o Darshan Singh R/o Village Kallah Tehsil Khadar Sahib District Tarn Taran have changed my name from Malkeet Singh to Malkeet as my Given Name and Singh as my Surname. 63372

I, Mohd Farooq S/o Mohd Hussain R/o Mohalla Berian Wala, Malerkotla (R) Tehsil & District Malerkotla have changed my name Mohd Farooq to Mohammad Farooq. 63372

I Shakeel S/o Mohammad Hanif R/o Mohalla Kalri Wala Jamalpura Dist Malerkotla declare that i have changed my name from Shakeel to Mohammad Shakeel. 63372

I Saphia Parveen W/o Mohammad Ashraf R/o Munabar Ganj Kacha Kot Opposite Malerkotla declare that I have changed my name from Saphia Parveen to Safia Parveen. 63372

I Jenny D/o Balwant Singh R/o Raipur Bet, Tehsil Samrala (Ludhiana) have changed my name as Jenny Kaur. 63372

I, Ranvir Kumar S/o Jai Ram Dass R/o Vpo. Malopota Teh-Banga (SBS Nagar) have changed my minor son name from Shivraj to Shivraj Narewat. 63372

I, Ranvir Kumar S/o Jai Ram Dass R/o Vpo. Malopota Teh-Banga (SBS Nagar) have changed my name to Kulbir Kaur. 63372

I, Dalbir Kumar S/o Darshan Ram R/o Vill: Kalyanpur Po. Rattarpoura Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) have changed my name to Dalvir Kumar. 63372

I, Arjun S/o Manohar Lal R/o Vpo. Mehsampur Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) have changed my name to Arjun Mudar. 63372

I, Munish Kumar S/o Jaswant Kumar R/o H.No. 24 Gate No. 3 Lucky Colony Panjpeer Road Garha Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) have changed my minor son name from Yatin Kumar to Yatin given name Kumar is surname. 63372

I, Jasvir Singh Kalia S/O Ram Singh R/O Village Ramgarh Sardaran Tehsil Payel Distt. Ludhiana have changed my name to Jasvir Singh. 63372

I Sukhpreet Kaur W/o Jastinder Singh Dhaliwal R/o Patti Fatta Rauke Kallan (Moga) have changed my name to Sukhpreet Kaur Dhaliwal. 63372

I, Sunaina Bedi, W/O Dheeraj Chandna R/O 6696, Krishan Pura, Near Almost Mandir, Rewari, Haryana- 123401. have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Chandni Chandna. 63372

I, Anshu Monga S/O Pawan Kumar, R/o Flat No 201, Shree Ram Apartment, Street No-185, Laxman Vihar, Daultabad Flyover, Daultabad (53), Gurgaon, Haryana-122006, I have changed the name of my minor Son Eklavya aged about 7 years and He shall hereafter be known as Ekklavya Monga. 63372

I, Dalbir Singh S/O Rajbir, R/o Village, Karad (64), Panipat, Haryana- 132107, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Dalbir Maik. 461257

I, Shwet Awasthi S/O Kamal Nain Awasthi, R/o Plot No 27, Ground Floor, K-4-1, Vatika Inxt, Sector-83, Gurgaon, Haryana-122004, I have changed the name of my minor Son Marmik Awasthi aged about 6 Years and He shall hereafter be known as Maarmik Awasth. 63372

I Gurbax Singh Khaira S/o Sh Dilip Singh Singh R/o W no 14 Near Milan palace Assandh Distt Karnal I have changed my name from GurbaxSingh DilipSingh Khaira to Gurbax Singh Khaira. 63372

I, Bhajan Kaur W/o Surjit Singh Dhaliwal R/o Lapon (Moga) have changed my name to Bhajan Kaur Dhaliwal. 63372

I, Surjit Singh S/o Gulzara Singh R/o Lapon (Moga) have changed my name to Surjit Singh Dhaliwal. 63372

I Deepak Khurana S/O Tarsem Lal Khurana R/O Of 1 Preet Nager, Near Bus Stand.Distt Ferozepur City.(Pb)Have Changed My Name From Deepansh Khurana To Deepak Khurana. 63372

I Lakhvir Singh S/o Sukhwinder Singh R/o VPO Amargarh, Distt Malerkotla Have Changed my Name to Lakhvir Surname Singh. 63372

I Archana Rani Garg W/O Ashok Kumar Garg, #549 Guru Teg Bahadar Colony Has Changed My Name To Archana Rani. 63372

I Salonika W/O Vipin Goyal , #1310 Dashmesh Nagar Ward No 7 Bhawanigarh Sangrur Has Changed My Name To Salonika Goyal. 63372

I, Gurcharan Singh S/o Kour Singh R/o Vill: Rabbon Nichi Po. Babarpur (Ludhiana) Pb-141119 have changed my name to Gurcharan Singh Tiwana. 63372

I, Inderjeet Singh Dhillon S/o Gurdev Singh R/o Vpo. Buttar Patti Dhillon (Moga) was changed my name in 06 Dec 2008 from Inderjeet Singh to Inderjeet Singh Dhillon. 63372

I, Kaushalya W/O Rajinder Kumar R/O Vill. Nangal karar Khan, P.O. Kukar Pind, Distt. Jalandhar -144024, Punjab have changed the name of my minor son from Abhishek to Abhishek Midda.(Midda As surname). 461257

I Jatinder Kaur w/o Gurdipinder Singh R/o village Dharmkot, P/o Hansron, Tehsil Nawanshahar, Distt. S.B.S Nagar Punjab Have Change My Name Jatinder Kaur To Jatinder Pal Kaur. 63372

I Akwinder kaur kaur chatha D/o Raghubir singh Village. Chatha Nakta Tehsil. Sunam Distt. Sangrur 148028 have changed my name/ address to Akwinder kaur W/o Jaswinder singh Village. GHORANAB Tehsil. Lehragaga Distt. Sangrur 148031 50008

I Sukhmandeep Kaur grewal W/o pushwinder singh R/o Mehlon, kohara district ludhiana pin 141112 have changed my name to Sukhmandeep Kaur 50008

I am Manmohan Singh S/o Bant Singh House no 27307, Street No 4, Hari Nager, Lal Singh Basthi, tehsil and district Bathinda Have Change my name Manmohan Singh to Manmohan Singh Bhatti , Concerned Please note. 50008

I, Army .No. 6458019H, Rank HAV Name ILMU Presently R/o At VPO Taharpur kalan Tehsil Chhachhrauli, Distt Yamunanagar pin 135103. That in my service Record my Wife name is Wrongly Written as ANURI and DOB 5.6.1952. But her Actual Name iis ANBARI and DOB is 1.1.1955. in Aadhar card and in other Documents. . Please add my wife Name ANBARI and DOB 1.1.1955 in my Army Record. 100060

COURT NOTICE
IN THE COURT OF SH. GAGANDEEP SINGH KAINTH, JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS, AMRITSAR. CNR No. PBAS03-005700-2023 Next Date:- 08-01-2025

M S JAIPAL INDUSTRIES, C-42, NEW FOCAL POINT, MEHTA ROAD, ASR. THROUGH ONE OF ITS PARTNER, NAMEDLY MR. SEHAJ AGGARWAL. Versus SUKHWINDER SINGH, S/O JAGIR SINGH, R/O GALI NO.14, GATE HAKIMA, FATEH SINGH COLONY, ASR APPLICATION U/S 138 NI ACT(NACT/1017/23) SUKHWINDER SINGH, S/O JAGIR SINGH, R/O GALI NO.14, GATE HAKIMA, FATEH SINGH COLONY, ASR In above titled case, respondent could not be served through Non Bailable Warrants of arrest. Proclamation is hereby made that the said SUMIT KUMAR is required to appear before this Court (or before me) on 17-02-2025 to answer the said complain/case, failing of which he shall be declared person. It is ordered that accused should appear in person or through counsel on 08-01-2025 at 10.00 a.m. For details logon to https://www.highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=amritsar GAGANDEEP SINGH KAINTH JMIC/ASR

COURT NOTICE
IN THE COURT OF Sh. Akashdeep Singh Malwai Judicial Magistrate First Class-22, Jalandhar K.K DISTRIBUTORS Vs. SUMIT KUMAR CNR No. PBUL03-00873-2024 Next Date:- 17-02-2025

PUBLICATION ISSUED TO: Not. SUMIT KUMAR SON OF SUBHASH CHAND PROP M/S NEELAM ENTERPRISES RAM NAGAR NEAR ASHA PG DHARAMSHALA DISTT KANGRA (HP) NO 2. M/S NEELAM ENTERPRISES, RAM NAGAR NEAR ASHA PG, DHARAMSHALA, DISTT KANGRA (HP) THROUGH ITS PROP SHRI SUMIT KUMAR In above titled case, the accused could not be served through Non Bailable Warrants of arrest. Proclamation is hereby made that the said SUMIT KUMAR is required to appear before this Court (or before me) on 17-02-2025 to answer the said complain/case, failing of which he shall be declared person. It is ordered that accused should appear in person or through counsel on 17-02-2025 at 10.00 a.m. For details logon to https://www.highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=Jalandhar Judicial Magistrate First Class-22 Jalandhar Dated, this day of 10-12-2024

COURT NOTICE
(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC) IN THE COURT OF Tarjani Judicial Magistrate First Class, Amritsar M/s IKA ENTERPRISES Vs. M/s SOHAM BIO MED CNR No. PBAS03-031428-2022 Next Date:- 09-01-2025

PUBLICATION ISSUED TO: N.Nanardan Naidu Son:- N. Ramanujal Naidu Prop of M/s Soham Bio Med 16/4 garia Enclave West Circle Road V/V Puram Bangalore 560001 In above titled case, the accused could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 09-01-2025 at 10.00 a.m. For details logon to https://www.highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=Amritsar Judicial Magistrate First Class Amritsar Dated, this day of 23-12-2024

COURT NOTICE
(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC) IN THE COURT OF Sh. Mahesh Kumar Sharma Civil Judge (Senior Division), Bathinda Jasvir Singh & Another Vs. General Public & Another SUCC/21/2024 CNR No. PBBT02-002527-2024 Next Date:- 06-02-2025

PUBLICATION ISSUED TO: General Public :- General Public In above titled case, the defendant(s)/ respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/ respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 06-02-2025 at 10.00 a.m. For details logon to https://www.highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=Bathinda Civil Judge (Senior Division) Bathinda Dated, this day of 17-12-2024

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NEWS BRIEF

Mohinder Bhagat takes blessings of 108 Swami Lal Ji Maharaj by bowing down at "Bandgi Dwar"



PARAMJIT SINGH JALANDHAR: Horticulture Minister of Punjab Government Mohinder Bhagat today attended a religious event held at "Bandgi Dwar" 108 Swami Lal Ji Maharaj's camp in Boota Mandi, Jalandhar as the chief guest. On this occasion Mohinder Bhagat bowed down to 108 Swami Lal Ji Maharaj and took his blessings, while Maharaj Ji also felicitated Mohinder Bhagat along with his followers. Addressing the gathering Mohinder Bhagat said that Satguru Kabir Ji Maharaj recited this shloka "Bande tu kar bandgi, to paave deedar, ausrar manush janam ka, bahuri na barbaraband" and explained to the people that we get life only once, in this human birth itself do good deeds to meet or have a glimpse of God so that we can be united with the Supreme Father, the Almighty, in this very life. Mohinder Bhagat said that we are all fortunate that we have got a great man like 108 Swami Lal Ji Maharaj who is fully capable of taking us to the Bandagi Dwar. This is the Bandagi Dwar where we do not need to go anywhere else. A large number of Nam Leva Sangat were present on this occasion.

Police arrests drug peddler with intoxicating pills



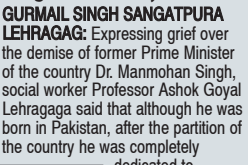
SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON: District Ludhiana Rural Police under the anti-drug campaign being carried out under the guidance of SSP Navneet Singh Bains, arrested a drug peddler with intoxicating pills. Giving more information about this, SHO Amarjeet Singh Gill said that under the supervision of DSP Jasjyot Singh, ASI Harpreet Singh and the police team arrested drug peddler Karnal Singh son of Karam Singh with Clonidine-100 intoxicating pills and 31 loose capsules. "Police has filed FIR 267 against the accused under section 22-62-85 of NDPS act and initiated further investigation," he added. SHO Amarjeet Singh also issued a stern warning to the drug peddlers saying that police is determined to make the area drug-free.

Medical practitioners association block Bajakhana announces to participate in the farmers' movement



JS GILL JAITU: On December 26, under the leadership of Dr. Jaswinder Singh Gill, President of Medical Practitioners Association Block Bajakhana, the colleagues of Block Bajakhana went to the farmers' protest and extended their support to Mr. Jagjit Singh Dilewal in the farmers' movement. They said in their views that the governments should stop some of their actions and accept the legitimate demands of the farmers and make the farmers of their country successful. Seeing the deteriorating health of Mr. Jagjit Singh Dilewal, they should fulfill the promises they made. He further demanded from the Punjab government to support the farmers and if there is a fight, the Medical Practitioners Association (295) always stands shoulder to shoulder with the farmers as per the guidelines of the state president Vaid Dhanna Mal Gail and Dr. Amrivar Singh, district president Faridkot.

Pb govt should establish university in name of Manmohan Singh: Prof. Goyal



GURMAIL SINGH SANGATPURA LEHRAGAG: Expressing grief over the demise of former Prime Minister of the country Dr. Manmohan Singh, social worker Professor Ashok Goyal Lehragaga said that although he was born in Pakistan, after the partition of the country he was completely dedicated to Punjab. Dr. Manmohan Singh held high positions in the country and held the positions of Prime Minister, RBI Governor, Finance Minister of India and other high positions. While he has made a great contribution to Punjab, he has also made Punjab's name famous in the country and abroad. Prof. Goyal said that Dr. Singh has a very old association with Punjab and Chandigarh. He studied from Panjab University and also gave about four thousand books to the university. Therefore, the Punjab government should establish a university, college or IIM etc. in his name. He said that Dr. Manmohan Singh was a great person of our country. He always wanted to help the weaker sections of the society. He started the MNREGA scheme to solve the problem of unemployment in villages and passed the Food Security Act for the poor people.

Dr Ravjot Singh and Sant Seechewal visit 'Buddha Dariya' site

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, DEC 29

Reiterating the commitment of Punjab Chief Minister (CM) Bhagwant Singh Mann led state government to clean 'Buddha Dariya', Local bodies minister Dr Ravjot Singh and Rajya Sabha MP Sant Balbir Singh Seechewal visited 'Buddha Dariya' site and 225 mld Jamalpur sewerage treatment plant (STP) on Tajpur road on Sunday.

Ludhiana East MLA Daljit Singh Bhola Grewal, Ludhiana North MLA Madan Lal Bagga, Ludhiana West MLA Gurpreet Bassi Gogi, Ludhiana Central MLA Ashok Prashar Pappi; Additional Chief Secretary, Local bodies department, Tejveer Singh; Director, Local bodies department Gurpreet Singh Khaira; MC Commissioner Aaditya Dachalwal, Chief Engineer Ravinder



Garg, Ludhiana Chief Engineer of PPCB RK Ratra, Engineer in Chief of Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board (PWSSB) Mukesh Garg among other officials were present during the visit.

For dealing with the problem of cow dung being dumped in 'Buddha Dariya', Local bodies minister Dr Ravjot Singh and MP Seechewal directed the PEDAs

officials to speed up the projects for establishing biogas plants in Haibowal and Tajpur road dairy complexes and dump the same at designated points until biogas plants are made functional by PEDAs. Civic body officials have been directed to hire private players for lifting cow dung from dairy complexes and dump the same at designated points until biogas plants are made functional by PEDAs. Civic body officials stated that machinery and man power has already been deployed for lifting cow dung from dairy units and dumping the same at two designated points. Tenders would now be

Registration for 'Punjab Election Quiz-2025' commences

JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR): To ensure maximum participation of the public in democracy and raise awareness about the importance of voting, the Chief Electoral Officer of Punjab is organizing the Punjab Election Quiz-2025 dedicated to the 15th National Voter's Day. District Election Officer-cum-Deputy Commissioner Jatinder Jorwal informed that the Punjab Election Quiz-2025 will be conducted both online and offline. He mentioned that online registration for these competitions has started today and can be done until January 17, 2025. The online quiz competition will be held on January 19, 2025, while the state-level offline competition will take place in Ludhiana on January 24, 2025. Jatinder Jorwal further explained that winners in the first round will be identified at the district level through the online competition, and the final offline competition will take place on January 24, 2025, in Ludhiana with winners from 23 districts. He added that online registration for the Punjab Election Quiz-2025 can be done at <https://Punjab.indiastatquiz.com>. Jorwal also shared that voters can submit their voter ID card, Aadhaar card, or an identity card issued by the school/college to participate in the competition.



Punjab water resources department achieves major milestones in water infrastructure

RAJIV JAIN
CHANDIGARH, DEC 29

Punjab Water Resources Department has achieved unprecedented milestones in strengthening state's water infrastructure and ensuring equitable water distribution to the farmers of the state. Disclosing this here, Water Resources Minister Sh. Barinder Kumar Goyal said that In a landmark achievement, department has successfully executed development projects worth over Rs.2100 crores up till the last of the 2024, which included comprehensive canal lining, repairs and water course rehabilitation.

This extensive work has significantly improved water availability to the tail-end farmers, fulfilling the commitment to equitable water distribution, he added. One of the most significant accomplishments of Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann led



government has been addressing the chronic issue of water logging through the re-lining of Sirhind Feeder. Out of total project cost of Rs.671.478 crores, the department has completed approximately 89.61 kilometers of re-lining works, amounting to Rs.543.43 crores. This intervention has been crucial in mitigating waterlogging issues that have long plagued agricultural lands, said the Cabinet Minister. He said that statewide water courses

restoration drive has also yielded remarkable results. The department has successfully revitalized 15947 water courses that had been non-functional for two to three decades.

This initiative has brought canal water for irrigation to more than 950 villages for the first time in their history. "In a progressive policy shift, we removed the 25-year restriction on water course repairs, enabling our field officers to undertake immediate restoration works, said the Water Resources Minister, adding that through effective convergence of MGNREGA and state funds, the state has rehabilitated over 909 water courses, spanning more than 700 kilometers in just two years. Sh. Goyal said that historic transformative initiative of construction of Malwa Canal project will revolutionize irrigation in the Malwa region.

Martyrdom ceremony dedicated to Sahibzaas and Mata Gujar Kaur concludes

PATHANKOT (SHARANJEET): The nine-day martyrdom ceremony dedicated to the sacrifice of Sahibzadas and Mata Gujar Kaur Ji, organized at Gurdwara Sant Ashram Tap Asthan Sant Baba Iqbal Singh Ji, Mission Road, Pathankot, concluded on December 29. The event, supported by the local Sangat, began on December 20 and aimed to honor the supreme sacrifice of the sons of Guru Gobind Singh Ji. Throughout the event, different storytellers shared the history and significance of the Lasani sacrifice of Sarbansdani Guru Gobind Singh Ji. The final day of the event featured Kirtan performances by Bhai Baldev Singh Wadala, former Hajuri Ragi Darbar Sahib Sri Amritsar, and Bhai Gurnam Singh, Hajuri Ragi of Gurdwara Sant Ashram.

