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Art Meets Awareness on World Water Day at Panchkula, to spread awareness on Jal Shakti Abhiyaan

BUREAU
PANCHKULA, MAR 22

In celebration of World Water Day, a unique and thought-provoking exhibition of sculptures and paintings was inaugurated today at Tau Devi Lal Stadium, Panchkula by Hon'ble Minister of Jalshakti Sh C R Patil , with CM Haryana Sh Nayab Singh Saini , and Mrs Shruti Choudhary, Minister Water Resources , Haryana Government . This event is part of the celebrations on World water day 2025 and inauguration of Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain 2025, with the theme "Jal Sanchay, Janbhagidari: Jan Jagrukta ki Ore".

The exhibition showcases powerful visual narratives created by young artists and sculptors from across the country, who have used brushstrokes and chisels to evoke the urgency of water conservation and climate resilience. The art pieces capture the essence of nature's generosity, human responsibility, and the delicate balance between consumption and conservation.

From deeply immersive paintings of Mother Earth submerged in waters of both hope and pollution, to sculptures symbolizing droplets of life held within structures of stone, each creation tells a story—of harmony, depletion, renewal, and collective action.



Installations like the "Hands Holding Rain" canvas, vibrant with forest hues and birds, and the striking sculpture of a teardrop encased within stone, stood out as poignant reminders of how water sustains not only life, but culture, emotion, and continuity.

Organized under the aegis of the National Water Mission, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India, in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment Forests and Climate Change, Government of India and Department of Water Resources, Government of Haryana, this initiative aims to spark dialogue, reflection, and action through the medium of art and culture. Speaking at the event, officials highlighted the role of creative expression in building mass awareness around Jal Sanchay (water conservation), and the importance of Janbhagidari (public participation) in achieving water security for future generations.

The exhibition was seen by more than 10000 people from across Haryana who were part of the program and returned back with the message of World Water Day not just through facts, but through the medium of art .

NEWS BRIEFS

Crackdown on illegal online gaming: 357 websites blocked ahead of IPL season

NEW DELHI : In a significant move, the GST intelligence officers have blocked 357 websites of illegal offshore online gaming firms and attached approximately 2,400 bank accounts. This crackdown comes ahead of the IPL season, which begins tonight, and is aimed at curbing tax evasion by these entities. The Finance Ministry has cautioned the public against engaging with offshore gaming platforms, despite endorsements from Bollywood celebrities, cricketers, and social media influencers. Around 700 offshore e-gaming companies are under the scanner for evading GST and failing to register.
Investigations revealed that these offshore companies used 'mule' bank accounts to process transactions. The Directorate General of GST Intelligence (DGGI) has blocked 166 'mule' accounts and frozen nearly Rs 126 crore in two separate cases.

Hindi writer Vinod Kumar Shukla selected for 59th Jnanpith Award

NEW DELHI: Eminent Hindi writer Vinod Kumar Shukla was named the recipient of the 59th Jnanpith Award, India's highest literary honour, on Saturday. He will be the first writer from Chhattisgarh to receive the award. The 88-year-old short story writer, poet, and essayist, considered one of the greatest contemporary writers in the language, is the 12th Hindi writer to receive the award.
The award carries with it a cash reward of Rs 11 lakh, a bronze statue of Saraswati, the Hindu goddess of learning, and a citation.
The decision was made during the meeting of the Jnanpith Selection Committee, chaired by eminent storyteller and Jnanpith awardee Pratibha Ray. "Vinod Kumar Shukla will be the first author from the state of Chhattisgarh to be honoured with this award. This honour is being conferred upon him for his outstanding contribution to Hindi literature, creativity, and distinctive writing style," the committee said .

Delimitation meet: Stalin favours legal fight as well, Pinarayi likens exercise to 'sword of Damocles'



NEW DELHI : In the first Joint Action Committee meeting of states hosted by Tamil Nadu's ruling DMK over the proposed delimitation of Parliamentary seats by the Centre, Chief Minister M K Stalin on Saturday made it clear that the fight is likely to be taken forward through the legal route also.
Stalin warned that if the delimitation of Parliamentary constituencies is carried out based on the upcoming census, the voices of several states will be overlooked, much like the ongoing crisis in Manipur, where concerns have been ignored.
The meeting witnessed the participation of 14 leaders from at least five states and they deliberated on the 'threat' posed by the Lok Sabha seats delimitation exercise to states with high economic growth and literacy.
The Chief Ministers of Kerala, Telangana, and Punjab--Pinarayi Vijayan, Revanth Reddy and Bhagwant Singh Mann-- were among the leaders who took part in the meeting. Former chief ministers Jagan Mohan Reddy (Andhra Pradesh) and Naveen Patnaik (Odisha) also attended the meet.
Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said the delimitation of Lok Sabha seats was hanging like the "sword of Damocles," and alleged the BJP government was going ahead on the issue without any consultation. He said "This sudden move is not driven by Constitutional principles or democratic imperatives," but by narrow political interests. Delimitation, if done after Census will lead to an increase in seats for northern states, a reduction for southern states.

Punjab government disburses 16,847.83 crore in pensions and financial aid:- Dr Baljit Kaur

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The Punjab Government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, remains committed to the welfare of all sections of society, especially senior citizens, widows, destitute women, children, and persons with disabilities. Since assuming office, the government has disbursed 16,847.83 crore in financial aid under various social security schemes.

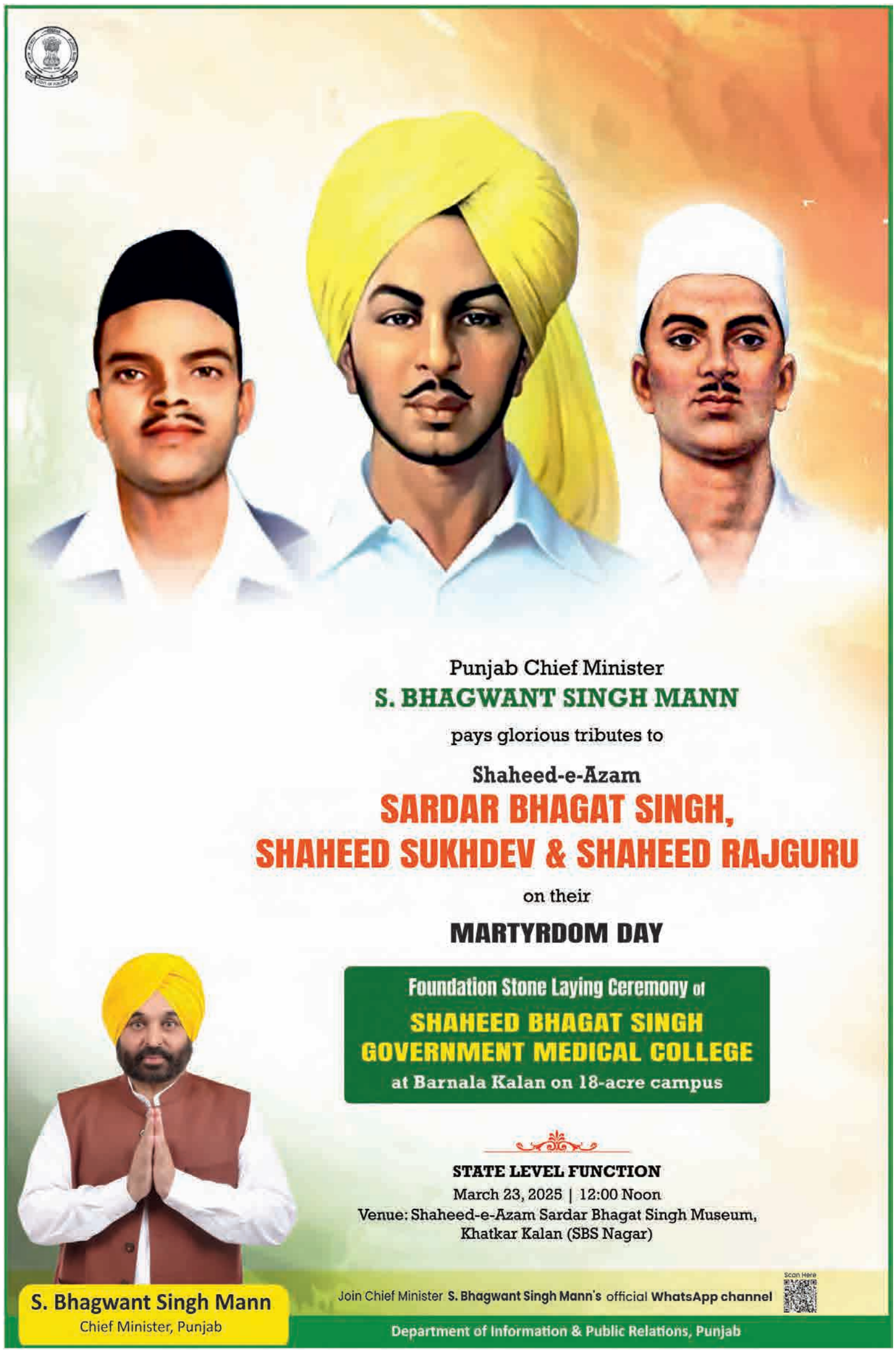


Providing details, Social Security, Women and Child Development Minister Dr. Baljit Kaur stated that 11,310.33 crore has been distributed under the Old Age Pension Scheme. In the financial year 2022-23, 3,651.08 crore was allocated to 21.26 lakh beneficiaries, followed by 3,950.68 crore in 2023-24 to 22.11 lakh beneficiaries, and 3,708.57 crore in 2024-25 to 22.64 lakh beneficiaries.

Dr Baljit Kaur further said that Punjab government has provided financial aid of 3,140.62 crore to widows and destitute women. In 2022-23, 1,013.07 crore benefited 5.84 lakh women, while in 2023-24, 1,084.92 crore was distributed to 6.11 lakh beneficiaries. In 2024-25, 1,042.63 crore was allocated to 6.47 lakh women under the scheme.

Additionally, the Punjab Government has provided 1,077.41 crore for the welfare of destitute children and 1,319.47 crore for persons with disabilities.

Reaffirming the government's commitment, Dr. Baljit Kaur stated, "Our senior citizens are our pride, and the Punjab Government is continuously striving for their well-being. These initiatives aim to build a prosperous and progressive Punjab."



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'If blue card holders do not do (eKYC), then card holders' ration may be stopped'

JS GILL
JAITU: Jarnail Singh Ghapa, the Depot Holder of Gram Panchayats under the town of Bajakhana and the President of Halka Jait, while informing the journalists, appealed to the blue card holders of government ration to go to their nearest depot holders and get their eKYC done as soon as possible so that the deduction of ration given to them can be continued. He said that if the blue card holders do not get their eKYC done by March 31, their ration cards may be closed.

He said that if any beneficiary works in any other district of Punjab or any other state, he can also get e-KYC done by going to the nearest depot holder in that area. Apart from this, the elderly and children whose fingerprints are not available in the machine can go to their nearest Savidha Kendra and get their Aadhaar card updated and get e-KYC done so that there is no problem while getting ration in future. He said that the Food and Supplies Department has extended the e-KYC to beneficiaries availing benefits under the National Security Act 2013 till 31 March 2025.

NEWS BRIEF

Akal Galaxy Convent School organized an assembly on World Water Day



ARVIND PATHAK,
SULTANPUR LODHI: A special assembly on World Water Day was organized at Akal Galaxy Convent School Sultanpur Lodhi under the leadership of Principal Madam Mona Ghai. In which teachers and students presented their views on water conservation and saving water for the future through speeches. Along with this a question and answer competition was also organized among the students. Principal Madam Mona Ghai introduced the history of World Water Day to the students and motivated them to use water properly and conserve it and keep their school campus and surrounding environment clean. On this occasion MD of Akal Group of Institutions Sukhdev Singh Judge, Vice President Kulwinder Singh Judge, Management Madam Manjit Kaur Judge and Pargat Singh Judge and School Coordinators, House Incharge, Activity Incharge, and staff members were also present.

Stress Management seminar organized at Baba Siddhnath International Public School



HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA: A one-day stress management seminar was organized at Baba Siddhnath International Public School following the guidelines of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). The seminar was inaugurated by School Director Eshwar Singh, Vice President Rekha Devi, Principal Geeta Sharma, and Trainer Abhimanyu. Trainer Abhimanyu emphasized the importance of stress management and guided teachers on techniques to reduce stress and improve their well-being.

Uttarakhand CM Dhami joins Jim Corbett Marriott Resort inauguration virtually

AGENCY
DEHRADUN, MAR 22



Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Saturday participated virtually in the program organised following the inauguration of Jim Corbett Marriott Resort in Ramnagar.

Wishing the Marriott Group, CM said that the holy land of Uttarakhand is full of natural beauty and biodiversity and Jim Corbett National Park has been a centre of attraction for wildlife and nature lovers from all over the world.

Every year thousands of tourists come here to enjoy the culture, tradition and natural beauty of the state. The launch of this new resort will give a new dimension to the tourism possibilities in the area and will also promote employment at the local level, CM said. CM Dhami further said that the state government is establishing Uttarakhand on the global tourism map and has succeeded in attracting investors under the new tourism policy. Today many big hotel groups and resorts are investing in Uttarakhand.

Pilgrimage and tourism are an important basis of the economy of our state, due to which employment and business opportunities are available directly and indirectly in the state. The state government is constantly working towards developing various sectors like religion, adventure, eco-tourism, wellness tourism, agro tourism and film tourism in the state.

