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PM Modi seeks global efforts to establish AI governance

AGENCY
PARIS, FEB 11

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday made a strong case for collective global efforts to establish governance and standards for artificial intelligence (AI) to uphold shared values and address risks.

Co-Chairing the AI Action Summit along with French President Emmanuel Macron, Modi said that AI is changing the polity, economy, security and society.

"There is a need for collective global efforts to establish governance and standards that uphold our shared values, address risks and build trust," Modi said.

"We must pull together our resources and talent and develop open source systems that enhance trust and transparency and develop quality datasets free from biases in order to benefit the world. AI must be about people-centric applications. We must address concerns related to cyber security, disinformation, and deep fakes," PM Modi said, as leaders from across the world listened.

Prime Minister Modi stressed on innovation and how "AI can help transform millions of lives". This he said can be done in the fields of "healthcare, education, ag-



riculture, and much more." He added that "AI can also help create a world in which the journey to sustainable development goals become easier and faster." "For technology to be effective and useful for humankind, it must be deeply rooted in local ecosystems," Prime Minister Modi said, adding that "AI most-feared disruption is 'loss of jobs'. But history has shown that work does not disappear due to technology." He went on to say that "The nature of jobs change with time, and new types of jobs are created."

Our goal is to produce 5 MMT of green hydrogen annually by 2030

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated and addressed the India Energy Week 2025 on Tuesday, outlining India's ambitious energy roadmap and asserting that the next two decades will be crucial for the country's growth. The Prime Minister said, "The coming two decades are extremely crucial for India, and in the next five years, we are set to achieve several major milestones. Many of our goals are aligned with the 2030 deadline. By 2030, we aim to add 500 GW of renewable energy capacity." He added, "The Indian Railways has set a Net Zero carbon emission target for 2030. Additionally, our goal is to produce 5 million metric tons of green hydrogen annually by 2030." India has emerged as the third-largest solar power generating nation globally, with its non-fossil fuel energy capacity tripling over the years.

Will utilise expertise of Delhi to make Punjab an example State, says Mann

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CHANDIGARH, FEB 11

Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, accompanied by AAP MLAs and ministers from Punjab, met with AAP National Convener Arvind Kejriwal at Kapurthala House, Delhi, to discuss the progress of Punjab and the roadmap ahead. Mann said that they will utilise the expertise to Delhi to make Punjab an example state.

Addressing the media after the meeting, CM Mann highlighted the accomplishments of the Punjab government and outlined an ambitious vision to transform the state into a model of development within two years.

Expressing gratitude to the Punjab team for their tireless efforts in the recently concluded Delhi elections, Mann said, "Our leaders and workers from Punjab worked diligently during the Delhi polls, and their contribution was invaluable. Arvind Kejriwal ji and I are deeply thankful for their dedication." He



added that the party's focus remains on delivering unparalleled governance in Punjab, with inspiration drawn from AAP's transformative work in Delhi over the past decade.

Bhagwant Mann emphasized that Punjab has already made remarkable strides in education, healthcare, and infrastructure. The establishment of 850 Aam Aadmi Clinics has revolutionized access to healthcare, while Schools of Eminence are setting new benchmarks in education. "Government school students in Punjab are now excelling in compet-

itive exams. This is the result of our commitment to quality education," Mann said. The Chief Minister also pointed to the government's employment initiatives, stating that over 50,000 merit-based government jobs have been provided in the last three years without favoritism or bribery. Additionally, reforms such as shutting down 17 toll plazas, saving 62 lakh daily for the public, and capping MLAs' pensions at one term have demonstrated AAP's focus on responsible governance.

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Captain among 2 Army personnel killed in blast near LoC in Jammu



JAMMU: Two Army personnel, including a captain, were killed and another was injured when an improvised explosive device (IED), believed to have been planted by terrorists, exploded near the Line of Control (LoC) in the Akhnour sector near here on Tuesday, officials said. The Army confirmed the fatalities in the blast and said "own troops are dominating the area and search operations are underway". The officials said the troops were on patrolling duty when they were hit by the powerful explosion near a forward post in the Bhattal area at around 3:50 pm.

The injured personnel were rushed to a hospital where two of them, including a captain, succumbed to their injuries, they said, adding that the condition of the other injured soldier is "out of danger". The Jammu-based White Knight Corps unit of the Army saluted the supreme sacrifice of the two soldiers. "Suspected Improvised Explosive Device blast reported in #Laleali in Akhnour Sector during a fence patrol resulting in two fatalities.

Committee submits report to JP Nadda on vandalism of Ambedkar's statue in Punjab

PHAGWARA: Following the vandalism of Dr BR Ambedkar's statue on Republic Day in Amritsar, a six-member committee, constituted to probe the incident, has submitted its report to BJP National President JP Nadda in New Delhi recently. The incident had sparked widespread outrage across Punjab, leading to heightened tensions in the region. The panel, constituted by Nadda, was tasked with conducting an impartial investigation into the incident. The Committee comprises of former Union Minister Som Parkash, BJP Rajya Sabha MP Brij Lal, SC Morcha National President Lal Singh Arya, BJP spokesperson Guru Prakash Paswan, Uttar Pradesh Minister Aseem Arun, and BJP leader Banto Devi Kataria from Ambala. Som Parkash, while sharing details of the committee's findings, stated that they have urged the Central government to involve National Investigative Agency (NIA) in identifying those responsible for the act.

Bloodbath in stock market over Trump tariff concerns

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, FEB 11

Domestic stock markets saw a bloodbath on Tuesday over Trump tariff concerns and continued outflow of foreign portfolio from India.

US President Donald Trump's announcement of a 25 per cent tariff on steel and aluminium imports to the US rattled global investor sentiment, and India is not an exception. Investors anticipate potential disruptions to global trade during Trump presidency.

Sensex closed at 76,293.60 points, down 1,018.20 points or 1.32 per cent, while Nifty closed at 23,071.80 points, down 309.80 points or 1.32 per cent.

All sectoral indices were in deep red, NSE data showed.


Sensex is now about 10,000 points below its all-time high of 85,978 points. Sensex has so far slumped 3 per cent this New Year.

Weak domestic econom-



ic growth, selling by foreign portfolio investors, have also been reflecting on the stock markets. The recent RBI repo rate cut failed to cheer markets, amid volatility world over. "The concerns around impending trade wars and countermeasures are expected to impact India. In this situation, market participants should prioritize hedging and diversification to generate multifold gains. Judging the market sentiment, fresh opportunities may arise in this bear market. Investors should plan their next move

to successfully encash them as and when they rise in the market," VLA Ambala, SEBI Registered Research Analyst and Co-Founder of Stock Market Today said. In 2024, Sensex and Nifty accumulated a growth of about 9-10 per cent each. In 2023, Sensex and Nifty gained 16-17 per cent, on a cumulative basis. In 2022, they gained a mere 3 per cent each. Weak GDP growth, foreign fund outflows, rising food prices, and slow consumption were some of the hurdles, keeping many investors at bay in 2024.



Punjab Government
led by
**Chief Minister
BHAGWANT SINGH MANN**
pays respects to

SRI GURU RAVIDASS JI

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Chief Minister, Punjab

Department of Information and Public Relations, Punjab

I Geeta Bansal R/o H. No. 315, St. No. 3, Gurbax Colony, Patiala, have changed my name from Geeta Gupta to Geeta Bansal. Concerned note

900016

I Kenguva Mokshith Veer Father Of No 18001096p Hav Kenguva Jagadheeswara Rao R/o Vill-pakki, Po-pakki, Dist-vizianagaram, The-bobbili, Andhara Pradesh- 535558 My Name Wrongly Entered As Kenguva Mokshit Veer In My Son Service Record. My Correct Name Is Kenguva Mokshith Veer

778934

I Sukhdeep Kaur W/o Sukhchain Singh Sidhu R/o Jalal (BTI) Have Changed My Name As Sukhdeep Kaur Sidhu

100071

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Neelam Rani (Parveen Bala D/o Nand Lal) w/o Rajiv Kumar, R/o H.No. 7858, Gali no 4 Dashmesh Nagar, Koltkapura Road, Muktsar Sahib, Punjab also known as Neelam Rani (Aadhar No. xxxxxxxx 6165) hereby declare that both names belongs to me and from now onwards, I should be known as Neelam Rani. For any objections call 98723-12734 within 30 days

900011

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Rakesh Kumar S/o Prem Chand R/o Mohalla Kanugoa (Malerkotla) declare that my elder son Rajat and his wife Harmanpreet Kaur and children's is out of my control. So I disown with them from my moveable/immovable property. If anybody dealing with them at his/her own risk.

63372

I, Bhushan Kumar S/o Ram Dass R/o H.No.124, W.No.8, New Narotam Nagar, Khanna (Ludhiana) declare that my son Sonu is out of my control. I disinherit him from my entire moveable/immovable properties. I have no relation with him, anybody dealing with him at their own risk. I shall not be responsible for any of his act and conduct. Concerned note it.

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100071

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50008

I, Gurdial Singh S/O Udhani Singh Vill. Mander P.O.Khanpur Teh. Banga Distt. SBS Nagar, have changed my name to Gurdial Singh Shoker.Please note.

900022

I, Emarti dependent of No 10481692H Sep Ramphal resident of VILL-Dhani Depal, PO-Dhanderi Teh-Hansi, Distt-Hisar (Haryana) have changed my Name from Emarti to Emerti vide Affidavit dated 11/02/2025 before Notary public Hansi (Hisar).

786786

I JOGINAIDU MATAIA Father of No 15714891X LNK Demudu Mataia Unit 11 CSR C/o 56 APO My name wrongly entered as JOGINAIDU in my son service record. My correct name is JOGINAIDU MATAIA

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I, Sudhamadhuri spouse of No. 15683756A Rank Hav Name Satyanarayana A Of Unit 2 EW Bn, C/o 56 APO, R/o T-202, Tarakarama Colony, Water Tank, Annavaram, East Godavari, Sankhavaram, State Andhra Pradesh-533406 have changed my name from Sudhmadhuri to Annavarapu Sudhamadhuri vide affidavit dated 11.02.2025 before Notary Public Bathinda

100078

I, No. 15690320X Rank HAV Name Basavaraj Hatti of Unit 2 EW Bn C/o 56 APO R/o 948, Army Gali, Ward No 4, Ankalagi (Badalankalagi), PO Ankalgi, Distt Belagavi, State Katnataka-591109 have changed my daughter name from Aadya to Aadya Hatti vide affidavit dated 11.02.2025 before Notary Public Bathinda

100078

I, Saraswati Patra mother of No. 15750858L Rank Sigman Name Sandip Patra of Unit 2EW Bn, C/o 56 APO, R/o Teskona, Amlasuli, Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal-721157 have changed my DOB from 25.12.1975 to 14.07.1977 vide affidavit dated 11.02.2025 before Notary Public Bathinda

100078

I, Nikita Bansal W/o Lavish Jain, R/o 2291, Urban Estate, Jind 126102 have changed my name to Nikita Jain.

100039

I Sawinder Singh S/O Ratan Singh R/O Village Sheikhanwala tehsil and district Kapurthala declare that in my passport my name is mentioned as Savinder singh Sandhu . Which is incorrect. My correct name is Sawinder Singh. Please note.

98748

I, Meena Kumari W/o Rajesh Kumar R/o Village Khurana, Tehsil & Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) declares that I have changed my minor son's name from Paras to Paras Malik. In future, he will be known by the name of Paras Malik for all purposes. All concerned please note.

100047

I Vanshika D/o Sh. Suresh Kumar R/o H.No. 552, Sector 5, Urban Estate Kurukshetra (Haryana) have changed my name from Vanshika to Vanshika Kathuria. In future I should be known as Vanshika Kathuria.

100074

I, Karnailo Devi M/o (No. 4574973M) Rank HAV Jai Chand R/o Village Sura, P.O. Kheri Dabdalan, Tehsil Ladwa, District Kurukshetra have changed my name from Karnalo Devi to Karnailo Devi. In future I should be known as Karnailo Devi.

100074

I Shaam Singh F/o (No. 4574973M) Rank HAV Jai Chand R/o Village Sura, P.O. Kheri Dabdalan, Tehsil Ladwa, District Kurukshetra have changed my name from Shyam Singh to Shaam Singh. In future I should be known as Shaam Singh.

Name Change

I, Harbans Singh S/o. Saudagar Singh, R/o. & Tehsil Baba Bakala (Amritsar) declare that My Name mentiond as on my Adhar card 877780389705 & Other Docments is Harbans Singh and Some Documents Mentioned as Bansa Singh. So I have known as Both Names Harbans Singh & Bansa Singh. Harbans Singh & Bansa Singh is one & Same Person.

900026

I Balwinder Kaur W/o Dalvir Singh V.p.o. Aur,teh. Nawanshahr ,distt. S.b.s Nagar 144417 Punjab. I Have Changed My Name Balwinder Kaur To Kaur Balwinder (surname Kaur). All Note.

461257

I Gurwinder S/o Shinderpal V.p.o. Aur,teh. Nawanshahr ,distt. S.b.s Nagar 144417 Punjab. I Have Changed My Name Gurwinder To Gurwinder Singh (surname Singh). All Note.

461257

I Sarabjot Singh son of Massa Singh resident of Vill & Post- Jagdev Khurd, Tehsil- Ajnala, Dist- Amritsar, Punjab - 143102 has changed the name of my Mother from Sukwinder Kaur to Sukhwinder Kaur in Army Record vide Affidavit at Amritsar on 11/02/2025.

63372

I, Gagandeep Singh So Jaswinder Singh resident of Vill Chahal khurd PO Kamam Distt sbs nagar declare that my given name is Amanpreet and surname is Kaur.

63372

I Prabhdyal S/O Swaran Dass R/O Village Barial, Post Office Sham Chaurasi, Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab, India, Pin-144105 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Mamta Kumari.

63372

I Sukhdev singh S/O Sikandar Singh Village Nangal P/O Ghoman Tehsil Batala District Gurdaspur have changed my name Sukhdev Singh to Singh Sukhdev.

63372

I Amanpreet Kaur W/O Gagandeep Singh resident of Vill Chahal khurd PO Kamam Distt sbs nagar declare that my given name is Gagandeep and surname is Singh.

63372

I Sukhpreet kaur Sangha W/o Balwinder Singh R/o Vill: Ghaloti (Moga) have changed my name from Sukhpreet Kaur Sangha to Sukhpreet Kaur.

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I, Gurjeet Singh Bhatti S/o Balbir Singh R/o Vill: Nawa Purba (Ferozepur) have changed my name to Gurjeet Singh.

63372

I Poonam Alies Poonam Bansal Alies Punam W/o Pushap Kumar Bansal R/o H.No. 5216/1, Street No. 2, New Shivaji Nagar, Ludhiana declare that both person are same. I should be known by all three names.

63372

I Hameedah W/o Mohammad Faqir R/o Garib Nagri, Eidgah Road, Malerkotla Tehsil & Distt. Malerkotla Punjab have changed my Name Hameedah to Hameeda.

63372

I Anwari Begam W/o Mohammad Akhtar R/o Garib Nagri, Malerkotla (R) Malerkotla Punjab have changed my Name Anwari.

63372

I Ram Singh S/o Desh Raj R/o village Jansuya, P. O. Jansui, Tehsil and District Ambala have changed the name of my minor daughter from Sainjal to Sejal Pardhan. In future my daughter should be known as Sejal Pardhan.

78645

I, Manoj Kumar Silhi S/o Sh. Sat Pal Silhi R/o 397-A, Sonia Colony, Ambala City, P. O. Ambala City, Distt Ambala, Haryana-134003 have changed my name from Manoj Kumar to Manoj Kumar Silhi.

78645

I, Satpal Silhi S/o Sh. Mehar Chand R/o 397-A, Sonia Colony, Ambala City, P. O. Ambala City, Distt Ambala, Haryana-134003 have changed my name from Satpal to Satpal Silhi.

78645

I, Nikita Bansal W/o Lavish Jain, R/o 2291, Urban Estate, Jind 126102 have changed my name to Nikita Jain.

100039

I Sawinder Singh S/O Ratan Singh R/O Village Sheikhanwala tehsil and district Kapurthala declare that in my passport my name is mentioned as Savinder singh Sandhu . Which is incorrect. My correct name is Sawinder Singh. Please note.

98748

I, Meena Kumari W/o Rajesh Kumar R/o Village Khurana, Tehsil & Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) declares that I have changed my minor son's name from Paras to Paras Malik. In future, he will be known by the name of Paras Malik for all purposes. All concerned please note.