The Nishkam Kirtani Jatha from Pathankot also participated, leading the congregation in connecting deeply with Gurbani. The ceremony was attended by a large number of devotees, including Head Granthies Bhai Vijay Singh, Bhai Hardeep Singh, Amandeep Singh, Jasbir Singh Bobby, Lakhwinder Singh, Navtej Singh, Nirmal Singh Nimma, and others. The gathering saw several prominent individuals from the Sikh community, reflecting the strong support and involvement of the Sangat. Bhai Baldev Singh Wadala, while narrating the story, urged the devotees to engage with Bani daily and encouraged parents to educate their children about the lives of Guru Gobind Singh Ji, the Sahibzadas.



Central Government new policies on Gold and Silver marking threaten to eradicate small jewelers: Goldsmith Community

VERMA
GURDASPUR, DEC 29

The Goldsmith Community Punjab, in a joint press release by its founders Ashok Verma from Pathankot, Chief Advisor Ashwini Kalshah from Amritsar, S. Kulwant Singh from Ludhiana, Ashok Luthra from Batala, S. Gurmell Singh from Bathinda, Ramesh Verma from Mukerian, President Hemraj Verma, State General Secretary Amrit Verma, and State Media Incharge Pawan Verma, expressed their concerns regarding the central government's new policies.

The government's newly introduced formulas for gold and silver businesses are pushing small and medium-sized jewelers to the brink of extinction. While everyone is aware of the ongoing gold hallmarking, the government



is now planning to introduce silver hallmarking, which will further harm the livelihoods of low-to-middle-class goldsmiths.

The central government is implementing decisions regarding the gold trade without consulting the registered and recognized goldsmith associations, and there has been no communication from the government on these issues.

The community also highlighted the absence of discussion papers from the government, which undermines their efforts. The government's move to make hall-

marking with Unique Identification Numbers (UID) mandatory for silver, similar to gold, is causing significant concern. The process of ensuring purity guarantees for silver will create multiple problems. Writing the UID on silver will be difficult due to its small items and the risk of it fading away due to chemical reactions with the air. This will add to the already growing difficulties for the goldsmiths. The community emphasized that these policies, if implemented, would severely affect their business and livelihoods.

Islamic meeting organised at Masjid Abu Bakr in village Khairar Achharwal



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, DEC 29

An Islamic programme was organised at Masjid Abu Bakr in village Khairar Achharwal under the leadership of Masjid Committee President Roshan Mohamad and Hafiz Inamul Haq. Shahi Imam of Punjab Maulana Mohamad Usman Rahmani Ludhianvi attended the event as the chief guest.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that Islam gives the message of mutual brotherhood to humans. He said that God cannot be happy with just prayers, for this it is necessary that we behave well

with people. If you behave badly towards someone and offer Namaaz five times a day, it does not mean that you are a good person.

During his speech on this occasion, Shahi Imam Maulana Mohamad Usman Ludhianvi, referring to the unmatched martyrdom of the younger Sahibzadas in this month of Poh, said that the martyrdom of Guru Gobind Singh Ji's sons will always be remembered, because the purpose of these martyrdoms was to support truth in the fight for rights and justice. Many other speakers also expressed their views on this occasion.

Jalandhar police arrest two in major crackdown on theft, drug trafficking



J S SODHI
JALANDHAR, DEC 29

In a decisive action against theft and drug trafficking, Jalandhar Rural Police arrested two accused, recovering three stolen motorcycles, six mobile phones, 10 grams of heroin, and 105 narcotic pills. SSP Jalandhar Rural, Harkamalpreet Singh Khakh, PPS, confirmed the arrests on Sunday.

The accused, Ashok Sandhu and Charanjit Singh alias Channi, both from Rurka Khurd, have extensive criminal records. Sandhu was ap-

prehended with two stolen motorcycles and six mobile phones near Dalawal railway gate by a team led by Inspector Sikander Singh. Channi, arrested near Dhuleta village, was found with heroin, narcotic pills, and a stolen motorcycle.

SSP Khakh stated that these arrests resolved two significant cases, reinforcing the police's commitment to dismantling criminal networks. The accused have been booked under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and NDPS Act provisions.

IVF pays tributes to Dr. Manmohan Singh & Om Prakash Chautala



SUMER GARG
DABWALI, DEC 29

A grand family reunion and bhajan evening under the leadership of IVF's president, Pritam Bansal, was organized by the International Vaishya federation (IVF) in an auditorium located on Bathinda road here today.

On the occasion, Davindra Mittal said that before the Bhajan Sandhya; President, Pritam Bansal; Secretary, Pankaj Goyal, National Vice President Saurabh Garg; Punjab State Treasurer, Rupindra Goyal; National Patron Member, Sham Lal Jindal Ganga and Krishan Garg BKO wor-

shipped Maharaja Agrasen and Kuldevi Maa Lakshmi. Mr Vinod Sharma performed the ritual of worship along with the Aarti of the Gods and Goddesses. Shri Salasar Yuva Bhajan Mandal, President Subhash Sharma along with his troops presented beautiful bhajans and forced all the men/women present in the auditorium to dance to the tune of the bhajans. Anil Goyal's wife Neeru Goyal also mesmerized everyone by singing two hymns of the Lord with her melodious voice. The Punjab State President of IVF, Surinder Singla, while highlighting the works being done from time to time

by the organization expressed his gratitude to all the associates for always supporting the institution.

He said that all the members along with their families and their children have participated in today's program their participation in such social programs is very praiseworthy because it inculcates in them a sense of social values as well as respect for service work and religion. All the members, including Lokesh Bansal for his good services were honored by the organization with their family members, gave gifts to them and expressed gratitude to all the members.

129th annual convention of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community successfully concludes in Qadian



VERMA
GURDASPUR, DEC 29

This significant gathering, held annually, emphasizes the importance of self-sacrifice for the benefit of others and strengthens the bonds of brotherhood within the community. The centerpiece of the three-day event was the address by His Holiness, the Fifth Khalifa, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad. His Holiness, who leads the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community worldwide, delivered his message through the community's satellite television channel, Muslim Television Ahmadiyya International (MTA), ensuring its reach across the globe. Key takeaways from His

Holiness's address: Self-sacrifice for the sake of others: A core principle emphasized by the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), fostering a spirit of selfless service and mutual support within the community. Love and brotherhood: Cultivating genuine care and concern for fellow members, prioritizing their needs and well-being. The Annual Convention in Qadian has evolved from a small gathering of 75 individuals in 1891 to a global event with hundreds of thousands of participants across over a hundred countries. Key speeches delivered during the Convention: Speech 1: Explained the Islamic concept of Khatm-e-Nabuwat (The Seal of Prophethood).

PNPS celebrates annual function

TILAK RAJ
MOHALI, DEC 29

The annual function of Panjab National Public (Sr. Sec.) School, Behrampur-Zimidari took place with immense excitement and fervor on December 14, 2024, within the school premises.

The event was honored by the presence of the esteemed Chief Guest, Mrs. Pramila Sanger, Advisor PNPS and Principal of IPS, Kurali, alongside the Management, staff, proud parents, and enthusiastic students. Lion: The theme of the annual function, "Virtue Voyage," was thoughtfully woven into the fabric of the event through an array of inspiring performances, speeches, and cultural displays. The program commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, symbolizing the dispelling of ignorance and the ushering in of knowledge and wisdom. This auspicious start was followed by a heartfelt welcome speech delivered by the *Principal,



Mrs. Simarjeet Kaur, who warmly welcomed all attendees and expressed deep gratitude for their presence. *She took the opportunity to highlight the school's significant achievements in academics, sports, and co-curricular activities over the past year, emphasizing the institution's commitment to fostering holistic development among students.

The cultural segment was a vibrant and colorful showcase of the students' diverse talents. It began with a mesmerizing traditional dance performance, seamlessly blending classical and folk art forms. The students' dedication shone through as they performed a range of cultural

items, including energetic Bhangra, graceful Giddha, rhythmic Jhummar, and elegant Ghoomar dances. Each performance reflected the richness of India's cultural heritage, keeping the audience thoroughly engaged. The highlight of the cultural program was the inclusion of the dramatic plays. The Hindi play "Eklavya" conveyed the values of loyalty, sacrifice, and dedication, while the Punjabi play "Jallianwala Bagh" served as a poignant reminder of India's struggle for freedom.

These performances met with resounding applause and admiration for their emotional depth and historical significance.

Heavy crowd at registration camps for 'Mahila Samman Yojana' and 'Sanjeevani Yojana': Thakur Manohar Singh and Vikas Saini

VERMA
GURDASPUR, DEC 29

Thakur Manohar Singh, Chairman of Improvement Trust Pathankot, and Vikas Saini, Chairman of the Market Committee, today shared information about the massive turnout at the registration camps for the 'Mahila Samman Yojana' and 'Sanjeevani Yojana' announced by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in the Delhi Assembly. Both leaders stated that the public's trust and enthusiasm for these schemes is increasing day by day.

Thakur Manohar Singh and Vikas Saini mentioned that the aim of these schemes is to provide economic and social security to the key sections of society. The 'Mahila Samman Yojana,' specifically designed for women, and the 'Sanjeevani Yojana,' meant for senior citizens, are both guarantees made by Arvind Kejriwal. The positive re-



sponse from the public clearly reflects the popularity of these schemes. Vikas Saini further stated that nearly 12.5 lakh women have registered for the 'Mahila Samman Yojana,' while approximately 1.5 lakh senior citizens have registered for the 'Sanjeevani Yojana.' These figures show how popular these schemes have become and how eagerly people are registering to avail the benefits. Thakur Manohar Singh emphasized that the guarantees made by Kejriwal are always fulfilled, and these schemes are no exception.

HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): A special interview was held with the Principal Kirpal Singh of Government Senior Secondary Smart School Paddi Sura Singh by senior journalist Daljeet Ajnoha during which Principal Kirpal Singh told that there are around 900 students in the school and his school is at second place in the district due to facilities and the school's facilities. The stadium, which has been built at national level with the help of NRIs, has all kinds of facilities for the players. His school has medical studies and all other subjects. He told that about 50 students have been adopted by the teachers of his school and all their basic facilities are taken care of. He told that the result of the school is 95 to 100 percent every year and the entire staff takes classes of the students extra after school time so that the students do not suffer any loss in their studies. On this occasion, he told that the tournament which started today in his stadium will conclude on January 3. IAS officers will be present for distributing prizes to the winning teams.



GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, DEC 29

The year 2024 began with a historic move by the Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann led Punjab Government to purchase the Goindwal Power Plant from GVK Power at a cost of Rs. 1080 crore. This acquisition marked the first instance of a state government purchasing a private power plant in India. Renamed after Sri Guru Amardas Ji, the thermal plant's load factor was increased from 35 percent to 77 percent during this year, effectively doubling its power generation capacity. This 540 MW thermal plant, acquired at an economical rate of Rs. 2 crore per MW, is projected to save the state over Rs. 350 crore annually.

Revealing this in a press conference issued here, Punjab Power and Public Works Minister Harbhajan Singh ETO, while presenting the year-ending report of the Punjab Power Department, highlighted the pivotal role played by the government in revolutionizing the state's

Year 2024 witnesses unprecedented growth in state's power sector



power sector. He said that the Pachhara coal mine, operational since December 2022, has been instrumental in supplying coal to the state's thermal plants. From April 1, 2024, a total of 50.84 lakh metric tons of coal was delivered through 1277 rakes, at a cost Rs. 11 crore per lakh metric ton cheaper than that of Coal India Limited. This efficient coal procurement resulted in savings of Rs. 593 crore. Since the commencement of operations in 2022 with the concrete efforts of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann led Punjab Government, the mine has provided 93.87 lakh metric tons of coal, yielding total savings of Rs. 1000 crore, he

added. "In line with its commitment to sustainable energy, the Punjab Government has made significant investments in clean energy. From April 1 to November 30, 2024, the department signed purchase agreements for 1454 MW of solar power at an average rate of Rs. 2.52 to Rs. 2.53 per unit. Since taking office in March 2022, the government has secured agreements for 3704 MW of solar power, with rates ranging from Rs. 2.33 to Rs. 2.76 per unit", said Harbhajan Singh ETO while adding, "Additionally, 430 MW of rooftop solar installations have been completed across the state. The government also signed agreements for 900 MW of hybrid power (solar and wind energy) with rates between Rs. 3.22 and Rs. 3.28 per unit".

Power Minister Harbhajan Singh ETO said that, thanks to these initiatives, the Punjab government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann has successfully provided 600 units of free electricity every two months (or 300 units per month) to the state's domestic consumers.

Police averts possible target killings with arrest of five members of Jaggu Bhagwanpuria Gang

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, DEC 29

Amidst the ongoing drive to eradicate organised crime from the state, Tarn Taran Police has thwarted possible target killings with the arrest of five members of the notorious Jaggu Bhagwanpuria and Amritpal Bath Gang leading to recovery of significant cache of arms and ammunition from their possession, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Sunday.

Those arrested have been identified as Gurmeet Singh alias Rawal of village Bhagwanpur in Batala, Harpal Singh of village Nurpur in Gurdaspur, Lovepreet Singh alias NP of village Nawapind in Amritsar, Shamsher Singh alias Shera Passian and Sandeep Singh alias Goli of Kot Khalsa in Amritsar.

Police teams have recovered four weapons including one sophisticated USA-made



9MM Glock pistol, two .32 bore pistols and one country-made pistol along with 15 live cartridges and three magazines, besides, impounding, their Hyundai Creta car without number used in commission of crime. DGP Gaurav Yadav said that during questioning arrested accused confessed that the seized weapons were supplied by Jaggu Bhagwanpuria through his associate and they were planning to execute target killings on the instance of Gangster Amritpal Bath. The arrested individuals are linked to multiple

criminal cases, including attempted murder, illegal arms possession and gang-related violence, he added.

The DGP said that important information has been revealed about the shooter involved in a recent targeted murder by the gang in the Tarn Taran area. Further investigations are ongoing to trace their backward and forward linkages, he added.

Sharing operation details, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Tarn Taran Abhimanyu Rana, while addressing a press conference, said

that following an input about suspects travelling in a Hyundai Creta car, police team led by Incharge CIA staff Tarn Taran Amandeep Singh laid a naka at Jandiāla to Tarn Taran road and managed to stop Creta, resulting in the immediate arrest of Gurmeet Singh alias Rawal, Lovepreet Singh alias NP and Harpal Singh. Further, after interrogation of arrested accused two more gang members Shamsher Singh alias Shera Passian and Sandeep Singh alias Goli were also arrested, he added.

GNDU's Psychology department leads mental health outreach programs for marginalized communities



JANDIALA GURU (KULJIT SINGH): The Department of Psychology at Guru Nanak Dev University (GNDU) is taking significant steps to address the growing mental health challenges in marginalized and underserved communities. Recognizing the urgent need for mental health awareness, early identification, and access to psychological support, the department has initiated outreach programs in government schools to promote resilience, mental wellness, and coping strategies.

Dr. Rupan Dhillon, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Psychology and Dr. Balbinder Singh, Assistant Professor said that the department conducted a Mental Health Awareness Program at Angels Public School, Roranwala. The session focused on addressing anxiety, depression, and girl empowerment while promoting gender sensitization and personality development. Students were encouraged to openly discuss their concerns, fostering an environment of support and understanding.

Milkfed registers increase of 9.5% by purchasing more than 20 lakh litres milk daily

CHANDIGARH, DEC 29

Under the visionary leadership of Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann leading cooperative of the state Milkfed further got strengthened during the year 2024.

The massive efforts of state government to give remunerative price to milk producers, expansion of Verka milk plants and launch of new products strengthened the Milkfed. The Chief Minister, who is holds the portfolio of Cooperation, has sanctioned big ticket projects to Milkfed to supplement the income of farmers through milk production on one hand and to make dairy farming a profitable venture on the other. For bailing out the milk producers the state government has enhanced fat per kilogram in milk to Rs 25 during April 1 to



October 31. At present the milk was being purchased at Rs 840 per kg fat and at present there were 6000 cooperative societies in state which have five lakh milk producers registered with them. The Chief Minister has also dedicated an ultra odern Verka Dairy milk plant at Ludhiana

with capacity to process nine lakh litre milk daily. This plant also has capacity of catering 10 metric ton butter. Likewise the Chief Minister has also dedicated upgraded Ferozepur milk plant to the masses with the capacity of processing and packaging one lakh litre milk daily. Bhagwant Singh Mann has also taken an important initiative to expand units involved in milk processing. The Chief Minister has also dedicated ultra odern project at Jalandhar for processing and packaging of fermented products.

The Chief Minister has made every effort to supplement the income of farmers by augmenting the infrastructure for sale and supply of milk. Milkfed had registered an increase of 9.5% by purchasing more than 20 lakh litres milk daily.

Shiv Sena Bal Thackeray appoints district youth wing president in Morinda meeting



MORINDA (RAJ SHARMA): Under the leadership of Punjab spokesperson Ashwani Sharma, a meeting of Shiv Sena Bal Thackeray was held in Morinda, with the special presence of Punjab Chief Yograj Sharma. During the meeting, Karan Gupta was entrusted with the responsibility of Ropar District Youth Wing President.

Speaking on the occasion, Yograj Sharma emphasized that Shiv Sena Bal Thackeray respects all religions but stands firmly against terrorism and drug abuse. He stated that serving the needy and caring for animals remain the organization's primary objectives. He added that the organization is now focusing on reaching out to villages, aiming to spread awareness about respecting all religions.

Sharma raised concerns about anti-national communal forces attempting to create rifts between Hindu and Sikh communities through provocative statements and conspiracies. He warned of ongoing plots to disturb Punjab's peace and harmony. He also reiterated Shiv Sena's commitment to opposing drug peddlers and those disrespecting any religion, stressing the urgent need to eradicate drug abuse in Punjab.

Councillor Ankush Garg honored on reaching his native village Rayia



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL, DEC 29

Ankush Garg Rayia, a native municipal councillor of village Rayia, contested as an independent candidate from Ward No.10 of Rampura Phul Municipal Committee after taking the blessings of Dera Siddha Baba Pritam Das Ji Rayia. And won.

Ankush Garg Rayia and the entire Rayia family paid obeisance at Dera Siddha

Baba Pritam Das Ji to express their gratitude for the victory. On this occasion, the Dera Committee honored Councillor Ankush Garg Rayia with Loi. On this occasion, Ankush Garg thanked the Dera Committee for giving them respect. On this occasion, the Dera Committee, the family of Avtar Singh Dhillon, who has donated their plant, which is near the Dera, to the Dera. They were also honored by wearing siropao.

Religious function held in memory of Mata Gujar Kaur, Chaar Sahibzaades at Mehal Kalan



BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA DEHATI, DEC 29

The annual religious function in the memory of Mata Gujar Kaur Ji and four Sahibzadey of Sarbansandi Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji was organized with great devotion at Golden Colony Mehal Kalan on the main road with the support of all the sangat.

On this occasion, after the Bhog of Shri Akhand Path Sahib, the Raagi Jatha of Bhai Jagirs Singh Khalsa paid homage to the martyrdom of the great martyrs through Kirtan. On this occasion, the MLA Kulwant Singh Pandori, who was

specially present, appreciated this initiative of the organizers and paid homage to the Dashmesh Pita Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, Mata Gujar Kaur, Sahibzadey and all the martyrs. He said that Sikhism is full of sacrifices, taking guidance from this, the children of the new age should be informed about the martyrdom of the martyrs.

