

35 crore pilgrims expected to attend Mela

LUCKNOW/PRAYAGRAJ (UP): Uttar Pradesh Chief Secretary Manoj Kumar Singh has said that 35 crore pilgrims are expected to attend the Maha Kumbh Mela taking place in the vicinity of Sangam - the confluence of rivers Ganga, Yamuna and Saraswati. He also said that during the period of Mauni Amavasya, an estimated four-five crore devotees are expected to reach the holy city and participate in the festivities.

Steve Jobs' wife Laurene Powell offers prayers ahead of Maha Kumbh visit



NEW DELHI: Laurene Powell Jobs, the wife of late Apple co-founder Steve Jobs, visited the Kashi Vishwanath Temple in Varanasi on Saturday before heading to Prayagraj for Maha Kumbh. Ms Lawrence was accompanied by Swami Kailashanand Giri Ji Maharaj of Niranjani

Akhara to the temple. Wearing an Indian attire (a pink suit and a white 'dupatta' on her head), Ms Laurene offered prayers from outside the sanctum sanctorum at the Kashi Vishwanath Temple.

Rain lashes many parts of Punjab, Haryana

CHANDIGARH: Rain lashed several places in Punjab and Haryana early Sunday morning, while cold weather conditions continued to persist in both states, the IMD said. Chandigarh, the common capital of both states, recorded 18.4 mm of rainfall, according to a report by the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

In Punjab, rainfall was reported in places including Amritsar (5 mm), Ludhiana (11 mm), Patiala (6.5 mm), Pathankot (3 mm), Bathinda (31 mm), and Faridkot (20.6 mm). In Haryana, rainfall was recorded in places such as Ambala (20.5 mm), Hisar (13 mm), Karnal (1.6 mm), Narnaul (14 mm), Rohtak (3 mm), Bhiwani (6 mm), and Sirsa (3.2 mm). Gurdaspur was the coldest place in Punjab, with a minimum temperature of 5 degrees Celsius. Meanwhile, Amritsar recorded a low of 10.8 degrees Celsius, while the temperature in Ludhiana settled at 10.4 degrees, Patiala and Pathankot both shivered at 10.1 degrees. The temperature in Bathinda settled at 7.2 degrees and Faridkot at 9.5 degrees Celsius. Chandigarh recorded a minimum of 11 degrees Celsius, which is four notches above normal. In Haryana, Ambala recorded a minimum temperature of 11 degrees, 4.5 degrees above normal. Heartiest Greetings to all on the Occasion of

EAM Jaishankar to represent India at swearing-in ceremony of Donald Trump

NEW DELHI: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will represent the Indian government at the swearing-in ceremony of US President-elect Donald Trump as the 47th US President.

He is set to attend the swearing-in ceremony at the invitation of the Trump-Vance Inaugural Committee, according to a Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) press release. During the visit, Jaishankar will also have meetings with representatives of the incoming administration, as well as some other dignitaries visiting the US on that occasion. In a press release, MEA said, "On the invitation of the Trump-Vance Inaugural Committee, External Affairs Minister (EAM) Dr S Jaishankar will represent the Government of India at the Swearing-In Ceremony of President-Elect Donald J. Trump as the 47th President of the United States of America."

Haryana CM inaugurates 250 gyms for rural youth

CHANDIGARH: Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini today dedicated the 163rd birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda to the youth of the state and announced several initiatives for their upliftment. After inaugurating 250 gyms simultaneously for rural youth, he announced free equip-



youth, he announced free equipment for eight notified sports and inclusion of Inter Youth Club Games in the annual sports calendar of the state. He also announced opening at least one ITI in every block of the state. The Chief Minister also announced to make a special policy to make the youth proficient in the languages of different countries and to bear the

expenses of getting these certified from the concerned agency. Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini was addressing the youth at a state-level 'Yuva Diwas' function organised in Panchkula on the occasion of Swami Vivekananda Jayanti today. Earlier, he released a song to inspire the youth to stay aware against drug abuse, which was sung by famous singer Naveen Punia.



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BJP has given respect to hard work of youth: Rajneesh Shamgarh

TARAORI: BJP Yuva Morcha District General Secretary Rajneesh Shamgarh praised the public welfare working of Chief Minister Nayab ini and said that Haryana is moving forward with the non-stop vision of the state CM Naib Saini and excellent work is being done in every field including a griculture, industry, education, health, self-employment, employment, panchayat. Under the able leadership of Chief Minister Naible Chief MiSaini, development is taking place in every field without any discrimination. BJP Yuva Morcha District General Secretary Rajneesh Shamgarh was talking to journalists at Taraori BJP office. He said that today in Haryana, youth from poor families are getting recruited as officers and employees on the basis of merit without any expenses. Now no youth needs anyone's recommendation for a job. Raineesh Shamgarh said that the present government has respected the hard work of the youth by establishing a transparent recruitment system in jobs and the present government has provided this right to employment without any expenditure slip on the basis of merit.

NEWS BRIEF

Making India a world leader is in hands of teachers: Mahipal Dhanda

CHANDIGARH: Haryana Education Minister Sh. Mahipal Dhanda said making India a world leader is in the hands of teachers. Teachers wil have to lead in taking the National Education Policy-2020 among the people. A new revolution in the education world will be started in the state through its teachers. This revolution has been started from Kurukshetra University and three other districts of Harvana on Swam Vivekananda Jayanti today.

The Education Minister was speaking today in the auditorium of Kurukshetra University in a seminar organized by the Haryana Education Department on the topic 'Indian education culture, values and your suggestions' under the

National Education Policy-2020 While congratulating and wishing the people of the state on Swami Vivekananda Jayanti, the Education Minister said Haryana will be the firs state in the country to implement the National Education Policy. The target has been set to implement the National Education Policy-2020 in the state in 2025. To achieve this target, first of all, suggestions have been invited from every section of the society so as to remove any flaws in the National Education Policy. Teachers will have an important contribution i implementing this education policy, so an initiative has been taken to take suggestions from teachers

generation gets an opportunity to know and imbibe the culture and values of the country, the country will definitely become a 'Vishwaguru' by 2047 and emerge as the

biggest power in this world. Congratulating the Vice Chancellor of Kurukshetra University, Prof. Somnath Sachdeva and his team for implementing the National Education Policy 2020, he said other universities and college are following the National Education Policy

Sh. Mahipal Dhanda said when the future

colleges and schools of Sonipat, Panipat and Jind implemented in this Kurukshetra University district in a conference

Replacing Macaulay system with new Education Policy historic initiative of PM: Dr. Arvind

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA SONEPAT: Cooperation, Prison, Heritage and Tourism Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken a historic step to completely change the education system of Lord Macaulay, which was in practice since the British era before the independence of the country, and implement the new National Education Policy 2020 in a new form. In the Vedic period, scholars from all over the world used to come to Gurukul for research in the education system. He said that today Prime Minister Narendra Modi is promoting Indianness, Indian languages, culture, skill development based on values and multidisciplinary education in the new National Education Policy, so that

India once again becomes the world leader. On Sunday, Cooperative Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma was addressing the teachers and parents of universities,



organised on the topic of National Education Policy 2020-Indian education, culture, values and your suggestions at Deenbandhu Chhotu Ram University of Science and Technology, Murthal. Cabinet Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma, while wishing Swami Vivekananda Jayanti and National Youth Day, said that Swami

Vivekananda had called upon the youth across the world to awaken, struggle and adopt the method of continuous learning with his revolutionary ideas, today Prime Minister Narendra Modi is following those ideas literally

Dr. Arvind Sharma said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi wants a

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change in the thinking of the youth, a change in the life of the youth, because when the thinking of the youth changes, then definitely both the direction and condition of the country will change.

He said that Lord Macaulay's education system, which was prevalent since the British era, was carried for decades, in which there was

neither prudence nor logical power for the youth. Prime Minister Narendra Modi considered it the biggest obstacle in the country's goal of self-reliance and development and by carrying forward the Gurukul tradition of golden history, it has ensured that a 5-year-old child continuously learns and receives education, which is interesting for him and will give the best results for the nation and society.

Dr. Arvind Sharma called upon the educationists who came to the conference to study the education policy thoroughly and give suggestions for its better implementation. He said that through the education policy in developed India, the spirit of expertise, culture, social behavior and respect for values will be promoted among the youth. Everyone will have a role in uniting the country. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, our goal should be that every Indian should be civilized, educated and cultured.

State Level Seminar on Rashtriya Shiksha Niti 2020 held at KU



DALBIR SINGH

KURUKSHETRA: A state level seminar on "Rashtriya Shiksha Niti 2020: Bhartiva Shiksha, Sanskar, Mulva Aur Aapke Sujhav" on the occasion of Swami Vivekananda Jayanti was organised on 12th January 2025 at Kurukshetra University. The Chief Guest of the seminar, Hon'ble Haryana Education Minister Mahipal Dhanda said that Harvana State can become the role model for implementing NEP 2020 for the rest of the states. Dhanda appreciated the Harvana Education Department to start NEP 2020 awareness campaign on this auspicious day of Swami Vivekanand Javanti and announced that such seminars will be organised frequently to ensure better implementation of NEP 2020 with suggestions from Gram Panchayat level to Higher Education level. Education

Minister Dhanda added that Indian Education System envisions development of character and values in a person and there is a dire need to initiate new revolution in educational world. Education Minister appealed to all the teachers to develop a healthy society through a well structured education system with their utmost dedication. Vice Chancellor, Prof Som Nath Sachdeva said that Indian Knowledge System is the cornerstone of NEP 2020 which focuses on holistic and multidisciplinary quality education. Prof Sachdeva added that NEP 2020 emphasizes ability, skill enhancement, value added courses along with internship and research component with utmost flexibility. Prof Sachdeva quoted Swami Vivekanand, "Arise, awake, and stop not till the goal is reached.

BSP to celebrate Mayawati's 69th birthday as Welfare Day across Haryana: Vishal Gurjar

R.K. KASHYAP

CHHACHHRAULI: The Bahujan Samai Party (BSP) will celebrate the 69th birthday of its national president and former Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Kumari Mayawati, on January 15, 2025

as 'Jan Kalyankari Diwas" (Welfare Day) across all districts of Haryana. This announcement was made by Vishal Gurjar, the BSP state incharge for Haryana. Gurjar stated that

Mayawati's birthday is observed annually as Welfare Day to highlight her contributions to public welfare and governance. As part of the celebrations, Mayawati

will also unveil her autobiography, "Blue Book: Mera Jeevan aur BSP Movement ka Safarnama" at the party's headquarters. During the celebrations, BSP members and leaders will inform

attendees about the achievements and decisions of the four governments led by Mayawati. Gurjar encouraged all party officials and workers to conclude the day by cutting a cake with their

families to spread joy and unity. The BSP aims to use this occasion to strengthen its connection with the people by emphasizing its leader's vision and commitment to welfare

Government College NSS volunteers honored for outstanding work in Panchkula



PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Harwinder Singh S/O Harmesh Lal, R/O Village Charke, Post Office Bhogpur District Jalandhar declare that I have 10th Class passed from St. Mary's Convent School Bhogpur, District Jalandhar in March 2012 vide Index No.

T/3112/016 and in my 10th Class Board Certificates of St. Mary's Convent School, Bhogpur, (Jalandhar) my date of birth wrongly mentioned as 16.11.1994. My correct date of birth is 25.11.1994 as per my birth certificate.

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72737 I. Raibir Kaur W/o Baldev Singh R/o VPO Sheron Dhotian Distt Tarn Taran Punjab declare that

I, Deepak Kumar Verma S/O Parshotam Lal R/O Village Rurka Kalan Tehsil Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab, India, have changed my name from Deepak Kumar Verma to Deepak Kumar.

63372 I, Lakhveer Singh S/O Bhag Singh R/O Village Achalpur PO Binewal, Tehsil Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab, India, have changed my name from Lakhveer Singh to Singh Lakhveer.

63372 I, Saroj Rani W/o Vinod Kumar R/o Mohalla Kalian Nurmahal Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) have changed my name from Saroj Rani to Saroj.

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I, Shelly Gupta W/O Tarun Kumar Gupta R/O 198, Kartar Nagar, Shahkot Distt. Jalandhar Have Changed My Minor Daughter's Name from Ruhani To Ruhani Gupta.

63372 I Amanjot Kaur W/O Kulvir Singh Tiwana R/O Burj Gill Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Surname (Kaur) Amanjot.

63372 I, Nisha W/o Manish Kumar R/o Vpo. Jandiala Teh-Banga (SBS Nagar) Pb, India, have changed my name from Nishato Nisha Kumari after marriage. 63372

I Mohinder Singh S/O Anoop Singh R/O Vill Rangruti Khera, Distt Karnal Change His Name Mohender Singh To Mohinder Singh.

63372 I, Davinder Kumar S/o Bhag I, Jaswant Singh S/O Harbans Singh Singh Gagan Preet. Chand R/o W.No. 11 Morinda , R/O Dasuya, Vill- Khokhar, Dasuya, (Rupnagar) declare that my son Jhingar Kalan, Hoshiarpur, Punjab-144205, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Randhir Singh. 63372 63372

I, Kanika Bansal D/O Jasbir Singh Bansal, R/O D-9, First Floor, Dr. Ambedkar Housing Society, Sector-76, Sohana, Sas Nagar (Mohali), Punjab- 140308 . Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Kannika Bansal.

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Known As Tarshem Maanju. 63372 I Gagan Preet Singh S/o Harbhajan Singh, Mohalla Saraffan Rahon, Nawanshahr Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name Gagan Preet Singh to

CHHACHHRAULI: NSS volunteers from Government College Chhachhrauli were honored for their exemplary work during a ceremony organized at the Indradhanush Auditorium, Sector 5, Panchkula. The event was held to commemorate National Youth Day on the occasion of Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary. Under the guidance of Principal Dr. Sanjeev Kumar and leadership of NSS Program Officers Rajbir and Pratibha, the volunteers participated in the state-level program organized by the NSS

Department, Panchkula. Haryana's Honorable Chief Minister, Nayab Singh Saini, inaugurated the event as the chief guest During his address, the Chief Minister encouraged the volunteers to embrace the teachings of Swami Vivekananda, highlighting his ideals as a source of inspiration for personal and societal development. Describing Swami Vivekananda as a pioneer of nation-building and a role model for the youth, he emphasized the importance of selfless service

Haryana's sex ratio improved due to 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' campaign: Shruti Choudhry

CHANDIGARH: Haryana's Womer and Child Development Minister Smt. Shruti Choudhry said after the launch of 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' campaign, there has been a significant increase in the sex ratio in Haryana. Now, the sex ratio in the state has reached 910 whereas in the year 2014, it was 871.

She was speaking at the closing ceremony of a three-day Chintan Shivir organized by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD), Government of India, in Udaipur, Rajasthan today. The minister highlighted impressive programmes like 'Mhari Laado' radio abhiyaan, institutional delivery rate close to 95% and strong first trimester ANC registration at 85%. She emphasized Harvana's holistic approach towards maternal and child health. She further said Haryana's new nutrition initiative 'Mukhvamantri Doodh Uphaar Yojana' has further reduced stunting and malnutrition rates.

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the manufacture of the information of general public an all concerned that as per record of this office Sh. V. Malhotra is the owner/lessee of RESIDENTIAL Sit No. 2338, Sector 23-C. Chandigarh to the extent 100% Share. It has been informed by Uma Malhotr hat Sh. V.P Malhotra expired on 17/01/2024 and sh has also intimated the following legal heirs of th deceased owner/lessee: (1) Uma Malhotra (Wife) (2 Amit Malhotra (Son) (3) Sumit Malhotra (Son) (4 Chinky Vohra (Chaughter) Now, Uma Malhotra (Son) (5 Chinky Vohra (Chaughter) Now, Uma Malhotra (Son) (4 Chinky Vohra (Chaughter) Now, Uma Malhotra (Son) (5 Chinky Vohra (Chaughter) Now, Uma Malhotra (Son) (5 Chinky Vohra (Chaughter) Now, Uma Malhotra (Son) (5 Chinky Vohra (Chaughter) Now, Uma Malhotra (Son) (6 Chinky Vohra (Chaughter) Now, Uma Malhotra (Son) (6 Chinky Vohra (Son) (7 Chinky Vohra (S hinky Vohra (Daughter). Now, Uma Malhotra h pplied for the Transfer of Ownership in respect ESIDENTIAL Site No. 2338, Sector 23indigarh, to the extent of 100% Share held by La /.P Malhotra in her favour, on the basis of U Registered WILL Dated 28/01/2017. If anybody has been set to be a set of the basis of nay be intimated to the Estate Officer, U.T indigarh, immediately, if anybody has an action upon the mutation of the said share in the aid property, in favour of the above nam oplicants, he/she/they may furnish the same riting (supported with affidavit duly attested strate/Notary) in the office of the undersigned of 30 days from the date of publication of the ing which the said share in the sa ty will be mutated accordingly in the name said beneficiaries and no further cla r shall be enterta ned at any laters SH. NAVEEN, DANICS, ASSISTANT ESTAT OFFICER, EXERCISING THE POWERS O ESTATE OFFICER, U.T. CHANDIGARH

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I, Arun S/o Jaswant Raj R/o Akalpur Road Vill: Brahmpuri Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) have changed my name to Arun Garlay.

63372 I, Surinder Pal S/o Kabal Singh R/o H.No. 235 St.No. 1 Bhagatpura Phagwara (Kapurthala) have 63372 changed my minor daughter name from Malika to Malika Kaur.

63372 I, Muskan Arti D/o Surinder Pal R/o H.No. 235 St.No. 1 Bhagatpura Phagwara (Kapurthala) have changed my name to Muskan Arti Kaur.

63372 I. Tarun Kumar Gupta S/O Bhawani Parshad Gupta R/O 198, Kartar Nagar, Shahkot Distt. Jalandhar Have Changed My Minor Daughter's Name from Tavishi To Tavishi Gupta. 63372

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63372 I, Sharda Dave W/O Nardev Singh R/O Vpo Dandoh, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab-144209 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Sharda Devi

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I, Kuldeep Kaur W/o Harwinder Singh Sohal R/o H.No-322, W.No-1, Muhalla Jattan, Bhogpur, Jalandhar-I, Po:Bhogpur, Jalandhar, Punjab-144201. have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kaur Kuldeep.

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I, Manpreet S/O Joginderpal, R/O Rajowal, Hoshiarpur, Punjab-144105, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Manpreet Singh Toor.

63372 I, Abhishek S/O Raj Kumar, R/O Chhangla, Dasuya, Hoshiarpur, Punjab-144205, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Abhishek Mattu

I, Sumarti Devi , W/O Shiv Chand Yadav R/O U-25, Dlf Phase -3, Nathupur(67), Gurgaon, Haryana-122002 . Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Sumrati.

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purposes.

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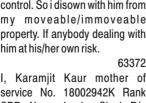
She said Haryana has made



great progress in women and child development. Recently, Haryana was selected as one of the leading states in presenting its best practices. She informed that the state's pioneering creche model has established a network of anganwadi-cum-creches and standalone creches that

empower working mothers. The Women and Child Development Minister said these steps of the state government represent Harvana's visionarv approach towards early childhood

development and gender empowerment.



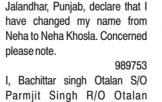
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Tragic incident involving death of 14-yearold girl has gone viral on social media

JALANDHAR (PARAMJIT SINGH):-Jan.12th,S. Sukhwinder Singh, ADCP HQ, PPS, informed the media that on 09-01-2025, one of the accused, who was engaged to the girl, took her to a burger shop. However, she didn't return home. The accused, with the help of two friends, allegedly killed her by strangling her & disposing off her body. Acting swiftly, FIR was registered under relevant sections and 2 accused have been apprehended.

NEWS BRIEF

National Youth Day observed at Dr B R Ambedkar State Institute of Medical Sciences



celebrated National Youth Dav with siasm, paying tribute to the life and teachings of Swami Vivekananda. The event, held in the institute's auditorium. witnessed active participation from faculty, students, and esteemed quests. The celebration began with a captivating address by Dr. Ananya Ray, Assistant Professor at AIIMS Mohali, who shared the inspiring life history of Swami Vivekananda. She highlighted his extraordinary journey, his vision for youth empowerment, and his message of universal brotherhood and service to humanity. Following this. Director Principal Dr Bhavnee Bharti spoke about the relevance of Swami Vivekananda's philosophy in today's world. She urged the youth to embody his teachings of love, empathy, and unity, encouraging them to contribute meaningfully to society. In continuation of National Youth Day, the institute launched a series of community initiatives, aime at fostering social responsibility and service. Dr Bhavneet Bharti announced the program, stating, "We are proud to start an initiative where our students actively participate in community service. This reflects our commitment to blending education vith social impact.

Mukesh Ranjan presentes his book "Vivechna" to Hoshiarpur **SSP Surinder Lamba**



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR: Mukesh Ranjan Managing Director MRC Group presented a copy of his book "Vivechana" to SSP Hoshiarpur Surinder Lamba. This book explores the historical, cultural and spiritual aspects of the construction of the Sri Ram Temple, offering an in-depth analysis of its significance in contemporary India. Speaking on the occasion, Hoshiarpur SSP Surinder Lamba said that the efforts of the author to bring out such an inventive and inventive work should be appreciated. He emphasized the mportance of literature in preserving cultural heritage and promoting intellectual discourse. Mukesh Ranjar highlights the painstaking research and dedication that went into writing the book.

