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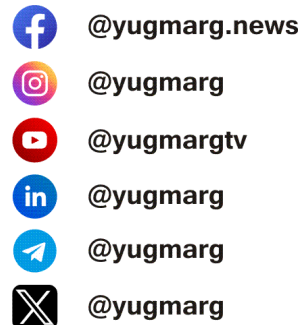
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SC publishes report on alleged cash stash at Judge's residence

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NEW DELHI, MAR 23

In an unprecedented move aimed at ensuring transparency, the Supreme Court has uploaded a report submitted by Delhi High Court Chief Justice DK Upadhyaya regarding allegations of a cash stash found at the residence of High Court Judge Justice Yashwant Varma, who has categorically dismissed the accusations as a "conspiracy".

The report, now available on the Supreme Court's official website, includes Justice Varma's response to the allegations along with relevant documents.

Sources have revealed that Chief Justice of India (CJI) Sanjiv Khanna, in consultation with collegium members Justice BR Gavai, Justice Surya Kant, Justice AS Oka, and Justice Vikram Nath, unanimously decided to make the documents public. This step was taken to uphold the judiciary's integrity and counter misinformation surrounding the case.

According to the report on the Supreme Court Website, Justice Varma has categorically denied the allegations, calling them a conspiracy to malign him. Referring to a video shared by the police chief, he stated, "I was shocked to see the contents of the video since it depicted something that was not found on-site as I had seen it. This appeared to be a conspiracy to frame and malign me."

"I unequivocally state that neither I nor any of my family members had stored or kept any cash or currency in that storeroom at any point of time. Our cash withdrawals, made from time to time, are all documented and always through regular banking channels, the use of UPI applications and cards. In so



far as the allegation of the recovery of cash, I once again make it clear that no one from my house ever reported seeing any currency in a burnt form in the room," said Justice Varma.

"Assuming without admitting that the video was taken immediately at the time of the incident at the site, none of it appears to have been recovered or seized.

Burnt pieces of currency notes found in garbage

NEW DELHI: Sanitation workers have said they have found burnt pieces of currency notes near the official residence of Delhi High Court judge Justice Yashwant Varma who is facing a probe over cash allegedly recovered from his residence.

"We work in this circle. We collect garbage from the roads. We were cleaning here 4-5 days back and collecting garbage when we found some small pieces of burnt Rs 500 note. We found it that day. Now, we have found 1-2 pieces...We do not know where a fire broke out," Inderjeet, a sanitation worker, told ANI.

Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna on Saturday constituted a three-member committee consisting of Punjab and Haryana High Court Chief Justice Sheel Nagu Himachal Pradesh Chief Justice G.S. Sandhawalia and Karnataka High Court Judge, Justice Anu Sivaraman to conduct an inquiry into allegations against

NCB detains gangster Bhagwanpuria under PIT-NDPS Act, sent to Assam jail

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, MAR 23

The Narcotics Control Bureau detained gangster-cum-drug peddler Jaggu Bhagwanpuria under the PIT-NDPS Act (Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988) for a minimum period of one year. He has been sent to Silchar Jail in Assam.

Notably, Bhagwanpuria is also an accused in Sidhu Moosewala murder case.

The gangster was transferred to Assam Jail from Bathinda high security jail under heavy security with deposition of both Punjab

police and NCB officials.

Bhagwanpuria, whose real name is Jagdeep Singh, is the first Punjab gangster detained under the PIT-NDPS Act.

Singh, hailing from Bhagwanpur village within the Kot Surat police limits in Gurdaspur, is infamous for his involvement in cross-border drug smuggling along the India-Pakistan border. According to sources, even while serving extended prison terms for various NDPS-related offenses, he reportedly managed to coordinate drug trafficking, extortion, and acts of violence using encrypted communication channels and a wide network of accomplices.

Mann lays foundation stone of medical college at SBS Nagar to come up at Rs 300 crore

BUREAU
SHAHEED BHAGAT
SINGH NAGAR, MAR 23

Ignored for several decades, the Doaba region of the state on Sunday got its third medical college within 36 months as Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann laid the foundation stone of Shaheed Bhagat Singh Government Medical College to come up at a cost of around Rs 300 crore.

This is the third medical college in Doaba region as the Chief Minister had earlier laid the foundation stones of Medical Colleges at Hoshiarpur and Kapurthala. So due to the visionary approach of the Chief Minister, out of four districts of Doaba region

three viz. Hoshiarpur, Kapurthala and Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar will now have Government medical colleges. The new Government Medical College will be attached to the Civil Hospital and this institution, named after Shaheed Bhagat Singh, is a tribute to his legacy and commitment to the people of Punjab.

The college will offer 50 MBBS seats, bringing medical education closer to students from the region. The District Civil Hospital, SBS Nagar, currently provides secondary-level care but lacks specialized medical facilities. With the establishment of the medical college specialist and super-specialist doctors will be available round the clock.

Chandigarh Grenade Attack: NIA chargesheets 4 Babbar Khalsa International terrorists

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, MAR 23

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has chargesheeted four terror operatives of the Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) terrorist organisation in the 2024 Chandigarh grenade attack case, officials said on Sunday.

As per a release by the NIA, the chargesheet filed before the Special NIA Court in Chandigarh includes Pakistan-based designated individual terrorist Harwinder



Singh Sandhu alias Rinda, and US-based Harpreet Singh

Samyukt Kisan Morcha calls upon farmers to hold protests across nation on March 28

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, MAR 23

Hitting out at Punjab Police's crackdown on the protesting farmers, national coordination committee of the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) has called upon farmers across India to hold demonstrations across the country on March 28.

"The National Coordination Committee of SKM calls upon the farmers to hold protest demonstrations at districts across India on March 28 against the police repression on farmers' protest in Punjab," the farmer's union said in statement on Sunday.

The SKM also urged all farmer organisations and platforms, including Kisan Mazdoor Morcha (KMM) and SKM (Non Political), to join issue-based unity and come forward "to unite against repression".

"On the direction of the Bhagwant Mann-led state government, Punjab Police had arrested and put in jail 350 farmer leaders and activists, including Jagjit Singh Dallewal and Sarwan Singh Pandher. The police had bulldozed the tents and stages of agitating farmers at Khanauri and Shambu borders and forcibly removed tractor trailers, trolleys and other appliances," the statement said.

alias Happy Passia.

The release notes that the two terrorists were the primary handlers and conspirators behind the attack. They had provided logistical support, terror funds, weapons, and ammunition to India based on-ground operatives in Chandigarh for executing the grenade attack.

As per the release, the September 2024 attack was intended to target a retired officer of the Punjab Police, who the assailants believed to be the occupant of the

house.

"Investigations revealed that Rinda, along with Happy Passia, had orchestrated the conspiracy to strike terror among law enforcement officials and general public through the grenade attack, as part of the broader aim to promote BKI's terrorist agenda. They had recruited local operatives, namely Rohan Masih and Vishal Masih, who were tasked with carrying out the attack under their direct instructions," the agency said.

Hry govt constantly taking steps to increase income of farmers: Nayab Saini

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAR 23

Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini has said the Haryana Government is committed to increase the income of farmers. Many schemes have been started in the interest of farmers. This year, the agriculture budget has been increased by 19.2 per cent. He said the youth working in the agriculture sector will be sent to Israel so that they can become aware of new agricultural technologies. He announced the construction of a hostel and seminar hall at the Indo-Israel Vegetable Excellence Centre in Gharanda and honoured 74 progressive farmers. On Shaheed Diwas, the Chief Minister paid tribute to the

revolutionaries Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru on their martyrdom. He also released the 'Haryana Horticulture' magazine and visited the exhibition organized by the farmers.

The Chief Minister was speaking as the chief guest at the closing ceremony of the three-day 11th Mega Sabji Expo-2025 organized at the Indo-Israel Vegetable Excellence Centre in Gharanda today. He said farmers are the pride of Haryana. They have set an example by moving away from the traditional crop cycle and increasing production through innovation and modern techniques in fruit, vegetable cultivation and beekeeping. The expo is an important platform for farmers to get information about agricultural techniques.

India to drive 6% of global trade growth, 3rd after US, China

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, MAR 23

India will make a significant strides in the global trade over the next five years, contributing about 6 per cent in the world's trade growth, just behind China at 12 per cent and the United States at 10 per cent, as per a joint report by DHL and the New York University Stern School of Business.

The latest DHL Trade Atlas 2025 anticipates that in five years, India will retain its third-place rank on the scale dimension as well as jump 15 spots to the 17th position on the



speed dimension as its compound annual trade volume growth rate rises from 5.2 per cent to 7.2 per cent.

The report highlighted that India was only the 13th largest participant in international trade in 2024, but its trade volume grew at a 5.2 per cent compound annual rate from 2019 to 2024, while global trade grew at only a 2.0 per cent rate.

"India's rapid trade growth reflected both its swift macroeconomic growth and its increasing participation in international trade," the report added.

"The Trade Atlas underlines India's rapid expansion in global

trade, positioning the country as a critical hub connecting the east and west. While we anticipate trade volume growth and an increase in global trade share, we remain cautiously optimistic about the future given the global economy's general volatility," said R S Subramanian, SVP South Asia, DHL Express.

Interestingly, the report says that while China is often viewed as a more trade-oriented economy than India, "India's goods trade-to-GDP ratio was almost as high as China's in 2023, and India's trade intensity exceeded China's when considering trade in both goods and services."

I PREMVATI Mother of No 15786376F Hav VIKAS PANWAR R/o Vill- Gotka, PO Gotka, Teh Sardhana, Distt Meerut, UP, Pin-250344 My name & DOB wrongly entered as PREM WATI (01-07-1960) in my son service record. My Correct name & DOB is PREMVATI (01-01-1966) 778934

I PRITY SHARMA Spouse of No 15217535A HAV SHARMA JAYMINESH RAJENDRA R/o H.NO:509, New Sakat Nagar, Hinoo Doranda, Ranchi, Jharkhand- 834002 My name wrongly entered as PRITI SHARMA in my husband service record. My Correct name is PRITY SHARMA 778934

I Chamkaur Singh S/O Sadhu Singh R/O Village Jargarhi, Tehsil Payal (Ludhiana) Hereby Declare That My Son Rudla Singh And His Wife Paramjit Kaur, His Son Lovepreet Singh, His Daughter Arshdeep Kaur Are Beyond My Control, Due To Which I Am Disinheriting Both Of Them From My Movable And Immovable Property. I Will Not Be Responsible For Their Transactions. 63372

It is for general information that I Amarjit Singh S/o Hari Singh R/o Saharan Majra, Ludhiana, Punjab-141117 declare that name of my wife has been wrongly written as Pupinder Kaur in my Passport No. W6420720. The actual name of my wife is Bhupinder Kaur which may be amended accordingly. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection. 63372

I, MANGILAL ARYA is FATHER OF ARMY No. JC 389142H, Rank Sub. Name NAND KISHOR ARYA Resident of (Address) Post - Jamoniya, Tehsil - Tonk Khurd, Mandir Ke Pichhe, VTC - Jamoniya, Dist - Dewas, State - Madhya Pradesh - 455116, Hereby declare that I have Changed My Name From MANGILAL ARYA to MANGILAL PATEL AND ALSO Changed My DOB From 01-07-1952 to 01-01-1951. Due to Wrongly entered in the Service Record of My Son. Vide Affidavit Attested by Notary (Govt. of India) Kindly Correct it. 63372

I, Karthey Ram is Father of ARMY No. JC 335867P, Rank Nb/Sub. Name -Anil Kumar and Resident of (Address)- Vill. - Tehra Po. Siyatheri, Tehsil - Baheri, Distt.- Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh - 243201, Hereby declare That I have Changed My Name From Karthey Ram to Kaderham & Also changed my DOB From 23-01-1961 to 01-01-1963. Due to wrongly entered in the Service Record of my son. Vide Affidavit Attested by Notary (Govt. of India) Kindly correct it. 63372

I, Savitri Devi is Mother of Army No.JC 335867P, Rank - Nb/Sub. Name - ANIL KUMAR AND Resident of (Address)- Vill - Tehra, Po. Siyatheri , Tehsil - Baheri, Distt.- Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh - 243201, Hereby declare that I have Changed My Name From Savitri Devi to Javitri Devi and Also Changed My DOB From 23-01-1963 to 01-01-1958, due to wrongly entered in the Service Record of My Son. Vide Affidavit Attested by Notary (Govt. of India) Kindly correct it. 63372

I RAGHURAJ Father of No 15786376F Hav VIKAS PANWAR R/o Vill Gotka, PO Gotka, Teh Sardhana, Distt Meerut, State UP, Pin-250344 My name & DOB wrongly entered as RAGHURAJ SINGH (01-07-1955) in my son service record. My correct name & DOB is RAGHURAJ (01-03-1960) 778934

I ,hitherto known as RAJWINDER KAUR W/O BOHAR SINGH , residing at NEAR BABE NIHALE DI D H A R A M S H A L A , BHALOOR DISTT MOGA, PUNJAB – 151207 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as RAJDEEP KAUR . 100066

I, Simar Kaur W/o Sh. Karnail Singh Village Bhogpur, Tehsil Kalka, Distt. Panchkula Haryana, Have been changed my name from Simar Kaur to Simarjit Kaur. 900012

I, Service No.17031387N, Rank - Sep. Name - Mantu Kumar, Resident Of (Address)- Fudkichak, Fudki Chak, Gogri, Khagaria, Bihar-851203, hereby declare that My Minor daughter Name is Lakshmi KUMARI AND I have Changed My said Minor Daughter's DOB from 26/12/2017 to 26/12/2016 as per her Aadhar card. Due to Wrongly entered in My Service Record. Vide Affidavit Attested by Notary (Govt. of India) Kindly correct it. 63372

I, Army No. 15149280K, Rank - Hav. Name - Omiyong Pangging, Resident of (Address) - Vill. Naming , Po. Mebo, Distt. East Siang , Pasighat, State - Arunachal Pradesh, Pin - 791102, hereby declare That I have Changed My Minor Daughter's Name from Aishtomi Panging to Astomy Pangging as per her Aadhar card. Due to Wrongly entered in My Service Record. Vide Affidavit Attested by Notary (Govt. of India) Kindly Correct it. 63372

I, PRAKASH PANDURANG KALASKAR am legal dependent of NO. 14831338K RANK NK/MT NAME KALASKAR VP, UNIT 5571 ASC BN C/O 56 APO Presently residing at MILIND NAGAR, WARD NO. 20, BEHIND CIVIL HOSPITAL, B U L D A N A , B U L D A N A , MAHARASHTRA 443001, hereby declare that I have changed my name from KALASKAR PRAKASH to PRAKASH PANDURANG KALASKAR and DOB from 01-07-1958 To 15-06-1956. Both names and DOB Pertains to one and the same person. Vide Affidavit Attested by Notary (GOVT OF INDIA) Kindly Correct it. 63372

I, ARMY NO. 14655581W NAME EKLAS SHAIKH, RANK HAV UNIT 629 EME BN C/O 56 ??? , MAMUN CANTT,PATHANKOT, Hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from AMINAKHATOON to AMINAKHATUN. Both names pertain to one and the same person. Vide Affidavit Attested by Notary (Govt. of India) Kindly correct it. 63372

I, Narottam S/o Sh. Vidya Ram R/o H No-2442, Mauli Jagran Complex, UT Chandigarh declare that son Suraj & his wife Meera are out of my control. So, I disown them from my all movable & immovable property. If anybody deal with them in future he/she/they/them himself responsible for the same 60017

I, Pooja Rani w/o Pavnish Kumar R/o Barwala Distt. Hisar ((Haryana)-125121 declare that I am a permanent resident of Barwala Distt. Hisar. That my old name is Pooja Rani and I want to change my name to Jassi Bala. In future, my name is Jassi Bala for all purposes. That neither any court case is any court nor is any bank loan is pending against my old name. That I will be solely responsible myself for any illegal activity, if any, is carried out by me after changing my name. 72783

I, Swetima Sharma wife of Rupesh Sharma resident of Flat No. A3, G Block Sugandha Apartment Near Saproon Gurudwara Solan, District Solan declare that I have changed my name from Swetima Sharma to Bindu Sharma. Note the relevant. 600020

I, Indra Rani W/o Madan Lal R/o H No-787, Shivalik Vihar, Naya Gaon, SAS Nagar Mohali declare that son Rajinder Kumar & his wife Geeta are out of my control. So, I disown them from my all movable & immovable property. If anybody deal with them in future he/she/they/them himself responsible for the same 60017

I Dilpreet Kaur Alias Manjinder Kaur w/o Labh Singh r/o Village Jaga Ram Tirath Tehsil Talwandi sabo Distt.Bathinda known As Dilpreet kaur Alias Manjinder Kaur. These Names Are Mine. Please note. 60018

PUBLIC NOTICE

I,Surinder Kumar S/o Piyare Lal,R/o H.No-175,Near Bus S t a n d , D e f e n c e Colony,Jalandhar declare that my son Rajesh Kumar and his wife Sangeeta and my grand sons Tarun Kumar and Varun Kumar all are out of my control.So, I disown all of them from my movable and immovable properties. Anybody deals with them at their own risk and responsibility. All concerned may note. 900026

I, Ranjodh Singh, son of Gurcharan Singh, resident of village Manochahal Kalan, Tehsil and District Tarn Taran, declare that my son Jaspreet Singh alias Jass, who is beyond the control of me and my wife Rajbir Kaur, therefore I am dispossessing him from my movable and immovable property. The person who deals with him will be responsible for it, I or any member of my family will not be responsible. 63372

I, Lakhwinder Singh S/o Tarsem Singh R/o Vpo Dakha Distt Ludhiana declared that my son Jobanpreet Singh are out of our control, we disown them from my movable/immovable property. If anybody dealing with them at his/her own risk. We will not be responsible. 63372

I, SUMAN PRAKASH KALASKAR am legal dependent of NO. 14831338K RANK NK/MT NAME KALASKAR VP,UNIT 5571 ASC BN C/O 56 APO Presently residing at MILIND NAGAR, WARD NO. 20, BEHIND CIVIL HOSPITAL, BULDANA, BULDANA, MAHARASHTRA 443001, hereby declare that I have changed my name from KALASKAR SUMAN to SUMAN PRAKASH KALASKAR and DOB from 01-07-1966 To 02-04-1964. Both names and DOB Pertains to one and the same person. Vide Affidavit Attested by Notary (Govt. of India) Kindly correct it. 63372

I, Sanjeev Verma S/o Gurdev Rah and Jyoti Verma W/o Sanjeev Verma R/o Mandi Mullanpur,distt Ludhiana declared that our daughter Diksha Verma are out of our control, we disown them from our movable/immovable property, if anybody dealing with them at his/her own risk. We will not be responsible. 63372

I, Prince Gharu s/o Samial r/o Vpo. Chak Vendal tehsil Nakodar district Jalandhar have Changed my name from Prince to Prince Gharu given name is Prince and surname is Gharu. 100066

I, Bimla Devi wife of Subhash Chand r/o House Number 134/14, Jind Road Main Gali, Patel Nagar Kaithal, District Kaithal (Haryana), have changed my name from Bimla Devi to Vimal Rani. Concerned please note. 84451

I, Rimple Bansal W/o Fanish Gupta R/o House No. 846, Ward Number 28, Link Road, Mohalla Angadpura Moga have changed my name after marriage to Rimple Gupta 90007

I, Durgesh Kumar Shukla is resident of Vill-Noorpur, PO-B.B.Singh, Distt-Gonda, Uttar Pradesh-271126 have changed my daughter's name from Srishti Shukla to Shristi Shukla vide affidavit dated 22-03-2025 before Notary Public Bathinda 100078

LOST & FOUND

Our Regd No 5177 Dated 19.03.1979 And Regd No 4980 Dated 14.12.1987 has been lost on 14.03.2025 from East Bhatia Nagar, Yamunanagar. FIR no. 132400502501031 has been regd at Yamunanagar police station. If any body found it please inform Sanjeev Bhatia S/o Sh. Harbans Lal Bhatia, R/o H. No 486, Sector 15, Huda, Jagadhri, Distt Yamunanagar. 900060

LOST & FOUND

I Nishi Sehgal W/o Ajay Kumar Sehgal, R/o 339, Chotti Baradari,Part-1,Jalandhar declare that Raawal,Tehsil and Distt. Jalandhar industrial plot original Sale Deed no. 382,dated 16.4.2010 and GPA 276, dated 9.4.2010, and Sale Deed no. 960, dated 2.6.2000, and Sale Deed no. 4910, dated 5.3.2002 and Sale Deed no. 984,dated 7.6.2000 has actually been losted. All concerned may note. Same was published on 14-3-2025. If anyone wants to claim/ compliant regards this,Please Contact Advocate Mr. Vikas Sood District Jalandhar M: 9814094356 within 2 more days. 900026

LOST & FOUND

I , Anita W/o Vikram R/o Kaithal Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) declares that my Previous Original Sale Deed No. 6974/I/ Dated 17.01.2014 Has been lost on 24.01.2024 at Near Bus Stand , Kaithal. A Complaint no. 132280082500678 has been also registered in Civil Line Police Station , Kaithal. If any body found please contact Advocate Ranbir Rana , Chamber No. 28 , Distt. Court , Kaithal Mobile No. 9466200028 Within 7 Days. 84451

LOST & FOUND

I, Ramniwas S/o Jogi Ram R/o village Nigdhu, sub-tehsil Nigdhu, District Karnal, hereby state that the registry deed no. 330 dated 24.06.2024 in my name by the Sub Registrar, sub-tehsil Nigdhu, dated 15.03.2025 has been lost somewhere in village Nigdhu. Its DDR number is 132310852500141. 100070

PUBLIC NOTICE

In the court of Sh. Sumer Singh Gurjar, IAS, Financial Commissioner (Appeal) Punjab Civil Secretariat-2, Sector-9, Chandigarh ROR No. 289 of 2023

The above mentioned case as per the given title is pending before this Court which relates to Partition. Title:-

Tirath Kaur alias Surinder Kaur ...Petitioner Versus

Ld. Assistant Collector 1* Grade Noormahal & ...Respondents

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Public Notice is issued to the following -

11. Gurmaam Singh s/o Harbhajan Singh s/o Gurdit Singh

12. Sukhviri Singh s/o Harbhajan Singh s/o Gurdit Singh Both residents of Village Gorsian Peeran, Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar.