100047

I Vanshika D/o Sh. Suresh Kumar R/o H.No. 552, Sector 5, Urban Estate Kurukshetra (Haryana) have changed my name from Vanshika to Vanshika Kathuria. In future I should be known as Vanshika Kathuria.

100074

I, Karnailo Devi M/o (No. 4574973M) Rank HAV Jai Chand R/o Village Sura, P.O. Kheri Dabdalan, Tehsil Ladwa, District Kurukshetra have changed my name from Karnalo Devi to Karnailo Devi. In future I should be known as Karnailo Devi.

100074

I Shaam Singh F/o (No. 4574973M) Rank HAV Jai Chand R/o Village Sura, P.O. Kheri Dabdalan, Tehsil Ladwa, District Kurukshetra have changed my name from Shyam Singh to Shaam Singh. In future I should be known as Shaam Singh.

Name Change

I, Harbans Singh S/o. Saudagar Singh, R/o. & Tehsil Baba Bakala (Amritsar) declare that My Name mentiond as on my Adhar card 877780389705 & Other Docments is Harbans Singh and Some Documents Mentioned as Bansa Singh. So I have known as Both Names Harbans Singh & Bansa Singh. Harbans Singh & Bansa Singh is one & Same Person.

900026

I Balwinder Kaur W/o Dalvir Singh V.p.o. Aur,teh. Nawanshahr ,distt. S.b.s Nagar 144417 Punjab. I Have Changed My Name Balwinder Kaur To Kaur Balwinder (surname Kaur). All Note.

461257

I Gurwinder S/o Shinderpal V.p.o. Aur,teh. Nawanshahr ,distt. S.b.s Nagar 144417 Punjab. I Have Changed My Name Gurwinder To Gurwinder Singh (surname Singh). All Note.

461257

I Sarabjot Singh son of Massa Singh resident of Vill & Post- Jagdev Khurd, Tehsil- Ajnala, Dist- Amritsar, Punjab - 143102 has changed the name of my Mother from Sukwinder Kaur to Sukhwinder Kaur in Army Record vide Affidavit at Amritsar on 11/02/2025.

63372

I, Gagandeep Singh So Jaswinder Singh resident of Vill Chahal khurd PO Kamam Distt sbs nagar declare that my given name is Amanpreet and surname is Kaur.

63372

I Prabhdyal S/O Swaran Dass R/O Village Barial, Post Office Sham Chaurasi, Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab, India, Pin-144105 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Mamta Kumari.

63372

I Sukhdev singh S/O Sikandar Singh Village Nangal P/O Ghoman Tehsil Batala District Gurdaspur have changed my name Sukhdev Singh to Singh Sukhdev.

63372

I Amanpreet Kaur W/O Gagandeep Singh resident of Vill Chahal khurd PO Kamam Distt sbs nagar declare that my given name is Gagandeep and surname is Singh.

63372

I Sukhpreet kaur Sangha W/o Balwinder Singh R/o Vill: Ghaloti (Moga) have changed my name from Sukhpreet Kaur Sangha to Sukhpreet Kaur.

63372

I, Gurjeet Singh Bhatti S/o Balbir Singh R/o Vill: Nawa Purba (Ferozepur) have changed my name to Gurjeet Singh.

63372

I Poonam Alies Poonam Bansal Alies Punam W/o Pushap Kumar Bansal R/o H.No. 5216/1, Street No. 2, New Shivaji Nagar, Ludhiana declare that both person are same. I should be known by all three names.

63372

I Hameedah W/o Mohammad Faqir R/o Garib Nagri, Eidgah Road, Malerkotla Tehsil & Distt. Malerkotla Punjab have changed my Name Hameedah to Hameeda.

63372

I Anwari Begam W/o Mohammad Akhtar R/o Garib Nagri, Malerkotla (R) Malerkotla Punjab have changed my Name Anwari.

63372

I Gurdip Singh S/o Harbans Singh R/o Vpo-khurla Kingra P/s Lambra Distt Jalandhar Have Kept My Name Spelling From Gurdip Singh To Gurdeep Singh. All May

SDM Kapil Kumar assumes charge of Pehowa Sub division

YAGYADUTT SHASTRI
PEHOWA: Kapil Kumar took charge as the Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) of Pehowa on Tuesday. After assuming office, he familiarized himself with the staff and instructed them to ensure timely processing of public service-

related files. SDM Kapil Kumar emphasized the prompt resolution of rural issues on a priority basis. He stated that he would review the ongoing development projects in the subdivision and issue directives to ensure their timely completion, thereby

accelerating progress. He also plans to discuss development schemes with officials and prioritize their execution. His key focus will be to ensure that underprivileged individuals receive the full benefits of government schemes.



NEWS BRIEF

Sant Ravidas showed humanity path of welfare: Dr. Balram Sharma

CHAMANLAL KARNAL: On the occasion of Sant Guru Ravidas Jayanti, Dr. Balram Sharma, Head of the Political Science Department at DAV PG College, Karnal, highlighted the saint's profound influence on Indian society. He described Sant Ravidas as a great medieval Indian saint,



revered with the title of Sant Shiromani, and the founder of the Ravidasia sect. Some of his hymns are also included in the Guru Granth Sahib. Dr. Sharma emphasized that Sant Ravidas strongly opposed caste discrimination and guided people toward self-realization. He played a significant role in the Bhakti Movement, enlightening those who had lost their way. His teachings and ideology continue to serve as a guiding light for humanity.

MP Arora moves bill to eradicate superstition

SHARMA LUDHIANA, FEB 11

In a significant step towards eliminating harmful superstitions and ensuring public safety, MP Sanjeev Arora representing Punjab has introduced 'The Prevention of Black Magic, Witch-Hunting, and Superstitious Practices Bill, 2024' in the Rajya Sabha. This bill seeks to prohibit black magic, human sacrifice, witch-hunting, and other exploitative rituals that continue to harm individuals, particularly women, children, and marginalized communities.

The need for such legislation has become even more urgent with the increasing instances of superstition-driven violence. Across India, numerous cases of witch-hunting, human sacrifice, and fraudulent healing practices continue to emerge, leading to severe physical and psychological



harm, social ostracization, and, in extreme cases, death.

Adding to the severity of the problem is the rapid spread of superstitious beliefs through social media and digital platforms. In today's digital age, misinformation and fear-based narratives are being propagated widely through YouTube videos, WhatsApp forwards, Facebook groups,

and other online forums, leading to mass hysteria and the normalization of such practices. Many self-proclaimed godmen, occult practitioners, and fraudsters exploit these platforms to claim supernatural abilities, promote rituals, and deceive people for financial or personal gain. The bill explicitly prohibits the advertisement and

propagation of supernatural claims, magical remedies, and black magic-related services across all forms of media, including print, electronic, and digital platforms. Those found guilty of such activities will face strict penalties.

The bill proposes severe punishments for offenders, with imprisonment of up to ten years for engaging in black magic, and life imprisonment or even the death penalty for those responsible for witch-hunting that results in grievous harm or death. It also mandates the establishment of a Special Enforcement Task Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs to investigate and prosecute such cases. Additionally, Special Courts will be set up for speedy trials, and a National Register of Offenders will be maintained to track repeat offenders.

A critical aspect of the

bill is its focus on victim protection and rehabilitation. The legislation mandates the creation of a Victim Compensation Fund, ensuring a minimum of ₹5 lakh for affected individuals and ₹10 lakh for families of deceased victims. It also provides legal, medical, and psychological support for survivors and guarantees legal protection for whistleblowers who report such crimes.

To address the root causes of superstition, the bill prioritizes awareness and education. Schools and educational institutions will be required to include scientific reasoning and critical thinking in their curriculum to counter misinformation. Media platforms, including television, radio, and digital channels, will be required to broadcast educational content to dismantle myths surrounding supernatural powers and occult practices

DC urges people follow teachings of Guru Ravidass Ji for making egalitarian society



PARAMJIT SINGH JALANDHAR, FEB 11

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Himanshu Aggarwal today called upon people to follow the path shown by Shri Guru Ravidass Ji to strengthen the ethos of brotherhood and egalitarianism in the society. Joining Shobha Yatra to mark the Parkash Purab of Guru Ravidass Ji here at Satguru Ravidass Dham Bootan Mandi, the Deputy Commissioner said that the teachings of Guru Ravidass Maharaj are rather more practice in modern times as these will lead to creation of a society filled with happiness, peace, brotherhood based on the principles of egalitarianism. Accompanied by Senior

AAP Leaders Deepak Bali, Rajwinder Kaur Thiara, Pawan Kumar Tinu, Additional Deputy Commissioner Jasbir Singh, the Deputy Commissioner participated in the Shobha Yatra as a devotee. He mentioned that the Punjab Government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann has decided to celebrate this Parkash Purab as a state level event on February 12 in Jalandhar which reflect upon the Government's unwavering faith in the teachings of Shri Guru Ravidass Maharaj.

Dr. Aggarwal said that he was fortunate that he had the opportunity to visit Guru Ravidass Dham and join the Shobha Yatra on this pious day.

Mahamandleshwar Sanjananand Giri calls upon people for Chatushpath Dharm Yatra

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL/ NISING: Mahamandleshwar Swami Sanjananand Giri, worshipper of Kamakhya Shaktipeeth and head of Niranjani Akhara, today called upon the people of Haryana to join the upcoming All India Chatushpath Dharm Yatra in Nilokheri tehsil of Karnal city. On this occasion, Shri Prem Munjal, former Vice-Chairman Nagar Palika and current candidate Chairman Nagar Palika Nilokheri, Ved Prakash, former Sarpanch representative, Karanjit Singh, former Sarpanch representative Ishargarh Kurukshetra, Gurprej Singh Sekhon Kurukshetra, Manish Keshav Sandhir, Amit Just, Joga Singh Kurukshetra, Sanju Nambardar, President Kisan Union Kurukshetra, Sanjeev



Alampur Haryana State General Secretary, Suraj Sehgal, Vinod Duggal, Bhushan Sandhir, in the presence of hundreds of people, Puja Mahamandleshwar Sanjananand Giri told the people present about the significance of Maa Kamakhya and this great Yatra, and religious awakening.

47th Naat Mela concludes with enthralling performances in Barnala

KARANPREET KARAN

BARNALA: The 47th three-day Naat Mela organized by Shri Maha Shakti Kala Manch concluded with grandeur at Shri Maha Shakti Kala Mandir. Artists from across the country participated, performing captivating street plays and stage dramas. On the second day, the event was inaugurated by former DIG Gurpreet Singh Toor, Chairman of Aasra Group of Institutions Bhawanigarh Dr. R.K. Goyal Sunam, and Barnala MLA Kuldeep Singh Kala Dhillon. The festival featured six stage plays, with Why Do You Say I Am Beautiful by Tarkash Lok Kala and Jan Kalyan Samiti Jhansi securing the first position. Janak Nat Rang Abohar claimed second place, while Rang Saaj



Mastana Theatre Barnala and Kathputli Azad Bhagat Singh Virasat Manch Amritsar jointly won third place. In the street play category, HIV Zindabad by Azad Bhagat Singh Virasat Manch Amritsar secured the top spot, followed by Rang Punjab De by New Rang Manch Parivar Rampura Phool in second place.

Global Discovery School honoured with Excellence Award for Experiential Education

KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL: CBSE-affiliated Saraf Education Beacon Global Discovery School, Rampura Phul, has been honored with the 2024-25 Excellence Award by News18



for its achievements and commitment to experiential learning. Punjab Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains, the chief guest at the award ceremony, presented the award to the school's Vice Chairman, Amit Saraf. Senior journalist and News18 anchor Gaurav Shukla was also present on the occasion. The school has played a crucial role in ensuring a safe learning environment while fostering students' holistic development. Its students have excelled in various academic and sports competitions, marking significant achievements.



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Sond greets people on Parkash Diwas of Guru Ravidas Ji

CHANDIGARH: Punjab Tourism and Cultural Affairs Minister Tarunpreet Singh Sond today greeted the people of the state on the occasion of Parkash Diwas of Sri Guru Ravidas Ji.

Extending his greeting on the eve of Parkash Diwas of Sri Guru Ravidas ji, Sond said that Guru Ravidas ji embodied the spirit of humility and human dignity. He said that the message of Guru Ravidas ji have been a source of knowledge and wisdom for the whole society. His life and teachings would always inspire us to create a humane and just society, where every individual is given due dignity, regardless of caste, creed, religion or gender, he added.

Sond said that Guru Ravidas Ji's message of love, compassion and equality would continue to inspire us to serve humanity with dedication and devotion in times to come.

Punjab police operates free from political pressure, we ended 'Parcha Culture': CM Mann



BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, FEB 11

Mann reiterated that AAP is a party that delivers results, not empty promises.

"We are known for our work. We do not engage in religious politics, thuggery, or vendetta. Punjab's law and order situation is better than in many other states, and that's

why major companies are now investing in Punjab," he asserted. Mann's Dig At Bajwa - We Build Our Party with Blood and Sweat, We Don't Have Culture of Turncoat-s Taking aim at Congress leader Pratap Bajwa, Mann dismissed his claims that AAP MLAs were in touch with the opposition.

"Bajwa has been making

baseless allegations for nearly three years. I suggest he count his own MLAs instead of ours," Mann quipped. He added that AAP built its party through hard work and dedication, we don't have the culture of turncoats. Mann said that unlike other parties, AAP remains focused on genuine service and growth. The Chief Minister also reflected

on the challenges faced during the Delhi elections, including bribery to voters and intimidation by BJP. "We don't win elections through money or fear; we win through love.

The people's verdict is supreme, and we respect it. Despite the hurdles, our resolve to serve the public remains steadfast," he said.

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, FEB 11

Under the visionary leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Punjab is undergoing a remarkable transformation in tourism and cultural preservation. Tourism Minister Tarunpreet Singh Sond highlighted that in 2024, the state government dedicated approx. Rs. 73 crore to the restoration, modernization, and preservation of historical and cultural monuments. This significant investment has led to the revival of key heritage sites and the launch of various projects aimed at boosting tourism.

As Punjab steps into 2025, its fairs and festivals are set to be celebrated on a grander scale, drawing tourists from across the globe. The year began with vibrant events such as the Basant Mela in Ferozepur and the iconic Rural Olympics in Kila Raipur. Up next, the Patiala Heritage Festival scheduled from February 13 to February 16, will add to the festive fervor. The Patiala district administration, in collaboration with the Tourism Department, has curated an exciting lineup of events, including heritage walks, a food



festival, music evenings, an aero show, a nature walk, a flower show, and even a fashion walk. These celebrations not only honor Punjab's rich traditions but also position the state as a top tourist destination. Minister Sond emphasized that under CM Mann's dynamic leadership, Punjab is reclaiming its stature as a premier travel hotspot.

The government's commitment to heritage restoration and tourism expansion has brought forth a series of transformative initiatives that showcase Punjab's deep-rooted history, vibrant culture, and spiritual legacy.

The Rs. 73 crore approx. investment in 2024 has already yielded remarkable results, breathing new life into historical landmarks such as the Sha

heed Bhagat Singh Museum at Khatkar Kalan and the Saraghi Museum in Ferozepur. The Sarai Lashkari Khan in Khanna has also undergone extensive renovation. Adding to Punjab's cultural splendor, the Bhagwan Valmiki Ji Panorama was inaugurated with grandeur, while the permanent light and sound show at Maharaja Ranjit Singh's Summer Palace in Amritsar became a breathtaking highlight of the Rangla Punjab Festival.

The state government has also taken a crucial step in preserving Sikh heritage by initiating the restoration of Jahaz Haveli, the historic residence of Dewan Todar Mall in Fatehgarh Sahib. "Dewan Todar Mall holds immense significance in Sikh history, and it is our collective duty to safeguard his legacy," Sond remarked.

Punjab's dedication to cultural and rural tourism has not gone unnoticed on the national stage. In a testament to its efforts, Nawapind Sardaran in Gurdaspur was crowned India's Best Tourism Village (2023), while Hansali Farmstay in Fatehgarh Sahib secured top honors in the Agri-Tourism category in 2024.

DBU school of nursing observes HIV/AIDS Awareness Day



FATEHGARH SAHIB (AJAY MALHOTRA): DBU School of Nursing proudly observed National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day with a significant event aimed at raising awareness about the impact of HIV/AIDS. Led by Ms. Lovepreet Kaur and Ms. Gagandeep Kaur, the event emphasized education on HIV prevention, testing, and treatment, while highlighting the health disparities faced by marginalized populations. A stand-out feature of the event was the active involvement of B.Sc Nursing 1st Semester and GNM 1st-Year students.