Loans worth Rs 59 lakh approved by BACKFINCO for self-employment DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR: Punjab Backward

Guv holds dialogue with Dharm Gurus & prominent personalities on eradicating drug menace from Punjab

SHASHI PAL JAIN CHANDIGARH, JAN 12

The Punjab Raj Bhavan hosted a significant dialogue aimed at making Punjab drug-free, bringing together a diverse group of stakeholders, including Dharm Gurus, educationists, industrialists, agriculture experts, progressive farmers, scientists, former players, senior advocates, artists, folk singers, writers,

doctors, and social activists. The event, held at Punjab Rai Bhayan, Chandigarh, was presided over by Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria, who emphasized the need for a united and consistent fight against drug abuse to safeguard the state's future generations. Sharing his views on Governor occasion, Kataria expressed grave con-



cern over the growing drug the youth astray onto the path menace, particularly the proof destruction. liferation of synthetic drugs, The Governor stressed

that the drug problem is not limited to Punjab but has beversible harm to the youth. He highlighted that drug adcome a national crisis, with diction has evolved from the northern states being disprooccasional use of natural subportionately affected. He stances, once considered sopointed to the role of Pakistan cially unacceptable, to a thrivin waging a proxy war against India by flooding drugs into ing international trade driven by anti-social elements seekthe country, thereby targeting ing monetary gain but leading its youth and weakening its

VERMA GURDASPUR, JAN 12

spiritual significance of these

festivals, symbolizing unity,

prosperity, and happiness.

They highlighted that Lohri, celebrated with great enthusi-

asm in Punjab, Haryana, and

Himachal Pradesh, marks the

harvest season with bonfires,

songs, and celebrations. Simi-

larly, Makar Sankranti signi-

fies the Sun's transition into

the Capricorn zodiac, herald-

ing new beginnings and pros-

perity. The doctors used the

social fabric. Quoting the sacrifices of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, who sacrificed his father, mother, and four sons for the greater good, the Governor urged everyone to draw inspiration from such noble examples and commit themselves wholeheartedly to root out the drug scrouge. He emphasized the impor-

tance of collective action in a well coordinated manner and called for a multi-pronged strategy involving every section of society. Governor Kataria made a special appeal to Dharam Gurus to take a leading role in the fight against drugs. Highlighting their immense influence over their followers, he urged them to launch ground-level campaigns, use their platforms during religious congregations

Lohri and Makar Sankranti greetings from

Commissionerate police Jalandhar tightens noose around drug smugglers



PARAMJIT SINGH JALANDHAR, JAN 12

Further tightening noose around the drug smugglers, the Jalandhar Commissionerate Police led by Commissioner of Police Mr Swapan Sharma has arrested five drug smugglers and recovered 400 grams of heroin from them.

Giving details, the Commissioner of Police said that on a tip off the Police conducted patrolling in the Qazi Mandi to Surya Enclave areas dur

ing which two youth identified as, Amandeep alias Bun-ty and Soma Rani were stopped.

He said that during checking the Police recovered 200 grams of heroin from them af ter which an FIR No. 294 dated December 31, 2024 under sections 21-61-85 of the NDPS Act was registered at PS Ramamandi, Jalandhar. Mr Swapan Sharma said that Further investigation revealed the arrested suspects that were linked to a larger drug network. The Commissioner of Police said that Acting swiftly on this information the police arrested three more individuals-Ravinder Singh s/o Mangal Singh, Karan Ku mar s/o Daljit Kumar, and Gurpreet Singh s/o Sarjeet Singh, all residents of Ganna Pind, Jalandhar. He said that an additional 200 grams of heroin was seized from them Mr Swapan Sharma said tha further investigation into the case is going on and details will be shared later.

ISTE to organise first of its kind National **Convention at LTSU Punjab on "Vision** 2047-Education and Skilling"

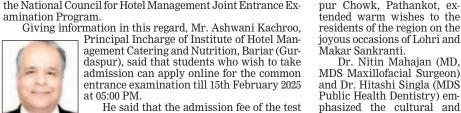


RUPNAGAR (BAHADURJEET SINGH): The Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE) is organizing first of its kind National Convention at Lamrin Tech Skills University Punjab (LTSU) on February 13-14, to shape India's skilled workforce for meeting global skill shortages. Bringing together Vice Chancellors, faculty members, and students from across India with a total participation of over 5,000 individuals, the event aims to discuss and shape the future of education and skill de velopment.

According to LTSU chancellor Dr Sandeep Kaura the ISTE is a premier national organization dedicated to advancing tech nical education and fostering professional excellence among educators and students. Established in 1968, ISTE focuses or enhancing the quality of technical education in India by pro viding a platform for knowledge sharing, professional net working, and skill development. The ISTE has active membership of more than 2,740 institutional members (including IITs, IISc., NITs and other leading technical institutions), 1,414 faculty chapters and 1,505 students' chapters at National level and 19 Sections at State Level.

Arora inaugurates development works in govt schools





which are causing irre-

can be deposited till 15th February 2025 and if there is any error in the application of anyone, it can be done from 17th February 2025 to 20th February 2025. He said that the entrance examination will be held on 27th April 2025 (Sunday). Ashwani Kachroo said that Institute of Hotel Management Catering and Nutrition, Gurdaspur is recognized by the National Council for Hotel Management and Catering Technology, Noida and offers a three-year B.Sc. Hospitality and Hotel Administration (HHA). This degree is awarded by Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, He said that admissions process for the upcoming first year of this degree has started with the opening of registrations for entrance exam (NCHM JEE). The eligibility for the admission is 10+2 with English as one of the subject.

IHM Gurdaspur starts admission for 12th pass

students for three-year degree in B.Sc. Hospitality

and Hotel Administration

GURDASPUR (VERMA): Admission for 12th pass students for

three-year B.Sc. (HHA) has started in Punjab's number one In-

stitute of Hotel Management Catering and Nutrition, Bariar

(Gurdaspur). The joint entrance examination for this admission

will be conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA) under

Awareness programme on cybercrimes & road safety organized





occasion to remind people about the importance of oral health. They encouraged the public to visit Face Value Dental and Implant Centre for comprehensive dental solutions, including general dentistry, implants, braces, and Dr. Mahajan shared more. that the clinic is equipped with state-of-the-art technology and a team of experienced professionals committed to delivering top-quality care. He stressed the importance of

regular dental check-ups as a lifelong habit and assured residents of advanced and patient-centric treatments for all dental needs

Concluding their message, Dr. Mahajan and Dr. Singla wished everyone a joy-Lohri and Makar ous Sankranti and expressed their hopes for a prosperous year ahead. They also reaffirmed their commitment to promoting healthy smiles in the community.

Classes Land Development and Finance Corporation Chairman Sandeep Saini on Sunday said that the corporate has sanctioned loans worth Rs. 59 lakh to unemployed candidates for self-employment purposes under different schemes



Sandeep Saini aivina informatio said that these loans would be provided at low interest rates to applicants of backward classe minorities and

weaker sections to setup their self-employment. He said that the screening committee had held a district level meeting at local office to examine the cases besides approving the valid applications. He said that eligible applicants participated in the screening committee meeting. where applications were considered under different schemes to establish their own ventures. Chairman Sandeep Saini said that as many as 14 applicants present in the meeting with 10 applications under NMD scheme while four under NBC scheme besides dairy farming, fabrication unit, readymade ments, sanitary shop.

Kar Bhala Ho Bhala donates ration to needy families



SUKH NAHAR

JAGRAON: Social Welfare association of Jagraon Kar Bhala Ho Bhala Society donated monthly ration to 60 needy families during its ration donation program. The program was conducted at the premises of Arora Property Advisor Link Road Jagraon under the guidance of society Chairman Amit Arora and President Rajinder Jain Kaka The members of society said that their sole aim is to help as many needy people as possible. "The society started this initiative of providing monthly ration to needy people 55 months ago which continues till date without hindrance," they further said. They also thanked the donors for their constant support to the society in carrying out these projects.

Vardhman Yarns & Threads Ltd, Hoshiarpur in association with Dist, Police Official's, Hoshiarpur has organized an awareness programme on Cybercrimes & Road Safety for their employees at their factory Premises. The main Objective was to impart knowledge to the

Employees about the various issues related to cybercrime & hacking and to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of information and systems. The another grey area is Road safety & which can be improved by

haviour among current and prospective road users and reduce the number of people killed and injured on our roads every year. The awareness session on Cyber crime was taken by Sh. Subhash Bhagat, Sub-Inspector along with his team. On this occa-Vardhman Official's sion along with their staff were present. Subhash shared a valuable information about cybercrime and inform that cybercrime is an criminal activity in which a computer is used as a source, tool and target.

SUMER GARG SUNAM, JAN 12

Punjab Cabinet Minister, Mr. Aman Arora today formally launched the development works at a cost of about one and a half crore rupees with the aim of ensuring the availability of basic facilities in various government schools of Sunam assembly con-stituency (SAC). The minister said that special attention is being paid to provide the best education and health facilities to the citizens in SAC and major improvements will be seen in both these areas in the near future. Arora while laying the

foundation stone of two science labs to be built each at a cost of 11 lakh rupees at Govt Senior Secondary School Ubhawal & Namol said that every requirement of the government schools is being met, so that every student can get high with their hard work by getting quality education. He inaugurated the work by laying the foundation stone of 4 classrooms, science lab and boundary wall at Govern-ment Senior Secondary School Shahpur Kalan at a cost of Rs. 75 lakhs and 3 classrooms at Government Primary School Shahpur Kalan at a cost of Rs. 22.53 lakhs.

Civil Surgeon Dr Sangeeta Jain

inspects district hospital



BATHINDA, JAN 12

On the occasion of National Youth Day, commemorating the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. faculty members and students of the Central University of Punjab, led by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari, participated in the live telecast of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's address during the Viksit Bharat Youth Leaders Dialogue 2025. During his address, Prime Minister Modi emphasized Swami Vivekananda's belief in the power of youth, stating that Swamiji trusted the younger generation to solve challenges with courage and determination.

CU Punjab faculty and students participate in

PM Modi address during Viksit Bharat Youth

leaders dialogue 2025

The Prime Minister expressed his complete faith in Swamiji's vision, highlighting the transformative role of India's 'Yuva Shakti' (youth power) in shaping the nation's future. He described the Viksit Bharat Youth Leaders Dialogue as an inspiring platform that harnesses the energy and innovative spirit of young leaders to drive national progress.PM Modi further asserted that the strength of In-

dia's youth will be instrumental in making India a developed nation by 2047.

He called upon the younger generation to actively contribute to realizing the vision of Viksit Bharat by strengthening the nation economically, strate gically, socially, and cultural ly.On this occasion, Vice-Chan cellor Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari paid a floral tribute to Swami Vivekananda and reaffirmed the university's commitment to nurturing skilled and responsible citizens capable of contributing towards the realization of Viksit Bharat.

DAV centenary Public School Jagraon conducts career counselling fair

SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON, JAN 12

DAV Centenary Public School organized career counselling fair for the students. Giving detailed information about this, Shri Ved Vrat Plaha said that the fair was conducted to guide the students towards fulfilment of their future career goals. "Representatives from 19 universities guided the students and cleared their doubts as well.

The students were informed about their the best suited choice of subjects based on their interests," they added. Plaha further said that

in the career fair, representatives from I.D.P, I.I.L.M University, Chandigarh Universi-Parul University, Chandigarh Group of Colleges, Pearson P.T.I, Diet University Patiala, Toronto University, State

New York University, Chitkara University, MCT Punjab Wokson University, Language Sirt university, Gulzar group of industries, Wings Global, DAV University Jalandhar interacted with students and guided them accordingly. He also mentioned that it is the first time in Jagraon that first such fair has

been conducted.

American University, MOHALI, JAN 12

> Issues directions for providing quality health services to patients SAS Nagar, January 12: Civil Surgeon Dr. Sangeeta Jain paid a visit to District Hospital and reviewed health facilities and medical arrangements in the hospital. She inspected the records and availability of essential medicines and medical equipment and directed that a requisite stock of medicines should be

made available at all times.

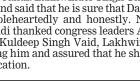
She also took stock of the cleanliness of the hospital including the emergency ward and instructed the officials to keep the entire hospital neat and clean. She also interacted with the patients. Dr Jain asked the entire staff including the doctors to accord full attention to the patients coming in emergency and start their examination and treatment immediately. She asked them to provide better health

facilities to the people visiting the government health institutions and the patients should not face any difficulty. The civil surgeon asked the doctors to prescribe only generic and other medicines which are available in the hospital pharmacy and not make patients buy medicines from private medical shops. Dr. Jain directed for more effective implementation of state and national health programs and schemes.

Congress leader Daljeet Singh Jandi appointed

as Gen Sec of party's SC department

JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR): Congress leader Daljeet Singh Jandi has been appointed as General Secretary of party's dis trict SC Department on the reference of Lakhwinder Singh Ghamnewal, Chairperson of Punjab state congress committee SC Wing Ludhiana (rural). SC Department Punjab Chairper son Kuldeep Singh Vaid issued the appointment letter to Dal jeet Singh Jandi. Lakhwinder Singh Ghamnewal congratulat ed Jandi and said that he is sure that Daljeet Singh Jandi shall work wholeheartedly and honestly. Newly elected Daljeet Singh Jandi thanked congress leaders Amarinder Singh Raja Warring, Kuldeep Singh Vaid, Lakhwinder Singh Ghanewal for trusting him and assured that he shall fulfill all his duties with dedication.





SSP Toora returns 26 lost mobile phones to rightful owner after recovery of 38

KAPURTHALA (ASHISHPURI): Based on reports of mobile phone thefts registered at the community centers over the past year, the Kapurthala District Police have successfully recovered 38 lost mobile phones and returned 26 to their rightful owners. This was confirmed



by SSP Kapurthala, Gaurav Toora, who today handed over the phones to their owners at the police line. SSP Toora stated that the mobile phone theft complaints had been filed by victims at various police sta-tions across the district. Based on these reports, police teams from different stations, with the help of the technical team under the supervision of Asi Charanjeet Singh managed to recover 38 mobile phones, some of which were recovered from other states. SSP Gaurav Toora also mentioned that today, 26 mobile phone owners were present at the police line to receive their phones. SSP Toora appealed to the public, urging that if anyone loses or has their mobile phone stolen, they should immediately report it to the concerned police station or community center so that timely action can be taken to recover the lost phones.

NEWS BRIEF

Convention of South Zone Council of junior engineers

PSEB in Patiala RAWEL BHINDER

PATIALA: A massive zonal convention of the South Zone of Council of Junior Engineers PSEB was held today at Sushil Palace, Datala wherein Leven pumber of Was neid today at Sushi Palace, Patiala, wherein, large number of JEs, AAEs and Promoted Engineers working under various circle units under South Zone respectively Patiala (Distribution Circle), Patiala Head Office, Ropar, Sangrur, Pample & Mobal Circle Barnala & Mohali Circles participated. This was informed to the press by Er. Vikas Gupta Secretary, South Zone of Council of JEs. Various Council leadership such as Er. Paramjit Singh State President, Er. Davinder Singh General Secretary, Er. Jaswant Rai Senior Vice President, Er. Chanchal kumar Finance Secretary, Er. Amandeep Jehlavi Office Secretary, Er. Gaurav Seth Chief Organization Secretary, Er. Kulwinder Singh Jhajj President South Zone & leaders of other circles such as Er. Sandeep Singh President Patiala, Er. Sultan Singh Secretary Patiala, Er. Karamji Singh President Sangrur, Er. Antpal Singh President Barnala, Er. Harjit Singh Secretary Ropar, Er. Bhupinder Singh & Er. Balwind Singh from Mohali participated in the Zonal Convention. Meanwhile Er. Paramjit Singh Khattra State President and Er. Davinder Singh State General Secretary & Er. Amandeep Jehlavi Office Secretary of JEs Council and other state leaders addressed the gathering

Farmer dies while protesting at Khanauri Morcha, govt

should give compensation to farmer's family

GURMAIL SINGH SANGATPURA LEHRAGAGA: There is news of the death of a farmer who had been camping for about 10 months in the farmers' march on the Khanauri



Faridkot district had been protesting at the Khanaur border for about 10 months. During the march, Jagga Singh's health deteriorated and he was admitted to Rajindra Hospital in Patiala, where he breathed his last.Farmer leaders have demanded that the government should give a compensation of Rs 10 lakh to the family of the deceased farr

Surinder Garg Mehraj becomes chairman of **Rampura Phul Veopar Mandal**

KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL: Surinder Garg Mehraj, a senior business leader of the local city, has been appointed



Jalandhar's newly elected AAP Mayor vows transparent governance and rapid development

PARAMJIT SINGH JALANDHAR, JAN 12

Vineet Dhir, the newly elected AAP Mayor of Jalandhar, addressed the media today in a press conference held at the Municipal Corporation headquarters. Accompanied by Senior Deputy Mayor Balbir Singh Bittu, Deputy Mayor Malkeet Singh, and municipal councillors, Dhir expressed gratitude to his team, the resilents of Jalandhar, and the leadership of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) for entrusting him with the responsibility of leading the city.

At the outset, Mayor Dhir thanked the party's national convener, Arvind Kejriwal, Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Bhagwant Singh Mann, Punjab AAP President Aman Arora, and other senior leaders including Dr Sandeep Pathak for their guidance and unwaver-

ing support. Highlighting his administration's priority, Dhir said, We are committed to a zerotolerance policy against corruption. Every penny allocated for Jalandhar's development will be spent transpar-



ently and effectively for the betterment of the city." He assured the public that strict measures would be taken to eliminate corruption from all levels of governance.

Mayor Vineet Dhir outlined his vision for transforming Jalandhar into a developed and sustainable city. Key focus areas include improved civic amenities: Resolving issues like sewage overflow, water shortages, and poor street lighting, Infrastructure Development: Repairing broken

roads and ensuring timely maintenance of existing infrastructure. Enhanced Revenue Generation: Streamlining revenue collection processes within the Municipal Corporation to strengthen the city's financial resources, Smart City Implementation: Accelerating ongoing Smart City projects with a clear timeline and ensuring proper utilization of allocated funds. "Our goal is to work day and night to ensure that Jalandhar becomes a benchmark for urban development,'

Dhir stated, adding that all departments have been instructed to prioritize efficiency and accountability. The mayor called upon the residents of Jalandhar to actively participate in the city's progress. "The development of Jalandhar is not just the responsibility of the Mayor, Deputy Mayors, or councilors. It is a collective duty that requires the cooperation of every citizen," he said. Dhir said that residents must also take ownership of keeping the city clean and beautiful.

Lead bank issues advisory on cyber fraud

LK BANSAL MOHALI, JAN 12

To make aware of the cyber crime and fraud, especially related to banking, the Lead District Bank, SAS Nagar, Punjab National Bank has issued an advisory to the general public. Divulging the details, District Lead Bank, Manager, M K Bhardwaj said that in today's tech-savvy world, the risk of being a victim of cyber crime is also higher

On a daily basis, we come across the news of different modus operandi used by Cyber Criminals, he added. "Now the onus of being aware is on all of us to remain alert and not to fall victims of these cyber criminals who are invisible and are roaming around all of us," said LDM Bhardwaj. Sharing tips to make hard-earned money protected. Bhardwai cautioned If we receive a phone call that TRAI/Telecom Department is going to disconnect your phone, do not respond. It is definitely a scam. Similarly, If someone has been called in the name of FedEx courier service or in the name of some other courier agency about a package and asked to press 1 or whatever, do not follow the instructions. It will also be a



scamsters' trick to cheat you Cautioning further, he said, If a police officer (pretending to be) calls you and talks to you that your Aadhaar has been used in illegal transactions, do not respond. It is also a scam. Similarly. If they tell you that you are under 'digital arrest', do not respond, apply your mind and try to inform your near or dear ones immediately.

If they say you can't tell anyone, do not listen to them. It is a scam to create fear in your mind. Inform Cyber Crime wing at 1930 immediately, said Lead District Manager Making aware of the frivolous phone call in the name of ED or CBI that creates fear in your mind that drugs have been discovered in some package meant for you or sent by you, do not respond. It is also a scam. If they contact you using WhatsApp message or WhatsApp call or SMS in the name of any bank or any agency, do not respond. It is a fraud. Further, If anyone calls you and tells you they have sent money to your UPI id by mistake and that they just want their monev back. do not respond. It is also a smart trick to cheat on you. He said, If someone says they want to buy your car of your washing machine or your sofa and say they are from the army or CRPF and show you their id card, do not respond. If is also a scam. If someone says they are calling from Swiggy or Zomato and need you to confirm your address by pressing 1 or anything else. do not re spond. It is a scam.

If they ask you to share OTP just to cancel the order or ride or whatever, do not re spond. It will also be definitely a scamsters' con. In any case do not share your OTP with anyone over the phone and never answer any calls on video mode. It is very much prone to the sextortion method used by criminals to make money by blackmailing the innocent persons. If confused simply switch off your phone and block that number. Never press on any link written in blue. It may be a scam.

Saurabh Behal holds key meeting with booth committee in ward 171 of Greater Kailash assembly



GURDASPUR (VERMA): Saurabh Behal held an important meeting with the Booth Committee in Ward 171 of the Greater Kailash Assembly Constituency in Delhi. The meeting was organized to discuss strategies for the upcoming elections and to strengthen the organizational framework. Party workers and members of the booth committee from various booths in the ward participated in the meeting. At the beginning of the meeting, Saurabh Behal clarified the party's ideology and objectives. He emphasized that the role of booth-level workers is crucial to ensuring a victory in the upcoming elections.

He urged the workers to increase their outreach in their respective areas, engage with the public, and understand their issues. Additionally, he discussed the importance of boosting the party's presence and activity at the booth level to ensure the message reaches every voter. Saurabh Behal also highlighted the party's social welfare schemes and mentioned that the party leadership has developed several important programs for the development and welfare of the people of Delhi.

Surjit Patar's birth anniversary

celebrated by people and writers

Special operations group seizes truck laden with 220 cases of illegal liquor

CHANDIGARH, JAN 12

Puniab Finance, Excise and Taxation Minister Advocate Harpal Singh Cheema announced today that the special operation group comprising the Mohali Excise team and Mohali Police intercepted a truck near Handesra. seizing 220 cases of liquor marked For Sale in Chandigarh Only." He said that this operation was part of a special campaign launched across the state over the past few days to tackle the persistent menace of illegal liquor smuggling from Chandigarh (U.T.).