14. Punjab State Federation of Cooperative House Building Societies Limited Ropar through Chief Officer/Manager/Secretary

15. State bank of India Branch Noor Mahal through Branch Manager ...Respondents

Whereas Tirath Kaur alias Surinder Kaur, Daughter of Sh. Nazam Ram. Wife of Baldev Ram, Resident of Village Dhuleta Tehsil Phillaur District Jalandhar has filed Revision petition under Section 16 of the Punjab Land Revenue Act, 1887 for setting aside the order dated 23.02.2021 passed by the Assistant Collector 1st Grade, Noormahal and for setting aside/quashing all subsequent proceedings to the partition order dated 23.02.2021 including Sanad Taksim dated 14.09.2021 in the partition cases bearing No. 80-A, 81 NT & AC/1/2020. In this revision petition the above mentioned persons are impleaded as respondents.

And whereas it has been proved to the satisfaction of the court that the Contesting Respondents above named cannot be served in the ordinary way of service. The case is fixed for hearing on 26-3-25 at 11:00 and if they want to defend their case they need to appear personally or through their representative on 26-3-25 at 11:00

Take the Notice that, in default of their appearance on the day as mentioned, the above said case will be heard and decided in their absence.

Given under my hand and seal Court on (Sh. Sumer Singh Gurjar)

Financial Commissioner (Appeals) Punjab at Chandigarh.

I, Savithri spouse of No 15330859Y Rank HAV Name L Sreenivasa Reddy of Unit 38 AER presently residing at Vill Balayapalle, PO Gangana Palle, Teh Badvel, Distt Y S R Kadapa, State Andhra Pradesh, PIN 516217 have changed my Name from Savithri to Lakkireddy Savithri vide affidavit dated 24.03.2025 before Notary Public Distt Courts Bathinda 100078

I, Manju Sapra W/o Rajesh Sapra R/o H.No. 765, Phase-2 Chabal Road, Near Gurudwara, Anand Vihar, Amritsar have changed my Name MANJU SAPRA to MANJU BALA and also changed my Son Name From PRANIT to PRANIT SAPRA. Please Concered Note. 72737

I, Prabh Preet W/o Rajesh Kaur R/o H.no. 13, Gali no. 3, near Radha Swami dera hargobind Avenue Bhalla colony Chheharta Amritsar Punjab havi change my name to Prabhpreet Kaur 72737

I, Manpreet Singh s/o Balkar Singh r/o village Cheema Khurd, P.O. Cheema Kalan, District Amritsar, declare that in my army documents, my son's name is mentioned as Gurbikramjit Singh but his correct name is Bikramjit Singh. 72737

I, GURLIN KAUR W/o sukhwind singh suri R/o H.no L-5/896 gali no 4 namdev colony sultanwind road Amritsar have change my name to Gurleen kaur suri. 72737

I Paramjit Kaur W/o Balwinder Singh R/o H.No. 31, Gali No. 10-A, Ganda Singh Colony, Tarn Taran Road, Amritsar declare that I have changed my name from Paramjit Kaur to Paramjeet Kaur concerned please note. 72737

ਜਨਤਕ ਨੋਟਿਸ
ਨਗਰ ਨਿਗਮ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ।
ਹਰ ਅਮ ਤੇ ਖਾਸ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਜਨਤਕ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਰਟੀ ਨੰਬਰ ਬੀ-15-437 ਨਗਰ ਨਿਗਮ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਜੇਨ-ਐਂਡ ਟੇ ਹਾਊਸ ਟੇਸਟ (ਟੀ ਐਂਡ- ਟੀ) ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਵਿੱਚ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰਬਚਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਕਰਕੇ 91-1/2 ਖ: ਗੱਲ ਟੇਸਟ ਮੌਤਕ ਹੋਈ ਦਰਜ ਹੈ। ਨੀਚੀ ਸ਼ਬਦਾਰ/ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ਾਂ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰਬਚਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੇ ਮੌਤ ਮਿਤੀ 05.01.1998 ਨੂੰ ਅਤੇ ਸ਼੍ਰੀਮਤੀ ਨੀਲੋਬ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰਬਚਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੇ ਮੌਤ ਮਿਤੀ 26.12.2011 ਨੂੰ ਦੇ ਚੁੱਕੀ ਹੈ। ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਨੀਲੋਬ ਕੌਰ ਨਾਮ ਨਿਗਮਾਂ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਅੰਬਕ ਧਰਮਜੀ ਪੰਥੀ (ਐਮ ਐਚ ਟੀ) ਹਰਕਾ ਸੰਨਦਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਤਾਜੀਕ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਣਾ ਦੇ ਉਸ ਤਾਜ਼ਾਬਾ ਹਿੱਦ ਕਾਨੂੰਨੀ/ਰੁਕਰਤੀ ਖਾਸ ਕਰਕੇ ਹੇਠਾਂ 1. ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਨੀਲੋਬ ਕੌਰ (ਪਤਨੀ) 2. ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਨਿਰਮਲ ਸਿੰਘ (ਪੁੱਤਰ) ਮੌਤ ਦੇ ਚੁੱਕੀ ਹੈ, 3. ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਜਗਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ (ਪੁੱਤਰ) ਮੌਤ ਦੇ ਚੁੱਕੀ ਹੈ, 4. ਨੀਰੰਦਰ ਕੌਰ (ਪੁੱਤਰੀ) 5. ਲਲਵਿੰਦਰ ਕੌਰ (ਪੁੱਤਰੀ) 6. ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਸੁਰਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ (ਪੁੱਤਰ) ਤਾਜੀਕ ਕੀਤੇ ਭਰਜੀਨਾਂ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਇਹਨਾਂ ਛੇ ਤਾਂ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਹੋ ਕੇਈ ਖਾਸ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਇੱਥੇ ਇਹ ਜ਼ਿਕਰਯੋਗ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰਬਚਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੇ ਜ਼ਿੰਦਗੀ ਦੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਇੱਕ ਅਣ-ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਖਾਸੀਕਰ ਮਿਤੀ 17.07.1997 ਆਪਣੇ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਸੁਰਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੇ ਹੱਥ ਵਿੱਚ ਕੀਤੀ ਸੀ। ਮੌਤਕ ਦੇ ਕਰ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਰਜ ਕਰਨ ਦੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਨੂੰ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਜਨਤਕ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਦੇ ਛਪਣ ਤੋਂ 15 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ-ਅੰਦਰ ਜੇਨਲ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ ਜੇਨ-ਜੀ-ਜੀ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣਾ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਦਰਤਰੀ ਸਮੇਂ ਅੰਦਰ ਲਿਖਤੀ ਫੁਪ ਵਿੱਚ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕਰੇ। ਇਸੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਅੰਦਰ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਨਾ ਆਉਣ ਦੀ ਸੂਰਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਰਟੀ ਨੰਬਰਬੀ-15-437 ਨਗਰ ਨਿਗਮ ਦੇ ਕਰ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਵਿੱਚ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਸੁਰਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਗੁਰਬਚਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਸਿਰਫ ਕਰ ਮੌਤਕ ਬਤੌਰ ਕਰਦਾ/ਤਾ ਵੱਜੋਂ ਦਰਜ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।
ਪ੍ਰਭਾਕਰ, ਜੇਨ-ਜੀ-ਜੀ ਮਿਤੀ 21/03/25 ਨਗਰ ਨਿਗਮ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ।

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I, SUNITA BAI JNI W/o Satya Prasad Gaur R/o H.No 123- A Gali No . 2 Bharat Nagar Jalandhar, Punjab-144009, India have changed my Name from Sunita Bai Jni to Sunita Gaur. All concerned please note. 524473

I Palo W/o Ram Ved R/o V.p.o. Pandrawal , Teh. Nawanshahr Distt. S.B.S Nagar Pin.144422 I Have Changed My Name Spaling From Palo To Pallo. 461257

I Bhawanjot Kaur D/o Gurdeep Singh R/o H. No. Es 243 Makhdoompura Jalandhar Punjab India, Have Changed My Name From Bhawanjot Kaur To Bhavjot Kaur. 461257

I hitherto known as Anmol Singh S/O Lakhvinder Singh R/O Vill. & Po. Nurpur Lubana, Teh. Dhilwan, District Kapurthala, Punjab-144804, have changed my name and shall here after be known as Singh Anmol. All concerned note. 98748

I, Maya Dawivedi W/o Surinder Kumar Mishra R/o #1039A Kharar Sector-126 Chhaju Majra (SAS Nagar, Mohali) have changed my daughter name from Priyanka alias Divya Mishra to Divya Mishra. 63372

I, Sonia D/o Hardip Kumar R/o B-3/496/1 Mohalla Navi Abadi Nawanshahr SBS Nagar have changed my name from Sonia to Sonia Rani. 63372

I, Sarabjit Kaur W/O Gurbhej Singh, R/O Village Kachar Bhan, P.O. Mehar Singh Wala, Tehsil Zira, (Ferozepur), Have Changed My Name Sarbjcet Kaur. 63372

I, Harwinder Singh S/O Amrit Pal Singh R/O Vpo Garlon Bet Teh Balachaur Distt Sbs Nagar Punjab Have Changed My Name To Singh Harwinder. 63372

I, Prabhjot Kaur W/O Charanjit Chouhan R/O Vill Garhi Mahan Singh Distt Jalandhar Declares That In My Name Prabhjot Is My Real Name And Kaur Is My Surname. 63372

I Manpreet Singh S/o Mohan Singh Village Gagra, Teh-Samrala (Ludhiana) Changed My Name Manpeet Singh To Singh Manpeet. 63372

I, Salinder Kaur spouse of No. 3367387F Sep Jit Ram Resident of Vill: Mazara Kalan Po. Jadla Teh- Nawanshahr Distt. SBS Nagar, P b - 144515 changed her name to Shalinder Kaur. 63372

I Alpesh S/O Bhupinder Sekhri R/O Moh Devi Asthan Vpo Nurmahal Tehsil Phillaur Distt Jalandhar Punjab India Have Changed My Name From Alpesh To Alpesh Sekhri. 63372

I Avtar Singh Kalsi S/O Harjinder Singh R/O # 67 Green City Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Avtar Singh. 63372

I, Darshan Kaur W/o Gurcharan Singh R/o Adarsh Nagar Gali No. 10 W.No. 12 H.No. 162 Near Railway Station Sirhind Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib have changed my name to Karamjit Kaur. 63372

I Nirmal Singh Sidhu S/O Gurmel Singh R/O Ghanda Banna Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Nirmal Singh. 63372

I Dharminder Chauhan S/O Ram Aasre R/O MCB-Z6-11257, Street No.37/2 , Ward No.45, Paras Ram Nagar Bathinda Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Dharmender Chauhan. 63372

I Ram Aasre Chauhan S/O Chhotakanu R/O MCB-Z6-11257, Street No.37/2 , Ward No.45, Paras Ram Nagar Bathinda Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Ram Aasre. 63372

I Harpreet Kaur W/o Manveer Singh Boparai R/o Vpo Boparai Kalan Distt Ludhiana, Punjab have changed my name to Harpreet Kaur Boparai (After Marriage). 63372

I, Niti Singh Siwach W/o Suseem Siwach #1114, T-D, Escon Arena, Nagla Road, Singpura Chowk, Zirakpur, SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab have changed my name from Niti and Niti Singh to Niti Singh Siwach. 63372

I Parwinder Kaur W/O Sukhvinder Singh Badesha R/O Deep Nagar, Near Joure Pull, Rampura Phul Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Parwinder Kaur Badesha. 63372

I Harwinder Singh S/O Amrit Pal Singh R/O Vpo Garlon Bet Teh Balachaur Distt Sbs Nagar Punjab Have Changed My Name To Singh Harwinder. 63372

I Minakshi W/O Sandeep Handa R/O Post Office Road Goraya Tehsil Phillaur District Jalandhar Have Changed My Name From Minakshi To Minakshi Handa After Marriage. 63372

I, Hardeep Singh Otal S/O Balvir Singh R/o Village Otalan (Ludhiana) have changed my minor son name from Harsehaj Singh to Harsehaj Singh Otal. 63372

I Alpesh S/O Bhupinder Sekhri R/O Moh Devi Asthan Vpo Nurmahal Tehsil Phillaur Distt Jalandhar Punjab India Have Changed My Name From Alpesh To Alpesh Sekhri. 63372

I Nita Rani alias Sunita D/o Sarup Lal W/o Harjit Singh R/o H.No.361, Mohalla Amar Nagar, Kapurthala, Punjab, 144601 changed my name to Sunita Rani. 63372

I Nirmal D/o Karam Chand W/o Raju Masih R/o Village KotKhan Mohammad, P.O. Nanowal Jinder, Gurdaspur, Punjab, 143517, changed my name to Nirmala. 63372

I, Anju S/o Vijay Kumar, R/o Ward No 09, Mohalla Gopal Nagar, Dhariwal, Gurdaspur, Punjab-143519, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Atul Kumar. 63372

I, Deepika Agarwal, W/O Pankaj Goel R/o House No-283, Ward No-4, Near Shiv Mandir, Anaj Mandi, Hailymandi, Gurgaon, Haryana- 122504. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Deepika Goel. 63372

I, Sagar S/O Satish, R/o House No. 579, 74, Near Post Office, Giwana (74), Sonipat, Haryana- 131409, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Sagar Sharma. 63372

I, Shiv Kumar Walia S/O Ashok Kumar Walia, R/o House No-B-4/457, Lower Mall, Near Budha Dal Public School, Dhiru Nagar, Patiala, Punjab-147001, I have changed the name of my minor daughter Angel aged about 3 Years and She shall hereafter be known as Hargun Walia. 63372

I, Harpal Singh Sran S/o Balwinder Singh R/o VPO Takhtpura (Moga) have changed my name to Harpal Singh. 63372

I, Kulvir Kaur W/o Harmandeep Singh Deol R/o VPO Bharawal Kalan (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Kulvir Kaur Deol. 63372

I Dharm Pal S/o Dass Ram R/o VPO-Mahil Gehla Tehsil -Banga, Distt S.B.S.Nagar Punjab Have Changed My Name as Dharam Pal .Concerned note it. 63372

I, Mohd Ishaq S/O Ahmed Din R/O Avian wala, Jamalpura, Malerkotla, Distt. Malerkotla have changed my name to Mohammad Ishaq. 63372

I, ANGOORI legally mother of Arvind Yadav presently residing at 295 6 Main Road Near Govind Mithan Bhandar, Hansari Jhansi, (Uttar Pradesh) 284135 have changed my name from ANGOORI to ANGURI DEVI vide affidavit dated 21-03-2025 before Notary Public at Ferozepur. 900023

I, INDRA DEVI legally mother of Ramesh Pratap Singh CMP CENTRE AND SCHOOL/HQ COPY presently residing at Village-Patauda, Pathrauda, Babupur, Raghurajnagar, Satna, (Madhya Pradesh) 485112 have my correct Dob 01-01-1968 and incorrect Dob 20-07-1962 vide affidavit dated 21-03-2025 before Notary Public at Ferozepur. 900023

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NEWS BRIEF

Guru Nanak Khalsa Senior Secondary School Sector 30B hosted Vibrant Fete



CHANDIGARH: Guru Nanak Khalsa Senior Secondary School, Sector 30B, Chandigarh, hosted a vibrant fete, blending entertainment and education. A key highlight was the on-the-spot admission for pre-nursery classes with a special 7500 concession. The event featured a magic show, cartoon characters, sports activities, and a jumping zone, keeping children engaged. Competitions like drawing, fancy dress, and ramp walk showcased students' talents, while fun games, face painting, mehendi, and a food corner added to the excitement. A special tribute honored Shaheed Bhagat Singh, inspiring patriotism among students. The fete concluded with a lucky draw and the crowning of "Prince" and "Princess" of the event. The successful fete reflected the school's dedication to holistic learning, leaving attendees with cherished memories.

Monthly meeting of Punjab Jail Pensioners Association

ABHISHEK NANDA FEROZEPUR: The monthly meeting of Punjab Jail Pensioners Association was held under the chairmanship of Mr. Kasim Singh Thind. The main agenda of the meeting was to discuss participation in the rally being held in Mohali on 24/03/25. Mr. Sabeg Singh, District Coordinator, United Front, Master Balwinder Singh specially participated in the meeting. The government was strongly criticized for not giving the arrears of pay commission, DA, etc. to employees and pensioners. In the meeting, Baba Gursewak Singh, Baldev Singh, Jarnail Singh, Updes Kumar Sharma, Manjit Singh, Jagirs Singh, Surjit Singh, Jasvir Singh, Vir Chand, Kasim Chand, Darsan Singh, Kunda Singh, Jaswant Singh Beant Singh, Ravinder Singh, Karamjit Singh and Joginder Singh etc. pensioners participated in the meeting. In the end, Sra Sabeg Singh thanked all the colleagues in the meeting.

Dr. Baljit Kaur and Gurmeet Singh Khudiyan pays floral tributes to martyrs



RAMESH KASHYAP FEROZEPUR: On the occasion of the Martyrdom Day of Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh, Shaheed Rajguru and Shaheed Sukhdev, people from all over the country paid homage to the martyrs. The countrymen paid floral tributes to the martyrs in their unique attire and manner. Punjab's Social Security and Women and Child Development, Empowerment and Minorities Minister Dr. Baljit Kaur and Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Dairy Development, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Food Processing Minister S. Gurmit Singh Khudian reached the National Martyrdom Memorial Hussainiwalla and paid tribute. On this occasion, MLA Ferozepur Urban S. Ranbir Singh Bhullar, MLA Ferozepur Rural Shri Rajnish Dahiya and MLA Guruharsahai S. Fauja Singh Sarai also paid tribute to the national martyrs. On this occasion, Cabinet Minister Dr. Baljit Kaur, after paying tribute to the martyrs, said that these brave warriors were cremated here after martyrdom on this holy land of martyrs. She said that this place will continue to inspire the younger generation for selfless patriotism of the country. She said that our martyrs had given us freedom after facing many difficulties.

Spl lecture on budget organized by economics department at Miri Piri Khalsa College Bhadaur



BALWINDER AZAD BARNALA DEHATI: Miri Piri Khalsa College Bhadaur, a renowned institution of the area, is working under the management of the Shriamani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee. The institution is working under the able guidance of the Education Secretary of the Director of Education, Eng. Sukhminder Singh. While this institution is providing education to the students, it also continuously makes efforts for the development of the personality of the students. Under this series, a one-day workshop on budget was organized by the Economics Department of the college on March 20, 2025 at Miri Piri Khalsa College Bhadaur. Prof. Manpreet Kaur of the Economics Department said that in this workshop, Prof. Bal Khatana, Head of Commerce Department (Matia Sahib Kaur Girls College Gehal) participated as the main speaker. Prof. Bal Khatana gave detailed information to the students about the types of budget.

Punjab police busts cross-border drug cartel; woman kingpin among four held with 5.2kg heroin

CHARNJIT SINGH ARORA
AMRITSAR, MAR 23

In a major breakthrough amidst the ongoing war against drugs waging on the directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Amritsar Commissionerate Police has busted a cross-border drug cartel with the arrest of a woman kingpin identified as Mandeep Kaur (27) of village Ibban Kalan in Amritsar and her three operatives after recovering 5.2 kg heroin from their possession, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Sunday.

The other arrested operatives have been identified as Alam Arora (23) and Manmeet alias Golu (21), both residents of Janta Colony in Chheharta, Amritsar; and 18-years-old boy (name withheld) of Tarn



Taran. DGP Gaurav Yadav said that preliminary investigations have revealed that accused Mandeep Kaur was in a relationship with a person, who introduced her to Pak-

istan-based smugglers. Accused Mandeep's ancestral house is located in border village Khalaria in Tarn Taran, which is approximately 2 kilometres from the fencing of the Indo-Pak border, he said. The

Kapurthala heritage festival 2025 concludes with clarion call to preserve heritage

KAPURTHALA (ASHISHPURI): Kapurthala Heritage Festival-2025, organized by the Punjab Government's Tourism Department and District Administration at Guru Nanak Stadium, concluded today, showcasing the rich culture of Punjab, particularly Kapurthala's heritage. Over the span of 3 days, a large number of people at Guru Nanak Stadium enjoyed a variety of cultural performances including Bhangra, Giddha, Sammi, Dhadi Kala, Boliyan, poetry recitations and stand-up comedy, along with performances by renowned singers Kanwar Grewal, Mohammad Irshad and Meet Kaur.

The festival featured Punjab's music, dance, handicrafts, and traditional cuisine, which remained a major attraction for attendees. Additionally, local artists and artisans got an opportunity to showcase their talents, further enhancing the significance of the heritage festival.

"Police strengthen war against drugs in Jalandhar"



BUNNY SODHI
JALANDHAR, MAR 23

In a high-level meeting led by ADGP Technical Services, Sh. Ram Singh, IPS, at the Commissioner of Police office, senior police officials, including Commissioner Dhanpreet Kaur, discussed intensifying efforts against drug trafficking under the Yudd Nashian Virudh initiative.