Like Kedarkhand, religious places of the Kumaon region are also being developed under the Manaskhand Corridor Scheme. Winter Yatra has also been started in the state this year. To promote this, the Honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself visited Harshil-Mukhba.

Chief Minister said that the government is promoting adventure tourism like trekking, river rafting, paragliding, skiing and mountaineering in the state. A single window clearance system has been started to make film shooting easier in the state. Uttarakhand is becoming a favourite tourist destination for investors from the country and abroad. Special efforts are being made to get tourist places like Ramnagar, Mussoorie and Nainital as well as Auli, Chaukori, and Munsiyari a place on the global tourism map, said CM.

Sultanpur Lodhi Police arrests 2 accused who brutally murdered young man

ARVIND PATHAK,
SULTANPUR LODHI, MAR 22



As per the directions of Senior Superintendent of Police Kapurthala Gaurav Tura, under the special operation launched against the bad elements, the team led by Sarabjit Rai SP (Investigation) Kapurthala and Gurmeet Singh DSP Sultanpur Lodhi, Inspector Hargurdev Singh Police Station Head Sultanpur Lodhi and Inspector Jarnail Singh Incharge CIA Staff Kapurthala and Technical Cell Incharge ASI Charanjit Singh have arrested the accused wanted in the murder of the young boy. DSP Sultanpur Lodhi Gurmeet Singh told the press today that on 12-02-2025 on the report of Harvinder Singh son of Balvir Singh resident of Qutbiwal, police station Lohia, district Jalandhar Rural, case number 22 dated 12-2-2025 u/s 103.61(2) BNS (302,120-B IPC) was registered at police station Sultanpur Lodhi in which he had stated that his brother Jaswinder Singh son of Balvir Singh resident of Qutbiwal police station Lohia, who was about 29 years old was killed on 11-02-2025 by his village boy Arsdeep Singh son of Dev Singh resident of Qutbiwal in his car brand Alto number PB 31 C 0312 along with his associates Kashmir Singh alias Sonu son of Pipal Singh resident of Samailpur, ps Lohian, Balwinder Singh alias Billa son of Balvir Singh resident of Jabbowal, police station Sultanpur Lodhi and Sukhjit Singh alias Captain son of Kuldeep Singh resident of Miani Bola, police station Fatudhiga district Kapurthala together with them forcibly called him from his village and took him in their car and threw him on a dirt road near village Jabbowal after severely beating him.

International Conference organized at CGC Mohali

LK BANSAL
MOHALI, MAR 22



The Biotech Vitalis-2025 International Conference was organized at Chandigarh Group of Colleges, Mohali Jhanjeri. The three-day conference focused on biotechnology, healthcare and drug discovery. Renowned scientists, researchers, industry experts and academic leaders from all over the world participated in it. In which new developments and innovations in the fields of biomedical research, molecular diagnostics, personalized medicine and biotechnology-based healthcare were discussed. The conference included important lectures, technical sessions, and panel discussions, in which new research manifestations and technological developments were discussed. The special guests of the conference included Padma Shri awardee Prof. (Dr.) R.N.K. Bamzai, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Prof. (Dr.) Rajat Sandhir, Panjab University, who presented important ideas on genomic research, disease diagnosis, and biotech-based treatment. In the keynote speech, Prof. (Dr.) Bamzai gave complex information on precision medicine and genetics disease management, while Prof. (Dr.) Rajat Sandhir discussed the role of molecular diagnostics and personalized treatment. The conference also discussed topics like cancer research, nano-biotechnology, artificial intelligence, cardiovascular and renal biology, obesity prevention, and digital health care. Along with this, renowned scientists Dr. Harmandeep Kaur from Canada, Dr. Mahendra Bishnoi, Dr. Sander B. Frank USA presented their views on targeted drug delivery, sustainable health care, and new developments in cancer treatment.

Model Town in Yamunanagar needs more beautification for healthy environment

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: While appreciating the efforts of the Municipal Corporation of Yamunanagar-Jagadhri for making Yamunanagar No.1 in cleanliness in Haryana state, based on feedback from around 6,000 people, Vijay Kapur, Chairman of DAV Schools and social activist emphasized, "Model Town, which is considered a posh locality in Yamunanagar, still needs more beautification. The roads are being damaged as vehicles are washed near them, and wastewater is thrown on the roads. As a result, potholes have developed, requiring immediate repair to ensure smooth traffic movement. Additionally, people throw garbage near others' houses and into drains instead of using dustbins, which leads to choking of drains and have become breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Pedestrians also struggle to walk freely due to the absence of proper footpaths and encroachments, which pose a safety hazard." Vijay Kapur also observed that the corporation has not given due attention to J.N Kapur Road leading to the prestigious J.N. Kapur DAV Dental College from Govindpuri Road. The J.N. Kapur road, adjoining DAV Girls High School requires beautification. The students and other commuters bear the brunt, as they have to breathe in foul air due to a big drain as well as another drain adjoining the School, which are not cleaned timely and they have to cross a flooded road near the drain during the rainy season also. Additionally, potholes on the road hinder the smooth movement of traffic. Another factor which creates unhealthy atmosphere, as lot of Bamboos with thick thorns are grown up near the big

Medical camps were organized in different villages of Punjab

RAKESH JINDAL



NABHA: With the collaboration of Pastel System Pvt. Ltd. and Akhara Ghamanda Das Alis Beri Wala, Amritsar Sahib, a Medical camp in the villages of Punjab was organised and in which free eye surgery was conducted. This medical camp was started from Kairowal village on August 26, in which 550 patients were given free eyes, skin and general check-up, out of which 56 patients were taken to Ludhiana for operation, and arrangements were made for them to undergo operation at Akhara. On December 26, the Second Camp was set up in village Chauhavan, there were 390 patients out of which 38 underwent surgery. On January 16, camp Kairowal was opened and around 600 patients were treated there. The next camp of this series was held at Bhikkhiwind on January 23, where skin, eyes and other doctors came, 900 patients were treated and 65 were operated in this village. This public welfare work was not possible without the support of Sardar Mohinder Singh Malik ji. On February 22, the camp was held at Nabha in which 559 patients came. So far, 1650 patients have benefited with the efforts of Akhara and Sardar Mohinder Singh Malik, out of which about 200 operations have taken place. Free medicines to poor people were distributed.

IPS Gazalpreet Kaur highlights momentum in Hoshiarpur Police's anti-drug drive



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR: In a significant discussion on the ongoing anti-drug campaign, senior journalist Dr. Daljeet Ajnoha engaged in an insightful interaction with IPS Gazalpreet Kaur, ASP Station House Officer (SHO) Sadar Hoshiarpur. During the conversation, SHO Gazalpreet Kaur emphasized that the Hoshiarpur Police, under the able leadership of SSP Sandip Kumar Malik, has intensified its crackdown on drug-related activities, bringing notable results.

She highlighted that the anti-drug drive has gained remarkable momentum, with strict actions being taken against drug peddlers and those involved in the illicit trade. "Our mission is to ensure a drug-free society, and we are working tirelessly to curb the menace," said SHO Gazalpreet Kaur. She further assured that the police force is leaving no stone unturned in identifying and apprehending those responsible for spreading this social evil.

Under the dynamic leadership of SSP Sandip Kumar Malik, various teams have been deployed to conduct raids, awareness programs, and surveillance operations in vulnerable areas.

KU VC reffirms pledge to conserve water on World Water Day

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, MAR 22



Department of Geophysics, Kurukshetra University Kurukshetra, in association with Indian National Chapter of International Association of Hydrogeologists (INC-IAH) organized a national workshop on the occasion of World Water Day, 2025 on 22 March in the Faculty Lounge. In the presidential address, Vice-Chancellor, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, Prof. Som Nath Sachdeva reaffirmed water sensitive behaviour in all walks of life and said each year, World Water Day focuses on a specific theme related to water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), aligning with the targets of Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG 6), which aims to ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all by 2030. Prof Sachdeva further said that these themes have guided global campaigns, educational initiatives, and policy discussions, fostering a deeper understanding of water-related challenges and it also coincides with the release of the United Nations World Water Development Report, which provides valuable insights into global water trends and challenges.

The Chief Guest of the workshop, Prof SK Gakhar, Vice-Chairman, Higher Education Council, Haryana, emphasized the importance of glaciers' preservation for availability of freshwater and advocated for sustainable water management and said that the accelerated melting of glaciers due to climate change will result in to reduced water supply, disrupted water cycles, increased water scarcity and threats to the ecosystems.

Surya Namaskar event organized by Govt College of Yoga Education and Health, Chandigarh

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, MAR 22



Government College of Yoga Education and Health under the aegis of Directorate of Higher Education, and AYUSH Department, of Chandigarh Administration in collaboration with Haryana Yog Aayog successfully organized a Surya Namaskar Event 2025 as a part of Sankalp Poorti Samaroh . The event took place in the premises of Government College of Yoga Education and Health, Sector 23-A, Chandigarh.

The event was graced by Governor of Punjab and Administrator of Chandigarh, Gulab Singh Kataria Ji, as the Chief Guest. The occasion was also honored by the esteemed presence of Shri Rajeev Verma IAS, Chief Secretary, Chandigarh Administration; Dr. Jaideep Arya, Chairman, Haryana Yog Aayog; Ajay Chagti IAS, Health Secretary, Akhil Kumar, Director, AYUSH, DANICS; Rubinderjit Singh Brar PCS, Director Higher Education, Shri Rajiv Tiwari, Director Public Relations, Shri Roshan Lal, Vice Chairman and Dr. Raj Kumar, Registrar; Haryana Yog Aayog; and Dr. Sapna Nanda, Principal, Government College of Yoga Education and Health Chandigarh.

The chief guest Hon'ble Governor emphasized on imbibing a yogic lifestyle. He shared that he is a regular practitioner of yoga and follows it as part of his Dincharya. He highlighted the importance of yogic regimen during Brahma-muhurta which improves the overall health and well-being of an individual and society at large.

Sports Authority of India NSNIS hosts International conference on 'Harmonizing Movement: Integrating Yoga with Sports Science for Peak Performance"

RAWEL BHINDER
PATIALA, MAR 21



The inauguration ceremony of the International Conference on "Harmonizing Movement: Integrating Yoga with Sports Science for Peak Performance" was conducted at the Sports Authority of India (NSNIS), Patiala.

The event was officially inaugurated with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the Director General of the Sports Authority of India,Ms. Sujata Chaturvedi, and Dr. Shobhit jain, Joint Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports in the presence of distinguished National and International Yogasana experts, scientists, researchers, and pactitioners such as Dr. Satbir Singh Khalsa, Associate Professor, Harvard, USA, Dr. Jaideep Arya, Secretary General, Yogasana Bharat and World Yogasana Chairman.

Vineet Kumar, Senior Executive Director NS NIS Patiala warmed welcomed all the participants and Yogasana experts.The gathering comprised approximately 250 participants and around 35 esteemed speakers. The conference will be conducted over a span of two days.

The integration of yoga with sports science is becoming increasingly vital in the realm of high-performance athletics, as it aids in maximizing an athlete's potential while ensuring their overall well-being.

Raj Bahadar Singh Gill appointed as Coordinator of Education Committee of Ferozepur Urban Constituency



RAMESH KASHYAP
FEROZEPUR: With the aim of further raising and improving the level of education in the state, Education Committees have been formed in each constituency, under which S. Raj Bahadar Singh Gill was appointed as the Coordinator of the Education Committee of Ferozepur Urban Constituency. On this occasion, MLA Ferozepur Urban S. Ranbir Singh Bhullar congratulated S. Raj Bahadar Singh Gill and said that today he has been entrusted with this responsibility so that the educational institutions in the district can work better and the standard of education can be raised. He said that the Punjab government is paying priority attention to the Education and Health Department and continuous work is being done for the betterment of these departments. Meanwhile, the newly appointed coordinator of the Education Committee, Raj Bahadar Singh Gill, thanked the constituency urban MLA Ranbir Singh Bhullar and the entire party leadership and said that he is happy that he has been entrusted with this responsibility and he will fulfill this responsibility entrusted to him with full honesty and dedication.

Mann govt has done big fraud to protesting farmers: Block President

JS GILL
JAITU: On March 19, after the farmers sitting on the Khanauri and Shambhu borders met with the Union government ministers regarding their legitimate demands related to the Union government, the Punjab government arrested hundreds of farmers including farmer leaders Jagjit Singh Dilewal and Sarwan Singh Pandher and to remove the farmers' agitation that has been going on for more than a year on the Punjab-Haryana borders, the temporary houses, stages and tractor trolleys built by the farmers were demolished.

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Haryana Plywood Manufacturers Association meets SP over security concerns

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, MAR 22



The office-bearers and members of the Haryana Plywood Manufacturers Association met Superintendent of Police (SP) Rajiv Deswal on Saturday to discuss security concerns in the district. The meeting, held at the SP's office, focused on crime prevention and strengthening cooperation between the police and factory owners.

SP Deswal emphasized that curbing serious criminal activities requires public support. He urged factory owners to promptly report any suspicious activities to the police to help maintain law and order. Addressing security measures, he advised that details of domestic workers, tenants, and factory employees should be registered at the local police station. This step would help in tracking individuals involved in criminal activities.

The SP also instructed plywood manufacturers to install high-quality CCTV cameras at their premises and ensure their proper maintenance. He advised them to keep at least one month's backup of footage and securely store user IDs and passwords. He highlighted that CCTV footage is often crucial in solving crimes quickly.