Detailing the operation, the Excise and Taxation Minister Harpal Singh Cheema revealed that this seizure is one of six major instances in recent times where liquor was being smuggled into Punjab from Chandigarh. He stated



FIR No. 01 dated that 11.01.2025 has been registered under Sections 61(1)(14) and 78(2) of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, at Police Station Handesra. Additionally, six more FIRs have been registered in different police stations of Mohali district in connection with other cases of liquor smuggling from Chandigarh, resulting in the seizure of 42

of various liquor brands. Minister Cheema further stated that, in the current financial year up to 31.12.2024, 114 FIRs related to Chandigarh liquor smuggling have been registered, with a recovery of 30,096 liquor bottles in these cases

He emphasized that both the Excise Department and Punjab Police are adopting a zero-tolerance policy towards liquor smuggling. "The ongo-ing campaign will be further intensified with continued cooperation from Punjab Police, and strict legal action will be taken against anyone involved in liquor smuggling", he added.

Finance Minister Harpal Singh stressed that liquor smuggling is illegal, a punishable offence, and detrimental to the State's revenue under the Punjab Excise Act, 1914.

3300 candidates appear in entrance exam for 15th course at MRSAFPI; 48 to be selected for training



CHANDIGARH: As many as 3329 candidates, on Sunday, ap peared in the entrance exam for the 15th course to be commenced at the prestigious the Maharaja Ranjit Singh Armed Forces Preparatory Institute (MRSAFPI), SAS Nagar (Mohali) A record number of boys (4128) have registered themselves for the entrance test this year. This response has been largely due to the concerted efforts of the Chief Minister S. Bhagwan Singh Mann led Punjab Government and high success rate of the Institute. Notably, the Institute is being run by the Depart ment of Employment Generation, Skill Development and Training headed by Cabinet Minister Mr. Aman Arora.

Director of MRSAFPI Major General (Retd.) Ajay H Chauhan, VSM, conducted surprise inspection at a examina tion centre set up at School of Eminence, Phase-3B1, Mohali

Thousands of people bless newborn daughters during Lohri festival

53 people donate blood at camp organised at Body Temple GYM, Sirhind

border over farmers' demands According to the received, farmer Jagga Singh S/o Darwara Singh of

Godara village of

president o Rampura Flower Chamber of ommerce, said that Surinde Mehrai is a senior business leade and has always stood by the business class in their ups and downs. Bitta said that making Surinder Garg the chairman will strengthen the Rampura Phul Board of Trade. Surinder Mehrai thanked the state president Amit Kapoor and all traders for his appointment and said that he will do all possible efforts to solve the problems of the traders along with the entire team of Rampura Phul Trade Board.

Rainfall, increasing cold will benefit rabi crops including wheat crop: CAO



JS GILL JAITU: The rains in the month of January during the current Rabi season have increased the cold due to which the change in the weather will prove beneficial for the Rabi crops including the wheat crop. Talking to the farmers after inspecting the wheat crop cultivated with Happy Seeder by farmer Mahavir Singh in village Jhakharwal, Dr. Amrik Singh, Chief Agriculture Officer, said that during the inspection conducted in various villages, it has been seen that the condition of wheat cultivated without burning or baling the paddy stubble is very good and it is hoped that the yield will also be good. He said that this time due to high temperature in November, the pink stem borer has damaged the wheat crop in many villages, but now due to cold weather the pink stem borer is not damaging the wheat crop because at this time the pink stem borer has gone into a dormant state. He said that at this time the pink stem borer is residing in the roots of the wheat crop, seeing which the farmers should not panic. He said that in the fields where wheat has been cultivated by storing paddy straw in the field. After applying the first installment of urea in those fields, 15 percent urea solution of 200 of water should be sprayed after 45 days of wheat growth and

again after a week of spraying.



KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA, JAN 12

Salam Kafla organized a program dedicated to the birth anniversary of late Punjabi poet Surjit Patar. Active workers of Jan Adhikar Movement and people-oriented writers and artists participated in this unique program organized at

Tarksheel Bhawan, Barnala. In this program, while there was a serious discussion on the importance of Surjit Patar's literary works, people thoroughly enjoyed also Patar's songs and ghazals. In the first session of the pro-



of Dr. Sukhdev Singh Sirsa, Dr. Parminder Singh, Dr. Surjit Singh and Mrs. Bhupinder Kaur Patar.

The stage was conducted by Amolak Singh. In this program, prominent Punjabi playwright Dr. Swarajbir identified the thoughts, concerns and troubles of the late poet by referring to Surjit Patar's poetry and termed Surjit Patar as 'Sur Punjab', who wrote a poem representing the sorrows, pain, desires and aspirations of the people of Punjab in different periods.

founder president Romesh

Mahajan set up in a beautiful

and modern building with ul-

tra modern facilities. The tour

was graciously sponsored by

Sh. Himanshu Aggarwal,

Deputy Commissioner of Ja-

landhar previously Deputy

Commissioner Gurdaspur re-

membering his earlier prom-

ise made to these children to

take them to this great educa-

tional place. Their visit to

pushpa Gujral Science City in

Kapurthala, a world-class

center that will enhance their

knowledge and understand-

ing of science.



KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA, JAN 12

Various organizations celebrated the 18th plastic-free Lohri festival of newborn daughters dedicated to the warm and sweet memory of their daughter Anya Sood under the patronage of the chief patron Neeraj Bala Dania and Pvara Lal Raisar Wale.

Member of Parliament Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer, who arrived on the occasion, congratulated the organizers of the Lohri festival and the

mothers of newborn daughters and appreciated the effort to celebrate Lohri of daughters. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Kuldeep Singh Kala Dhillon said that by celebrating Lohri of newborn daughters, this is a commendable effort to make the society aware against female foeticide taking place in the society. Famous Punjab businessman Sachin Sood, his wife Ranju Sood and son Anch Sood, who specially arrived at this program, congratulated the mothers of new-

AJAY MALHOTRA FATEHGARH SAHIB, JAN 12

Successful blood donation camp was held today at Body Temple Gym, Sirhind, with the participation of 53 donors who came forward to contribute to this noble cause.

The camp was organized with the objective of motivating youth and fostering a sense of social responsibility within the community.The event was graced by S. Lakhvir Singh Rai, MLA Fatehgarh Sahib, as the Chief Guest, and Mr. Ravi Kumar, Mr. India and Mr. Olympia, as the Guest of Honour. Other notable attendees included Dr. Hitender Suri, MD Rana Group, Mr. Vishal Verma, Mr. Viney Gupta, Mr. Shekhar Bither, Karan Gupta, Suresh Kumar, Gurpreet Singh, Mohit, Parwinder,



Karan, Rohit Thukral, and Parminder Singh, Sunil Kumar. Tanu Kapila, Dhanvi.The camp saw an overwhelming response, with 53 units of blood donated by selfless individuals, highlighting the importance of collective efforts in saving lives and promoting health in society. Surinder Kumar, owner of Body Temple Gym, extended his heartfelt grati-

the tude to all esteemed guests, donors, and volunteers for their participation, which made the event a grand success. He emphasized the need for youth engagement in such initiatives to build a responsible and compassionate society. The event concluded with a commitment to organize more such camps in the future to support healthcare

It's about how much love and care we put into giving to underprivileged children: Mahajan



VERMA GURDASPUR, JAN 12

Educational Tour for 35 Children studying at Preliminary Education Study Centre, Maan Kaur Slum Area, Gurdaspur at Pushpa Gujral Science City, Kapurthala

A significant step towards enhancing the educational opportunities for underprivileged children from the families living in the slum areas. An educational tour for 35 children from the Preliminary Education Study Centre was entirely financed by its

Arora lays foundation stone of state fourth zonal drug warehouse

born daughters

of Lohri, Punjab Cabinet Minister Mr. Aman Arora has given another important gift to the the foundation stone of the zonal drug warehouse to be built in hospital here with a cost of Rs.3.68 crore.

In his address, Mr. Arora said that the construction of this warehouse will not only solve the shortage of medicines in the government hospitals of Sangrur and nearby districts will also be removed forever. He further said that it will be a big store where all types of medicines worth Rs 15 to 18 crore will be available at all times and these medicines will be supplied from here as per the requirement of the districts. He added



that this is the fourth zonal drug warehouse of Punjab, which will prove to be a means of bringing a big revolution in the health sector. The Minister said that the Aam Aadmi Party-led Punjab government is drawing up projects in a systematic manner, giving priority to the larger public interests in the field of health and education in the state. He said that sometimes there are cases that due to lack of medicines in government health institutions, people have to buy medicines from private chemist shops at expensive prices and the construction of this zonal drug warehouse will get rid of such problems forever and the needy people feel great relief. On the occasion of the foundation stone ceremony of Zonal Drug Warehouse, SMO of civil hospital, Dr. Sanjay Kamra, while thanking the Cabinet Minister Mr. Aman Arora and the Punjab Government said that even before this, Mr. Aman Arora has successfully implemented many pro-people proj-ects including a new OPD block and blood bank in the civil hospital.

Partap World School student selected for Pariksha Pe Charcha 2025 with Narinder Modi



SHARANJEET PATHANKOT, JAN 12

Shiven Rajput, a brilliant 11th standard student of Partap World School Pathankot, has been selected for the prestigious interactive program Pariksha Pe Charcha with the Prime Minister of India. Narinder Modi. Shiven is the only student from Pathankot district who has got this extraordinary opportunity.

Organized by the Government of India, the program is a platform where students from across the country interact

with the Prime Minister on exam stress, academic challenges and overall develop ment. Shiven's travel and stay in New Delhi will be borne by the Government of India. Par tap World School Director Sunny Mahajan and Principal Subra Rani congratulated Shiven's mother on this golden occasion and congratulated Shiven on this memorable trip to Delhi. Director Sunny Ma hajan said that Shiven's selec tion is a matter of pride not only for Partap World School but for the entire Pathankot district.

SUMER GARG SUNAM, JAN 12

On the occasion of the holy day residents of Sunam by laying the premises of the local civil

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Temperature dropped further due to biting cold and winds

SANAJYAGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA: Fresh snowfall has been continuing on the Dhauladhar mountain range in Kangra district since late Saturday evening. Due to which the temperature has also dropped significantly and there is biting cold in the area. Dark clouds remained in the sky on Sunday morning as well and continuous rain continued in the upper areas of the entire Kangra district, while the local people remained huddled in their

homes due to heavy rain in the upper areas adioining Dharamshala, Bhagsunag McLeodganj, Naddi, Satovari etc. While the markets opened late due to increasing cold in Dharamshala, there was silence in the markets throughout the day due to cold. There is an intense cold wave on Sunday and the minimum temperature in many parts adjoining the Dhauladhar mountains reached below 0 degrees Celsius. Due to rain and dense fog,

hills Tourists of the area are eagerly waiting f snowfall in the city. In areas like Naddi Dharamkot, Bhagsunag and McLeodganj, the min mum temperature has dropped to minus one degree Celsius, while the day temperature remains around four to five degrees Celsius. Apart from this the work of collecting orange and kinnow crop is also being done in the lower areas of Kangra district Nurpur, Indora, Ganoth etc.

NEWS BRIEF

Kuldeep Sharma unveils "Meri Sahibue" folk song by Manoj Gandharv

SHIMLA: The renowned Nati King of Himachal Pradesh, Kuldeep Sharma, today unveiled the folk song "Meri Sahibue," sung by Dr. Manoj Gandharv. The song's lyrics and tune were penned by Bablu Bobby while Raieev Negi composed the music. The direction and videography were handled by Manni Chaudhary The unveiling event saw the presence of Dr. Manoj Gandharv's parents, who were there to support the launch. In the music video, Dr. Gandharv's wife, Dimple Gandharv, played the role of the model, with Vivek Kaushal and Neelam Kumar also making appearances

Bhagwat Katha concluded at Baba Beli Ram Dera Patka Kotla Kalan



KISHORI LAL BAINS

UNA: Bhagwat Katha was conducted at Baba Beli Ram Dera Patka Kotla Kalan on Sunday today. This Bhagwat Katha was started from January 6. This Katha was done by National Saint Baba Bal J Maharaj. It is worth mentioning that this katha organizes every year in January month at this Dera, And Langar Bhandara was also organized everyday after the Katha for the sangat

Day-Boarding School in Amlehar, Nadaun DINESH AGARWAI SHIMLA: Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today laid the foundation stone of Rajiv Gandhi Day-Boarding School to be built at a cost of

Rs. 25 crore on 125 kanal land in Amlehar of Nadaun Assembly Constituency. He directed the officers to prepare the primary wing of this school within a year, which will also have modern sports facilities.

The Chief Minister said that the state government is going to make big changes in the field of education in the coming time. He said that the state government is considering creating three separate directorates of education. These directorates would be for preprimary to class second, class third to twelfth and for



CM lays foundation stone of Rajiv Gandhi

comingtime

He said that through Rajiv Gandhi Day-Boarding School, the present government has started an immense change in the field of education. Construction work of Rajiv Gandhi Day-Boarding Schools has been started in 10 assembly constituencies in the state. undergraduate classes. The He said, "It is the vision of the state government will take a state government to provide decision on this matter in the quality education to the

children studving in government schools in rural areas. For this purpose, the state government is opening Rajiv Gandhi Dav-Boarding Schools in a phased manner in every assembly constituency, where all the modern facilities will be available under one roof, so that students could face the challenges of life with confidence. I am personally looking after the

construction of these schools. The Chief Minister said that the previous BJP

government opened 600 schools without making proper provision for staff. Therefore, our government decided that these schools will not be opened until provision for adequate staff is made. He said that due to the policies of the previous BJP government, the quality

of education had declined and Himachal Pradesh had reached 21st position in the country. He said that the state government has sanctioned 11,833 posts in the education department in the last two years. As many as 3,196 TGT, JBT and C&V teachers have been appointed and the process of filling other posts is underway through the State Selection Commission. He said that the state government is recruiting 6,297 Early Childhood Care Education Tutors, 5,291 TGT, Shastri and JBT as well as 245Special Educators.

Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that the state government is strengthening the rural economy. For this, the state government has started procurement of cow milk at the rate of Rs. 45 and buffalo milk at the rate of Rs. 55 per litre

CM lays foundation stone of bridge to connect remote areas of three districts



HAMIRPUR: Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today laid the foundation stone of the bridge to be built on Maseh Khad at a cost of Rs. 5.11 crore.

This bridge will connect the remote areas of Nadaun Assembly constituency and Jaswan Pragpur Assembly constituency of Kangra district, the construction of which will benefit the people of three districts of the state Hamirpur. Una and Kangra. The construction of this bridge will provide facilities to about 10 thousand people of four Gram Panchayats of Nadaun, two Gram Panchayats of Una and six Panchayats of Kangra district. The people of the area had been demanding the construction of this bridge since 1970, which has been fulfilled by the present state government.

With the construction of this bridge, the distance between Nadaun and Bangana will be reduced by about 7.50 km and the distance between Nadaun-Peer Saluhi will be reduced by about 6 km.

The Chief Minister congratulated the people of the area for this bridge and said that this bridge will be constructed within a period of one year, which will benefit the public.

He said that the road of the village will also be paved. He said that the state government is ensuring uniform development of the entire state, so that the public is benefitted. He said that the people of the village Nauri met him several times with the demand to build this bridge.

Himachal Transport Retired Employees will not celebrate Lohri as they did not get their pension



SANJEEVMAHAJAN NURPUR: Monthly meeting of Himachal Retired Employees Welfare Forum Nurpur Zone was held in Jasoor under the chairmanship of State President Kripal Pathania. Chairman Valram Puri, District Treasurer Sansar Chand, Press Secretary Sham Singh, District Executive President Joginder Singh were specially present in meeting. During meeting, all retired employees expressed their anger towards

transport pensioners were kept in abeyance. Therefore, transport pensioners were forced to celebrate it as a black Diwali. Similarly, this time they are being forced to celebrate Lohri festival as a blackLahodi.Reasonforthis is not getting pension till now. Retired transport employees are facing a serious financial crisis and now everyone is

losing hope. Pensioners have not received their medical bills for two years and financial benefits of Jan 1, 2016 have not been released. It has been decided in meeting that a concrete policy should be made to surround government in state level meeting to be held next month and a plan should be made to launch a very big movement.

Valveer Singh Rana took

NTPC Koldam Inaugurates Winter Session of Balika Sashaktikaran Abhiyan 2024, Empowering Young Minds

AJAY UPADHYAY

BILASPUR: The NTPC Koldam Hydro Power Station inaugurated the winter followup session of the Balika Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (BSA) batch 2024. This annual initiative, part of NTPC's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities, aims to empower young girls through education, skill development, and value-based training.

The week-long workshop, continue to January 15, 2025, serves as a follow-up for girls who participated in the 2024 BSA program. The event was graced by the presence of Project Head Subhash Thakur. President of Sangini Sangh Rekha Thakur, Additional General Manager (HR) Umesh Kumar, Senior Manager (CSR) Dr. Anjula Agarwal, and other



seniorofficials.

In his inaugural address, Subhash Thakur commended the girls for their enthusiasm and commitment, emphasizing the importance of confidence, perseverance, and skillbuilding. "Our mission is to prepare these young minds to face future challenges with resilience and determination,' hesaid.

This year, 45 girls from eleven government schools in project-affected villages across the districts of Mandi, Bilaspur,

and Solan are participating The schools include Salapad, Batwara, Sanihan, and Kasol, amongothers.

President of Sangini Sangh, Rekha Thakur, highlighted the diverse and enriching schedule of the program, which includes studies. value-education. sports, music, and creative arts. "Our goal is to nurture wellrounded individuals with strong moral values and the confidence to soar high in life," sheremarked

National Sanatan Dharma Raksha Manch meeting concludes

AVINASH CHAUHAN

AMB: The meeting of Rashtriya Sanatan Dharma Raksha Manch Mandal Chintpurn was held in Ambedkar Bhawan Amb under the chairmanship of Mandal President Prabhat Singh Jamwal of the Manch. In which Himachal Pradesh in-charge Narendra Singh Rana and District Una Vice President Jarnail Singh were specially present. It was discussed on behalf of the Manch that the Manch will work with the government and administration for the protection of religious places, cow and the

welfare of the Hindu society. The Manch expressed concern that our youth are falling into the quagmire of drugs and will try to get them rid of the habit of drugs. In this meeting the General Secretary of the Forum Mohan Lal Dutta, Vice President Pradeep Kumar, Treasurer PD Sharma, Ashwini Rana Secretary Surjeet Singh



Lambardar, Sumanesh Sharma, Pradeep Dadwal, Women President Seema Gauswami, Vikas Sharma, Advocate Anil Sharma and Prakash Sharma, Ashwin Kumar from Charudu, Ram Swaroop, Nirmal Singh from Naihariyan, Pawan Kumar Sharma from Thathal, Tilak Raj from Chak, Bhupendra Singh from Seri, Ashwini Kumar from Bhaira, Satpal Singh, Sandeep Joshi, Shiv Singh from Chaksarai, Vijay Kumari from Amb, Anu Rana, Naresh Rani, Sudesh Sharma Reena Thakur etc were present.

Microtek Plant Head and employee attacked

All Himachal muslim organization calls for Waqf Young should set his goal by staying

government and corporation management for neglect being done with retired Transport Employees. Even after January 12, retired transport employees have not received their pension for month of

December. Along with this, on last Diwali festival, Transport Minister of State Government and Chief Minister Didora kept on saying that pension of October 28 will be credited to retired transport employees on lines of other departments.

But despite being told.

away from drugs: Raghav Thakur



AVINASH CHAUHAN

AMB: Himachal Pradesh Youth Congress Secretary Raghav Thakur inaugurated the cricket tournament organized by Yuvak Mandal Bhaira by attending it as the chief guest. Raghav Thakur inspired the youth to stay away from drugs and participate in as many sports as possible. He donated Rs. 11000/- to the committee members for organizing the tournament. The Yuvak Mandal members gave a grand welcome to Raghav Thakur. Around 16 teams are participating in this tournament. The first match was played between Galua and Nangal Khurd. The Galua team scored 40 runs in four overs. Chasing the target, the Nangal Khurd team won the match by scoring 41 runs in 3.4 overs. On this occasion, Yuvak Mandal members Balveer Punni, Adarsh Dhillon, Aman Dhillon, Govind, Sandy, Rahul Dhillon, Narendra, etc were present

Board and Haj committee in Himachal Pradesh

AJAY UPADHYAY

BILASPUR: The All Himachal Muslim Organization held a meeting at Jama Masjid Bilaspur, followed by a press conference at Circuit House, where President Nazakat Ali Hashmi addressed key issues affecting the Muslim community. Hashmi strongly condemned the recent attempts by certain groups to spread misconceptions about the community and vowed to work towards maintaining peace and harmony in the state.

Hashmi presented a fourpoint demand to Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu, emphasizing the need for the formation of a Waqf Board and a Haj Committee.

He stated that a State Hai Committee would provide crucial assistance to pilgrims with documentation and vaccination at the Delhi embarkation point without imposing any financial burden on the government. He also highlighted the

mismanagement of properties

under the Waqf Board, stressing the need for its formation to address revenue errors and present accurate records of mosques, graveyards, and dargahs. Hashmi called on the government to instruct District Magistrates and revenue departments to

properly motivate and documentWaqfproperties.

Additionally, he urged the government to form districtlevel committees under the 15point minority welfare program, involving prominent community members to resolve local issues effectively.