The strategy focused on dismantling drug supply chains, strengthening rehabilitation efforts, and enhancing public cooperation. Officers were directed to

trace distribution networks, improve intelligence gathering, and encourage citizen participation in exposing traffickers while ensuring whistleblower protection.

The initiative will also launch extensive drug awareness campaigns, particularly targeting the youth. Rehabilitation support for addicts and tracking their progress were emphasized to aid their reintegration into society. With these intensified measures, Jalandhar reaffirms its commitment to eradicating drugs, ensuring a safer, drug-free community.

Safai Sevak Union Jagraon hands over memorandum to authorities



SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, MAR 23

The municipal council workers, under the guidance of District President Arun Gill of the Safai Sewak Union Punjab handed over a memorandum to municipal council Jagraon's President Jatinder Pal Singh Rana and EO Sukhdev Singh Randhawa.

Giving more information about this, Arun Gill said that they put forward their several demands before the authorities regarding the non-payment of salaries to all Grade 4 and Grade 3 outsourced employees of Nagar Council Jagraon, as well as the demands of all sanitation workers/sewer men. "The memorandum provided a dead-

line of March 24, 2025, for resolving the issues. If the salaries of outsourced employees are not paid and the other demands are not addressed by that date, the Union will hold a gate rally to protest later in the day," he added. Furthermore, a complete strike will take place on March 25, 2025, for which Nagar Council Jagraon will be held directly responsible. On this occasion, the entire Nagar Council staff and councillors, including Ravinder Pal Singh Raju, Jarnail Lohat, Safai Union Secretary Rajinder Kumar, Shani Sundar, Sandeep Kumar, Surjeet Singh, Bhagat Singh, Soni Dhillon, Mani Dhaliwal, Vishal Thandon, Gagan Khullar, Navjeet Kaur, Aman.

3rd Mid Term Indian Academy of Otorhinolaryngology and head neck surgery conference concluded successfully

CHANDIGARH, MAR 23

The 3rd Mid Term Indian Academy of Otorhinolaryngology and Head Neck Surgery Conference, being organised by the Department of Otolaryngology and Head Neck Surgery at PGIMER, Chandigarh from 21st -23rd March, 2025 was flagged off by a welcome address from the Organising Chairperson, Prof Jaimanti Bakshi.

Dr P Vijaya Krishnana, Secretary IAOHNS said, "This conference is a unique venture in the Field of Head Neck Surgery and Sleep Apnea, and will hopefully prove to be enlightening for all the attendees." Symposia and Panel Discussions were held on relevant topics like Advances in Oral Cancer, Robotics in Head Neck Surgery, Thyroid Cancer, Salivary Gland Malignancies followed by Invited Talks from the Guest Faculty. This was followed by a video



session. Meanwhile, the sleep apnea sessions commenced in the post lunch segment and included simulating lectures on the Basics of Obstructive Sleep Apnea, Evaluation of Sleep Apnea and variable modes of management including PAP therapy. Oral Appliances and novel surgical techniques. The esteemed gathering was ad-

ressed by the chief guest, Prof Vivek Lal, Director, PGIMER. He said that the Department of Otolaryngology and head neck surgery is doing great work and spreading it's wings and reaching news heights in starting different programs and that he expects the sleep services to expand even further in the coming years.

"World Down Syndrome Day celebrated



VERMA
GURDASPUR, MAR 23

Saint Francis Home (Regd.) Society Pathankot marked World Down Syndrome Day with a heartfelt celebration held at the St. Francis Special School for Intellectual Disability campus. The event was brimming with vibrant cultural activities where children with Down Syndrome showcased their remarkable talents through mesmerizing dance performances. Fr. Joseph Puthenpura, Secretary-cum-Coordinator of Saint Francis Home Pathankot, awarded medals to the winners of the

Sports Day, highlighting the dedication and enthusiasm of the young participants. Parents of children with disabilities joined the event, gaining a deeper understanding of the unique needs and the importance of supporting individuals with Down Syndrome. The celebration aimed to raise awareness and foster acceptance and inclusion for individuals with this condition. In India, Down syndrome, a genetic condition caused by an extra copy of chromosome 21, affects approximately 1 in 800 to 850 live births, with an estimated 30,000-35,000 children affected annually.

Kumar Sanu lends his voice to American movie 'Brilliant Idea



CHANDIGARH, MAR 23

The American movie Brilliant Idea has added another feather to its cap, with legendary Bollywood playback singer Kumar Sanu lending his voice to the title song of the movie. The film is full of entertainment and comedy, and the title song is no different. The song has been composed by actor and music director Chander Mohan, with lyrics by actor and lyricist Ramesh Prasher. Chander and Rajesh say that this is a new type of comedy song with thought-provoking lyrics, and

Kumar Sanu has done full justice to the song by adding improvisations and a new texture to his voice. The movie has been directed by American movie director Rabinder Parashar, who previously worked as an assistant director to legendary Bollywood filmmaker Mahesh Bhatt on films like 'Dushman', 'Zakhm', and 'Sangharsh'. The film features a mix of Hollywood and Bollywood talent, with a star-studded cast that includes Ricky, J.S. King, Naveen Grover, Jatin Suneja, Rajesh Prasher, and Chander Mohan.

Workshop on 'Tech-Maths connection in Digital Era' at RBU



LK BANSAL
MOHALI, MAR 23

University School of Sciences (USS), Rayat Bahra University, in collaboration with the Punjab State Council for Science & Technology (PSCST), organised a two-day workshop on "The Tech-Maths Connection in the Digital Era." The event began with a welcome address by Dr Manoj Bali, Dean, USS, who emphasised the significance of integrating mathematics with modern technologies. The Chief Guest Gurvinder Singh

Bahra, Chancellor of Rayat Bahra University, inaugurating the workshop, encouraged students to explore their full potential by participating in such co-curricular activities. Dr SK Bansal along with other senior faculty members were also present. Dr Sargam Wasu, Associate Professor at G.G.D.S.D. College, Chandigarh, delivered a talk on 'Real-Life Applications of Mathematics,' emphasising its role in various modern technologies like high resolution cameras, VFX technologies and AI tools.

Tribute to Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh on Martyrdom Day



ANIL VERMA
BATHINDA, MAR 23

Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University (MRSPTU), Bathinda, paid a heartfelt tribute to Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh on his Martyrdom Day by staging the powerful and thought-provoking play "Mein Bhagat Singh."

The event, organized to commemorate the unparalleled courage and revolutionary ideals of Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, and Rajguru, was a resounding success. The students of the MRSPTU Theatre Club delivered an outstanding performance, bringing

these iconic freedom fighters to life on stage. The play vividly portrayed the spirit of sacrifice and patriotism, leaving an unforgettable impact on the audience and inspiring the younger generation to embrace the values exemplified by these national heroes.

Directed by renowned theatre artist Mr. Kirti Kirpal and written by acclaimed playwright Dr. Pali Bhupinder Singh, the play served as a fitting homage to Bhagat Singh's indomitable spirit and his significant contributions to India's freedom struggle. Dr. Paramjit Singh, Dean of Student Welfare, applauded the efforts of the The-

atre Club and the guidance provided by Mr. Kirti Kirpal. He also acknowledged the key roles played by Dr. Gagandeep Kaur (Cultural Coordinator), Dr. Shaweta Rani, and Dr. Mandeep Kaur, coordinators of the event.

Addressing the gathering, Prof. (Dr.) Sandeep Kansal, Vice Chancellor of MRSPTU, and Prof. (Dr.) Sanjiv Aggarwal, Campus Director of GZSCCET, reflected on Bhagat Singh's revolutionary vision and literary contributions. They lauded the Theatre Club's exceptional performance and congratulated the entire team for their dedication and creativity.

Mohali Press Club Election Commission releases poll programme, voting on 29th



TILAK RAJ
MOHALI, MAR 23

In view of the annual election of Mohali Press Club to be held on March 29, the Election Commission has released the election program today. A meeting was held under the chairmanship of Chief Electoral Officer Harinder Pal Singh Harry, in which Electoral Officer Kulwinder Singh Bawa and Amardeep Singh Saini were present. Meanwhile, the Election Commission, while releasing the election program, said that the forms for filing nominations for the election of

March 29, 2025, will be available till 10.00 am on March 26, 2025 and the time for filing nominations has been kept from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm, while the time for withdrawal of nominations has been fixed from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm on March 26, 2025.

The scrutiny of nomination forms will be held on 26th March itself from 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm. The election process will be held on 29th March 2025 from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm. This election will be held at Mohali Press Club, Kothi No. 384, Phase-4, Mohali, while the election results will be declared on

29th March 2024 at 4.00 pm. If the office bearers are elected unanimously or unopposed by 26.03.2025, then the results can be declared after 4.00 pm on the same day. It will be mandatory to obtain the annual fee and no dues certificate from the club manager before filling the nomination form and a non-refundable amount of Rs. 800 will be charged as fee at the time of submission of the nomination form. The Election Commission also informed that for the right to vote, the members of the club will have to clear all their dues by 10.00 am on 28.3.2025.

Pharmacy College Bela Professors honoured with Rotary Vocational and Skill Development Service Award



BAHADURJEET SINGH
RUPNAGAR, MAR 23

In a moment of great recognition, the Rotary Club Ropar Central honored Dr. A. S. Kushwah and Dr. Rahul Kumar Sharma of Pharmacy college Bela with the esteemed Rotary Vocational and Skill Development Service Award.

This accolade acknowledges their exemplary dedication to their professions and invaluable contributions to education, research, and societal development. The award ceremony, held at the Rotary Club premises, was a grand affair attended by distinguished

members of the academic and professional communities. The award was presented by Club President Adv. Kulrat Singh and Secretary Mr. Rohit Saini, who commended the recipients for their unwavering commitment to professional excellence and their efforts in mentoring and guiding the next generation of scholars and professionals. Dr. A. S. Kushwah, Head of the Pharmacology Department at Pharmacy College, Bela, has made significant contributions to pharmaceutical sciences, particularly in cardioprotective drug research and neuropharmacology.

Former students of Guru Kashi College honour 6 personalities including Dr. Buta Singh Sidhu, VC



SURINDER DAMDAMI
KOTKAPURA, MAR 23

A group formed by the old students of Guru Kashi College, "Yaaran Naal Baharan", has started a special honor series for the past several years, under which they honor their retired colleagues from time to time.

Under this series, six personalities from different fields were honored during a brief and impressive function held yesterday. During a special gathering held in this regard, Professor (Dr) Buta Singh Sidhu, retired Vice Chancellor of Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University, Bathinda, Teja Singh Bhagi-

wander, retired lecturer, Congress leader and renowned social worker Khushdeep Singh "Babby Chatha", Paramjit Singh, retired executive officer, Surinder Damdami, senior journalist and Vinod Kumar Bansal, Sirsa were honored for their valuable contribution to social service.

Baljit Singh Sandoha and Dr. Jagirs Singh Kaith introduced the above personalities and informed the audience about their various roles from childhood to retirement. Engineer Satpal Singh, the most senior member of the group, expressed happiness during his address that such a meeting refreshes us and never lets us feel old.

NEWS BRIEF

Bhai Rupa Kanya School win first place in NSQF skill competition



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL: Recently, skill competitions of all trades of the district level National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) were organized. Students of government schools participated in these competitions. Out of these competitions, two students of Bhai Rupa won first place. Gagandeep Kaur and Amanat Kaur won first place in Eco Painting, Foil Painting (Trade Apparel). Madam Jasvir Kaur, in charge of the Apparel Trade, informed that these children were honored by District Deputy Education Officer Sardar Sikander Singh and N.S. QF Coordinator Balraj Singh. Principal Balwinder Singh credits Madam Jasvir Kaur and the entire staff for the achievements of these children.

St. Soldier School students achieve excellent results - parents orientation organized under theme "Together we grow"



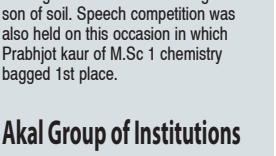
ISHWAR GARG TALWANDI SABO: The students of St. Soldier Rational Public Senior Secondary School, Talwandi Sabo made the school and parents proud by achieving Excellent Results. Parents Orientation Program was organized under the theme "Together We Grow" to celebrate the progress of the students and the support of the parents. Guru Kashi Campus Principal Dr. Baldev Singh Shergill** attended this special event as the chief guest, who encouraged the students and praised the management on the start of the school renovation process.

Science College observes Martyrdom Day of Shaheed Bhagat Singh



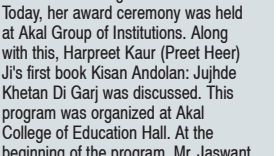
SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON: S. Govt. College of Science Education and Research, Jagraon commemorated the Martyrdom Day of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, a revolutionary freedom fighter of our country. College director Dr. Rajju Kumar Sehgal acquainted the students about the life, ideology and his role in independence struggle of India. A rally was organised by the NSS unit of the college to honor Bhagat Singh's legacy and remember his sacrifice for India's independence. Patriotic fervour soared high during the offering of floral tributes to the great son of soil. Speech competition was also held on this occasion in which Prabhjot kaur of M.Sc 1 chemistry bagged 1st place.

Akal Group of Institutions Gursagar Mastuana Sahib Award Ceremony



BALWINDER AZADI BARNALA DEHATI: Today, Dr. Pal Kaur, who has recently received the Bharatiya Sahitya Akademi Award 2024, was felicitated at Akal Group of Institutions Gursagar Mastuana Sahib. Today, her award ceremony was held at Akal Group of Institutions. Along with this, Harpreet Kaur (Preet Heer) Ji's first book Kisan Andolan: Juhde Khelatan Di Garj was discussed. This program was organized at Akal College of Education Hall. At the beginning of the program, Mr. Jaswant Singh Khaira, Secretary Akal College Council, warmly welcomed the guests and informed them about the establishment, works, and achievements of Akal Group of Institutions.

Lions Club Arman gifts bicycle and shoes to hardworking youth



VERMA GURDASPUR: Lions Club Arman recently carried out a noble act by gifting a hardworking youth a bicycle and a pair of shoes. Club President Harjeet Singh Kala shared that the youth's relentless hard work was recognized, and as a token of appreciation, the club decided to gift him a bicycle and shoes. Kala further explained that both the youth and his brother are very dedicated workers, and after seeing their effort, the club decided to extend some help. The youth had been facing difficulties commuting to work, and keeping this in mind, the club decided to assist him with the gifts to make his daily travel easier. Harjeet Singh Kala praised the youth's hard work and prayed for his future success.

Will carve out progressive Punjab as dreamt by Shaheed Bhagat Singh: Vows CM

KHATKAR KALAN, MAR 23

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Sunday said that the state government is making strenuous efforts for fulfilling the dreams of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Shaheed Rajguru and Shaheed Sukhdev adding that no stone will be left unturned for this noble cause.

Addressing the gathering during a state level function to mark martyrdom of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Shaheed Rajguru and Shaheed Sukhdev here today, the Chief Minister said that this is not a political function but this is a solemn occasion to pay tributes to the great martyrs, who had sacrificed their lives for sake of motherland. He said that the state government is making concerted efforts to perpetuate the legacy of these legendary martyrs for our coming generations. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the state government has decided to construct Shaheed Bhagat Singh Medical College at a cost



of Rs 300 crore as a tribute to these martyrs.

The Chief Minister reminded that due to strenuous efforts of the state government, the Mohali airport has been named after Shaheed Bhagat Singh. He said that none of the previous government had bothered about naming this airport after the great martyr but after assuming the charge of office his government accorded top priority to it. Bhagwant Singh Mann further said that naming the airports, universities and other institutions in the name of

these iconic martyrs is important to perpetuate their glorious legacy.

The Chief Minister also said that his government has dedicated the Nishan-e-Inquilaab plaza to people which houses 30 feet high bronze statue of iconic martyr on Airport road, Mohali. He said that the statue has been installed so that the iconic martyr is remembered every moment anyone travels on that road. Bhagwant Singh Mann expressed hope that such efforts will act as a lighthouse for the visitors coming from within the coun-

try and abroad by apprising them about the role of this legendary martyr. The Chief Minister reiterated that the state government is leaving no stone unturned for cherishing the aspirations of the great martyrs. He said that whenever any dignitary from within the country or abroad visits the state, he makes it a point to remind them to pay homage at this sacred land. Bhagwant Singh Mann bemoaned that the dreams of Shaheed-e-Azam still remain unfulfilled as corruption, nepotism and poverty still rule the roost.

Previous govt tried to shut down Milkfed, Mann govt revived it: Shergill

CHANDIGARH, MAR 23

Milkfed Chairman Narinder Singh Shergill praised the work done by the Aam Aadmi Party government under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann in Punjab's milk/dairy sector and highlighted Verka's achievements over the past three years.

Addressing a press conference on Sunday in Chandigarh, alongside Milkfed directors Ranjit Singh, Amandeep Singh, Rameshwar Singh, Bhupinder Singh, and Harinder Singh, Chairman Narinder Singh Shergill said that previous governments tried to shut down Milkfed, but the Mann government revived it.

He stated that the previous government amended the ESR law to merge Verka with Amul, which significantly weakened the organization. Earlier, it had 6,000 permanent employees, but after the ESR amendment, only 800 employees remained, with the



rest being shifted to other departments. "We strengthened Verka. Two years ago, Verka's revenue was ₹4,500 crore, and now it has increased to ₹6,200 crore. Additionally, there has been growth in many other aspects," he added.

Shergill said that Milkfed is the only institution in Punjab that is directly connected with farmers. This organization has played a crucial role in improving the livelihoods of dairy farmers and enhancing their standard of living. He also shared the key points of Milkfed's achievements...

Financial Support to Dairy Farmers Under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, continuous efforts have been made to improve the financial condition of dairy farmers.

As a significant initiative, milk prices have been set at profitable rates. This has had a direct impact on the income of farmers, making dairy farming a more sustainable and profitable business. The Chief Minister has taken proactive steps to modernize dairy infrastructure in Punjab.

Under govt's campaign, we will make villages drug-free: Billa Sarpanch



GURMAIL SINGH SANGATPURA LEHRAGAGA MAR 23

The "Yudh Nashya Virudh" campaign launched by the Punjab Government and Punjab Police to make Punjab drug-free got a big boost in the constituency when some Sarpanches of the constituency, under the leadership of Surinder Singh Billa Sarpanch Chural Khurd and with the blessings of Cabinet Minister Barinder Goyal, marched in different villages and called upon the people to stand firm against drugs. On this occasion, Sarpanch Billa said that drugs not only weaken us economically but also hollow us physically. Therefore, we should strongly support the "Yudh

Nashya Virudh" campaign launched by the government and boycott drug dealers. He claimed that he will do his best to make my and the neighboring villages drug-free.

He also said that my brother who has become addicted to drugs and needs any help to quit drugs, then he can contact me or my panchayat and get help.

He said that we all should come together and support this campaign to make Punjab drug-free and make Punjab colorful again. He said that if any drug peddler does not desist from his activities, then inform the police and us, the person who gives the information will be fully supported by my panchayat.

DEO Bhupinder Kaur gives green signal to students' admissions in Budhlada's Govt primary school at function



MANSA (NARESH GOYAL): Giving a go bye to the students' admissions in Mansa dist, DEO Bhupinder Kaur asserted that Mansa dist is no more educationally backward now. She claimed that with the government schools well equipped with state of the art technology, having high tech and modern facilities like wi fi, smart touch panel and modern furniture, government schools now outclass the private schools and are, in no way, inferior to them.

Budhlada's MLA Budh Ram, while addressing the students, remarked that students of Mansa district have started producing excellent results in examinations and the teachers of government schools too have been honoured with national and state awards. Even many government schools have teachers having Ph.d and M. Phil degrees. Principal Gurmit Singh Sidhu, block nodal tofficer old that during the past three years, world class facilities haven't been introduced in govt schools and robot science education have also been made part of curriculum of students in Govt schools. An exhibition was also organised by students of Capt K K Gaur Memorial Government primary school of Budhlada while remained centre of attraction for everybody.

Free Medical check-up camp organized by Gauri Shankar Seva Samiti



GURDASPUR (VERMA): Today, a mega medical check-up camp was organized by Gauri Shankar Seva Samiti under the leadership of founder Sanjeev Malhan, on the martyrdom day of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, and Rajguru, and in memory of the late Yashpal Gupta. The camp was held in collaboration with Aman Deep Hospital at the Dhobi Ghat area near Civil Hospital. Dr. Yuktia, Anjali, Sam, Ramesh Thuker, and Rohit Sharma conducted check-ups for over 300 patients and provided them with free medicines. During the event, the chief guest, Ayush Mahajan, appreciated the efforts of Gauri Shankar Seva Samiti, stating, "The work the organization is doing by providing medicines to the needy is commendable. People like Sanjeev Malhan are rare in the world, who dedicate their lives to serving others. It is our duty to support them." Sunita Kumari also expressed her admiration, saying, "People like Sanjeev Malhan are rare in the world, who consider serving others as their religion and spend their entire day in service." Naresh Mahajan, EX-Union President, also praised the team and mentioned that the Gauri Shankar Seva Samiti team truly deserves respect.

Partap World School organizes blood donation camp dedicated to martyrdom of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev

SHARANJEET PATHANKOT, MAR 23

Partap World School, in collaboration with NIFA, Jagriti Foundation, Cricket Association, Rotary Club Pathankot, organised a blood donation camp in the school premises, dedicated to the martyrdom of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev, under the supervision of Director Sunny Mahajan.

On this occasion IAS Sanyam Aggarwal and Major General Suresh Khajuria attended the camp as the chief guests. They were welcomed by Director Sunny Mahajan, Director Oshin Mahajan and the officials of various organisations. On this occasion, the school staff, students, people from various organisations and the youth participated enthusiastically in the camp and donated about 100 units of blood.