These students played a pivotal role in the success of the day, particularly by delivering a health talk at Government Senior Secondary School in Amlah. Prof. (Dr.) Lovesampurnanjot Kaur, Principal of the School of Nursing, and Dr. Prabhjot Singh, Head of the Department of Community Health Nursing also present on the occasion. Dr. Zora Singh, Hon'ble Chancellor of Desh Bhagat University, Dr. Tajinder Kaur, Pro-Chancellor commended the School of Nursing for their exemplary efforts in organizing such an impactful event.

TLF School organises live telecast of Narendra Modi's exam and Discussion -2025 programme

JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA
MOGA, FEB 11

A live telecast of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Exam and Discussion -2025 program was organized at the city's leading educational institution The Learning Field A Global School (TLF) under the guidance of ISFCPR Chairman Praveen Garg, TLF School Chairman Eng. Janesh Garg, Director Dr. Muskan Garg.

The live telecast of Exam and Discussion 2025 program was watched by Principal Ranjit Bhatia, Vice Principal Sharad Agarwal, Head Mistress Parminder Toor, all the teachers and students. On this occasion, Principal Ranjit Bhatia said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had started the Exam and Discussion program in the year 2018.



This year Exam and Discussion has been organized for the eighth time. This year, a total of 36 students were selected from each state and union territory.

These included students from government schools, central schools, Sainik Schools, Navodaya Vidyalayas, CBSE schools. These students directly interacted with the Prime Minister and quenched their curiosity. This time, this program was presented in a new and exciting way. During this, along with PM Narendra Modi, Bollywood and sports personali-

ties also gave tips to the students to stay away from exam stress and discussed about achieving goals through discipline and stress management. During this program, PM Modi also discussed with students, teachers, parents to reduce the stress and fear of board exams. On this occasion, Vice Principal Sharad Agarwal said that in the eighth edition of Exam and Discussion, PM Narendra Modi interacted with the students of class 10 and 12 regarding the board examination, which the students listened to very attentively.

Students, teachers of ISF College of Pharmacy visit Incubation Center



MOGA (JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA): Teachers and students of the Institution Innovation Council (IIC) of the premier educational institution of the state, ISF College of Pharmacy, visited the incubation center. On this occasion, the coordinators of the IIC of the institution, Dr. Manish Kumar and Dr. Shubham Thakur, said that during the visit to the incubation center of Lovely Professional University, the students were made aware of the role of the center. On this occasion, Dr. Yana of the center, along with his colleague Dr. Bhupinder Chaudhary, visited the center.

Dr. Bhupinder Chaudhary welcomed the teachers and students of ISF College. Dr. Yana gave information about the performance and activities of the center. On this occasion, ISF College of Pharmacy Chairman Praveen Garg, Secretary Eng. Janesh Garg, Director Dr. GD Gupta, Principal of ISFCPR Dr. R. K. Narang said that the college is continuously working for the all-round development of the students under the Institutional Innovation Cell to continuously impart technical knowledge and practical knowledge to the students.

Singla family organises langar in Laxmi Narain Mandir for peace and prosperity of the city



NARESH GOYAL
MANSa, FEB 11

An octogenarian Hem Raj Singla and his family organised langar in local Laxmi Narain Mandir for the poor and needy persons.

Accompanied by his son Krishan Kumar, his wife and daughter, they themselves

served langar in the corridor of mandir hall. Talking to newsmen after delivering langar, Krishan Kumar stated that since long, it was the cherished desire of his family that they should pray to the almighty for peace and prosperity of the city at large.

Hence, they devised this noble idea to serve the poor

and needy persons and organised langar. Langar was prepared in the kitchen of mandir which the members of Singla family themselves served.

More than 150 persons partook langar that was served from 12.00 to 1.30 in the noon. Later, Laddoos too were served after the langar.

"Guru Ravidas became divine due to his love for humanity": Gill

VERMA
GURDASPUR, FEB 11

Paramjit Singh Gill, National Vice President of the Himachal Pradesh Family Organization and senior leader of the Gurdaspur Lok Sabha constituency, emphasized that life comprises four aspects: social, economic, political, and religious.

He mentioned that only those who transcend these four aspects in some way are recorded in history. He stated that Guru Ravidas Ji's life reached such a divine height in terms of religion that he had found God in the love he had for humanity. Gill highlighted that Guru Ravidas Ji's 40 hymns were included in the sacred Guru Granth Sahib, earning them the status of "Bani Guru, Guru Hai Bani."

Although historical material on his life is scarce, some references suggest that his birthplace was in the Banaras region. He also pointed out the

strong opposition faced by Guru Ravidas Ji, especially from caste-based arrogant individuals, who tried to erase his existence. Despite the challenges, Guru Ravidas Ji's parents fulfilled their duties and arranged his

marriage. However, he remained steadfast in his principles. While the self-righteous and rigid individuals opposed him, kings and queens from distant lands came to him for true spiritual guidance, which helped them achieve spiritual heights. One such example is of Rana Sangha's wife from Chittorgarh, who was wandering aimlessly with a group of priests.



Havan conducted in DAV School



KULWINDER KARWAL
MANSa, FEB 11

Keeping in mind the upcoming board exams and bright future of students, a havan was organised in the local SDRL DAV Public School, Mansa, in which students of class 10th and 12th and school staff participated.

On this occasion, the school principal Mr. Vinod Rana wished the students a bright future and motivated them to prepare well for the exams. He said that in today's

competitive era, there is a need for very deep study and hard work. So that by scoring good marks in the exam, they can easily get admission in a good college or institute. While telling the students about the details related to the exam, he said that the students should give the exam with full faith in themselves, their hard work and their ability because by keeping a positive attitude, we can achieve our goal. To be successful in life, every student must set his goal.

Police stations face shortage of staff while people bear the brunt

DEEPAK KUMAR
MACHHIWARA, FEB 11

Machhiwara police station was facing with the shortage of employees resulting closure of Sherpur Chowki which came under Machhiwara police station.

According to the information received, there are more than 100 villages under Machhiwara police station consisted population is around 150000 and about 18 employees including SHO are working in Machhiwara police station. Some of them have to stay in the police station itself and many have to appear in court cases.

Due to which the security system of Machhiwara area is being questioned. If seen in real sense, today the situation of Machhiwara police station is such that there



is one police personnel for 15000 people. Will this be able to maintain the law and order of Machhiwara area? Due to the huge shortage of employees, crime is also increasing, drug smugglers are becoming active. In such a situation, it is not possible for the Machhiwara police station to protect the people because they do not have police personnel.

The situation is such that sometimes the staff becomes so less that even the station clerk has to go to the field duties.

Brain dead patient's organs saves multiple lives

SUMER GARG
CHANDIGARH, FEB 11

Amarjit Kaur a 70 year old, who was declared brain dead at Max hospital, Mohali while undergoing treatment for brain haemorrhage, saved multiple lives through organ donation. Kaur was admitted on February 4 due to her critical condition and declared brain dead yesterday.

Following the family's consent; her organs were successfully harvested, including kidneys, liver and corneas. Both her kidneys were allocated to a chronic kidney disease patient, who had been on the transplant waitlist for the past 8 months at Max hospital, Mohali.

A green corridor was created to transport her liver to DMC Ludhiana, where it was



allocated to a patient, who had been on the waiting list for almost 4 months. The organs were seamlessly transported covering a distance of 98 Kms in 90 minutes. Her corneas were sent to PGIMER Chandigarh, ensuring the gift of sight to two patients in need.

Dr. Jagdish Sethi, director urology, uro-oncology and kidney transplant at Max stated, "Organ donation is a powerful act of humanity and Amarjit Kaur's family has set a remarkable example. Through their decision, they have given multiple patients a second chance at life. We are committed to raising awareness about organ donation and saving lives through advanced medical care at Max hospital Mohali." "We deeply appreciate the family's courage and Punjab Police's support in ensuring the swift transport of the organs. Their efforts have helped make these transplants possible", added Dr. Sethi.

Goodbyes not the end, but beginning of new journeys: Principal Vinita Mahajan



VERMA
GURDASPUR, FEB 11

A heartfelt and joyful farewell party was recently organized at Auckland Public School, Jugial, under the leadership of Principal Vinita Mahajan. The event was graced by the presence of MD Rajesh Kanda, Mandeep Thakur, Sandeep Thakur, and Swaroop Thakur, who played a pivotal role in making the occasion memorable.

The day was filled with a blend of emotions, laughter, and cherished moments, as the juniors bid adieu to their

beloved seniors. The program commenced with heartfelt speeches, where senior students shared their experiences and offered valuable words of inspiration to the juniors for their future endeavors. Both students and teachers contributed to making the day special by presenting various performances. Some students expressed their emotions through poems and speeches, while others captivated the audience with their dance and music performances, creating an upbeat and cheerful atmosphere.

Illegal encroachment on govt property near Chaura Bazaar, complaint moved

SHARMA
LUDHIANA: Alleged illegal encroachment on some Government properties issues is highlighting in city day by day. Though State Government as well as Local government used to claim about the good governance, but the ground reality is different. One such issue came forward, in which it is discussing that one property of M.C. Ludhiana near Chaura Bazar is allegedly encroached by one person who is having high approach with political leaders. Sources said that the said person is having electric goods business has possessed on the property, which is actually was in possession of M.C. Ludhiana. Sources said that this matter is also in the knowledge of some High officials of M.C. Ludhiana, but no action has been taken till date against the above said act of the above person allegedly.

Edu dept holds 6-day educational tour for 55 students



ABHISHEK NANDA
FEROZEPUR: As per the guidelines of the State Educational Research and Training Council Punjab, under the National Innovation Campaign, a 6-day interstate educational tour of 55 talented students of science subject in class 11 of different blocks of district Ferozepur was organized under the leadership of District Education Officer Ferozepur Mrs. Munia Arora and Deputy District Education Officer Dr. Satinder Singh. This tour returned to Ferozepur after visiting various places of scientific and historical importance in Jaipur-Agra.

NEWS BRIEF

Farmer leaders Deshraj Modgil and Rajshree Modgil surrender electricity subsidy



JOGINDER DEV ARYA BANGANA: Farmer leader Deshraj Modgil and his wife, Rajshree Modgil, have taken a significant step towards social responsibility by voluntarily surrendering their electricity subsidy. The couple visited the electricity department, filled out the necessary forms, and submitted them to the concerned officials. Speaking on the initiative, Deshraj Modgil stated, "We believe that subsidies should be utilized for the greater good of society, and this decision is our way of contributing to social development." His wife, Rajshree Modgil, echoed his sentiments, calling it a "small step towards a bigger change." Local officials appreciated their initiative, describing it as a positive move that could inspire other citizens to consider similar contributions towards society.

Volleyball tournament concludes in Tathal



AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB: The volleyball tournament being organized by Monu Volleyball Army Club Tathal has concluded. BJP Yuva Chintpurni Vice President Sumesh Bittu said that due to the increasing trend of drug addiction, Una district adjoining Punjab comes under the category of highly sensitive. In such a situation, only sports events can take the youth away from drugs. He said that sports develop personality as well as strong willpower. Due to which the youth can stay away from drugs. He said that he will soon meet the Chief Minister and Sports Minister and demand to encourage such sports events organized at the rural level so that such events can be organized in large numbers in rural areas and the youth can spend their energy in sports. This can also save the youth trapped in the web of drugs from sinking into the quagmire of drugs.

Higher reaches to receive light snowfall, dry spell continues

AGENCY SHIMLA, FEB 11

Weather in Himachal Pradesh remains predominantly dry, with a slight dip in temperatures and light snowfall expected in higher reaches over the next 24 hours. The higher reaches of Himachal Pradesh received light snowfall on Tuesday, even as the dry spell continues in the low and mid hills of the state.

While most parts of the state continue to experience a dry spell, the districts of Lahaul-Spiti, Kinnaur, and Chamba are witnessing partly cloudy skies with occasional light precipitation.

High-altitude regions such as Rohtang Pass, Atal Tunnel, and the upper reaches of Kinnaur have already received a fresh dusting of snow. Light snowfall is also anticipated in the higher elevations of



Kullu, Mandi, Shimla, Chamba, and Kangra in the coming hours.

However, the intensity of the snowfall is expected to be minimal, with no major disruptions to daily life.

Temperatures are predicted to drop by 2-3°C between February 11 and 13, with colder nights expected

across the state. Daytime temperatures may see a slight improvement but will remain chilly, especially in mountainous areas. Residents and travellers are advised to stay updated on weather conditions and exercise caution while commuting through high-altitude roads.

In a concerning

development, an SUV skidded off the road and plunged into a gorge in Lahaul-Spiti earlier today due to black ice, a thin, nearly invisible layer of ice that forms on road surfaces.

The incident occurred during the early morning hours when temperatures were at their lowest, making

the roads extremely slippery. Fortunately, the occupants of the vehicle were rescued promptly and sustained minor injuries. This incident has prompted the Lahaul-Spiti Police to issue a stern travel advisory, urging travellers to exercise extreme caution while driving in the region. Black Ice Alert: Roads in high-altitude areas, particularly in Lahaul-Spiti, are extremely slippery during early morning and late evening hours due to black ice. The Lahaul-Spiti Police have reiterated that all travellers must adhere to the advisories to ensure their safety. Black ice is particularly dangerous as it is nearly invisible and can catch drivers off guard, leading to accidents. Safety Guidelines for Travellers to ensure use of 4x4 vehicles equipped with snow chains for safer movement on icy roads.

CM Sukhu stresses on skill development to boost employment opportunities



DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, FEB 11

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today chaired a meeting of the Himachal Pradesh Kaushal Vikas Nigam (HPKVN) and emphasized the need for skill development to enhance employment and self-employment opportunities for the youth. He directed HPKVN to plan and implement training programmes aligned with market demand to improve employability and support small-scale business start-ups. The Chief Minister said that the state government will allocate Rs. 25 crore to HPKVN to complete the

ongoing construction of eight buildings, with a target for completion by June 2025. He emphasized the need for their optimum utilization and directed that nearby HPKVN buildings be handed over to the technical education department for training of the youth. Additionally, the HPKVN has funded the upgradation of equipments across 67 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in the state, benefiting students. Sukhu stated that from 1st January, 2023 to date, 38,713 youth have been enrolled in various HPKVN schemes and projects. Of these, 38,572 have received training certificates and 8,630 have secured placements.

Municipal Commissioner flags off awareness rally under 'Clean City, Prosperous City' initiative

SHANTI GAUTAM BADDI, FEB 11

Municipal Commissioner Sonakshi Singh (IAS) flagged off an awareness rally led by schoolchildren as part of the "Clean City, Prosperous City" initiative, launching a sanitation campaign in the city. Addressing the gathered students, self-help group women, and sanitation workers, she urged them to act as messengers of cleanliness, encouraging residents to keep their homes, villages, and cities clean.

She announced that cleanliness drives and awareness rallies would be conducted across the city for the next two months, focusing on public spaces, streets, and marketplaces to embed



cleanliness as a core part of daily life. The commissioner also appealed to shopkeepers, dhaba owners, vegetable and fruit vendors, and other business establishments to completely stop using banned plastic bags to support the vision of a cleaner environment.

Sanitation workers and residents were educated on the segregation and proper disposal of dry and wet waste. During the event,

all participants pledged to contribute two hours of voluntary service daily to maintain cleanliness in their surroundings. Among those present were Municipal Corporation officials, including JE Pankaj Kumar, SDO Anshu, Yogita Bali, Pradeep Verma, Ganeshi Lal, Saurabh Singh, Arun Dogra, Jaidev, and Santosh Kumar, along with schoolchildren and sanitation workers.

Awareness on cyber crime and misuse of internet is necessary

SANAJY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, FEB 11

Safe and responsible use of internet is in everyone's interest. Widespread awareness among people is necessary to avoid cyber crime and other dangers related to misuse of internet. District Magistrate Kangra Hemraj Bairwa expressed these sentiments while presiding over the workshop organized at the Deputy Commissioner's office on Tuesday on 'Safe Internet Day'. He said that Safe Internet Day is celebrated every year on the second Tuesday of February to increase awareness and promote safe and responsible use of internet. The main objective of the workshop is to spread awareness among all about the use of internet in a safe manner.