The organization reaffirmed its commitment to upholding brotherhood and ensuring the peaceful coexistence of all communities in Himachal Pradesh. Hashmi emphasized that these measures would not only address community-specific concerns but also contribute to the state's overall harmony and development.

by unknown assailants with sharp weapons

SHANTI GAUTAM

BADDI: In a shocking incident in the industrial area of Baddi unidentified individuals attacked the plant head and an employee of Microtek, a battery manufacturing company, with sharp weapons. The incident occurred in the Katha region under the Baddi police jurisdiction. As the plant head, Bhushan Goyal, exited the premises in his Creta car a white Alto without a registration number and a bike followed him. When he reached near the Coca-Cola facility in Katha, masked individuals armed with weapons stopped his car. Wearing helmets and masks, the assailants signaled him to exit the vehicle. However, Goyal remained inside, prompting the attackers to begin smashing the car windows. Meanwhile, Aman, an employee returning from his shift, noticed the commotion and attempted to intervene. One of the attackers struck Aman with a sharp weapon before fleeing the scene. Goyal immediately reported the incident to the SP office, and the police were called to the site. Aman, who sustained injuries, was rushed to Gagan Hospital. where he is currently undergoing treatment. Expressing his ordeal Aman termed the attack a life-threatening act and emphasized the need for swift action to curb such lawlessness in the region. SP Baddi, Vinod Dhiman, confirmed receiving the complaint and assured that police are using CCTV footage to identify the culprits. Statements from the victims are being recorded, and efforts are underway to apprehend the attackers at the earliest.

BJYM celebrates National Youth Day, guided by Siddharthan and Bhardwaj

DINESHAGARWAL SHIMLA: The BJP Yuva Morcha(BJYM)DistrictShimla unit celebrated National Youth Day at Dwipkamal, Chakkar. The event saw the presence of prominent leaders, including **BJP State Organization General** Secretary Siddharthan, former minister and state president Suresh Bhardwaj, vice president Sanjeev Katwal, treasurer Kamaljeet Sood, media in-charge Karn Nanda, district president Keshav Chauhan, senior leaders Ganesh Dutt and Rupa Sharma. The program was presided over by BJYM District President Hanish Chopra

Addressing the gathering, Siddharthan emphasized the significance of National Youth Day, celebrated annually on January 12 to honor Swami Vivekananda's birth



anniversary. He noted that this becoming a developed nation by day is dedicated to spreading 2047. He discussed Prime Swami Vivekananda's ideals Minister Narendra Modi's and inspiring the youth to vision of engaging one lakh embrace national unity, social young leaders in politics through the 'Viksit Bharat Yuva harmony, and service to the Neta Samvad 2025.' Bhardwaj nation. He highlighted the role of described the initiative as a this occasion in providing a platform for the youth to express campaign for youth empowerment and leadership themselves and understand their responsibilities in shaping development, aligning with the aprogressive society. vision of a developed India.

Suresh Bhardwaj Reflecting on Swami Vivekananda's legacy, elaborated on the critical role of Bhardwaj recalled his iconic youth in India's journey toward

speeches, particularly the one delivered in Chicago, which earned global acclaim and showcased India's timeless spiritual and intellectual heritage. He urged the youth to draw inspiration from Swami Vivekananda's teachings, which encourage perseverance and determination even in challengingtimes.

The event concluded with enthusiastic participation from BJYM members, including Akshay Bharmauri, Pyar Singh Kanwar, Sushil Rathore, Kusum Sadret, Gaurav Kashyap, Surya Mehta. Abhimanyu Sharma, Mandal President Shivani, Yashpal, Sanjeev Chauhan, Rahul Thakur, Gagan Lakhanpal, Rajesh Sharda, Rohit Thakur, Sushil Chauhan, Siddharth Mehta, Vikas, and Jitendra, amongothers.

NURPUR: The Swami Vivekananda General Knowledge Competition awards ceremony, organized by the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) Dehri unit, was held today at Wazir Ram Singh Pathania Government College, Dehri, in Kangra district. The event marked the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda and witnessed the presence of MP Rajeev Bhardwaj from the Kangra-Chamba parliamentary constituency as the chief guest, along with Aditya Takiar, National Minister of ABVP, as the special guest.

ABVP Himachal Pradesh

Swami Vivekananda general knowledge **Competition awards ceremony held in Dehri**

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highlighted ABVP's role as a

student organization

dedicated to addressing

student issues at the state and

national levels. He emphasized

the importance of student

organizations in producing

future leaders and remarked

that a true student leader is one

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annually for students from grades 9 to 12, attracting thousands of participants from across the state. The state-level awards ceremony for the 2024 competition concluded today attheDehricollege.

MP Rajeev Bhardwaj

who fights for the rights and interests of fellow students.

Special guest Aditya Takiar underscored the significance of the Swami Vivekananda General Knowledge Competition as a flagship state-level event of ABVP Himachal Pradesh, held annually. He noted that from January 12 to January 23,

ABVP celebrates Yuva Pakhwada (Youth Fortnight) across India with various creative and cultural programs. The Dehri unit and the organizational district of Nurpur were lauded for their efforts in successfully hosting today's state-level event.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Cancer related checkup and treatment camp will be held in Ladwa on **January 14**

LADWA (VIJAY KAUSH-IK): SMO Dr Krishnakant of Community Health Center Ladwa informed that on January 14 from 10 am to 3:30 pm, a seminar will be organized in the Community Health Center premises for cancer related diseases in collaboration with Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute, Delhi. A mega medical camp will be or-ganized for the examination and treatment of children. It will be inaugurated by Suman Saini, Vice President of Haryana State Child Welfare Council and wife of Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini. SMO Dr Krishnakant said that in this camp especially Dr Shashi Raheja gynecologist, Dr Vivek Shukla CMO

infectious disease specialist and Dr Brijesh oral surgeon along with doctors and staff of local hospital will be present. He said that in this free camp, blood pressure, sugar. breast clinical test.

'Global Haryanvi' portal created for NRI residents : CM

BUREAU CHANDIGARH: The Chief Minister said a portal 'Global Haryanvi' has been created for those Harvanvis who are settled in other countries but their families are here. They can get help by sharing their problems related to land, property, any kind of dispute in the family or opportunities to invest in the state on the portal.

The Chief Minister informed that to provide better employment opportunities to the youth in the private sector, the government has started the work of providing practical training by partnering with about 258 industries under the 'Dual System of Training'. The Chief Minister said the

aim of the state government is that by the year 2030, every youth of the state should be skilled and financially prosperous. To achieve this goal, effec-tive steps have been taken like NSQF in schools, 'Pahal Yojana' in colleges, incubation centres in universities and MoUs with industries for training as per their need in technical institutes.



cluded in the annual sports cal-

endar of the state. The Sports

Department will organize these

equipment will be given for 8

notified sports. These sports in-

clude volleyball, football, basket-

ball, handball, boxing, wrestling,

judo and cricket. Every year, the

Sports Department will organize

two adventure sport camps for

announced that at least one ITI

will be opened in every block of

Haryana. Out of 142 blocks in the

state, there are 26 blocks where

Sh. Nayab Singh Saini also

The Chief Minister said free

games every year.

vouth clubs.

He also asked the youth to participate in politics. He said Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi has called upon the youth of the country that they should come forward in active politics because the coming time belongs to the youth.

Making several announcements for the youth on this occasion, the Chief Minister said the state government provides free sports equipment under the 'Haryana Khel Upkaran Pravdhan Yojana, 2024-25', and now youth clubs will also be included in this scheme. In future, 'Inter Youth Club Games' will be inproposal to open new govern-ment ITIs in 6 blocks has already been approved and the construction of buildings is in process. ITIs will also be opened in the remaining 20 blocks which will cost Rs 400 crore. The Chief Minister also said the government will bear the

expenses of making the youth learn foreign languages and getting these certified from the concerned agency. He said the government is starting the Hartron Advanced Skill Centre project. Under this, 87 Advanced Skill Centres will be opened in the first year. These centres will provide NSQF recognized certificates. This will enable the youth to get trained in nationally and internationally recognized

there is no ITI. Out of these, the

skills. He said earlier Hartron's skill centres were mainly opened at the district level but now, these will also be opened at sub-divisions and rural develop ment blocks. These will provide advanced training in emerging technologies like Artificial Intelligence, Cyber Security and Block Chain.



Swami Vivekananda is a symbol of

Indian culture, spirituality and

humanity: Ram Kumar Kashyap

MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI, JAN 12

MLA and Chief Whip Haryana Government Ram Kumar Kashyap said that Swami Vivekananda was a symbol of Indian culture, spirituality and humanity. His life and his thoughts became a source of inspiration in the whole world. He taught the youth the importance of education. He taught the principle of Karmayoga. His thoughts inspired the youth to maintain positive thinking even in difficult situations. Swami Vivekananda's life and his thoughts inspired the youth even today.

Mr Ram Kumar Kashyap was speaking at the inauguration program of indoor gym in village Rasoolpur of Indri on Sunday. In the program, Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini joined the state level youth function organized in Panchkula through video conferencing and inaugurated six indoor gyms in Indri.

MLA Ram Kumar Kashyap said that it was a day of great happiness for the constituency. Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini has today gifted an indoor gym to Indri. This gym will prove to be a lifesaver for the youth. This

gym will help in proving the physical capabil-ities of young children. These will prove to be effective. Along with the youth, women and the elderly should also come to these gyms and exercise. He said that today's life was very busy they all must exercise for at least half an hour to stay healthy. By doing this, diseases can be treated. Only a healthy person can contribute in taking the society and the country forward.

Addiction is a curse for society: Ram Kumar

MLA Ram Kumar Kashyap said that drug addiction was a curse for the society. Today every person needed to pay attention to his family Along with this, it was the duty of everyone that the police and administration should take action against those who promoted drug addiction in the society. He said that when the common man contributed, evils like drug addiction can be controlled. On this occasion, CEO Zila Parishad Gaurav, BDPO Gurmalkh Singh, BJP leader Mahendra Panjokhra, Subhash Kheda, Balveer Saini and others were present.

Sixth-day of NSS camp concludes with a positive note



RAHUL KOHLI

YAMUNANAGAR: The sixth day of NSS camp was celebrated with great enthusiasm and inspiration on Sunday at Sanatan Dharma Senior Secondary School, Jaga dhari. Various activities were organ ized on this occasion which not only made the students and volunteers aware but also contributed to their personality development.

Special guest Dr. Bahadur Sin gh Hindi Professor of Maharaja Agrasen College, mesmerized the audience with his poetic style and effective speech. His Hindi speech not only entertained but also gave important messages of life.

Lohri festival with pomp

safe use of the Internet. A speech competition was

School professor Mr. Sanjeev Verma shed light on the importance and use of NSS scarf. He said that this scarf was a symbol of service, dedication and discipline. Physics department professor Gurvinder Singh spread awareness among the students on the growing threat of cybercrime. Also encouraged to

also organized to mark the Youth Day, in which the volunteers participated enthusiastically. Their presentation inspired and motivated the audience. At the end of the program, an inspirational film was shown to the students

Lohri and Makar Sankranti are festivals of change: Swami Muktananda

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, JAN 12

Before Lohri and Makar Sankranti, a havan and satsang was organized at the Geeta Mandir in Sector 13 on Sunday. On this occasion, hundreds of people offered sacrifices in the Havan. On this occasion, Geeta Manishi Mahamandaleshwar Swami Muktanandji Maharaj and Kurukshetra Judge Neelima Sangla were also present. Social worker and head of Gita Mandir Management Trust Kailash Chandra Gupta was present on this occasion. Shri Ĝita was recited and Vishnu Sahasranama was also recited. Swami Muktanand ji was also present on this occasion. Maharaj said that this year's Lohri and Makar Sankranti were important and historic in many ways. This year Maha Kumbh began in Prayag Raj. Apart from this, Lord Ram's temple in Sri Ayodhya has completed one year.

He said that Makar Sankranti was the festival of change. Bhishma Pitamah had passed away on



this day. He said that today was the day of change. It was also called Sandhikaal. He also blessed everyone.

On this occasion, everyone also offered sesame seeds, jaggery, peanuts and gajak in the havan. On this occasion, social worker Kailash Chandra Gupta said that everyone should celebrate the festival together. He said that times were changing.

Ram Rajya has come in the country. He said that this time a unique enthusiasm was visible among the people. Everyone wished well to all. On this occasion the priest of Pan Mandir also gave information about Lohri. He said that this festival was very popular in India. It was dedicated our daughters. We should pledge to protect our daughters on this day.

Sonu becomes head of **Broker Association Cheeka**



RAJPAL JINDAL

GUHLA CHEEKA: A meeting of the Broker Association was held at the Grain Market Cheeka on Sunday which was chaired by senior broker Rahul Mittal. In the meeting, Sonu Prajapati was elected the president of the Rice Brokers Association. On this occasion, Lalit and many other brokers including Jindal, Jassi Prajapat, Soni, Abhishek, Arun, Rajesh Sharma, Anshul, Mukesh Bhagal, Summi, Keshi Pal and Deepak were also present.

Kalash Sthapana organized in the Khatu Shyam temple being built in Bhagal



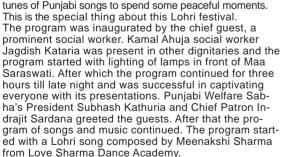
Bus journey started from Karnal with the slogan of Jai Shri Shyam

KAITHAL: Punjabi Welfare Sabha organized Lohri festival amidst the melodies of Punjabi songs, music and dance on Sunday. The warmth of Punjabi and Punjabi culture was seen in this program where Punjabi dance was in full swing around the Lohri bonfire, while the special feature of the festi

Punjabi Welfare Sabha celebrated

val was the Giles. People were seen hugging each other forgetting their grievances. In the program, people danced to the wonderful perfor mances of the children and the

RANVIR PARASHAR



numan Temple Shri Khatu Shyam Dham. The bus was flagged off from Kheda Chowk situated on Mughal Canal. The committee members performed the Puja rituals and started the bus journey by breaking a coconut. A large number of devotees participated in this journey. On this occasion, the committee president Pramod Mangala said that in this Kaliyug, Shyam Baba was very kind to his devotees. Shyam Baba protected them by becoming their supporter. Whoever remembered Baba Shyam with

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL JAN 12

On behalf of Shri Shyam Balaji Darshan Seva Samiti, a bus with devotees left for Delhi Khatu Shyam Dham, Mehandipur Balaji, Jaipur Ha-



a true heart, Baba Shyam fulfilled all their wishes

Pramod Mangala said that a bus tour was arranged every month by Shri Shyam Balaji Darshan Seva Samiti. For the past seven years, dev-otees are being selflessly tak-en on pilgrimages to Shri Khatu Shyam Dham, Mehandipur Balaji Dham, Vrindavan and other Dhams. This

time the bus journey left for Delhi Khatu Shyam Dham, Mehandipur Balaji, Jaipur Hanuman Temple, Shri Khatu Shyam Dham. The chief servant of the committee, Vikas Garg, said that every month the religious journev of the devotees was organized by Shri Shyam Balaji Darshan Seva Samiti.

the devotees. On this occasion, committee chairman Pramod Mangala, chief servant Vikas Garg, Sanjeev Mittal, Yogendra Sharma, Anil Mittal, Jatin, Renu Mangala were present. A large number of devotees including Vipin Gupta, Mamta Rani and Asha

made by the committee for

food and accommodation of



RAJPAL JINDAL

GUHLA CHEEKA: Kalash Sthapana was done on Sunday in the Shri Khatu Shyam temple being built by Shri Khatu Shyam Seva Trust in Bhagal village. On this occasion Shyam lovers chanted praises of Lord Shyam. Trust director Dr. Ramesh Yadav while talking to journalists said that the Shikhar Kalash was installed by social worker Jaswinder Poonia. He said that for a long time, Shyam devotees had been thinking of building Shri Khatu Shyam Mandir in the village. There was a demand for this, due to which a trust was formed for the construction of the temple and the construction work of the temple was started. He said that it was expected that this temple will be ready within a year. He said this to Shyam lovers and generous people. They have been requested to become a part of the virtue by donating as per their faith. On this occasion Prem Verma, Dharam Chand Poonia, Mani Ram Dhiman, Ashok Kumar, Balwan Ranga, Satvawan, Shanti Verma, Bhushan Sharma, Chandrabhan, Karan, Akshay Madan, Vicky, Pawan Verma, Satyanarayan, Rajendra Kaushik and Ashok Jindal, along with dozens of others were present.

Accused arrested 100 grams of opium recovered

LADWA (VIJAY KAUSHIK) : Ladwa police, with the help of Kurukshetra police, tightened the noose on drug smuggling and arrested the accused of possess ing narcotics. Under the guidance of Superintendent of Police Varun Singla, the team of Anti Narcotics Cell arrested the accused of drug smuggling. On the charge of keeping the substance, Dimple alias Vishu son Surendra Kumar resident Sangam Market Ladwa was arrested and 100 grams of opium was recovered from his possession. Giving information, the police spokesperson said that on January 10, Deputy Commissioner of Anti Narcotics Cell Kurukshetra the team of Inspector Rajpal, Assistant Sub Inspector Pradeep Kumar, Head Constable Dinesh Kumar, SPO Sanjay Kumar was present at Indri Chowk Ladwa. Police received secret information that Dimple alias Vishu son of Surendra Kumar resident Sangam Market Ladwa was selling opium. He did it since long. Even today, he will come on motorcycle number HR-06-V-9962 from Anaanj Mandi Ladwa to sell opium to the drug addicts roaming around Hinauri Chowk Ladwa. Gazetted officer Mr. Navam Dhani Tehsildar Ladwa was called on the spot. Based on the information, the police started a blockade at Hinori Chowk. After some time, the police saw a boy coming on a motorcycle number HR-06-V-9962. He was stopped on suspicion and the accused was arrested in front of a gazetted officer and his motorcycle was searched.

Shandilya honours Anil Vij by giving him Lord Ram's statue and shawl

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA **AMBALA, JANUARY 12**

Viresh Shandilya, chief of Vishwa Hindu Takht and Anti Terrorist Front India, today congratulated Sanatanis in India and the world on the first anniversary of Ram Lalla's Pran Pratishtha. On this occasion, he congratulated the voice of the three crore people of Haryana and the security shield of the people and Sant Sipahi Anil Vij on the first anniversary of Ram Lalla's Pran Pratishtha and presented Anil Vij with a shawl and a statue of Lord Ram holding a bow and arrow on behalf of Vishwa Hindu Takht. Surendra Pal KK, Advocate Vasu Ranjan Shandilya, Goldie Pahwa, Shiv Ranjan and Vishwa Hindu Takht officials were present on this occasion. Through Anil Vij, Shandilya strengthened Sanatan by getting the Pran Pratishtha of Lord Ram Lalla, who was sitting in a tent for years, done in Ayod hya on 22 January 2024, while respect-



ing the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi, who is the security shield of 140 crore people, and the Sanatanis sitting in India and the world, done through Anil Vij. Vishwa Hindu Takht chief Veeresh Shandilya said that Anil Vij is also working on Modi's thinking in Harvana, follows in his footsteps and follows the policy of Sabka Vikas Sabka Saath and Anil Vij leaves no stone unturned in strengthening Sanatan as

Shandilya also congratulated Anil Vij on the first anniversary of the Pran Pratishtha of Lord Ram Lalla and said that Anil Vij is an incarnation in the politics of Haryana who does politics in the form of Nar Seva Narayan Seva. On this auspicious day, Shandilya congratulated Anil Vij on behalf of Vishwa Hindu Takht and said that he should live long and keep on campaigning to strengthen Sanatan by giving the message of humanity in the state and Anil Vij should always

encourage those who have taken up the task of strengthening Sanatan. On the occasion of the first anniversary of the Pran-Pratishtha of Ram Lalla in Ayodhya, Vishwa Hindu Takht chief Veeresh Shandilya congratulated Haryana's Electricity, Transport and Labor Minis-ter Anil Vij. Shandilya honoured Anil Vij by draping a shawl on him and presenting a grand statue of Shri Ram.

Police arrest three thieves involved in many other cases

INDRI (MAINPAL KASHYAP): Police have arrested three thieves in different cases within a month. In which two thieves and a proclaimed

offender (PO) who was declared PO by the court for a long time the police have arrested all three and sent them to jail. A person from village Randoli lodged a complaint at Bvana Chowki. The young man told that he worked at a clothes shop in Indri and was coming towards his home at around 8 pm. He was going to his village from

near Garhpur village As soon as he passed by, two thieves saw him and were already on the motorcycle and they started bringing the bike near him and then they deliberately hit his motorcycle. When he fell down, instead of picking him up, they beat him up and when he ran away to save his life, they took his Platina motorcycle and fled from

there. Bavana outpost in charge Surendra Sharma said that both the thieves have been arrested, apart from this, earlier also a PO was ab-

sconding from the court. He has also been arrested by the police. He told that within a month, three thieves have been arrested and sent to jail. The police have registered separate cases against four to five accused in the case of motorcycle thief. One PO and two others were ar-

rested. He was arrested and sent to jail, and three stolen motorcycles and Rs 1.10 lakh were recovered from the possession of them. He said that the police have launched a search operation against suspicious people and whoever found the suspicious person informed the police immediately



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tribution to this engineering feat. This is the PM's first visit

since an elected government

came to power in the Union Ter-

ritory of Jammu and Kashmir

heartfelt congratulations and ex-

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ity to everyone's life.Sharma high-

lighted the significance of these fes-

tivals, especially in the context of

Punjab, where both Lohri and Makar Sankranti are celebrated

with immense zeal and fervor.