School has joined hands with Jagriti Foundation, Cricket Association, Rotary Club Pathankot and NIFA to pay tribute to the martyrs through this blood donation camp and he thanks all the people who donated blood in this camp. He said that the school will always try to organize such camps in future so that it can help the needy people in saving their lives. On this occasion, former Tehsildar Yashpal Sharma, Shammi Chaudhary, Pankaj Sama, Bhupinder Singh etc.

MP Arora pays tribute to martyrs at Jagraon bridge



SHARMA LUDHIANA, MAR 23

MP (Rajya Sabha) Sanjeev Arora visited Jagraon Bridge and laid wreaths before the statues of great martyrs Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev, who were martyred by the British on March 23, 1931. Paying glowing tributes, he said, "We should never forget our martyrs because we enjoy freedom today due to their sacrifices." He emphasised that the three young revolutionaries laid down their lives at an early

age, and it is now the duty of every citizen to work tirelessly for national unity and integration. People present at the event chanted slogans of "Inquilab Zindabad." Later, in an informal interaction with the media, Arora stated that the Punjab government under CM Bhagwant Singh Mann is dedicated to providing smooth and effective governance. He highlighted the resolution of several long-pending public issues as a testament to the people's faith in the current administration.

Volunteers perform duty with fearlessness and passion at Maisarkhana Mela: Pawan Bansal

KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL, MAR 23

Sri Sanatan Dharam Punjab Mahavir Dal (Regd.) Prachin Shri Durga Mandir Head Office Maisarkhana, a training camp was organized for the volunteers of the Dal in connection with the grand fair to be held on Chhath. In which the Dal volunteers from different cities participated.

On this occasion, the Dal's District President Pawan Bansal, General Secretary Mahendra Pal Maui, Cashier Amarjit Giri attended as the chief guests. This camp was presided over by District Captain Kewal Krishna Happy Bugar. On this occasion, Kewal Krishna Happy while addressing said that volunteers should perform their duty during the fair with fearlessness and passion. Happy Bugar said that providing good facilities to every devotee coming to the fair is the first duty of the Dal volunteers, which every volunteer should



come forward to fulfill with all his heart. He said that every facility provided by the Dal depends on the duty performed by the volunteers with dedication. On this occasion, the difficulties faced by the volunteers of different units were brought to the attention of the leaders in detail, which the Dal assured to overcome by all means during the fair. On this occasion, President Pawan Bansal, Mahendra Pal Moji and Amarjit Giri said that they will always be ready to

solve the problems brought to their attention by the volunteers. They will consider the problems carefully and try to overcome them.

He said that the party has made elaborate arrangements so that no devotee faces any problem during the fair. Vice Captain Laxman Singh Kang and Hira Lal Sharma thanked all the members who came and assigned duties to various units to run the temple work smoothly during Navratri.

Punjab's milk production has risen by 4.8 pc in four years

LUDHIANA (SHARMA): The milk production from cattle and buffaloes in the State of Punjab has increased from 132.72 lakh tonnes in 2019-20 to 139.11 lakh tonnes in 2023-24 that is by 4.8%.

This has been stated by the Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Prof S P Singh Baghel in an answer to a question on dairy productivity in Punjab asked by MP (Rajya Sabha) from Ludhiana Sanjeev Arora in the ongoing session of Rajya Sabha. Giving this information here today, MP Arora said the Minister further mentioned in his answer that the Department of Animal Husbandry and dairying is taking steps for genetic upgradation of indigenous bovine breeds of Punjab.

These steps include progeny testing programme for production of High Genetic Merit bulls of indigenous breeds including Sahiwal breed and Murrah breed of buffalo from Punjab and pedigree selection programme for production of high genetic merit bulls of indigenous breeds including Nili Ravi breed of buffalo from Punjab.

NEWS BRIEF

Balwant Verma re-elected as President of Chhaproh Agricultural Cooperative Society



JOGINDER DEV ARYA
BANGANA: Balwant Verma has once again been unanimously elected as the president of Chhaproh Agricultural Cooperative Society. This marks his 30th consecutive year in office, highlighting his enduring leadership and trust among the members. The society members expressed their confidence in Verma's leadership, praising his contributions to the development and progress of the cooperative. On this occasion, Verma extended his gratitude to all members and reaffirmed his commitment to working for the welfare of farmers and the cooperative society. Local farmers also lauded Verma's tenure, acknowledging his role in implementing various developmental initiatives and ensuring that farmers benefit from new schemes. Other office-bearers of the society congratulated him and expressed hope that under his guidance, the cooperative would continue to reach new heights of success.

Vehicular movement halted on Jogipanga-Tanda-Talai-Lid Kot Road

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: Traffic on the Jogipanga-Tanda-Talai-Lid Kot road will remain suspended from March 23 to April 1 between the 14/500 km and 18/500 km stretch. Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate Jatin Lal issued orders under Sections 115 and 116 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, to facilitate the smooth execution of road upgradation and other construction work. Due to the road being a single-lane route, no alternative passage has been designated for commuters. The Deputy Commissioner has instructed the concerned authorities to inform the public in advance and place signboards to notify about the road closure and possible diversions.

Promote regional crops to boost income of Spiti Farmers



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: The 5th Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Lahaul and Spiti-II was held on Saturday at Tabo. The meeting was chaired by Prof. Rajeshwar Singh Chandel, Vice-Chancellor of Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry (UHF), Nauni. Dr. Inder Dev, Director of Extension Education, along with members from various line departments, progressive farmers, and scientists, participated in the meeting. Dr. Rajesh Rana, Principal Scientist at ICAR-ATARI Zone-I, attended the meeting virtually. Dr. RS Sephia, Incharge of KVK Tabo, welcomed the SAC members and presented the KVK's activity report for the past year, along with the action plan for the upcoming year. He highlighted the KVK's efforts to improve scientific cultivation of fruits and vegetables, as well as food processing of excess and unmarketable produce, benefiting the farming community of Spiti Valley. In his address, Prof. Chandel commended the KVK's role in promoting apple cultivation and other agricultural activities, which have enhanced economic prosperity for local farmers. He proposed focusing on carrying out seed selection of barley, a prominent crop in Spiti, and encouraging its cultivation as an intercrop with apples.

Awareness Camp organised at Himachal Pradesh Defence Academy, Una

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, MAR 23

An awareness camp was held on Saturday at the Himachal Pradesh Defence Academy, Chandralok Colony, Una, under the chairmanship of Director Retired Colonel D.P. Vashisht. The camp, organized through the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, focused on educating attendees about the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955, and the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989. Tehsil Welfare Officer Jatinder Sharma provided detailed insights into various schemes implemented by the department, including assistance programs for



persons with disabilities, pension schemes under Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme, marriage assistance for differently-abled individuals, scholarships, skill development initiatives, the National Trust, UDID (Unique Disability ID), self-employment loans, old-age pension, widow pension, home construction grants, and inter-

caste marriage awards. He also discussed the National Family Benefit Scheme and various other welfare programs. Additionally, information was shared about the upcoming artificial limb and assistive device evaluation camps scheduled for April, encouraging maximum participation from differently-abled individuals.

Another Pharmaceutical Company shuts down in Nalagarh Industrial Area

SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI, MAR 23

In a shocking development, Affine, a pharmaceutical factory located on the Bharatgarh road in Bhatiya, Nalagarh Industrial Area, has abruptly shut down, leaving over 100 workers unemployed. The factory owner reportedly locked the premises overnight and disappeared, causing distress among the workers, many of whom are now struggling to pay their children's school fees. A large group of workers, including Vijay Kumar Mishra, Surendra Singh, Kailash Sharma, Rakesh Kumar, and Dharampal,

gathered at the factory gate with their children to protest against the management. They alleged that they had not received salaries for several months and were being pressured to resign forcefully. Additionally, despite deductions for Provident Fund (PF) and Employee State Insurance (ESI), they claimed they had not received any benefits. The workers accused the factory management of coercive tactics, stating that some employees were forced to resign under duress. Those still reporting to the factory are allegedly being pressured to do the same. The protesters demanded their

pending dues and warned the management of consequences if their final settlements were not cleared. According to the workers, the factory had been generating significant profits for over a decade, yet the owner has now put the company up for sale, with property dealers frequently visiting the site. They urged the government and administration to intervene and ensure that they receive their rightful compensation. Attempts to contact Affine factory owner Manoj for comments were unsuccessful, as he has reportedly not visited the factory for the past eight months.

PHDCCI to organize National IP Yatra programme on intellectual property rights in Shimla

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: The PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry is set to organize a National IP Yatra Programme on Intellectual Property Rights in Shimla on March 25-26, 2025. This 2-day workshop aims to create a robust IP ecosystem in the country, encouraging MSMEs, start-ups, and other stakeholders in Himachal Pradesh to register more IP applications and protect their innovations and creativity. According to Anil Saunkhala, Director of PHDCCI, the workshop will feature discussions on various aspects of IPR, including patents, trademarks, and copyrights. In this workshop, participants will have the opportunity to engage in discussions with IP experts and resolve their IP-related queries through a helpdesk. The programme will also focus on the "MSME Support for Commercialization of IP (SCIP) Programme" to encourage MSMEs to utilize their intellectual property assets effectively for business growth. The Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India, will provide financial and technical support for the commercialization of IP. Esteemed professionals and academicians in the field of Intellectual Property, including Mr. A K Gautam, Assistant Director Grade 1, Head of Office, and Mr. Ashok Parth, Assistant Director, MSME DFO Solan, will address the 2-day workshop.

1.10 lakh medicinal plants planted in 21 districts of the country

SANAJY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, MAR 23

Kangra-Chamba MP Dr. Rajiv Bhardwaj has said that during the Nutrition Fortnight 2021, the Ministry of AYUSH, in collaboration with the state governments, has planted 1.10 lakh medicinal plants in 21 districts of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Himachal and Mizoram. Union Minister of



State for Women and Child Development Savitri Thakur told MP Dr. Rajiv Bhardwaj in Parliament that under the Nutrition Mission, a district level nutrition committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of the concerned District Magistrates, which oversees the sustainable development of the nutrition garden in convergence with the Ministry of Forest, Agriculture, Horticulture, Panchayati Raj Institutions, Rural Development and AYUSH.

Govt working with vision to make Himachal a green energy and self-reliant State: CM

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAR 23

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu virtually addressed the three-day brainstorming exercise 'Samridh Himachal 2045' being organised at the Dr. Manmohan Singh Himachal Pradesh Institute of Public Administration (HIPA) from New Delhi, last evening.

He said that the event was aimed to draft a 20-year roadmap for the sustainable economic development of Himachal Pradesh through expert seminars and discussions. He said that the government has been working with a clear vision to make Himachal a green energy, self-reliant and prosperous state. He stressed that achieving these long-term goals requires a balanced approach to sustainable development and economic growth and this



exercise would help formulate innovative strategies for the future.

The Chief Minister said the state government was committed to the holistic development of the state and the budget for the financial year 2025-26 had been prepared with a special focus on strengthening the rural economy, developing the energy sector, promoting tourism and improving infrastructure in education

and healthcare sectors. He said that State Government intends to tap hydro potential and also taken up the issue of securing higher royalty in the power projects. He said that state is a pioneer in natural farming and promoting it further besides dairy development. He said that various initiatives have been taken in all these sectors to strengthen the same and added that Vyavastha Parivartan means heading

towards becoming a self sustained and self reliant Himachal.

Sam Pitroda, the internationally acclaimed development thinker, entrepreneur also joined the session from USA and gave valuable inputs about achieving the holistic development of State and shared his perspective on the subject. He lauded the effort of the state government for the initiative and added that he was keen to share his knowledge with the state government for the development of Himachal Pradesh.

Chief Secretary, Prabodh Saxena detailed about the initiatives of the state government during last two years.

Subject Experts, Secretaries of various departments, officers of State Government were present on the occasion.

Himachal bags Diamond States Award for outstanding progress

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAR 23

Himachal Pradesh bagged the Diamond States Award for its remarkable progress under the visionary leadership of Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu. Chief Minister was presented the prestigious award during the Diamond States Summit 2025 held at New Delhi today by the Network 18 Group.

Speaking about his vision for the State, Chief Minister said that his government is envisioning to make Himachal Pradesh self reliant and one of the richest states of the country. He said that he is focusing upon



structural reforms which will not only bring spectacular results but contribute towards the financial stability of the state. He said that states have rights in a Federal Structure and his government is fighting for the rights of Himachal Pradesh and to secure funds

for development.

Outlining his priorities, Chief Minister said that he is committed to strengthen education system and added that health institutions will be strengthened by upgrading medical technology. He said that state has immense hydro potential

however state's interest in these were ignored earlier and now the government has taken up with centre for enhanced royalties and taking over of hydro power projects. Further elaborating on Vision 2027, he said that Himachal Pradesh will become Green Energy state very soon for which sincere efforts are underway. He said that the government's goal was to make the State the country's first green state by 2026. In the government sector, HPPCL aims to establish 500 MW of solar capacity projects by 2026-27. To achieve this goal, around 626 MW of solar projects are in various stages of development, he added.

Shaheed Bhagat Singh Club, Gagret organises blood donation camp on Martyrdom Day

AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB, MAR 23

Shaheed Bhagat Singh Club, Gagret organized a grand blood donation camp at Shiv Mandir, Bhanjal on the occasion of Balidan (Martyr) Day. On this occasion, along with the members of Shaheed Bhagat Singh Club, women power, youth, local social workers and local political leaders of Gagret assembly constituency participated enthusiastically in this great work of social service without any political selfishness. 80 units of blood were collected in the camp, which is a proof of dedication and service spirit towards the society. On this occasion, former MLA and BJP leader Shri Chaitanya Sharma ji registered his presence in the event and actively participated along with Gagret Mandal President Shri Nitin Lambardar and Daulatpur Mandal President



Shri Ajay Thakur and the office bearers of both the Mandals, Gram Shakti Kendras and booth presidents. On this occasion, Shri Chaitanya Sharma ji remembered the sacrifices of Shaheed Bhagat Singh ji. Rajguru ji and Sukhdev ji and paid tribute to them and said, "The participation of such a large number of people from every section of the society in this blood donation camp shows that the people of Gagret are always ahead in

the works of service and charity. The excellent arrangements and discipline of this event organized by Shaheed Bhagat Singh Club are commendable, which reflects the true spirit of social service." During the camp, Shri Chaitanya Sharma Ji honoured the social workers who are continuously engaged in social service by presenting them saplings, which are a symbol of their dedication and commitment towards social welfare.

Ensuring better public facilities is Municipal Corporation's priority: Sonakshi Singh

SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI, MAR 23

Baddi Municipal Corporation Commissioner and CEO of the Baddi-Barotiwala-Nalagarh Development Authority, Sonakshi Singh Tomar, emphasized that providing better infrastructure and ensuring smooth public mobility remain the top priorities of the civic administration.

She stated that the ongoing anti-encroachment drive on Sai Marg in Baddi is aimed at ensuring unhindered movement, maintaining cleanliness, protecting the environment, and enhancing public health. Addressing complaints received from residents regarding encroachments, the campaign was launched with due consultation and consent. The matter was discussed at an official level, and the local traders' association assured that



association was taken into confidence before initiating the drive. Prior awareness was created through media outreach, urging encroachers to remove illegal structures voluntarily.

Tomar noted that the demarcation process on Sai Marg was conducted on February 19, followed by the initiation of the anti-encroachment campaign on March 19, during which significant illegal structures were removed. The traders' association assured that

encroachments would be cleared within a month to facilitate smooth public movement. This would also allow the corporation to clean blocked drains, repair damaged electric poles, and improve waste disposal systems. She further stated that efforts are underway to maintain cleanliness and ensure proper waste management in Baddi. The municipal corporation is committed to providing better facilities and will continue to work towards this goal.

NEWS BRIEF

Kiran Spine Center hosts free health camp in Mustapur Village



YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI PEHOWA: Kiran Spine and Orthopedic Center organized a free health checkup camp in village Mustapur. Villagers participated enthusiastically and took advantage of camp. During this, a total of 35 people were examined for free. Experts also provided consultation and necessary health related suggestions to patients. Center director and spine specialist Dr. Monica Sharma said that this was her sixth free health camp. She said that spinal cord, joint pain, paralysis, tingling in nerves, high blood pressure, diabetes and other diseases were examined in the camp. In the camp, patients were told about medicines and care methods according to their health condition. Dr. Monica said that due to changing weather, cases of cough, cold, viral fever and respiratory diseases are increasing. She advised the villagers to take regular walks in the morning and evening and take care of their health. Especially respiratory patients need to be cautious. Dr. Monica said that the main objective of the camp is to make health services accessible in rural areas and to increase awareness towards health.

Akhilesh selected in national fencing team

AVINASH CHAUHAN
AIMB: PS International Senior Secondary School Maidi student Akhilesh Jassal has been selected for the 26th Sub-Junior National Fencing Competition, this competition will be played in Cuttack Odisha from 27 March 2025 to 30 March 2025, Akhilesh Jassal is a resident of Gram Panchayat Jwar and currently studies in PS International Senior Secondary School Maidi Class IX, there is a wave of happiness in the entire village on being selected for the competition.

No perpetrator will be spared, no political immunity: Chirag Paswan

AGENCY
PATNA, MAR 23

Union Minister Chirag Paswan on Sunday raised serious concerns over the worsening law and order situation in Bihar, particularly highlighting the rise in target killings, including incidents involving members of the Scheduled Caste and said that the accused in the incidents will not be spared. He also assured that the state government is focused on addressing the issue promptly and taking necessary actions to prevent such crimes from escalating further. Speaking to the media here, Chirag Paswan said, "It is a matter of



concern and even one such incident raises questions against the government. We have also written to CM Nitish Kumar about the increase in such incidents. Target killings have increased recently against the people of the scheduled

caste, specifically the Paswans. Crime has also increased in urban areas. We have also spoken to the CM that the crime needs to be controlled." Paswan also sounded the alarm on potential political sabotage. He believes that certain

BBMB receives CBIP Award for its iconic Bhakra Nangal Project

MANJINDER BHATIA NANGAL: The Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) has been honoured with the prestigious CBIP Award for "Best Maintained Project (only functional structures-minimum age 50 Years)" Category for its iconic Bhakra Nangal Project in recognition



of BBMB's exceptional efforts in maintaining this monumental infrastructure project for over 50 years. This esteemed accolade was presented at the CBIP Day Celebrations and Award Presentation Ceremony, held on March 21st, 2025 at New Delhi. The Central Board of

Irrigation and Power (CBIP) confers these awards in its continuous endeavour to promote excellence across the Water, Power, and Renewable Energy sectors and to acknowledge the remarkable contributions of organizations, stakeholders, and professionals in these fields.

Problems of people solved within stipulated time frame: Jagmohan



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAR 23

Karnal MLA Jagmohan Anand said that the solution of the problems of the common people within the stipulated time only increases the credibility of the government among the people. The present government is constantly trying to live up to the test of the public. Even in the last 10 years, the Haryana government has worked seriously on the problems of the people. This is the reason why the public has given the

government a chance to work for the third time as well.MLA Anand was talking to a large number of people who came to meet him during the Chai Pe Charcha program at Nehru Palace on Sunday. He also took suggestions from the public and also had a collective discussion on those suggestions, as well as asked everyone to give suggestions for the betterment of the city. The Chai Pe Charcha program is not a platform of any individual but of the entire city residents.

Work will be done to further philosophy of Maharaja Agrasen: Minister Barinder Goyal

KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA, MAR 23

Water Resources Minister Punjab Mr. Barinder Kumar Goyal attended a religious function organized by Agrawal Sabha (Regd.) at Tapa. On this occasion, Constituency MLA S. Labh Singh Ugoke was also present. Addressing on this occasion, he said that Agrawal Samaj has a very big role in the field of social service. He said that apart from managing a large number of cow shelters, Agrawal Samaj is also doing great works of great merit in other areas. After this, while talking to the journalists, on the question about the chair of Agrawal Samaj, he said that a chair was established at Punjabi University, Patiala, for which the related funds could not be released in the previous governments for some reason. He said that now the exercise is going on to complete it. He said that Maharaja Agrasen has



a great contribution to the society and work will be done to take his philosophy forward. In response to a question, he said that the Punjab government is fulfilling all its promises and the state is on the path of progress and prosperity. After this, he also released the diary of Agarwal Sabha. On this occasion, he said that this directory contains all the leaders of Agarwal Samaj along with other important names and contact numbers, which will increase the cohesion of Agarwal Samaj. He said that this is a very commendable initiative

of Agarwal Sabha Tapa. Speaking on the occasion, Constituency MLA S. Labh Singh Ugoke congratulated Agarwal Samaj for this event and said that with the cooperation of everyone, development work is going on in villages and cities on a large scale. On this occasion, Agarwal Sabha Punjab President Sarup Chand Singla, General Secretary Suresh Kumar, Municipal Council Tapa President Sonika Bansal, Vice President Rishu Rangi, Agarwal Sabha Tapa President Madan Lal Garg and other dignitaries were present.

Face every challenge with determination: BJP Leader Karm Singh Jamba



KAMAL SHARMA

TARAORI: A two-day volleyball tournament was organized by Guru Brahmanand Yuva Club, Ebli Khalsa, where senior BJP leader and chairman of Baba Haridas Shri Krishna Gopal Gaushala, Bohla Khalsa, Chaudhary Karm Singh Jamba, attended as the chief guest. The members of the club welcomed him with great enthusiasm. Addressing the gathering, Karm Singh Jamba emphasized the crucial role of sports in life, highlighting that they not only promote physical fitness but also contribute to mental development. He stressed that sports instill valuable qualities like discipline, self-reliance, and teamwork, which are essential for success. He further stated that success in any sport is achieved through hard work, determination, and continuous effort. Team sports such as football, cricket, and volleyball teach the importance of unity and collective success over individual achievements.