The DC said that whether any technology is a boon or a curse depends on its use. He said that similarly, if the



internet is used safely and responsibly, then it is a great boon in today's time. He said that no technology is good or bad, but its significance is proved by the way it is used. He said that today, in view of the utility of the internet, its correct use is very important. The Deputy Commissioner stressed the importance of safe use of the Internet and awareness among all about cyber threats in the workshop. He said that there is a great need today to make people aware about

the correct use of the Internet. On this occasion, District Informatics Officer (NIC) Akshay Mehta gave a detailed presentation on 'Safe Internet' and the importance of cyber security in today's digital world. The participants were told about the do's and don'ts and their doubts were also resolved to promote a safe online environment. An in-depth discussion was also held with all the participants in the workshop on safe use of the Internet and cyber security.

Workers protest at Dhaulasidh Hydro Project, demand implementation of Labor Laws



RAJNEESH SHARMA HAMIRPUR: Workers at the Dhaulasidh Hydro Project in Hamirpur staged a two-hour protest on Tuesday, demanding the implementation of labor laws. Around 600 workers gathered at the project gate under the banner of the Himachal Bhawan, Road, and Construction Workers' Union, affiliated with CITU, raising slogans to press for their demands.

Addressing the workers, union secretary Santosh Kumar accused the company management of failing to enforce labor laws. He stated that workers are not receiving their wages on time, and the payments are repeatedly delayed. He further alleged that contractors are not depositing employees' provident fund (EPF), which is a blatant violation of labor regulations. Union president Naveen Kumar warned that if the company management fails to disburse wages by the 7th of the month, as per the agreement, and does not ensure EPF deposits for contract workers, the union will escalate its agitation. He asserted that any future unrest will be the sole responsibility of the company management.

Una MC focuses on 'Source Segregation' for effective waste management

KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA, FEB 11

The Una Municipal Corporation is emphasizing 'source segregation' to strengthen its waste management system. Special awareness campaigns are being launched to educate citizens on the importance of separating wet and dry waste at the source. Municipal Commissioner and Additional Deputy Commissioner Mahendra Pal Gurjar urged all citizens to actively support this initiative.

During a meeting with former Una Municipal Council members at the DRDA auditorium, followed by a press briefing, Gurjar outlined the roadmap for this campaign under the "Clean City-Prosperous City" initiative. He stated that the corporation is making extensive efforts to educate the public, aiming to transform Una into a model city with an efficient waste management system. To enhance civic amenities, the Una Municipal Corporation has launched the 'Citizen Connect Program' in three phases. The first phase focuses on promoting waste segregation at the household level. In the second phase, municipal services will be made digitally accessible through a citizen service portal to improve



efficiency and transparency. The third phase will involve organizing grievance redressal camps in all wards of the former municipal council and the 14 newly integrated panchayats. The second phase of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) survey has begun in Una. Eligible families will receive Rs. 2.5 lakh per household for constructing permanent homes. Unlike rural areas, where the financial assistance is Rs. 1.5 lakh, urban beneficiaries receive Rs. 2.5 lakh, with the income eligibility limit set at Rs. 3 lakh per annum compared to Rs. 1.8 lakh in rural areas. The newly added 14 panchayats under the municipal corporation will also benefit from this scheme. The municipal corporation is extending its waste management system to border villages, industrial areas, and highways. Steps are being taken to identify and allocate suitable land for waste disposal.

Electricity Board Joint Struggle Committee holds Maha Panchayat in Hamirpur, plans strategy for demands

RAJNEESH SHARMA HAMIRPUR, FEB 11

The Himachal Pradesh Electricity Board employees, engineers, and pensioners, under the banner of the Joint Struggle Committee, organized a Maha Panchayat in Hamirpur. The event witnessed participation from board employees, pensioners, and outsourced workers, who voiced their concerns against the government's rationalization and centralization policies, calling for an end to the abolition of posts. The committee, led by Hiralal and other speakers, accused certain individuals of misleading the state government, leading to the deterioration of the Electricity Board Limited.

Expressing their discontent, the committee announced that all



employees would adhere strictly to the 'work-to-rule' policy from 10 AM to 5 PM. They emphasized that they would not allow the abolition of positions under the guise of rationalization. Representatives from various employee and engineer associations, along with retired officials such as E. A.S. Gupta, Chandra Singh Mandayal, E. D.S. Datwalia, and Kuldeep Kharwara, addressed the

gathering. Following discussions, a rally was taken out from the panchayat to Gandhi Chowk, and it was decided that the next district-level panchayat would be held in Una on February 28. Key Demands of the Employees: Restoration of the old pension scheme. Reinstatement of 706 surplus positions eliminated under rationalization and initiation of new recruitments.

Ward sister and staff nurse honored for excellence in maternal and newborn care

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY BILASPUR, FEB 11

In recognition of their exceptional service in maternal and newborn care, the wards sister and staff nurse of Regional Hospital Bilaspur were honored for their outstanding contributions to the Care Campaign Program, which has completed two successful years.

Launched under the National Health Mission, the Care Campaign Program aims to provide online assistance and mobile care companion services to lactating mothers and newborns, ensuring they receive timely medical guidance without frequent



hospital visits. The initiative, currently operational in 31 hospitals across Himachal Pradesh, offers care training to pregnant and lactating women and their families, helping them address health concerns effectively. The program, facilitated by Manta Health Institute for Mother and Child, has been instrumental in educating expectant mothers on essential postpartum care, medication reminders, nutrition, and infant care tips.

Registered mothers receive mobile alerts about crucial medical routines, and any health concerns regarding the baby or mother are addressed through a dedicated WhatsApp helpline. In appreciation of their tireless dedication and commitment, Medical Superintendent Dr. AK Singh honored the ward sister and staff nurse with certificates of excellence for their vital role in successfully implementing the Care Campaign.

Dy CM reviews development projects in Haroli

KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA, FEB 11

Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri reviewed the progress of key development projects in the Haroli Assembly constituency and directed officials to complete them within the stipulated time frame. He emphasized that the under-construction Dr. Simmi Agnihotri Government PG College, a bridge, the new bus stand, and a rest house must be finished by March 31 to ensure the public benefits from these facilities at the earliest. The Deputy CM stated that the Dr. Simmi Agnihotri Government PG



College is being built at a cost of approximately Rs. 16 crore. It is being developed as a center of excellence, with MA and other degree courses set to commence from the next academic session. The college will offer programs in humanities, science, commerce,

vocational studies, and fine arts, including music.

Additionally, a bridge is being constructed in Haroli at an estimated cost of Rs. 5 crore to facilitate smooth movement of residents and vehicles, especially during the monsoon season.

A new bus stand, being built at a cost of Rs. 7 crore, is also under construction. The Deputy CM directed the transport department to ensure its completion by March 31, stating that it will significantly improve public transport services in the region. Furthermore, a rest house for the Jal Shakti Department is being constructed at a cost of Rs. 7 crore.

Clean city, prosperous city campaign started in Nagar Panchayat Amb



AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB: The Clean City, Prosperous City program has been formally launched in Nagar Panchayat Amb from today. The aim of this special campaign run by the Urban Development Department is to make the city dwellers aware of cleanliness and motivate them to adopt proper garbage disposal process. This campaign will run from 10 February 2025 to 9 April 2025, in which the local self-help group will have significant participation. Under the programme, members of the self-help group will knock on the doors of each house twice and make citizens aware about the proper management of wet and dry waste. They will also tell people how proper disposal of waste will not only keep the environment clean but will also increase the prosperity of the city. The program started in the presence of Nagar Panchayat Amb's president Indu Dhiman and Nagar Panchayat secretary Harsh Gupta. President Indu Dhiman said on this occasion, "This campaign is very important for the residents of Amb.

Sri Sukhmani Sahib Path to be organised

SANGRUR (SUMER GARG): The district treasury office(TO) with the support of all tehsil offices organised Sri Sukhmani Sahib Ji Path. Meanwhile, Ragi Jatha honored the Kirtan of the divine Bani. On the occasion Deputy Commissioner(DC), Sangrur, Sandeep Rishi; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Amit Bam- bi; ADC, Sukhchain Singh Papra; Tehsildar, Gurinder Kaur; members of other de- partments, including the members of pensioners enjoyed the divine verses.

The DC and the other officials praised the initiative of the treasury officer, Bal- winder Kaur sohi and his staff for organising the Sri Sukhmani Sahib path. After the completion of the recitation program the management served Guru's langar to the san- gat. Siropas' were presented to the supporting personalities.



NEWS BRIEF

ISTE organizing first of its kind national convention at LTSU Punjab on Feb 13-14



BAHADURJEET SINGH RUPNAGAR: 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, 2025 to shape India's skilled workforce for meeting global skill shortages. Dr Sandeep Singh Kaura Chancellor LTSU Punjab said that 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 development.

The ISTE is a premier national organization dedicated to advancing technical education and fostering professional excellence among educators and students.

The event, themed "Vision 2047: Transforming the Education System for Making India Skill Capital of the World," aims to align education systems with global standards, empowering Indian youth to excel internationally.

Free medical check-up camp organized



JS GILL JAITSU: Medical check-up camp was organized at Gurdwara Hargobindsar Sahib Dabirikhana with the cooperation of Medical Practitioners Association 295 Block Bajakhana and all Nagar Panchayats. In which a team of doctors under the supervision of MD Ajit Singh of Bhagta Bhai Ka to Guru Nanak Dev Charitable Hospital checked up for common diseases and Dr. Meet Kamal Singh Wadi Orthopedic Specialist and Dr. Sania Garg Wadi Gynecological Specialist from Wadi Hospital Bathinda jointly checked up the patients and free medicines were also given to all the patients. PRO Bunty and Sukdeep Singh Manager of the hospitals were present.

Two arrested by Jalandhar police with 310 grams of heroin



PARAMJIT SINGH JALANDHAR: Jalandhar Commissionerate Police led by Commissioner of Police Mr Swapan Sharma has arrested two criminals including one female with 310 grams of heroin. Divulging the details, the Commissioner of Police said that during checking on Jandiyala to Phagwara road, the police noticed a suspicious movement of a man and a woman. He said that during search, the police recovered 310 grams of heroin from their possession. Mr Swapan Sharma said that the accused have been identified as Bulla s/o Amreek Singh and Harpreet Kaur alias Preetly w/o Bulla both r/o Village Lakhnawal, Sadar Jalandhar. The Commissioner of Police said that a FIR No. 15, Date: 05.02.2025 under Sections 21-61-85 of the NDPS Act have been registered at the Police Station Sadar, Jalandhar. He said that further investigation into the case is going on and details will be shared later.

First Aid & CPR awareness workshop conducted for Punjab Home Guards at police lines



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR: As part of the ongoing training workshop for Punjab Home Guards (PHG) at Police Lines Ground, Hoshiarpur, a seminar-cum-workshop on "First Aid in Common Emergencies, CPR, and Other Health Concerns" was conducted for around 90 Punjab Home Guards personnel* of the district unit. The session was led by "Dr. Aasheesh Mehan, Medical Officer, Distt. Police Hoshiarpur, along with his team" The workshop covered "life-saving first aid techniques, CPR, handling road accidents, riot-duty injuries, animal bites, fractures, trauma management, and other common health emergencies. The Medical Officer and his team provided practical demonstrations" to equip the personnel with essential medical knowledge, ensuring they are better prepared to handle emergencies during duty. The initiative emphasized the critical role of first responders and the importance of quick and effective medical interventions. This session was a crucial step toward enhancing the "preparedness and efficiency" of Punjab Home Guards in safeguarding lives and maintaining public safety.

Guv administers oath to advocate Harpreet Sandhu & Pooja Gupta as state information commissioners

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, FEB 11

The Governor of Punjab and Administrator of Union Territory, Chandigarh, Gulab Chand Kataria, today administered the oath of office to Advocate Harpreet Sandhu and Mrs. Pooja Gupta as the State Information Commissioners of the Punjab State Right to Information Commission at the Punjab Raj Bhavan here.

The swearing-in ceremony was conducted by Punjab Chief Secretary Shri KAP Sinha. The event was attended by Punjab Chief Information Commissioner Shri Inderpal Singh Dhanna, State Information Commissioner Dr. Bhupinder Singh, Sandeep Singh Dhalliwal, and Virinderjit Singh Billing, Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) Governance Reforms and Public Grievances Sh. Vikas Pratap, Additional Chief Secretary



(ACS) Transport D K Tiwari, Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Governor Sh. Vivek Partap Singh, MD Markfed and Director Governance Reforms Mr. Girish Dayalan, ADGP Ishwar Singh, Prominent Indian agriculture economist Sardara Singh Johal, Vice Chancellor Punjab Agricultural University Satbir Singh Gosal and other senior officials. Advocate Harpreet

Sandhu, a prominent lawyer, previously served as the Additional Advocate General for Punjab. He is also the former Chairman of Punjab Infotech and has made significant contributions in the field of legal studies.

Mrs. Pooja Gupta is a distinguished social worker and educationist. Her academic excellence and dedication to societal betterment have

earned her immense respect across the region.

Notably, the appointment of Advocate Harpreet Sandhu and Mrs. Pooja Gupta was officially notified by the Punjab Government on January 27, 2025. Their appointments will contribute to enhancing transparency and strengthening the functioning of the State Right to Information Commission.

SEBI cracks down on LS industries Ltd over stock manipulation

MUMBAI: The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has issued an interim order against LS Industries Ltd (LSIL) and five associated entities, uncovering a case of stock manipulation and suspicious share transfers. A 12.12% stake in LSIL, valued at Rs 10.28 crore, was sold to NRI Jahangir Panikkaveettill Perumbambathu (JPP) for just US\$1. This transaction made JPP richer by US\$328.60 million (Rs 2,752 crore) when LSIL's market capitalisation peaked at ₹22,700 crore. SEBI has impounded Rs 1.14 crore in illegal gains from JPP and barred all six entities from the market. Stock Price Manipulation & Insider Gains Following the revocation of LSIL's trading suspension on July 23, 2024, its stock surged from Rs 22.50 to Rs 267.50 in two months—an astronomical 1,089% increase—despite zero revenue and continued losses.

SEBI identified coordinated trading activities artificially inflating share prices before a sharp plunge to ₹2.39 by November 2024. Additionally, relatives of RoboChef India Pvt Ltd's directors, who also held LSIL shares, offloaded their holdings for massive profits, raising further concerns of insider activity. SEBI's Immediate Action • Market Ban: LSIL, its promoters, and five associated individuals are prohibited from trading. • Account Freezing: JPP's trading accounts have been frozen, with orders to disclose all assets. • Asset Seizure: SEBI impounded Rs 1.14 crore in illegal gains. • Bank Restrictions: Banks have been ordered to freeze debits from JPP's accounts. Investors Warned: Final Report Due in May 2025 SEBI has warned investors against blindly investing in stocks with questionable fundamentals. "Markets can be generous but not to the extent of offering outlandish gains," said SEBI WTM Ashwani Bhatia, cautioning investors against speculative trading.

Free Swarnprashan camp held at Shri Dhanwantry Ayurvedic College and Hospital

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, FEB 11

A free Swarnprashan camp was organized today at Shri Dhanwantry Ayurvedic College and Hospital, Sector 46 B, Chandigarh. Children aged 0 to 16 years were administered free Swarnprashan supplements prepared in the college's pharmacy. Swarnprashan, a traditional Ayurvedic formulation, has been used for centuries to boost immunity and fight diseases caused by bacteria and viruses.

This herbal concoction, infused with gold (Swarna), combines the potent properties of brahmi, honey, ashwagandha, giloy, and shankhpushpi. The camp was spearheaded by Dr. Vinod Barwal, Head of the Department of Pediatrics. The inauguration ceremony was graced by the



college's Director, Mr. Sudarshan Sharma, and Principal, Dr. Sumit Srivastava. According to Dr. Naresh Mittal, General Secretary of the college, "This camp is an annual ini-

tiative aimed at promoting mental and intellectual development among children in the region. We are committed to providing holistic healthcare solutions through Ayurveda."

MCM holds 3rd edition of 'Suniye Sunaiye' – celebration of words, voices and listening



CHANDIGARH, FEB 11

The Library Committee of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, hosted the third edition of Suniye Sunaiye, in the warm and welcoming space of the staff corner in the college Library. With its essence rooted in the magic of storytelling and the serenity of deep listening, the session brought together students, faculty, and non-teaching staff in an atmosphere of shared narratives, reflective discussions, and heartfelt poetry. The theme of the day was the spir-

it of new beginnings, renewed hope, and an awareness of the rights and responsibilities bestowed upon us by the Indian Constitution. Participants brought forth an array of literary pieces, spanning across disciplines and languages, each one contributing to a rich and meaningful discourse. Students captivated the gathering with anecdotes from books that delve into India's journey of independence, poetry, and many more topics. Attendees reflected on the philosophy of cause and effect, the importance of moral responsibility.