He appealed to the organizers that books about the unparalleled martyrdom of the great martyrs should be distributed free of cost to the children, so that the children can be connected with Gurmata from the very beginning.

Meeting held regarding problems in starting Aadhar ID in schools and its benefits

AMRIK SINGH
AMRITSAR, DEC 29

A general meeting of Associated and Private School Organization (Registered) was held in Amritsar. Principals and heads of about 100 schools of Amritsar participated in this meeting. In the meeting, the facility of Aaar ID for creating DigiLocker by the Ministry of Education for school students was discussed.

Everyone was told about the problems in creating Aaar ID and its benefits. Everyone was also informed about filling Form S2, S3 to correct the mistake in U-DISE. The 5th examinations were also discussed in the meeting. At the beginning of the meeting, a silent prayer was offered for the peace of the soul of former Prime Minister of India Dr. Manmohan



Singh on his demise. Senior Vice President of the Association Dr. Parminder Singh told in detail about the sacrifices of Char Sahib Jado and Guru Maharaj.

Punjab Chairman of the Association Rana Jagdish Chandra remembered the colleagues who parted ways during the year and prayed for their departed souls. Dr. Rajni Dogra explained in detail the draft of the new education policy and its benefits. She also explained about the class room module. Association's legal advisor Rajpal Verka informed all the school

heads about the ongoing case between the associated schools and the Punjab government. Apart from this everyone's problems were heard and resolved simultaneously.

Kawaljit Singh Danny emphasized on everyone's participation to strengthen the organization. At the end of the meeting, Amritsar President of the Association Jatinder Sharma thanked all the school heads who had come and wished them a good future and also congratulated them on the new calendar year.

Harsimran Bajwa appointed AICC observer for Badarpur Assembly Constituency

VERMA
GURDASPUR, DEC 29

In a strategic move ahead of the Delhi Assembly elections, the Congress Party has appointed Mrs. Harsimran Bajwa as the All India Congress Committee (AICC) observer for the Badarpur Assembly constituency. The decision underscores the party's confidence in her extensive political experience and dedication.

A letter from the party commended Mrs. Bajwa for her abilities and commitment, expressing optimism about her role in strengthening the Congress's electoral prospects in Badarpur. She has been tasked with establishing swift communication with the Delhi AICC in-charge and the President of the Delhi

Pradesh Congress Committee to coordinate election strategies effectively.

Bajwa, who previously served as Secretary of the Indian Youth Congress (IYC), brings a wealth of political experience to her new role. Her leadership and organizational skills are expected to play a pivotal role in enhancing the Congress Party's presence in the constituency.

Expressing her gratitude, Mrs. Bajwa thanked the party high command for entrusting her with this significant responsibility. She pledged to work diligently to meet the expectations placed upon her and contribute to the Congress Party's success in the upcoming elections.

SAD Amritsar supports kisan morcha running on borders for demands of farmers: Bahadur Singh Bhasour

GURMEL SINGH SANGATPURA
LEHRA GAGA, DEC 29

Punjab is an agricultural state and until agriculture becomes a profitable business, farmers and laborers cannot prosper nor can the condition of the common people improve, therefore, there is a great need to save agriculture and farmers. because of which we should everyone should support the struggle of the farmers.

These views were expressed by Bahadur Singh Bhasour, state committee member of Shiromani Akali Dal Amritsar, during a meeting at the house of Pargat Singh Gaga, in-charge of Haka Lehragana. He further said that Shiromani Akali Dal Amritsar fully supports the farmers' front running on the borders regarding the farmers'



demands. The support of the Shiromani Akali Dal Amritsar for the farmers' struggle is not limited to press statements alone, but we are ready to fight the struggle shoulder to shoulder with the farmers and we will not back down until the struggle is won. "Jathedar Bhasour said that when the central government has backed down from fulfilling the accepted demands of the farmers, farmer

leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal had to take a big decision to sacrifice his life for the fulfillment of the farmers' demands. He said that Dallewal Sahib has no desire to die by fasting to death but seeing the deteriorating condition of the farmers, he has had to take this decision. Bahadur Singh Bhasour accused the Punjab government of supporting the central government.

Blood donation camp dedicated to martyrdom day of 'Chaar Sahibzaade'



KULJEET SINGH HONEY
TARN TARAN, DEC 29

Humanity Service Blood Donation Society Patti (Punjab) organized a blood donation camp at Gurdwara Bibi Rajni Ji Patil in connection with the martyrdom day of "Chaar Sahibzaade" under the leadership of society president Malkiat Singh Babbal. The blood donation camp started after the Bhog of Sri Sukhmani Sahib Ji. On this occasion, Sukhbir Singh, a member of the organization, said that diseases have spread to a large extent in Punjab, due to which hospitals the need of blood remains common for people who are fighting for life and death and it is very difficult for people to get blood. Keeping

in mind this difficulty, where the Humanity Service Blood Donation Society is present in the service of the people every day, a blood donation camp dedicated to the martyrdom of the "Chaar Sahibzaade" was also organized. On this occasion Baba Gyan Singh Ji Mani-hale Wale, Sarbat Da Bhala Charitable Trust Tarn Taran Unit President Prince Dhunna, Baba Deep Singh Charitable Trust Patti president Gurmeet Singh Happy, Shaheed Kartar Singh Sarabha Helping Hand Society President Gurpreet Singh Pangota, Baba Deep Singh Kirtan Darbar Society Patti President Kulwinder Singh Babbu, Helping Hand Youth Club Patti President Gulshan Pasi.

NEWS BRIEF

Mini bus operators union will conduct chakka jam of buses today



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL: Today, on December 30, farmers' organizations have called for a Punjab bandh, while various justice-loving organizations and unions of the country are supporting the bandh. A special meeting of the Minibus Operators Union (Reg.) Rampura Phul was held today under the leadership of Union President Paramjit Singh Mann regarding the call for this bandh. In which, while appealing to the central government to resolve the demands of farmers' organizations, at the same time supporting the call of Punjab bandh today, this bandh has been supported by jamming the wheels of the bus. Union leaders Tirth Singh Sidhu, Harinder Jatana, Kamalveer Singh, Rop Jatana, Jasveer Singh Khalsa, Dilbagh Singh Bhullar, Rupinder Singh Kaulko, Ainder Chaudhary, Gurdev Singh, Hardev Singh, Baltej Singh, Gursewak Singh, Kuldeep Singh etc. were present.

3 arrested with drug capsules

KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL: According to the direction of Deputy Superintendent of Police Rampura Phul, three youths sitting near the Stelco gate by the police party led by Sub-Inspector Buta Singh of Police Station City Rampura as part of the anti-drug campaign. Singh son of Mandir Singh, Angrez Singh alias Ladi, Boota Singh son of Kulwant Singh Vasiyan Bhador, after conquering these sides 525 Action was taken after the recovery of the signature capsule, a case has been registered against the three accused under various sections at the City Rampura police station and more in-depth interrogation is being done.

12-day langar of milk and biscuits organized dedicated to unparalleled martyrdom of the Sahibzadas



JS GILL
JAITI: Dedicated to the memory of the incomparable martyrdom of the remaining Sahibzadas, Mata Gajari Ji and the martyred Singhs, a langar of milk and biscuits was organized for about 12 days for the passers-by at the gate of the Government Senior Secondary School and Gurdwara Shri Chabutra Sahib Malla located on Bajakhana Barnala Road with the help of the residents of the village Malla. On this occasion, Manna Singh, Manak Singh, Jassi Singh, Jasmail Singh former member, Harmal Singh, Balwinder Singh, Raja Grewal, Sikander Singh, Tata Singh, Garial Singh Gala, Jaswant Singh, Garpreet Singh, Harbans Singh former Panch, Rajpal Singh and all the residents have rendered service with their body, mind and money.

Country's first Sikh PM insulted by not being given place at Rajghat: MP Aujla

CHARNJIT SINGH ARORA
AMRITSAR: The central government has insulted the former Prime Minister and the first Sikh



Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh by not cremating him at Rajghat. MP Gurjeet Singh Aujla strongly condemned this and said that this has not only insulted Dr. Manmohan Singh but also revealed the feelings of the BJP towards the Sikhs. MP Gurjeet Singh Aujla has strongly condemned the cremation of former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh at Nigambodh. He said that Dr. Manmohan Singh was the Prime Minister who had helped the country overcome its sinking economy.

DPRO Mansa office clerk Sukhvinder Singh bereaved, father expires

NARESH GOYAL
MANSa: Darshan Singh, father of Sukhvinder Singh, a clerk DPRO Mansa office has expired. He has been ailing for the past few months and was under medical treatment



He was 60 years. The cremation of deceased took place yesterday evening and was largely attended. His bhog and antim ardas will be performed on next Sunday (5th January, 2025) from 12.00 to 1.00 pm in Mata Mansa Devi Bhawan, on Chakerian road here. Nazar Singh Mansahia, ex-MLA of Mansa and Dr. Janak Raj Singla, president of IMA's dist Mansa unit has expressed their condolences with Sukhvinder Singh and other members of the bereaved family of deceased Darshan Singh.

SHANTI GAUTAM BADDI: The vacant cabinet seat in Himachal Pradesh has sparked discussions about regional and caste-based balancing within the ruling Congress. Speculations suggest that any potential cabinet reshuffle will likely center around Solan district,

with the constituencies of Arki, Solan, and Doon being key areas of interest. Historically, no Brahmin leader from Solan district has ever held a ministerial position. Instead, leadership has largely come from the Rajput community or MLAs from reserved constituencies. Additionally,

leaders from the Khatri community have held ministerial roles twice in the past. Currently, one ministerial position remains unoccupied, and the removal of six parliamentary secretaries following a High Court directive has further intensified internal dynamics.

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NEWS BRIEF

Meeting of Semi Govt Drivers and Operators Federation held at Una



KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA: Meeting of Semi Government Drivers and Operators Federation held at BachatBhavanUnaon Sunday today. This meeting was presided over by Vijay Ashraf District President of this Federation. Former President of the Federation, Raj Kumar who is going to retire on December 31, was also given a farewell party on this occasion. In this meeting full district New unit of the Federation was elected. Which are like this. Vijay Ashraf - District President, Pawan Kumar Sharma - Senior Vice President, Diwakar Parshad - General Secretary, Sham Lal - Finance Secretary.

Adeep N.U.J.I National Secretary and Dr. Balbir becomes National Executive Member

SHANTI GAUTAM BADDI: In the recent biennial elections of the National Union of Journalists (India), a leading organization for journalists across the country, senior journalist Adeep from Sundernagar, Himachal Pradesh, was re-elected as the National Secretary for the second consecutive time. The President of Himachal Pradesh Union of Journalists (India), Birbal Sharma, shared that Dr. Balbir Thakur, a senior journalist from BBN, was also elected as a member of the National Executive.



Dr. Anand, Senior journalist Suresh Sharma from Madhya Pradesh was elected as the President, while Triyug Narayan from Uttar Pradesh was elected as the General Secretary. Som Nath Sharma from Haryana was chosen as the Treasurer. Additionally, Deepak Kumar Uday Joshi, Kavita Raj, Bade Prabhakar, and Umesh were elected as Vice Presidents, while Bablu Singh, Bhavani Shankar Joshi, M. Chandramohan, and Sanjeev Kumar were elected as Secretaries.

State taking numerous steps for qualitative improvement in education: CM Sukhu

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, DEC 29

The present state government is taking several initiatives to bring qualitative improvements in the education sector. Rajiv Gandhi Day Boarding Schools are being constructed in a phased manner, with a capacity to accommodate at least 1,000 students from pre-primary to class 12 in each school. Construction of six such schools has already been commenced in Nagrota Bagwan, Jwalamukhi, Fatehpur, Palampur and Jai Singhpur assembly constituencies in Kangra district, along with the Bhoranj constituency in Hamirpur district. Additionally, the state government has approved the architectural plans for these schools to be set-up at 10 locations. Chief Minister Thakur

Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu stated, "The Rajiv Gandhi Day Boarding Schools will be equipped with modern facilities such as high-tech smart classrooms, sports grounds, indoor stadiums, and swimming pools etc. These schools will significantly improve the standard of government educational institutions and instill confidence in rural students to face life's challenges effectively." Furthermore, the state government has also notified 100 government high schools, 200 government senior secondary schools, 48 government colleges and two government Sanskrit colleges as 'Centers of Excellence' to improve quality education in schools and colleges. The Chief Minister also emphasized the government's efforts to encourage children to partic-

CM congratulates Justice Gurmeet Singh Sandhawalia on swearing-in as Chief Justice

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA: Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has extended his heartfelt congratulations to Justice Gurmeet Singh Sandhawalia on his swearing-in as the Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court. The Chief Minister said, "Justice Gurmeet Singh Sandhawalia has taken



oath as the new Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court. My

best wishes for his tenure. I am confident that his extensive experience and vision will greatly benefit Himachal Pradesh and further elevate the essence of justice." The Chief Minister expressed hope that Justice Sandhawalia's judicial acumen will contribute significantly to upholding the principles of justice in the state.

ipate in sports to keep them away from drug abuse. The government has increased the diet money for students participating in sports competitions. For zonal and district-level competitions, the amount of diet money has

been increased from Rs. 120 to Rs. 400, while for national-level competitions, it has been raised from Rs. 250 to Rs. 500. Similarly, diet money for players training in the eight sports hostels of the state has been increased

from Rs. 240 to Rs. 400. He said "The modern facilities and focused efforts on education and sports will significantly enhance the overall learning environment and opportunities for students across the state."

Cong govt is not able to spend the budget of central schemes: Vishav Chakshu

SANAJY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, DEC 29

Advocate Vishav Chakshu, who was the state media co-ordinator of Himachal Pradesh Bharatiya Janata Party and media coordinator of the former Chief Minister, said that the Congress government of the state is not able to spend the budget provided by the BJP government at the center under the central schemes. The CAG report has completely exposed the Sukhu government of the state. He said that out of the central projects worth four thousand crores, about 2700 crores has not been spent. This completely exposes the mismanagement of the Sukhu government. Advocate Chakshu said that 4106 utilization certificates worth 4243 crores were not submitted



Sukhu is singing the tune of starting the work of the milk plant Dhagwar to please the villagers, farmers and cattle rearers. Whereas the budget for the said milk plant has been provided by the Central Government, which is being built across the country. Due to this, a provision of Rs 250 crore has also been made by the Central Government for the milk plant. At the same time, out of the budget of more than Rs 500 crore released to Central University Himachal Pradesh, Rs 30 crore of Dharamshala's share is being delayed due to non-deposit. Himachal Pradesh BJP media co-ordinator Advocate Vishwa Chakshu said that the Comptroller and Auditor General CAG report on the state's finances has come out.

by the government. The former media coordinator (Chief Minister) said that after the CAG report came out, now CM Sukhu has to hold a meeting in a hurry, in which he has to issue guidelines to implement the central projects and spend their approved amount. Whereas for the last two years, the state has been crying about financial crisis. He said that these days Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh

Bilaspur's Pride: Priya Thakur to represent Himachal in National Gymnastics Championship

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY BILASPUR:

In a proud moment for Himachal Pradesh, Priya Thakur, daughter of Advocate Nand Lal Thakur from Rani Kotla in Bilaspur district, has been selected to compete in the National Gymnastics Championship. The prestigious event will take place at the Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Indoor Stadium in Surat, Gujarat. Priya earned this opportunity by showcasing her exceptional talent at the state-level gymnastics competition held in Nagarota Bangwa, Kangra, where she competed in the open category. Her remarkable performance secured her spot to represent Himachal Pradesh on the national stage. Currently pursuing her MSc in Environmental Science from Mandi College, Priya has consistently excelled in academics and sports, becoming an inspiration for the youth of her region. Her father, Advocate Nand Lal Thakur, expressed immense pride and shared that Priya's determination and hard work have brought this honor to the family and the district. The people of Bilaspur have extended their heartfelt wishes and support to Priya, hoping she brings laurels to the state. Her journey serves as a beacon of hope and motivation for aspiring athletes across Himachal Pradesh.



Cultural festivities at DAV Public School Dargoti's Annual Award ceremony

RAJNEESH SHARMA HAMIRPUR:

The Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony for the 2024-25 session at DAV Public Senior Secondary School, Dargoti (Tauni Devi), was celebrated with great enthusiasm. The event witnessed the presence of the school's alumnus and Zoroastrian Bank's Managing Director and CEO, Daljit Singh Dogra, as the chief guest. The ceremony was graced by several esteemed dignitaries, including Roshan Lal Rangda, Dharam Singh, Vijay Behl, Kali Das, Vichitra Singh, and Colonel Chet Ram. The event began with captivating cultural performances by the students, featuring speeches, folk dances, and theatrical acts that left the audience spellbound. The energetic renditions of Nati, Gidda, and Bhangra added a festive charm to the occasion. Chief Guest Daljit Singh Dogra encouraged the students to pursue their dreams and emphasized the importance of education. He contributed ₹1,00,000 towards the school's development and awarded prizes to students securing first and second positions for the 2023-24 academic session, appreciating their hard work and dedication. The ceremony reflected the school administration's commitment to the holistic development of its students. The principal concluded the event by expressing gratitude to the dignitaries, parents, and students for their participation and support.



District Administration issues advisory for safe use of heaters and 'Angithis' during winter

KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA, DEC 29

In light of the severe cold conditions, the district administration has issued guidelines for the safe use of heaters and angithis (traditional stoves). District Magistrate and Chairperson of the District Disaster Management Authority, Jatin Lal, emphasized that improper use of these devices can lead to serious accidents. He urged people to follow safety standards and exercise extra caution while using these appliances, and to contact the District Disaster Management Authority immediately in case of an emergency. When using heaters or angithis, it is essential to ensure proper ventilation in the room. Using them in closed spaces can lead to the accumulation of toxic gases such as carbon monoxide, which can cause suffocation or even death. Especially during the night, heaters and angithis should be turned off while sleeping. Use angithis sparingly and ensure they are operated properly. The smoke and gases released can negatively affect health. Electric and gas heaters should be regularly checked, and damaged or faulty equipment should not be used, as they can lead to fire or other hazards. Educate children and elderly family members about the dangers of improper use of heaters and angithis, as well as safe usage practices. This can help prevent unfortunate incidents. Symptoms such as dizziness, headaches, nausea, confusion, or difficulty breathing may indicate carbon monoxide poisoning. In such cases, move to fresh air immediately and seek medical help. The District Magistrate urged residents to follow these guidelines and spread awareness to ensure the safety of those around them.

Una District Admin intensifies crackdown on illegal mining with drone technology

KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA, DEC 29

The Una district administration has intensified its campaign against illegal mining with the help of advanced drone technology. Deputy Commissioner Jatin Lal and Superintendent of Police Rakesh Singh conducted surprise inspections in Bathu, Bathri, and Tahlwal areas using drones. During these inspections, heavy fines were imposed on vehicle owners involved in illegal mining activities. Deputy Commissioner Jatin Lal emphasized that alongside traditional monitoring methods, the administration is leveraging technological tools to keep a stringent check on illegal mining. He highlighted that high-tech equipment is an integral part of their new strategy, enabling more precise and effective actions against such activities. He reiterated



the state government's zero-tolerance policy toward illegal mining and assured that the administration is leaving no stone unturned to implement it effectively in Una district. Jatin Lal appealed to residents of the district to actively cooperate in eradicating illegal mining and encouraged them to report any such activities in their vicinity to the authorities, assuring that the identity of informants will be kept confidential. Superintendent of Police Rakesh Singh reaffirmed his

commitment to making Una free of illegal mining and safeguarding the district's natural resources. He emphasized the crucial role of drone technology in monitoring and combating illegal mining, stating that such advanced tools significantly enhance their efforts to curb these unlawful activities. The administration plans to continue these operations consistently and efficiently, aiming to make Una a district entirely free from illegal mining.