The meeting was attended by Haryana Plywood Manufacturers Association President G.K. Biyani, Senior Vice President Satish Chowpal, President Shivkumar Kamboj, and members Varun Jindal, Ashwini, Satish Saini, and Raghav. The association members requested assistance in obtaining arms licenses, to which the SP assured a suitable resolution.

SP Deswal reiterated that the police are committed to maintaining law and order in the district. He urged residents to report any suspicious persons, vehicles, or emergency situations to the nearest police station or dial 112 to prevent potential crimes and ensure swift action against offenders.

All India Patrakar Ekta Sangh opens state office in Kurukshetra



BUREAU
KURUKSHETRA, MARCH 22

The All India Patrakar Ekta Sangh inaugurated its Haryana state office in Kurukshetra's Sector-17, near the old bus stand, during a significant meeting held on Saturday. The meeting was presided over by State President Ashwini Walia, with the presence of State Vice Presidents Deshraj Bhatnagar and Rajkumar Walia.

The event commenced with a warm welcome for the association's office-bearers, who were honored with floral garlands. Following this, the state office was formally inaugurated. During the meeting, the executive committee was expanded with unanimous consent.

On this occasion, State Vice President Deshraj Bhatnagar, Chief Advisor Rajkumar Walia, Chief Patron Dalbir Singh Malik, Patron Sushil Sharma, and District General Secretary Gulshan Grover extended their congratulations and best wishes to all members on the office's inauguration. They emphasized that the new office would provide a platform for journalists to hold meetings and discuss their concerns, fostering unity and coordination within the fraternity.

Additionally, two vacant positions were filled through unanimous selection. Announcing new appointments, State President Ashwini Walia declared that senior journalist Kulbhushan Sharma from Gurugram had been appointed as the State General Secretary, while Rajkumar Walia was named the Chief Advisor. The newly appointed office-bearers were warmly welcomed with garlands.

Senior officials of the association shared their views, emphasizing the need to strengthen the organization by appointing new district and block-level representatives across Haryana. They also discussed plans to bring journalists' issues to the government's attention and seek resolutions. Present at the event were State Vice President D.R. Bhatnagar, Chief Patron Dalbir Malik, Chief Advisor Rajkumar Walia, General Secretary Kulbhushan Sharma, Patron Sushil Sharma, along with district and block-level office-bearers, including Kurukshetra District General Secretary Gulshan Grover, Vice President Sanjeev Kumar, Organization Secretary Anil Verma, Treasurer Rajkumar Kaushik, and Samser Singh.

Dayal Singh College students excel in NSS university-level camps



CHAMAN LAL

KARNAL: Students of Dayal Singh College, Karnal, showcased outstanding performance at the NSS university-level camps held at different institutions.

At the NSS camp organized by Dayanand Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Kurukshetra, four students—Himani, Ritu, Pragati, and Shivani—actively participated. Ritu brought laurels to the college by securing first place in the quiz competition, while Himani was honored with the Active Volunteer award.

Simultaneously, six students—Rohan, Aman Kumar, Rayan, Mohit, Shivam, and Sahil—represented the college at the NSS camp held at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Government College, Kaithal. Throughout the camp, they developed leadership, social service, and organizational skills. NSS Program Officer Deepak Shastri also attended the seven-day day-night training camp, enhancing his expertise in camp management and leadership.

College Principal Dr. Ashima Gakhar congratulated the students on their remarkable achievements and encouraged them to actively participate in such initiatives in the future. NSS Program Officers Dr. Shweta Yadav and Dr. Chanchal Gupta also extended their best wishes for the students' bright futures.

Malabar Gold & Diamonds to open 12 new showrooms in March, expands global network to 391 showrooms

CHANDIGARH : Malabar Gold & Diamonds, world's 6th largest jeweler, is set to launch 12 new showrooms by March 2025 to further strengthen its presence across India. The latest expansion drive will take the total showroom count to 391 showrooms across 13 countries and presence in 19 states across India.

The new showrooms will be located at Panvel in Mumbai, Sinhagad Road in Pune, Brahmapur and Soubhagya Nagar in Odisha; Dhanbad in Jharkhand, Hospet, Nagarbhavi and Chitradurga in Karnataka; Nandyal, Amalapuram, Machilipatanam in Andhra Pradesh, Varanasi in UP.

Malabar Group has invested Rs. 600 crore in this expansion phase and hired 406 employees in various roles this financial year.

Malabar Gold & Diamonds plans to open 60 new showrooms in 2025, further expanding its global presence. In April 2025, the Group is set to inaugurate 5 new showrooms, marking its expansion into the Middle East, UK, and Canada. Malabar Gold & Diamonds has launched a consumer awareness campaign with prolific actor and brand ambassador NTR Jr. The campaign highlights the brand as a responsible jeweller, emphasizing its commitment to sustainable practices, authentic hallmarked jewellery, and certified natural diamonds.

Bandhan AMC introduces Vedartha – A wealth creation platform

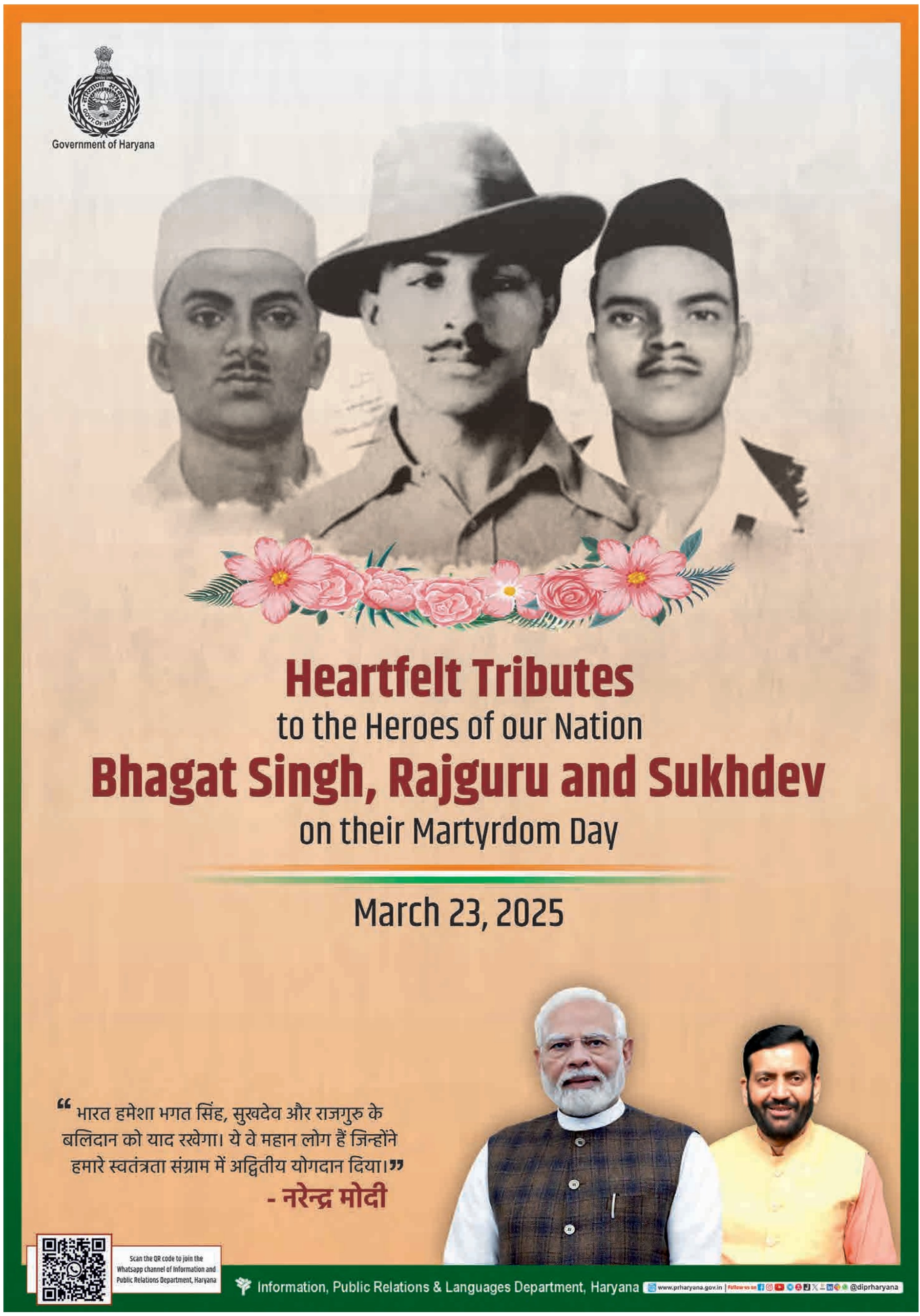
AMRITSAR: Bandhan AMC, a leading name in the Indian investment management industry, announced its new alternate investment platform, Vedartha. The new platform seeks to offer products using listed equities and fixed-income solutions under Bandhan AMC's Alternative Investment Funds (AIF) as well as Portfolio Management Services (PMS). Equity-focused products offered under Vedartha will be managed by a team led by Mrinal Singh, Head – Alternates (Listed Equities), whereas Fixed Income products offered under Vedartha will be managed by a team headed by Bhupendra Meel, Head – PMS & Alternative – Fixed Income.

Link to Vedartha page: https://bandhanamc.com/vedartha

"Vedartha was born out of a vision to cater to a niche audience with distinct needs. Vedartha derives its essence from Sanskrit words—Veda, embodying the timeless pursuit of wisdom through knowledge, and Artha, signifying prosperity through purposeful wealth creation. Together, they reflect a philosophy where expertise drives prosperity, and wealth becomes a means to create enduring impact. Vedartha is supported by a dedicated and seasoned investment team with proven expertise, along with a senior management team with an average experience of 15-20 years. It is backed by Bandhan AMC's 25-year legacy and supported by Bandhan Group, GIC (Singapore), and ChrysCapital." said Vishal Kapoor, CEO, Bandhan AMC. "Vedartha reflects our commitment to offering bespoke solutions that cater to the nuanced financial aspirations of our clients. By combining innovation, expertise, and purpose-driven strategies within the listed equity space, we aim to support our clients in their wealth creation journey." said Mrinal Singh, Head – Alternatives (Listed Equities), Bandhan AMC.

IDFC FIRST Bank launches ACE feature on the mobile banking app

CHANDIGARH : IDFC FIRST Bank has unveiled Ace Feature on its premium Mobile Banking App, that provides relevant insights and tools to allow investors make an informed Mutual Fund investment decision. This feature aims to empower an individual with 'do-it-yourself' investing, digitally. The ACE Feature on the IDFC FIRST Bank app provides rich and useful details on more than 2500 Mutual Funds in India. Investors can browse through various fund categories (like Equity, Debt, Tax-Saving, Hybrid, and Index funds) and choose the right need-based fund to build a diversified portfolio. IDFC FIRST Bank Customers can also access detailed information – like historical fund performance (1Y, 3Y & 5Y), holding patterns (by sectors, companies, and market cap), and expert ratings on each fund (Morningstar Rating). **Mr. Ashish Anchaliya, Chief Product Officer, Digital Banking, IDFC FIRST Bank** said "We know that investing can feel overwhelming, and making the right investment can be a challenge, especially with over 2,500 mutual funds to choose from. That's why we created the Ace feature with tools and insights that provides relevant information at a single place.



The first wealth is health.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Editorial

Arbitrary curbs on social media, speech must end

How free is free speech in India? The question surfaces again at a time when Elon Musk's X, formerly Twitter, has raised concerns over the Central government undermining free expression online. While India has never supported absolute freedom of speech, as evidenced in its handling of the free expression of extreme opinions, it must better define its approach to how much freedom it tolerates.

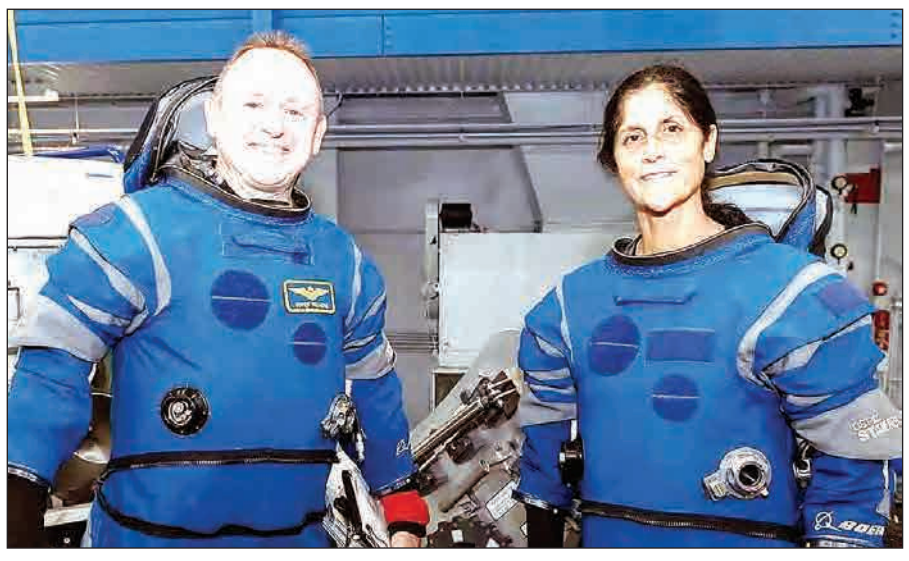
The global state of free speech has been facing an alarming decline, including in the US where a crackdown on support to Palestine and action against antisemitism is just beginning, with Indian students too being dragged into this. However, this is also a time when Musk is being supported in his quest to bring in absolute freedom of speech into social media platforms like his X. Also Read - DC Edit | Summer's here, IPL rules! Advertisement A petition X has filed in the Karnataka high court brings out the apprehensions of social media handles over executive orders that show an intention to block content by ordering that what it objects to be taken down from sites. Not only do many such orders appear random but they also seem to flow through a parallel content-blocking process that the bureaucracy employs in using Section 79(3)(b) of the contentious Information Technology Act when a structured process exists under Section 69A for seeking the blocking of content to which the Centre may take objection to.