Abhi Sharma, District President of AAP

Youth Wing, extends Lohri and Makar

Sankranti wishes

GURDASPUR (VERMA): Abhi Sharma, the District President

of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Youth Wing, extended his warm

wishes to the Punjabi community living in India and abroad, as

well as to all fellow citizens of India, on the occasion of Lohri

and Makar Sankranti. In his message, Sharma conveyed his

DC issues strict instructions on the sale and use of Pregabalin medicine

FEROZEPUR (ABHISHEK NANDA): The Deputy Commissioner has recently issued strict instructions regarding the use and sale of Pregabalin medicine. This step has been taken in view of the increasing misuse of the medicine and its negative effects. The matter was brought to the notice of Deputy Commissioner by Civil Surgeon, Ferozepur vide letter No. Drugs.2024-674 dated: 24-12-2024 and the committee has suggested that as per the drug Pregabalin formulations above 75 mg are being widely misused, therefore, the sale of Cap Tab Pregabalin formulations above 75 mg should be strictly controlled/banned till further orders. They should make these available only at Jan Aushadhi Generic Drug Store inside Civil Hospital Ferozepur City. All Pregabalin 75 mg should be sold by chemists only on prescription of registered medical practitioner and chemists should maintain record of prescriptions along with confirmation of proper sale and purchase of Pregabalin formulation 75 mg. Deepshikha Sharma, IAS, District Magistrate, Ferozepur has ordered under Section 163 of the Indian Civil Security Code (BNSS) 2023 as follows Pregabalin 75 mg should be sold by the chemist only on the prescription of a registered medical practitioner and the chemist should maintain proper sale.

NEWS BRIEF

Vikas Saini Chairman of market committee Pathankot, extends Lohri and Makar Sankranti wishes VERMA GURDASPUR: Vikas Saini,

Chairman of the Market Committee Pathankot, extended his warm wishes to the Punjabi community living in India and abroad, as well as to all citizens of India, on the



festivals bring ense joy and prosperity to evervone's life. He emphasized the ural significance of Lohri and Makar Sankranti, which are celebrated with great enthus across the country, particularly in the Punjab region. Lohri is celebrated to mark the end of winter and the beginning of the harvest season, while Makar Sankranti signifies the transition of the sun into the zodia

sign Capricorn, bringing longer days and warmer weather. Saini expressed his wishes that these festivals bring happiness, success and well-being to all families and communities, fostering a sense of unity and togetherness. He also highlighted the importance of preserving India's rich cultural traditions and ensuring that the younger generation remains connected to these festivals that form an integral part of Indian heritage.

"Be proud of your spiritual, cultural heritage but...": UP CM Yogi **Adityanath at National Youth Day Programme**

NEW DELHI: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday attended the National Youth Day Programme on the 163rd birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda in Lucknow. Addressing the event, the Chief Minister said that one should be proud of their spiritual and cultural heritage and along with it, they should not deprive themselves of modern knowledge and science, adding that there should be better coordination between these two things "Swami Vivekananda had said that

the bigger the challenge, the more beautiful the victory... This can be an inspiration for the youth even today... Be proud of your spiritual and cultura heritage, but do not deprive yourself of modern knowledge and science. There should be better coordination between these two things," CM Yogi

CM Yogi further said that the youth of the country are getting a new direction under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi "I welcome all the people who have come to this program of Yuva Mahotsav. I welcome all the youth who have come from different districts of the state. Today the whole country is celebrating the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. Many events related to youth are being organized in the country. Under the leadership of the Prime Minister, the youth of the country are getting a new direction

Stage set for PM Modi to inaugurate Z-Morh tunnel in Sonamarg today

SRINAGAR, JAN 12 (UNI)

All necessary arrangements have been finalised for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Sonamarg, where he will inaugurate the strategic 6.4 kmlong Z-Morh tunnel in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district on Monday, officials said on Sunday.

The prime minister is scheduled to arrive at Srinagar's technical airport around 11 a.m. on Monday. From there, he will be flown to the venue in Sonamarg via a special helicopter to preside over the inauguration ceremony of the Z-Morh tunnel, they said.

Among others, the inauguration ceremony will be attended by Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, besides other



dignitaries. The Prime Minister in October last year. will also address a public gath-

"All adequate arrangements have been put in place for the smooth conduct of the event," officials said.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday personally reviewed preparations for Prime Minister Narendra Modi visiting Sonamarg on Monday. A multi-tier security setup has also been put in place to ensure incident-free conduct of the

event. According to official sources, the Special Protection Group (SPG), tasked with the Prime Minister's security, has taken over the control of the security at the venue of the inau-guration of the Z-Morh tunnel at Shutkadi village in Sonamarg. The security in the entire Ganderbal district has been stepped up. SPG, in coordination with J&K Police and the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF), is working round the clock to ensure the smooth visit of Modi. In Srinagar and en route to the Ganderbal district, security forces were seen randomly checking vehicles, including two-wheelers, to ensure no untoward incident took place during the prime minister's visit to Sonamarg.

The Z-Morh Tunnel project has been constructed at a cost of over Rs 2,700 crore. It comprises the Sonamarg main tunnel, an egress tunnel

SRINAGAR, JAN 12 (UNI)

There is no let-up in cold con-ditions despite significant improvement in night temperature even as it stayed below freezing point in the Kashmir Valley on Sunday, officials said. The Meteorological Centre Srinagar forecast the weather will remain mainly dry till January 18 with a chance of light snow over the isolated higher reaches in between January 15 and 16 over Jammu and Kashmir.

The day temperature in Srinagar again plummeted on Saturday amid an overcast sky and recorded 1°C below normal at most of the weather stations.

The minimum temperature recorded during the intervening night of Saturday and Sunday in Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir. was -3.0°C against the -3.6°C the previous night. It was still 1.0°C below the seasonal average for



this time of year. the Met of fice said. Pahalgam remained the coldest place in the Kashmir Valley in spite of improvement in minimum temperature recorded at -6.2°C on Sunday against the -7.6°C recorded the previous night. This was 0.3°C below normal for the tourist spot of south Kashmir's Anantnag district during the period.

The ski resort of Gul-

marg had a low of -5.6°C

No let-up in cold conditions

in Kashmir

against the -6.5°C a day ago and this was 2.2°C above nor mal for the tourist resort of North Kashmir's Baramulla district for the day. The pic turesque Sonamarg also improved and was recorded at 6.5°C on Sunday against the 3.6°C recorded a day ago.

The night temperature witnessed a drop at Kupwara and recorded at a low of -4.0°C against the -4.4°C on the previous night.

Lohri and Makar Sankranti celebrations at Rose Public School, Sulyali

Traffic policemen honoured under National Road Safety Week

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, JAN 12

Under the National Road Safety Week, Anti Corruption Foundation of India and Traffic Rules and Road Safety Federation made people aware about road safety rules and traffic policemen who made a significant contribution in road safety were honoured by wearing tricolor clothes and giving bouquets

Road Safety Week was started with a special project under the chairmanship of National Supremo Narendra Arora. International Chairman Pawan Sharma, International Chief Director Ajit Rahi and National Director Mahesh Hasija were present on this occasion. On this occasion, traffic policemen doing their duty at various intersections were honoured. On this occasion, traffic inspector Roshan Lal. sub inspector



Singh, Vedpal, Babu Ram, fic policemen were honoured. Narendra Arora said that traffic policemen play a key role in road safety and follow-

ing traffic rules and on the special occasion of National

Road Safety Week, it is our duty to respect those who perform their duties honestly. He said that National Road Safety Week will be celebrated from 11 January to 18 January, Anti Corruption Foundation of India and Traffic Rules and Road Safety Federation will run a project throughout the week to make people aware about road safety.



NURPUR (SANJEEV MAHAJAN): A grand celebration was organized at Rose Public School, Sulvali, to mark the auspi cious occasions of Lohri and Makar Sankranti. The event be gan with the ceremonial inauguration by the school principal Mr. Sanjay Sharma Sauguni, and vice-principal, Mrs. Babita Sauguni, in the presence of teachers and students.

The students presented a variety of colorful performanc es, including traditional Bhangra by the boys and Giddha by the girls. Almost all students participated enthusiastically dressed in traditional Punjabi attire, offering a vibrant glimpse into Indian culture. Additionally, a special feast was organized for all teachers, students, and staff members. During the event Principal Sanjay Sharma Sauguni spoke about the significance of Lohri and Makar Sankranti, emphasizing that festivals bring joy and unity to our lives and strengthen the core value of "unity in diversity" in Indian culture.He extended warm wishes to the local community, students, staff, teachers, and parents on the occasions of Lohri and Makar Sankranti.

PM Modi pays homage to Swami Vivekananda on his birth anniversary

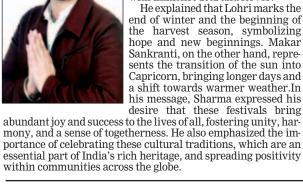
NEW DELHI, JAN 12

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday paid homage to Swami Vivekananda on his 163rd birth anniversarv. He called Vivekananda "an eternal inspiration for youth" adding that he "continues to ignite passion and purpose in young minds. "Paying homage to Swami Vivekananda on his Jayanti. An eternal inspiration for youth, he continues to ignite passion and purpose in young minds," PM Modi said in a post on X. "We are committed to fulfilling his vision of a strong and developed India," the PM added. Meanwhile, Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath attended the National Youth Day Pro-gramme in Lucknow on Vivekananda's birth anniversary.



should be better coordina-tion between these two things," CM Yogi said. Madhya Pradesh Chief

Minister Čhief Minister Mohan Yadav told ANI that on



Morinda police celebrates traffic week to educate drivers about traffic rules



Former MLA Bamber Thakur demands

strict action against gang activities in

Bilaspur, warns of political nexus

Bamber

Surinder Dharampal, Naresh Kumar, Sunil Kumar, Sanjeev Kumar, Karna, Kashmiri Lal, Pankaj Pal, Sanoj Kumar, Vedprakash etc. traf-

message to everyone that every Indian should have a feeling of patriotism. Swami Vivekananda has worked to inspire the country. He had taken the knowledge of India forward. This inspiration of Swami Vivekananda was a new idea for the independence of the country. With the same ideal, many schemes are being run for the youth under the leadership of the Prime Minister," he said.

The National Youth Day or Rashtriya Yuva Divas is celebrated on January 12 every year in commemoration of the great spiritual leader, philosopher and thinker Swami Vivekananda. whose unwavering belief in potential of youth continues to resonate deeply with young citizens of the country, as per the release from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. His inspiring life and empowering message urge the youth to nurture their dreams. unleash their energies and shape a future worthy of his envisioned ideals. The youth, defined as those within the age group of 15-29 years, make up nearly 40 per cent of India's total population.

RADHYA SHYAM MORINDA, JAN 12

Morinda Police have been celebrating traffic week by giving the information about traffic rules to the drivers of Truck Union, Taxi Union and Auto Union. During the week the police is also affixing reflectors on the vehicles. The SHO Police Station

City Inspector Harjinder Singh and Traffic In charge ASI Malkiyat Singh affixed reflectors on various vehicles and made the drivers aware of traffic rules and also told



driving. He said that Morinda Police have been celebrating Road Safety Week for the last few days. Meanwhile, all the drivers of tractor-trolley drivers, truck, tipper drivers, auto drivers were being informed that there were many precautions to take during these days. Due to the dense fog, vehicles should be driven at slow speed, maintain a distance of at least 10 meters between one vehicle and another, use fog lights, use indicators as per need.

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Thakur has raised alarm over the recent firing incident in the forests of Bilaspur, calling for strict action from Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu and Director General of Police (DGP) Dr Atul Verma. Addressing the media, Thakur alleged that the gang led by Saurabh Patial, alias Fandi, is operating with political protection and has been targeting him and his family.

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY

Former MLA and PCC Gen-

BILASPUR, JAN 12

eral Secretary

Thakur described the situation as alarming, equating the firing incidents in Bilaspur to activities resembling a "terrorist camp." He demanded immediate and decisive action by the state government and police, emphasizing that such incidents jeopardize public safety and tarnish the state's peace. The



former MLA accused the gang of criminal activities, including training youth to use weapons and operating a drug mafia that is destroying the future of the younger generation. Thakur also alleged a nexus between the gang and local BJP MLAs, claiming their patronage enables such activities praised the Thakur

prompt action taken by the Bilaspur Superintendent of Police, stating it prevented a potential disaster.

Addressing the event, the Chief Minister said that one should be proud of their spir-

itual and cultural heritage and along with it, they should not deprive themselves of modern knowledge and science, adding that there should be better coordination between these two things. "Swami Vivekananda had said that the bigger the challenge, the more beautiful the victory... This can be an inspiration for the youth even today ... Be proud of your spiritual and cultural heritage, but do not deprive yourself of modern knowledge and science. There

occasion of Swami Vivekananda Jayanti, his government is going to implement Yuva Shakti Mission in the entire state.

"On the occasion of Swa mi Vivekananda Jayanti, today, we are going to imple ment Yuva Shakti Mission in the entire state. It is being launched with the aim of bringing prosperity, power and capability," Mohan Ya-dav said. "By 2030, 100% youth should get 10-12th edu cation, by 2028, 70% of youth should become self-reliant the government will help in realizing their dreams... Or the occasion of Vivekananda Jayanti, today money will also be deposited for 'Ladli Behnas' from Kalapipa tehsil of Shajapur district,' he added.

Bihar Bandh: Pappu Yaday's supporters hold protest march demanding cancellation of BPSC exam

PATNA: Supporters of Independent MP from Purnea. Pappu Yadav on Sunday held a protest in Patna's Ashok Rajpath demanding cancellation and re-examination of the BPSC exam. Independent MP from Purnea, Pappu Yadav has called for a 'Bihar Bandh' today. Visual showed Pappu Yadav's supporters blocking roads, burning tyres and demanding cancellation of the BPSC exam. BPSC aspirants in Patna have been protesting since December last year calling for the cancellation of the Integrated Combined (Preliminary) Competitive Examination (CCE) 2024, conducted by the BPSC on December 13, due to alleged question paper leaks. On Saturday, Independent MP from Purnea, Raiesh Ranian alias Pappu Yadav said that he along with Azad Party founder Chandrashekhar Azad and All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) chief Asaduddin Owaisi, is collaborating on the Bihar Public Service Commission (BPSC) Preliminary Exam issue and will not let the House function from March 21.

Advocacy not just a profession, it is public service: Nayab Singh Saini

CHANDIGARH, JAN 12

Harvana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said advocacy is not just a profession but a public service. Lawyers can bring positive change in society by contributing to the judicial system of the country and the field of advocacy is not limited to the knowledge of law, rather lawyers play their role in providing justice to the weaker and deprived sections of society. Chief Minister Sh. Nayab

Singh Saini said this during the oath-taking ceremony of new lawyers organized by the Punjab and Haryana Bar Council at Law Bhawan in Chandigarh today. During this, the Chief Minister administered oath to 1145 new lawyers and gave them licences.

India got freedom from three laws of slavery after 7 decades



ished about 1600 laws. 175

unnecessary laws have also

been identified in Haryana.

Out of these, 28 have been re-

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programmes have been or-

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public aware of the three

new laws. He said more than

43,000 officers and employ-

ees have been trained about

the new laws. These include

effectively implement

been trained on the three new criminal laws, all 2,167 jail officers and employees and all 741 public prosecutors have also received training in this regard.

Government contributing in every possible way for lawyers and judiciary

He said the Haryana Government is contributing in every possible way for lawyers and judiciary. The government is ensuring modern facilities, technical is ensuring resources and training programmes for lawyers so that everyone can do their work more effectively.

It is important to have coordination, transparency and ethics between lawyers and the judiciary. The rule of law is the foundation of any democratic country.

BJP Chandigarh electes district presidents under Sangathan Parv

CHANDIGARH : The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Chandigarh has successfully concluded another important phase of its Sangathan Parv 2024 with the unanimous election of District Presidents. The District Presidents elected through the democratic process are set to take forward the party's grass roots initiatives and strengthen its organisational efforts in Chandigarh

Bhupinder Saini has been elected as the District President of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya district. While Ravindra Ma lik has been elected as the District President of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee district. Khushwinder Singh has been elect ed as the District President of Bharat Ratna Atal district, and Rekha Sood has been elected as the District President of Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar district. Dalip Kumar has been elected as the District President of Shaheed Bhagat Singh district, and Anoop Gupta has been elected as the District President of Rani Laxmibai district. Sangathan Parv 2024 kicked off with a record-breaking primary membership drive that saw close to 1.20.000 new members have joined the party in Chandigarh After the formation of booth and mandal committees, the elec tion of district presidents was a crucial step in the ongoing or ganisational process. Expressing confidence in the newly elect ed district presidents, Chief Spokesperson and State Returning Officer Dr. Dharinder Tayal said , " These district presidents bring experience, dedication and a deep understanding of the party's mission. Under their leadership, BJP's activities in Chandigarh will gain momentum and infuse new enthusiasm among the workers." Apart from the election of district presidents, BJP Chandigarh has also elected its State Council members, who will soon participate in the selection of the State President. This phased and structured process will ultimately lead to the election of the BJP's National President, exemplifying the party's position as the world's largest.

Nayab Singh Saini said it

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Tom Peters

<u>Editorial</u>

Fixed choice

he Kolkata Municipal Cor-poration has better things to think of than urban statuary. Beautification of the city through remarkable sculptures, found, for example, in Copenhagen's The Little Mermaid, or the Bull and the Girl in New York — now separated — has never been a Calcutta tradition. Statues spring up randomly, some permitted by the KMC or their locations selected by it, while numerous others mushroom wherever the whim takes somebody. The statues of the raj were better planned, but although they have now been relocated, the tradition of depicting famous men has persisted. Calcutta has focused more on freedom fighters — in answer to the raj statues? and added religious figures to them. The KMC's reply to an inquiry lists 189 statues known to it added between 2013 and 2024. Religion has outstripped both culture and patriotism in the Calcuttan's sensibility, since Swami Vivekananda heads the list with 24 statues, Tagore has 22 and Subhas Chandra Bose 21. Gandhi has six new statues — the Calcuttan is obviously more interested in Bengal and uncaring if this is called dispropor tionate. since Khudiram has five new statues too.

Calcutta's sense of beauty is puzzling. There are monkeys and elephants, a football with legs and the city's presiding deity carved here and there, probably with a feeling that the same makers can produce busts and full-length statues of famous people. Even when sculptors are given the job, they complain that no time is allowed for good work. Apparently, no planning is needed to beautify the city or care expended to make tributes memorable; it may even be asked what statues have to do with beauty. They should evoke respect and worship, the prized responses in an authoritarian society. It is no wonder, therefore, that women are hard to find — there are 32 statues — and the honours go to religious and altruistic figures, Sarada Devi and Mother Teresa.

It is not merely those who are included that indicate Calcutta's attitudes but also those who are excluded or almost excluded. Ambedkar did not make it to the 189; there is an elision of personalities from the minority community and disadvantaged castes. Kazi Nazrul Islam and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad are exceptions to this disgraceful general rule. The dominant Calcuttan's profile is hardly endearing from this account; inhabitants are certainly not aesthetically inclined. The mushrooming of statues of a few chosen figures suggests a tendency towards casual lip service offered to wellknown icons rather than a serious effort to comprehend their example. What is the point of peopling the city with statues which even children hardly notice because there are too many of the same personalities?

India powers ahead in electronics manufacturing

In a groundbreaking development for India's electronics manufacturing sector, Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated Syrma SGS Technology's state-of-the-art laptop assembly line in Chennai yesterday.

This facility, located in the Madras Export Processing Zone (MEPZ), marks a pivotal shift in India's 'Make in India' journey, extending its dominance from mobile phones to IT hardware manufacturing especially the laptops.

The new assembly line will initially produce 100,000 laptops annually, with a scalable capacity of up to 1 million units within the next 1-2 years. Syrma SGS currently operates four manufacturing units in Chennai, with its Unit 3 now initiating laptop production.

Speaking at the inauguration, Ashwini Vaishnaw said, "We must work meticulously to ensure that the electronic component ecosystem is also developed in the coming time. This will not only drive a major growth story for India but also align with our vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat, fostering self-reliance and strengthening our position in the global electronics manufacturing landscape."

The initiative, part of the PLI 2.0 scheme for IT Hardware, highlights India's growing capabilities in high-value



electronics production and reinforces the nation's self-reliance in IT hardware. Syrma SGS has partnered with Micro-Star International (MSI), a leading Taiwanese technology company, to manufacture high-quality laptops in India, catering to both domestic and global markets.

The facility is projected to generate 150-200 specialized jobs in electronics manufacturing by FY26, making a substantial impact on both Tamil Nadu's regional and India's national economy. These roles are anticipated to have a ripple effect, shaping and enhancing the future workforce in the sector.

The laptops produced will meet international quality benchmarks, showcasing India's evolving technical and manufacturing prowess. India's electronics manufacturing sector has grown exponentially over the past decade, with total production increasing from Rs 2.4 lakh crore in 2014 to Rs 9.8 lakh crore in 2024. Mobile manufacturing alone has reached Rs 4.4 lakh crore, with exports at Rs 1.5 lakh crore in 2024.

98 per cent of the mobile phones used in India are now being manufactured in India with Smartphones becoming the fourth largest export item from India.

Tamil Nadu has over 47 manufacturing units supported under various schemes of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY). The state is one of the largest beneficiaries of the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for Large Scale Electronics Manufacturing, with seven out of the 27 approved units under PLI 2.0 located here. The first unit under this initiative was inaugurated yesterday.

Additionally, Tamil Nadu has seen significant support through programs such as Scheme for Promotion of Manufacturing of Electronic Components and Semiconductors (SPECS), with four applications receiving MeitY backing of Rs 1,200 crore, and Modified Special Incentive Package Scheme (M-SIPS), which has attracted 33 applications with an investment potential of Rs 15,000 crore, supported by Rs 1,500 crore from MeitY. Together, these initiatives have enabled companies in Tamil Nadu to achieve a total production exceeding Rs 1.3 lakh crore to date.

The state is also home to the Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) at Pillaipakkam Village, Sriperumbudur, established by M/s State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu (SIPCOT). With a project cost of Rs 420 crore, including Rs 210 crore in support from the Government of India, this cluster is expected to attract investments worth Rs 8,700 crore and create 36,300 jobs.

Tamil Nadu contributes around 30 per cent of India's electronics exports, underscoring its pivotal role in the sector.

Literature & Health

1.25 lakh lamps illuminate Janakpur to celebrate first anniversary of Ram Mandir's 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony

Nepal's historic city of Janakpur celebrated the first anniversary of the 'Pran Pratishtha' of Lord Ram Lalla's idol at Ayodhya's Ram Mandir on Saturday by lighting 1.25 lakh lamps.