Madhurima Kashyap honored with Best Club Community and Long Service Awards at DAV ACC Annual Function

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY BILASPUR, DEC 29

In a grand celebration of excellence, a dedicated teacher of DAV ACC Senior Secondary Public School Barmana, Madhurima Kashyap, was honored with the Long Service Award and the prestigious Best Club Community Award at the school's annual function. The awards were presented by Deputy Commissioner Bilaspur Abid Hussain Sadiq and his wife Dr. Tasheen Mustaq, who lauded her exceptional contribution to the field of education. Under her leadership, Madhurima Kashyap has driven various clubs and initiatives, including community outreach, heritage, language and communication, kitchen and cuisine, dance club, science and technology, and performing arts, fostering



holistic development among students. Her tireless efforts have significantly enriched the school's education system, setting new benchmarks for innovation and student engagement. Deputy Commissioner Abid Hussain Sadiq, while presenting the awards, praised her dedication, stating, "Madhu Reema Kashyap's contribution is not only pivotal for the success of the students but also serves as a beacon of inspiration for the

entire education community." The event witnessed an enthusiastic response from school staff, parents, and dignitaries including ACC Adani Group CMO Mukesh, HR Head Padma Nabh Sharma, and Principal Sunil Gangta, who congratulated her on this well-deserved recognition. Madhu Reema Kashyap's relentless dedication continues to leave an indelible mark on the education sector and the community at large.

Mahajan Sabha Nurpur distributes warm clothes in memory of former CJ Mehr Chand Mahajan

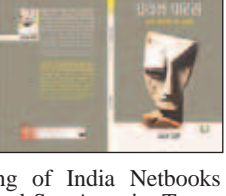


SANJEEV MAHAJAN NURPUR: In a commendable initiative under its public service campaign, Mahajan Sabha Nurpur honored the legacy of former Chief Justice of India, Mehr Chand Mahajan, on his 135th birth anniversary on December 23. The Sabha, inspired by the contributions of this illustrious son of Tika Nagrota, Bhardwar, Nurpur, organized a drive to collect warm clothing for all age groups and distribute them among the needy. The noble activity took place at Shri R.K. Mahajan Ground, near NPS, Jasur, and Nagawadi, where nearly 300 families, including children, women, and men, benefited. This initiative, aimed at supporting underprivileged families, was successfully carried out with the dedicated efforts of Mahajan Sabha members, office bearers, and especially the youth. The Sabha reflected on the life and contributions of Mehr Chand Mahajan, the third Chief Justice of India, whose commitment to justice and public welfare continues to inspire generations.

'Pratham Paras': A new collection of inspirational stories by Pankaj Darshi

SANJEEV MAHAJAN NURPUR:

A new addition to the literary works of Himachal's renowned writer Pankaj Darshi has been made with his latest book, Pratham Paras. This collection includes 56 stories that focus on inspiration, intellect, spirituality, and moral values. Published under the traditional publication wing of India Netbooks Publishers (Buddh Nagar, Delhi NCR, and San Antonio, Texas, USA), this book marks Darshi's second work with the same publisher. His first book, Lekhani, has already attracted significant interest for its philosophical approach, gaining popularity among readers and scholars. Pankaj Darshi, known for his contributions to education and literature, actively engages in activities that promote language, behavior, art, philosophy, and literature within his community. He advises students to read and explore language and literature to foster better mental growth. Pratham Paras is already receiving promotion on social media platforms, with stories from the book being regularly broadcast through Himachal Business Portal. The book features 56 carefully selected stories from a vast collection that Darshi has either heard or read. The cover of Pratham Paras is designed by Vinay Mathur. The book uses a cognitive methodology in its narrative, incorporating the philosophical approach of Jnana Mimamsa to direct readers' minds towards positivity, creativity, and intellectual growth.



Heavy weather change leads shepherds to move livestock to plains

JOGINDER DEV ARYA BANGANA:

After two consecutive days of rainfall and a sharp drop in temperature in the higher areas, shepherds from the Kullu, Manali, and Mandi regions have started moving their flocks of sheep and goats to the plains. As the temperature plummeted following snowfall in the upper regions, the shepherds have begun gathering their sheep and goats in separate groups and heading towards the plains, particularly in the direction of Una. Shepherd Surjan Singh shared that due to the snowfall and the resulting drop in temperature, they had no choice but to move to the lower, warmer regions. He mentioned that they plan to return to the upper regions by the end of January or the first week of February. Singh noted that there is a noticeable difference in the temperatures compared to previous years. The shepherds bring along cooking equipment, either carried by horses or themselves. To guard their livestock at night, they travel with dogs. Despite the challenges of rain and storms, these shepherds often rest under the open sky, enduring tough conditions in their daily lives.



A Forgotten Hero: Call to honor Subedar Major Anant Ram with Arjuna Award

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY BILASPUR:

Subedar Major Honorary Captain Anant Ram, a decorated soldier and gymnast who brought unparalleled pride to India, has been forgotten by leaders and the administration. Veteran Captain Balak Ram Sharma, State President of Himachal Pradesh Veteran Sainik Welfare and Development Joint Committee, has appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to honor the veteran with the Arjuna Award. Subedar Major Anant Ram, born in October 1932 in Jhanduta village of Bilaspur, joined the Indian Army in 1947 after completing his training at the Punjab Regiment Centre in Meerut. After serving as a driver, he pursued gymnastics and began his illustrious career in 1954 by winning his first gold medal in Kolkata. Over the years, he won 28 gold medals, 16 silver medals, and 8 bronze medals in national championships. His exceptional performance earned him the prestigious President's Award from His Excellency Neelam Sanjiva Reddy. After 32 years of service in the Indian Army, Subedar Major Anant Ram retired with honor but has since been forgotten by the nation. He expressed his satisfaction with his life but lamented the lack of recognition and remembrance from leaders and the administration. He stated that he was never invited to any function or ceremony to celebrate his achievements.



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, DEC 29



Bharatiya Janata Party is a political party based on principles and ideals. It is not the party of any particular family, caste or class. BJP is the connecting thread for the workers. A meeting was held under the chairmanship of MLA Yogendra Rana in the BJP office to strengthen the party organizationally, membership campaign and booth elections and he also gave his address on this occasion. On this occasion, Karnal District Election Incharge former Assembly Speaker Gyan Chand Gupta, Assembly

Speaker Harvinder Kalyan, Asansandh MLA Yogendra Rana, MLA Jagmohan Anand, MLA Bhagwan Das Kabir Panthee, former Industry Minister Shashi Pal Mehta, former MLA Ramesh Kashyap, Executive District President Brij Gupta, District Incharge Bharat Bhushan Jwal, Nirmala Baira-

gi, Ashok Bhandari, Outgoing Mayor Renu Bala Gupta, Ashok Sukhija, Krishna Garg, District General Secretary Sunil Goyal, Jai Bhagwan Sikri, MP Representative Kavinder Rana, BJP District Media Incharge Dr. Ashok Kumar and other senior leaders and workers were present.

Centre bid farewell to late Manmohan Singh after insulting him: Tarlochan Singh

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, DEC 29



Karnal Congress District Coordinator Tarlochan Singh expressed grief over the demise of the country's former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh. He has also accused the central government of disrespect and mismanagement in Manmohan Singh's state funeral. He said that the central government deliberately got the last rites of Dr. Manmohan Singh, who was known as the messiah of the economy in the country as well as the whole world, done at Nigambodh Ghat, whereas the Congress National Presi-

dent and other leaders had requested the PM that Dr. Manmohan Singh's last rites should be done at the same place where Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi were cremated so that his Samadhi can also be built there. Tarlochan Singh said that no news agency was allowed except

Doordarshan. DD focused on Modi and Shah, barely covering Dr. Singh's family. Surprisingly, only three chairs were placed in the front row for Dr. Singh's family. Congress leaders had to scramble to arrange seats for his daughters and other family members. The prime minister and ministers did not bother to stand when the national flag was handed over to his widow or during the guard of honour. He said Amit Shah's convoy disrupted the funeral procession, leaving the family's vehicles outside. The gate was closed and family members had to be searched and brought back inside.

Mann Ki Baat : PM gives Kurukshetra example in malaria prevention

CHANDIGARH, DEC 29

Haryana Chief Minister, Nayab Singh Saini said that Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi shared the success story of Kurukshetra's efforts in malaria prevention with the entire country during his "Mann Ki Baat" programme. The Prime Minister praised Kurukshetra for presenting a model to tackle malaria.

The Haryana Health Department ran special campaigns to control mosquito breeding, spread awareness through radio and other mediums, and successfully reduced malaria cases.

The Prime Minister commended Haryana's efforts and mentioned that the World Health Organization (WHO) has also recognised India's initiatives in malaria prevention. Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini listened to the "Mann Ki Baat" programme along with party workers in Sector-9 Panchkula. The Chief Minister said that the Prime Minister also talked about the upcoming Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj starting January 14, 2025 emphasising its cul-



tural and traditional importance. Lakhs of devotees from India and abroad participate in this event. He commended "Mann Ki Baat" as a highly educational and inspiring program. It provides valuable insights into various fields, including sports, agriculture, health, and employment. Collaborative work is being appreciated by the farmers through Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs). The Chief Minister attended a satsang at the Sant Nirankari Bhawan in Panchkula. He praised the Sant Ni-

rankari Mission for its active participation in various social initiatives.

He said that he recently participated in the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign held at the Sant Nirankari Adhyatmik Sthal, Samalkha, where approximately 30,000 saplings were planted. He further said that under the leadership of Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj the Mission also participates in blood donation camps and cleanliness drives, which benefit society significantly.

Pedestrians facing problems due to pit in the road



SADHAURA (PREETI SAINI): There is a pit in the middle of the road near the speed breaker in front of the crematorium on Sadhaura bypass road, which is filled with a lot of water due to the recent rains, due to which pedestrians are facing problems. Moreover, due to the rains in the past few days, the pit is filled with water, due to which it has become difficult for small vehicle drivers or other pedestrians to pass through here due to heavy vehicles because the splashes of dirty water go far away. Due to the water filled in this pit, the presence of the pit is not even known.

Due to this also, pedestrians have to face a lot of problems. Local people say that earlier also such pits have been formed on the road at different places here, but the department fills them as a formality, which after some time again forms a pit at a new place. People demand that the department should find a permanent solution to these pits so that the pedestrians do not have to face such problems.

Serving needy main objective of Lions Club: Dinesh Batra

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, DEC 29

Lions Club Karnal Royal Star distributed free sweaters to poor children in Anganwadi of Daniyal Pur village of Karnal to protect them from the winter season. On this occasion, Lions Dinesh Batra, who was present as the chief guest, said that serving the needy is the main objective of Lions Club. It is famous all over the world for its service and Lions Club is an integral part of the society.

He said that adopting villages by Lions Clubs, educating children by adopting them and bringing smile in their lives, making them self-reliant for women empowerment, protecting the environment, water conservation, awakening eyesight are our priorities. He said that in view of these works, sweaters were distributed to poor children in



Anganwadi today to protect them from winter and for this the team of Karnal Royal Star Club deserves congratulations.

On this occasion Lions Amar Jeet, President, Karnal Royal Star Club welcomed the chief guest Lions Dinesh Batra and said that in future also the club will continue to do

service work by following the guidelines given by you. On this occasion Lions Dinesh Batra, Lions Amar Jeet Singh, President, Karnal Royal Star Club, Lions Rajneesh Jain, Lions Sukhdev Singh, Lions Ashok Kumar, former councillor, Anganwadi worker Gurdwinder Kaur and others were present.

Prabhat Pheri held to mark Prakash Parv of Guru Gobind Singh



KARNAL (SHIV KUMAR SHARMA): A Prabhat Pheri from the Gurudwaras of the city was held dedicated to the Shri Guru Govind Singh Jayanti. In this congregation, 15 Prabhat pheris from different Gurudwaras of the city participated and performed Kirtan. In this congregation, saints from Gurdwara Shri Sukhmani Sahib Sector 7, Gurdwara Singh Sabha Ramnagar, Gurdwara Mai Bhago Ji Karan Vihar, Gurdwara Shri Guru Singh Sabha Model Town, Guru Nanak Sewak Jatha Gurdwara Manji Sahib, Naam Simran Society Sector 4, Stree Satsang Sabha Manji Sahib, Gurdwara Singh Sabha Basant Bihar, Gurdwara Bhai Nand Ji Bhai Dhanha Ji Subhash Gate, Gurdwara Singh Sabha Prem Nagar, Sant Udham Singh Ashok Nagar, Gurdwara Shisia Wala Sadar Bazar, Gurdwara Singh Sabha Sant Nagar and Gurdwara Baba Deep Singh participated in the congregation in the form of Prabhat Ferry and conducted Kirtan Samagam by singing Shabads.

The Chairman of the Managing Committee of Gurdwara Shri Sukhmani Sahib Sector 7, Inderjit Singh Dua and his team welcomed all the Jathas and honoured them by giving Siropas. A langar of tea and biscuits was arranged for the congregation. Before the Kirtan Samagam, Nitem was done by the chief Granthi Balwinder Singh of the Gurdwara.

PM's Mann Ki Baat inspires people: Subhash Chandra



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, DEC 29

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday interacted with the people of the country in his last 'Mann Ki Baat'; programme of this year. BJP workers sat in front of the TV set since morning to listen to the Prime Minister. Swachh Bharat Mission Haryana's Executive Vice Chairman Subhash Chandra listened to the 117th Prime Minister's Mann Ki Baat with workers at booth no. 164 of Ward 16 of Karnal Assembly. Today, BJP workers in the city watched

the live telecast of this program at all their booths. Subhash Chandra said that not only the country but people from all over the world listen to the Prime Minister's Mann Ki Baat. People are getting inspired by it. He said that this is the best medium to communicate with people living in every corner of the country simultaneously. Through this programme, the Prime Minister gets information about the problems of the public directly. He said that the Prime Minister has taken over the reins of the country for the third time.

We will take music to new heights through MBKC: Maninder Babbu



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, DEC 29

Maninder Babbu Karaoke Club organised a colorful gathering in Karnal Club just before the New Year. On this occasion, the head of this club Maninder Babbu said that in the new year, we will serve music through MBKC.

New dimensions will be established in the field of music to take it to new heights. Maninder Babbu started the program in his melodious voice. The programme was enhanced by the sound management of the club, Arvinder Singh. Vinay Chhabra took this series forward by singing

Mera Prem Patra, Tum Naz Na Hona, after that Geeta Chhabra sang Kis Liye Mere, Arun Rajpal sang Bachna Ae Haseeno, Anil Girdhar sang Jeevan Se Bhaari, Anjali Sharma sang Tere Bina Jiya Jaye Na, Ranjit Gill sang Badan Pe Sitare, Anuruddha Kalra sang Ab Kya Misaal, Pushpa Kaler sang Aao Huzoor Tumko, Kanwal ji sang Mast Baharon Ka, Rajni sang Iss Se Kam Zindagi, Amarjeet Batla sang Hansta Hua Noorani Chehra, Poonam sang Ye Raatein Nayi Purani, Devendra Arora ji sang Hai Apna Dil To Awara, Harish Wadhawan sang Ek Banjara Gaye, Vinod Bhatia sang Sab Kutah Sikha etc.

Blood donation camp organised to remember martyrdom of Mata Gujri, Char Sahibzadas

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, DEC 29

A blood donation camp was organised today in memory of the great Guru Gobind Singh Ji, who got his entire family martyred for the protection of humanity and religion.

The blood donation camp organised by National Integrated Forum of Artists and Activists (NIFAA) under the supervision and guidance of Baba Gurmeet Singh at Nanaksar Darbar Ekta Colony was inaugurated by the head of Nanaksar sect, Sant Baba Ghaala Singh, by putting badges on the blood donors. Along with him, Baba Mehar Singh Nabiabad, Baba Gurmeet Singh Gurudwara Nanaksar Darbar Ekta Colony, NIFAA founder president Preetpal Singh Pannu and convener Advocate Naresh Barana also put



badges on the blood donors to encourage them. Baba Ghaala Singh said that blood donation is necessary to save human life and said that organising a blood donation camp on the martyrdom day of Sahibzadas and Mata Gujri is a meaningful effort. Baba Gurmeet Singh said that Shaheedee Parv has been observed in Gurudwara Nanaksar Darbar for the last 19 years. While Gurmat Samagam is organised on this occasion,

free eye check-up camps, health camps and blood donation camps are also being organised for the welfare of the people.

NIFAA founder president Preetpal Singh Pannu, who reached the camp, made the congregation aware about blood donation in the Gurmat Samagam organised on this occasion and told that a donor who donates one unit of blood helps in saving the lives of three people.

District police make public aware about drug abuse

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, DEC 29

The police spokesperson said that under the drug-free fortnight campaign, the district police is continuously making the public aware about drug prevention and drug abuse. The main objective of this campaign is to bring the drug-addicted youth into the mainstream of society.

Under which families living in villages and towns are being gathered and made aware of the diseases caused by drug abuse.

The police spokesperson said that on Sunday, the team of the anti-narcotics cell of the district police held a meeting of the Aagaaz Sanstha at Kanhaiya Sahib Chowk under the chairmanship of Balbir Singh ji! The meeting began with paying tribute to former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh ji by observing a two-minute silence. Many big decisions were made in this meeting. The newly appoint-



ed convener of the Aagaaz Sanstha, Rahul Bhan, said that two new young colleagues and a woman have been elected as conveners in the organization.

Manoj Laut has been elected as the convener and Ram Verma as the vice-president, while among women Veena Rani has been elected as the convener and Anupam Singh has been elected as the treasurer of the organization! Apart from this, Laxman MLA has been made the chairman of the advisory committee. District Narcotics Incharge Jaswinder also participated in this meeting and

told how social people can work with him to prevent drug abuse in the city. He has appealed to the general public that they can share any information related to drug business with the police. Jaswinder ji assured that the name of the informer will be kept confidential.

Sumit Pal Singh conducted the stage, and assured the Narcotics Incharge that Aagaaz Sanstha will have his full support in every good work.

The team of Anti Narcotics Cell made the people present in the organized program and the youth aware about drug abuse.

OP Chautala did big-hearted politics in public interest: Anurag Thakur

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
SIARSA, DEC 29

Former Union Minister and Lok Sabha MP from Hamirpur Parliamentary Constituency Himachal Pradesh, Anurag Singh Thakur, on the demise of former Haryana Chief Minister Late Om Prakash Chautala, went to his village Chautala to pay tribute to him on behalf of the party, family and state and expressed his condolences to the bereaved family and supporters.

Anurag Singh Thakur said, "Chautala ji always gave priority to public interest and he always did big-hearted politics in public interest. He was such a leader who went beyond the boundaries of the party and worked for the country and the people. Late Om Prakash Chautala was a politician of great stature who always gave priority to public interest. His relations



with my father Shri Prem Kumar Dhumal were very good and cooperative.