Also Read - DC Edit | Industry, climate Telangana goals The issue, which is more fundamental, is to do with freedom of expression. While governments at the Centre and the states profess the freedom of speech guaranteed by the Constitution, the reality is different with critics of leaders of the national and regional ruling parties being severely dealt with by having the book thrown at them, irrespective of whether the intent of the law was to gag people like this or not. Also Read - DC Edit | Nagpur violence: Stop 'irrelevant' squabbles The petition by X can be a cause celebre as it seeks to take on the government over what it sees as a form of censorship. It is the arbitrariness of executive orders skirting due process — in which a reason must be furnished for blocking content viewed as objectionable by the government or the powers behind it for a court to issue an order to block content — that makes much government action violative of the principles of free speech and expression. Also Read - DC Edit | No End to War Likely in Ukraine, Gaza Various sections of the IT Act have been pilloried for their misuse by the executive, but Article 69 lays down a structured process.

Welcome home 'Bharat ki Beti' Sunita Williams

Hey Bhagwan… so many contradictions and mixed signals about the dramatic space adventure featuring a stellar star cast. Hero kaun? And heroine kaun? The villain is known (two guesses). No vamp. No item girl. But an Oscar-worthy script strewn with what are called well-timed "hooks" in showbiz. Suspense, black comedy, stunts… sab kuch hai, to make a masala space series, with Elon Musk playing Elon Musk. Also Read - OF CABBAGES AND KINGS |Are citizens really 'blind' to poverty, sense of hierarchy in India's society? | Farrukh Dhondy Advertisement Seriously, one of the most detested men on Planet Earth right now pulled off a near impossible feat to rescue stranded astronauts floating about aimlessly in space for nine unending months.

The botched-up mission had far too many red faces by the end of the saga, which dented the image of Boeing Starliner, and yes -- the Biden administration, too! Enter swashbuckling Elon Musk and trumpet blowing Donald Trump. With awe-inspiring derring-do and impeccable technical expertise, an audacious attempt to bring back Sunita Williams and Butch Wilmore was announced, while the watching world held its breath. Would the much-reviled duo pull it off, even as irate protesters burnt Tesla cars and cried blue murder. Tesla lost over $800 billion in market cap? Also Read - Indranil Banerjie | Delhi and changing power equations in Indian Ocean Err… the main man Elon didn't blink. And Trump's bluster was as belligerent as ever. In all this, I reserve my admiration for Sunita's mother, Slovene-American Ursuline Bonnie Williams, who remained unfazed while waiting for her daughter to get home safely. "This is her job! She's a professional astronaut," she declared, adding: "I miss her… she's my best friend."



Sunita ("Suni") won over the world with her relaxed, cheerful smile after making her splashy touchdown off Florida's coast, surrounded by a pod of curious dolphins. Little is known and even less seen of Sunita's husband of 20 years, Michael J. Williams, who is said to have embraced Hinduism. Reportedly, Sunita took copies of the Bhagwat Gita and the Upanishads into space with her, along with a Ganesh murti for good luck. Faith is what saw her through the ordeal. Also Read - Sunil Gatade | Will AICC in Gujarat Mark Major Reset for Congress? Faith, hope, discipline and a deep commitment to her mission. Yes, she has been an astronaut for two decades and knows what goes with the territory. But the bizarre turn of events and the weird scenario of being a "space cadet" (literally!) would have seriously unhinged a lesser person. Just the uncertainty of getting back to earth, home and loved ones with months and months going by… horror! God was on the side of Butch and Sunita for sure.

But… what if Trump had lost the election? What if Elon Musk had not been elevated overnight to the most powerful man alive? What if his braggadocio had let him down and the experiment with the SpaceX Dragon had failed? Logic and reason are never enough to explain these events. In India, we look beyond. Also Read - Kishwar Desai | Americans Moving to London As Ties Cool! Kandhari Film on Marriage Is a Hit Our emotional relationship with time and space is radically different from the cold and calibrated thinking of the West. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has invited "Bharat ki Beti" Sunita Williams to India, describing her as "the most illustrious daughter", which she indeed is. Sunita's ancestral village Jhulasan, in Gujarat's Mehsana district, erupted in joy when she came back to earth. Let's hope she gets her hard-earned rest and is left alone by the hungry press. I have to add my own two bits' worth here. Have we not done enough damage to our long-suffering planet? Why inflict that and worse on an unsuspecting Mars, the moon, Venus? What are these space missions all about, besides greedy humans looking to exploit unknown resources in space? Despotic, ambitious heads of state sanctioning billions of dollars to send probes to distant astral bodies -- for what? How selfish are we? The claim that we are doing all this "for the good of humanity" is completely bogus! We are doing this for our own greed and selfish motives… to avariciously enrich ourselves, now that we are done with stripping and raping our own beloved planet. "Tesla is doomed! We can't survive!" the Great Egotist Elon Musk has admitted. So are we, Sirji. So are we.

Closer to home, it's business as usual -- violence, rioting, arson, looting, rapes and deaths. When even that is not enough, we decide to go after the dead. Even those who have been resting in peace for centuries. A recent "Mumbai Meri Jaan by Manjul" cartoon in Mid-Day provided the best perspective. It showed a tomb with the caption: "Aurangzeb (1618-1707). Ruled from 1658 to 1707. Returned to politics in 2014. Still ruling in spirit!" Maharashtra has declared Aurangzeb's tomb as a "no drone' zone", amid growing protests. Described as the "most disputed Mughal emperor in Indian history", his tomb stands in comparatively unknown Khuldabad in Maharashtra, even though he died in Ahmednagar.

Literature & Health

Anti-amyloid drug displays signs of preventing Alzheimer's dementia: Study

A new study has found that an experimental drug appears to reduce the risk of Alzheimer' s-related dementia in people destined to develop the disease in their 30s, 40s, or 50s.

The findings suggest -- for the first time in a clinical trial -- that early treatment to remove amyloid plaques from the brain many years before symptoms arise can delay the onset of Alzheimer's dementia.

The study has been published in The Lancet Neurology.

The international study involved 73 people with rare, inherited genetic mutations that cause the overproduction of amyloid in the brain, all but guaranteeing that they will develop Alzheimer's disease in middle age.

For a subgroup of 22 participants who had no cognitive problems at the study's start and who received the drug the longest -- an average of eight years -- the treatment lowered the risk of developing symptoms from essentially 100% to about 50%, according to a primary



analysis of the data and supported by multiple sensitivity analyses supporting the trend.

"Everyone in this study was destined to develop Alzheimer's disease and some of them haven't yet," said senior author Randall J. Bateman, MD, the Charles F. and Joanne Knight Distinguished Professor of Neurology at WashU Medicine.

"We don't yet know how long they will remain symptom-free -- maybe a few years or maybe decades.

Current antivirals may be less effective against severe infection caused by bird flu virus in cows' milk: Study

Scientists found that frequently used flu antivirals do not work well against the H5N1 avian influenza virus in cows' milk.

Existing antivirals may be less effective against this H5N1 bird flu strain, and prevention measures, such as avoiding raw milk consumption and reducing exposure in dairy workers, maybe the most effective way to protect against the virus.

As the H5N1 avian influenza outbreak continues in the United States, scientists are working to better understand the virus's threat to human health.

The virus has been found in dairy cows' milk and has



infected farm workers, prompting scientists at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to study potential treatments.

Results showed that in a preclinical model, two FDA-approved flu antivirals generally did not successfully treat severe H5N1 infections. Additionally, the researchers found that the route of infection, whether through the eye, the nose or the mouth, significantly impacts a treatment's effectiveness. The findings were published today in Nature Microbiology.

POEMS

The Further Bank

I long to go over there to the further bank of the river. Where those boats are tied to the bamboo poles in a line;

Where men cross over in their boats in the morning with ploughs on their shoulders to till their far-away fields;

Where the cowherds make their lowing cattle swim across to the riverside pasture;

Whence they all come back home in the evening, leaving the jackals to howl in the island overgrown with weeds.

Mother, if you don't mind, I should like to become the boatman of the ferry when I am grown up.

They say there are strange pools hidden behind that high bank. Where flocks of wild ducks come when the rains are over, and thick reeds grow round the margins where water-birds lay their eggs.

Are citizens really 'blind' to poverty, sense of hierarchy in India's society?

"That moon was under eclipse all these years Though it had occurred to me that it was there Was this eclipse inhibitions and fears? And suddenly I knew I was aware That when and once I struck out to be free Of the desire for love I realise The shining of that moon awaited me… A touch, a kiss, a phrase opened my eyes The light of that moon wrapped around, embraced Me… In its trance, of one thing I was sure Also Read - Shobhaa De | Welcome home 'Bharat ki Beti' Sunita Williams Advertisement The enchantments of the past seemed a waste As this infatuation seemed secure. So, should the past be gone without regret? No moon is brighter than a star… And yet…?

From Sonnets for The Dawn

This last week saw the vernal equinox, which some thousands of years or so, the Zoroastrians, having invented God and trousers, have adopted as the beginning of the year. We Parsis (surviving Zoroastrians in India) call it Jamshedji Navroze. However, sometime in the ninth century AD,



when the Zoroastrians fled from the Arab invasion of Persia and settled in India, the idiots forgot to count and extra day every four years. In other words, relative to the Roman calendar. Of course, this loss of the leap year day caused the "new year" of our Parsi calendar to move one day back relative to the real calendar. Also Read - Indranil Banerjie | Delhi and changing power equations in Indian Ocean So, Parsis celebrate two days as new year. The one which is stable at the vernal equinox on the 20th or 21st of March, depending on where you are longitudinali, and the other itinerant one which has reached a date in August, soon to traverse July, June and one day reach the vernal equinox. Gentle reader, believe me, while I see the error of our historical ways, I have no objection to celebrating two new year's day each year -- bring it on -- cheers! Also Read - Sunil Gatade | Will AICC in Gujarat Mark Major Reset for Congress? The second moveable new year is called "Papeti", which, I was told is a distortion of the word "Pateti". As a child and as a teenager, I dressed in white and a pious cap and went with the family to the fire temple with hundreds of other Parsis. At the gates of the fire temple, we would be accosted by a regular beggar on our street who would cry in Marathi "aamchi popti!" in the anticipation of identifying with the festival and receiving generous alms from the fire-temple-goers. Also Read - Kishwar Desai | Americans Moving to London As Ties Cool! Kandhari Film on Marriage Is a Hit And the memory of him and the other regular beggars on the streets of our neighbourhood prompts me, gentle reader, to declare the more serious intention of this column which was suggested/provoked by an essay by the writer Vinati Sukhdev, who writes about her daughter asking her why Indians are characteristically blind to the poverty and hierarchical contempt that pervades the nation's society. Of course, Sukhdev goes on to list films that she says contradicts the blindness her daughter has noted. My own experience of growing up in India was, I protest, devoid of any such blindness. The shameful poverty of caste and class differentials of my motherland were very prominent in my consciousness, and even conscience. It was the observation of abject deprivation of poverty on our streets that induced me into finding out about and embracing egalitarian aspirations and then directed the socialist and even Marxist convictions from my early teens. There's been no turning back. Gentle reader, I crave your indulgence as I reproduce here a sonnet-story from my book Grannies Gripes and Growing Up of the sort of experience that dominated this observation: TOP AND TAIL We used to call them 'ladies' fingers' or In the markets 'bheeda' or 'bhindi' While speaking in Gujarati or Hindi. The cook would fetch them from the market for A dinner dish of bheeda par eeda The chopped vegetable with eggs on top With onions and tomatoes and a drop Or more of chilli oil -- indeed a Dish which I thought of as my favourite till I saw two young boys following our cook From market. Their eyes had a searching look As they stood by our gate. And they were still Hanging about, so I asked our Hukam Ali, the cook, who said "Leave them, they come Following me when they see I have bought This bhindi which I have to top and tail And chuck those bits into the kuchra pail They want those bits. So, I feel that I ought To cut larger bits off the bhindi's ends For them to gather in their shirts and take The wretched bits to eat. For heaven's sake! Did you see the older one's stomach bends Inwards as though it would meet his back bone That's where, our Farrukh, this country is now The politicians babble on but how Is this going to ever change? God alone Knows. Not me, my imagination fails When I see those boys begging tops and tails!" India has undoubtedly moved on and there are no more street boys begging for tops and trails of bhindi.

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Adolescence awareness camp organized in Bal Bharti Public Sr Sec School Bathu by Health Department Una

KISHORI LAL BAINS



UNA: Adolescence Awareness Camp was organized in Bal Bharti Public Senior Secondary School Bathu on Saturday today by Health Department Una. This camp was organized under the directions of Dr Pushwinder Singh Rana Block Medical Officer Haroli. MHS Mohan Laltold the children about this situation in detail.In this camp, awareness was created about the physical changes in children that occur during adolescence. This is a time of physical, mental and spiritual growth.