The event, organized by the Dhanusha chapter of Bishwo Hindu Parisad Nepal, marked the occasion with grand festivities, including Jhaki, Hawan, Ganga Aarti, and a rangoli at the Janeli Tomplo promises



US reaffirms support for Taiwan's defence capabilities

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The US on Friday reiterated its commitment to supporting Taiwan's defence capabilities, emphasising its ongoing dedication to the Indo-Pacific region, as reported by Taipei Times.

In a statement, the White House highlighted the range of security assistance provided to Taiwan, including the first-ever use of Foreign Military Financing (FMF) and Presidential Drawdown Authority (PDA), as well as International Military Education and Training (IMET), Taipei Times reported.

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peace, security and stability, we have reinvested in our defence presence and capabilities, integrated our efforts with partners and modernised our alliances, and collectively deterred aggresPOEM

The Higher Pantheism

The sun, the moon, the stars, the seas, the hills and the plains,- Are not these, O Soul, the Vision of Him who reigns?

Is not the Vision He, tho' He be not that which He seems? Dreams are true while they last, and do we not live in dreams?



Earth, these solid stars, this weight of body and limb, Are they not sign and symbol of thy division from Him? Dark is the world to thee; thyself art the reason why, For is He not all but thou, that hast power to feel "I am I"? Glory about thee, without thee; and

The youth wing of Bishwo Hindu Parisad Nepal, Janaki Sena, took charge of the arrangements for the celebrations.

"Last year as well we had organised an event to light 1.25 Lakh lights, Jhaki, Hawan and other programs. On the anniversary of "Pran Pratistha" this year as well we have light one hundred and twenty-five thousand lamps; the Ganga Aarati performing team is also performing the aarti of Janaki Ji and we also have made a rangoli on the premises of the temple," Ashutosh Jha, national spokesperson of Janaki Sena told ANI.

Meanwhile, in Uttar Pradesh's Ayodhya, Shri Ram Lalla's Mahabhishek was



performed at the Ram Janmabhoomi Temple to mark the first anniversary of 'Pran Pratishtha' on Saturday.

The cerelbartions were organized on January 11, 2025, following the alignment of the Hindu calendar.

Last year, this sacred event was celebrated on Kurma Dwadashi during the Shukla Paksha of the Hindu calendar's Paush month. Therefore, this year, the Shukla Paksha falls on January 11.

"On the first anniversary of our sonin-law's homecoming, all the residents of Janakpur, residents of Mithila, Nepal as a whole are very much excited. The statement also noted that President Joe Biden had identified the Indo-Pacific as a crucial region for the future of both the US and the world.

"In pursuit of regional

In addition, the US has worked with partners such as Taiwan, Australia, Japan, and New Zealand to support smaller Pacific island nations by funding over USD 37 million in undersea cable projects, further solidifying regional cooperation, Taipei Times reported.



thou fulfillest thy doom, Making Him broken gleams and a stifled splendour and gloom.

Speak to Him, thou, for He hears, and Spirit with Spirit can meet-

Closer is He than breathing, and nearer than hands and feet. God is law, say the wise; O soul, and let us rejoice, For if He thunder by law the thunder is yet His voice. Law is God, say some; no God at all, says the fool, For all we have power to see is a straight staff bent in a pool; And the ear of man cannot hear, and the eye of man cannot

But if we could see and hear, this Vision-were it not He?.

By Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Milkweed: The Fibre of Atmanirbhar Bharat "Every so often, a new technology, a longstanding problem, and a bold idea converge to create innovation." - Dean Kamen

his insightful quote highlights the essence of breakthroughs: when challenges intersect with fresh perspectives, and technology serves as the bridge to new solutions. In industries like textiles, this synergy is transforming traditional methods, driving sustainability, and unlocking new opportunities. The growing environmental awareness and supportive government policies are accelerating the use of bast fibers as reinforcements in composite materials, catering to the needs of a growing population. Their

biodegradability and abundance make bast fibers ideal for applications in the automotive industry, structural composites, pulping, and textiles, marking a shift toward eco-friendly innovation.

Milkweed fibre, a natural marvel, is poised to revolutionize India's textile landscape and contribute significantly to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat. With its promising qualities, sustainable cultivation, and immense potential to uplift farmers' livelihoods, milkweed is the answer to the pressing demand for alternative fibres with the growing popu-



lation that align with India's socio-economic and environmental goals. Milkweed Plant

Milkweed Pod

Milkweed is no ordinary fibre. Derived from the silky, hollow filaments encased within its seed pods, this lightweight fibre possesses exceptional properties that make it a frontrunner in the quest for sustainable materials. Its hollow structure lends it high compressibility and superior thermal insulation, with a thermal value nearly double that of 100% polyester nonwoven fabric. When blended with other fibres like polyester, wool, viscose or cotton, milkweed enhances the fabric's softness, breathability, and warmth, creating products that are not only comfortable but also of premium quality.

Fibre Physical Properties Comparison Test Parameters Milkweed Cotton Polyester Wool Thermal Value (Clo) 6.28 - 3.35 1.17

Moisture Regain (%) 11 to 12 6.8 to 7.5 1.4 to 1.5 -Density (g/cm³) 0.89 to 0.90 0.3 to 0.4

1.2 to 1.3 -

Beyond its technical attributes, milkweed's cultivation presents a transformative opportunity for India's farming community. This perennial crop requires minimal inputs, thrives in diverse soil conditions, and adapts well to changing climates. Once planted, it continues to vield for up to 10 years, with production increasing an nually. Farmers can expect a net profit of approximately ?1.5-2 lakh per acre, a substantial income boost compared to traditional crops like cotton. This not only ensures financial stability but also reduces dependency on resource intensive crops, making it a sustainable and lucrative choice.

Nonwoven Fabric Comprising (30% Milkweed Fibre)

India, with a sheep population of more than 7.4 crore, produces 3.69 crore kilograms of carpet-grade wool annually but heavily relies on imports

worth approximately ?1,800 crore as per the financial year 2023-24 for finegrade wool, such as Merino, used in apparel. The wool produced domestically is generally not of superior quality, often causing discomfort and lacking skin-friendliness. While Pashmina wool, with a micron value below 20, is of exceptional quality, its production remains limited. Government initiatives like the Pashmina Wool Development Scheme and the Integrated Wool **Development Programme have** strengthened sheep rearing, pashmina production, and infrastructure in regions such as Ladakh, Jammu and Kashmir, and Rajasthan. The sector supports 35 lakh livelihoods and bolsters India's exports of woollen carpets, fabrics, and garments to global markets.

The milkweed-wool blend emerges as a sustainable solution, reducing import dependency while enhancing fibre quality. Recent advancements by the Northern India Textile Research Association (NITRA) in collaboration with industry stakeholders have showcased the industrial viability of an innovative 80:20 wool-milkweed blend. This blend surpasses 100% wool in thermal insulation, lightweight properties, and softness, positioning it as a premium choice for high-end and functional textiles.

Milkweed's versatility extends to a wide range of applications. From apparel, home textiles and hygiene products, its potential to replace conventional fibres in various products is vast. During my visit to Ladakh, I had the privilege of experiencing firsthand the exceptional quality of products made from milkweed fibre. I tested a quilt crafted from this fibre and found it remarkably warm and comfortable-l didn't even need to use any heating appliances. I also tried a cap and jacket also developed by NITRA, which efficiently kept me warm throughout the trip. This winter, I have been regularly wearing milkweed products to personally evaluate their durability and performance. Based on my experience, I am confident that milkweed fibre is a promising alternative that can significantly contribute to employment generation and the nation's growth.

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Kashyap expresses his gratitude to people by reaching Badgaon

MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI: MLA and Chief VHP Haryana Vidhan Sabha Ramkumar Kashyap expressed his gratitude to the people by visiting Badgaon on Sunday. On reaching the village, people wel-comed him with flowers. Ramkumar Kashyap said that he thanks the people of the constituency for the faith and hope with which they have chosen him as their representative by giving him love and respect. He assured the people of the constituency that he will never let the faith and expectations of the people diminish. His aim will be to solve the problems of the people and get as much development work done in the constituency as possible. He said that this is not my victory but the victory of the people of the constituency. During this time, he also listened to the problems of the people and assured them to get them resolved soon

It is important to be a good human being: Kalyan

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, JAN 12

Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan, while addressing the youth on the occasion of National Youth Day, said that every youth has a goal in life. Move forward to achieve your goal with strong willpower and before becoming a big officer, doctor and engineer, you must become a good human being. Only a good human being can help in making the society beautiful and strong. Kalyan was speaking as the chief guest at the prize distribution ceremony orga nized for the students by Rana Academy for Chemistry at the local hotel Jewels on Sunday On this occasion, Karnal MLA Jagmohan Anand and former Mayor of Municipal Corporation Renu Bala Gupta were also present as special guests. The program was for-mally started by lighting the lamp by the chief guest. The students and their teachers who brought excellent results from Rana Academy for Chemistry were honored. The



Speaker of the Vidhan Sabha called upon the youth to take inspiration from the life of Swami Vivekanand ji and set goals and not stop till they achieve their goals. All the powers present in the universe are within you, you just need to recognize them. He said that the responsibility of taking India ahead from the category of developing countries and getting it included in the list of developed nations the year 2047 is on the shoulders of the youth.

Considering Prime Minister Narendra Modi as an

ideal, cooperate in the development of the country without getting tired and without stopping. He said that all of you have got the opportunity to do something big in life by getting good education. On being successful, also help the poor children who have been deprived of these facilities. Jagmohan Anand, who was present in the pro-

gramme, while wishing the National Youth Day, said that the youth should come forward to serve the country by working with the spirit of 'come for education and go for

service'. He also emphasised on moving forward by taking inspiration from the life of Swami Vivekanand ji and said that only your bright future will bring glory to the state and the country. He said that the state government is giving jobs to the youth on the basis of transparency while protecting the interests of the youth. The new education policy will also prove to be better in taking the youth forward. The Haryana government is working seriously on this under the leadership of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini.

On this occasion, former Mayor of Municipal Corporation Renu Bala Gupta said that India is a country of youth. The youth have the power to take the country forward. By using the energy of the youth proper ly, the country can be included in the list of developed nations. For this, the youth will also have to take a pledge and set goals and move forward in life. The guests who came to the programme were welcomed by the organizers with a bouquet and flower shower



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, JANUARY 12

In the year 2000, girls were afraid to come to Haryana.Haryana was infamous in the country for female foeticide. In such a time, starting the tradition of celebrating Lohri in the name of a daughter in Haryana was a courageous act. In Arnauli village of Bilaspur district of Yamunanagar, a teacher couple decided to develop a new way of thinking. They did not bow down to the pressure of the family and society, but faced it bravely. After the first daughter, the second daughter was the reason for female foeticide by the family and the people of the society. The wife of a renowned doctor was also involved in this conspiracy. But this teacher couple Mihir Benji and Gagan Benji listened to their inner self and decided to bring a second daughter into the world. This was in 2003 and they brought this daughter into the world and they decided that they will celebrate Lohri for this daughter. History was created for the first time in the country on 13 January 2004 in Arnoli village of Bilaspur. When this festival was celebrated in the name of a daughter. More than 500 people from Bilaspur participated in this event

Kanwar Pal also praised this pro-

gramme. Today, after this beginning, the festival was celebrated in the name of the daughter. She has now turned 18 years old and has made her name Ananya meaningful and dedicated her childhood to Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao. Their first daughter Sanjoli Banerjee also followed her father's path and achieved success. Their first daughter Sanjoli Banerjee graduated from Australia and established her position in the society. She has received three awards at the international level. Both the daughters are running a mobile school in Dard village. Both the sisters have made their mark on the international stage in the field of service. Sanioli has received Britain's Diana



Award, Germany's Youth Leadership Award, UNO's Volunteer Award. Apart from this, both the sisters are working on topics like en vironment, sex ratio, mental health, world brotherhood, direction of youth, women empowerment at the international level.

NIFAA chief Preetpal Pannu also set an example in the society by celebrating Lohri for the first time on the name of his daughter. In 2009, the then DC Neelam Pradeep Kasani from Karnal had announced Beti Bachao Beti Padhao. At that time, an oath was taken every month to save the daughter in the womb. Till now, Lohri has been celebrated in the name of lakhs of daughters in Haryana.

RSS and BJP want to keep the people poor: Lali Sharma Tatiyana

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA: JANUARY 12

Ever since the BJP government has come to power, there has been chaos in country. First, they

made country poor by demonetization Promise of giving 2 crore jobs to youth has also been shattered. Today every youth is running towards foreign countries, because there is no trace of jobs in India. Government was saying that farmers will be given right price for their crops, but today farmers are shedding tears of blood. Crops are being sold for pittance in market. Farmers are committing suicide because they are drowned in debt. Country is being run by only 3

people. Adani, Ambani and Nirav Modi. They have brought both country's trade and traders to a standstill. RSS and BJP people

are taking country towards poverty. Congress government used to run with 36 communities. Every section of society was happy during Congress rule. Congress

> in country so that stove in every poor person's house could be lit. Congress's biggest contribution is schools, col· leges and univer-

Players bring glory to district by winning gold in National Powerlifting Championship

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNA NAGAR, JAN 12

Players of the district have once again proved that there is no dearth of talent in the district. Five players of the district brought glory to not only the district but also the state by winning gold medals in the Powerlifting National Championship held in Sonipat. All these gold medal winners were felicitated during an award ceremony held in Professor Colony on Saturday. BJP leader and member of District Kashta Nirman Samiti Rakesh Tyagi present as chief guest felicitating these players and their coach, said that there is no dearth of sports talent in our district. Ĥe said that Karnam Malleswari, who hoisted flag of India in world in weight lifting in year 2000, also be-

longs to this place. He told that government is making plans for development of sports and players and to encourage players, they are also

giving them government jobs according to their talent. He said that if players need any kind of help from government, then he is always ready for it. Shanti Sharma, father of gold medal winner Parth Sharma, Profes-

ers have achieved this success on basis of their hard work and dedication as well as tips given to them by their coach. Gold medalist players Varun Mehta, Manmeet Kaur, Parth Sharma, Vishwakarma, Sachin



sor Colony, said that as much hard work as his son has done for this Rotary Club Powerlifting National Championship, same hard work has been done by his coaches Tarun Sharma and Gurpreet. These playMukhiya, who were honored on this occasion, said that they have worked very hard to achieve this position and in future also they will continue to work hard to bring glory to their country

District residents should take special precautions to avoid cold wave: DC

RANVIR PARASHAR

KAITHAL: DC Preeti said that the district administration has issued a special advisory as per instructions of government to prevent cold stroke due to cold wave. DC has also appealed to general public to take special precautions to protect themselves from cold wave and cold. Cold wave is going on these days. In view of this, we can avoid cold stroke by taking precautions. To protect yourself from cold wave, defi-nitely follow these things. He said that to avoid cold stroke, keep taking weather related information from radio/TV/newspapers for weather forecast. Stock up on adequate clothes for winter. Keep doors and windows properly closed to prevent cold air from entering the house. Possibility of various diseases like flu, runny nose is usually due to prolonged exposure to cold. Therefore, consult local health workers or doctor. Stay indoors as much as possible and avoid exposure to cold air, rain, snow. Wear warm clothes. Tight clothes restrict blood circulation, avoid them. To maintain body heat, keep your head, neck, hands and toes covered adequately. Keep gloves on hands. Wear a cap or muffler on head, eat healthy food. According to the Health Department, to maintain adequate immunity, eat fruits and vegetables rich in Vita min C. Drink hot liquids regularly, this will maintain body heat to fight cold. She advised to take special care of elderly people, newborns and children and said that keep asking about the well-being of neighbors who live alone, especially elderly people. Use room heaters only as per need, but make arrangements for adequate air drainage while using room heaters. Burning coal in closed rooms can be dangerous as it produces poisonous gases like carbon monoxide.

Beneficiaries getting free treatment facility under Ayushman and Chirayu Yojana: DC

RANVIR PARASHAR

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membering Congress rule. Hindi Diwas celebrated with great pomp by organizing 'Kavyanjali' kavi sammelan at Indian Embassy Abu Dhabi

launched schemes like MNREGA



on roads, but still their demands are not being met. People have lost faith in BJP. They want to oust BJP and bring Congress, today people are re-

SHALU PARMAR

KALAYAT: World Hindi Day is working to bind all Indians living abroad in one thread. On occasion of International Hindi Day, 'Kavyanjali' kavi sammelan was organized in collaboration with Sahitya Srujan Manch at Indian Embassy, Abu Dhabi. The literary event promoted richness of Hindi literature and poetic expression. Chief guest First Secretary of Indian

Embassy Arpit Jain read out the message of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in program. Special guests included Ali Mubarak and



Kathak student

Enora Gyane of Uzbekistan. NRI engineer Awadhesh Rana and Kamala Prakash Jolly from Kalayat, who were conducting program, said that officer Prince Gaurav Karan from Indian Embassy read out composition of Dinkar. Rashmirathi and the poem of Padma Vibhushan late. Kathak teacher Kundan, a disciple of Birju Maharaj, and his group presented a wonderful dance on verses of Meera Bai and Beeti Vibhavari Jag Ri taken from the Lehar Kavya of Jaishankar Prasad, which gave a beautiful dimension to the program. Lalita Mishra, Megha Ranka, Vandana Rana, Vinita Swaroop, Ankur Ranka and Achal Mishra welcomed the guests in the program.

spiritual guru Shri Satpal Ji Maharaj

Faces of helpless people glows due

KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI, JANUARY 12

Donation week is being celebrated by Manav Utthan Seva Samiti under the guidance of spiritual guru Satpal Ji Maharaj. Under which the followers associated with Manav Utthan Seva Samiti are helping the needy people. Followers of Manav Utthan Seva Samiti also helped the needy people by visiting brick kilns around Tarawadi city. Under the leadership of Karnal District President of Manav Utthan Seva Samiti Pradeep Gupta, the officials distributed blankets to the needy people, warm shawls, shoes and socks to women, study material, shoes, socks and jerseys to children as well as food items. Giving information, District President



of Manav Utthan Seva Samiti entire district Pradeep Gupta said that Do-

He said that this process of help will continue. The members are helping the helpless people by going to slums and other settlements. Pradeep Gupta said that it is the duty of all of us to help the needy people. We should

come forward to help such people. On this occasion, many dignitaries including District Head Pradeep Gup-ta, Mahatma Antarmukhi Bai Ji, Subdara Bai Ji, Naresh Garg, Sachin Garg, Ram Singh Dua were presrayu Ayushman Haryana Yojana are proving helpful in free treatment for eligible families. Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in view of health needs of countrymen. Under Ayushman Bharat scheme, an annual benefit of up to Rs 5 lakhs is given to beneficiary family. This medical benefit is absolutely cashless and paperless, in which beneficiary can get his treatment done in panel hospital by showing his Ayushman card. Second and third class medical facilities have been included in this scheme. Chirayu Ayushman Haryana Scheme was launched by Haryana Government in November 2022. Under this scheme, families with verified income below Rs 1.80 lakh annual income have been made beneficiaries of this ambitious scheme in which database of verified income families is consumed by National Health Agency. Families with annual income of Rs 1.80 lakh to Rs 3 lakh can avail benefits by paying premium of only Rs 1500. Such families will have to renew card by paving premium amount every year. You can apply for this scheme by visiting portal https://chirayuayushmanharyana.in/. He informed that beneficiary family can also make their Ayushman card by themselves for which one can go to app link https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.beneficiaryapp and login as a beneficiary and get their Ayushman card made at home on their own mobile. To get card made, eligible beneficiary is required to bring Aadhaar card, family identity card and mobile attached to Aadhaar card. This facility is also available at Atal Seva Kendras, for which one can visit https:// beneficiary.nha.gov.in.

Delay in laying interlocking tiles on both sides of Kachwa road

MEGHRAJ LUTHRA

KACHWA: There is a delay in laying interlocking tiles on both sides of the road from Swami Vivekanand Park to Railway Over Bridge near Western Yamuna Canal on Kachhwa Karnal Road. This road was widened by the Public Works Department two months ago during Chhath Puja in November. After road widening, interlocking tiles were to be laid as a footpath for support on both sides. Work on this has not been started even after so much time has passed. Pedestrians and drivers going to

the temple and park in the morning and evening are facing problems. There is also a fear of the road breaking down soon. At that time, when Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini had come to the Surya Dev temple, the road was constructed in a hurry at night, but even after two and a half months, work has not started. On the other hand, encroachment on this road is increasing day by day.

Our duty to connect disabled to mainstream: Akshay Pratap Bedi

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KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI, JANUARY 12

Sabri Group Taraori shared the happi-ness of Lohri and Makar Sankranti festival with the disabled of the city. A large number of people participated in the programme organised under the leadership of Master Satish Panwar in e-library Taraori. The youth associated with Sabri Group Taraori celebrated Lohri festival with the disabled. They helped all the disabled and wished them a happy Lohri festival by giving them peanuts, revdi gajak and popcorn. During this, flowers were also offered to the late Baba Yash Sabri while remembering him. While ad-dressing, Master Satish Panwar said that Sabri Group is doing commendable work in the society under the leadership of social worker Akshay Pratap Bedi. He said that Sabri Group is running an awareness campaign against drug addiction. Apart from this, by organising several blood donation camps, it has also arranged hundreds of units of blood for the



patients. He said that Sabri Group resolved to celebrate the festival with the handicapped, so this programme was organised in the e-library.

Akshay Pratap Bedi, associated with Sabri Group, said that it is our duty to connect handicapped children with the mainstream of society. Instead of looking at the handicapped with pity, pre-

pare them to live with the society, so that the handicapped can also achieve success. Many youths, including Akshay Pratap Bedi, Sahil, Ram Bedi, Ravi Sain, Rambir, Kaku Saude, Binder Ujhana, Mahavir Sabharwal, Vikrant Saraswat and Master Satish Panwar. associated with Sabri Group, were present in this programme.