He always chose the path of mutual dialogue and cooperation to solve the problems of the area. Chautala ji's important contribution in the field of politics and social service will always be remembered". Anurag Singh Thakur said "Chautala ji was a big hearted person and if we look into the pages of the past, he had helped Himachal on many occasions. Earlier, during Dhumal ji's government,



when a new medical college was opened in Tanda, but doctors and specialists of one subject were not there till then, it was found that they were in Haryana. On a request from Dhumal ji, Chautala ji immediately relieved the specialist from Haryana and sent him to Himachal. Another incident that comes to mind is that during Dhumal ji's tenure itself, Haryana's Transport Minister visited Himachal. The officer nervously told Dhumal ji that Himachal's buses run more in

Haryana while Haryana's buses run less in Himachal, so on the basis of equality, the number of Himachal buses in Haryana can be reduced. Dhumal ji requested Chautala ji that Haryana has all three services - rail, bus and air, whereas Himachal is dependent only on buses for transport, so this reduction should not be done. Chautala ji readily accepted Dhumal ji's request and assured that Haryana's Transport Minister will not talk to Himachal about this reduction.

KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA: Under the directions of District Police Chief Barnala Sandeep Kumar Malik, under the leadership of DSP Baljit Singh, Tapa police has registered a case under the campaign against drugs by arresting two people in a car with 140 grams of intoxicant

powder. Giving information about the case, Thana Head Inspector Sandeep Singh said that Assistant Police Station Officer Jasvir Singh had set up a blockade near Ghadali Bridge with the police party, when the police saw a car which was going towards the city from Ghadali side. On the

basis of suspicion, it was stopped in which two youths were sitting on the front seats.

When the police interrogated, the youth sitting on the driver's seat told his name as Ravinder Pal Singh alias Gurbinder son of Jagraj Singh resident of Kangar Patti Bhairupa and the other youth

told his name as Tejinder Singh alias Koka son of Shera Singh resident of Kangar. Police found an envelope between the hand brake of the car. On searching him, a cream coloured intoxicating powder was recovered from him, which weighed 140 grams.

NEWS BRIEF

Cash, jewellery looted at gunpoint, two held

KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA: Last night in the nearby village of Khudi Khurd, thieves broke the door of the house and robbed gold, cash, and mobile at gunpoint. Village Khudi Khurd's retired J.E. Pawan Kumar told in the application that I and my wife were at home when at 8 o'clock, 5 people broke the lattice door and the main door and stood next to both of us. Some of them had pistols. They threatened us with pistols and took away gold earrings, a seal, cash, and a mobile from us. He said that they took away 2 cameras installed in the house and the wires of the DVR were pulled out. They made an announcement in the village and with the help of mobiles, the villagers and the Gram Panchayat caught the 2 thieves and handed them over to the police. The rest of the thieves fled.

DC urges residents to follow advisory amid cold wave alert

RANVIR PARASHAR KAITHAL: The DC Preeti has issued a special advisory as per the instructions of the government regarding prevention of frostbite due to cold wave. DC has also appealed to the common citizens to take special precautions to protect themselves from cold wave and cold. Cold wave is going on these days. Keeping this in mind, we can avoid cold shock by taking precautions. To protect yourself from cold wave, follow these things. She said that to avoid cold shock, keep taking weather related information from radio/TV/newspapers for weather forecast. Stock up on enough clothes for winter. Keep doors and windows properly closed to prevent cold air from entering the house. Various diseases like flu and nose bleeding were usually caused due to prolonged exposure to cold. Therefore consult local health workers or a doctor. Stay indoors as much as possible and avoid exposure to cold wind, rain, snow. Wear warm clothes. Tight clothes restrict blood flow, avoid them. Keep your head, neck, hands and toes adequately covered to maintain body warmth. Keep gloves on your hands. Wear a cap or muffler on your head, eat healthy food. According to the Health Department, eat fruits and vegetables rich in Vitamin C to maintain adequate immunity.

Weather improves after snowfall, but temp stays below freezing point in Kashmir

AGENCY SRINAGAR, DEC 29

The weather in the Kashmir Valley improved following recent snowfall, with a slight rise in night temperatures, although they remained below freezing, officials said. The Meteorological Centre in Srinagar has predicted another spell of snowfall from January 3 to January 6. This is expected to bring light to moderate snowfall at several locations in the Kashmir division and scattered areas in the Jammu division.

"At a few higher reaches, there is a possibility of moderate to heavy snowfall during the period", it said adding "there is possibility of light snow at isolated places during January 1 and 2 also".

"The cold wave conditions will continue to prevail over the Kashmir valley till end of the year", the MeT office said. The MeT



office has also issued an advisory stating that in view of snowfall, sub-freezing temperature and icy conditions over roads including plains/higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir, Tourists/ travellers/ Transporters are advised to follow Admin/Traffic advisory. There is no let-up in icy cold weather conditions in Srinagar and other

parts of Kashmir valley that have frozen major water bodies disrupting normal life.

The minimum temperature in Srinagar recorded during the intervening night of Saturday and Sunday at -0.2 °C against the -1.0 °C recorded a day ago. This was 2.4 °C above average for the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir

during this period of season. The ski resort of Gulmarg turned the coldest place with the minimum temperature plummeting further on Sunday and recorded at -8.5 °C against -5.9 °C a day ago. This was 2.6 °C below normal for the valley of meadows in north Kashmir.

Pahalgam in south Kashmir plunged to a low of -8.0°C on Sunday after snowfall against the -2.8°C recorded the previous night and it was 2.8°C below normal for the tourist spot. Kokernag also in south Kashmir had a low of -1.8°C against the -1.5°C a day ago and it was 0.9°C above normal for the picnic spot of the valley during this period of the season.

Qazigund recorded at -0.4°C on Sunday against the -0.6°C the previous night. This was 2.3°C above normal for the gateway to Kashmir on Srinagar-Jammu National highway in South Kashmir.

Rahul Gandhi, Congress do not refrain from politicising late PM Manmohan Singh's death: Anil Vij

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA AMBALA, DEC 29



Haryana's Energy, Transport and Labor Minister Sh. Anil Vij launched an attack on the Congress today, and said that "Rahul Gandhi and his Congress party have no shame in politicizing even the late former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh." Vij was responding to a question asked by media persons regarding the Congress' allegation that performing former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's cremation at Nigambodh Ghat was an insult to him.

He stated that "Politics can be done at an appropriate time and place. As of now, the place for his memorial has not been finalized. The government has already announced that it is searching for and finalizing a site. If the place is not finalized, the cremation had to be conducted somewhere, and that is why it was carried out at

Nigambodh Ghat, he said."

In this context, Sh. Vij sarcastically remarked without naming anyone, "Under this pretext, many notable figures also visited Nigambodh Ghat, which is primarily created for the common people." When asked about the Supreme Court's order to the Punjab government to shift farmer leader Dalal to a hospital by December 31, he replied that "Yes, I hope the Punjab government will not indulge in any kind of politics in this matter and will act according to the Hon'ble Supreme Court's orders."

40 people examined in health check-up camp

YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI PEHOWA, DEC 29

Kiran Spine and Orthopedic Center organized a free health checkup camp in government primary school of Chanalheri village. Villagers showed a lot of enthusiasm about camp. 40 people's health was checked for free in camp. Center's director, spine specialist Dr. Monika Sharma said that her center organized a free health checkup camp in government primary school of Chanalheri village. 40 people's health was checked in it. Most of patients included in it were of spinal cord, joint pain, tingling in nerves, paralysis, BP and sugar. They were given free consultation along with checkup. We have organized free health camps four times before this. She



said that this camp was organized in Chanalheri Primary School of Pehowa constituency and people from nearby villages also came to get their health checked. This camp was organized with aim of increasing health awareness among local people and understanding their medical needs. Such camps make it easier to access health services in rural areas. Also, villagers get

right treatment and advice. Dr. Monika Sharma said that due to cold wave these days, number of patients has started increasing. Number of patients suffering from cough, cold, throat and headache and viral fever is high. Apart from this, number of respiratory patients has doubled. Cold and cold wave can prove to be dangerous for respiratory patients.

Golden Jubilee Alumni meet of 1974-75 batch held in St Xavier's Hazaribagh



RAJENDRA KHATRY HAZARIBAGH, DEC 29

Alumni Meet: The two-day Golden Jubilee celebrations of the 1974-75 batch of St. Xavier's School, Hazaribagh, Jharkhand was held on December 19 and 20, 2024. The programme was held during the Sports Day of the school. There was a lot of excitement and exhilaration as some of the

batch mates met after a gap of 50 years.

All the 3200 students of the school were present during the grand event which included the felicitation of the old students of the 1974-75 batch and the students of the 1999 batch for their silver Jubilee. The day marked the spectacular sporting events of the school students and concluded with the Old Boys Race and the



March Past which the Britto House won.

Rajiv Niranjana won the Gold medal in the Old Boys Race event (75 metres sprint), while Rajendra Khatri won the silver medal and Basab Banerjee the Bronze.

Among the 1974-75 batch mates present on the occasion were Rajendra Khatri, Ashok Dubey, Rajesh Kashyap, Basab

Banerjee, Rajiv Niranjana, Arbind Singh, Utpal Das Gupta, Ranjit John, Shaji Philips and Rajesh Jha. Mementos were given to the batch mates by the only living teacher present during 1974-75, Father Chaco. The 2-day events, which included a school visit, concluded with a gala dinner in which the St. Xavier's School Principal Father Rosner Xalco S. J was also present.

Sufiana Kalam program on January 1



KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA: Wishing a sweet life on the arrival of New Year, Sufiana Kalam is being organized with auspicious tunes on January 1 at Shri Ram Saroop Sangeet Sadan Barnala, in relation to which a meeting of Shri Ram Saroop Sangeet Sadan Barnala Committee was held. The meeting was chaired by the head of the house, Dr. K.C. Sidana. General Secretary Kamal Prakash Sharma said that 'Sufiana Kalam' is being organized on Wednesday, January 1, 2025 at 7 pm. On this occasion, Ustad Ujaagar Antal and Professor Manisha are specially arriving with their team for the art presentation. Ashok Kumar Garg (KV Gas Agency) President Lions Club Supreme Barnala will be the chief guest in the program and Dr. Jagmohan Sharma Patiala will participate as a special guest. On this occasion, SL Kataria, Anil Dutt Sharma, Advocate Yadavinder, Kuldeep Singh Joshi and Sangeet Sadan head Vinod Sharma were also present.

Haryana Union of Working Journalists organises seminar on journalism and challenges

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR, DEC 29

Haryana Union of Working Journalists organized a seminar on journalism and challenges at Guru Nanak Girls College, Yamunanagar on Sunday. Haryana Agriculture Minister Shyam Singh Rana, Yamunanagar MLA Ghanshyam Das Arora, Sadhaura MLA Renu Bala, Jagadhari MLA Akram Khan were present in the seminar.

In his address, Agriculture Minister Shyam Singh Rana said that journalism was the fourth pillar of the country. He said that any incident reached people within a short time of its occurrence. The quicker this work was done, the more losses it caused. Therefore, journalists should publish information only after seeing and knowing it and the views of both the parties should be presented. Speaking on the demands of



the journalists, he said that whatever demands have been made by the union, he would try to get them fulfilled by talking to the Chief Minister. On this occasion, Yamunanagar MLA Ghanshyam Das Arora said that many demands of the media have been fulfilled by the present government and the previous government. Apart from this, efforts will be made to fulfill the other demands. In their address, Jagadhari MLA Akram Khan and Sadhaura MLA Renu Bala said that the media would have to be more serious. They said that while

there were challenges for the media, the media should work for the welfare of the common people and discussions were also held in this direction in the seminar along with discussion. On this occasion, State President of the Union Manmohan Kathuria while highlighting the activities of the previous government. Apart from this, efforts will be made to fulfill the other demands. In their address, Jagadhari MLA Akram Khan and Sadhaura MLA Renu Bala said that the media would have to be more serious. They said that while

Pratap Manoharpur unanimously made President of Sarpanch Association

MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI, DEC 29

A meeting was held in Diwan Palace regarding election of Sarpanch Association. 50 Gram Sarpanches out of 77 Gram Panchayats of Indri constituency participated. This meeting was chaired by BJP's Indri Mandal President Aman Virk. Former Chairman of Zila Parishad and senior BJP leader Narender Gorsi participated as chief guest in meeting. Executive of association was unanimously formed in presence of BJP's Indri Mandal President Aman Virk and former Chairman of Zila Parishad and senior BJP leader Narender Gorsi. Pratap Manoharpur was given responsibility of post of president. While Deepak Garg Kalri was made vice president and Sohan Lal Kashyap Makhali was made vice



president. All newly appointed presidents and vice presidents of Sarpanch Association were warmly welcomed with garlands. Division President Aman Virk proposed post of Pradhan on behalf of Sarpanches in which he made Gram Panchayat Manoharpur Sarpanch Pratap president. Deepak Garg Kalri was made vice president and Sohan Lal Kashyap Makhali was made vice president. A large number of Sarpanches were present on this occasion. Newly appointed Sarpanch Association President Pratap Manoharpur said that today 50 out of 77 Sarpanches

unanimously gave me the responsibility and I will fulfill it well. Whatever demand the Sarpanches have, I will work to raise it before the government. On this occasion, former district councillor Narender Gorsi, divisional president Aman Virk, Amit Kheda, Mahinder Premi, Raghbir Batan, Amit Kheda, Randhir Kamboj, sarpanch Mange Ram, sarpanch representative Ramlal, Shamsheer Bibipur Jatan, Rahul Makkhu Majra, Joginder Butan Khedi, Kusum Beed Raitkhan, Jagir Dhanora and a large number of village sarpanches were present.

Warm clothes distributed by Rotary, Rotaract, and Inner Wheel Clubs

VIJAY KAUSHIK LADWA, DEC 29

The international social organizations Rotary, Rotaract, and Inner Wheel Clubs distributed warm clothes to laborers living at brick kilns. Project Chairman Rajesh Verma shared that, like every year, the clubs collected old and usable clothes from the city, which were then distributed among the workers residing at the brick kilns. Former Rotary President Amit Singhal explained that the campaign involves gathering used clothes from city residents, sorting them for usability, and categorizing them by age and gender before distributing them to the laborers. This year, a significant quantity of clothes was collected, sorted by club members over several days, and distributed at the brick kilns in Mathana village, considering the growing cold. Rotary Club Secretary Rakesh Khurana emphasized that fulfilling the needs of the underprivileged is the primary goal of Rotary. He highlighted the dire need for such initiatives among laborers living in extreme



conditions. Former Club President Deepak Singhal expressed gratitude to the city residents for their continuous support, acknowledging their contributions as both commendable and virtuous.

In addition to clothes, fruits and other food items were distributed. Observing the smiles on the faces of the laborers' children, the organizers remarked that Rotary, Rotaract, and Inner Wheel Clubs work tirelessly to bring joy to such lives, with key initiatives including polio eradication and literacy missions.

Block-Level Youth Parliament competition held at Govt. Girls Senior Secondary School, Barot

VIJAY KAUSHIK LADWA, DEC 29

A block-level youth parliament competition was organized at the Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Barot, under the Ladwa block. The event was presided over by the school's in-charge, Mr. Suraj Bhan, who highlighted the importance of such competitions in enhancing communication skills and fostering critical thinking among students.

Around 50 students participated, presenting a one-hour theatrical enactment of parliamentary proceedings. The jury for the event included Mr. Rajendra Kumar, Assistant Professor at DIET Palwal, and Mr.



Gurmel Singh, Lecturer, who praised the students' performances and shared valuable tips for improvement. The youth parliament session included activities such as oath-taking, condolence motions, question hour, zero hour, privilege motions, attention-drawing proposals, and legislative processes. Students creatively addressed pressing issues like the Manipur violence, the Russia-Ukraine war, rising

oil prices, basmati rice exports, the rehabilitation of cows, and cyber fraud. They also proposed a Human Organ Donation Bill. The students portrayed roles such as the Prime Minister, Speaker, Secretary-General, Ministers, and Opposition leaders, demonstrating the complete functioning of the house under the guidance of Political Science lecturers Mr. Lakhwinder Singh and Mr. Sunil Kumar.

Applications opened for Shri Dhanpat Singh Sangi Memorial Award until Jan 6: Dr. Narendra Singh

DALBIR MALIK KURUSHETRA: Dr. Narendra Singh, District Information and Public Relations Officer (DIPRO), announced that the Department of Information, Public Relations, and Languages, Haryana, is inviting applications for the Shri Dhanpat Singh Sangi Memorial Award. Eligible artists can apply via email or post until January 6, 2025. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Sharing details, Dr. Singh stated that the selected artist will be honored with a cash prize of ₹1 lakh, a certificate of appreciation, and a shawl. Applications can be sent to SCO No. 200-201, Sector 17-C, Chandigarh, or emailed to DIPRfield@gmail.com.

Applicants must have at least 10 years of experience in staging traditional songs (folk dramas) and be residents of Haryana. Additionally, their work must align with Haryana's cultural values. The applicant should demonstrate exceptional skills in coordinating with artistic directors, music directors, costume designers, and technical staff, such as those handling lighting and sound. Eligibility criteria include: Age between 35 and 70 years. Notable reputation in the field of songs. Proficiency in script preparation based on sangi compositions, acting nuances, and music. A clean social record with no criminal charges. Educational and socially relevant themes in directed songs.



Editorial

The rising

Here is a quiz on Indian politics. In 2025, which three organisations will be 100 years old or older? Which among them has never suffered a split and has been growing organisationally, in mass appeal, and also in political strength? The answer to the first question gives us three names — the Indian National Congress (1885), the Communist Party of India (1925) and the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (1925). However, the answer to the second question has only one name — the RSS.

Today, the Congress is a pale version of its old self. Its multiple splits, ideological confusion, organisational disarray and the fact that it has become a family enterprise have combined to cause its steep decline. The CPI and its offshoots, including the Communist Party of India (Marxist), have become marginalised to the point of losing their relevance in national politics. As it marks the centenary of its birth next year, the RSS is the only organisation that is growing from strength to strength.

A clarification is in order here. However much its leaders may claim that the RSS is a 'cultural organisation' that has nothing to do with politics, it is quintessentially a political body, though not a political party. It does not have to work like any other political party, fighting elections and aiming to run governments at the Centre and in the states. For this purpose, it has devised a unique innovation. Its offspring, the Bharatiya Jana Sangh (from 1951 till 1977) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (from 1980 onwards), have served as the political arm of the RSS in electoral and governance arenas. The RSS thus straddles the entire political-social-cultural space in India. No other organisation in India or anywhere else in the world, with the possible exception of the Chinese Communist Party, enjoys this advantage.

By controlling the Jana Sangh (in the past) and the BJP (now), the RSS has sought to guide the political destiny of India. It has established dominance in the social and the cultural spheres through a number of other organisations in the sangh parivar — the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (in the religious sphere), Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (among students), Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (among workers and employees), Bharatiya Kisan Sangh (among farmers), Vanavasi Kalyan Ashram (among tribal communities) among others — that are inspired by a common ideology. RSS volunteers — women, lawyers, doctors, teachers, mediapersons, scientists, historians and even children — also work in scores of other domain-specific organisations.