NEWS BRIEF

Electricity consumers of Naihariya should pay their pending electricity bills by March 26

AVINASH CHAUHAN

AMB: Consumers coming under the Electricity Sub-Division Naihariyan who have not paid their pending electricity bills should pay their electricity bills by 26 March 2025. Otherwise, the electricity connection will be disconnected without any notice. This information has been given by Assistant Engineer Brijmohan of Electricity Sub-Division Naihariyan. He said that consumers can pay their bills through consumer ID. They can deposit their electricity bills through debit card, bank account, bank networking, Paytm, Google Pay, Phone Pay or any other medium which is valid by the department. Apart from this, consumers can also deposit their pending bills in the Electricity Sub-Division Naihariyan office.

Traffic restrictions on Una roads due to upgradation work

KISHORI LAL BAINS

UNA: The Takarla-Badhuhi road via New Abadi Takarla will remain closed to vehicular traffic until April 3 due to ongoing road upgradation and construction work. Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate Jatin Lal issued the order under Sections 115 and 116 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. To facilitate smooth traffic movement, vehicles will be diverted via National Highway 503 from Nandpur to Nakki and from Badhuhi to Shivpur. The authorities have been directed to install signboards in advance to inform the public about the closure and alternative routes. Additionally, the Panjawar-Bathri road, specifically from kilometer 23/0 to 28/0, will be closed from March 23 to May 21 for road upgradation work. Traffic will be rerouted via Haroli Bus Stand to Lower Haroli and Link Road from Upper Palkwah to Lower Palkwah. The Deputy Commissioner has instructed officials to ensure the public is well-informed about the road closures and alternative routes through proper signage.

Govt to decide on operation of 600 HRTC buses in Punjab amid vandalism incident

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The Himachal Pradesh government will soon make a decision regarding the operation of approximately 600 Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) buses plying in Punjab, following an alleged incident of vandalism where the windscreens of three HRTC buses in a parking lot were damaged on Friday night.

Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri, addressing the state assembly with a suo-motu statement, confirmed on Saturday that the recent incident was a retaliation for a previous case of vandalism that occurred in Kharar, where window screens of buses were damaged, leading to the arrest of three individuals after complaints by HRTC staff. The three buses found with damaged windscreens in Punjab were parked at a bus stand, and it is reported that other buses are also being defaced by miscreants.

Agnihotri expressed concern over the targeted attacks on HRTC buses and assured that the government would take a decisive action to safeguard HRTC property and staff from further vandalism. He explained that while the government initially chose not to escalate the matter after the Kharar incident, it seemed that the damage to windscreens was a direct response to the earlier arrests made in connection with the vandalism. The state government is expected to make a final decision by the end of today on whether to continue operating the bus fleet in Punjab.

HP govt extending old pension scheme to all employees: Dy CM

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SHIMLA: The Himachal Pradesh government has announced that it will extend the benefits of the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) to all state employees, as those employees who are currently not covered under this scheme would be brought under it in the time to come. Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri, replying to a query raised by BJP member Satpal Singh Satti, stated that around 117,522 employees of the state and all the Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) employees have opted for the OPS, which would come into effect once they retire. The state government has been pressing the central government to release a sum of Rs 5000 crore, which had been deposited by the state for pension funds but is currently withheld. Agnihotri clarified that employees who had earlier opted for the New Pension Scheme (NPS) but are now choosing the OPS would need to deposit the amounts released by the central government back into the state treasury. He added that the state is working to get the central government to release the deposited funds to facilitate the transition to OPS. ' Under the NPS, the state government had contributed 50 percent of the pension funds, while the remaining 50 percent came from the employees and the central government.

Chief Minister calls on Union Home Minister



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAR 22

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu called on Union Home Minister Amit Shah at New Delhi today. Chief Minister urged for releasing the compensation for the losses incurred by the state during the monsoon season in 2023. He said that the state had claimed financial assistance under post disaster needs assessment but the relief is still awaited from the Centre Government. He apprised that the state had suffered heavy losses due to rains severely affecting drinking water, irrigation schemes, infrastructure, roads and bridges and relief and rehabilitation measures. However, the state has so far managed from its own resources. He also discussed about various other issues pertaining the state. Union Home Minister assured of all possible assistance. Additional Chief Secretary and Secretary Revenue Onkar Chand Sharma was also present at the occasion.

Mysterious death of Chief Engineer Vimal Negi raises questions: BJP demands CBI Probe

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAR 22



The mysterious death of Vimal Negi, Chief Engineer of HPPCL, has sparked serious concerns about the state government's functioning. His body was found in Govind Sagar, Bilaspur, after 22 years of an unblemished career, raising suspicions over the circumstances of his demise.

BJP state president Dr. Rajeev Bindal questioned the lack of transparency surrounding Negi's disappearance, emphasizing that the widespread outrage in Kinnaur, Shimla, and across Himachal Pradesh is a testament to his reputation as an honest and dedicated officer. Dr. Bindal pointed out that HPPCL has been under scrutiny for various issues, and the sudden and unexplained death of its Chief Engineer only deepens suspicions. After meeting Negi's grieving family in Kinnaur's Katgaon, Bindal asserted that the circumstances surrounding his death are highly suspicious. He further stated that Negi's family, HPPCL employees, and the people of Himachal Pradesh are demanding an impartial investigation. The family has insisted that only a CBI probe can uncover the truth, as they fear that a state-led investigation could be a cover-up. Dr. Bindal urged the government to respect the family's wishes and conduct a thorough investigation to ensure justice for the deceased officer.

Himachal Police hold meeting to strengthen cyber security



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SHIMLA: A meeting on "Cyber Swachhta Ver.01" was held on Saturday at Police Headquarters here. According to an official release from the Director General of Police (DGP) of Himachal Pradesh, the "Cyber Swachhta Ver.01" is a pilot project to identify, trace and eliminate the cyber perpetrators from Himachal Pradesh. In the first stage of this project, the action plan for two districts - Bilaspur and Baddi was planned and discussed along with all facts and figures. During the meeting, the prevailing cyber trends in these districts were also discussed. This project will help Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) in establishing better cyber coordination and improving cyber investigation skills in cybercrimes. It's a proactive initiative of the State Cybercrime Unit to make Himachal Pradesh a safe and secure cyberspace for its citizens, the release stated. The meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Atul Verma, DGP of Himachal Pradesh and was attended by AK Yadav, IPS, ADGP; Mohit Chawla, IPS, DIG-Cyber Crime; Rohit Malpani, IPS, CO, 1st HPAP Bn. Junga; Geetanjli Thakur, HPS, ANC PHQ and other officials of cybercrime Cy Station.

Organizing vocational visits to industrial training institutes is good initiative



AVINASH CHAUHAN

AMB: It is a good initiative by the government to start exposure visits to Industrial Training Institutes for students of class 6th to 8th under the pre-vocational activity Samagra Shiksha. This will help the students of this age group to learn vocational skills. In this series, on Saturday, students of three government schools falling under two assembly constituencies Gagret and Chintpurni, along with their teachers, made a one-day vocational visit to the Government Industrial Training Institute, Naihariyan. In this visit, the instructors of all the vocations running in Industrial Training Institute Naihariyan, Vivek Kumar, Sunil Kumar, Suman Kumari and Asha Rani respectively, gave detailed practical information to the students of the school about all the vocations running in Industrial Training Institute Naihariyan, fitter, dress making and SOT, and also made them familiar with the various products prepared here.

Singer Arvinder Raja is making India proud by giving continuous live performance in Thailand Bangkok

KISHORI LAL BAINS



UNA: Singer Arvinder Raja is making India proud by giving continuous live performance in Thailand Bangkok. Singer Arvinder Raja while talking to this correspondent on telephonefrom Thailand Bangkok on Sunday today. He said that he is giving his continuous live performance in Thailand Bangkok nowadays. He said that he is performing at Haveli Resturant Bangkok. He added that he entertained tourists at this Haveli Resturant coming from different countries like Russia, America, Columbia, England, Australia etc. He added that he has visited this Haveli Resturant Bangkok more than 20 Times in the past three years. He said that he also visited Chaina recently two months ago. And he had also given his performance at Chaina. He said that this is possible only by the grace of God. It is noteworthy that Arvinder Raja is basically from Una Himachal Pradesh. He said that singing is my passion and I am working hard in this field. And result is I am international Singer now. He thanked everyone including tourists for giving lot of love to his voice.

Hari Krishan Himral slams BJP MPs for ignoring Himachal's crisis, thanks Rajani Patil for raising issues in Parliament

DINESH AGARWAL
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Congress Leader and Director HP State Cooperative Bank Hari Krishan Himral today thanked Rajani Patil Member Parliament and AICC Incharge for Himachal Pradesh for raising issues of Himachal Pradesh strongly in the Parliament. He said that Rajani Patil who belongs to Maharashtra has raised issue for massive loss in Himachal Pradesh due to Natural Calamity which caused death of more than 500 people and loss of more than 10, 000 crores to the infrastructure and other resources of Himachal Pradesh yesterday in a debate in Rajya Sabha in New Delhi and raised demand for releasing our due share of financial grant to the government of Himachal Pradesh whereas 7 MPs elected from Himachal Pradesh to Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha who should have come forward to persue these genuine issues of this hill state have never raised any such issue in the interest of Himachal Pradesh which is not only disheartening but betrayal of the trust shown by people of Himachal Pradesh in electing them to the parliament. He also lamented that even National President JP Nadda who happens to belong from Himachal Pradesh and is also a Union Minister in Modi Cabinet has failed to bring any special package to the state and has even failed to realease our due share from the Centre during these financial crisis and natural calamity. All BJP MPs and leaders were busy in persuing their political agenda and involved to topple the elected Congress government using unfair means while Himachal faced its biggest Natural Calamity ever registered in the history of the state. During that time too Rahul Gandhi and newly elected MP from Waynaad Priyanka Gandhi and Rajeev Shukla raised issues of Himachal Pradesh in the Parliament whereas these 8 MPs from Himachal remained mute spectators persuing their political gains. Public will take note of their activities in the state he added.

SJVN's 1500 MW NJHPS awarded with CBIP Award for Best Maintained Project in Hydro Sector

DINESH AGARWAL
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SJVN's flagship 1500 MW Nathpa Jhakri Hydro Power Station (NJHPS) has been bestowed with 'CBIP Award for Best Maintained Project in Hydro Sector' for the fiscal year 2024-25. The award was received by Sh. Raj Kumar Chaudhary, CMD (additional charge), SJVN and Sh. Ashutosh Bahuguna, Head of Project, NJHPS at a glittering ceremony held in New Delhi. The award is in recognition to SJVN's outstanding contribution towards nation building by successfully executing and operating nation's largest underground 1500 MW NJHPS in arduous hilly terrains of Himachal Pradesh. The award has been conferred in recognition of the civil structures of the power station which have stood the test of time and continues to perform optimally.

Continuing the streak of achievements, NJHPS has broken an array of generation records in the power sector. The power station clocked Highest Ever Quarterly Energy Generation of 3450.980 million units in second quarter of the fiscal 2024-25 and Highest Ever Single Day Energy Generation of 39.572 million units on 13th August, 2024.

The power station also recorded Highest Ever Monthly Generation of 1222.170 million units during July 2024 and continued to operate without a single shutdown, even amid high silt levels in the Satluj, demonstrating unparalleled efficiency and operational excellence.

Loan distribution event held under National Rural Livelihood Mission in Una

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, MAR 22



A Loan Distribution Day was organized on Saturday under the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) at the District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) hall in Una. The event was chaired by Assistant Commissioner Virendra Sharma, with the participation of district administration officials, bank representatives, and women from 25 registered Self-Help Groups (SHGs). During the program, bank officials guided SHG women on loan application procedures, subsidy schemes, and financial support for business activities. Speaking at the event, Assistant Commissioner Virendra Sharma emphasized that the initiative aimed to provide financial assistance to women, empowering them towards self-reliance. He urged them to take advantage of government schemes to expand their businesses and become financially independent. On this occasion, Rs. 1.43 crore in loans were distributed among 48 SHGs in Una district. Additionally, 277 loan applications were received, out of which 83 were approved, leading to the disbursal of Rs. 1.15 crore in loans. Assistant Commissioner Sharma also honored outstanding SHGs with certificates of appreciation for their exemplary work.

Annual examination results declared in Gurukul International School

AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB, MAR 22



The annual examination results of non-board classes were declared on Saturday at Gurukul International Senior Secondary School, Katohar Kalan. The examination result of the school was 100%. In the declared examination results, Apeksha Sharma and Ishani Thakur from VI Diamond stood first, Suryansh second and Nihar third. Satyam and Anika from VI Pearl stood first, Krishiv second and Divyansh and Shaurya third. Aarav Sharma from 7th Diamond stood first, Jayti Modgil second and Aradhya Sharma third. Viraj Jaswal from 7th Pearl stood first, Angel Soni second and Akshit third. Akshita from 7th Gem stood first, Aarav second and Riddhi Bakshi third. From VIII Diamond, Aditya stood first, Pratham second and Mitul third. From VIII Pearl, Anvita stood first, Tanisha second and Paras and Divyajot stood third. From Novi Diamond, Riddhi Bassi stood first, Aarav and Akshay second and Sameeksha third. From Novi Pearl, Sonam stood first, Shivansh second and Akshita third. From Novi Gem, Aditi stood first, Pratibha second and Mohit third. From XI Science, Avni Sood stood first, Shaheen second and Jiya Rana third. From XI Commerce, Shweta stood first, Riddhima Thakur second and Riddhima Bhogal third.