BJP leader Rajesh Sapra meets people of Brahmin community



PRITI SAINI

SADHAURA: BJP leader Rajesh Sapra, who was appointed Yamunanagar District President of Bharatiya Janata Party for the third time, met the people of Brahmin community while participating in the private palace of Sadhaura. During this programme, all the eminent persons of the Brahmin community welcomed him by giving him bouquets and flowers. And congratulated him on becoming BJP District President for the third time. During this programme, Rajesh Sapra presented flowers to the statue of Lord Parshuram. Rajesh Sapra thanked all the members present in the meeting during his address. And gave advance wishes for Parshuram Janmotsav to be celebrated in the month of April. And assured of continued cooperation. Rajesh Sapra met each Brahmin present personally and enquired about everyone's well being. At the end of the programme, the statue of Lord Parshuram was presented to Rajesh Sapra by the head of Brahmin Sabha Block Sadhaura Anil Sharma and Deputy Head Shiv Kumar Kaushik and District Executive Member Harinder Sharma.

Health Camp organized at Aradhana Old Age Home



BUREAU NEW DELHI: A health check-up camp was organized today at Aradhana Old Age Home, Connaught Place, under the aegis of Om Help Foundation and in collaboration with the New Delhi Municipal Corporation. The camp, conducted by senior cardiologist Dr. Kavita Tyagi from Sir Ganga Ram Hospital and a team from Clove Dental, provided free medical check-ups for nearly 40 residents. During the camp, essential tests such as ECG, lipid profile, blood sugar, and blood pressure were conducted free of cost for the elderly residents. Dr. Tyagi educated the senior citizens about heart-related diseases and shared preventive measures, emphasizing regular monitoring of blood pressure, diabetes, and cholesterol levels. She also advised against consuming fried and junk food and encouraged regular exercise to maintain heart health. Present on the occasion were Ranjana Sood, manager of Aradhana Old Age Home; Bachan Singh Rana, chairman of Om Help Foundation; Daulat Ram, general secretary; and ECG technician Jagdish Negi, among others.

Social warriors and experts honoured with 'Global Gaurav Ratna' Award

BUREAU NEW DELHI, MAR 23

Social warriors and experts were honored with the 'Global Gaurav Ratna' award at the 'Indian Consultants Association Meet and Awards' ceremony held on Sunday at Rajendra Bhawan, ITO. The chief guest of the event was Rajya Sabha MP Naresh Bansal. On this occasion, the organizer of the event and Chairman of the Achintya Durjay Foundation, Advocate Shyam Lal Anand, assured that every effort is being made to help students obtain foreign degrees at minimal cost. Dhaval Shah, MD of the ed-tech company Datagami, emphasized the need to focus on making students job-ready in today's era. Dr. Vikas Kaushal, Chairman of UPI Study, spoke about the opportunities for Indian students to pursue



higher education abroad. Dr. P.K. Sharma, Vice Chancellor of Sanskaram University, discussed new possibilities in the field of robotics. During the event, Dr. Vikas Kaushal, Dhaval Shah, Joseph Devil, Prakriti Shah, Suresh Kumar, and Stuti Shah were honored with the 'Global Gaurav Ratna' award for their contributions

to social service, while Mukesh Yadav and Dilip Kumar were recognized in the field of education. Jyoti Anand, a Senate member of the trust, was awarded for her contribution to the field of yoga. Other distinguished guests included the trust's advisor Dr. Jitendra Kaushik, Omna, Prashant, Kanika, and Johnny.

Chief Justice lays foundation stone of 4-storey ADR Centre

KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA, MAR 23

Chief Justice Sheel Nagu (Patron in Chief, Punjab State Legal Services Authority), Justice Anupinder Singh Grewal Chairman Building Committee Punjab and other members laid the foundation stone of 4-storey ADR Centre Barnala. This is the 9th ADR Centre of Punjab which will provide services of Front Office, Mediation Centre, Juvenile Justice Board, Lok Adalat and District Legal Services Authority Office under one roof. On this occasion, Hon'ble Chief Justice Sheel Nagu was accompanied by Hon'ble Justice Mr. Arun Palli, Executive Chairman Punjab State Legal Services Authority Punjab, Hon'ble Justice Anupinder Singh Grewal, Chairman Building Committee Punjab, Hon'ble Justice Gurvinder Singh Gill,



Member Building Committee Punjab, Justice Suvir Sehgal, Member Building Committee Punjab, Justice Kuldeep Tiwari, Judge Punjab and Haryana High Court, Justice Amarjot Bhatti, Member Building Committee Punjab. Hon'ble Justice Kuldeep Tiwari said that during his tenure, District Court Barnala has been provided with ADR Center, Post Office Extension Counter, Dispensary and 102 new Advocate Chambers. Mr. BBS Teji, Hon'ble District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman-District Legal Services Authority Barnala welcomed Hon'ble Chief

Justice, Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh and other Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court Judges. As per the permission of the Hon'ble Chief Justice, Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh, the foundation stone laying ceremony was done through virtual mode by lighting the lamp. After this, the foundation stone was laid through virtual mode by the Hon'ble Chief Justice, Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh by cutting the ribbon. He said that with the establishment of this ADR Center, the city residents will get free legal aid.

Hundreds of children take class VI exam in Gurukul Shiksha Utsav

HANS RAJ KURUKSHETRA, MAR 23

Providing excellent education to children as well as nurturing them with excellent health and Vedic samskaras are the main objectives of Gurukul education and work is being done on these points for the life-building of students in Gurukul Kurukshetra, Gurukul Nilokheri, Gurukul Jyotisar and Ariyakulam Nilokheri. The above words were said by Gujarat Governor Acharya Shri Devvrat ji while addressing the parents of the students who came to give the entrance examination for class VI in Gurukul Shiksha Utsav today. On this occasion, Vedic scholar Dr. Rajendra Vidyalankar, Principal of Gurukul Kurukshetra Rajkumar Garg,



Director Brigadier Dr. Praveen Kumar, Jagdish Arya of Gurukul Nilokheri, Shivkumar Arya of Gurukul Jyotisar and other dignitaries were present. Acharyashree said that today TV, mobile, social media have become a big problem for parents because children remain glued to them all day long, their interest in studies and physical activities is constantly

decreasing. To improve the routine of children and to brighten their future, most parents want their children to get admitted to Gurukuls. Acharyashree said that in our Gurukuls, children are given enough time for studies, sports and other activities under a fixed routine, teachers keep an eye on each and every activity of the child.

Brahma Kumaris spreading the message of peace, love, and harmony globally: Harvinder Kalyan

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAR 23

A state-level Brahma Kumari Mahasammelan was organized at Huda Ground, Sector 12, Karnal, where Haryana Assembly Speaker and Gharaunda MLA Harvinder Kalyan participated as the chief guest. The event also saw the presence of MLA Jagmohan Anand and Mayor Renu Bala Gupta as special guests.

Addressing the gathering, Harvinder Kalyan praised religious organizations for guiding society in the right direction and instilling moral values. He acknowledged the significant role played by the Prajapita Brahma Kumari Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya in spreading messages of peace, love, and harmony worldwide. He emphasized that institutions



like these not only transform lives through education, meditation, and spiritual awareness but also help eradicate social evils.

He further highlighted the global impact of the Brahma Kumaris in promoting meditation and spirituality, stating that their teachings help individuals understand the truth of life and lead a more meaningful existence. He recalled his long association with the organization and appreciated their continuous efforts in organizing large-scale programs to inspire

society. Prem Didi, from the Brahma Kumaris Ashram, Sector 7, introduced a new project under the Art and Culture Wing titled Universal Culture: Love, Peace, and Harmony. She expressed gratitude to Harvinder Kalyan for inaugurating the initiative and supporting the organization's mission. The event featured cultural performances, including songs by Chand Bajaj, dance by the Vaishali Dance Group, and an entertaining act by renowned singer and mimicry artist BK Nitin.

District Education Officer Barnala flags off enrollment drive van



KULDEEP SOOD

BARNALA: Under the directions of Honorable Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Bhagwant Singh Mann and Honorable Education Minister Punjab Sardar Harjot Singh Bains, today, under the able leadership of Honorable District Education Officer Madam Mrs. Indu Simak (El. Sikh), Honorable District Education Officer Mrs. Malka Rani (Secondary), Deputy District Education Officer Madam Mrs. Neeraja Bansal, Deputy District Education Officer Mr. Barjinder Pal Singh, Honorable BPEO Barnala and Mahal Kalan S. Gurdeep Singh, BPEO Shahna S. Harinder Singh Brar, District Coordinator S. Kuldeep Singh Bhullar, all BNOs of District Barnala, Principals, all CHTs, the enrollment drive van was flagged off from Government Primary Smart School Patti Bajwa in the presence of all the BNOs, Principals and CHTs of the district.

NEWS BRIEFS

Free medical camp organized in Ramsaran Majra

HANS RAJ KURUKSHETRA:DR
Jain Neurocare and Multispecialty Hospital organized a free medical camp in Ramsaran Majra village. Health checkup facilities were provided to villagers in this camp. While making people aware about diseases caused by changing weather and measures to prevent them, Dr. Rajesh Kumar of hospital said that change in weather at present has a direct impact on immunity of body. Due to mild cold in morning and evening and intense heat during day, many types of diseases surround people. If caution is not taken on time, these simple symptoms can become serious health problems. These diseases are mainly seen more in this season: cold-cough, sore throat and tonsils, viral fever, headache and body ache, difficulty in breathing (asthma, allergy), stomach ache, indigestion, diarrhea etc.

Gujarat Guv Acharya Devvrat attends “Vande Mataram” program

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAR 23

Governor of Gujarat Acharya Devvrat emphasized that the sacrifices of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev have given us the privilege of living in a free India. He was addressing a gathering as the chief guest at the “Vande Mataram” program, organized by the National Integrated Forum of Artists and Activists (NIFAA) on the occasion of the 94th martyrdom anniversary of the three great revolutionaries. Speaking to the distinguished audience, Acharya Devvrat narrated several inspiring incidents from the lives of the martyrs and described blood donation campaigns across the country as a true tribute to their legacy. He recalled that three generations of Bhagat Singh’s family dedicated themselves to the service of the nation and shared an anecdote about Bhagat Singh’s weight increasing before his execution, symbolizing his unwavering spirit. The Governor



also remembered Late Abhay Singh Sandhu, the nephew of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, and praised his contributions to social service.

As a strong advocate of Zero Budget Natural Farming, Acharya Devvrat stressed the urgent need to eliminate chemical-based farming, highlighting its harmful effects on health, including a surge in cancer and heart diseases, even among young children. The program was presided over by Brahma Kumari Chandrika Didi, head of the Art and Culture Wing of the Brahma Kumaris, who described blood

donation as a sacred act and applauded NIFAA’s “Samvedna Campaign” for its humanitarian efforts. In memory of Shaheed Bhagat Singh’s nephew, Late Abhay Singh Sandhu, NIFAA announced the institution of a new annual award, which will be presented every year on March 23rd to individuals for exceptional contributions to social service. This year, the first-ever “Sardar Abhay Singh Sandhu Memorial Award” was conferred upon Swami Prem Murti, who has been actively serving society through the Kamal Manav Sewa Sangh for over six decades. Governor Acharya Devvrat presented this prestigious honor in the presence of Teji Sandhu, wife of Late Abhay Singh Sandhu. Additionally, Dr. Lajpat Rai Choudhri was recognized for his lifelong dedication to social service, support for Arya Samaj, and contribution to welfare initiatives with the “Lifetime Achievement Award.”

The program commenced with floral tributes to Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev, followed by a lamp-lighting ceremony in front of Bharat Mata’s portrait. Governor Devvrat also inaugurated a blood donation camp, encouraging donors and lauding their noble gesture. A total of 82 units of blood were collected at the camp. In his welcome speech, NIFAA Founder-President Pritpal Singh Pannu announced that 2,400 blood donation camps are being organized across the country between March 16-30 as part of NIFAA’s tribute to the martyrs. The event featured patriotic song performances by Dr. Krishna Arora’s team and artists from Mount Abu.

Agroha Dham will bear cost of marriage of needy family: Bajrang Garg



CHAMAN LAL
KARNAL, MARCH 23

The 25th National Agarwal Yuvak-Yavati Parichay Sammelan was organised by Agarwal Youth Organization at Maharaja Agrasen Bhawan. A large number of young men and women participated in this conference along with their families. The conference was presided over by National Executive President of Agroha Dham Vaishya Samaj and Provincial President of Haryana Agarwal Development Organization Bajrang Garg. Chief Guest Liberty Group Chairman Shammil Nagpal and Karnal Mayor Renubala Gupta participated in the conference. Special guests were Taraori Nagar Palika Chairman Virendra Bansal, prominent social worker Ramesh Gupta, Vijay Goyal, Surendra Gupta, Pankaj Goyal, Tarun Bansal, Pramod Bansal, Rajesh Kumar, Sanjay Jindal, Jitendra Singla, Pradeep Agarwal, Praveen Garg, Sheeshpal Gupta, Diwan Lavkesh Gupta, Vipin Goyal etc. In this conference, the National Executive President of Agroha Dham Vaishya Samaj Bajrang while addressing the representatives present said that the Vaishya Samaj should unite in the country and the state and work towards taking the society forward.

The representatives of the society should extend their full cooperation in getting the children married. Due to the representatives of the society not interfering in the relationships of the children, a great difficulty is being faced in the marriages of the children. Bajrang Garg said that every person of the society should put the picture of the great man Maharaja Agrasen ji in his house and office. The first meeting in marriages should be taken out in the name of Maharaja Agrasen ji. To curb the wasteful expenditure in marriages, food should be cooked only according to the need. There should be a curb on distributing expensive sweet boxes on the wedding invitation. There is a need to work to uplift every needy person in society. Bajrang Garg said that the organization of the Vaishya Samaj will be made stronger than before in the country and the state. Bajrang Garg said that Agroha Dham will bear the entire cost of marriage of a needy family and the girl will also be given goods worth Rs. 1.5 lakh.

All the arrangements for food, accommodation, band, wedding rituals etc. are being made by Agroha Dham through Agrawal Yuva Sangathan. In the conference, the head of Agrawal Yuva Sangathan Ramesh Jindal welcomed the guests and said that the organization has been organizing successful Parichay Sammelans for many years. In the conference, Bajrang Garg and Ramesh Jindal honoured the guests by giving them mementoes.

We got freedom due to sacrifice of martyrs: Sandeep Kumar



NIRMAL SAINI
RADAUR, MAR 23

On the occasion of Martyrdom Day, a program was organized at Inquilab Mandir Gumthala Rao. Police station in-charge of Jathlana Sandeep Kumar was the chief guest in program. The program was presided over by Advocate Varyam Singh. Chief guest along with villagers paid floral tributes to statues of martyr Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev. Sandeep Kumar said that names of martyr Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev are recorded in golden letters in category of martyrs. They watered Mother Earth with their blood and gave us freedom.

dom. It is only due to sacrifice and sacrifice given by them that we are breathing in open air today. If young generation follows path shown by martyrs and works in interest of country by rising above casteism and discrimination, then day is not far when we will be able to build the united India of dreams of martyrs and our country will be number one in list of developed countries. Varyam Singh said that many revolutionaries sacrificed their lives to liberate country. We all should respect revolutionaries who sacrificed their lives for country. Government should give martyrs and revolutionary heroines status of martyr constitutionally.

Countrymen should make efforts for Swachh Bharat Mission: Narwal

CHAMAN LAL
KARNAL, MARCH 23

Every citizen of the country will have to play his role in realising the dream of Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s Swachh Bharat. In this series, under the Swachh Bharat Mission in Chidav village, vehicles were presented to 12 villages for garbage management. International Kabaddi player Pradeep Narwal, Chief General Manager of Indraprastha Gas Limited Ravikant Arya, Vice Chairman of Swachh Bharat Mission Haryana Subhash Chandra, Girish Advocate Arvind Neetu Maan from Imperial Service Development Society, Sarpanch Jai Bhagwan Rana of Ardana participated as the chief guest in the program. The coordinator of the program was cricket player Sumit Narwal. On this occasion, Pradeep Narwal said that to complete the Swachh Bharat Mission of PM Narendra Modi, the countrymen should make every possible effort. We should first start from our home, family, society and village. It is also believed that where there is cleanliness, God resides there. He told the people present



in the program to take care of basic things to keep the environment clean. Try not to throw garbage in the open. Throw garbage only in vehicles run by the government. Ravikant Arya said that the Swachh Bharat Mission has been going on for many years. The Prime Minister has awakened the countrymen. Now we have to work till the country is declared completely clean. The coordinator of the program Sumit Narwal said that we expect the Sarpanchs of the 12 villages to which vehicles have been gifted today to make good use of this facility. Efforts will have to be made to make

all villages garbage free.

On this occasion, Vice Chairman of Swachh Bharat Mission Haryana Subhash Chandra, District Councilor Sunil Sindal, Sarpanch Sachin, Salwan Sarpanch Jaiveer Fauji, Block Committee Member Praveen Maan from Balla, Manpura Sarpanch Sonu Maan, Rahda Sarpanch Surendra, Jabhala Sarpanch Sukhwinder, Kutana Sarpanch Shailendra, Sarpanch representative Siyaram from Ongad, Panchayat member Sunny Sharma from Pichaulia, Jani Sarpanch Manoj and Shahpur Sarpanch Chandrabhan were present.

Health check-up camp organised



RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR: Shri Satya Sai Seva Samiti Tyagi Garden Yamunanagar organized a health check-up camp on the occasion of 100th birth anniversary of Sai Baba. It was presided over by Pradhan Sunil Kumar, Dr. Pratham Rajput, Dr. Hritik Bakshi, Dr. Ikshit Dhingra, Dr. Divya and Asha and Anu examined the health of patients in camp. Homeopathic medicines were given free of cost to patients. Pradhan Sunil Kumar said that every person wants a healthy body but fearing cost of treatment, many people do not get their treatment done on time and increase their illness. Main objective of organizing such health check-up camps is to provide health benefits to as many people as possible, so that a healthy society can be established. He further said that during camp, health of 64 patients was checked and homeopathic medicines were given free.

Annual programme organised in memory of Lal Ji Maharaj

SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL, MARCH 23

Annual programme was organised in memory of Lal Ji Maharaj on Sunday at Shri Lal Ji Banke Bihari temple situated at Pratap Gate of Kaithal. Descendant of Lal Ji Maharaj and successor Shri Shri 1008 Rohan Bali Ji came to the temple with his Guru Maa. Here, coming to Lal Ji Banke Bihari temple, he first gave naamdaan to the new devotees. After giving naamdaan, he preached to the congregation and said that one should always chant naamdaan. One should chant the naamdaan given by the Guru. After this, Guruji also said that the one who does naamdaan in the morning and evening, he always remains happy, his descendants move very well and get good sanskars. He also told the youth that the youth of today has gone astray, they stay alone, so their negative energy remains with them, so to remove them from negative energy, they should be given bhakti gyan. There should be sanskars in the house so that by getting those sanskars, they can earn a good education. Bharat Sharma and Sonu Chanchal enthralled the devotees by singing bhajans of Radha Krishna. A feast was also organized at the end of the program. On this occasion head Vishambar Nath Arora, patron Chandra Prakash



Kathuria, Doctor Shyam Sahni, Ashok Satija, Ram Narayan Rawal, Vinod Dua, Dhara Verma, Anil Kalra, Dhan Sachdeva, Virendra Bagga, Gulshan Bathla, Ramil Arora, Ashok Miglani, Mukesh Miglani, Surendra Dua Advocate, Charanjit Sahni, Jeet Kalra, Dharampal, Jaggi Kalra, Arjun Das Narayan Bhalia, Monty Sachdeva, Neeraj Dua, Gaurav Dua, Kailash Grover, Gaurav Dua, Yudhishthir Mata were present.

Shia community mourns three days on martyrdom of Imam Hazrat Ali

MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI, MARCH 23

A Majlis was held in the village Syed Chhapra of the subdivision on 21st Ramadan on the martyrdom of our first Imam Hazrat Ali Alaihisalam in which Maulana Ali Mehndi delivered the speech. Immediately after the Majlis, the coffin of Imam Hazrat Ali was lifted. The Shia community mourns the martyrdom of Imam Hazrat Ali Alaihisalam from 19th Ramadan to 21st Ramadan. The first Imam of the Shia community Hazrat Ali, who was born in the holy place Kaaba, was martyred during the morning prayers in the mosque of Kufa. Imam Hazrat Ali was praying in the mosque of Kufa on the 19th of Ramadan when a man named Ibn-e-Muljim attacked his head with a poisoned sword while he was in the state of Sajda, due to which he was martyred on 21st Ramadan.

In his memory, the entire world mourns the martyrdom of Maula Ali Alaihisalam. The admirers express their grief by organizing Majalis. Maula Ali (A.S.)



lived a simple life. He used to help the poor, orphans and the needy. Maula Ali (A.S.) always worked to save humanity. He was against the oppressors and stood with the oppressed and the afflicted. Maula Ali (A.S.) used to say that a labourer’s wages should be paid before his sweat dries. On hearing the stories of his martyrdom, tears came to the eyes of the people. Wreaths were presented with moist eyes. On this occasion, convener of Anjuman Yadgaaren Hussaini Raza Abbas, Mohammad Jamin, Ali Haider, Abbas Haider, Najaf Abbas, Kalbe Haider, Jamal Abbas, etc were present.