Canara Bank regional office Panchkula organizes mega retail loan expo



CHANDIGARH, FEB 11

Canara Bank Regional Office Panchkula organized Mega Retail Loan Expo. The event was organized at Canara Bank's Retail Asset Hub Panchkula. On this occasion, General Manager Shri G.A. Anupam and Regional Office Head Shri Narendra Kumar had graced the occasion.

The program was inaugurated by General Manager Shri G.A. Anupam by lighting the lamp. Apart from this, Branch managers of all the branches of Panchkula city

were also present on the occasion. Famous builders and vehicle dealers of the city also participated on this occasion. All 48 branches of Canara Bank Regional Office Panchkula participated in this camp. This program was organized as per the instructions of the head office. On this occasion, the bank informed the general public about its various retail products. On this occasion, approval letters for various retail loans were distributed. All the local people were invited to take full advantage of these camps.

DSP traffic Jora Singh, Prem Chand Prashar appeal to people to follow traffic rules

JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA
MOGA, FEB 11

DSP (Traffic) Jora Singh and Traffic Police Incharge Moga Prem Chand Parashar appealed to the people to follow the traffic rules and said that we should follow the traffic rules strictly, with this we can remain stress-free and can also get rid of challans and fines for violating traffic rules.

Deputy Superintendent of Police Jora Singh and Traffic Police Incharge Moga Prem Chand Parashar while talking to the journalists at the local Juginder Singh Chowk and answering their questions further said that the biggest traffic problem in the main square of the city is parking of buses, on which we also appeal to the bus owners not to park the buses in this square and not to pick up or drop off passengers. Regarding the abundance of e-rick-



shaw drivers in the city, he said that we are talking to our senior officers and the civil administration regarding this problem and will reach a conclusion soon. He further said that the traffic problem cannot be solved by issuing challans or fines, only if we all become aware of the traffic rules can we get rid of this problem. Traffic jams often occur in the city due to improper parking, we should park our vehicles in the scooter and motorcycle parking lot, and neither should we drive from the wrong side to reach quickly.

Regarding the traffic jams during school holidays, he said that the school administrators should not dismiss all the children at the same time and the drivers of school buses and school vans should also exercise patience and drive comfortably and should not rush the vans and buses through the streets of the city. On this occasion, the traffic police, in the presence of journalists, removed the big pressure horns on the motorcycles without number plates and also issued challans to them.

Doorstep delivery of citizen centric services expanded from 43 to 406

SHASHI PAL JAIN
MOHALI, FEB 11

In a bid to further enhance governance and accessibility of government services to the citizens of the state, the ambit of Door Step Delivery Services have been expanded to 406 citizen centric services.

Divulging the details about the initiative taken by the Governance Reforms Department, Deputy Commissioner Aashika Jain said that in continuation to the existing 43 services started under "Bhagwant Mann Sarkar, Tuhade Dwaar" scheme, addition of 363 more citizen-centric services, has allowed the people to avail 406 services, being offered in Sewa Kendras, at their doorsteps. She said that this initiative of offering doorstep delivery of 406 services, included driving licenses, Police Verification and passport applications also. She said that earlier in Dec 2023,



43 services were started by dialing a toll free number 1076 to doorsteps of the residents. Now, with the addition of 363 more services, the total number increased to 406 services that would cover 29 major government departments. The services now available include those related to driving licenses, passport applications, Police verifications, utility connections, NOCs from district authorities, tenant

verification and many more.

The addition of 363 more services further broadens the reach of the scheme, ensuring that essential government services are delivered without unnecessary delays or paperwork. Deputy Commissioner said that as many as 3248 citizen centric services' requests received through door step delivery (Dial 1076) have been processed within time line. The new initiative has not only made the Citizens able to avoid the hassle of visiting government offices, rather, their documents have been delivered directly to their homes. She said that barring e-stamp and Adhaar Card services, all the services provided through Sewa Kendra will be available at door steps of the citizens with the addition of more services.

Kharar native and famous industrialist of J & K Suraj Kumar Bansal gets Lifetime Achievement Award



KHARAR (SHASHI PAL JAIN): The Jammu and Kashmir government has honoured Kharar native and famous industrialist Suraj Kumar Bansal with Lifetime Achievement Award for his services in the field of industry.

The award was presented yesterday by the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, Mr. Omar Abdullah, at a special function organized there. It is worth mentioning that Mr. Bansal originally hails from village Khanpur, which falls within the limits of Kharar Municipal Council and he has been doing business in Kharar.

He first established an Agro Chemical factory in Jammu in 2004 and later a Plastic Factory there. Both these factories not only provided employment to thousands of people but also produced high quality products. He is the Chairman of Saraswati Group of Companies and is known for his humility, hard work, friendliness and charitable works. A large number of people congratulated him and his family on this achievement.

NIDHI-TBI, DST, GoI, successfully concludes boot camp in collaboration with PAU Kisan Club



LUDHIANA, FEB 11

NIDHI-TBI (DST, GoI) wrapped up an inspiring boot camp with support of Skill Development centre and in collaboration with PAU Kisan Club at Annual Kisan club function on February 6, 2025, at Kairon Kisan Ghar, Punjab Agricultural University (PAU).

The Research Project team interacted with PAU Kisan Club members at Boot camp organised during PAU Kisan Club annual function. The event brought together several incubatees who showcased their innovative, value-added products derived from fruits, vegetables, cereals, and pulses. From floral luxurious fragrances to packaged juices, pickles, vegetable powders, juices etc. Boot camp featured a diverse range of extraordinary products. All the potential incubates exhibited their food products, business ideas and startup ideas with the visitors. All Kisan Club members who were present there, interacted with potential incubates and exchanged ideas as with a mission of marketing, idea sharing and networking strategies. This initiative played a crucial role in enhancing awareness, fostering networking opportunities, and refining product display and selling strategies for participants.

NEWS BRIEF

Poster of 56th provincial convention of ABVP released



SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL: On Tuesday, the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) Kaithal unit released the poster of the 56th State Convention of ABVP to be held from February 14 to 16 at J.C. Bose University in Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Government College, Kaithal. On the occasion mainly district head Dr. Abhishek Goyal, district coordinator Jasbir Chaudhary, unit president Adit Sharma, vice presidents Sahil Bhardwaj and Vikram, NSS coordinator Rahul Verma, joint secretary Jai Sharma, unit minister Himanshu Rana, Dr. Monika Jakhar and other workers were present.

Science competition held at Govt Girls Sr Sec School, Barot



VIJAY KAUSHIK
LADWA: A mentoring and monitoring program was organized today at Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Barot, where Assistant Professor Sumant Goyal from SIASTE, Kurukshetra, explained scientific principles in daily activities in a simple and engaging manner. Principal Neelam Saini praised the interactive approach, which boosted students' enthusiasm. Students captivated everyone with small science-based activities, while science teachers Manju and Rohtas fostered scientific curiosity through playful learning methods. Fine arts instructor Ravi guided students in creating beautiful posters. The program concluded with an award distribution ceremony, where students were recognized for their participation. Lakhwinder, Surajbhan, Nidhi, Seema, Anju, Priithpal, and Meena played key roles in making the event a success.

CHC Mehal Kalan secures third position at the state level



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: Under the guidance of Civil Surgeon Barnala Dr. Baldev Singh and the able leadership of Block Mehal Kalan Senior Medical Officer Dr. Gurtejinder Kaur, CHC Mehal Kalan has secured third position in the state by securing 94.76 percent marks in the Kayakalp Program. This information was shared by SMO Dr. Gurtejinder Kaur. She said that this excellent result is the result of the tireless work of the hospital staff and the cooperation of the government and the local people. Giving information on this occasion, the Nodal Officer of the Program Dr. Amritpal said that the Kayakalp Award Scheme was launched by the government in 2015 to increase health and sanitation facilities in India under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. He said that during the round, the checking team evaluated the hospital on various standards such as cleanliness and hygiene management, biomedical waste management, infection control management, herbal garden, general management of the hospital, good health facilities, dress code etc. On this occasion, Dr. Gurtejinder Kaur congratulated all the staff and assured to maintain such results in the future as well.

After the defeat of AAP, Delhiites take a holy dip at home: Anil Verma

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, FEB 11

Many devout Sanatani Delhiites may not be able to take a dip in the Kumbh Mela being held in Prayagraj due to various reasons, but with the formation of the Bharatiya Janata Party government in Delhi and the loss of the Aam Aadmi Party government in the assembly elections, the Delhiites have attained the virtue of bathing in the Kumbh at home. This was the statement of BJP leader Anil Verma and District Coordinator of the Arts and Cultural Cell. Anil Verma said that ten years ago the AAP government was formed in Delhi on the basis of false promises and Arvind Kejriwal, as the Chief



Minister had made Delhi's condition terrible. Forget about the common people, Kejriwal had also ignored the Yamuna, which he had promised to clean and came to power. The result of which has come in the form of his crushing defeat. Anil Verma said that after a long gap of twenty-seven years, the blooming of the lotus and

scattering of the broom in the heart of the country, Delhi, would prove to be the sunrise of a new era for the country's capital Delhi. Anil Verma said that BJP candidates would achieve a one-sided victory in the municipal elections and the people of the city would get a triple engine government which would accelerate the pace of development. Anil Verma said that today India was making tremendous development under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Haryana State Chief Minister Nayab Saini and the people of the country and state were happy under the efficient and stable leadership of BJP and were determined to realize the dreams of developed India.

On the occasion of Shri Guru Ravidas Jayanti, Nagar Kirtans were organized with joy in the entire country. In this series, Nagar Kirtans were also organized in every village and town of district Kurukshetra in Haryana. In village Bhokar Majra of Shahabad constituency, Chairman of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Education Development Trust Miha Singh Ranga was specially invited. Miha Singh Ranga bowed his head in the Nagar Kirtan and received the blessings of Shri Guru Maharaj Ji. The entire committee of the village welcomed Miha Singh Ranga by presenting him Guru Maharaj Ji's Shiropa. Miha Singh Ranga said that apart from India, Shri Guru Ravidas Jayanti was celebrated with great pomp in some countries of the world as well. Shri Guru Ravidas Ji gave a message for the welfare and unity of humanity. We all should follow the path shown by Shri Guru Das Ji and do good deeds for humanity and help each other. Miha Singh Ranga said that today they

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should all take a pledge that they should together spread awareness about education. We should educate the children as much as possible in families where their parents are not there. This is a very pious act. On this occasion, the entire Shri Guru Ravidas Committee of the village, respected elders, women, lovely children and all the Sadh Sangat were present.

Ten-day lecture series on 'Discipline: Planning for an Effective Life' organized at SSD College



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: A ten-day lecture series on the topic of discipline 'Planning for an Effective Life' concluded today at the local SSD College. On the last day of the series, Professor Bharat Bhushan spoke about the importance of discipline that discipline is very important for achieving success in personal life. During this series, the students listened to the lectures given by Professor Bharat Bhushan with great enthusiasm. The students were also seen asking questions and answering questions with great enthusiasm. Professor Bhushan reiterated the importance of discipline which helps in developing good habits, setting goals and achieving them. Professor Bhushan explained to the students by giving several examples how discipline helps them in setting their priorities, managing time and focusing.

Sports complex to be built in Hatwas at a cost of Rs 410 lakh: RS Bali



listening to the problems of the people in the MLA Aapke Dwar program in Chahri and

Hatwas Panchayat on Tuesday, Tourism Corporation Chairman RS Bali said that the overall development of Nagarota Assembly constituency is being ensured. He said that a sports complex will be built in Hatwas of Nagarota at a cost of Rs 4 crore 10 lakh so that the youth

can get better facilities for sports. He said that the present government is making every possible effort to ensure quick solution to the problems of the common people and in view of this, the Aapka MLA Aapke Dwar program has also been started.

Lifetime VVIPs spreading misinformation on Maha Kumbh: Yogi Adityanath

AGENCY
LUCKNOW, FEB 11

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday criticised the opposition, accusing them of engaging in negative politics and misleading propaganda on the Maha Kumbh. While paying floral tributes to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay, the founding member of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh and the architect of Antyodaya and Integral Humanism on his death anniversary, the CM while calling them lifelong VVIPs, accused the opposition leaders of spreading false narratives about Maha Kumbh. He said that the event is being held with unmatched grandeur and devotion, showcasing India's cultural heritage. Remembering Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya's ideals, Yogi emphasised that he envisioned the



welfare and upliftment of the most marginalised sections of society. "Today, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Bharatiya Janata Party's double-engine government is turning that vision into reality," he said. He emphasised that Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya believed a nation's progress is defined not by the

wealth of the privileged but by the well-being of its most disadvantaged. "Inspired by this philosophy, PM Modi introduced the vision of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas,' ensuring inclusive development for all," he said. Criticising past governments for their empty slogans on poverty eradication, the CM pointed out that

despite grand promises, poverty only increased under their rule. "In contrast, the Modi government, over the last 11 years, has empowered the poor through transformative initiatives such as Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Ujjwala Yojana, toilet construction, Jal Jeevan Mission and Ayushman Bharat. A total of 4 crore poor families have been provided homes, 12 crore toilets have been built, 10 crore families have received free gas connections, and 80 crore people are receiving free ration," he said. He said, "These schemes are a testament to the realisation of Antyodaya, uplifting the last person in society." Yogi strongly countered the opposition misinformation regarding the Maha Kumbh, emphasising that in just 29 days, a historic 45 crore devotees have taken a holy dip at the Sangam in Prayagraj.

Participants from various social organizations and educational institutions honored in Shobha Yatra during Geeta Jayanti Mahotsav

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, FEB 11

SDM Karnal Anubhav Mehta honored the participants of various social organizations and educational institutions in the procession during the Geeta Jayanti Mahotsav by giving them letters of appreciation in a program organized at the Mini Secretariat on Tuesday and hoped that in future also they all would continue to get similar support from the district administration. He said that the social organizations of Karnal played an important role in the work of social service and also gave their full support to the administration from time to time. SDM Karnal Anubhav Mehta has issued notices to NIFA and RPS International School, Citizens Grievances Committee and Delhi Public School, Bharat Vikas Parishad (Abhimanyu, Suraj, Karna,



Madhav, Radha Krishna, Krishna Branch) and SBS Senior Secondary School, Lakshya Janhit Society and VUMM Jain Public School, Patanjali Yoga Samiti and Bharat Swabhimana Trust and Guru Harkrishna Public School, Apna Aashiyana, Jan Seva Dal and Nishan Public School, Agrawal Sabha Sector-7 and OPS Vidya Mandir, MDD Bal Bhavan and St. Theresa Convent Senior Secondary School, Arya Central Sabha and Nirmal Public School, Maa Jhandewali Seva Samiti and Vivekanand Senior Secondary School,

Prayas Foundation and Doon Group of Schools, Sanatan Dharma Mandir Sabha and SD Adarsh Public School, Karnal Jagriti Manch and Baba Ram Das Vidya Peeth, Sri Radha Krishna Gaushala and SD Bal Mandir Senior Secondary School Ram Nagar, Haryana Chamber of Commerce and Industries and Sri Krishna Pranami School, Akhil Vishwa Gayatri Pariwar Branch Karnal and Sri Ram Charit Manas C School, Raghunath Mandir Sabha and Shri Raghunath High School, Lions Club Karnal and Karna Public School were honored.