Baba Balak Nath Ji Temple Shah Talai Mandir honored with 'Eat Right Place of Worship' certification by FSSAI

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY

BILASPUR: Its a proud sentimental news for devotees that Baba Balak Nath Ji Temple at Shah Talai was given the prestigious 'Eat Right Place of Worship' certification from the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). This certification is valid for two years, and that recognizes the temple's adherence to the highest standards of hygiene and food safety in the preparation and distribution of prasad and langar. Assistant Commissioner Food Safety Mahesh Kashyap shared that this achievement was made possible after a rigorous evaluation process involving registration, pre-audit, Food Safety Training and Certification (FosTaC) training, final audit, and certification. The process examined cleanliness within the temple premises, food preparation methods, storage, water quality, and waste management systems. Kashyap praised the temple administration's under Sandeep Chandel about the commitment and proactive role in ensuring full compliance with food safety norms. All cooking and food distribution staff underwent FosTaC training to reinforce hygiene awareness and best practices. The successful final audit confirmed the implementation of all corrective measures. This certification not only symbolizes the temple's dedication to the health and well-being of devotees but also sets a benchmark for religious institutions nationwide.

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Minister Arvind Kumar Sharma takes meeting of Distt PR and Public Grievance Committee

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
NARNAUL, MARCH 22



Cooperative Minister Arvind Kumar Sharma said that the triple engine government running under the leadership of Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini is engaged in getting the development work done at triple speed. The officers should also take the government's schemes and programs forward with the same speed. Mr. Sharma was speaking in the meeting of District Public Relations and Public Grievance Committee in Panchayat Bhawan today. In this meeting, a total of 16 pre-determined cases were kept for hearing.

He said that the Haryana Government is dedicated to public welfare. The government is working on the basis of the priorities and aspirations of the public.

On this occasion, regarding the complaint related to Sector-1 of Narnaul, the Cooperative Minister directed the officers to continuously monitor the roads under construction in the sector. On this, Additional Deputy Commissioner and District Municipal Commissioner Dr Anand Kumar Sharma said that he is constantly visiting sectors and all cities to take stock of the development works and all the works are under strict monitoring.

On the complaints coming in regarding encroachment on roads and streets, the Cooperative Minister has also appealed to the citizens not to encroach on public places.

Regarding the complaint of illegal mining under the guise of Baba Biogas in the Aravalli hill in village Gadhi of the district, the Cooperative Minister directed the officials of the Mining Department that if illegal mining is taking place, then an FIR should be lodged against it immediately. Apart from this, all types of machines should be removed from there with immediate effect. A report should be submitted immediately in this regard.

In this meeting, Deputy Commissioner Dr Vivek Bharti and Superintendent of Police Pooja Vashisht assured the committee that all the officers of the district administration will work on each complaint with full seriousness.

On this occasion, Narnaul MLA Om Prakash Yadav, Nangal Chaudhary MLA Manju Chaudhary, BJP District President Yatendra Rao, District Council President Dr. Rakesh Kumar, former BJP District President Rakesh Sharma and Dayaram Yadav, besides other dignitaries were also present.

Short circuit triggers fire at fast food shop in Pehowa, causes Rs. 50,000 damage

YAGYADATT SHASTRI
PEHOWA: A fire broke out at the Hungry Point fast food shop near Haryana Filling Station, creating panic among nearby shopkeepers. The fire was reportedly caused by a short circuit.
Upon receiving the information, SHO Inspector Rajesh Kumar rushed to the scene with his team and alerted the fire brigade.
Due to the heavy smoke inside the shop, entry was not possible for a long time. Eventually, a section of the rear wall was broken to allow ventilation using fans. Once the smoke cleared, fire brigade personnel managed to enter the premises and douse the flames. However, by then, the shop's electrical fittings and kitchen equipment had been destroyed.
Shop owner Ramesh Kumar stated that the fire started around 9 AM when he switched on the MCB after opening the shop. A loud explosion followed, filling the shop with dense smoke. He immediately alerted the fire brigade, which arrived within 15-20 minutes from Pehowa. However, due to the intense smoke, entering the shop was challenging. After clearing the smoke, firefighters managed to control the blaze, but the damages amounted to approximately ₹50,000.

NSS Special Camp at Shaheed Udham Singh Government College held

MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI: The third day of the seven-day special camp organized by the National Service Scheme (NSS) at Shaheed Udham Singh Government College, Matak Majri, Indri, commenced with yoga sessions and the NSS anthem under the guidance of Principal Dr. Mahendra Singh Baghi. The camp has engaged approximately 152 volunteers.
The day's key event featured a session on cybercrime awareness, conducted by ASI Devender Mann and his team from Karnal. Addressing the students, ASI Mann provided insights into cyber frauds and emphasized the importance of vigilance. He also shared information about toll-free helpline numbers for reporting cyber-related offenses and urged students to immediately report any fraudulent incidents to their nearest police station. Students actively engaged with ASI Mann, sharing their experiences and concerns regarding cyber threats.

BJP reappoints Mandeep Rana as district president: Rohtas Rana

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER
BARARA: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is the only political party that truly values the hard work and dedication of its workers, said Rohtas Rana, Sarpanch of Thambad village and President of the Barara Block Sarpanch Association. He was speaking after visiting the Amb BJP office to congratulate Mandeep Rana on his reappointment as the district president. Accompanied by his supporters, Rohtas Rana celebrated the occasion by offering sweets and wishing Mandeep Rana a bright future.



Rohtas Rana stated that Mandeep Rana's reappointment reflects the BJP leadership's farsighted vision, which has significantly boosted the morale of party workers. He emphasized that the party honors and respects all dedicated and committed workers. Highlighting the achievements of the "double-engine government" under Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Saini, Rohtas Rana said that the government is setting new benchmarks in development. He stressed that welfare schemes are reaching every citizen without discrimination. Discussing the state budget for 2025-26, presented by Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, Rohtas Rana said it includes major announcements for farmers, youth, and women.

Delhi-based HCMCT Manipal Hospital Starts Super-Specialty OPDs for Patients in Jhajjar



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
JHAJJAR : HCMCT Manipal Hospitals, a renowned healthcare provider based in Delhi, today commenced its super-specialty OPDs in association with Omkar Multispecialty Hospital and Medicare Super-Specialty Hospital, Jhajjar. The new OPDs aim to cater to patients suffering from bone issues, gastro issues, and cancer, providing them with world-class treatment and expert consultation.
On the commencement of these OPDs, Dr. Rajeev Verma, Chairman - Manipal Institute of Bone & Joints, HCMCT Manipal Hospital, Delhi, said, "Bone health is often ignored until fractures or chronic pain set in. With sedentary lifestyles on the increase, we are witnessing a sharp rise in osteoporosis, arthritis, and joint-related disorders. Regular bone density screenings, proper nutrition, and an active lifestyle are essential in ensuring long-term mobility. The sooner we act, the better we can protect our bone and joints resulting in a pain-free future."
Dr. Anadi Pachaury, Consultant - Surgical Oncology, HCMCT Manipal Hospital, Delhi, said, "Cancer is no longer just an age-related disease; we are seeing many younger patients being diagnosed. Many cancers, including gastrointestinal and breast cancer, are curable if detected early, yet people tend to ignore warning signs. Regular screenings, awareness, and a proactive approach to health can significantly improve survival rates and overall quality of life."

Kamdhenu Limited to re-strengthen its market share in the Structural Steel segment in Tricity & Himachal Pradesh

CHANDIGARH: Kamdhenu Limited, India's largest manufacturer and seller of branded TMT Bars in retail, announced its business strategy to enhance its market share of Structural steel segment in Tricity (Chandigarh, Mohali & Panchkula) & Himachal Pradesh. As per the strategy, the company is planning to enhance the production capacity of its structural steel and pipes in Tricity and Himachal Pradesh by 20% in one year. Kamdhenu has made a name for itself as manufacturer and supplier of high-quality construction supplies at an affordable price point for the consumers. Apart from this, the company is also planning to make its dealer & distributor network stronger in Tricity and Himachal Pradesh by adding 15-20% more dealers & distributors in the next one year. Currently, the company already has a very strong network of dealer & distributors for its Structural Steel segment. Mr. Sunil Agarwal, Director, Kamdhenu Limited said, "Tricity and Himachal Pradesh are an important market for the growth of Kamdhenu Limited which offers huge potential for the development of infrastructure and construction industry. Kamdhenu Structural Steel segment already has a strong presence in the country and with this expansion strategy, we are expecting to capture a sizeable market share in Tricity and Himachal Pradesh. .

Expanding Life Insurance Access with Digital-First Strategies

CHANDIGARH - The insurance penetration rate of the country remains at 2.8% despite advances in digital infrastructure, regulation, and technology. Sumit Madan, Senior Director and Chief Distribution Officer, Axis Max Life Insurance said that This signals a wide gap in coverage, particularly in low-income and rural India. Although these segments have adopted OTT subscription and digital payments, life insurance often lags behind other financial priorities. This dilemma highlights the need for insurers to rethink their distribution models to align with the consumption patterns of rural India, thereby working towards IRDAI's vision of "Insurance for all". CRM platforms and mobile apps enable agents to offer real-time services in remote locations. AI-enabled tools, for example, can direct agents in providing tailored solutions, increasing customer trust. To promote digital literacy, insurers are collaborating with fintech firms and non-governmental organizations. Infographics, podcasts, and videos in local languages help simplify financial concepts. For example, WhatsApp-based campaigns help to reach small-town audiences with bite-sized educational content.

Asian Paints' ColourNext 2025 announces Colour of the Year, 'Cardinal'

NEW DELHI : Asian Paints ColourNext, India's leading expert on colour and design trends in India, has unveiled the 22nd edition of its acclaimed Colour and Material Intelligence forecast. For over 20 years, Asian Paints has used its expertise in colour, materials, and design to predict trends that reflect culture and society. ColourNext, the only initiative of its kind in the region, presents the Colour of the Year, Wallpaper of the Year for 2025, and four trend stories that will shape the future of design and décor for the year.
The Colour of the Year for 2025, Cardinal, reflects the depth of human emotion and the need for genuine connections. It blends nostalgia, mindfulness, and boldness, adding warmth and richness to interiors, fashion, and design. Spring Tune, the Wallpaper of the Year for 2025, captures the gentle beauty of nature, blending art and nostalgia into a design that never goes out of style. The four key design trends for 2025—Feel More, Salt, India Everywhere, and Bad Taste?—offer fresh perspectives on rediscovery and originality.
Speaking about ColourNext 2025, Mr. Amit Syngle, Managing Director and CEO of Asian Paints Ltd., commented, "For over two decades, ColourNext has been a pioneer in decoding India's evolving design landscape, providing clear direction for colour and material innovations through rigorous research and analysis. The ColourNext forecast reflects the cultural and emotional changes shaping our world. The Colour of the Year, Cardinal, along with the four design trends for 2025, highlight these transformations, providing designers and creators with a spark of inspiration. At Asian Paints, we remain committed to leading industry conversations, ensuring that colour not only enhances spaces.

Rajesh Shakti SBS Green City President and Mandeep Dhingra General Secretary

RAMPURA PHUL (KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA): The meeting of Shaheed Bhagat Singh Green City Club Rampura Phul was held under the chairmanship of Club President Rajesh Shakti. During the meeting, the work being done by the club to make the colony and the city a green city was discussed and future plans were discussed.



During this, the executive committee of the club was restructured. In which Rajesh Shakti was re-elected as the president of the club. Apart from them, retired pharmacist Darshan Singh Mann has been made chairman, Mandeep Dhingra as general secretary, Bhushan Garg as senior vice president, Sunil Makkar as vice president, Nitin Goyal as treasurer, Jeevan Jindal as PRO, Vicky Singh Bansal as chairman of the club, Vicky Singh Bansal as chairman, Jyoti Bansal as president of the club. Rajinder Tripathi, Ram Jindal, Suresh S.R and Vinod Bansal were elected as members of the advisory committee.

'Surya Namaskar' event organized by Government College of Yoga Education and Health, Chandigarh in Collaboration with Hry Yog Aayog

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, MAR 22



The Government College of Yoga Education and Health under the aegis of Directorate of Higher Education, and AYUSH Department, of Chandigarh Administration in collaboration with Haryana Yog Aayog, successfully organized a Surya Namaskar Event 2025 as a part of Sankalp Poorti Samaroh. The event took place in the premises of Government College of Yoga Education and Health, Sector 23-A, Chandigarh.

The Governor of Punjab and Administrator of Chandigarh, Shri Gulab Singh Kataria Ji, was the chief guest. The event was also attended by Shri Rajeev Verma IAS, Chief Secretary, Chandigarh Administration; Dr. Jaideep Arya, Chairman, Haryana Yog Aayog; Shri Ajay Chagti, IAS, Health Secretary, Shri Akhil Kumar, DANICS, Director AYUSH; Shri Rubinderjit Singh Brar PCS, Director Higher Education, Shri Rajiv Tiwari, Director Public Relations, Shri Roshan Lal, Vice Chairman and Dr. Raj Kumar, Registrar; Haryana Yog Aayog; and Dr. Sapna Nanda, Principal, Government College of Yoga Education and Health Chandigarh.