Martyrdom Day celebrated in Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Hall



SANJAY SHARMA KAITHAL: Today, social worker Palaram Saini celebrated Martyrdom Day along with his colleagues in Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Hall. First of all, tribute was paid to martyr Bhagat Singh, Raj Guru and Sukhdev by offering flowers. Remembering the martyrs, Pala Ram Saini said that on this day, martyr Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru happily went to the gallows, giving their supreme sacrifice in freedom struggle for freedom of country. Their sacrifice inspired the coming young generation to participate in freedom struggle and fight for the freedom of country.

Future generation needs to be given good education and values for progress of country and state: Subhash Sudha

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, MARCH 23

Former Minister of State Subhash Sudha said that for progress of country and state, future generation needs to be given good education and values. In this school, good values are being given to students. Other institutions should take inspiration. He was speaking at annual function of Saint Thomas Convent School in auditorium of Kurukshetra University. Earlier, former State Minister Subhash Sudha, school MD Anjali Marwah, District Public Relations Officer Dr. Narend Singh, Sub Director Kartikeya Marwah, Sandeep Marwah, Head Teacher Aarti Suri and Co-Director Rajni Jain, social worker Pankaj Arora, industrialist Surendra Dhingra, Sanjeev Chhabda, formally inaugurated this annual function. Chief guest honored promising students of school by giving them medals and certificates. Cief guest honored

teachers who prepared school’s anthem and also honored students and teachers who did remarkable work in Sarathi scheme. Abhishek, Saurabh, Vipin, Nisha, Jyoti and Renu Panwar who did remarkable work in the Sarathi scheme were honored by him. He said that the annual festival is most important festival for any school. This annual festival is a beautiful medium to showcase progress made by any school. To make this festival successful, all students of school should participate enthusiastically, only then meaningful results of this festival come out and every student studying in school and the teachers teaching there feel proud. He said that in annual festival of Thomas Convent School, young generation showed tremendous skills of their art and culture. From excellent presentations of these students, it was easily felt that the culture of country and state has reached safe hands.

Seminar on study opportunities in Cyprus to be held on March 25

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: A special seminar for students aspiring to study in Cyprus will be organized on March 25 by Tuition Abroad and Crossland. The event, led by Pankaj Gaba and Ruchi Rawal, is aimed at students who have completed Class 12 or graduation and are looking for higher education opportunities abroad. Sumit Rana and Pi-yush Sharma, directors of Tuition Abroad, stated that students registering for the seminar will receive a free laptop along with visa assistance. Additionally, students who have not taken PTE or IELTS will be provided free coaching. Ruchi Rawal informed that the seminar will take place at Crossland, near Civil Hospital Chowk, opposite Car Expert, from 10 AM to 4 PM. Pankaj Gaba highlighted that Cyprus is a beautiful and crime-free country, ranking fifth globally in terms of safety. He added that students can legally work part-time while pursuing their studies.



Awareness campaign organized on thalassemia

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, MAR 23

A special awareness campaign was organized by the Globally Integrated Foundation for Thalassemia (GIFT) at All Star Academy, Jagadhari on March 23 regarding thalassemia. Many social organizations and dignitaries participated in it. Measures to prevent and protect against this serious disease were discussed in program. Yamunanagar MLA Ghan-shyam Das Arora, BJP District President Rajesh Sapra, District General Secretary Krishna Singla, industrialist and councilor Vibhor Pahuja, Rotary Club Yamu-

nanagar Rivera President Rotarian Sanjeev Sethi, Secretary Rotarian Amit Gupta, Project Chairman Rotarian Rajesh Sethi, Rotaract Vansh Singla, Rotaract Muskan



Chawla (President, Inner Wheel Club Jagadhari-Yamunanagar), Madan Chawla Founder and President were present. Rotarian Simmi Singh (Zonal Chair for Stem Cell, Rotary District 3011) also participated in program.

Madan Chawla said that thalassemia is a genetic disease, but it can be prevented by timely examination and awareness. Our aim is to educate people about this disease and motivate them to get tested on time. Everyone has to work together towards making India thalassemia free. Rotarian Sanjeev Sethi, President, Rotary Club Yamunanagar Rivera said that unless awareness about this disease increases in the society, its prevention is not possible. Our effort is that more and more people join it and future generations can be saved from this disease.

Editorial

Mind's missives

A letter can mean the difference between life and death as readers of Romeo and Juliet would know. But it can also be a way of pouring one's heart out on paper when it is difficult to express oneself out loud, as Jane Austen has repeatedly demonstrated in her novels. It is this cathartic aspect of letter-writing that is at the core of a novel initiative started by the Fanindra Deb Institution in Jalpaiguri. The school has set up a letterbox — Mon Peon-er Bag — for young students to unburden themselves. Children have, since then, dropped into it several missives that reveal the troubles weighing them down. Some are distressed because they do not have enough time for sports in school; others complain that their fathers do not spend enough time at home; others still are worried about quarrelling parents vitiating the atmosphere at home. The school intends to take up these issues for discussion with children and their guardians.

This new way to a child's mind in a bid to tackle mental health issues is a heartening step. UNICEF data show that one in every seven young people in India is depressed. The strategy has also unveiled the now-forgotten benefits letter-writing has for mental health. There exist studies — they go back to 1986 — to show that writing letters can be a way of unwinding sans fear of judgement. Research from Princeton University even revealed that letter-writing is a simplified, more flexible, approach to psychotherapy, transforming the chaotic, non-linear, inner monologues of a disturbed mind into a conversation, thereby enabling people to consider the nuances, logic and depth of their thoughts and emotions. What is of significance is that handwritten letters score slightly higher than electronic ones: putting pen to paper and forming the words require a mindfulness that clattering away on the keyboard does not. Little wonder then that pen pals were once all the rage. People, young and old, did not mind writing long letters to others halfway across the globe. The International Bipolar Foundation has even found that having a pen pal can actually reduce loneliness. The Fanindra Deb Institution has thus struck upon the right idea. Is there a case of expanding the scope of such an initiative, with various schools brought under the umbrella of a shared programme? This could give a larger number of students the opportunity to share their troubles unhindered.

But the Mon Peon-er Bag cannot be the solution to India's burgeoning juvenile mental health issues. India must think of making greater investments in boosting the number of counsellors and psychiatrists for school children. In the absence of school counsellors, teachers will have to take up this additional responsibility.

European nations address rights violations in Tibet

Geneva [Switzerland], March 23 (ANI): The ongoing human rights violations in Tibet have drawn significant international condemnation, with 28 European countries raising serious concerns during the 58th session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, as reported by Tibet.net.

This joint statement, delivered by Miroslaw Broilo, the Permanent Representative of Poland to the UN Office in Geneva, marked a unified stance from a broad coalition of European nations against China's continued suppression of human rights, particularly in Tibet and Xinjiang, Tibet.net reported.

The European nations involved in the statement included Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, and Sweden.

According to Tibet.net, these countries emphasized their deep concern regarding the deteriorating human rights situation in Tibet, especially focusing on the Chinese government's systematic repression of cultural, religious, and political freedoms.

The joint statement condemned the "very serious human rights situation in China" and called on the Chinese government to fulfill its international obligations to respect and protect human rights. The European countries specifically highlighted troubling developments in Tibet, including the forced boarding school system and the clampdown on protests against hydropower projects that impact Tibet's environment. They expressed alarm over reports of the closure of Tibetan language and culture schools, forcing students into state-run institutions where Tibetan is taught as a secondary subject rather than as a medium of instruction,



as cited by Tibet.net.

In his oral statement, Miroslaw Broilo noted, "We are concerned about the situation in China, in particular in Tibet and Xinjiang (East Turkistan) and the treatment of Human Rights defenders, lawyers and Journalists. China must refrain from Transnational Repression."

According to Tibet.net, in addition to the joint statement, several countries, including the Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Japan, Lithuania, Netherlands, and Switzerland, delivered individual oral state-

ments during the general debate, further underscoring their concerns about the situation in Tibet. These countries have expressed continued solidarity with the Tibetan people and called for increased international pressure on China to halt its repressive actions in the region.

Tibet.net reported that Thinlay Chukki, Representative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the Central Tibetan Administration at the Tibet Bureau-Geneva, praised the European nations for their unwavering support. "We thank each of the 28 European

countries for their joint statement and other member states for their individual statements highlighting the critical situation in Tibet," said Chukki. "We urge the Chinese government to heed the calls of these many countries to stop the suppression of the Tibetan people and to unconditionally release all Tibetan human rights defenders. It is of utmost importance that the Chinese government allows free and open access to the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Special Procedure Mandate Holders to Tibet.

Literature & Health

Pak confirms 2nd mpox case in 2025

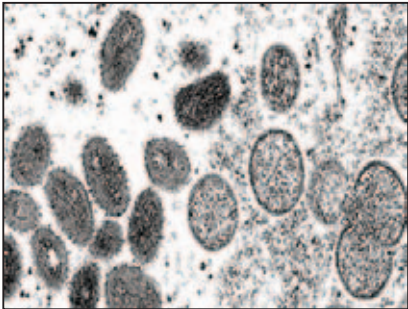
Pakistan's Sindh Health Department has confirmed a monkeypox (mpox) case in Karachi, marking the first instance of the disease in the city, ARY News reported on Saturday.

The patient, a 28-year-old male resident of Shah Latif Town, contracted the virus after his wife showed symptoms. The patient's wife has a travel history abroad.

The man has been placed in an isolation ward to prevent the spread of harmful infections to others.

Earlier on January 25, Pakistan reported its first case of viral disease Monkeypox, also known as mpox, in 2025, ARY News reported. The patient, who returned from Dubai on January 24, was identified through screening at the Peshawar airport, according to Pakistan Ministry of Health spokesperson.

The patient has been taken to Services Hospital Peshawar for treatment. The latest case takes the total number of mpox cases in Pakistan to 10 since the health emergency was declared, as per



ARY News. Pakistan's Ministry of Health has said that effective measures are being taken to protect the people from mpox. The travel history of the patient has disclosed connections to Gulf nations, sparking concerns regarding the virus's spread.

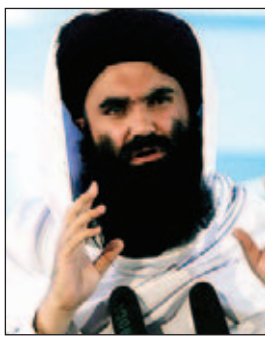
Earlier, a passenger travelling from Sharjah showed symptoms of monkeypox during medical screening. According to airport sources, a passenger identified as Javed Ahmed, travelled from Sharjah, has tested positive for symptoms of monkeypox, ARY News reported.

US lifts USD 10 million bounty from Taliban's Sirajuddin Haqqani

The United States has lifted the bounty of a whopping USD 10 million dollars on a major Taliban figure, Sirajuddin Haqqani, after the group released an American citizen last week, Al Jazeera reported.

The bounty had been placed for information leading to the arrest of Haqqani, an Afghan Ministry of Interior Affairs spokesperson said. Despite the announcement, which was made on Saturday, the FBI still lists the reward on its website, saying Haqqani was "believed to have coordinated and participated in cross-border attacks against United States and coalition forces in Afghanistan," as reported by Al Jazeera.

The removal of the bounty comes after the Taliban on Thursday released a US citizen



who had been kept in captivity for two years.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said on Friday that George Glezmman, who was wrongfully detained in Afghanistan for two and a half years, was freed.

The Taliban kidnapped George Glezmman, 65, while he was visiting Afghanistan. They freed him following ne-

gotiations brokered by Trump's special hostage envoy Adam Boehler, Taliban officials and Qatari officials, according to the New York Post.

"George Glezmman is free. George was wrongfully detained in Afghanistan for two and a half years, but now he's on his way to being reunited with his wife Aleksandra.

Welcome home, George!" Rubio said in a post on X.

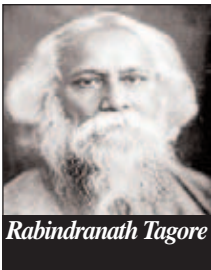
Notably, Taliban had previously described the release of US detainees as part of its global "normalisation" effort.

Haqqani, the son of a commander from the war against the Soviets, was head of the powerful Haqqani Network, a US-designated "terror group" long viewed as one of the most dangerous armed groups in Afghanistan, as reported by Al Jazeera.

POEM

Lost Star

When the creation was new
and all the stars shone in
their first splendor, the
gods held their assembly in the sky
and sang



Rabindranath Tagore

"Oh, the picture of
perfection! the joy un-
alloyed!" But one
cried of a sudden --It
seems that some-
where there is a
break in the chain of light and one
of the stars has been lost.' The gold-
en string of their harp snapped,
their song stopped.

Rabindranath Tagore

Housing sales drop 23%, supply falls 34% in top 9 cities in Q1 2025

The housing market continued its downward trend with housing sales in India's top nine cities falling by 23 per cent while supply declined by a whopping 34 per cent in Jan-March of 2025, said a report by data analytics firm PropEquity.

Housing sales in Q1 2025 stood at 1,05,791 units as compared to 1,36,702 units in the same period last year. Except in Bengaluru and Delhi-NCR, all seven cities witnessed a decline in sales.

Housing supply, on the other hand, stood at 80,774 units in Q1 2025 as compared to 1,22,365 units in the same period last year, marking three consecutive quarters of under-1 lakh units launched. Except in Bengaluru, all eight cities saw a decline in new supply in the first quarter. Samir Jasuja, Founder & CEO, PropEquity said, "The housing mar-



ket is witnessing some correction after three years (2021, 2022, 2023) of record supply because of which absorption/sales is also on a declining trend. The rise in home prices and

caution on the part of investors due to geo-political developments and certain weaknesses in the Indian economy have resulted in a drop in sales. However, the market has dis-

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played strong demand as is evident from the healthy absorption to supply ratio, which stood at 131 per cent in Q1 2025, 132 per cent in Q4 2024 and 127 per cent in Q3 2024."

He said that traditionally high-supply markets - Hyderabad, Pune and Thane - continue to decline. These cities had the highest supply among all tier-1 cities for two years

running 2022 and 2023, before touching a low in 2024.

"In this quarter, they cumulatively saw 28,227 units of lesser supply as compared to the same period last year. In fact, the share of the three cities to the total launches has come down from 29 per cent in Q1 2025 as compared to 3 per cent in the same period last year," he added.

Housing supply rose by 17 per cent in Bengaluru to 20,227 units in Q1 2025. The city accounted for 25 per cent of the total launches in Q1 2025, rising from 14 per cent in the same period last year.

It fell the most in Kolkata at 62 per cent followed by 50 per cent each in Mumbai and Thane, 48 per cent in Pune, 46 per cent in Chennai, 38 per cent in Hyderabad, 24 per cent in Navi Mumbai and 14 per cent in Delhi-NCR.

Workshop on Panchayati Raj and Village Common Land Act Held at BDPO Office Bhunga

DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR: 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.

NEWS BRIEF

Hundreds of people attend funeral of Mohan Lal Pandit

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR: Hundreds of people from all walks of life including social and political fields attended the funeral of social worker Mohan Lal Pandit, father of Dr IK Pandit, Principal of DAV Dental College. Mohan Lal, president and social worker of

Public Welfare Association had been ill for some time. He was associated with many religious and social institutions. MLA Ghanshyam Das Arora paid his condolences to the departed soul and said that the place would never be compensated by his departure. Former National President of IMA, Dr. Rajan Sharma said that the deceased Mohan Lal was not needed any introduction. He spent his life in social service. Dr. IK Pandit, Principal of Dental College, said that whatever he was today, it was only due to his parents. The parents always inspired to help the poor. He thanked all the people who attended the funeral and said that they were with him in this hour of grief.

Editor Young Cluborganises a speechat Sarawan



RK KASHYAP CHHACHRAULI: A speech was organized under the Editor Young Club at Sarawan at Rashtriya Vidyalaya on Sunday. Under this program, important information about journalism was given to students by government recognized journalist Preeti Saini. In future, students were made aware of new achievements in the field of journalists. While speaking with the students Preity Saini told the children that there were four pillars of democracy of which journalism was called the fourth pillar. Through journalism evils and problems spread in the society can be brought to the government and administration notices after which these were worked out improvement. A journalist acts as a link between the public and the government.

Bihar moving towards becoming a developed state: MLA Anil Ram

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAR 23

A Sneh Milan (fellowship gathering) was organized at Anmol Garden, Karnal, on the occasion of Bihar Diwas. The event saw the presence of MLC Ghanshyam Thakur, Bihar MLA Anil Ram, and BJP state executive member Anand Pathak as chief guests. Several prominent leaders, including Indri MLA & Haryana Assembly Chief Whip Ramkumar Kashyap, BJP State General Secretary Dr. Archana Gupta, Karnal MLA Jagmohan Anand, Assandh MLA Yogendra Rana, BJP District President Praveen Lather, and Mayor Renu Bala Gupta, also



attended the gathering. Addressing the gathering, Bihar MLA Anil Ram highlighted the progress and development in Bihar, stating that the state is no longer the same as before and is now on the path to becoming a developed state. He credited the Modi government's tenure for significant

improvements in road infrastructure, education, and employment opportunities in Bihar. He also expressed gratitude towards Karnal MP and former Haryana CM for facilitating the construction of Chhath Ghats, temples, and dharamshalas for the Bihar community in Haryana.

KU Law Fest showcases socio-legal skills and basic acumen: VC

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, MAR 23

Institute of Law, Kurukshetra University organised two-day Law Fest "Juris Fiesta 2025" at Dr R.K. Sadan. In the presidential address,Vice Chancellor, Kurukshetra University, Prof. Som Nath Sachdeva said that this annual Law Fest showcases socio-legal skills and basic acumen of the law students. Underlining the impact of this event on intellectual development, Prof Sachdeva emphasized the importance of such forums in resolving contemporary legal issues and encouraging critical thinking among students. The Chief Guest, Hon'ble Justice, Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh, Mr Sandeep Moudgil shared his experiences of judicial life and advocacy, bail petitions filed in the court, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao and explained how addiction and drugs have



a devastating effect on the future of a common man in this country. Justice Moudgil said, "Abuse of alcohol and/or other drugs can be a major obstacle to personal and academic success and can affect the entire campus environment." Director, Institute of Law, Prof Sushila Devi Chauhan said that the institute is committed to hone various skills of the students by organising such events frequently.

Dr. Sant Lal, Convener, gave detailed information about the Law Fest. Dr. Ramesh Sirohi, Deputy Director, Institute of Law, pre-

sented a vote of thanks. Deputy Director, Public Relations, Dr Jimmy Sharma informed that

about 350 students participated in various competitions like skit, dance, fashion show, singing in which Priyanshu Yadav, Yashpal, Yash Verma, Rishabh Rana, Preeti, Himanshu, Sweety, Prema, Bharti, Sakshi, Tanuj, Yakshit, Chayak, Bhanu, Siddhi Sharma, Devanshi Mudagil, Himanshi Saini, Shivani, Shweta, Bhuv, Ar-zoo, Shweta Muste, Jai Shri, Pratiksha, Monu Malik were the winners.

Patiala Development Authority achieves record revenue of Rs. 386 crore in landmark auction

RAKESH JINDAL

PATIALA: Under the leadership of Chief Administrator Manisha Rana, the Patiala Development Authority (PDA) has set a new benchmark by generating Rs. 386 crore through property auctions held from March 13 to March 22. This surpasses the previous record of Rs. 100 crore from the September 2024 auctions. Previously, PDA had auctioned properties worth Rs. 160 crore in the entire year of 2024. Chief Administrator Manisha Rana stated that this remarkable achievement has allowed the PDA to meet its annual revenue target in a single auction, marking a significant milestone. To resolve long-standing challenges related to various sites, PDA conducted multiple weekly meetings, addressing issues such as feasibility concerns, delays in development, and coordination gaps among agencies. These proactive measures enabled the timely resolution of obstacles, allowing residential and commercial plots to be offered at competitive prices—benefiting both the public and government revenue. The most sought-after properties in this auction were residential plots at the Lehal Mandali site and commercial plots in front of the Infotech Academy, reflecting strong public confidence in PDA's development initiatives. Chief Administrator Manisha Rana emphasized that reliable access to essential services—water, electricity, sanitation, and roads—is crucial in shaping public perception of housing opportunities. Well-planned areas with robust transportation links and proximity to key amenities such as schools, healthcare, and employment centers further enhance buyer confidence, values that PDA remains committed to upholding.



Interactive sessions on mission Samarth 3.0 organized for School Heads



VERMA GURDASPUR, MAR 23

To familiarize school heads of upper primary schools with the framework and objectives of Mission Samarth 3.0, interactive subject-wise sessions on Mathematics, Punjabi, and English were held at Sukhjindra College College Gurdaspur. During the sessions, Sr. Amarjeet Singh Purewal, DRC (Gurdaspur) presented key subject-related insights. He also provided crucial data on

educational achievements and outlined the mission's goals. He stressed that the success of Mission Samarth 3.0 depends on the quality of training given to teachers, highlighting the intensive efforts made to enhance their professional development. Ms. Rajni Sodhi, Resource Person (State) briefed the participants on the progress made during previous phases of Mission Samarth and discussed strategies to improve educational outcomes further.