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
PANIPAT, FEB 11

Under the guidelines of Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau's Director General of Police, Mr. OP Singh, IPS, youth are being continuously motivated to stay away from drugs through Bucket Challenge in Haryana today. Under the leadership of Bureau's Superintendent of Police Mr. Mohit Handa, IPS and Superintendent of Police Mrs. Pankhuri Kumar, this program is reaching the masses through social media. Youth, sportspersons, eminent people of the society and the general public are feeling proud by participating in this movement. Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau has launched a big movement against drug abuse in every village and city. In this series, today Haryana State Narcotics



Control Bureau's awareness program and rehabilitation in-charge/sub inspector Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma first reached Government Industrial Training Institute Madlauda and conducted the 73rd awareness program in the institute under the chairmanship of Principal Ranjana Sharma in which 220 students, 12 instructors and 10 employees participated. After this, the 74th awareness program against drugs was conducted in Guru Gobind Singh Public School, Panipat. This program was held in the

presence of school director Manoj Dhamija, Principal Mamta Nanda and teacher Mannu Deswal in which 498 students and 20 teachers participated. At both the places, Bureau's awareness program and rehabilitation in-charge/sub inspector Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma while creating awareness against drugs said that if drugs were even slightly good for humans, then the mother would have given it to her child first. He told the students that the strict action against drug smugglers is evidence of

the fact that in 2023, 3823 cases were registered and more than 5918 criminals were sent to jail, while in the year 2024, 3330 cases were registered and 5201 drug smugglers were sent to jail. Along with this, separate arrangements have been made to ensure that no new person gets trapped in this quagmire of drugs and that is awareness program against drugs, oath through Noon Laut, Bucket Challenge, Ram Gurukul Gaman Manchan etc. Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma told that any person can give secret information against drugs on the helpline number 9050891508 of Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau or on 1933 or on MANAS. Under the program, Dr. Verma separately highlighted the importance of Nari Shakti and said that she is the axis of the family.

Health Department is organizing 'Adolescent Health' seminars at village level

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, FEB 11

Under the guidance of Dr. Baldev Singh Sandhu, Civil Surgeon, Barnala and under the leadership of Dr. Gurbinder Kaur, District Vaccination Officer, awareness seminars are being conducted in the villages for adolescents and teenagers aged 10 to 19 years in Barnala district under the National Adolescent Health Karyakram. Giving more information in this regard, Civil Surgeon Barnala said that this is an important program of the health department regarding adolescence under which "Peer Educators" (a teenager who teaches from among the teenagers of the same age) are boys and girls selected from schools and from among the teenagers of 10 to 19 years who have left school. Under this program, two teenage girls and two boys are selected as peer



educators who inform their teacher, A.N. and ASHA worker about the changes in their peers or the problems related to them so that this change or improvement can be explained to the child properly. Also, who guide and help the teenagers in facing many challenges at the initial stage of physical development and making the best use of the available opportunities. Madam Sukhpal Kaur District School Health Coordinator said that this program is being run in 72 villages in Barnala district with the support of Panchayats. Under this program, the Health

Department, in collaboration with the village panchayats and teachers, made the children going through adolescence aware of the need to avoid good and bad habits, stay away from drugs, and understand and explain the changes happening in their peers. He said that during the sessions being organized in the villages by the Health Department regarding adolescent health, various case studies and discussions are held on adolescent mental health, healthy mind and healthy behavior so that any confusion regarding this subject can be resolved with the children in detail.

Guru Ravidas birth anniversary celebrated in Pathshala Taranwali

RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL, FEB 11

Birth anniversary of 15th century revered saint and poet Guru Ravidas was celebrated in Pathshala Taranwali of Guhla subdivision, who is known for his contribution to Bhakti movement and his teachings on equality and social justice. Head teacher Lakhwinder Singh said that due to holiday on Wednesday, Guru Ravidas Jayanti was celebrated in school today. Our aim is to make children familiar with life and teachings of our revered saints. He also extended hearty greetings on birthday of Baba Shri Ajit Singh, elder son of Guru Ravidas Ji and tenth Guru of the Sikhs, Shri Guru Gobind Singh. Junior Red Cross Counselor and teacher Gurdeep Urlana inaugurated the program by



offering flowers to picture of Guru Ravidas Ji. He said that all humans are born, but history is made only by those who face their troubles and problems with a smile. Therefore, we should also create our history through our virtues and good deeds. Guru Ravidas gave message to common people to stay away from religious superstitions and ostentation for evils and ignorance prevailing in Hindu religion and said that if mind is pure then there is no need to

take bath even in Ganga. "Man chaaga to kathauti mein Ganga" is his famous quote which throws light on this matter. He had also included evils prevalent in Islam equally in his expressions. Teacher Sheeshpal Saira told the children that Guru Ravidas used to make shoes and this was his profession and he used to do his work with full dedication and hard work and used to pay a lot of attention to completing the work on time.

Editorial

Empathetic education

The rapid spread of liberal studies programmes in India reflects a growing recognition of the need for education that fosters critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving. Liberal studies aim to nurture individuals who can question norms, embrace diverse perspectives, and contribute meaningfully to society. Yet, in a consumer-driven world, liberty is often narrowly interpreted as 'freedom of choice'. This perspective risks reducing education to a vehicle for personal autonomy rather than a journey of self-discovery and public contribution. As liberal education gains momentum in India, it's worth asking whether the aim is to simply offer Western-style flexibility in subject choice, or could there be a distinct purpose — promoting an education rooted in communal responsibility and meaningful engagement with Indian society.

The growth of liberal studies in India offers a valuable opportunity to rethink education in ways that align with the unique values, philosophies, and needs of Indian society. Rather than adopting a Western model focused on 'knowing the world' through critical analysis, liberal studies in India should emphasise immersive, context-driven learning that intertwines understanding the world with self-discovery and transformation. This approach directly addresses the psychological well-being deficit often witnessed in today's individualised, consumeristic world. By grounding education in shared values and community, students are prepared for lives enriched with deeper connections and holistic satisfaction beyond material success.

This integration of local context, communal responsibility, and environmental awareness allows students to examine their privileges and roles in addressing India's pressing social issues. By grounding learning in real-world experiences and connecting knowledge with ethical responsibility, liberal studies equip students to view education as a transformative experience.

The Greek philosopher, Aristotle, had remarked, "Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all." While critical thinking — often a focus of liberal education — sharpens the intellect, true education also engages the heart, inspiring students to ask Socrates's timeless question of how to live a good life. This question encourages students to explore their values and sense of purpose, connecting personal goals with societal and ecological responsibilities.

Grounding liberal education in the local context enables students to examine pressing issues such as inequality, environmental degradation, and community well-being. By drawing on local philosophical traditions, we can help students appreciate that freedom is not solely about personal autonomy but includes a shared responsibility toward one's community and the natural world. Such a vision aligns with India's pluralistic philosophies, drawing on concepts like aparigraha in Hinduism, zuhd in Islam, and the Gandhian philosophy of sarvodaya.

UK-India defence agreements boost Aatmanirbhar Bharat ambition

The UK-India strategic partnership has taken another major step forward with the formal launch of Defence Partnership- India (DP-I) and the signing of several defence agreements at Aero India 2025, a statement by the UK Embassy said.

Announcing DP-I, UK Defence Minister Lord Vernon Coaker opened the UK-India Defence Partnership Pavilion, establishing a dedicated programme of fice within the UK's Ministry of Defence that will serve as a one-stop shop for strengthening bilateral defence collaboration between the two countries.

The UK and India have today agreed to expand their collaboration on next-generation weapons with Thales and Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL). Thales and BDL have signed a contract that will deliver Laser Beam Riding MANPADs (LBRM), with an initial supply of High Velocity Missiles (STARstreak) and launchers to be delivered this year. This contract represents an important next step for UK-Indian defence co-operation in the critical area of air defence, as per the statement.

Lord Vernon Coaker, UK Defence Minister, said, "It was a pleasure to visit India and continue to grow our already strong defence relationship. Our Defence Partnership and the UK-India Defence Partnership Pavilion will help strengthen our cooperation further,



supporting economic growth in both our countries and India's Aatmanirbhar ambition."

"This event showcases our collaboration in next generation capability, and the massive potential the UK and India can unlock by working together," he added.

Following the signing of this initial LBRM contract, both Thales and BDL will further collaborate to produce Lightweight Multirole Missiles (LMM). This develops and expands the partnership between Indian and British industry, laying the foundation for BDL and

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In a separate development, MBDA UK and BDL have been working together on the installation of a first of its kind Advanced Short-Range Air to Air Missile (ASRAAM) assembly and test facility in Hyderabad, arming current fleet of India's fighter jets as well as exporting to the world.

On the maritime front, the UK and India have signed a Statement of Intent to design and develop an Integrated Full Electric Propulsion (IFEP) system for India's next generation Landing Platform Dock (LPD) fleet.

Literature & Health

Mobile phones

Dear friends! Today's article is for those people for whom mobile phones are working like an oxygen cylinder in today's era. Whose morning starts with mobile phones and nights are spent on mobile phones.

There was a time when relationships were tied with threads of affection, the walls of houses were strengthened with love. Just as the time of the clock changes, the form of the stage has also changed in today's world and the name of this new form of stage is mobile phones. Mobile phones were invented to bring those relatives close who are sitting far away, but in today's time, with its use, even those sitting at home have become distant relatives. There has been a lot of distance in relationships.

Today's young generation has become so lost in the use of mobile phones that if the parents of the children call them, the children do not hear anything. They are so engrossed in mobile phones that they only answer yes or no, due to which their brain is getting dead and their concentration power is decreasing day by day. Which is



having a direct negative impact on their studies and along with studies, its bad impact is being seen on other activities as well.

Let's try to eliminate the disease of mobile phones that we have inflicted on our bodies, this addiction of mobile phones to which we have become addicted. Today is the time that we need to take our children on the right path and teach them what will be useful for them to create their lives. Let's take them out of this mobile world and introduce them to real life.

Neha Dhangra
English mistress
GSSS Hamidi, Barnala

US: Senate moves forward with Tulsi Gabbard's nomination for Director of National Intelligence

The US Senate on Monday voted along party lines to move forward with Tulsi Gabbard's nomination for director of national intelligence, paving the way for a final confirmation vote, according to a report by Politico.

With the backing of 52 Senate Republicans, Gabbard is expected to be confirmed as the nation's top intelligence official soon. Forty-six Democrats opposed her nomination, and two senators were absent during the vote.

The vote was conducted under a procedural rule called cloture, which is often used for contentious Cabinet nominees like Secretary of Defence Pete Hegseth. This rule permits up to 30 hours of debate before a final vote



can take place. Gabbard had previously been approved by the Senate Intelligence Committee in a party-line vote following a heated confirmation hearing at the end of January.

Meanwhile, Senate Majority Leader John Thune in a floor speech on Monday said, "The intelligence community needs to refocus on its core mission, collecting intelligence and providing

unbiased analysis of that information. That's what Tulsi Gabbard is committed to ensuring if she is confirmed to be DNI, and I believe she has the knowledge and leadership capabilities to get it done," NBC News reported.

The final vote on Gabbard's nomination is scheduled for midnight Tuesday, unless all senators agree to vote earlier. Following that, Senator Thune said that the Senate would proceed with a procedural vote on Robert F Kennedy Jr.'s nomination, nominated by Trump for the position of health and human services secretary.

Gabbard, who was nominated by US President Donald Trump for the post, is a former Army Reserve lieutenant colonel, Democratic congresswoman.

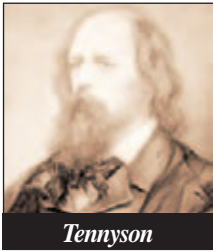
POEM

Lady Clara Vere De Vere

Lady Clara Vere de Vere, Of me you shall not win renown; You thought to break a country heart For pastime, ere you went to town. At me you smiled, but unbeguiled

I saw the snare, and I retired:
The daughter of a hundred Earls,
You are not one to be desired.
Lady Clara Vere de Vere,
I know you proud to bear your name,
Your pride is yet no mate for mine,
Too proud to care from whence I came.
Nor would I break for your sweet sake
A heart that doats on truer charms.

By Alfred, Lord Tennyson



Quick cure for common cause of high blood pressure

Doctors at Queen Mary University of London, Barts Health NHS Trust, and University College London have led the development of Targeted Thermal Therapy (Triple T), a simple, minimally invasive procedure that has the potential to revolutionise medical management of a common but often overlooked cause of high blood pressure.

This breakthrough could with additional testing, benefit millions of people worldwide who are currently undiagnosed and untreated.

In the UK, Triple T, known scientifically as endoscopic ultrasound-guided radiofrequency ablation, was rigorously tested, in collaboration with researchers from University College London, University College Hospital NHS Trust, Cambridge University NHS Trust, and the University of Cambridge.

High blood pressure affects one in three adults, of whom a hormonal condition called primary aldosteronism accounts for one in twenty cases. However, fewer than one per cent of those affected are ever diagnosed.

The condition occurs when tiny be-



nign nodules in one or both adrenal glands produce excess aldosterone, a hormone that raises blood pressure by increasing salt levels in the body. Patients with primary aldosteronism often do not respond well to standard blood pressure medications and face higher risks of heart attacks, strokes, and kidney failure. Until now, the only effective cure for

primary aldosteronism has been surgical removal of the entire adrenal gland, requiring general anaesthesia, a two-to three-day hospital stay, and weeks of recovery. As a result, many patients go untreated. Triple T offers a faster, safer alternative to surgery, by selectively destroying the small adrenal nodule without removing the gland. This is made

possible by recent advances in diagnostic scans, using molecular dyes that accurately identify and locate even the smallest adrenal nodules. Those in the left adrenal gland are seen to be immediately adjacent to the stomach, from where they can be directly targeted.

The new treatment harnesses the energy of waves, adapting two well-established medical techniques: radiofrequency or microwaves generate heat in a small needle placed into the malfunctioning tissue, causing a controlled burn; ultrasound uses reflected sound waves to create a real-time video of the procedure.

In Triple T, as in routine endoscopy, a tiny internal camera—in this case using ultrasound as well as light—is passed by mouth into the stomach. The endoscopist visualises the adrenal gland and guides a fine needle from the stomach precisely into the nodule. Short bursts of heat destroy the nodule but leave the surrounding healthy tissues unharmed. This minimally invasive approach takes only 20 minutes and eliminates the need for internal or external incisions.

The study is called FABULAS, the

name being an acronym for a Feasibility study of radiofrequency endoscopic Ablation, with ULtrasound guidance, as a non-surgical, adrenal-sparing treatment for aldosterone-producing adenomas. FABULAS tested Triple T in 28 patients with primary aldosteronism, whose molecular scan had pinpointed a hormone-producing nodule in the left adrenal gland. The new procedure was found to be safe and effective, with most patients having normal hormone levels six months later. Many participants were able to stop all blood pressure medications, with no recurrence of the condition.

Professor Morris Brown, co-senior author of the FABULAS study and Professor of Endocrine Hypertension at Queen Mary University of London, said, "It is 70 years since the discovery in London of the hormone aldosterone, and, a year later, of the first patient in USA with severe hypertension due to an aldosterone-producing tumour.

This patient's doctor, Jerome Conn, predicted, with perhaps only minor exaggeration, that 10-20% of all hypertension

might one day be traced to curable nodules in one or both glands. We are now able to realise this prospect, offering 21st-century breakthroughs in diagnosis and treatment."

"Before the study, I suffered from debilitating headaches for years despite multiple GP visits. As a full-time worker and single parent, my daily life was severely affected.

This non-invasive treatment provided an immediate recovery—I was back to my normal routine straight away. I'm incredibly grateful to the team for giving me this choice."

The success of FABULAS has led to a larger randomised trial called 'WAVE', which is comparing Triple T with traditional adrenal surgery. The results are expected in 2027.

Professor Stephen Pereira, Chief Investigator of FABULAS and Professor of Hepatology & Gastroenterology at UCL Institute for Liver and Digestive Health, added, "With appropriate training, this less invasive technique could be widely offered in endoscopy units across the UK and internationally."

NEWS BRIEF

Wild Woods Warriors maintain supremacy, beats City Challengers
Punjab Panthers climb to third place, overpower HIMS Hawks

Chandigarh – Wild Woods Warriors reaffirmed their dominance in the Chandrashekhar Azad T20 Tournament with a commanding seven-wicket victory over City Challengers at Bau Devi Lal Cricket Stadium, Panchkula on Tuesday. Opting to field first, the Warriors restricted City Challengers to 148/5 in 20 overs with unbeaten Nikhil Kumar (58) and skipper Amrit Lubana (31) leading the scoring. In response, Kunal Mahajan (55 off 31 balls) played a match-winning knock who was well supported by Tushar Joshi (48 off 31) and unbeaten Nipun Sharda (32) as the Warriors chased down the target in 18.3 overs. Earlier in the day, Punjab Panthers secured a 13-run victory over HIMS Hawks and successfully defended their modest total of 155/8. Arnav Bansal (33) and Ankit Kaushik (30) were the key contributors with the bat while Mandeep Singh (3/34), Rahul Singh (2/17), and Armaan Jakhhar (2/23) led the bowling for Hawks. In the chase, despite top scorer Nehal Pajni (37), a disciplined bowling effort by Rohit Dhandia (4/29) and Nishant Bria (2/25) restricted the Hawks to 142/9 and sealed the win for Punjab Panthers. Winners lifted third place in the standings, while Wild Woods Warriors continued to lead the chart.