The chief guest Sh. Kataria emphasized on imbibing a yogic lifestyle. He shared that he is a regular practitioner of yoga and follows it as part of his Dincharya. He highlighted the importance of yogic regimen during Brahmamuhurta which improves the overall health and well-being of an individual and society at large. He also acknowledged the efforts of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, who has successfully elevated yoga to a global platform. He urged everyone to continue promoting yoga and carry forward this legacy of Ancient Bharat. He further emphasized the importance of Sanskrit as the foundation of Indian culture as Sanskrit is the language of many ancient Indian scriptures.

Gulab Chand Kataria graces State-Level 'Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan' program



CHANDIGARH: The State-Level 'Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan' (Drug-Free India Campaign), organized by the Department of Social Welfare, Women & Child Development, Chandigarh Administration, was marked by a strong call for collective action against drug abuse. The event was graced Punjab Governor and Administrator Chandigarh Shri Gulab Chand Kataria, as the Chief Guest, along with Chief Secretary , Chandigarh Shri Rajeev Verma.Speaking at the event, Sh. Kataria urged every section of society to come together in the fight against substance abuse and addiction.He emphasized that drug addiction is not just an individual problem but a deep-rooted societal issue that demands a multi-dimensional approach. He highlighted the importance of community awareness, preventive measures, strict law enforcement, and rehabilitation programs in addressing the drug menace.

Mann government proved to be more than Aurangzeb towards farmers: Kang

SHASHI PAL JAIN
MOHALI, MAR 22



Under the leadership of S. Jagmohan Singh Kang, senior Congress leader and former minister of Punjab, a strong protest was held in Majri block from Kharar constituency against the unprecedented mistreatment of farmers by the AAP government. An effigy of the Punjab government was burnt and slogans were raised against the AAP. Addressing the protest/protest on this occasion, Mr. Kang said that our country India/Punjab has been an agricultural country/state for centuries.

Farmers have been considered as the backbone of the economic system. It is the hard, continuous work of all these farmers and laborers that has made our country self-reliant in food supplies; this whole story/history does not need any direct proof. But these days, the arrogant and arrogant government of the Aam Aadmi Party has mistreated and pushed the food providers/farmers. The entire Punjab, the press and social media etc. are also eyewitnesses of this.

All this will be recorded in history with dark, painful letters/feelings, that since our country India became independent, never has there been such mistreatment of farmers. Which today the entire country, society, class strongly condemns and condemns.

Jagmohan Singh Kang emphasized that I am the son of a farmer, I can well understand and feel every pain and activity of a farmer. Our farmers have been continuously protesting/peacefully demonstrating against the Modi/BJP government at the center for their rightful/reasonable demands, MSP etc. for a long time. But the central government has also kept backing down many times by taking the farmers into confidence.

It is also said and understood that the BJP is neglecting the farmers and farming by not giving them the necessary importance, but now in Punjab, the dictatorship/police government of Mann has crossed all limits, beating, pushing and insulting the brave farmers.

First Graduation Day celebrated at A & M Gems Cambridge International School

VERMA
GURDASPUR, MAR 22



A grand event was organized today at A & M Gems Cambridge International School, Pathankot, where the first-ever Graduation Day ceremony was celebrated under the esteemed leadership of Chairperson Mrs. Sonu Mahajan, Vice-Chairperson Mr. Akshay Mahajan, and Principal Mrs. Mishi Chawla.

The event was a remarkable occasion, filled with excitement and joy, as the KG 2 students showcased their talents through various cultural performances. The chief guest for the event, Mrs. Sonu Mahajan, was accompanied by Dr. Renuka Mahajan and Dr. Charu Sharma, Directors of the Group of Institutes. The children mesmerized everyone with their performances, which included a welcome dance, music, speeches, and yoga. Additionally, the annual activities of the KG 2 students were presented through a PowerPoint presentation, allowing the parents to witness the remarkable development of their children. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Mrs. Sonu Mahajan, Mr. Akshay Mahajan, and Mrs. Mishi Chawla awarded degrees to the KG 2 students and congratulated them on their progression to the senior wing. Mrs. Mishi Chawla also wished the children a bright future, encouraging them to continue their educational journey with enthusiasm and dedication.

The event concluded with the children expressing their gratitude and thanking everyone for their support.

Punjab govt to spend Rs 2.10 crore to revamp CHC Singhowal Dinanagar



VERMA
GURDASPUR, MAR 22

Under the leadership of Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab Government is continuously improving the infrastructure of health institutions in the state under the Health Revolution. Due to these efforts, the Punjab government will spend Rs 2.10 crore to renovate CHC Singhowal (Dinanagar).

The foundation stone of the repair, renovation and upgradation project of CHC Singhowal was laid today by MLA and Aam Aadmi Party State Working President Mr. Aman Sher Singh Sherry Kalsi, Chairman Punjab Health Systems Corporation Mr. Raman Behal, MLA Dera Baba Nanak Mr. Gurdeep Singh Randhawa and Mr. Shamsher Singh Dinanagar. Addressing the gathering after laying the foundation stone of the repair, renovation and upgradation project of CHC Singhowal (Dinanagar), MLA Mr. Aman Sher Singh Sherry Kalsi said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Mr. Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab government is making major improvements in the health sector. He said that the state government has started Aam Aadmi Clinics across the state and provided free and quality health services to the people near their homes.

Gangster Lavish arrested after clash with police





VICKY BHABAT
ZIRAKPUR, MAR 22

Ludhiana resident gangster Lavish Grover was arrested on Friday night after a clash with the police in a society in Zirakpur.

According to Mohali Rural SP Manpreet Singh, the police had received intelligence information that Lavish was hiding in a flat in Shiva Enclave located on VIP Road in Zirakpur and was planning to carry out some big incident. Acting on the information, the team led by Zirakpur Police Station SHO Inspector Jashanpreet Singh raided the flat located on the third floor of Shiva Enclave at around 9 pm. According to the police, Lavish started firing on seeing the police. In the retaliatory action, a bullet hit Lavish in the leg, after which he was arrested. During the search, a Klag pistol, a rifle, and a .39 bore pistol were found in his flat along with live cartridges. According to the police, Lavish has about a dozen previous cases of robbery, murder, and attempted murder.

The police have admitted Lavish to Derabassi Hospital for treatment. The police have registered a case and started the investigation.

Rayat Bahra varsity honoured for academic excellence



MOHALI: Rayat Bahra University, Mohali, has been recognised for its outstanding contribution to education at the prestigious Times Power Icons 2025. The university participated as a knowledge partner at the event and was honoured for its excellence in education alongside Rayat Bahra Group of Institutions, Hoshiarpur.

The awards were presented by renowned Bollywood actor Kunal Kapoor. The event brought together top entrepreneurs, industrialists and thought leaders from various sectors, fostering discussions on innovation, entrepreneurship and India's self-reliance under the "Make in India" initiative. Speaking on the recognition, representatives from Rayat Bahra University reiterated their commitment to advancing knowledge, research and industry collaboration. "Being part of such a transformative platform strengthens our resolve to empower the next generation of leaders and innovators," they said.

Ravneet Singh Bittu inaugurates state-of-the-Art Food testing Laboratory at MRSPTU

ANIL VERMA
BATHINDA, MAR 22



In a significant step toward ensuring food quality and safety, Union Minister of State for Food Processing Industries and Railways, Shri Ravneet Singh Bittu, inaugurated a state-of-the-art Food Testing Laboratory at Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University (MRSPTU), Bathinda, on Saturday.

The laboratory, established under the Central Quality Control/Food Testing Laboratories Scheme of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), is designed to certify food items, detect adulteration, and strengthen the food processing ecosystem. Buttu said the inauguration of the Food Testing Laboratory at MRSPTU marks a milestone in Punjab's food processing journey, offering high-end testing facilities and supporting a healthier, safer food ecosystem for consumers and stakeholders alike. The inauguration ceremony was attended by Shri Ranjit Singh, IAS, Joint Secretary (MoFPI); Prof. (Dr.) Sandeep Kansal, Vice Chancellor of MRSPTU; Dr. Gurinder Pal Singh Brar, Registrar; Dr. Sanjiv Aggarwal, Campus Director.

Manish Sisodia appointed in-charge, Dr. Satinder Jain as co-in-charge is sure to raise many questions Thandal



BUREAU
HOSHIARPUR, MAR 22

Former cabinet minister and senior BJP leader Sohan Singh Thandal had a special conversation with senior journalist Daljeet Ajnoha, during which he said that appointing in-charge or co-in-charge by any party is undoubtedly considered an internal matter of the party, but the occasion in Punjab where Mr. Manish Sisodia has been appointed in-charge and Dr. Satinder Jain as co-in-charge is sure to raise many questions. It was already believed that after the Aam Aadmi Party leaders suffered a crushing defeat in Delhi due to corruption, their interference will increase in Punjab, but after these appointments, it now seems that the Delhi lobby is going to take complete control of the power in Punjab. After AAP supremo Shri Arvind Kejriwal arrived in Punjab on the pretext of meditating in Vipassana, he held public meetings and press conferences on the pretext of Ludhiana assembly by-elections to show that he still has full control over the party.

Workshop on Panchayati Raj and village common land act held at BDPO office Bhunga

HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): A workshop on the Panchayati Raj Act and Village Common Land Act was organized at the BDPO office in Bhunga by the State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD), Chandigarh. The session aimed to educate Sarpanchs and Panchs about their roles and responsibilities in local governance. Advocate Ashwani Verma from the Punjab & Haryana High Court and District Court Hoshiarpur delivered a lecture, explaining the legal framework and significance of these acts in rural development. He emphasized the importance of legal awareness among village representatives for effective decision-making and land management. Resource persons Prabhjot Singh and Neha Sharma from SIRD Chandigarh further sensitized the participants on governance, policy implementation, and the role of Panchayats in community welfare.

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Bihar Foundation Day celebrated with Enthusiasm at Punjab Raj Bhavan



CHANDIGARH: Bihar Foundation Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Punjab Raj Bhavan, where Sh. Gulab Chand Kataria, Governor of Punjab and Administrator of UT Chandigarh, presided over the event.
The celebration, held under the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, showcased Bihar's rich cultural heritage through an array of captivating performances. Traditional folk dances, soulful musical presentations, and cultural programs presented by Chandigarh Sangeet Natak Akademi highlighted the vibrant and diverse traditions of the state, leaving the audience spellbound.
In his address, the Hon'ble Governor extended warm greetings and emphasized that Statehood Foundation Day celebrations provide a unique opportunity to understand and appreciate the traditions and cultures of different states. He added that such events, held at Raj Bhavans across the country, strengthen the spirit of national unity while celebrating India's cultural diversity. Praising Bihar's immense contribution to the nation's cultural and historical legacy, the Governor remarked that Bihar's culture is among the richest in the country, with a civilization dating back to ancient times. He highlighted that Bihar is the sacred land where Mata Sita was born, where Lord Buddha attained enlightenment, and which serves as the birthplace of Jainism. He also noted that the tenth Guru of the Sikhs, Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, was born on this hallowed ground.
A video message from the Governor of Bihar and a documentary film showcasing the state's cultural and historical significance were presented during the event. The audience was enthralled by mesmerizing performances of Bihar's folk music, dance, and poetry, which beautifully captured the

MCM holds free eye check-up camp



CHANDIGRAH: The Health Committee of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, in collaboration with Pro Sight Eye Hospital, Chandigarh, organised a free Eye Check-Up Camp in the college premises. The team members from Pro Sight Eye Hospital comprised the trained team of Dr Sheetal Brar, Medical Director, MBBS, FC, FPRS (Ophthalmologist), Mr Naveen Yadav, Mr Amritpal Singh, Mr. Aditya Sharma, and other members. During the camp, more than 200 beneficiaries including students, teaching and non-teaching staff members availed the facility of Computerised Vision testing, Refraction test, Vision testing manual, Dry Eye Diagnosis, consultation, and treatment free of cost. Overall, the camp was successful as staff and students availed the free of cost services of Eye Screening, Refraction test (Eye Sight number), Eye pressure test, etc.
Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan lauded this highly contextual endeavour as in the present time, people tend to spend long hours in front of screens, and such screen exposure has led to a sharp increase the incidence of digital eye strain and dry eyes.

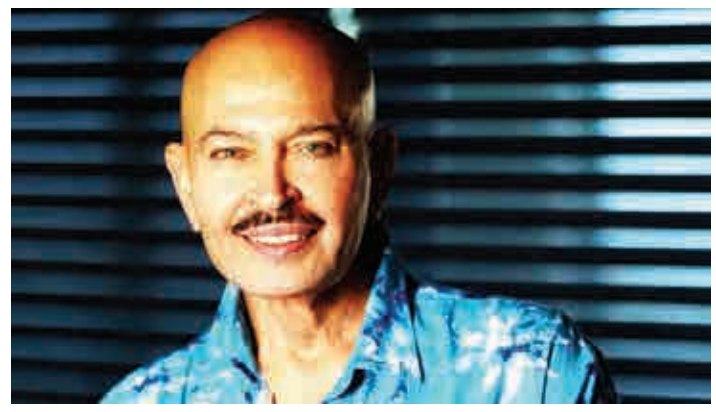
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Congress party will stand firm with farmers in this difficult time: Advocate Jas Bajjoana



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL: Farmer leaders Jagjit Singh Dallewal and Sarwan Singh Pandher were invited for a meeting with three ministers of the Punjab government and Kedar government yesterday, but when the meeting was over, when the farmer leaders entered Punjab from Chandigarh, the Punjab police detained the farmer leaders and after detaining Dallewal along with the police, they were detained at Sambhu border for almost a year. On the Khanuri border, which was going on for the Farmer demand, the police destroyed everything by running a bulldozer and the police washed away the farmers and took them to the bus. Advocate Jaswinder Singh Jas, the senior Congress leader of Rampura Phool constituency, expressed these words. The government has done it together, all the belongings of the farmers have been broken and the cylinders have also been stolen and the tractor trolleys of the farmers have also been taken into possession by the police. Jass Bajjoana said that Punjabis will never forget the torture the government has done to the farmers and it will be difficult for them to come to the village in the coming time.