FII investments in Indian real estate sector

Private equity investment inflows into the Indian real estate sector stood at USD 4.3 billion (Rs 356 billion approximately) during 2024, reflecting a 10 per cent increase year-on-year.

According to the latest data by Savills India, a global property consulting firm, foreign institutional investors (FIIs) accounted for 88 per cent of the total investment activity in 2024, reinforcing their dominant role in driving growth in the sector.

Despite geopolitical challenges, high global inflation and economic recessionary concerns, private equity investments maintained the momentum, offering favourable opportunities for both global and domestic institutional investors.

Driven by India's strong economic growth, 2024 witnessed a steady resurgence in investor confidence in the Indian real estate market.

According to the real estate consulting firm, the industrial and logistics sector emerged as the top destination for private equity inflows, attracting USD 2.3 billion (Rs 194 billion approximately) and accounting for 54 per cent of the total investments.

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"Amidst limited investible grade assets, the office segment might see muted investments, while alternative sectors like life sciences and data centres are poised for prominence," Savills India said in a statement.

The industrial and logistics sector is expected to remain a key focus area as India strengthens its position as a global lo-

gistics hub.

Arvind Nandan, Managing Director, of Research and Consulting, Savills India, said, "Private equity investments in Indian real estate have shown remarkable resilience amid global uncertainties, reflecting a strategic shift towards diversification. The recent trends indicate India's growing role as a supply chain hub, positioning the industrial and logistics sector at the forefront of PE inflows."

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continues to attract steady interest, the rise in demand for premium housing has also positioned the residential sector as a key investment avenue. Looking ahead, we expect sustained growth in private equity inflows, with foreign institutional investors playing a dominant role," said Arvind Nandan.

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Literature & Health

'Alarming' rise in climate disasters in Brazil



Brazil has seen a dramatic rise of climate disasters in recent years, compared to two previous decades, a new study says.

"Climate disasters have become more frequent and intense in recent decades, reflecting the impacts of climate change," said the report produced by the Brazilian Alliance for Ocean Literacy with the backing of Brazil's government and UNESCO. The study, done by the research arm of the Federal University of Sao

Paulo and released on Friday, said that in the four years between 2020 and 2023, Brazil government data showed an annual average of 4,077 climate-related disasters registered annually, on average, in the two decades spanning 2000 to 2019.

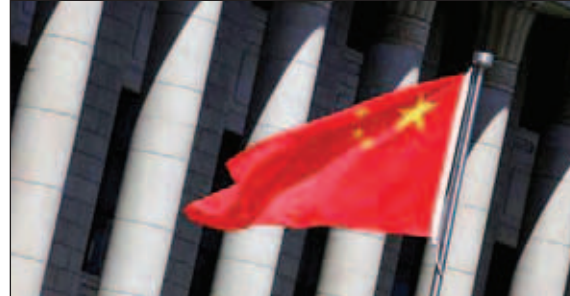
The report called that an "alarming scenario." Disasters so categorised include droughts, flooding, violent storms, extreme temperatures, cyclones, landslides, earthquakes and tsunamis.

China extends tariffs on n-Butanol imports from US, Taiwan, Malaysia

China has escalated trade tensions with the United States by extending tariffs on a key chemical solvent, imposing sanctions on seven US companies citing 'security reasons', and has threatened to halt purchases of American semiconductors, according to a report by Asia Times.

On Friday, China's Ministry of Commerce (MoC) announced that anti-dumping duties on n-butanol imports from the US, Taiwan, and Malaysia will remain in place for another five years, effective from today.

The decision follows a sunset review initiated in December 2023 at the request of China's domestic n-butanol producers. The review assessed whether end-



ing the duties would result in renewed dumping practices and harm to the domestic industry.

According to the ministry's findings, removing the anti-dumping duties would likely lead to a resumption or continuation of dumping practices and subsequent harm to China's domestic n-butanol industry. The extended duties

will maintain the same rates as those imposed in 2018, Xinhua reported.

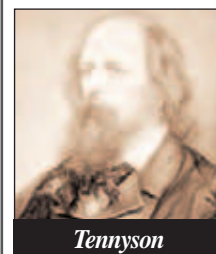
Earlier in 2018, in accordance with the Anti-dumping Regulations of China, the country's Ministry of Commerce had decided to initiate an anti-dumping investigation on imports of n-butanol originating in Taiwan, Malaysia and the United States.

POEM

Sir Galahad

MY GOOD blade carves the casques of men,
My tough lance thrusteth sure, My strength is as the strength of ten, Because my heart is pure.

The shattering trumpet shrilleth high,
The hard brands shiver on the steel,
The splinter'd spear-shafts crack and fly,
The horse and rider reel:
They reel, they roll in clanging lists,



Tennyson

And when the tide of combat stands,
Perfume and flowers fall in showers,
That lightly rain from ladies' hands.
How sweet are looks that ladies bend
On whom their favours fall! For them I battle till the end,
To save from shame and thrall:
But all my heart is drawn above,
My knees are bow'd in crypt and shrine:
I never felt the kiss of love,
Nor maiden's hand in mine.

By Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Study finds breakthrough tool for detecting problems during protein synthesis

Protein synthesis in eukaryotic cells—found in plants, animals, and fungi—involves more than just the straightforward ribosome assembly of amino acids.

During or shortly after their synthesis, over one-third of all human proteins need to be delivered to the endoplasmic reticulum (ER). These proteins' structure and function depend on the critical folding and changes that take place in the ER, such as the creation of disulphide (S-S) bonds.

To overcome these challenges, a research team including specially appointed Associate Professor Hiroshi Kadokura and Professor Hideki Taguchi from the Institute of Science Tokyo, Japan, developed an innovative 'reporter' molecule that can detect ER-related problems during protein synthesis.

Disruptions in protein translocation to the ER or disulfide bond formation underlie several diseases, and understanding the mechanisms that govern these processes is essential in biology and medical science. Unfortunately, the tools available to study them are either quite limited in scope or require excep-



tionally expensive equipment and carefully repeated measurements.

While designing this reporter, the researchers took a page from a fusion protein called MalF-LacZ, derived from *Escherichia coli* bacteria. In these microorganisms, the MalF part of the protein helps with translocating LacZ from the cytoplasm to the cell envelope.

Once transported there, the LacZ enzyme undergoes oxidation through

disulfide bond formation, thus deactivating it. Therefore, problems in either transportation or disulfide bond formation would result in an abnormally activated LacZ enzyme.

Inspired by these elegant natural mechanisms, the research team developed a reporter molecule based on firefly luciferase (FLuc) that operates in a similar manner. Luciferase is a bioluminescence producing enzyme of firefly

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that produces light when it catalyzes the oxidation of D-luciferin in the presence of oxygen, adenosine triphosphate (ATP), and magnesium ions (Mg²⁺). More specifically, they engineered a FLuc variant that is rendered inactive by disulfide bond formation in the ER, but remains active in the cytosol or if disulfide bonds do not form. They 'targeted' this compound to the ER by introducing specific modifications, and made

it more prone to misfolding (and deactivating) within the ER by strategically replacing amino acids in the FLuc sequence with Cysteine.

Using this reporter, the researchers could easily detect problems in protein translocation to the ER, as well as problems in disulfide bond formation. A bioluminescence producing enzyme of a different type can serve as an internal control and ensures precise measurement.

Furthermore, the reporter protein is equipped with a motif that undergoes a modification (glycosylation) only when the protein is translocated into the ER. Thus, they could also determine which of the two possibilities were the underlying cause for the activation of the FLuc reporter. To showcase the power of this method, the team ran experiments in cells where the redox environment of the ER was chemically altered, disrupting disulfide bond formation. Additionally, they showed that the proposed reporter can detect defects in protein translocation induced by a potential anti-HIV drug, signaling the successful inhibition of the virus. "Given that luciferase-based assays are well-suited for high-throughput platforms, we suggest that this approach will facilitate large-scale screening of small molecules that specifically block the biosynthesis of harmful secretory pathway proteins," highlights Kadokura. Notably, this novel reporter bears several advantages over other available methods, including its simplicity, robustness against environmental fluctuations, and high reproducibility.

Department forgets to repair Gumthala main road, villagers express anger

NIRMAL SAINI RADAUR: PWD department forgot to repair main road of Gumthala. Road has been dug up for about two months. As a result, road has become swampy and several feet of water has accumulated. Apart from pedestrians, villagers are also facing a lot of problems. There is

Bhog in Gurudwara situated above this road today but water is accumulated on road. Former Sarpanch of village, Surjit Singh, with help of Elite Mining Company, dumped sand on road to provide relief. Former Sarpanch Surjit Singh said that road has to be renovated due to which department dug up road about two

months ago but after that work could not proceed further. He has asked officials to renovate road at this point many times. Due to bad condition of road, the villagers and other passersby are facing problems. This road connects two districts. Vehicles from two districts pass through this road. There is a Gurudwara on this road.

Religious programs keep going on in Gurudwara. Devotees have to go to Gurudwara through dirty water due to which their sentiments are getting hurt. He said that if departmental officials do not find a solution here soon, then they will come out on road and protest against government and departmental officials.

NEWS BRIEF

Municipal Elections: Admin gears up for preparations

JAIBER RANA THAMBER BARARA: With preparations for the municipal elections in full swing, Barara is witnessing heightened activity from both the administration and candidates vying for positions. As the administration finalizes its preparations, aspirants for the chairperson and councillor posts have begun actively presenting their candidacies. Earlier speculation about the reservation of the chairperson's post for the SC category had created uncertainty among candidates from the general and other categories, many of whom had been preparing for years. However, with the announcement of the chairperson's seat being unreserved for the general category, candidates breathed a sigh of relief and have reactivated their campaigns with renewed energy. During the previous municipal term, Barara residents expressed dissatisfaction over the lack of development work, despite the appointment of two chairpersons at different times. This discontent has become a central issue in discussions surrounding the elections. Meanwhile, public discussions also revolve around the political dynamics, as the state government is led by the BJP while the local MLA belongs to Congress.

We have to take a pledge of good values on New Year: Rajkumar Tayil

KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI: New Cam Oil Pvt. Ltd. Tarawari's CMD Rajkumar Tayil took a pledge to uproot social evils and asked to inspire others as well. He said that on New Year we should take a pledge to eradicate social evils. Many types of social evils are taking root in our society which need to be eliminated in time.

Mann govt provided loan relief worth Rs 368 cr to defaulters of Cooperative Banks under OTS scheme

SHASHI PAL JAIN CHANDIGARH, DEC 29

Under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab Government has taken significant steps in 2024 to strengthen the cooperative sector. These initiatives include providing loan relief to defaulter borrowers, upgrading cooperative banks, addressing storage issues through new warehouse construction, and supporting Punjab's cultural heritage. A spokesperson for the Chief Minister's Office stated that the Chief Minister, who also looking after the chairperson and councillor posts have begun actively presenting their candidacies. Earlier speculation about the reservation of the chairperson's post for the SC category had created uncertainty among candidates from the general and other categories, many of whom had been preparing for years. However, with the announcement of the chairperson's seat being unreserved for the general category, candidates breathed a sigh of relief and have reactivated their campaigns with renewed energy. During the previous municipal term, Barara residents expressed dissatisfaction over the lack of development work, despite the appointment of two chairpersons at different times. This discontent has become a central issue in discussions surrounding the elections. Meanwhile, public discussions also revolve around the political dynamics, as the state government is led by the BJP while the local MLA belongs to Congress.



25, with a resolution of loans amounting to Rs. 150 crore. The scheme will remain operational until February 28, 2025. Punjab has a vast network of 20 Central Cooperation Department, introduced a One-Time Settlement (OTS) scheme for defaulter borrowers of cooperative banks in 2023. Under this scheme, loan relief of ₹368 crore has been provided to 8,453 defaulters during the financial year 2024-

of warehouse capacity will soon be constructed. Notably, in the first phase, 79,000 metric tons of the targeted 1.24 lakh metric tons capacity warehouses have already been built, with the remaining 44,910 metric tons of work initiated this year.

To promote Punjab's cultural symbol, 'Phulkari,' Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has directed Markfed to take special measures to extend its reach both domestically and internationally. Collaborating with the National Institute of Fashion Designing (NIFD), New Delhi, Markfed is providing financial assistance and specialized training to artisans. This initiative aims to revive and celebrate the uniqueness of the traditional Phulkari craft, enhance artisans incomes, and ensure customers receive high-quality products at reasonable prices.

Kanwar Pal Gurjar guides workers regarding BJP organisation elections

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR, DEC 29

Giving information, former Cabinet Minister in Haryana Government, Kanwarpal Gurjar said that the process of organizational elections of BJP has started. On Sunday he held a meeting with the key officials and workers of BJP of Chhachhrauli Mandal, Pratapnagar Mandal, Jagadhri Mandal of Jagadhri Assembly Constituency and guided them. He told that he had discussed in detail with the party officials present in the BJP Organization Parv Mandal level workshop regarding the elections of Trived, Booth President and Booth Committee. After detailed discussion, the outline for the formation of the working committee of each booth was prepared. Former cabinet minister Kanwar Pal Gurjar, after discussing with BJP officials, assigned duty on senior party officials at every power center



level to assist in the election process and said that these workshops would be organized at the power center level in the next two days and first of all the booth president, elections for booth guardian, BLA 2 and booth committee will be conducted. Those workers who were active members of the party and who have made at least 50 primary members of the party will participate in the BJP election organization festival. In the BJP District General Secretary Organization elections, Chhachhrauli Mandal in-charge Krishna Singla said that through the internal elections of the BJP

organization, important responsibilities will be given to qualified and active workers which will provide an opportunity to prepare great leaders of the future. He said that this step was aimed at strengthening the BJP organization at the grassroots level and this was important in the direction of activating the party workers. During this, BJP District General Secretary Krishna Singla Mandal President Kalyan Singh, BJP District Yamunanagar Media Incharge Kapil Manish Garg, District and many other BJP officials and workers were present.

Naveen Jindal runs campaign to recognize January 23 as National Flag Day

SANJAY SHARMA KAITHAL: Due to the continuous efforts and dedication of MP Naveen Jindal, on January 23, 2004, the Supreme Court of India had given the right to hoist the National Flag to every Indian citizen. To further strengthen the historic judgement of January 23, MP Naveen Jindal has resolved to recognize it as "National Flag Day". To fulfill this objective, MP Naveen Jindal has started a signature campaign through the Flag Foundation of India, in which the support of citizens across the country was being sought. January 23 is also the birthday of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. Therefore this day of January 23 becomes even more important. Dr. Raj Kumar of Naveen Jindal Foundation said that the main objective of this campaign of MP Naveen Jindal was to get January 23 recognized as National Flag Day, so that this day can be celebrated as Indian National Flag Day.



Along with this, we also need to come forward unitedly to eliminate social evils. Regarding the New Year's resolution, New Cam Oil Pvt. Ltd. Tarawari's CMD Rajkumar Tayil took a pledge to uproot social evils and asked to inspire others as well. He said that on New Year we should take a pledge to eradicate social evils. Many types of social evils are taking root in our society which need to be eliminated in time.

If Dallewal is harmed, Central govt will be responsible: Ratan Mann

PRAMOD VERMA NARAYANGARH, DEC 29

The State President of Bharatiya Kisan Union (TKaiti) Ratan Mann stated that the farmers' struggle continues, from the Delhi farmer's movement to the present. Speaking to the media after a district-level meeting of Bhakiyu at the local Gujjar Dharmshala, Mann emphasized that the union's efforts to address farmers' demands are ongoing. The meeting was attended by a large number of farmers associated with Bhakiyu. Mann expressed full support for farmer leader Jagit Singh Dallewal's hunger strike and the ongoing movement. He stated that the demands raised by Dallewal, including the MSP Guarantee Law, are legitimate. Mann further mentioned that he and other leaders had visited Dallewal's protest site to offer support. Commenting on Dallewal's critical health condition, Mann added that if anything were to happen to him, the Prime Minister and the Central Government would be directly responsible. He noted that Dallewal's life is important to farmers, and everyone is concerned



about his well-being, while the government remains indifferent to his demands. When questioned about Haryana's Chief Minister's claims of purchasing 24 crops at MSP, Mann dismissed the statements as false and misleading. He stated that the MSP Guarantee Law must be passed in Parliament and urged the Chief Minister to bring the law from Delhi. Mann also announced that a major movement would soon be launched to address pending issues such as MSP Guarantee Law, electricity bills, and stubble burning bills. In this context, a meeting was held in Narayangarh, and a large farmers' convention will take place on 4th January 2025 in Tohana, where farmers from both Haryana and Punjab will participate.

With the death of Dr. Manmohan Singh, country suffered an irreparable loss

RAKESH JINDAL NABHA: Expressing deep sorrow on the death of former Prime Minister of Darat Dr. Manmohan Singh, Teachers Dal Punjab Chief Advisor Pishaura Singh Dhaliwal Sini Vice President Baljit Singh Dharauki Vice President Jagdev Singh Baura Narinder Singh Rouni District President Jagtar Singh Tiwana General Secretary Praveen Kumar Amarsingh Fatehpur Majri Sukhwinderjit Singh Rahil Harinder Singh Sohni Bikramjit Singh said that the country has suffered an irreparable loss with the death of Dr. Manmohan Singh. Dr. Manmohan Singh has risen above party politics and developed the entire country. Dr. Manmohan Singh, especially to Punjab, Parkash Singh Badal, the former Chief Minister, gave funds to the project. India's Modi government has shown its small-mindedness by not allowing former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh's last rites to be performed at the Rajhat by financing the minority Sikh community. On this occasion, Gurpreet Singh Dhilo, Jaspal Singh Dharauki, Gurpreet Singh Tiwana, Jaswinder Singh Sandhu Tarseem Singh Teja, Amritpal Singh Kameli, Ravinder Sori, Harjinder Bhindi, Paramjit Bawa, Amrik Singh Sudhewal were also present.



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Three-day Hemant Utsav organised by Pracheen Kala Kendra



BUREAU CHANDIGARH: The concluding day of the ongoing Hemant utsav witnessed a soulful performance of Vocal Recital by the eminent vocalist Sonal Shivkumar at ML Koser Auditorium here today at 6:00 pm onwards. Sonal Shiv Kumar is pursuing Hindustani music under the guidance of the renowned Smt. Manik Bhide from the Jaipur Atrauli Gharana Training Performances Learned Hindustani Classical (Vocal) from Pt. Prabhakar Karekar for 12 years. Though trained in khayal gayaki, equally at ease with other forms of semi-classical music including bhajans, thumris, jhulas, dadra and Marathi folk songs. To perform across the nation and to spread her expertise in the international arena. She performed on many national and international platforms and kept alive a tradition which is centuries old.

Karan Gilhotra Chair Punjab PHDCCI honored at 'Flavors of India Conclave'



AMRIK SINGH AMRITSAR: "Flavors of India Conclave" was organized by SRS Foundation, in collaboration with Union Ministry of Food Processing & Ministry of Culture at New Delhi. The event was inaugurated by Sh. Chirag Paswan, Union Minister for Food Processing Industries, GOI. On this occasion political dignitaries, Sh. Arjun Ram Meghwal Union Minister of Law & Justice, Sh. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat Union Minister of Culture & Tourism, Sh. Giriraj Singh Union Minister of Textiles, Dr. Jitendra Singh Minister of State of Science & Technology were present. Awards were presented across various genres to Industry leaders, acknowledging their immense contributions. During the conclave, Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State of Science presented a prestigious award to Sh. Karan Gilhotra, Chair, PHDCCI Punjab for his exemplary leadership and unwavering dedication to advancing various industries in Punjab. His visionary approach and strategic initiatives have significantly contributed to fostering innovation, enhancing industry standards, and driving sustainable growth.