Door in auspicious direction will bring immense success: Dr Bhupender Vastushastri

DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR:

The effect of positive energy in human life is very special, we get this positive energy from the pure environment around us, from the door in the right direction in the house, this is the belief of internationally renowned Vastu expert and author Dr Bhupender Vastushastri. There is a strong possibility of good fortune from our house, if the Vastu of the building is correct, then with the positive energy generated from there, we make ourselves the king and the negative energy generated from Vastu defects makes life hell. The flow of energy in our house is considered from the main door, which is divided into 81 positions of Vastu configuration, out of these 81 positions, 32 positions are external positions, in these the doors of the north direction, main door, Bhalat, Kuber door are considered to be according to Vastu. Jai and Indra positions in the east direction are considered auspicious. Vitath and Grihakshat doors in the south direction come in the category of auspiciousness. Varun and Pushpadant doors in the west direction are considered auspicious and positive. Apart from the above mentioned doors, if the main door of the building is situated at any other position, then it leads to inauspicious results. Hence, before building the building, determine the correct door and make your life happy. Build equal number of doors in the building as per the requirement. If there are more doors than required, then also the result can be inauspicious. The proverb "Too many yogis destroy the monastery" is true for this.



Students sensitised on water conservation: “Water is Life” – Dr. Devi Bhushan



CHAMANLAL KARNAL: Guru Nanak Khalsa College, Karnal, observed World Water Conservation Day under the joint initiative of the NCC Unit and Human Club Society. A special lecture on water conservation was organized, with Lieutenant Dr. Devi Bhushan (NCC Officer) as the keynote speaker. Dr. Bhushan emphasized the importance of water conservation and elaborated on the theme “Water is Life” through various examples. He highlighted two critical aspects of water preservation and shared inspiring stories of individuals who have made significant contributions to this cause despite challenges. He also explained practical ways in which small efforts can help conserve water, ensuring its availability for future generations. On this occasion, College Principal Shashi Madan urged students to adopt the principles of Reduce, Reuse, Recharge, and Recycle for effective water management. College Governing Body President Sardar Kanwarjeet Singh Prince extended best wishes on World Water Day and called for collective efforts toward water conservation.

Digital display at Yamunanagar Bus Stand promotes child protection awareness



RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR: A new digital display panel has been installed at the Yamunanagar bus stand to educate travelers about child protection initiatives under the Mission Vatsalya program by the Women and Child Development Department. The display provides information about various schemes and legal provisions related to child welfare, including sponsorship, adoption, foster care, child rights, juvenile justice, and the POCSO Act. The digital panel was inaugurated by Additional Superintendent of Police Srishti Gupta, who lauded the initiative for spreading awareness about child protection. District Program Officer Tarvinder Kaur stated that this is part of ongoing efforts to inform the public about child welfare programs. A similar display had previously been installed at the district secretariat to ensure easy access to such information. Under Mission Vatsalya, financial assistance is provided to economically weaker sections, and childless couples can register for adoption through the Central Adoption Resource Authority.

Youths pay tribute to martyrs through blood donation drive



JAIBEER RANA THAMBER

BARARA: To honor the martyrdom of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev, Rashtr Jagran Manch Trust organized its 49th blood donation camp at Shiv Mandir Dharamshala in Barara. The event saw the presence of Nepal Singh Rana, son of Agriculture Minister Shyam Singh Rana, as the chief guest, while Ekta Nagpal, Vice President of the Women's Wing, attended as a special guest. Nepal Singh Rana lauded the initiative, stating that paying tribute to martyrs through blood donation is a noble cause. He emphasized the importance of blood donation, remarking, “Blood should flow in veins, not in drains.” He highlighted the ongoing need for blood in hospitals and how donation drives help bridge the gap. Ekta Nagpal compared blood donation to the sanctity of kanyadaan, calling it a mahadan (greatest donation). She stressed that donating blood can save lives and encouraged more participation in such humanitarian efforts.

Youth say no to drugs and yes to sports: Station in-charge Pramod Rana



JAIBEER RANA THAMBER

BARARA: A cricket match was organized by the Police Department in village Manumajra on Sunday to make the youth aware of sports which was inaugurated by Pramod Rana, in-charge of Barada police station. While making the youth aware on the occasion, Pramod Rana said that youth should leave the drug and pay special attention in sports. While life was being ruined due to intoxication, sports created good future and good health. From time to time, the youth were made aware about the importance of sports and kept away from drugs. He said that intoxication ruined the whole family and caused the collapse of society. Whereas sports make the body strong and can illuminate the name of the country by participating in youth sports. He called upon that if someone sold intoxication in their area, he should inform the police and the name of the informer will be kept secret. On this occasion, a cricket match took place between the team of village Alawalpur and Manumajra. In which Alawalpur team won the match. On this occasion, Alawalpur sarpanch representative Praveen Kumar, Sarpanch Rohtash Rana Tambar and others were present.

State Youth Awardee Neeru Devi donates blood for tenth time



MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI: Johar Majra's State Youth Awardee Neeru Devi donated blood for the tenth time. Giving this information, Neeru Devi said that two campaigns were being run by NIFA across the country from March 16 to 30 March. In which it has been resolved to donate one and a half lakh units of blood by organizing 2400 blood donation camps. Under this, a huge blood donation camp was organized in OPS Vidya Mandir, Sector 13, Urban Estate Karnal and a cultural program of songs of patriotism dedicated to the 94th Martyrdom Day of Shaheed A Azam Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev. She said that she felt good by donating blood for the tenth time. She said that there was no greater donation than blood donation. With blood donation one can save the life of others three needy.

Saigrace International School celebrates annual function



VIJAY KAUSHIK

LADWA: Saigrace International School, Ladwa, like every year, organized Atrang 2025 Mela at Shivala Ramkundi on Sunday. In this program, Dr. Ashok Garg, former councilor Madhu Garg and Shivansh Garg participated as chief guests and inaugurated the program by lighting the lamp.

About 400 students of the school mesmerized the people by giving cultural presentations on the stage. The presentations of Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, Sukhdev tableau, Shiv Tandava, Women Empowerment, full of Veer Ras, Hasya Ras, Shok Ras, Raudra Ras fascinated the people. On one hand, people were happy while on the other hand tears were seen in the eyes after watching the patriotism and martyrs' presentations of the children. A huge crowd gathered in this program those enjoyed this fair.

Brahmin Sabha organises meeting to discuss procession on Lord Parashuram Jayanti



PREETI SAINI

SADAURA: A meeting of the Brahmin Sabha was organized in a private palace in Sadhaura on Sunday. In this meeting, all the members discussed about the procession to be taken out on Lord Parashuram Jayanti. All the office bearers and members of the District Brahmin Sabha were present in this meeting. During the meeting, all the office bearers and members of the Sabha expressed their consent on taking out the procession of Lord Parashuram like last year and the Brahmin community was appealed to cooperate in this procession and the youth, children, women and elderly should participate in large numbers. Along with this, the Brahmin Sabha said in the meeting that the date of the procession would be informed to everyone within a week by holding a meeting. On this occasion, Sadhaura Municipality Chairperson Shalini Sharma promised to provide all possible support to the Brahmin community. During this time, District President of Brahmin Sabha Haryana, Yamuna Nagar, Ravinder Sharma, Vice President Shiv Kumar Kaushik, Naresh Sharma, District Vice President.

Recruitment drive of Shiromani Akali Dal begins in Talwandi Malliya



JAGRAJ SANGHA

KISHANPURA KALAN: As per the Hukamnama issued by Sri Akal Takht Sahib on December 2, a recruitment drive for Shiromani Akali Dal commenced today from Talwandi Malliya, the native village of Subedar Gurmeet Singh Mallian. The event saw active participation from Halqa In-charge Barjinder Singh Makhan Brar, who addressed a large gathering of supporters. Speaking on the occasion, Makhan Brar emphasized that the recruitment campaign is being conducted in strict accordance with the orders of Sri Akal Takht Sahib. He announced that the campaign will continue for the next six months, ensuring widespread participation and awareness. The gathering expressed their support by raising their hands in agreement. Several prominent personalities attended the event, including Kuldeep Singh Buttar (former Agriculture Officer), Panch Jaswinder Singh Aulakh, Iqbaldeep Singh Harry, Master Sukhminder Singh, Jagdeep Singh Neelu, Sukhdev Singh Sekha, Nahar Singh Malli, Parminder Singh Bhima, Balwinder Singh Virdi, Baljit Singh Kalsi, Jagtar Singh Virdi.

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GURUGRAM / HISAR : Uninterrupted match streaming requires sufficient and fast data, as fans gear up to witness thrilling clashes in the T20 league. Vi prepaid customers can enjoy every moment of these matches with an unmatched data experience and a bundled free subscription of JiOHostar. For an uninterrupted, seamless cricket experience, Vi customers can choose from multiple packs. For this season, specifically, Vi has launched 3 new recharge, provides a 3-month JiO Hostar (Mobile) subscription along with 5GB data. 2. Rs. 399 recharge, provides Unlimited Calls + 12am-12pm Unlimited Data + additional 2GB Daily Data and JiOHostar mobile subscription, valid for 28 days 3.Rs. 239 recharge, provides Unlimited Calls + 2GB Data and JiOHostar mobile subscription, valid for 28 days

Kotak Mahindra Bank Announces Appointment of Bhavnish Lathia as Chief Technology Officer

CHANDIGARH: Kotak Mahindra Bank today announced the appointment of Bhavnish Lathia as the new Chief Technology Officer (CTO) for the Bank. Announcing the appointment, Ashok Vaswani, MD & CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank, said, "Bhavnish has been instrumental in driving our technology initiatives for the last three years, building a world-class team of engineers to help drive our technology agenda. The rapid deployment of technology, with business leaders working closely with their respective technology teams, will be key to transforming our businesses for scale. This approach will drive customer satisfaction and organizational efficiency. And with Bhavnish's leadership, we will achieve our ambitious agenda and set the bar for technology leadership in the banking industry."

Samsung's New AI-Powered PCs, Galaxy Book5 Series, Now Available in India

CHANDIGARH: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today announced the nationwide availability of Galaxy Book5 series. With cutting-edge performance and immersive AI features, Galaxy Book5 series is designed for next-level productivity, creativity, and entertainment. Making AI-powered computing more accessible than ever, Galaxy Book5 series, with Intel Core Ultra, now starts at INR 114900, which is INR 15000 lower than the previous Galaxy Book4 series models. Customers purchasing the Galaxy Book5 series can get bank cashback up to INR 10000 and Galaxy Buds3 Pro at just INR 7999 (against the original price of INR 19999). The devices are also available with up to 24 months no cost EMI option. Additionally, students can avail an exclusive 10% discount, making Galaxy Book5 series an ideal choice for young professionals and learners.

Jindal (India) Limited Hosts Retailer Meet 'Milaap' in Mandi Gobindgarh

MANDI GOBINDGARH: Jindal (India) Limited, part of prestigious B.C. Jindal Group and one of the leading downstream steel products manufacturers in India, successfully hosted Milaap, a retailers' meet, in the Steel City of Punjab, Mandi Gobindgarh. The meet organized in association with company's authorized distributor Mahavir Alloys, was attended by close to 60 retailers from the region along with senior company officials. Jindal (India) Limited have a strong presence in the East and South of India and we aim to grow even more in these markets while also expanding in the North and West. The Milaap Retailer meet is an effort to inform and educate our valuable retailers in the region about our high-quality products, such as Jindal Sabrang and more," said a Jindal (India) Limited spokesperson. Jindal (India) Limited have a strong presence in the East and South of India and we aim to grow even more in these markets while also expanding in the North and West.

Strengthening Water Security: PepsiCo India's Partnership-Driven Approach

CHANDIGARH: On World Water Day, PepsiCo India reaffirms its endeavors to drive water sustainability, aligned with the philosophy of 'Partnership of Progress'. Water stewardship has long been one of PepsiCo's top priorities, wherein the company is driving initiatives to improve the health of high water-risk watersheds for its operations, surrounding ecosystems, and local communities. The holistic approach focuses on improving water efficiency, driving access to safe water, and replenishing water sources. In partnership with Alternative Development Initiatives (ADI), PepsiCo India's Sustainable Water Resource Development and Management (SWRDM) program aims to support groundwater recharge through geo-hydrological planning at the watershed level.

AGI Cricket League Set to Begin with Six Teams in Jalandhar

JALANDHAR: The AGI Cricket League Championship will kick off at the TBlock Cricket Ground, Jalandhar Heights 1, 66 Foot Road, under the banner of the AGI Sports Institute of India, announced Mr. Deepak Bajaj. The five-day tournament will feature six teams: Jalandhar Heights 1 Cricket Team, Jalandhar Heights Cricket Team, Urbana Cricket Team, AGI Sky Villa Cricket Team, AGI Sky Garden Team and Maxima Cricket Team. Matches will be played in a day-and-night format under floodlights, and spectators from AGI residential societies are eagerly awaiting the championship. Special arrangements have been made for attendees, including free refreshments such as tea, coffee, snacks, and packed water as confirmed by Mr. Vasek Kalra and Mr. Jain Khurana. The tournament will be officiated by two professional umpires, as stated by Mr. Ajay Gupta, while Mr. Surinder Bhambra, Media Advisor, confirmed live coverage across print, electronic, social media platforms, and YouTube.

Water Misuse threatening Future Generations and Crops: Sant Seechewal Sounds Alarm

SULTANPUR LODHI: "Baba Kleeer Sports and Welfare Club" (Regi) organized a sports tournament at village Chuhr. The chief guest Rajya Sabha member and environmentalist Padma Shri Sant Balbir Singh Seechewal blessed the players. Sant Seechewal greeted the people with World Water Day. Addressing the sports enthusiasts, Sant Seechewal said that due to misuse of drinking water, both future generations and crops are in danger. He said that along with regional sports and culture, saving the environment and water is the main demand of the time. He said that water is very important for living beings and crops on earth. He said that due to our mistakes, underground water level is continuously declining.

Chandigarh Literary Society Organises Chandigarh Lit Fest Literati – Spring Edition 2025

RN KHERA CHANDIGARH: With the fresh breeze of spring sweeping across the City Beautiful, adorning it with colorful hues of the season, the Chandigarh Literary Society (CLS) organised the Chandigarh Lit Fest (CLF) Literati – Spring Edition 2025, to celebrate the season with a beautiful amalgamation of art and literature at CII Headquarters, Sector 31, Chandigarh.

The one-day literary celebration based on the theme 'A Festival of Ideas' brought together authors, artists, and intellectuals from across India for a thought-provoking session of discussions, storytelling, and creative inspiration.

In her inaugural address, Dr Sumita Misra, Festival Director of CLF Literati, Chairperson of CLS, and noted poet, extended a warm welcome, stating, "Literati- Spring Edition 2025 is a celebration of creativity, intellect, and imagination. This year's theme- Festival of Ideas, encapsulates the essence of literature that stands for thought, dialogue, and exploration."

She said, "Literati is not just a festival. It's a platform that showcases both celebrated voices and emerging talents. CLS serves as a platform for emerging voices, poets, writers and thinkers where they can unleash their creativity. It is heartening to see young and seasoned writers come together, share ideas, and create an



amalgamation of diverse perspectives."

The Lit Fest kicked off with a thought-provoking session titled 'Tears, Cheers & Fears: The Emotional Intelligence Survival Kit'. Speakers Aanchal Bedi, Shivam, and Col. Sunil Prem discussed the role and

importance of Emotional Intelligence in today's time.

Shivam said, "Emotional intelligence is the ability to understand the source of our emotions and to respond to them thoughtfully and sensibly."

Sharing anecdotes from his book 'The Power of Human

Conscious Pattern' Col. Sunil said that by mastering our emotional patterns, we can unlock limitless potential in our lives.

Anchal stated that comparing children to others actually kills their potential. Instead, parents should guide and inspire their children in subtle, supportive ways.

In another stimulating session, 'Metaphors Be with You: The Power of Storytelling', distinguished authors Manju Jaidka and Neelkamal Puri delved into the role and beauty of metaphors in writing. Manju emphasized that while metaphors are a powerful element of storytelling, they are just one part of the larger craft.

Himalayan Public Senior Secondary School Dunera Sets New Benchmarks in Education, Admissions Open

Gurdaspur (Verma): Himalayan Public Senior Secondary School, Dunera, located near Mohini Palace, has started the admission process for the academic year 2025-26. This school follows the CBSE curriculum and is an English medium co-educational institution. The school offers various features and facilities aimed at enhancing both the academic and personal growth of students. The school prides itself on having certified and qualified teachers, maintaining a favorable teacher-student ratio of 1:15, and incorporating hands-on learning methods to ensure a deeper understanding of concepts. The curriculum is designed not just for academic excellence but also to develop the overall personality of the students. In addition to academics, the school offers a wide range of extracurricular activities including sports, yoga classes, and other enrichment programs, ensuring a balanced physical and mental development of the students. With a track record of 100% results, the school maintains high educational standards and strives for academic excellence. To ensure the comfort and safety of students, the school provides a large playground, aqua-purified drinking water, and bus services covering areas like Dunera, Bakhtpur, Dhar, Basohli, Katori Bangla, and more. Furthermore, the school is offering a special 50% discount on pre-admissions made before March 15, 2025. Parents who are interested in enrolling their children can take advantage of this limited-time offer. For more information, interested parents can contact the school at the following numbers: 8894286424, 9805447903, and 7814887264.

Bhaichung Bhutia Football Schools - Residential Academy will hold football trials in AMRITSAR on 30th March

AMRITSAR : Bhaichung Bhutia Football Schools (BBFS)—Residential Academy Trials, in collaboration with EnJogo, will conduct trials on 30th March 2025 at The Athletic Ground Guru Nanak Dev University. This trail is specifically designed for U13 to U17 young football talent, where selected players can join the prestigious BBFS Residential Academy. Open to players born between 2009 and 2015, the trials provide a platform for aspiring footballers to showcase their skills and potentially embark on a journey toward professional football. Regarding the initiative, Indian football legend Bhaichung Bhutia said, "We believe that football is a sport that should be accessible to every young talent in the country, regardless of where they come from. These trials are an opportunity for young players in Punjab to take their first step toward realizing their dreams. Through BBFS and EnJogo, we provide training and a platform for athletes to develop their game and potentially represent India at the highest level."

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

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

Cultural Fest Organized by Sarbat Da Bhala Trust



CHANDIGARH: Sarbat Da Bhala Charitable Trust, hosted a captivating theatrical and dance program at S.D. College, Sector 32, Chandigarh, here. The event was graced by the presence of Dr. Raj Bahadur, Director of the Regional Spinal Injuries Centre, Mohali, as the chief guest. The highlight of the evening, organised by Mr. Satnam Singh Randhawa was the performance of the play "Pukaar" by artists from Akanksha Sanshan, Jodhpur. Written by Dr. Nibedita and directed by Dr. Vikas Kapoor, the play powerfully depicted the grim realities of sexual violence and the trauma faced by survivors. Additionally, Sphinx Dance & Creation Group, Kolkata, mesmerized the audience with a stunning Bharatanatyam performance, conceptualized and choreographed by Arunava Burman. Their rendition of the Draupadi Cheer Haran episode from the Mahabharata was particularly impactful. The performances won applause from the audience, which included professors from various colleges and universities, doctors from PGI, judges, senior citizens, and other distinguished guests. The trust under the leadership of its Managing Trustee, Dr. S.P. Singh Oberoi "Sevisingh", continues to support and promote artists across India. As part of this initiative, national-level cultural festivals are organized in Patiala, providing a platform for artists from different states to showcase their talents in new regions.

9th Edition of Amateur Golfers Society Golf Tournament Held

PANCHKULA: Amrinder Singh, with an impressive score of 78 in the 10-15 handicap category, and Dr. R.K. Talwar, with a score of 76 in the 16 & Above handicap category, emerged as champions at the 9th Edition of the Amateur Golfers Society Golf Tournament, held at the lush green Panchkula Golf Club. The Chief Guest was Rakesh Goyal, Chairman, RERA, Punjab.



The event was organized by the Amateur Golfers Society (AGS) — a non-governmental organization committed to promoting golf in the region. The tournament brought together 72 passionate golfers, competing across two handicap categories: 10-15 and 16 & above. In the 10-15 handicap category, Brig. Manoj Rajpuro secured the runner-up spot with a score of 80, followed by Parveen Viridi as the second runner-up with a score of 86. In the 16 & Above handicap category, Col. N.K. Mehta claimed the runner-up position with a score of 77, while A.K. Jindal completed the podium as second runner-up with a score of 78. The tournament also featured individual skill challenges. Amrinder Singh won the Longest Drive with an impressive 270-yard shot. S.S. Prasad, IAS(Retd.), claimed the Straight Drive title with a shot measuring 1 foot, and Col. N.K. Mehta secured the Highest Birdies title by carding six birdies during his round. A birdie in golf means scoring one stroke under par on a hole.

Niva Bupa Launches 'Rise' for India's "Missing Middle"

CHANDIGARH : Niva Bupa Health Insurance Company Limited (Formerly known as Max Bupa Health Insurance Company Limited) – one of India's leading standalone health insurers has unveiled 'Rise'—a health insurance plan designed to make quality healthcare more accessible for India's "Missing Middle." With several industry-first features that deliver value and flexibility, 'Rise' is set to redefine affordability and accessibility in health insurance.

'Rise' has been designed after comprehensive consumer immersion with consumers in the middle class segment residing in both large and small cities of India to understand their lifestyle, needs and preferences. The interactions revealed insights that people in this cohort have seasonal income and are looking for tangible benefits to manage their

health due to lack of good primary private health care. Based on these insights, Niva Bupa has created an affordable and customised health insurance product which offers not just comprehensive coverage to customers but also provides them the option to choose whether they prefer to get treated in a private network hospital or a government hospital. This, coupled with unlimited digital consultations and an option to pay premium as per their convenience makes 'Rise' a perfectly suited health insurance plan for this customer segment. In India, the "missing middle" population, as defined by the NITI Aayog report published in October 2021, refers to individuals who earn too much to qualify for government-sponsored health schemes but too little to afford premium of a private health insurance. This segment, comprising of nearly 40 crore Indians, which includes a significant portion of the middle class, is particularly vulnerable in times of medical emergencies.