Sacred Amritsar 2025, presented by Sleepwell, returns with an incredible poetic-programme!

Ludhiana/Chandigarh:—The third edition of Sacred Amritsar, presented by Sleepwell, is all set to return to the storied city of Amritsar to celebrate mystic-poets and their timeless verse. Produced by Teamwork Arts, the festival has an incredible programme featuring a melange of musical performances, literature sessions, heritage walks, and more. Across three venues in Amritsar, the festival is scheduled from 21st to 23rd February 2025. People are coming from all over the country and abroad to participate in this festival. Art lovers will arrive from Punjab including Chandigarh, Ludhiana, Jalandhar, Mohali and other districts. Representatives from the country's Kolkata, Chennai, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Pune, Jaipur and Surat and international countries like Dubai, Singapore, Australia and Sri Lanka will also participate in this festival.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Reinforces its Commitment to Sustainable Mobility at India Energy Week 2025

JALANDHAR/AMRITSAR: Reiterating its commitment to India's vision for Energy Independence by 2047 and Net Zero by 2070, Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) today marked its participation at the India Energy Week 2025, being held in Delhi during 11th – 14th Feb 2025. The India Energy Week 2025 (IEW) serves as an important platform to showcase practical and scalable clean energy solutions to realize energy self-reliance and reduce carbon emissions. This event brings together global political leaders, policy makers, thought leaders, experts, and end-users to deliberate on energy scenario, technologies, industry trends and policy outlook.

Samsung TV Plus India Launches Five Exclusive FAST Channels from Warner Bros. Television

CHANDIGARH: Samsung TV Plus, Samsung's free ad-supported streaming TV (FAST) service, has collaborated with Warner Bros. to launch five new FAST channels exclusively on Samsung TV Plus India. These WBTV channels deliver premium storytelling to streaming audiences, meeting the demand for high quality, free entertainment. With a strong focus on Hindi programming, these new FAST channels are designed to engage both regional and urban audiences. Samsung TV Plus is a free streaming service that comes pre-installed on Samsung Smart TVs, offering a wide range of channels, including news, sports, entertainment, and more.

Samsung Galaxy S25 Series Off to a Flying Start in India as Customers Queue Up to Take Deliveries

CHANDIGARH: Samsung, India's biggest electronics company, today said that it received a record response for its flagship Galaxy S25 series in India, resulting in over 430,000 pre-orders. The pre-orders for Galaxy S25 series are 20% higher as compared to Galaxy S24 series in India. "Galaxy S25 Ultra, Galaxy S25+ and Galaxy S25 smartphones set a new standard as true AI companions with Samsung's most natural and context-aware mobile experiences ever created. We have seen strong demand for the Galaxy S25 series among young tech-savvy consumers, who are at the forefront of Galaxy AI usage.

On Safer Internet Day, LinkedIn shares tips to help professionals avoid job scams and stay safe online

CHANDIGARH: More than 8 out of 10 (82%) professionals in India are looking for a new job in 2025, according to LinkedIn's latest consumer research. As professionals navigate an active job market, it's important to note that online job scams are becoming increasingly sophisticated. From fake recruiters to too-good-to-be-true offers, bad actors are using new tactics to trick job seekers into sharing personal information or even sending money. Aditi Isha, Head - Legal & Public Policy, LinkedIn India, says, "Safer Internet Day is an opportunity to reflect on how we can improve safety across the internet. At LinkedIn, we are committed to helping people stay safe in their job search.

Turkish Technic and IndiGo Strengthens Partnership for Airbus A320neo Fleet

CHANDIGARH: Turkish Technic, one of the leading aircraft maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) providers worldwide, and IndiGo, India's largest airline, have signed an agreement during MRO Middle East 2025, covering the redelivery checks of IndiGo's 10+ Airbus A320neo aircraft. The companies are also in advanced stages of discussions for another agreement covering the Landing Gear Overhaul operations of carrier's Airbus A320neo fleet.

Sustainable Mobility at India Energy Week 2025

KARNAL/HISAR: Reiterating its commitment to India's vision for Energy Independence by 2047 and Net Zero by 2070, Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) today marked its participation at the India Energy Week 2025, being held in Delhi during 11th – 14th Feb 2025. The India Energy Week 2025 (IEW) serves as an important platform to showcase practical and scalable clean energy solutions to realize energy self-reliance and reduce carbon emissions. This event brings together global political leaders, policy makers, thought leaders, experts, and end-users to deliberate on energy scenario, technologies, industry trends and policy outlook.

Don't Overlook Deworming! A Simple Step for Your Child's Stronger Immunity

Chandigarh: As parents, we are constantly on the run to provide the best for our children, ensuring they grow up healthy and strong. However, deworming is a crucial aspect of child health that often goes unnoticed. Intestinal worms are more common in children than many realize and can significantly impact their overall development and well-being. Understanding the importance of deworming, recognizing the signs of infection, and knowing when to seek medical attention can help safeguard your child's health. National Deworming Day is observed every year on February 10th.

Intestinal worms, or helminths, infect the gastrointestinal tract and are often contracted through contaminated food, unsafe drinking water, poor hygiene, and exposure to infected soil. Children are particularly vulnerable due to their tendency to explore and play outdoors, increasing their risk of exposure to harmful parasites. Common worms include roundworms, hookworms, and tapeworms, each causing varying health concerns. Through deworming, intestinal parasites are eliminated from the body using anti-parasitic medications.

Symptoms of worm infestation can often be mistaken for other illnesses, making diagnosis tricky. Some

National Deworming Day



common indicators include persistent abdominal pain or discomfort, fluctuating appetite (either increased or decreased), fatigue and weakness, itchy bottom (especially at night, common with pinworms), bloating and excessive gas, sudden weight loss or malnutrition, and anemia, leading to pale skin and weakness. If a child exhibits these symptoms, it is advisable to consult a healthcare professional for an appropriate diagnosis and treatment plan.

"Deworming is a simple yet vital step in ensuring a child's overall health and development. Intestinal worms can lead to nutritional deficiencies, weaken immunity, and affect a child's daily activities. I see almost 50% of OPD children have anemia which is a common manifestation of worms and while awareness has improved,

there is still hesitation among parents about its necessity. Deworming is recommended for children aged 1 to 19 years, as they are most vulnerable to infections due to frequent exposure to contaminated environments. The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends deworming every six months, especially in regions where intestinal worm infections are prevalent. Regular deworming not only improves nutrient absorption and immunity but also ensures better physical and cognitive growth in children." Dr. Neeraj Kumar, HOD and Chief Consultant of Pediatrics at Motherhood Chaitanya Hospital, Sector 44, Chandigarh,

Regular deworming helps in eliminating any intestinal worms, leading to improved nutrient absorption, enhanced

immunity, prevention of anemia, and overall better physical and cognitive development of a child. The deworming process is simple and involves administering safe and effective anti-parasitic medications such as albendazole or mebendazole. These medications usually work with a single dose but may sometimes require a follow-up treatment depending on the severity of the infection.

Prevention is always better than cure. Parents can take proactive steps to reduce the risk of worm infections by encouraging children to wash their hands regularly—especially before meals and after outdoor play, ensuring thorough washing of fruits and vegetables, providing clean drinking water and well-cooked meats, keeping nails trimmed and clean to prevent dirt accumulation, and maintaining a hygienic living environment with proper waste disposal.

Deworming is an essential yet often neglected part of child healthcare. By staying informed and taking preventive measures, parents can protect their children from the harmful effects of intestinal worms. If you've missed your child's deworming schedule, don't worry—it's never too late to take action. Consult your healthcare provider today and ensure your child's well-being for a healthier future.

The Eastern Park (TEP), a pioneering housing project all set to redefine 'green housing'



Ludhiana: The Eastern Park (TEP), an award winning and RERA approved residential development spread over eight acres in Ludhiana's outskirts on Chandigarh Road at East City, Ludhiana, has positioned itself as a premier eco-friendly affordable housing project. "We envisage 1000 happy families living in TEP's first phase & phase 2 will be launched soon," said Balraj Garg, Chairman, The Eastern Park, in a media statement. TEP is all set to redefine the benchmarks in pollution free & sustainable living near the highly polluted city of Ludhiana.

"There is evidence which suggests that the way a building is designed can affect the health of its occupants. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), lung and respiratory diseases associated with poor indoor environment quality are 3 of the top 5 leading causes of death," said Balraj Garg adding further to his press statement. Balraj Garg who has 35-years of rich experience in the real estate industry in continuation of his statement said, "To counter these issues our green building features such as improved lighting, better air quality and greenery, will have a positive impact on residents' wellbeing. TEP will give a boost to the idea of green and clean affordable housing in the region."

ASSOCHAM North Region collaborates with UT Health Department to support Mission for a TB-Free India



Chandigarh: The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) North Region, in partnership with the Health Department, UT Chandigarh, organized a social outreach program on February 11, distributing food baskets to TB patients. This initiative aligns with the Government of India's ambitious goal of achieving a TB-Free India by March 2025 by ensuring proper nutrition for patients and raising awareness about the disease. The program was graced by Ajay Chagti, IAS, Health Secretary, UT Chandigarh, and Dr. Suman Singh, Director, Health Services, UT Chandigarh, as special guests. Over 60 TB patients received food baskets as part of this initiative, reinforcing the commitment to providing holistic support beyond medical treatment. Ajay Chagti, IAS, Health Secretary, UT Chandigarh, commended ASSOCHAM for its initiative and emphasized the importance of community participation in tackling TB. He urged TB patients to encourage others to get tested and check their bank details for budgetary transfers related to their treatment support. He further assured that food baskets will be provided to all patients for the next six months, ensuring continued nutritional aid.

Srila Prabhupada conferred with the title 'Vishwa Guru' during the Maha Kumbh

New Delhi : During the auspicious event of Maha Kumbh Mela, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, Founder-Acharya of ISKCON and



Worldwide Hare Krishna Movement, was honoured with the title of Vishwa Guru by the Akhila Bharatya Akhara Parishad. Srila Prabhupada is the first and only personality to receive this title in history.

HH Mahant Ravindra Puri Ji Maharaj, President of the Akhara Parishad, Swami Kailashanand Giri Ji Maharaj, Acharya Mahamandaleshwar of Niranjani Akhara, Acharya

Mahamandaleshwar Avadhoot Arun Giri Ji Maharaj of Awahan Akhara, other Mahamandaleshwars from various Akharas, secretaries, senior saints and thousands of devotees participated in the programme. Shri Madhu Pandit Dasa, Chairman and Mentor, Global Hare Krishna Movement and President of ISKCON Bangalore and

Shri Chanchalapati Dasa, Vice Chairman and Co-Mentor of Global Hare Krishna Movement and Senior Vice President of ISKCON Bangalore presided over the event.

Vi Adds Baggage Protection to all Postpaid International Roaming Packs in Partnership with Blue Ribbon Bags

Chandigarh/Ludhiana, February 11 : Vi, India's leading telecom operator, has enhanced its International Roaming offering by integrating baggage protection services on all its Postpaid International Roaming packs. Through its partnership with Blue Ribbon Bags, a leading US-based lost baggage concierge service, Vi Postpaid customers can now avail compensation of ₹19,800 per bag if their luggage is delayed or lost beyond

96 hours of filing a complaint. Vi Postpaid customers can activate the baggage protection service while purchasing any International Roaming pack. This optional benefit is available at an additional cost of just Rs 99, and can be activated along with the pack. Customers who choose this benefit can raise a claim request via the Vi App if their baggage is lost or delayed. To avail this service, customers must register with Blue Ribbon Bags before their

flight. In case their baggage is delayed or lost by the airline, they must file a report with both the airline and Blue Ribbon Bags within 24 hours of landing. Blue Ribbon Bags will then track and expedite the return of the luggage using its global network and advanced technology. If the baggage is not returned within four days, Blue Ribbon Bags will provide a compensation of ₹19,800 per bag (for up to two bags), with no questions asked.

Experience the Future of Driving with Revolutionary Technology and Star-Studded Attendance

After a spectacular launch in Zirakpur, Raj Motors continued its electrifying momentum with a grand unveiling of the Mahindra Electric Origin SUVs in Mohali. The event marked another milestone in redefining urban mobility, drawing industry leaders and renowned Punjabi celebrities. Adding to the celebration, popular Punjabi singers Geeta Zaildar, Manpreet Kaur (CM Bhagwant Mann's sister), Rupinder Handa and Geet



Goraya graced the event with their presence, amplifying the excitement among attendees.

The event showcased Mahindra's commitment to innovation, sustainability, and exceptional automotive engineering. With exclusive test drives and expert insights into cutting-edge EV technology, Raj Motors continues to lead the way in the electric revolution.

Don't overlook these 5 symptoms of renal hypertension

Sangrur : Renal hypertension, also known as renovascular hypertension, is high blood pressure caused by the narrowing of the arteries that supply blood to the kidneys. Left untreated, this condition can lead to severe complications, including kidney failure and an increased risk of heart disease. According to Dr. Nitin Kumar, Consultant - Nephrology, Manipal Hospital Patiala, here are five warning signs you shouldn't ignore:

1. Uncontrolled High Blood Pressure- If your blood pressure remains consistently high despite taking medications, it could be due to renal hypertension. This resistance to treatment is a major red flag.
2. Sudden Increase in Blood Pressure-

A rapid and unexplained rise in blood pressure, especially in young individuals or those without a history of hypertension, may indicate renal artery stenosis.

3. Reduced Kidney Function- Declining kidney function, evident through abnormal blood test results (such as high creatinine levels), can be a sign that the kidneys are not receiving enough blood due to blocked arteries.
4. Swelling in the Legs and Ankles- Impaired kidney function can lead to fluid retention, causing noticeable swelling (edema) in the lower extremities.
5. Frequent Headaches and Dizziness- Persistently high blood pressure can trigger headaches, dizziness, and even episodes of

confusion, signaling a possible underlying renal issue. For patients whose renal hypertension has led to end-stage kidney disease, a kidney transplant is often the best treatment option. A transplant can restore normal kidney function, reducing or eliminating the need for dialysis and improving overall quality of life. Renal hypertension is a silent yet serious condition that can have life-threatening consequences if left untreated. Recognizing the symptoms early and seeking medical attention can help manage the disease and prevent kidney failure. If you are experiencing any of these symptoms, consult your doctor immediately for proper diagnosis and treatment.

Gurugram Grooves to the Beat of Royal Stag BoomBox with Armaan Malik, Neeti Mohan, Raftaar and DJ Yogii

Fairdabad : Celebrating the spirit of 'Living it Large', Seagram's Royal Stag marked the commencement of its highly anticipated third edition of Royal Stag BoomBox with a spectacular show at Huda Ground Sector 29, Gurugram, Haryana on February 8th. Building on the phenomenal success of previous editions, this year's festival pushes boundaries even further by bringing together the best of music and gaming entertainment. The evening witnessed an overwhelming response as thousands of enthusiasts gathered to experience performances by some of India's



most celebrated artists. The event delivered an unforgettable night of pulsating music, enthralling performances, and unparalleled energy. Karik Mohindra, Chief Marketing Officer and Head of Global Business Development at Pernod Ricard India said, "The universal language of music, especially in live experiences, has this remarkable power to unite people and create moments of pure magic. Royal Stag continues to celebrate music as its key youth passion pillar. Now, as we unveil the third edition of Royal Stag BoomBox, the platform is set to elevate the experience with an exciting new soundscape, blending the melodies of Bollywood with the pulsating beats of Hip-Hop, along with art and cultural experiences, truly exemplifying the brand philosophy of Living It Large."

OnePlus introduces 'Red Rush Days' sale, an exciting initiative for the India Community

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Chandigarh: OnePlus, the global technology brand, today announced an exciting new initiative for the India community - the 'Red Rush Days' sale starting 11th February till 16th February 2025. During the sale period, India community members can enjoy exclusive discounts, exciting bank offers and lucrative EMI schemes on OnePlus community favourite products, including flagship smartphones, Nord series and IoT devices.

OnePlus' 'Red Rush Days' sale is an initiative aimed at giving back to the com-

munity for their continued support and trust in OnePlus over the years. This initiative also resonates with OnePlus' ethos of Never Settle by offering an exciting opportunity to the community to get their hands on popular OnePlus products at discounted prices for a limited time period. Consumers can avail benefits of 'Red Rush Days' sale online at OnePlus.in, OnePlus Store App, OnePlus Experience Stores, Amazon.in and mainline partners such as Reliance Digital, Croma, Vijay Sales, Bajaj Electronics, and others.