Congress Kisan Cell announces support for Punjab Bandh: Rakesh Bobby

VERMA GURDASPUR: As farmers continue to pressurize both the central and state governments with their growing demands, the Congress Kisan Cell has announced its support for the Punjab Bandh. Rakesh Bobby, President of the Congress Kisan Cell in Pathankot district, stated that the party's high command has issued directives to fully support all farmer protests demanding their rights, wherever they are taking place. Rakesh Bobby mentioned that farmers have repeatedly appealed to the central government regarding their legitimate demands, but the government has shown no willingness to listen. He emphasized that the constitution guarantees the right of citizens to voice their demands, and this is precisely what farmers are doing. However, he added that the Modi government is ignoring their concerns instead of addressing them. He further pointed out that farmers, who are the backbone of the nation, nurture their crops as they do their families, with the hope of receiving fair prices for their produce. However, both the central and state governments are imposing unnecessary cuts on their crops and neglecting their demands. Rakesh Bobby also expressed concern about the health of Dallewal, who has been on a hunger strike in support of farmers' rights. He said, "Dallewal is the only leader in the country who has taken such a decisive step for the rights of farmers. We should all be proud of him. The Congress party and farmers across the nation stand with him and will continue to do so." Rakesh Bobby emphasized that the Congress party has always raised the slogan of 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan' and worked for the progress of the nation.



CHEMCON-2024: Chemical Engineers pave way for sustainable, self-reliant India



PARAMJIT SINGH JALANDHAR: The Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers (IICe) Doaba Regional Centre, under the Department of Chemical Engineering at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar National Institute of Technology (NIT), Jalandhar, is hosting the "77th Annual Session of the Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers" and an International Conference on "Role of Chemical Engineering towards Sustainable Development and Atmanirbhar Bharat" from December 27-30, 2024. On the third day of the conference, distinguished speakers and experts from various industries and academic institutions shared valuable insights into emerging trends and advancements in chemical engineering. Mr. Pankaj Mehta, President of Corporate Relations & Strategy at Aarti Industries, Mumbai, highlighted the past, present, and future of the Indian chemical industry. He focused on the three key growth drivers: increasing domestic demand, the potential for import substitution, and expanding export opportunities. Prof. P. K. Mishra from IIT BHU, Varanasi, discussed innovative ways to convert agricultural waste into bioenergy and introduced a novel method for bio-fabricating nanocatalysts using rice straw biomass.

Cow service brings peace, prosperity and spiritual progress in life: Mukesh Goyal



KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI: Mahesh Rice Mill's CMD Mukesh Goyal said that one should devote his life to cow service. Cow service brings peace to the mind. He said that cow service brings peace, prosperity and spiritual progress in life. Mahesh Rice Mill's CMD Mukesh Goyal was talking to journalists in Tarawari. He said that we give status of mother to cow, but despite considering cow as mother, we do not follow our duty as a son whereas mother cow feeds us with her milk and raises us. Despite this, we are indifferent towards their protection and help. Cow slaughter is considered a great sin in scriptures and cow service is considered a great religion. Its milk is like nectar. Mukesh Goyal said that cow is considered worshipable and it is said that 33 crore gods and goddesses reside in cow. All gods and goddesses are pleased by serving cow. He said that by nurturing cows and ensuring their well-being, individuals can experience spiritual satisfaction and karmic merit. Cow milk and ghee provide health benefits. Using resources of cows promotes environmental protection. There is no dearth of money by serving cows. Serving cows brings happiness and prosperity to family.

Unique theatrical presentation on topic of environmental pollution and its solution in Pratap Public School



KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI: A program was organized on Pollution Control Day in Pratap Public School Tarawari. Students of class I gave a unique theatrical presentation on topic of environmental pollution and its solution. It was organized under guidance of their class teacher. Through drama, children presented types of pollution, their side effects and their solutions in a simple and effective manner. Through small scenes, students showed how excessive use of plastic, smoke from vehicles and wrong management of garbage harm environment. Along with this, they also explained that environment can be protected by adopting habits like plantation, proper disposal of garbage, and reuse. Colorful costumes and props of children made their presentation even more attractive. Their innocence and enthusiasm deeply impressed audience and gave message that small efforts can bring big changes. While addressing children, school director Honey Chaudhary and director Pithi Chaudhary said that it is very important to impart education on environmental protection from childhood.

Beneficiaries get free treatment facility under Ayushman and Chirayu Scheme: DC

RANVIR PARASHAR KAITHAL: DC Preeti said that Ayushman Bharat and Viva Ayushman Haryana schemes were providing free treatment to eligible families. Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in view of the health needs of the countrymen. Under Ayushman Bharat Scheme, an annual benefit of up to Rs 5 lakh was given to the beneficiary family. This medical benefit was absolutely cashless and paperless in the panel hospital by showing his Ayushman card. Second and third class medical facilities have been included in this scheme. In connection with this link, Viva Ayushman Haryana Scheme was launched by the Haryana Government in November 2022. Under this scheme, families with verified income below Rs 1.80 lakh have been made the beneficiaries of this ambitious scheme in which the database of verified income families was consumed by the National Health Agency. Whereas families with annual income of Rs 1.80 lakh to Rs 3 lakh can avail the benefit of the scheme by paying a premium of only Rs 1500. Such families will have to renew the card by paying the premium amount every year. One can apply for this scheme by visiting https://chirayuyayushmanharyana.in/ portal. She told that the beneficiary family can also make their own Ayushman card visiting to the app link https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.beneficiaryayap. She said that the government was also providing the benefits of Ayushman Yojana to senior people above 70 years of age.



Mandi Association appeals for cooperation in rooting out social evils in New Year



KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI: On the occasion of this New Year, we all will have to come together and take resolutions on social issues. We should come forward to eradicate social evils from their roots. Regarding the New Year 2025, Tarawadi Mandi Aadhati Association has appealed to root out the social evils spread in the society. He said that they all should together cooperate in eliminating social evils. Sheeshpal Gupta, Rampal Lather, Kamlesh Singla, Yashpal Sharma, Sushil Garg, Rakesh Hans, Ranjit Bhardwaj, Yash Saluja, Sandeep Gupta, Brajesh, Advocate Sumit Goyal and Ajay Jangra said that in the New Year they have to together wished that this new year brought happiness and mutual harmony in the lives of all people. He said that New Year was celebrated like a festival all over the world to mark the beginning of the New Year because the year was new, hence people welcomed this New Year in a grand manner with new hopes, new dreams, new goals. The belief behind celebrating the New Year was that if the first day of the year was celebrated with enthusiasm and happiness, then the entire year will be spent with the same enthusiasm and happiness.

ISRO's Spadex Mission to Demonstrate Satellite Docking on today

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is set to close the year with the Spadex mission, scheduled for launch at 9:58 pm on December 30 from the Sriharikota spaceport. This mission involves two satellites, SDX01 (Chaser) and SDX02 (Target), aimed at demonstrating docking capabilities in orbit. By showcasing the alignment, connection, and power transfer between these satellites, the mission is expected to pave the way for future endeavours, including the Chandrayaan-4 and the proposed Bharatija Antarkish Station. According to reports, the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C60) will place the 220-kg satellites into a 470-km circular orbit. The satellites will begin by separating to a distance of 10-20 km using relative velocity adjustments provided by the rocket. The target satellite's propulsion system will then maintain this distance to prevent further drift, marking the start of what is referred to as the "far rendezvous." Gradual approaches by the Chaser satellite will follow, reducing the gap in calculated stages until docking is achieved. Once docked, the satellites will demonstrate electrical power transfer and joint spacecraft control. Following separation, both satellites will operate their respective payloads, which are designed to function for two years.

Best exercises for weight loss according to science

Embarking on a journey to lose weight often involves a combination of regular physical activity, a balanced diet, and overall lifestyle adjustments. Exercise is a key component of this process, helping to burn calories, build muscle, and improve overall health. Let's look at some exercises for weight loss that provide a well-rounded approach to achieving your fitness goals.

1. Walking: Walking burns calories, and weight loss is essentially a result of burning more calories than you consume. The number of calories burned depends on factors such as your weight, speed, and duration of walking. Consistency is crucial for weight loss, and walking can be done regularly without requiring special equipment or a gym membership.

A 12-week study of 20 women with obesity found that walking for 50-70 minutes 3 times per week reduced body fat and waist circumference by an average of 1.5% and 1.1 inches (2.8 cm), respectively.[1]

2. Jumping Rope: Jumping rope is an excellent and efficient exercise for weight loss. It offers a full-body workout and can be a fun way to burn calories. Jumping rope engages multiple muscle groups, including the legs, core, arms, and shoulders. This means you're working various parts of your body



simultaneously, helping to improve overall fitness and burn more calories.

3. Jogging Or Running Running is a higher-intensity activity than jogging. It typically involves a faster pace and greater impact on the joints. If you're new to exercise or have joint concerns, starting with jogging and gradually progressing to running

may be a good approach. Researchers have found that jogging and running can help burn visceral fat, commonly known as belly fat.[2]

4. Cycling Cycling engages various muscle groups, including the legs, glutes, and core. Building and maintaining muscle mass can contribute to an increase in metabolism, which makes it an

effective exercise for weight loss.

5. High-Intensity Interval Training (HIIT): HIIT workouts are typically shorter than traditional steady-state cardio sessions. This makes it easier for people with busy schedules to incorporate effective workouts into their routines, increasing the likelihood of consistency.

6. Hiking Hiking provides

an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, which can positively impact mental well-being. Being in nature can reduce stress and improve mood, potentially reducing emotional eating or stress-related weight gain.

7. Swimming Yes, swimming is a great exercise for weight loss. Regular swimming can boost metabolism, helping

the body burn calories more efficiently even when at rest. One study on competitive swimmers found that the most calories were burned during the breaststroke, followed by the butterfly, backstroke, and freestyle.[3] Building and maintaining lean muscle mass through swimming contributes to an increased metabolic rate. In fact, it can be, one of the fastest weight loss exercises.

8. Strength Training One 6-month study showed that doing 11 minutes of strength-based exercises three times per week resulted in an average 7.4% increase in metabolic rate.[4] Strength training improves overall functional fitness, making daily activities easier to perform. This increased physical capacity can encourage a more active lifestyle, contributing to weight loss. In addition, studies have shown that your body continues to burn calories many hours after a weight-training workout, compared with aerobic exercise.[5]

9. Yoga Exercise for weight loss at home for females includes Yoga which encourages awareness of your body and its sensations. This heightened awareness can lead to better self-care, including making healthier food choices and being more attuned to your body's hunger and fullness cues helping with weight

loss. While all forms of yoga offer benefits, more active styles like vinyasa, power yoga, or hot yoga may provide a more vigorous workout that contributes to weight loss.

10. Pilates Pilates emphasizes the activation of the core muscles, including the deep muscles of the abdomen, lower back, and pelvic floor. This core engagement helps improve posture and provides a stable foundation for other movements.

11. Kickboxing Kickboxing incorporates strength-building elements, such as kicks and punches, which can help build and tone muscles. Increased muscle mass contributes to a higher resting metabolic rate, promoting weight loss.

12. Rowing Rowing machines offer various workout options, including steady-state rowing, interval training, and different resistance levels. This variety helps keep workouts interesting and challenging.

13. Burpees Burpees are a high-intensity, full-body exercise that can be an effective component of a weight loss program. Incorporating burpees into your workout routine can contribute to calorie burn, increased metabolism, and improved cardiovascular fitness.

Dabur's Odonil recreates its classic campaign with Jasmin Bhasin

New Delhi: India's #1 Air Freshening brand Odonil from the house of Dabur India Ltd, has unveiled a new campaign, recreating its famous 10 year old TVC featuring Jasmin Bhasin, bringing back fond memories of the old campaign, this new year.

Nostalgia marketing deftly strikes a nostalgic chord, repackaging the most cherished aspects of bygone eras in innovative ways. By tapping into nostalgia, this campaign offers a sense of continuity and dependability, providing solace in familiarity. This sentimental longing for a bygone era fosters a comforting sense of stability, allowing consumers to reconnect with the old advertisement and relive the simplicity of a past time, though in a fresh new avatar. The original advertisement, which debuted approximately 10 years ago, garnered widespread popularity due to its humorous and witty tone. It conveyed the potential social embarrassment resulting from the absence of Odonil in one's bathroom. This particular ad that generated significant buzz featured Jasmin Bhasin. In the commercial, she portrayed a newlywed Indian bride, seated on a sofa, candidly sharing her marital grievances with the camera. Her most pressing concern? The lack of Odonil in their bathroom, raising concerns of their status and class, in a fun and entertaining manner. Building on this, Odonil's new campaign emphasizes the vital role Odonil plays in enhancing bathroom experiences and transforming one's lifestyle, while also adding to one's social reflection.

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CT Group Pays Tribute to Dr. Manmohan Singh, India's 'Reforms' Man

Jalandhar: The CT Group of Institutions organized a heartfelt rally to pay tribute to Dr. Manmohan Singh, the former Prime Minister of India and a leader who profoundly impacted the nation. The students and faculty came together to honor the legacy of India's 'Reforms' Man, an erudite economist, soft-spoken visionary, and a politician with a difference, who reshaped the country with his quiet determination.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Arjan Singh, Dean of the Department of Student Welfare, emphasized the importance of remembering leaders like Dr. Manmohan Singh, whose commitment to economic reforms and inclusive growth left an indelible mark on India's progress. He highlighted how the former Prime Minister's life serves as an inspiration for future generations to contribute meaningfully to society.

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Don't blame the circumstances, utilize available resources to prove yourself: Prashar

Panchkula, Higher Education Learning for Poor (HELP), a group of former officers and social workers working for social upliftment, celebrated its tenth anniversary by organizing an inspirational session with meritorious and needy students at Panchkula Golf Club on Saturday. RN Prashar (Ex IAS), Former Chairman, Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission graced the occasion as the chief guest. His wife Manjula Prashar (Ex IAS) former Secretary, Central Information Commission and daughter Punjab cadre IAS officer and former DC, Panchkula Gauri Parashar also attended the event who made the entire session inspiring for present students.

In his address RN Prashar said that India is not only the world's largest economy but also the country with the youngest population. Society and country can 'unstoppable' progress with the guidance and support provided by groups like HELP for the future career of needy youth. He lauded that stu-

dents should never blame or curse the circumstances that come in their life. Before giving up, they should utilize the resources available to them and prove themselves by facing the extreme situation and set an example for society and nation at large. God also helps those who help themselves.

Earlier, in his welcome address, HELP's President Raj Parihar said that in the last ten years, more than 500 needy students had benefited from their programs as HELP is vital in pursuing their studies after Class XII. Numerous



Govt schools of the city, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, visually impaired students of Guru Gobind Singh College, Sec 26 and few other educational institutes are aligned with this mission. The students benefited by them are setting an example of self-reliance by earning three to ten lakhs annually and are further contributing to other needy students after joining HELP.

HELP was formed by Lalit Kapoor of the 1977 batch of UBS department at Punjab University after his retirement with his some fellow like minded col-

leagues ten years ago. The campaign was started with helping three students and strengthening year after year.

The session was well attended by HELP's executive members - Avinder Bairi (Secretary), Shashi Khullar (Vice President), Sanjeev Checker (Joint Secretary), CA Baldev Garg (Treasurer), Veerji Mattoo (Member), Kulbir Singh, Principal, Guru Gobind Singh College, Abha Lakhanpal, Principal, Government College, Sector 46 and many eminent educationists of the region.

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Lovely Professional University (LPU) Sets Unparalleled Milestones in 2024

Jalandhar: Lovely Professional University (LPU), a global leader in higher education, continues its legacy of excellence in 2024 with groundbreaking achievements across academics, placements, sports, research, and internationalization. Academic accolades: LPU's academic rigor is evident in its NBA accreditation for B.Tech programs and MBA, alongside ICAR recognition for agriculture studies. Achieving "Category 1" autonomy by UGC and NAAC A++ with 3.68/4, LPU reinforces its commitment to excellence. Placement Highlights: Over 2,100 companies recruited graduates, with packages soaring to ₹3 crore internationally and ₹1 crore domestically. Notably, 5,500 offers came from Fortune 500 companies. Sports Achievements: Representing India globally, LPU athletes earned 9 Olympic and Paralympic medals. The university secured runner-up positions in the 2024 Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy and Khelo India University Games.

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On Kaun Banega Crorepati 16, Amitabh Bachchan Shares Hilarious 'Security Snub' Moment, Compares it with SRK's Similar Experience

Chandigarh: The special New Year's Eve episode of Kaun Banega Crorepati 16 on Sony Entertainment Television is sure to be an unforgettable celebration as iconic singers Gurdas Maan and Shankar Mahadevan grace the stage with their incredible talent and infectious energy. Their mesmerizing performances will bring the magic of music to life, setting the perfect tone to usher in 2025. Beyond their soulful renditions, the duo will delight the audience with light-hearted anecdotes and memories of their illustrious careers, making the evening a perfect blend of inspiration, entertainment, and joy. The episode, which will air this Tuesday, will see the legendary host, Amitabh Bachchan, share an amusing yet humbling incident from his life, recalling a time when he was denied entry by security despite being the star performer of the event. Mr. Bachchan laughed at the irony and shared, "I am talking about the 80s when we first started doing stage shows.



My journey began with a show in America, and it was such a hit that it created a lot of excitement among the audience. Later, when I was about to perform in Chicago, the organizers suggested that since the show had become so popular, I should not enter from the stage. Instead, they proposed that I walk through the audience.

Nexus Amritsar offers Shop, Save, and Win till Dec 29

Amritsar, City's popular mall - Nexus Amritsar is set to close out 2024 with 'Shop, Save and Win offer till December 29 wherein shoppers are in for an unparalleled shopping experience during the FLAT 50% discount the final sale event of the year. Over 100 premium brands across fashion, lifestyle, electronics, and more will offer irresistible discounts, making this the perfect opportunity to grab the best deals. Whether you're updating your wardrobe, upgrading your gadgets, or shopping for loved ones, this massive sale promises unbeatable savings on a wide variety of products. Apart from that every purchase across Nexus Amritsar comes with a Shop & Win offer, where customers are guaranteed to win exciting prizes, adding an extra thrill to your shopping spree.

NEWS BRIEF

Delhi Royals announced as new franchise for Legend 90 League

New Delhi: Delhi Royals has been officially unveiled as the latest franchise in the highly anticipated Legend 90 League, set to commence in February 2025. The announcement of the team, along with the reveal of its striking logo, marks an exciting chapter for cricket enthusiasts in the capital and beyond. The Delhi Royals also unveiled their official logo, a depiction of an armour shield symbolizing strength, resilience and valour. Designed to reflect the team's fighting spirit and commitment to excellence, the shield represents the Royals' readiness to take on challenges with determination. The Delhi Royals franchise is acquired by Mannat Group. As the proud owners of Delhi Royals, Mannat is set to bring its pioneering spirit to the dynamic 90-ball cricket format, uniting legendary players and fans worldwide. Speaking at the launch of the franchise, Mannat Group representative Mandeep Malik expressed his excitement about the new venture and said, "The Delhi Royals signifies the pride of the national capital. We are committed to creating a team that showcases determination, skill, and sportsmanship. The Legend 90 League is a fantastic platform to bring cricketing legends back to the field, and we are thrilled to be a part of it." At Mannat Group, we believe in empowering the youth through opportunities that inspire and uplift.