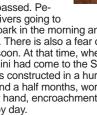
Crime Branch-1 team nabs man along with 552 grams of smack worth about Rs 50 lakhs

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR : DSP Raiesh Kumar said that under the guidance of Superintendent of Police Rajiv Deshwal, the district police is continuously taking strict action against drug smugglers and curbing drug smug-gling under the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan in which various crime units of district police are

constantly tightening noose on drug smugglers. Working in this series, team of Crime Branch-1 succeeded in arresting accused along with 552 grams of smack. Case was registered against accused under the NDPS Act in Sadar Yamunanagar police station and he was produced in court. From where he was taken on one-day remand. DSP said that team of Crime Branch-1 had received information during patrolling that Insad, a resident of village Rasoolpur in Saharanpur district of Uttar Pradesh, would come to Yamunanagar on a



bike to sell smack. A team was formed on this information. Team se up a blockade near the highway in Kalanaur. Meanwhile, Insaad was seen coming on a bike. He was taken into custody on suspicion. Accused was searched in presence of Duty Magistrate District Police Deputy Superintendent Headquarters Kanwaljeet. 552 grams of smack was recovered from him. Price of recovered smack is said to be around Rs 50 lakh in market. Police produced accused in court today and took him on five-day remand.



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NEWS BRIEF

UT girls won in Under 23 ODI, lost in Under 19 ODI

handigarh, The all round performance from Aaradhna Bisht helped UT girls to register a five wicket win over Baroda in their last league match of Women's Under 23 ODI Trophy being played in Jamshedpur on Sunday. After winning the toss Baroda decided to bat first and piled up 89 runs with the fine contributions from Jeenal Patel (21) and Neha Patel (20). Aradhana Bishta (4/16) took four wickets while Yashika (3/17) clinched three. In reply Chandigarh achieved the target by losing five wickets in the 19th over. Aradhana Bisht scored unbeaten 33 runs while Sarah Mahaian added 26 runs. Meanwhile, Chandigarh lost by five wickets despite a brilliant knock from Deepti Walia at the Under-19 ODI held at Surat. Karnataka invited Chandigarh to bat first. UT girls piled up for 152 runs in the 40th over with Deepti being the top scorer with 66. In reply, Karnataka surpassed the target in the 34th over at the loss of five wickets. Shreya Chavan scored fifty runs.

Colonel Warraich's team made come back on Day Two of Polo Exhibition Matches



S ri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab – On the second day of the Polo Exhibition matches organized by the Charaftert Polo Schemer Pol under the Punjab Horse Show at the Maghi Fair, Colonel Warraich's team delivered a comr performance, defeating the Chandigarh Polo Club 5-2 .Despite wet ground conditions, the spectators enthusiasm remained unwavering as Colone Warraich's team set the tone early in the match. Scoring three quick goals in the first chukkar, the team took control, with stellar contributions from

Aditya Singh and Bhanu Pratap Godara. The Chandigarh Polo Club, captained by Dilpree Singh Sidhu, fought valiantly to stage a comeback Aman Wading reduced the deficit to 3-1 with a goal in the second chukkar's third minute, sparking hope for the home side. However, Aditya Singh struck again, extending the lead to 4-1. In a thrilling display of skill, Colonel Warraich delivered an exceptional backhand shot to seal the match at 5-2. Dilpreet's late goal for CPC was not enough to change the outcome.

The match was inaugurated by SSP Tushar Gupta, adding a ceremonial touch to the event. Spectators are eagerly awaiting the third day's match, scheduled for Monday at 11 AM, promising more exciting action

This exhibition match not only celebrated the competitive spirit of polo but also added vibrancy to the ongoing Maghi Fair, reflecting Punjab's rich

Human Hunting More Responsible for Kangaroo Extinction than Climate Change

he extinction of many kangaroo species in Australia around 40,000 years ago might have been caused more by human activities than climatic changes. Fossil evidence from ancient kangaroo teeth suggests that these animals adapted well to nging climates due to their flexible diets. This raises the likelihood that human hunting practices played a greater role in their disappearance than previously assumed. Over 90 percent of the continent's large animal species vanished during the same period, with kangaroos making up a significant portion of

these losses Teeth Analysis Challenges Climate Theory According to Science News, researchers including Samuel Arman, a paleontologist at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, studied the teeth of 937 kangaroo specimens. This included both fossilis modern species. The study examined microscopic wear on the teeth, which provides clues about dietary habits. The findings contradict earlier assumptions that extinct kangaroos depended on limited types of vegetation, such as tough plants. Instead. the evidence suggests these animals had varied diets, making them more resilient to environmental changes. Human Impact on Kangaroo Populations Experts have long debated the reasons behind the extinction of Australia's megafauna. While climatic shifts were considered a major factor, this study suggests that kangaroos had previously endured significant environmental changes and diversified into numerous species. The arrival of humans, estimated between 70.000 and 50.000 years ago. coincided with the decline of these Hunting is now seen as a primary factor in their disappearance, overshadowing dietary limitations caused by climate change.

Business and Barbara Radziwiłl

Unusual gym habits that might leave you in stitches

mbarking on a fitness journey can be both rewarding and challenging. Whether you're a seasoned gym-goer or a newbie trying to adopt a healthier lifestyle, you're likely to encounter a variety of gym habits that range from the mundane to the downright bizarre. Some gym-goers have developed peculiar routines and habits that might leave you in stitches - not from laughter, but from sheer bewilderment. Let's look at some of the weirdest gym habits that you might come across during your fitness endeavors.

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The Phone Magician We all know smartphones have become an inseparable part of our lives, but some gym-goers take their attachment to the next level. The phone magician seems to possess the power to summon their smartphone from thin air, no matter where it's stored. They might be in the middle of a set, dripping with sweat, and suddenly - poof! their phone appears, often leading to awkward fumbling and a temporarily interrupted workout. It's as if the phone has an uncanny ability to teleport into their hands at the least opportune moments.

The Grunter Choir While some level of exertion-related grunting is normal in the gym. there's a subset of gym-goers



art. The grunter choir consists of individuals who seem to communicate primarily through grunts, groans, and primal noises. From across the gym, you might think they're engaged in a heated argument. but no - they're just pumping iron while emitting a symphony of sound effects that might make you wonder if you accidentally wandered onto a movie set.

The Mirror Marathoner **Ah.** the mirrors in the gym – they're there to help you check

Kabaddi Academy will be established

in Rohtak: Parth Jindal

ohtak: The winning Kabaddi League team of JSW Supports Haryana

Steelers was given a warm welcome at Maharshi Dayanand University

Rohtak today. During this, the team players brought their trophy and

celebrated the victory here among the people of Rohtak. There was a lot of

enthusiasm among the sports lovers of Rohtak regarding this, while the winning

team was also very excited. Making the announcement, JSW Sports Founder and

Director Parth Jindal said that a Kabaddi Academy will be set up at Maharishi

Dayanand University in collaboration with the university. He said that Haryana's

Kabaddi team has achieved a big victory, last time it was at the second position,

this time it has come at the first position and achieved the first position. He said

that players of Haryana are progressing in every sport. On this occasion, Maharshi

Davanand University Vice Chancellor Raiveer Singh expressed his gratitude to

Parth Jindal and said that the Jindal family has contributed to industries and

politics and now the Jindal family will also be known as a sports loving family.On

this occasion, Manmohan Goyal, Manpreet Singh, Captain Jaideep Singh, RP

Garg from Sports Department, Registrar Gulshan Taneja, Professor Kultar Singh,

Family's Plea to Save Their Son: Help Ishmeet

after every single repetition. Whether they're doing curls, squats, or even stretching, they're locked in a silent battle of wills against their own reflection. It's as if the mirror's encouragement and approval are vital to their workout success

The Water Bottle Shrine **Keeper** Hydration is important, and many gym-

goers bring water bottles to ensure they stay properly fueled during their workout. But for the water bottle shrine keeper, the water bottle isn't just a functional accessory-it's a sacred artifact. You'll find them carefully placing their water bottle in a specific spot, perhaps even with a towel draped over it, as if they're paying homage to the hydration gods. Disturbing their water bottle arrangement might result in an icv stare that could rival Medusa's

Timely diagnosis of thyroid dysfunction is crucial suggests Dr. KP Singh

ohali:The thyroid gland, a small butterfly-shaped organ located in the neck, plays a vital role in regulating the budy's inclavorum. And hormones essential for overall health. However, awareness about thyroid disorders and the need for timely diagnosis

remains alarmingly low. Dr. K.P. Singh, Director of Endocrinology, Fortis

Mohali sheds light on common thyroid problems and explains how disruptions in the gland's function can significantly impact various bodily functions.

The thyroid gland sits low in the throat area and spreads its 'wings' on either side of your windpipe. The largest endocrine gland, thyroid, primarily secretes two hormones, thyroxine and triiodothyronine, commonly known as T4 and T3. Secretion of these hormones by the thyroid gland is controlled by Thyroid Stimulating Hormone (TSH), secreted

by the pituitary. Thyroid gland increases the metabolism of carbohvdrates. fat and protein and decreases body weight. It also increases heart rate and blood pressure. Diseases of the thyroid gland manifest as hyperthyroidism, hypothyroidism, goitre, cretinism, myxedema, thyroid cancer and rarely thyroid storm

Thyroid problems are caused by malnourishment due to nutrient deficiencies; excessive intake of caffeine, sugar, or other stimulants; and substances that inhibit the proper functioning of the thyroid, such as hard liquor.

Thyroid problems are influenced by several risk factors, primarily categorized into gender/age, personal history, and genetic factors. Women are 6 to 8 times more likely to develop thyroid conditions than men, with those over the age of 50 also being at higher risk

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The product's structural flexibility extends to policy terms and pay-

out periods, allowing customers to choose the policy term between 8 to

Income pay-out options provide further customization, allowing customers to choose between level or increasing guaranteed income

The level guaranteed income option provides steady returns for

The increasing guaranteed income option, offers guaranteed

income which grows by 5% simple interest annually from the second

year of pay-out period, is ideal for those seeking a progressively higher

aim to offer maturity benefit in the form of guaranteed returns to

individuals looking for financial security along with assured return o

110% of total premiums paid at the end of the pay-out period. What

makes this product even more appealing is its versatility as it caters to

quarantees returns while offering life cover ensures our customers can

5. A message you would like to convey to customers considering life surance as part of their financial planning and security strategy?

Life insurance is more than just an investment; it's a promise of financial

every individual is: "Don't wait for the 'right' time to plan your future-the

right time is 'now'. Having adequate life insurance gives confidence to

security and liberation. One message that I would like to convey to

individuals across age groups, addressing diverse financial goals. In

today's unpredictable economic environment, having a product that

plan for their dreams and aspirations confidently.

lise dreams and ensure financial security.

Customer also has the flexibility to receive the

These flexibilities ensure that the plan seam

15 years (depending on the premium payment term chosen) and pay-

handigarh: 1. Consumers today have evolving insurance needs across life stages. How relevant is SBI Life - Smart Platina Supreme in the context of financial stability and long-

term planning? Keeping in mind life uncertainties, financial security & stability are more critical than ever. Consumers today are prioritizing insurance solutions that provide assured outcomes and long-term security. Our new product offering, 'SBI Life - Smart Platina Supreme' is designed to address this demand by offering a life cover clubbed with guaranteed returns to ensure our consumers confidently realise their aspirations & that of their loved ones. Its guaranteed income pay-outs make it particularly appealing, as it offers financial protection amidst market volatility. This product is a holistic offering, empowering and liberating individuals to achieve their dreams, by securing the needs and aspirations of their loved ones.

2. Can you explain how SBI Life - Smart Platina Supreme product caters to the evolving financial needs of individuals

across different life stages? By combining life insurance protection with guaranteed returns, this product provides a versatile solution that caters to various personal and financial priorities across life stages. The core benefit of the product lies in its ability to offer guaranteed income through level or increasing options. This ensures a steady financial inflow for a chosen period, empowering consumers to plan for their future with confidence, knowing that their key financial goals are secured. For instance

Young professionals starting their careers of planning for future entrepreneurial goals, should buy the plan as it provides a structured way to save.

Middle-aged individuals managing family responsibilities, such as children's education, can buy the plan to create a regular income stream for key life milestones

For those nearing or in retirement, the plan ensures a stable income stream for a chosen period, allowing them to maintain their lifestyle and meet day-to-day expenses without financial dependence By addressing priorities such as security and income stability, SBI Life Smart Platina Supreme product adapts to the evolving needs of every life stage

3 Can you elaborate on how this product offers flexibility in terms of premium payments and pay-out options, making it suitable for various financial goals?

SBI Life- Smart Platina Supreme insurance plan offers remarkable flexibility, allowing customers to tailor this insurance product

Park Hospital Patiala Introduces Advanced Kidney Transplant Program



Scientists have discovered a unique link between ferroelectric domain walls and superconductivity in two-dimensional van der Waals materials. This breakthrough, credited to research by Gaurav Chaudhary from the University of Cambridge and Ivar Martin from Argonne National Laboratory, sheds light on how specific structural features in these materials enable strong electron interactions. The findings are expected to nave the way for new superconducting devices and innovative applications in the field of condensed

matter physics According to reports by phys.org, sliding ferroelectricity in certain 2D van der Waals mate als, including boron nitride and transition metal dichalcogenides (TMDs), facilitates polarisation reversal under moderate electric fields. This phe nomenon allows for large-scale manipulation of layer stacking, significantly impacting the material's electronic properties. Researchers noted that domain walls-boundaries separating regions with differing orientations of ferroelectric polaris-

ation-exhibit unique characteristics that enhance electron-phonon coupling. The study revealed that in materials like molybde num ditelluride (MoTe₂), superconductivity is

transiently enhanced near ferroelectric reversal transitions. This enhancement occurs within hysteresis loops where domains of varying polarisation coexist

Amateur Astronomer Discovers Unexpected Composition of Jupiter's Clouds



kidnev failure patients by successfully performing kidney transplants using advanced techniques. Recognized by the Punjab government as an approved center for kidney transplants, Park Hospital has become the first in Patiala to offer this life-saving procedure. Dr. Jiwtesh Singh, Urologist at Park Hospital, highlighted that the facility is equipped with state-ofthe-art surgical and diagnostic technologies, ensuring precise and minimally invasive kidney transplant procedures. "Our specialist doctors provide comprehensive care to patients, ensuring they can lead a healthier and better-quality life post-transplant. The hospital is committed to delivering world-class healthcare both before and after the treatment." he added. General Surgeon Dr. Gurjot Singh emphasized that while kidney transplantation is a complex process, the expertise of Park Hospital's multidisciplinary team has made it seamless and efficient. He noted that the team fosters a home-like environment for patients, which aids in their guicker recovery. Nephrologists Dr. Kaplesh and Dr. Brahm Prakash expressed pride in the hospital's achievements, attributing its success to the dedication and hard work of the entire medical team. They reiterated the hospital's commitment to providing exceptional health facilities and continually improving patient outcomes. With its advanced technologies and patient-centric approach, Park Hospital is setting new benchmarks in kidney transplant care, offering a brighter future for patients and their families.

16th-Century Royal Burial Treasures Found in Lithuania's Vilnius Cathedral

remarkable discovery has been made in Lithuania's Vilnius Cathedral, where 16th-century royal burial regalia were recovered after being concealed for nearly a century. The artefacts, including crowns, rings, chains, a sceptre, and coffin plaques, had een hidden in a crypt at the start of World War II. These treasures, once belonging to significant figures from the Grand Duchy of Lithuania and the Kingdom of Poland, provide insight into the era's historical and cultural importance. According to a press release from the Vilnius Archdiocese, as reported by Live Science, the regalia were discovered on December 16, 2024, by a team of experts using an endoscopic camera to examine the cathedral's underground chambers. The items, originally unearthed during restoration work in 1931 after a flood exposed royal sarcophagi, were hidden in 1939 for safekeeping. They include burial ornaments tied to Alexander Jagiellon, Grand Duke of Lithuania and King of Poland, along with two queens, Elisabeth of Austria



New Cartilage Type Found: Lipocartilage Resembles Fat, **Boosts Elasticity**

newly identified form of cartilage distinct from the three commonly recognised types, has been described by scientists. This tissue, termed "lipocartilage," stands out due to its unique composition. Unlike typical cartilage, which features thick fibre matrices, lipocartilage contains balloon-like cells filled with oils. These cells are uniform and closely packed forming a springy yet durable structure. Found in areas such as the ear and nose, this tissue combines elasticity with resistance to deformation, according to reports Study Highlights the Characteristics o Lipocartilad

As per findings published in Science, lipocartilage was first observed during an analysis of mouse ear tissue. This tissue resembling fat but with a distinct fibrous matrix, was shown to maintain its size regardless of calorie intake. Unlike adipose cells, lipocartilage lacks enzymes for fa breakdown and transporters for dietary fats ensuring its structural stability. Maksim Plikus Professor at the University of California, Irvine compared it to "Bubble Wrap" in an email to Live Science, noting its role in enhancing the acoustic properties of the outer ear by maintaining consistent sound wave transmission Historical Observations Rediscovered The tissue was first documented in the 1850s by Franz von Leydig, who described it as cartilage resembling adipose tissue. Subsequent mentions in the 1960s and 1970s

faded into obscurity until its recent rediscovery The study highlights lipocartilage's distinct genetic and molecular characteristics, supporting its classification as a potentia fourth type of cartilage.

Singh Battle Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy mritsar: Ishmeet Singh, just nine "Watching our child lose his ability to

JSWA COO Divyanshu Singh Samhita were present.

years old, is fighting a relentless battle against Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD), a rare and devastating genetic disorder that causes progressive muscle weakness. This condition has already begun to rob

Ishmeet of his strength and mobility, and every passing day brings more uncertaint to his future. This life-saving treatment comes at an unimaginable cost of INR 27 crore. For Priva and her husband, who have already exhausted all their savings this amount is far beyond

"Nine years ago, our lives changed forever when Ishmeet was born I carried him for nine months, dreaming of the day I would hold him in my arms. That day made me the happiest mother on earth," recalls Priya Kanojia, Ishmeet's mother

their reach.

move freely is a pain no parent should endure. Every day, we wake up praying for a miracle. It is overwhelming to even imagine that my son's last day could be the end of my own life. It's unbearable to breathe knowing that my

child is battling a deadly disease-one that could become fatal without timely treatment," says Priya. Currently, Ishmeet is on ste roids and undergoing regular physiotherapy, but his condition continues to dete riorate. Doctors at AIIMS, Delhi, have recommended Elevidys Gene Therapy, a groundbreaking one-time

treatment that delivers a shortened version of the dystrophin gene (micro-dystrophin) into his muscle cells. This therapy can help prevent further muscle degeneration and offer Ishmeet a better quality of life

Republic Day Sale' 2025 starting January 13

handigarh : The much-awaited shopping festival. Amazon India's 'Great Republic Day Sale,' will go live at 12:00 PM on January 13, 2025, with a 12-hour early access, exclusively for Prime members. Customers can kick off their new year shopping for millions of products offered by sellers across categories such as Smartphones, Fashion & Beauty, Home & Kitchen, Consumer Electronics, Large Appliances, Groceries, Everyday Essentials, and more. Shoppers can explore a diverse range of products from leading brands like OnePlus. Apple, boAt, Samsung, Sony, LG, Crocs, Titan L'Oréal, Lakmé, Pampers, and more.Save more with 10% Instant Discount on SBI Credit Card and EMI transactions.With Amazon Pay Later get instant credit up to ₹60,000 and welcome rewards worth up to ₹600.Great deals, latest models, and attractive prices from top smartphone brands including OnePlus, Apple, Samsung, iQOO, realme, Xiaomi, POCO, Motorola, HONOR, Lava, Tecno, Intel, and more.Premium smartphones like iPhone 15 starting at ₹56,999 and Samsung Galaxy S23 Ultra 5G starting at ₹69,999.Avail up to 75% off on electronics and accessories from 250+ top brands with additional exchange offers of up to

₹21.000 and no-cost EMI options of up to 12 months.Up to 60% off on washing machines refrigerators, chimneys, microwaves and dishwashers.Shop from a wide range of 600+ TVs at attractive prices and avail exciting offers along with exchange & coupon discounts up to ₹10,000 and 4 year extended warranty. Avail 50-80% off on Fashion & Beauty across 4.5 lakh+ styles from top-rated brands like Libas, Biba, Forever 21, BIBA, W, and more. Avail minimum 50% off on footwear from top brands like Metro, Inc 5. Clarks, Crocs, Woodland, and more.Get super savings on groceries with up to 50% off on Amazon Fresh. Minimum 50% off on Kitchen, Home, and Outdoors products including home décor showpieces cookware dining storage. and more. Up to 70% off on a wide selection of books, toys, and gaming products from top brands including LEGO. Hasbro. HarperCollins and more. Up to 35% off on Echo smart speakers with Alexa and Fire TV Stick.Amazon Business customers can enjoy up to 70% off on 2 lakh+ unique products, including laptops, tablets, headphones, office furniture and more. This new year, get great deals on unique products from Indian Small Businesses across various cat egories including fashion apparel.