Vicky Kaushal and Rashmika listened to Gurbani while sitting in the Parikrama of Golden Temple

Amritsar, Bollywood actor Vicky Kaushal and actress Rashmika Mandana reached Amritsar on Monday and during this time went to Golden Temple and bowed their heads. Both the actors had come to pray for the success of their upcoming film 'Chhava' and to seek the blessings of the Guru. During this, both the actors took a round of the Parikrama of Golden Temple and sat there and listened to the holy Gurbani. However, during this actress Rashmika was seen on a wheelchair. Because three bones of her leg were fractured while working out in the gym. She also shared something about this on social media. After bowing her head, she enjoyed Punjabi cuisine, which included parathas, Maa ki Dal and Paneer. Vicky said that Amritsar feels like his home and he visits Golden Temple before every important work. Vicky Kaushal told that his film Chhava is going to be released on Valentine's Day. In this, he is playing the role of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj. Directed by Laxman Utekar, this historical film is based on the Maratha Empire. The film has been in a lot of discussion ever since its trailer was released.

SEWA Punjab organised Sanjha Samwad on Care Economy, women in the informal sector



Chandigarh, Self Employed Women Association (SEWA) Punjab organised the third edition of Sanjha Samwad at Kisan Bhawan, Sector 35 focusing on the Care Economy: Women in the Informal Sector with a special emphasis on their Health, Nutrition, and Childcare Services. The event brought together key Govt representatives from SCERT, the Child Rights Commission, the Department of Health and Family Welfare, and PGI's Nutrition Department alongside NGOs such as Swasth Alliance, Yuv Satta, Fortify Health, Red Cross, RoundGlass, Hartek Foundation, Samvedna, and Jan Sahas. Activists, policymakers, and experts engaged in meaningful discussions to develop actionable strategies for addressing critical issues in the care economy. Sonal Sharma from SEWA Bharat highlighted that 70% of women unable to participate in India's labor force cite domestic work and childcare as primary barriers. Guest of Honour, Anurag Kundu, Member, Punjab Development Commission acknowledged the inputs from community members and thematic discussions, emphasizing that Govt actions should speak for themselves. Discussions centered on maternal and child health, education rights, and childcare services. The event's key takeaways included the demand for last-mile healthcare services, the need for community-based crèches, capacity building for Anganwadi workers and the significance of the first 1,000 days in a child's life. Advocate Neil Robert from the Child Welfare Committee underscored the importance of child protection, while Manmeet Kakkar from SCERT advocated for integrated training for Anganwadi and ASHA workers to enhance service delivery.

Livasa Hospitals Brings Quality Healthcare Closer to Home with New Outreach Multi-speciality OPD (Outpatient Department) in Batala

Batala : Livasa Hospitals has launched its Outreach OPD Program in Batala, providing consultations at OM Medicos. Dr Pawan Kumar, Director and CEO of Livasa Hospitals inaugurated the OPD today. The program witnessed more 100 patients coming forward to consult with leading specialists Dr. Radhika Garg, Nephrologist, and Dr. Arjun Ved Gupta, Cardiologist, from Livasa Hospitals. Batala and its neighboring villages have limited tertiary healthcare facilities, making timely diagnosis and treatment a challenge. This initiative by Livasa Hospitals aims to bridge the gap in access to specialized medical care, ensuring that residents no longer have to travel long distances for expert consultations. By bringing top specialists in cardiology, nephrology, orthopedics, neurology, and other critical specialties closer to home, the hospital is making quality healthcare more accessible. Commenting on this, Dr. Pawan Kumar, said "Under Livasa Hospitals' Outreach OPD initiative, our specialists will visit Batala three times a



week. This is our commitment to the residents of Batala, ensuring they receive expert consultations without the burden of long-distance travel. Our mission is to make high-quality healthcare more accessible, and by bringing specialists closer to the community, we aim to improve overall health outcomes and enhance well-being." As part of this initiative, a team of specialists from Livasa Hospitals will consult patients at OM Medicos, Johal Hospital and Akash Hospital on Tuesday,

Thursday and Saturday of every week from 2-4 PM. The specialists from Livasa Hospitals will visit for consultations are: Dr. Arjun Ved Gupta, Cardiology; Dr. Radhika Garg, Nephrologist; Dr. Karwaljeet Singh, GI Surgeon; Dr. Baljot Singh, Pulmonologist; Dr. Amritjot Singh Randhawa, Medical Oncologist; Dr. Jagbir Singh, Neurologist; Dr. Amanjot Singh, Neurosurgeon; Dr. Amiteshwar Singh, Plastic Surgeon and Dr. Harsh Deepak Singh, Gastroenterologist.

Navneet Education Limited Introduces 'Navneet AI'



Chandigarh: Navneet Education Limited, a leader in the education sector, is excited to announce the launch of Navneet AI, an innovative platform designed to empower teachers with easy access to knowledge and resources. Leveraging Navneet's extensive catalogue of educational materials, Navneet AI's tools will help teachers deliver lessons more effectively by offering an interactive, user-friendly platform to create quizzes, homework, PPTs, Flashcards, summaries, and more. For decades, teachers and students across India have relied on Navneet's renowned educational resources, including the popular Navneet Digests, comprehensive workbooks, Navneet 21 Most Likely Question Sets, Pre-Primary and various Children's books. Navneet AI is based on 50,000+ Navneet resources and delivers interactive output to make classes more engaging and effective. By equipping teachers with a powerful tool to enhance classroom experiences, Navneet Education aims to bridge traditional educational resources with modern technology. "Our goal with Navneet AI is to make learning resources more accessible and adaptable to the needs of today's educators," said Divish Gala, Director - Branding, Marketing and Sales at Navneet Education Limited. "By integrating digital technology with trusted content, we support teachers in their mission to inspire young minds.

NEWS BRIEFS

Yagna performed in DAV Police Public School for success in board exams

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: There appears fear, worry and tension in students when examinations are near. If the exams are board exams, then this fear and tension increases manifold. Yagna was performed before the board exams in DAV Police Public School to instill confidence in the minds of students and to pray for their bright future. If a person's hard work, practice and faith are accompanied by God's blessings, then success in any work is certain. With this hope, the school's principal Anoop Kumar Chopra, praying for good marks and bright future of the students of class VIII, X and XI in the board exams.

SHIV KUMAR SHIRMA
KARNAL, FEBRUARY 11

Cooperatives, Prisons Heritage and Tourism Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma said that Sant Shiromani Ravidas Ji Maharaj had shown the path to lost humanity. His teachings and ideology are guiding us like a lighthouse today. He appealed to the enlightened people of the society to give good values to the young generation and prepare them to play their role in the upliftment of their society and country. Cooperatives Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma attended the Shobha Yatra taken out on the eve of the 648th Prakash Parv of Sant Shiromani Ravidas Ji Maharaj in New Ramesh Nagar, Sadar



Bazar as the chief guest. Addressing the gathering Dr. Arvind Sharma said that celebrating the birth anniversaries of great men gives us, especially our young generation, an opportunity to know and understand various aspects related to their lives. Not only this, the youth get inspiration to follow the ideals and principles of great men. He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has continuously ensured the planned development of religious places, so that devotees do not face any difficulty in reaching their idol. Whether it is the entry of Lord Shri Ram Lala from

the tarpaulin into the grand temple or the organization of the grand Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj, these are special examples of taking his thinking and resolution to accomplishment. This tradition of celebrating the birth anniversaries of saints and great men at the government level, started by former Chief Minister Manohar Lal, is being carried forward by Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini. In our country, from time to time, saints, sages and great gurus have shown the true path of life to the lost humanity. Among such great men was Sant Shiromani Guru Ravidas Ji in the 14th century. He showed the welfare path of life to the entire humanity.

Mahabir Prasad Jain was a sensitive person: Dr. Arvind Sharma

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, FEBRUARY 11

Cooperative, Prison Heritage and Tourism Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma said that Madhya Pradesh's social worker Mahabir Prasad Jain always cared for the society. He said that he had met Mahabir Prasad Jain. He was impressed by his efficiency and sensitivity. Today he reached the residence of his son and journalist Shailendra Jain to express condolences on the demise of social worker Mahabir Prasad Jain. He offered condolences to the bereaved family. He



said that he is with this family in this hour of grief. He said that he is always with journalists. He talked about many family issues on this occasion. There he talked to

Renu Jain and Mohit Jain. He said that he too has taken the blessings of the late Jain. Politicians, social workers and other people were present with him.

Students of Jayaram Public School celebrate Sant Ravidas Jayanti

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, FEB 11

With the inspiration of Brahmaswaroop Brahmachari, Chairman of Sri Jayaram Shikshan Sansthan, the supreme head of Sri Jayaram institutions operating across the country, the birth anniversary of Sant Ravidas Ji was celebrated with reverence at Kesari Devi Lohia Jayaram Public

School. Himanshi, a student of class VII, made the children aware about the life introduction of Sant Ravidas Ji and his teachings. Also, a farewell ceremony was organised for the students of class 12 in the school premises. The programme was inaugurated by school principal Anju Agarwal and other teachers by worshipping Maa Saraswati. The students gave a beau-

tiful presentation of many cultural programmes. The school principal, wishing the children a bright future, advised them to move forward without stress in every field of examination and life. The children played many entertaining games and the winning students were awarded prizes. Teachers like Monika Mehta, Anu, Promila, Simran, Kavita, Vandana and Sheenu were present.

SCO conducts surprise checking of Animal and Dairy Dept



PRITI SAINI
SADHAURA: Bilaspur Sub Divisional Officer Bilaspur (Civil), Jaspal Singh Gill conducted a surprise inspection of Animal and Dairy Department Bilaspur and Government Veterinary Hospital Bilaspur on Tuesday. On this occasion, the attendance register of Animal Husbandry and Dairy Department Bilaspur was checked and the records related to medicines including 6 medicines like (Appetonic Bolus, Galog Bolus, Himax Ointment, Inflamin Cream, Steclin-LA Injection, Injection, DCR) were also randomly matched with the available stock, which was found correct on the spot and the attendance register was also found correct.

During this, Sub Divisional Officer (Civil), Bilaspur Jaspal Singh Gill talked to the people who brought their animals to the hospital. People said that veterinary doctors, animal attendants, medicines and timely treatment are being provided in the animal hospital. Sub Divisional Officer of Animal Husbandry Department Dr. Satbir Singh, VLDA, animal attendants, assistants and fourth class employees were present on the occasion.

Drunk driver hits 2 cops, car of another




PRITI SAINI
SADHAURA: In Bilaspur, a car ran over two police employees and also hit the car of the station in-charge, as the drunk car driver tried to crush the police personnel. A case was registered. In Bilaspur police station of Yamunanagar, a person tried to crush a police sub-inspector and a police constable with his car. Both got injured, they were admitted to the hospital. When the station in-charge chased the car of the accused, he also hit the car of the station in-charge. Later the car of the accused got stuck in the mud. Bilaspur police station in-charge Jagdish Chandra said that in Bilaspur police station, a person drove the car inside the police station at a high speed. When the sentry and police employees questioned him, the accused ran the car over Ishwar Singh Sub Inspector and a constable. Both got injured, after this he drove away with the car. The information was given to the station in-charge Jagdish Chandra. He immediately chased the accused with his car. During this, when the station in-charge crossed the car on Bilaspur Sadhaura road, the accused also hit his guide. Further ahead, the accused's car got stuck in the mud. The police station in-charge and staff reached the spot and caught him. The police station in-charge said that the youth was in an inebriated state. A case has been registered against him under various sections and he has been arrested. The injured employees were admitted to Jagadhri Hospital, from where they have been referred to a private hospital.

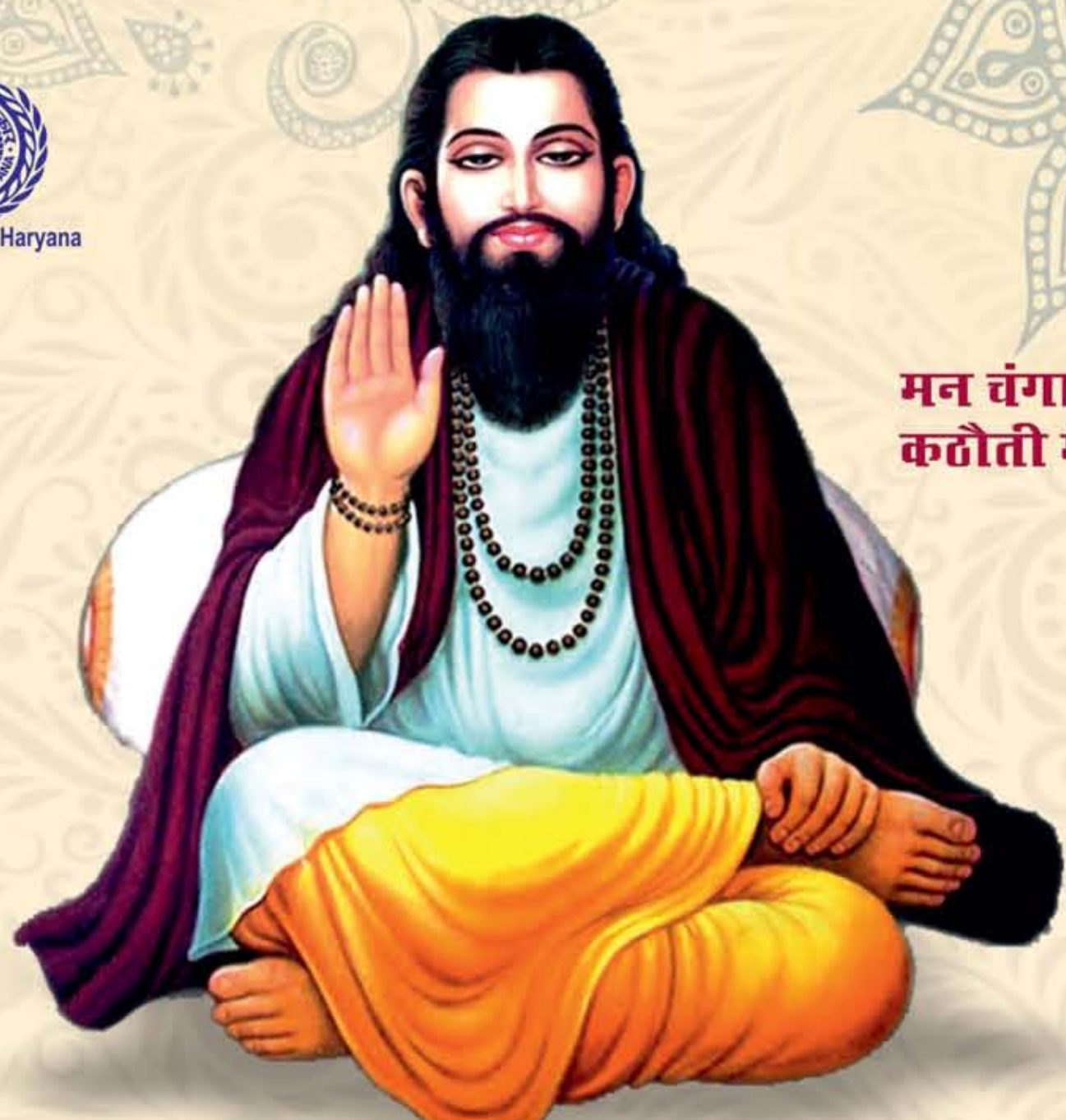
Aim to provide free health consultation services to 1000 patients: Dr. Naitrapal



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Mega Specialty Medical Check-up Camp started on February 10 at Dr. Naitrapal Rawal Hospital in Karnal with the support of social organisations of the city. More than one hundred and fifty patients benefited from this camp on the first day. Health services will be provided to more than one and a half thousand people through this camp. The camp will run till March 10. Free OPD and consultation services are being provided in this camp. Tests, surgeries and other services are being provided at concessional rates in this camp. Giving this information, the head of the hospital, Dr. Naitrapal Rawal, said that this camp will run daily from 9 am to 2 pm and from 5 pm to 7 pm. In this camp, laparoscopic surgeon Dr. Praveen Garg, neurosurgeon Dr. Lokesh Mahajan, orthopedic surgeon Shashank Agarwal, and plastic surgeon Dr. Girish Sharma are providing their services.



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