Australia suffer blow at BGT as Josh Inglis sustains calf injury ahead of Sydney Test against India

Melbourne: Australia's batting depth took a hit as back-up keeper-batter Josh Inglis will be unavailable for the final Test of the ongoing Border-Gavaskar Trophy series against India due to injury, according to ICC. Inglis injured his calf while sub-fielding on the second day of the fourth Test at the MCG, with a Cricket Australia spokesperson confirming the 29-year-old will be sidelined for the final clash of the India series in Sydney. Australia will name a replacement for Inglis prior to the fifth Test which will start on January 3, while the hosts are confident he will be available for next month's tour of Sri Lanka that includes two Tests as part of the ICC World Test Championship series. "Josh Inglis sustained a low-grade calf strain while fielding on day two of the fourth Test match against India and will leave the squad to undergo rehabilitation. A replacement in the squad for the fifth Test match in Sydney will be announced in due course. Inglis is anticipated to be available for Australia's tour of Sri Lanka which follows the home Test Series," Cricket Australia's statement was quoted by ICC as saying. While Inglis is yet to make his Test debut, he has played more than 50 white-ball matches for Australia and was a key member of the team that won the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup in India last year.

Abbas, Shahzad pick early wickets to give Pakistan advantage over Proteas in Centurion Test

Centurion: With 148 runs required to seal their spot in the upcoming World Test Championship (WTC) Final, South Africa got off to a sloppy start in Centurion as Pakistan pacers pick early wickets on Saturday. Mohammad Abbas and Khuram Shahzad struck with the ball as the Proteas closed the day at the loss of three wickets, with 27 runs on the board. Earlier, a rain-marred third day saw the entire first session being washed out. Pakistan began the second session determined to build on their lead. Babar Azam and Saud Shaikeel navigated a challenging spell of bowling early on, steadily shifting the pressure back onto South Africa. Both players reached their half-centuries, building a solid partnership of 79 runs. However, the momentum shifted dramatically in favour of the hosts, thanks to a fiery spell from Marco Jansen, who claimed three quick wickets, leaving Pakistan reeling at 176-6. Dane Paterson and Kagiso Rabada kept the pressure on, claiming one wicket each, as Pakistan teetered at 212/8 by Tea break.

Jamshedpur FC, Kerala Blasters FC set for crucial ISL clash

Jamshedpur: Jamshedpur FC will look to build momentum when they host Kerala Blasters FC in an important Indian Super League (ISL) 2024-25 clash at the JRD Tata Sports Complex on Sunday. According to an ISL release, both teams head into this clash with identical recent form, having won twice and lost three times in their last five matches. Jamshedpur FC are eighth in the points table with 18 points from 11 games, thanks to six victories. Kerala Blasters FC are in 10th place, with 14 points from 13 games, courtesy of four wins and two draws. This will be the 17th ISL meeting between the two sides, with Kerala Blasters FC aiming to extend their recent dominance over Jamshedpur FC. Kerala Blasters FC are unbeaten in their last six ISL encounters with Jamshedpur FC (W4 D2), scoring at least once in each of those games. Both teams have defensive issues to address, as Kerala Blasters FC have conceded 24 goals compared to Jamshedpur FC's 22.

India miss key catches, Aus extend lead to 333 runs



Melbourne, Dec 29 (UNI) Australia extended their lead to 333 runs at the close of Day 4 of the fourth Test at the MCG, posting 228/9 in their second innings here on Sunday. This came after India had posted 369 in their first innings, with the match now firmly in Australia's favour.

The day saw a hard-fought battle between the two teams, with Australia's lower order showing resilience to frustrate India's

bowlers in the final session. Scott Boland (10*) and Nathan Lyon (41*) shared an invaluable 55-run stand, adding crucial runs and pushing Australia's lead well beyond 300. Despite several chances to break this partnership, India could not capitalise, with key catches going down.

Lyon's knock was particularly important, as he survived a potential dismissal when a delivery from Jasprit Bumrah (81.1

was called a no-ball. The very next ball saw Lyon square cut a short ball to the boundary, taking his score past 40. Moments later, a top edge off Akash Deep flew to the vacant region behind square, extending the lead to over 300 runs. Lyon, who had already shown signs of defiance earlier in the innings, was looking increasingly difficult to dismiss.

India's frustrations deepened as missed oppor-

tunities started to pile up. In the afternoon session, Yashasvi Jaiswal dropped two catches in quick succession. First, Marnus Labuschagne was dropped at first slip, and then Pat Cummins also went on to survive a similar fate. The missed chances were particularly costly, allowing Australia to consolidate their position and extend their lead.

Earlier in the day, India had made solid inroads into

Australia's innings, with Bumrah leading the charge. His fiery spell reduced Australia's middle order to rubble, as he dismissed Travis Head (1), Mitchell Marsh (0), and Alex Carey (2) in quick succession.

This spell earned him his 200th Test wicket, marking a historic achievement for the fast bowler. With figures of 4/56, Bumrah kept India in the hunt, but his efforts were undermined by the missed catches in the field.

Mohammed Siraj (3/66) supported Bumrah well, dismissing Usman Khawaja (21) and Steve Smith (13) to leave Australia at a precarious 91/6. However, Labuschagne held firm, defying India's attack with a composed 70 before falling to Siraj.

Pat Cummins (41) also showed determination before falling to Ravindra Jadeja (1/33), as India began to take control of the Australian batting. But despite the breakthroughs, the missed catches ultimately allowed Australia to edge further ahead, with Lyon and Boland putting together a resilient partnership.

Rishabh Pant showed quick thinking and exceptional awareness, running out Mitchell Starc (5) with a direct hit after a mix-up with Cummins. The dismissal of Starc, coming before stumps, ended a long day of hard work for India.

Leaders come together to congratulate Koneru Humpy after World Rapid Championship win

AGENCY NEW DELHI: Union Minister Kiren Rijiju, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, Andhra Pradesh Minister Nara Lokesh, and former Andhra Pradesh CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy joined hands on Sunday to congratulate the Indian chess woman grandmaster Koneru Humpy on winning FIDE Women's World Rapid Championship. The Indian chess woman grandmaster Koneru Humpy on Sunday won the FIDE Women's World Rapid Championship in New York after beating Indonesia's Irene Sukandar with the black pieces in the final round of the tournament.

According to ESPN, it was Humpy's second world rapid title and the fourth time she has finished in the top three of the event. Previously, the Indian chess player won the title back in 2019.

Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister, Kiren Rijiju



said that the nation will not just celebrate Humpy's win but the inspiration she is to the million citizens. "India's chess brilliance shines brighter than ever! @humpy_koneru, your 2024 FIDE Women's World Rapid Championship victory is India's pride & glory. Your 2nd World Rapid title redefines excellence & resilience. India celebrates not just your win but the inspiration you are to mil-

lions! Jai Hind," Kiren Rijiju wrote on X. Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu took to his official X handle and said that Humpy's incredible triumph caps off a phenomenal year for Indian chess.

"What a proud moment for India! Congratulations to Koneru Humpy on winning the FIDE Women's World Rapid Chess Championship 2024.

Bumrah joins elite bowlers with 200 Test wickets

AGENCY MELBOURNE: Talisman pacer Jasprit Bumrah on Sunday achieved a historic milestone on Day Four of the Melbourne Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy against Australia.

Bumrah completed 200 wickets in Test cricket, achieving the feat in his 44th long-format match. The 31-year-old also became the highest Indian to pick up 200 Test wickets, he achieved it after bowling 8484 balls.

Overall, the 31-year-old became the fourth fastest bowler to scalp 200 Test wickets, after Waqar Younis, Dale Steyn and Kagiso Rabada.

Younis stands at the top of the chart after he picked up 200 Test wickets from just 7725 balls. Steyn took 7848 deliveries to achieve the milestone. While Rabada stands in third place after he took 8153 balls to bag 200 Test wickets.

The Indian pacer achieved the milestone on



Day 04 at the Melbourne Test, when he removed Australia batter Travis Head for just one run.

Currently, Bumrah picked up 29 wickets in the ongoing Border-Gavaskar

Ashi Chouksey becomes women's 3P national champion



AGENCY BHOPAL: Local girl Ashi Chouksey bagged her maiden national title, overwhelming Anjum Moudgil of Punjab in the women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions (3P) final of the ongoing 67th National Shooting Championship Competitions (NSCC) for Rifle events, here at her home MP State Academy (MPSA) shooting range.

Ashi shot a superb 466.7, a full 3.1 points clear of two-time Olympian Anjum. Upcoming talent Sakshi Sunil Padekar of Maharashtra won bronze with an effort of 451.3 and then went on to win a silver in the junior women's 3P as well to round off a successful day.

Ashi, who has been in great shooting form over the past two years and was also a part of the Paris Olympic trials, extended her run of good form with a solid 590 in qualifications, to get into the eight-woman match-up in third place.

Bhakti Bhaskar Khamkar of Maharashtra topped the qualification field with a blazing 592, while Anjum qualified second, her effort of 590 containing more hits to the inner 10 rings than Ashi. While Sakshi

took the sixth spot, another Olympian Shriyanka Sadangi qualified seventh.

In the final, however, Ashi brooked no opposition, opening up a 2.3 points gap over Anjum at the end of the first Kneeling position itself, which she maintained after the 15 shots in the second Prone position also. That increased to 2.9 after 10-shots of the last Standing position and despite a few high 9s after that, the result was never in doubt.

In the junior women's 3P Karnataka's Anoushka H Thokur shot 460.5 in the final to upstage Sakshi, who settled for silver on 456.3. Haryana's Nishchal, an ISSF World Cup silver medalist for India last year, shot 443.9 to settle for bronze.

Both Anjum and Sakshi did pick up gold on the day, however, as they won the respective women's 3P senior and junior team events. Anjum partnered with fellow Olympian Sift Kaur Samra and Vanishka Sahi to total 1766 for the team gold, while Sakshi teamed up with Prachi Gaekwad and Sanjya Sapale to clinch the junior women's 3P team title with a tally of 1747.

Arshdeep Singh joins Sikandar Raza, Babar Azam, Travis Head as nominees for ICC Men's T20I Cricketer of the Year

AGENCY DUBAI: Arshdeep Singh who starred in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup triumph joins Zimbabwe's Sikandar Raza, Pakistan's Babar Azam and Australia's Travis Head as nominees for the ICC Men's T20I Cricketer of the Year, according to the ICC.

Arshdeep Singh has stepped up as India's primary pacer in the T20I format, especially with Jasprit Bumrah being selectively picked for T20Is due to his commitments in Tests and ODIs. Arshdeep's prowess is evident from his impressive tally of 36 wickets over the years, the second-best by an Indian player in Men's T20Is, just behind Bhuvneshwar



Kumar's 37 wickets in 2022. Remarkably, Arshdeep's numbers came from just 18

games compared to Kumar's 32. In 2022, he was the third-best with 33 scalps. The

seamer has filled the much-needed role of a left-arm pacer in the shortest format

for Team India, delivering sensational performances across conditions and playing a crucial role in India's victories at home and in the West Indies, Sri Lanka, and South Africa.

One of Arshdeep's memorable performances came in the Men's T20 World Cup final. While Bumrah is often remembered for his game-turning over, India's triumph would have been impossible without Arshdeep's stellar support. Defending a target of 177, he partnered with Bumrah to give India a perfect start, removing South African skipper Aiden Markram for just four runs. He later added the wicket of Quinton de Kock in the 13th over to keep

India in contention. Arguably, his best moment came in the 19th over when he conceded only four runs, raising the required rate from 10 to 16. This mounted pressure on David Miller, who eventually lost his wicket, ensuring India closed in on their second T20 World Cup title.

Sikandar Raza continues to shine for Zimbabwe, making it to the prestigious shortlist for the third consecutive year. The all-rounder turned captain has been pivotal in Zimbabwe's cricketing successes, especially in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup sub-regional Africa Qualifier Group B, where he smashed 199 runs and took 10 wickets.

Nitish Kumar Reddy's father touches Sunil Gavaskar's feet



AGENCY MELBOURNE: Young India batter Nitish Kumar Reddy's father, Mutyala, had an emotional moment on Sunday when he met the cricket legend Sunil Gavaskar on the sidelines of the Melbourne Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy against Australia. The meeting took place a day after Nitish, scored his maiden Test century for India against Australia in the ongoing Boxing Day Test at the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG). A video of their meeting has gone viral, where Mutyala can be seen touching Gavaskar's feet as a mark of respect before hugging him. The video has taken the internet by storm, winning the hearts of cricket fans across the country. Nitish Reddy played a magnificent knock of 114 runs from 189 balls at a time bailing India out of a precarious situation in the Melbourne Test of the ongoing Border Gavaskar Trophy against Australia. His knock included 11 fours and 1 six during his time on the crease and brought the visitors back into the game.

Katrina Kaif enjoys 'sub zero ocean dip' with Vicky Kaushal

Star couple Katrina Kaif and Vicky Kaushal recently went on a vacation abroad and made sure to make the most of their holiday by engaging in fun activities.

On Saturday, Katrina took to Instagram to share several pictures from the serene British wildlands. She also treated her fans by showcasing her adventurous side as she talked about enjoying a sub-zero ocean dip.

"Family, Friends and the British wildlands....(The sub zero ocean dip on Boxing Day always seems like such a good idea at the time)," Katrina captioned the post.

One of the images shows Vicky, Katrina and her family members enjoying a hike.

Earlier, Vicky uploaded a photo of himself and Katrina relaxing near the water's edge. In the photo, Katrina was seen holding Vicky from behind as they embraced

the beauty of nature.

"Pause," Vicky captioned the post.

Vicky and Katrina tied the knot on December 9, 2021, at Six Senses Fort Barwara, Rajasthan. On 'Koffee With Karan', Katrina revealed that she met Vicky at Zoya Akhtar's party, and that's when romance started brewing between them. Sharing the details of her relationship with Vicky, Katrina explained how Vicky was never on her "radar." She said, "I did not even know much about him. He was just a name I had heard of but had never associated with. But then, when I met him, I was won over!"

Calling her relationship 'unexpected and out of the blue', Katrina added, "It was my destiny and it was really meant to be. There were so many coincidences that at one point all of it just felt so unreal."

Meanwhile, the Sam Bahadur actor recently

made a surprise entry at Karan Ajula's ongoing It Was All A Dream India tour concert in Mumbai. While grooving with Karan, the duo delighted fans with a sensational live performance of the song 'Tauba Tauba' from their film Bad Newz. The performance left the crowd ecstatic, with fans even chanting Katrina Kaif's name, making Vicky blush in response.

On the work front, Vicky will next be seen in the magnum opus Mahavatar, where he will portray the legendary warrior sage Parashurama. The film, inspired by Indian mythology, is slated for release in cinemas in Christmas 2026. The announcement of Mahavatar follows Vicky Kaushal's success in films like Zara Hatke Zara Bachke, and his upcoming project Chhaava, based on the life of Maratha King Shivaji's son, Sambhaji Maharaj.



Pushpa 2: 'Dum Hai To Rok Ke Bata' song from Allu Arjun's film out now

Amid the success of Pushpa 2: The Rule, the makers unveiled the track Dum Hai To Rok Ke Bata from the film on Saturday. Allu Arjun's captivating moves and Fahadh Faasil's commanding presence in the song have grabbed the attention of netizens. The track features vocals by Javed Ali, Keerthi Sagathia, and Pooja AV, with



lyrics penned by Irshad Kamil.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y6yKz7E3eKE>

According to Mythri Movie Makers, the official production house of Pushpa 2: The Rule, the film has surpassed the Rs 1,500 crore mark in worldwide box office collections. On the massive success of Pushpa 2: The Rule, Allu Arjun expressed his heartfelt gratitude to fans at the "Thank You India" press meet.

Naseeruddin Shah, Shabana Azmi, others attend Shyam Benegal's memorial event in Mumbai



A memorial event was held to pay tributes to veteran director Shyam Benegal who passed away recently, which was attended by several big names including Shabana Azmi, Javed Akhtar, Naseeruddin Shah, Urmila Matondkar and others. The 'Manthan' director passed away took his last breath on December 23 at 6.38 pm at the age of 90, in Mumbai's Wockhardt Hospital. Born on December 14, 1934, in a Konkani-speaking Chitrapur Saraswat Brahmin family in Hyderabad, Benegal collaborated extensively with actors from

FTII and NSD, including Naseeruddin Shah, Om Puri, Smita Patil, Shabana Azmi, Kulbhushan Kharbanda, and Amrisha Puri. His films left an indelible impact on audiences, addressing relevant socio-political themes with remarkable depth. For instance, Junoon (1979), based on Ruskin Bond's A Flight of Pigeons, is a tumultuous epic set during India's freedom movement. The film, featuring a forbidden love story between a British woman (Nafisa Ali) and a passionate Pathan (Shashi Kapoor), remains one of Benegal's finest works.

"Tere varga sach mein hor koi na", Akshay Kumar wishes wife Twinkle Khanna on her birthday with a funny twist

Bollywood star Akshay Kumar penned a heartfelt birthday wish for his wife Twinkle Khanna. He shared an adorable video of Twinkle in which she was seen dancing joyfully, giving a glimpse of the different sides of her personality. The 'Housefull' actor wished his wife, author, Twinkle Khanna in a unique way on her 51st birthday. Taking to Instagram, Akshay Kumar posted an edited clip of Twinkle Khanna which showcased the two sides of her personality.

The video started with the words, "What everyone thinks my wife is like..." It is followed by the actress sitting on a

chair at home enjoying the sun with a book. A lit candle and her beverage among other things were kept on the table in front of her.

The video then had the words "But what she's really like" which was followed by Twinkle dancing her heart out in green pants and a black shirt.

Penning a heartfelt birthday note, Akshay Kumar wrote, "Happy Birthday, Tina. You're not just a sport; you're the whole game. I've learned so much from you-how to laugh until my stomach hurts (and you're almost always the reason for it), how to sing my heart out when a favorite song plays on the radio, and how to dance just because I feel like. Tere

varga sach mein hor koi na."

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DEJh0NDN1cD/>

The fans and followers of the actress flocked to the comment section to extend their birthday wishes. It also included several celebrities including Diana Penty, Nargis Fakhri and Arjun Kapoor.

"Happy Happy" wrote Diana Penty. Nargis expressed her reaction with a laughing and fire emoji.

"Tina Ka Tandav" wrote Arjun Kapoor.

Akshay and Twinkle tied the knot on January 17, 2001. They are proud parents of a son named Aarav and a daughter named Nitara, who was born in 2012.

Twinkle quit acting in 2001 after starring in a string of films. She ventured into writing in 2015 and released her first book titled 'Mrs Funnybones'. She followed it up with an anthology of stories titled 'The Legend Of Lakshmi Prasad' in 2017 and 'Pyjamas Are Forgiving', which came out in 2018. In 2023, she came up with 'Welcome to Paradise' book.

She was chosen as the winner in the Popular Fiction category of Crossword Book Award 2024 recently.

Akshay congratulated Twinkle in a hilarious way. He pulled her leg while appreciating and congratulating on winning the Crossword Popular Choice Award.



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