Shrimad Bhagwat Katha

Jindal Stainless Hisar Unit Organizes



ISAR: The Hisar unit of Jindal Stainless commenced its annual Shrimad Bhagwat Katha with a ceremonial Kalash Yatra. This tradition, upheld for over a decade, aims to deepen the understanding of spirituality and the true essence of religion among Jindal Stainless employees and their families. Jindal Stainless Hisar's Senior Vice

President and Unit Head, Mr. Vijay Kumar Bindlish, stated, "We take pride in sustaining this tradition at the Jindal Stainless Hisar Unit. We firmly believe that through this event, we can foster moral and eternal values in people." The Shrimad Bhagwat Katha not only promotes spiritual well-being but also strengthens a sense of positivity.

upiter's atmospheric composition has been called into question through observations made using an old technique by an amateur astronomer, Steve Hill. The findings have indicated that the planet's iconic swirling clouds may not be composed of ammonia ice, as previously assumed. This revelation stems from data collected with commercial telescopes and spectral filters, presenting new perspectives on the gas giant's atmospheric dynamics and chemistry. The observations have sparked fur ther investigation into the structure of Jupiter's cloud layers

Findings from Observational Studies According to research published in Earth and Space Science, Hill applied a method known as hand-depth analysis. This technique measures light absorption at specific wavelengths to map the abundance of gases like ammonia and methane in Jupiter's atmosphere. As reported by space.com, the data revealed that reflective cloud layers are located at pressure levels of 2-3 bar, far deeper than where ammonia ice was expected to condense at 0.7 bar. Patrick Irwin, a planetary physicist at the University of Oxford, reviewed Hill's results and confirmed their accuracy through comparisons with data from instruments such as NASA's Juno space craft and ESO's Very Large Telescope (VLT).

LPU Alumna Rimjim Deka Inspires Students with Her Entrepreneurial Journey

alandhar(J S SODHI): Lovely Professional University (LPU) recently hosted Rimjim Deka Kakati, founder of the rapidly growing Y2K fashion brand *Littlebox India*, for an inspiring session with students. Rimjim, an LPU alumna, shared her journey of turning a zero-waste fashion brand into a nationwide sensation, securing a historic all-shark deal on *Shark Tank India* with an investment of ₹75 lakhs for a 2.5% equity stake, valuing the brand at ₹30 crores. In 2024 alone, the bootstrapped brand achieved gross revenue of ₹36 crores. During her talk, Rimjim reflected on the challenges of transitioning from a steady job to entrepreneurship. She highlighted the critical role of passion, perseverance, and strategic thinking in building *Littlebox India*, which focuses on affordability, inclusivity, and sustainability Rimjim credited her husband, Partha Kakati, her co-founder, for his unwavering support in managing operations and finances while she led the creative vision.



Dr. Col. Rashmi Mittal, Pro-Chancellor of LPU, commended Rimjim for her success, emphasizing LPU's robust startup ecosystem that fosters entrepreneurial skills through mentorship, incubation support, and experiential learning. The session inspired students to embrace challenges, innovate, and take bold steps toward their entrepreneurial goals showcasing how vision and determination can transform ideas into impactful ventures

BBFS Residential Academy to hold football trials in Amritsar on Jan 19

mritsar: Bhaichung Bhutia Football Schools (BBFS)—Residential Academy Trials, in collaboration with EnJogo, will conduct trials on 19th January 2025 at The Athletic Ground Guru Nanak Dev University. This trail is specifically designed for U13 to U17 young football talent, where selected players can join the prestigious BBFS Residential Academy. Open to players born between 2009 and 2016, the trials provide a platform for aspiring footballers to show case their skills and potentially embark on a journey toward professional football

With the BBFS Residential Academy as the backbone of this initiative, the selected players will have access to worldclass training facilities, experienced coaches, and comprehensive development programs designed to maximize their potential. The academy serves as a springboard for players to eventually earn a spot on the Indian National Team, nurturing athletic skills and personal growth.

Regarding the initiative. Indian football legend Bhaichung Bhutia said, "We believe that football is a sport that should be accessi-

Ad Vitam OTT Release Date: When and Where to Watch it Online? etflix has introduced a new French



ble to every young talent in the country, regardless of where they come from. These trials are an opportunity for young players in Puniab to take their first step toward realizing their dreams. Through BBFS and EnJogo, we provide training and a platform for athletes to develop their game and potentially represent India at the highest level."

Organized by BBFS and powered by EnJogo, India's first full-stack sports learning platform, this initiative represents a significant step in building a stronger football ecosystem in India

N action thriller, Ad Vitam, when a single state of danger, resilience, and personal stakes to the screen. Centred around Franck Lazareff, a former elite intervention agent with a haunting past, the movie unravels as he finds himself racing against time after a violent attack disrupts his life. Directed by Rodolphe Lauga, the film offers a tightly paced narrative filled with high-octane action and emo tional depth, catering to fans of gripping thrillers When and Where to Watch 'Ad Vitam Ad Vitam is now available for streaming on Netflix, offering a blend of suspense and action This French-language thriller joins the platform's growing catalogue of international films. Subtitles and dubbing options are available ensuring accessibility for a global audience Official Trailer and Plot of 'Ad Vitam' The official trailer of Ad Vitam provides a glimpse into Franck Lazareff's perilous journey After narrowly surviving an attempt on his life. Franck rushes home, only to face a more devastating crisis when his pregnant wife, Léo, is kidnapped. As he becomes entangled in a dan gerous conspiracy, Franck's troubled past resu faces. linking the chaos to deeper, more siniste forces. The film showcases intense action sequences, including chase scenes, gunfights, and high-stakes confrontations, maintaining a

tense pace throughout its runtime.

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New Zealand announce Santner-led squad for ICC Champions Trophy

ellington : Fresh names in the pace attack and presence of key veterans were the major highlights as New Zealand announced their squad for the upcoming ICC Champions Trophy, with their campaign opener set to take place against Pakistan on February 19. This will be the first major ICC tournament leading the side for new white-ball skipper Mitchell Santner, after a successful stint in the ODI & T20I series at home against Sri Lanka, as per ICC. Kiwis won both ODI and T20I series 2-1. The pace trio of Will O'Rourke, Ben Sears and Nathan Smith all feature in the squad and are set to play their maiden senior ICC event. Captain Santner is the frontline spin option, leading all-rounders Michael Bracewell, Glenn Phillips and

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in India (BCCI).

MUMBAI: Star batter Rohit

Sharma will remain Indian

captain till the ICC

Champions Trophy this

year, said sources in the

Board of Control for Cricket

Jasprit Bumrah is being dis-

cussed as India's next cap-

been a mix of memorable

highs and some extremely

disappointing lows. Be it a 10-

match winning streak dur-

ing the 2023 ICC Cricket

World Cup at home, which

him, team also made it to the

final of the ICC World Test

Championship 2023, where

ond half of 2024, luck seems to

have deserted the 'Hitman'

both as a batter and captain.

In the 2024/25 Test season

which started with the home

series against Bangladesh,

Rohit scored just 164 runs in

eight matches and 15 innings

at an average of 10.93 with the

best score of 52. During the

recently-concluded Border-

However, since the sec

they lost to Australia.

tain, added the sources.

Also, pace spearhead

Rohit's captaincy has

Rachin Ravindra all playing support. Senior figures Kane Williamson and Tom Latham let valuable experience to the side, with the latter set to take the wicketkeeping gloves for the tournament. Santner, Williamson and Latham were all part of New Zealand's squad for the previous edition o the Champions Trophy in England and Wales in 2017. Williamson also featured at the 2013 editio

in England. Matt Henry will spearhead the pace bowling attack alongside veteran Lockie Ferguson, who is set to play his fifth ICC event having played a key role in the last two ICC ODI and T20I World Cups. Jacob Duffy could also feature in the squad - he is named as a reserve player - should Lockie Ferguson become unavailable because of franchise cricket commitments New Zealand Squad: Mitchell Santner (c) Michae Bracewell, Mark Chapman, Devon Conway, Lockie Ferguson, Matt Henry, Tom Latham, Dary

Mitchell, Will O'Rourke, Glenn Phillips, Rachin Ravindra, Ben Sears, Nathan Smith, Kane Williamson, Will Young. **Babar Azam unlikely to open**

for Pakistan in upcoming home Tests against West Indies

ultan: Former captain Babar Azam will not open for Pakistan in the upcoming two home Tests against the West Indies, according to Geo News Babar, who recently returned to form, opened Pakistan's innings in the absence of Saim Ayub. The young southpaw twisted his ankle while chasing the ball alongside teammate Aamer Jamal. He lost his balance and injure his ankle. With this latest injury blow, Avub was unable to bat in both innings. Babar, who has considerable experience as an opene stepped up alongside skipper Shan Masood In his first turn, he batted confidently, amassing 58 runs from 127 deliveries. After South Africa imposed a follow-on, Babar followed up with a knock of 81(124) and formed a record-breaking 201-run opening stand with Shan. With Ayub sidelined, the Pakistar management decided to place its faith in Imam-ul-Haq. Abdullah Shafique was anothe

option, but he remains on the sidelines due to his lean form with the bat. Imam has represented Pakistan in 24 Tests scoring 1,568 runs, including 3 centuries. The 29-year-old southpaw returns to the Test fold for the first time since 2023. His las appearance for Pakistan in the Test format was on December 26, 2023, in Australia. Along with Imam, Mohammad Haris is the second opener included for the two Tests against the Caribbean side.

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Will back Proteas to go all the way in WTC final: AB de Villiers



AGENCY JOHANNESBURG : Former South

Bangladesh, while Group B

features Cricket World Cup

2023 champions Australia,

alongside Afghanistan.

Karachi will be the three ven-

ues in Pakistan which will

host the tournament. Each

Pakistan venue will feature

three group games with

Lahore hosting the second

final on March 9, unless

India qualifies, in which

case it will be played in

Dubai. Both the semi-finals

and the final will have

matches involving India, as

against the Proteas in

off with rivals England and

A big weekend then kicks

The three group

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Rawalpindi, Lahore, and

England and South Africa.

Africa batter AB de Villiers expressed confidence in his team's ability to secure their maiden ICC World Test Championship (WTC) crown against Australia at Lord's. However, he acknowledged that Australia remains the favorite, as the Proteas lack experience playing in conditions like those in England and Australia.

De Villiers shared his thoughts during a media interaction on the sidelines of an SA20 season three match between the Joburg Super Kings and MI Cape Town.

The former South African cricketer is currently involved in the tournament as a commentator and brand ambassador.

Speaking to the media, De Villiers noted that despite reaching the ICC T20 World Cup final and the WTC final, South Africa has faced unjust criticism within the cricketing community. This criticism followed the retirement of several senior players and an overhaul in the coaching setup, with Shukri Conrad taking charge as the Test coach and Rob Walter as the white-ball coach

"There are a lot of new things and still they qualified for the T20 World Cup final and the WTC final. It is actually incredible and I feel they deserve a lot more credit for achieving this. It is going to take a little bit of time to find that consistency that we have had maybe between 2008 and 2015. where we were consistently

around one of the top teams in the world. And they will get there. It takes time. All teams have to go through those phases to find the experienced players again. To find the right mix of players." he said.

Reflecting on his early career, De Villiers mentioned that in the mid to late 2000s, South Africa struggled with consistency."And then in 2008, we started clicking. But we had to go through those hard times first."

On the upcoming WTC final, De Villiers said, "There's no doubt that Australia are the favorites. The Proteas have done exceptionally well, showing they are playing a positive brand of cricket and going for results. I love that about them. Credit must go to the players and coaching staff for their approach."

De Villiers also praised South Africa's captain Temba Bavuma, saying, "He has taken a lot of criticism over the years. And look at where he is now. Taking the team to the WTC final. Over and above incredible cricketing nations like India like New Zealand and England. So great achievement. But ves, the reason why they are not favourites is they are still very inexperienced. They have not travelled to places like England of late. They have not been to Australia.

De Villiers pointed out the formidable challenge posed by Australia, known for their deep batting lineup and fearsome pace trio--Pat Cummins, Josh Hazlewood, and Mitchell Starc -- on swinging pitches in the UK

captain till ICC Champions Trophy

Rohit Sharma likely to stay India's

concluded with a loss to Gavaskar Trophy, he could Australia in the final or make just 31 runs in three India's redemption with an ICC T20 World Cup title win Tests with best score of 10. His form struggles were such in 2024 at Barbados, Rohit's that he opted out of the final captaincy has given fans plenty of positives. Under TestatSydney.

As a captain, Rohit touched some embarrassing lows as of late. Just before the Test series against Australia, India lost their first home Test series in 12 years, to New Zealand by 0-3. This was also their first-ever whitewash in a home Test series of three matches or more.

After India won the first Test against Australia at Perth by 295 runs under the captaincy of Jasprit Bumrah. Rohit returned to the side after the birth of his second child. However, on his return, India lost the pinkball Test at Adelaide. managed to draw the third Test at Brisbane, but lost the Boxing Day and New Year's Test at Melbourne and Sydney

respectively In the 2024 calendar year, Rohitlost six Tests, including four matches at home. This led to a decline in Rohit's Test record as captain, winning 12 and losing nine, while three ended in a draw.

On the other hand, Bumrah has so far led in three Tests, winning one and losingtwo.

The freshest challenge awaiting India is the ICC Champions Trophy, starting

from February 19 till March 9. It will be hosted by Pakistan and UAE, with India playing its matches in UAE under hybrid model.

ment will feature 15 50-over matches and will be played across Pakistan and in Dubai. The biggest match of the tournament between two arch-rivals India and Pakistan will be played on February 23 in Dubai. India will start its campaign against Bangladesh on

Group A of the tournament features current Champions Trophy holders and hosts Pakistan, along with India, New Zealand and

well as the first semi-final, will be played in Dubai. Pakistan take on New The eight-team tourna-Zealand in the Group A tournament opener in Karachi on February 19. The Dubai leg

begins the following day with India taking on Bangladesh. Group B begins on February 21, with Afghanistan squaring up

February 20.

Australia set to clash in Lahore on Saturday (February 22), with the muchanticipated Pakistan-India clash set for the day later

Shakib, Litton out of Bangladesh's 15-player squad for Champions Trophy 2025



an illegal bowling action, the 37-year-old was suspended from bowling in top-flight cricket. He recently failed the second test of independent assessment of his action.

Apart from Litton and Shakib, other notable exclusions in Bangladesh's squad are all-rounder Afif Hossain and the pace duo of Shoriful Islam and Hasan Mahmud.

Experienced middleorder batter Mahmudullah has retained his place in the squad. Mehidy Hasan Miraz and Rishad Hossain will be the two frontline spinners

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Bangladesh released a statement to announce the 15member squad for next month's highly-anticipated tournament.

The high-profile axing of bowling in ICC events. Due to

for Bangladesh.

Najmul Hossain Shanto has returned to the ODI fold as the skipper of the side after missing the West Indies tour due to a hamthe last seven innings, he has string injury last November. been dismissed for single-Other notable returnees in Bangladesh's squad include Shakib's exclusion comes Mushfigur Rahim, Towhid amid his suspension from Hridoy and Mustafizur Rahman.

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AGENCY

MUMBAI: The 18th season of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 will begin on March 23, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) Vice President Rajeev Shukla confirmed on Sunday. All 10 franchises have already picked the squad of their liking during the mega auction, which was held in Jeddah on November 24 and 25. After the end of the auction. there were speculations about the possible date when the cashrichleague would commence.

Rajeev Shukla, who attended the Special General Meeting (SGM) in Mumbai, revealed the date of IPL 2025 while speaking to reporters and said, "IPL is going to start from March23.

Last season, the IPL 2024 kickstarted on March 22 when the Royal Challengers Bengaluru took on Chennai Super Kings and the finale was held on May 26 at the MA Chidambaram Stadium, Chennai

Kolkata Knight Riders, who emphatically won the 2024 season.are the defending championsthisyear

While interacting with the reporters. Shukla also confirmed that the venues for the



WPL have been finalised and willbedeclared soon.

IPL2025 teams: Mumbai Indians squad: Batters: Suryakumar Yadav(retained), RohitSharma (retained), Tilak Varma (re-

tained), Bevan-John Jacobs (retained), Rahul Tripathi, Wicketkeepers: Robin Shaik Rasheed, Deepak Hooda, Minz, Ryan Rickelton, AndreSiddarth Krishnan Shrijith

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Fast bowlers: Matheesha Pathirana (retained), Khaleel Ahmed, Kamlesh Nagarkoti, Mukesh Choudhary, Gurjapneet Singh, Nathan Ellis

Royal Challengers

Bengaluru: Batters: Virat Kohli (re-

tained), Rajat Patidar (retained), Tim David, Manoj Bhandage, Devdutt Padikkal, Swastik Chikara

Wicketkeepers: Phil Salt, Jitesh Sharma

Kumar, Reece Topley, All-rounder: Liam Satyanarayana Raju, Arjun Livingstone (spin), Krunal Pandya (spin), Swapnil Singh (spin). Romario Shepherd Batters: Ruturaj Gaikwad (pace), Jacob Bethell (spin), MohitRathee(spin)

Spinners: Suyash Sharma, Abhinandan Singh

Fast bowlers: Josh Hazlewood, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Yash Dayal (retained), Rasikh Salam, Nuwan Thushara, Lungi Ngidi KolkataKnightRiders:

Batters: Rinku Singh (re tained), Rovman Powell, Angkrish Raghuvanshi, Manish Pandey, Luvnith Sisodia, Ajinkya Rahane

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Iyer(pace), Andre Russell(pace; retained), Sunil Narine (spin; retained), Ramandeep Singh (pace; retained), Anukul Roy (spin), Moeen Ali(spin) Spinners: Varun

Chakravarthy (retained), Mavank Markande

Fast bowlers: Harshit Rana (retained), Vaibhav Arora, Anrich Nortje, Spencer Johnson, Umran Malik

Puniab Kings: Batters: Shreyas Iyer,

Shashank Singh (retained), Nehal Wadhera, Harnoor Singh Pannu, Priyansh Arya, Pyla Avinash Wicketkeepers: Josh

Inglis, Vishnu Vinod, Prabhsimran Singh (retained) All-rounders: Glenn

Maxwell (spin), Marcus Stoinis (pace), Marco Jansen (pace), Harpreet Brar (spin), Azmatullah Omarzai (pace), Aaron Hardie (pace), Musheer Khan (spin), Suryansh Shedge (pace)

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MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025

WE SHOULD CELEBRATE FESTIVALS LINKED TO OUR HERITAGE TOGETHER: PARAMJEET SINGH GILL

VERMA

GURDASPUR: Paramjeet Singh Gill, the National Vice President of the Himalaya Family Organization and senior leader of the Gurd-

saspur Lok Sabha constituency, stated that the festival of Lohri is celebrated on the night of the last day of the month of Poh. In the past, families where a boy was born used to distribute jaggery on Lohri night to celebrate

the birth. He explained that our society has been male-dominated, which is why the birth of a boy was given more importance than that of a girl, and celebrations were held for the boy's birth. However, due to increasing awareness, people are now also celebrating Lohri for daughters. On this day, charity and donations are made, and songs related to Dulla Bhatti, who is known for marrying off two poor girls.

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"Dheeyan Di Lohri" festival celebrated at RR Bawa DAV College for Girls

VERMA BATALA, JAN 12

Under the patronage of Dr.EktaKhosla, Principal, RR Bawa DAV College for Girls, Batala and under the guidance of Dr.IndraRani(Dean Youth Welfare)and Ms.UdeshKumari (Co-ordinator), "Dheeyan Di Lohri" festival was celebrated in the college premises to promote gender equality. The intent of the celebration was to make people understand the importance of Girl Child and promote gender equal-

Following the traditions "Bhugga" was burnt and the song "Sundar-Mundariye" sung by RR Bawa family. Festival 'Lohri' was celebrated amid cultural performances by the students. Staff and students presented melodious 'Boliyaan' and enjoyed delightful cuisines along with groundnuts, peanuts and popcorns. The music department presented melodious songs along with folk Instrumentalpresentation on this occasion. All the



gathering took rounds around 'Bhugga' and poured groundnuts, rewri,
corn phullas, chirwarha, etc. in the holy fire. All prayed for the welfare,
happiness, peace and progress of the country and best wishes were offered mutually.On this occasion, the students took the pledge to not to use Chinese and Synthetic Dor.

Principal Dr.EktaKhosla extended her heartiest wishes on this auspicious occasion to the students and the staff and also motivated them to say no to Chinese and Synthetic Dor. All faculty and staff members were also present on this occasion. Directors of Thakur Healcare Hospital extend wishes for Lohri and Makar Sankranti

VERMA GURDASPUR, JAN 12

The directors of Thakur Healcare Hospital, Dr. Mandeep Thaker (BDS/MDS), Dr. Abha Thakur (BDS/MDS, Ex. Res. AIIMS Delhi), Dr. Taruni Thakur (MBBS, MS Safdarjung Hospital/New Delhi, DNB (OBGY),

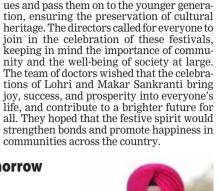
darjung Hospital/New Delni, DNB (OBGY), FNB (IVF, Hyderabad)), and Dr. Sourabh Thakur (MBBS/DNB Radio Diagnosis, IN-MAS & RR Hospital New Delhi), collectively extended their heartfelt wishes to the citizens of the country on the occasion of Lohri and Makar Sankranti. They emphasized that these festivals are an integral part of Indian culture, aimed at promoting unity, prosperity, and happiness.

Dr. Mandeep Thakur pointed out that Lohri is primarily celebrated in Punjab and is a festival that symbolizes the joy of the harvest season, while Makar Sankranti marks the transition of the sun into Capricorn, signaling the start of longer days. He further highlighted that these festivals bring people together in the spirit of love and

Council President to meet DC tomorrow regarding garbage management

VERMA

GURDASPUR: To address the growing issue of waste disposal, the Municipal Council has been making continuous efforts to manage garbage in the city. Household waste has been dumped at a private location, but no efforts have been made by the district administration in this regard. The Municipal Council President, Advocate Baljeet Singh Pahra, has announced that he will meet the DC of Gurdaspur on Tuesday to discuss the garbage management situation. Pahra stated that for the past six months, waste has been disposed of at a private location, but now there is no available space for further disposal.



brotherhood. The doctors urged everyone to

celebrate these occasions by fostering mutu-

al respect and harmony within society. They

also expressed their belief that these festi-

vals are a time to reflect on traditional val-



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