Rakesh Roshan shares fears of being killed by his security guards after 2000 shootout incident



Veteran actor-director Rakesh Roshan, who directed the debut film of his son, the blockbuster 'Kaho Naa... Pyaar Hai' (2000) recently shared a terrifying experience from his past that he describes as a "bad dream." Shortly after the release of the film, he was shot by assailants, an incident that left his family shaken.

While speaking to ANI, the actor shared that soon after the attack, he was assigned armed security guards for protection. However, instead of feeling safe, Roshan was constantly scared that the guards themselves might "harm" him and accidentally shoot him.

"No matter how many security personnel are around you, you are still an open target. If someone wants to harm you, security personnel won't be able to do anything. If someone wants to do something, these security guards can't help you," said Rakesh.

"After this incident, I was assigned two armed security guards. I would sit in the front seat of the car while they sat in the back. That made me even more scared."

"Voh do peeche baithe hain bandook ke saath. Kabhi kuch ho jaye voh peeche se na mujhe maar de (Those two are sitting behind me with a gun. In case something happens, they can kill me)," Rakesh added.

Roshan also mentioned that the constant security started making him feel "very claustrophobic." Even during his walks on the beach, the guards followed him closely, making him feel trapped. This unusual lifestyle took a toll on him, and he eventually asked for the security detail to be removed.

He said, "When I would go for a walk on the beach, those two security guards would be with me. I was like, 'What is happening?' So, I requested them to take away my security cover. I am okay just as I am. We will see what happens."

Veteran filmmaker Rakesh Roshan won the Outstanding Achievement Award at IIFA 2025. Rakesh has acted in films like Khubsoorat (1980) with Rekha and Kaamchor (1982) with Jaya Prada. He made his directorial debut with Khudgarz (1987).

Roshan has directed some of the most iconic films, including Khoon Bhari Maang (1988), Karan Arjun (1995), and the Shahrukh Khan starrer Koyla (1997).

Rakesh also worked with his son Hrithik Roshan in films like Koi...Mil Gaya and the Krrish series. Recently, the docu-series The Roshans, featuring Hrithik Roshan, Rakesh Roshan, and Rajesh Roshan, was released on Netflix.

Yudh Ka yeh charan ab Rann aur Mann dono pe khela jaega! The Legend of Hanuman S6 premieres on JioHotstar this Hanuman Jayanti!



CHANDIGARH : This Hanuman Jayanti, The Legend of Hanuman returns with its much-awaited Season 6, bringing to life one of the most iconic and emotionally charged moments from the Ramayana – Hanuman's race against time to save Laxman. As the war rages on, Ravana turns to mind games, seeking to outwit Ram and break his strength by targeting his closest ally. But Hanuman, driven by devotion and destiny, embarks on his greatest challenge yet, crossing vast lands and treacherous oceans to find the mystical Sanjeevani Booti before it's too late. With breathtaking animation, high-stakes action, and an emotional depth like never before, Season 6 promises to captivate audiences old and new, making this legendary tale more immersive than ever!Co-Creator and executive producer of The Legend of Hanuman - Sharad Devarajan, Co-founder and CEO of Graphic India said, "Season 6 of The Legend of Hanuman is not just a battle of swords and strength, but a war of the mind as Ravan seeks to break Ram's spirit through deception and strategy. Hanuman's latest quest continues our story of devotion, destiny, and the resilience of the human spirit, not just as a warrior, but as a symbol of hope. We are honored to continue this series with JioHotstar and push the boundaries of Indian animation, proving that our mythologies are not just stories of the past, but timeless epics that inspire us today and for generations to come."

Sandeep Kapoor's entry in Jamai No. 1 promises high-voltage family drama!

CHANDIGARH: Popular actor Sandeep Kapoor has made a grand entry into Zee TV's Jamai No. 1, stepping into the role of Pramod, Riddhi's (Simaran Kaur) estranged father. His arrival during the Holi celebrations adds a fresh layer of drama, stirring emotions and long-buried tensions. Separated from his wife years ago, Pramod has been kept away from his daughter, and Riddhi has deep resentment towards him. However, Neel (Abhishek Malik), determined to mend their broken bond, sets out to reunite them—unveiling a shocking truth: Riddhi's mother was the real reason behind their separation.



As the story unfolds, viewers can expect intense confrontations, emotional dilemmas, and unexpected revelations that could change Riddhi's perspective forever. Sandeep's entry has created a buzz on set, with the cast and crew warmly welcoming him to the show. Known for his powerful performances, the seasoned actor brings depth and authenticity to the role of Pramod. His presence is set to elevate the drama, as he struggles to reconnect with his daughter while grappling with the pain of a father yearning for his child's love.

Vicky Kaushal's 'Chhaava' leaked online, police registers case

An FIR has been registered in connection with the piracy of Vicky Kaushal-starrer 'Chhaava'.

According to the Mumbai Police, the complainant, Rajat Rahul Haksar, CEO of August Entertainment, an anti-piracy agency appointed by Maddock Films, flagged '1,818 internet links' through which the period drama was circulated illegaly. Accordingly, a case has been registered at South Cyber Police Station under CR No. 23/2025 for offenses under Sections 316(2) and 308(3) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), read with Sections 51, 63, and 65A of the Copyright Act, Section 6AA of the Cinematograph Act, 1952 (Amendment 2023), and Sections 43 and 66 of the Information Technology Act.

'Chhaava' has done exceptionally well at the box office. It has already crossed the Rs 500 crore mark. The Laxman Utekar directorial, based on the life of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, also stars Rashmika Mandanna and Akshaye Khanna in the lead roles.

With this milestone, Chhaava has become Vicky Kaushal's highest-earning film, surpassing his previous blockbusters: 'Uri: The Surgical Strike', 'Raazi', 'Sam Bahadur', 'Zara Hatke Zara Bachke'.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi also recognized Chhaava's success, praising the film during the 98th Akhil Bharatiya Marathi Sahitya Sammelan in New Delhi.PM Modi acknowledged Maharashtra's contribution to cinema, stating, "Aur in dino toh, Chhaava ki dhoom machi hui hai."

He also credited Marathi author Shivaji Sawant's novel Chhava for bringing the legacy of Sambhaji Maharaj to the forefront.

Responding to this honour, Vicky Kaushal shared PM Modi's remarks on Instagram, writing, "Honoured beyond words! Grateful to Hon. PM Narendra Modi Ji. #Chhaava."

His co-star Rashmika Mandanna also expressed her gratitude, writing, "Thank you @narendramodi sir. It's truly an honour."

The film features Vicky Kaushal as Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, Akshaye Khanna as Emperor Aurangzeb, and Rashmika Mandanna as Yesubai.

Tata Play and FanCode Partner to launch Tata Play FanCode Sports, Bringing Unparalleled Sports Action to Indian Fans



CHANDIGARH : Fans in India are in for an exciting experience as Tata Play teams up with FanCode to deliver action-packed sports coverage for its Direct-To-Home and Streaming subscribers. With this partnership, Indian fans can expect a front-row seat to all the drama and excitement of cricket, football, kabaddi, golf and motorsports including Formula 1. Tata Play and FanCode's partnership will give viewers access to a wide range of sports entertainment content. The newly launched Platform Service, Tata Play FanCode Sports is set to air over 100+ hours of LIVE sports month-on-month, in over 8 major sports and across major tournaments including the Carabao Cup, Copa Del Rey, Concacaf Champions Cup, Australia Tour of West Indies, South Africa Tour of Zimbabwe and host of domestic & international T20 leagues. In a landmark move for DTH subscribers, FanCode Sports will also feature Formula 1 content, bringing exhilarating action of 24 Grand Prix weekends like never before. In addition to witnessing Lewis Hamilton make his Ferrari debut and resuming his battle with Red Bull's Max Verstappen, subscribers can also catch global sporting icons like Cristiano Ronaldo, Kylian Mbappé, Mohammad Salah, Lionel Messi, Nicholas Pooran, Pat Cummins, Kagiso Rabada, Aiden Markram and many more across the best sporting events. Sharing this new development, Tata Play's Chief Commercial and Content Officer, Pallavi Puri, said, "We are thrilled to expand our partnership with FanCode.

Sehaj's Shocking Move: Unknowingly Shoots Her Own Brother in 'Sehajveer'!



In the previous episode of Sehajveer, Agent Jass secretly entered Sehaj's room to find information about Nihal. However, in a shocking twist, he regained his memory and realized that he is actually Nihal—Sehaj's long-lost brother! Meanwhile, Kabir discovered the truth about Agent Jass's identity, while Sheetal manipulated Monty into ensuring that Sehaj eliminates him.

Tonight's episode takes a heart-wrenching turn as Sehaj, completely unaware of the truth, pulls the trigger on Agent Jass—her own brother Nihal! The shocking moment leaves everyone stunned as the tragic misunderstanding unfolds, changing their fates forever.

What will happen when Sehaj learns that she shot her own brother?

Mikey Madison recalls being cast by Sean Baker in 'Anora'



Mikey Madison is basking in the glory of her Oscar win for her performance in 'Anora'. In Sean Baker's Anora, Mikey essays the role of a young sex worker from Brooklyn.

On casting Mikey, Baker recalled, "Although Mikey's screen time in Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood was brief, she made such a big impact. Seeing her playing different roles, her ability to change her emotions on a dime, her sense of humour, her ability to make brave choices, and her amazing SCREAM. It was at that point that we reached out to her. After meeting with Mikey, finding out she was a budding cinephile with similar tastes, and her expressing interest in my idea, the character was then written with her in mind."

Madison was thrilled by the outreach - and surprised, as per a press note.

"I was floored that Sean wanted to meet me, but I wasn't about to question it," she recalled.

"I'm a big fan of his work, and Tangerine is one of my favourite movies. I met Sean and Samantha for coffee, and they pitched me this amazing, crazy idea.



Zee TV and &TV unveil their new reality show – Shaadi Mubarak: Phere Aur Fun Unlimited!

CHANDIGARH: Zee TV and &TV are set to bring an extraordinary wedding extravaganza to television with Shaadi Mubarak: Phere Aur Fun Unlimited, premiering on March 22. Celebrating love, family, and the joyous chaos of Indian weddings, the show follows five popular influencer couples on their real-life wedding journeys, packed with laughter, drama, and heartfelt moments.

As a prelude to this grand celebration on television, Shoppers Stop unveiled its exquisite Wedding Collection at a dazzling event, setting the perfect stage for the upcoming show. Choreographed by Marc Robinson, the fashion showcase brought to life vibrant Haldi and Mehendi attire, elegant engagement ensembles, regal wedding wear, and chic destination wedding styles. The show's influencer couples Sana Grover & Swadheet Chaturvedi, Harshit Arora & Vanshika Gaba, Rupali Hasija & Vijay Kamble, Dolly Shah & Shubham Chaurasia, and Prashant Kapoor & Manita Ralhan also graced the runway, embodying the essence of modern Indian weddings where tradition meets contemporary elegance.

Ashish Sehgal, Chief Growth Officer, Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd., expressed his excitement about this launch, stating, "Zee has been a pioneer in bringing meaningful and culturally rich entertainment to Indian audiences. Our latest offering, Shaadi Mubarak: Phere Aur Fun Unlimited, is a heartwarming tribute to the spirit of Indian weddings, capturing the beauty of love, family bonds, and traditions that define our culture. Indian weddings are vibrant, larger-than-life affairs, and we wanted to bring the excitement, drama, and humour behind the wedding journey to our audiences in the most authentic way possible. Our collaboration with Shoppers Stop as the title sponsor is a perfect synergy, seamlessly blending entertainment with the latest trends in wedding fashion. I warmly welcome all our sponsors, and I am confident that this platform will offer brands unique opportunities to engage with millions of viewers through innovative integrations."



Vishnu Shankar, Chief Cluster Officer, &TV, Zing, Big Magic, and Anmol, said, "Shaadi Mubarak: Phere Aur Fun Unlimited is not just a reality show—it's a grand celebration of India's most cherished tradition. With a captivating mix of comedy, drama, and heartfelt emotions, the show beautifully encapsulates the magic of Indian weddings. Through five unique love stories, each unfolding over two thrilling episodes, we take audiences on an unforgettable journey that begins on Saturday and culminates in a spectacular grand finale on Sunday. Our collaboration with Shoppers Stop elevates this experience, seamlessly merging compelling storytelling with the finest in wedding fashion. Together, we are crafting an immersive spectacle that embodies love, festivity, and timeless elegance at its finest."

Sharing their excitement, popular influencer couple Harshit Arora and Vanshika Gaba said, "From sharing everyday moments with our followers to now having our real wedding aired on television, this journey has been nothing short of incredible! As content creators, we are used to curating special moments, but this time, the cameras captured our raw emotions, our love, and the magic of our big day in the most authentic way. Our families were thrilled, and our social media community is just as excited to witness this moment with us! A huge thank you to the team behind this show for making it happen. It is a dream come true for any couple!"

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