CT Institute Students Cultivate Medicinal Oyster Mushrooms



JALANDHAR (J S SODHI) : Students and faculty from CT Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, South Campus, Shahpur, have successfully cultivated Oyster Mushroom Spawns as part of a research initiative aimed at sustainable health solutions. The cultivated Oyster Mushrooms (Pleurotus ostreatus) are known for their medicinal properties, including immune system support, anti-oxidant effects, and potential cancer-fighting abilities. The mushrooms will be processed into powder form and undergo laboratory testing for safety and toxicity checks before potential medicinal and nutritional applications. Dr. Manbir Singh, Managing Director of CT Group, praised the initiative, stating, "This project reflects our commitment to research-driven education, equipping students with scientific skills to advance healthcare and nutrition."

Khalsa College (Amritsar) of Technology and Business Studies Hosts Two-Day Annual Sports Meet



MOHALI: Khalsa College (Amritsar) of Technology and Business Studies, Phase 3A Mohali, organized its two-day Annual Sports Meet. The event was inaugurated by the college's Principal, Dr. Harish Kumari, who released balloons into the air and encouraged students to participate in various sports. On the first day of the Annual Sports Meet, students enthusiastically took part in games such as cricket, football, volleyball, badminton, and chess, while on the final day, students showcased their talent in events like javelin throw, shot put, long jump, and 100-meter race. In addition, students also participated in fun games like tug of war, three-legged race, lemon race, and slow cycling, delivering excellent performances. Players who excelled in both days of the sports were honored by the college Principal, Dr. Harish Kumari. They were presented with certificates of appreciation and medals in recognition of their achievements.

Workshop on Hilly Area Planning Concludes Successfully with Focus on Sustainable Development

BILASPUR(AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY) A two-day workshop on "Planning of Hilly Area" was successfully organized at Shiv Shakti Convent School, Kasaru, Ghumari on March 22 and 23, aiming to promote sustainable development, environmental conservation, and scientific planning in hill regions. Technical Education Minister Rajesh Dharmani graced the event as chief guest and emphasized the importance of balanced growth and thoughtful development in hilly terrains. He highlighted government efforts focused on improving living standards through eco-conscious and planned initiatives, ensuring both prosperity and preservation of nature. The workshop was organized by Guru Ram Das School of Planning, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, with support from Suyanyan and Environment Committee, Palasla. It brought together a panel of experts, planners, researchers, and academicians who deliberated on development challenges and opportunities specific to mountainous regions. Key issues discussed included sustainable resource use, urban expansion, environmental threats, and tailored development strategies. Participants were trained in modern planning methodologies, environment-friendly policies, and localized implementation techniques. The program successfully bridged theoretical insights with practical applications, equipping regional planners and stakeholders with tools to drive positive transformation in hill area development.

Crompton Reimagines Lighting with Launch of INFINIA - 20% Extra Brightness & SlimO - Ultra-Sleek Appeal!

CHANDIGARH: Bringing in a new range of decorative and aesthetically superior lighting, Crompton Greaves Consumer Electricals Ltd., has expanded its range of Batten Lights portfolio with the launch of two new products - Infinia 24W a unique designed indirect lighting product with Pristech technology. Infinia 24W comes with a unique design with decorative endcaps giving brighter illumination with an aesthetically appealing finish. Also launching SlimO 20W- 15% Slimmer batten with Decorative endcaps, designed to complement modern living spaces. These LED lights combine advanced lighting technology and sleek aesthetics, to create the perfect ambience for both homes and offices. By enhancing décor, these new fixtures not only brighten spaces but also add a contemporary and sophisticated touch. Ideal for transforming

interiors, these lights seamlessly blend functionality and elegance, turning environments into inviting and visually captivating settings. Lighting has transitioned from a basic need to a vital design element that defines ambience and personal style. Modern consumers increasingly want to transform their living spaces with lighting solutions that enhance décor while ensuring optimal illumination. Recognizing this, Crompton introduces its latest range of products designed to strike the perfect balance between functionality and aesthetics. These stylish and efficient lighting fixtures are tailored to elevate living rooms—the heart of home transformations—by seamlessly blending illumination with modern design. With this launch, Crompton redefines home lighting, offering solutions that not only brighten but also beautify spaces. Speaking about the

company's newly added models to the Batten lighting range, Shaheen Nayak, Vice President & Business Head, Lighting, Crompton Greaves Consumer Electricals Ltd., shared, "At Crompton, we recognize that lighting has evolved beyond just providing brightness to becoming a key element in home decoration and design, enhancing both the experience and personal style of the user. Our addition of the elegant Infinia24W and sleek SlimO 20W models to the Batten range embodies this transformation. Infinia 24W, not only provides superior illumination but also create a glare-free, comfortable environment. Designed to elevate the ambience of any room, these stylish and efficient lighting options make every space better illuminated, whether in a home or office, ensuring both elegance and functionality."

Bandhan AMC Introduces Vedartha – A Wealth Creation Platform for Onshore and Offshore Investors

LUDHIANA : 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."

NHAI & Amrita Hospital Launch Road Safety Initiative



FARIDABAD: India records the highest number of road fatalities globally, with approximately 178,000 lives lost each year. Recognizing the need for a stronger emergency response system and spreading awareness, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has signed an MoU with Amrita Hospital, Faridabad, on World Head Injury Awareness Day, 20th March. This collaboration marks the launch of a long-term poly trauma awareness campaign 'Sar Salamath toh Ghar Salamath', which will train thousands of NHAI ambulance personnel, private ambulance operators, and Haryana Police Patrol vehicles, with a special focus on highway emergency response. This initiative is a significant leap in road safety training, ensuring that the right people receive critical life-saving skills. As part of this initiative, over 50 ambulance workers received hands-on training on March 23rd from Dr. Gaurav Kakkar, Senior Consultant, Lead Neuro-Anaesthesia & Neurocritical Care, on critical interventions for road accident victims and emergency preparedness.

Livasa Hospital, Mohali Launches 60-Day Campaign to Intensify Battle Against Tuberculosis



CHANDIGARH : Livasa Hospital, Mohali, has intensified its efforts to combat Tuberculosis (TB) through a 60-day awareness campaign, where its team of experts will screen TB patients at discounted prices in the hospital and create awareness in communities through screening camps and health talks. The campaign, aimed at accelerating early detection, preventing new infections, and encouraging timely notification, was launched to mark World Tuberculosis Day, which is observed on 24th March 2025. The awareness drive will start on 24th March and continue until 31st May 2025. TB is an ancient dis-

ease caused by the bacteria Mycobacterium tuberculosis. Poor socio-economic status and civic conditions are risk factors for latent TB infections, in addition to malnutrition and deplorable hygiene. The BCG vaccine is commonly used to protect against serious forms of TB in childhood, but its effectiveness wanes with age. Latent TB is a significant issue, particularly among the aging population. Dr. Pawan Kumar, Director and CEO of Livasa Hospitals, remarked, "Implementing strategic changes in our approach to tuberculosis management can yield significant benefits for our communities.

World Heritage Foundation launches campaign in Parkashpur

PARKASHPUR (Harnipur) – In a remarkable display of community spirit and zeal, peoples of Parkashpur in district Harnipur of Himachal Pradesh have launched a campaign to clean up the areas polluted water bodies, filling the gap left by the government's inaction under the aegis of World Heritage Foundation on the eve of International Water Day with the ambitious theme "Water as Elixer of Life" The flagship program was inaugurated by an internationally acclaimed environmentalist Dr PC. Sharma, Founder Chairman, World Heritage Foundation and was participated by hundreds of volunteers, pilgrims, students, villagers, professionals etc from the region who spearheaded the campaigns to clear streams, channels, and ponds of waste, restoring their natural flow and making their water potable. It was a grassroots movement which began with the cleaning of the ancient water bodies historically associated with great saints, sages and sidhas and would be expanded to dozens of villages across the various stressed segments of Himachal Pradesh and adjoining states.

Aakash Educational Services Limited Launches Aakash Invictus

GURUGRAM: Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL), the national leader in test preparatory services, proudly announces the launch of Aakash Invictus Campus, a groundbreaking and first-of-its-kind advanced program campus for JEE preparation, specifically designed for the best and brightest engineering aspirants. This elite, high-intensity, personalized, AI-driven, and result-oriented initiative is tailored to support students preparing for IITs or reputed universities abroad. The Aakash Invictus Campus building spans 2 floors, each covering an area of 4400 sqft, offering ample space for an advanced learning experience. The campus is equipped with 12 modern classrooms, designed to provide a conducive environment for focused and personalized JEE preparation. With its spacious layout and state-of-the-art infrastructure, Invictus Campus ensures students have access to the best resources for success. Mr. Deepak Mehrotra, MD & CEO of Aakash Educational Services Limited, emphasized the program's significance, stating, "Aakash Invictus is not just a coaching program; it is a transformational journey for students aiming to secure top IIT ranks. This program brings together top-notch faculty with decades of experience, cutting-edge teaching methodologies and personalized, AI and tech-driven learning. Over the years, our educators have successfully mentored millions of students to secure admissions in top IITs.

Ratnavali Youth Song Festival concludes at DAV College, Sadhaura

SADHAURA(Preeti Saini): The four-day Ratnavali Youth Song Festival, organized by DAV College, Sadhaura under the aegis of Kurukshetra University's Youth and Cultural Affairs Department, concluded with a vibrant performance by Arya PG College, Panipat. The team presented a cultural song performance at Azizpur Kala village, hosted by DAV College, Sadhaura, with the theme Navratna. Speaking on the occasion, Principal Dr. Tejvir Singh emphasized the significance of folk songs in Haryana's culture and extended a warm welcome to the chief guests, dignitaries, and attendees. Sadhaura MLA Renu Bala, the chief guest, highlighted the importance of such events in promoting traditional music and



dance as part of a cultural awakening. Social activist Sardar Ujjwal Singh Bajwa congratulated both Kurukshetra University and the college administration for organizing this event. Hundreds of spectators from Azizpur Kala and surrounding areas enjoyed the colorful performances. Principal Dr. Tejvir Singh also extended special thanks to Azizpur Kala village Sarpanch Vishal and Pencil village Sarpanch Naaveen Kamal Sandhu for their support in making the event successful. Prominent attendees included Manju Sandhu (Sarpanch, Pencil), Vishal Kumar (Sarpanch, Azizpur Kala), Gyan Numberdar, Sahib Singh, Amarav Singh, Dinesh Sharma, Master Surendra Pal, Premchand, Chaman Lal, Karamchand, and Sanju Prajapati, among others.

Salman Agha admits Pakistan got "outplayed" against NZ; felt swing was "bit too much" for their batters

Mount Maunganui : Skipper Salman Ali Agha acknowledged Pakistan got "outplayed" against New Zealand as the conditions in the second innings turned out to be a "bit too much" for the touring party in the fourth T20I at Mount Maunganui. Even though the toss went Pakistan's way, the rest of the match didn't. Pakistan's experienced bowlers tilted at windmills while the rookie batters jumped on the bandwagon that ran from pitch to dressing room. After Pakistan's bowling unit handsomely conceded runs and allowed New Zealand to post 220/6 on the board, the Men in Green needed its batters to replicate the heroics from the third T20I. However, Pakistan's batters appeared out of wits against a clinical New Zealand pace attack. Zakary Foulkes and William O'Rourke made the most out of their height and generated bounce with the swing to level Pakistan in tatters. Salman felt the conditions became too much for his side to handle but mulled over the importance of adapting, doing better, and winning the final T20I of the series.

Paralympian Sheetal Devi edges out Payal Nag to defend archery gold medal

New Delhi : Defending champion Sheetal Devi came from behind to successfully bag her 2nd gold medal at the Khelo India Para Games at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium here on Sunday. Pitted against Odisha's special quadruple amputee archer in Payal Nag, Jammu and Kashmir's Sheetal triumphed 109-103 in their compound archery open final encounter, as per the SAI Media press release. The extremely sunny conditions in the national capital have been uncompromising, but they haven't deterred the competitive spirit of the archers. The old guard of Rakesh Kumar, 40, and Jyoti Balyan, 30, took away medals while teenage sensations Sheetal, 18, and Payal, 17, also shone on the podium in the compound open events. Jharkhand's Vijay Sundi beat Haryana's Vikas Bhakar 6-4 in the men's recurve open gold medal match, while Haryana's Pooja beat Maharashtra's Rajshri Rathod 6-4 in the women's recurve open gold medal match. All eyes were on the women's compound gold medal match. Sheetal Devi started with scores of 8 and 7, while Payal started off with double 10s. Payal, 17, however, lost the upper hand in the third round, where she shot a 7 for the first time, and Sheetal got back to her consistent best of 9s and 10s.

Global Indian Pravasi Kabaddi League unveils CT ahead of April 18 kickoff

New Delhi : The highly anticipated Global Indian Pravasi Kabaddi League (GI-PKL) took a grand step forward with the unveiling of its Championship Trophy in a special ceremony held in Delhi on Sunday. The GI-PKL is scheduled to begin on April 18 in Gurugram. The league has already garnered global attention with participation from teams representing countries like Egypt, Kenya, Argentina, Germany, England, Norway, and Poland. The launch event was graced by esteemed dignitaries, further solidifying the GI-PKL's status as a premier global Kabaddi tournament, as per a press release from GI-PKL. The Special Guest, D Suresh, IAS, Principal Secretary, Industries and Commerce, Government of Haryana and former Indian kabaddi team captain Deepak Hooda unveiled the Championship Trophy alongside Holistic International Pravasi Sports Association (HIPSA), President Karthi D. Suresh. Speaking at the GI-PKL trophy launch, D Suresh said, "Kabaddi is an integral part of India's sporting heritage, and it is heartening to see a global platform like GI-PKL take shape in Haryana. This initiative will not only provide a stage for international athletes but also boost Kabaddi's.

New Zealand's Duffy, Foulkes demolish Pak batting, register massive win in 4th T20I

Mount Maunganui : Seamers Jacob Duffy and Zakary Foulkes's exceptional bowling performance guided New Zealand to victory over Pakistan by 115 runs in the fourth T20I of the five-match series at the Bay Oval on Sunday. With this victory, the Kiwis took an unassailable 4-1 lead in the five-match T20I series. The fifth and last T20I of the series between the two teams will be played at Wellington on Wednesday, March 23. Chasing a mammoth total of 221 runs in the match, the Men in Green were bundled out for 105 runs. The visitors were bowled out in the 17th over of the innings. The highest scorer for the side was Abdul Samad who scored 44 runs off 30 balls which came with the help of four boundaries and two sixes in his innings. Irfan Khan also score some runs (24 runs from 16 balls, with 4 four and a six) but that were not enough for the side. Other than these two players, no one was able to touch the double digit mark. Players like Mohammad Harris, Hasan Nawaz, team skipper Salman Agha, Khushdil Shah, and Shadab Khan failed to make their mark in the game.



Sunrisers Hyderabad outclass Rajasthan Royals by 44 runs in run-fest encounter

AGENCY HYDERABAD : Fine half-centuries from Sanju Samson and Dhruv Jurel went in vain as Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) register a magnificent 44-run victory over Rajasthan Royals in the second encounter of the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium on Sunday.

Chasing a mammoth total of 287 runs, the Rajasthan openers Sanju Samson and Yashavi Jaiswal started

attacking from the first over but lost three wickets inside the powerplay with just 50 runs on board.

Following three quick wickets in 4.1 overs, the visitor's wicketkeeper-batter Dhruv Jurel came out to bat along with right-hand batter Sanju Samson in the middle.

Both players built a marvellous partnership of 111 runs from just 60 balls before Samdson was sent back to the pavilion after scoring 66 runs off just 37 balls which was laced with seven

fours and four sixes in his innings when the team score was 161. The wicket fell on the last ball of the 14th over.

In the 15th over, Jurel was sent back to the dressing room after scoring 70 runs from just 35 balls which came with the help of five boundaries and six maximums in his innings.

In the end, Shubham Dubey (34 runs off 11 balls) and Shimron Hetmyer (42 runs from 23 balls) played quickfire knocks but it was not enough to cross as

their side went on to lose the game by 44 runs. For Sunrisers, two wickets each were snapped by Harshal Patel (2/34 in 4 overs) and Simarjeet Singh (2/46 in 3 overs) whereas one wicket each was bagged by Mohammed Shami (1/33 in 3 overs) and Adam Zampa (1/48 in 4 overs) in their respective spells.

SRH was put to bat first by RR, who opted to field first, the opening pair of Travis Head and Abhishek Sharma, 'Travishek', carried from where they had left off last season.

While Head took down Maheesh Theekshana for a four and six, Abhishek pummelled Fazalhaq Farooqi for five boundaries, including a hat-trick of fours in the third over. Head ended the third over with a six, looting a total of 21 runs.

The 45-run partnership between Head and Abhishek was over as in an attempt to slash a half-tracker by Theekshana, Abhishek was caught by Yashasvi Jaiswal for 24 in 11 balls, with five fours.

Jofra Archer registers most expensive spell in IPL history, concedes 76 runs against SRH

AGENCY NEW DELHI: Jofra Archer's much-anticipated return to the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 took an unfortunate turn as he set an unwanted record in Rajasthan Royals' (RR) clash against Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH). Archer bowled the most expensive spell in IPL history, conceding 76 runs in his four-over quota at an economy rate of 19.

The English pacer surpassed the previous record held by Mohit Sharma, who gave away 73 runs for Gujarat Titans (GT) against Delhi Capitals (DC) in IPL 2024.

Most expensive spells in IPL history:

- 0/76 - Jofra Archer (RR) vs SRH, Hyderabad, 2025*
- 0/73 - Mohit Sharma (GT)



- vs DC, Delhi, 2024
- 0/70 - Basil Thampi (SRH) vs RCB, Bengaluru, 2018
- 0/69 - Yash Dayal (GT) vs KKR, Ahmedabad, 2023
- 1/68 - Reece Topley (RCB) vs SRH, Bengaluru, 2024

- 1/68 - Luke Wood (MI) vs DC, Delhi, 2024
- Archer's struggle began early when Travis Head took him for 23 runs in the PowerPlay, hitting four fours and a six.

IPL 2025: Rohit Sharma joins Glenn Maxwell, Dinesh Karthik in unwanted list

AGENCY CHENNAI : Mumbai Indians (MI) batter and former captain Rohit Sharma joined Glenn Maxwell and Dinesh Karthik in an unfortunate list, becoming the player with the most ducks in the history of the Indian Premier League (IPL).

Rohit registered this unwanted record during the 'El Clasico' of IPL against Chennai Super Kings (CSK) at Chepauk Stadium.

Rohit struggled against Khaleel Ahmed's pace for three deliveries before giving his wicket, handing a catch to Shivam Dube at mid-wicket. The former skipper walked back for a four-ball duck, starting Mumbai's downfall. This was Rohit's 18th



duck in the IPL, the same as Maxwell and Karthik.

At the second spot are Piyush Chawla and Sunil Narine, who have 16 ducks each.

Chidambaram Stadium in the ongoing Indian Premier League on Sunday.

Another chapter in the IPL's 'El Clasico' will unfold at Chepauk, with two of the most decorated sides in the cash-rich league squaring off against each other in a fierce contest. MI will be without its skipper, Hardik Pandya, and top pace gun, Jasprit Bumrah. In Pandya's absence, Suryakumar Yadav has taken the leadership role.

Chennai Super Kings (Playing XI): Ruturaj Gaikwad (c), Rachin Ravindra, Deepak Hooda, Shivam Dube, Ravindra Jadeja, Sam Curran, MS Dhoni (w), Ravichandran Ashwin, Noor Ahmad, Nathan Ellis, Khaleel Ahmed

Punjab's Jaspreet Kaur breaks powerlifting national record; TN keep lead

AGENCY NEW DELHI : The fourth day of the second edition of the Khelo India Para Games saw Punjab's powerlifter Jaspreet Kaur grab the headlines. Jaspreet became the first athlete in KIPG 2025 to break a national record. In the 45 kg category, the 31-year-old lifted 101 kg to claim the gold medal at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium complex on Sunday, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) said in a release.

At the time of writing, 113 gold medals had been decided with Tamil Nadu leading the charts with 22 golds. Haryana stood second with 18 gold medals while Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan followed with 13 gold medals each.

Jaspreet broke her own national record of 100kg to set a new benchmark at the Khelo India Games 2025. In December 2023, she had also won the gold medal in the same event, with the heaviest lift of 85kg. "But I wanted



to do perform even better this time around. Shattering a national record has also helped me climb up the national rankings," Jaspreet Kaur told SAI Media.

Lifting 16kg more in less than two years was no easy feat. Jaspreet went through intense training, researched various new techniques, and made changes to her diet to retain fitness. The biggest challenge to overcome was dealing with anxiety issues.

"I made my debut in 2022 where at the nationals. So, I always felt I was quite new to the sport. It took me a while to realise that to develop strength and muscle, it would take time. It does not happen overnight. It took me three years to deliver such performances," Jaspreet, who had polio since the age of 3, further said.

At the other end of JLN Stadium, the archery events came to a conclusion with star para archer Sheetal Devi going past

rival Payal Nag from Odisha to win the gold medal in the compound women's open category in a closely-contested final. The 44-year-old para archer Adil Mohammed Nazir Ansari from Maharashtra, who had won the gold medal in the Khelo India Para Games in December 2023, once again won the gold medal in the W1 round men's event, defying his age.

At Karni Singh Shooting Range, Sumedha Pathak from Uttar Pradesh caused a major upset in the women's 10m air pistol SH1 category. She defeated the 2024 Paralympics medalist and tournament favourite Rubina Francis to claim the gold medal.

Meanwhile, Maharashtra's Sagar Balasaheb Katala also claimed the top prize in the MIXED 10m air rifle Prone SH2 category, defeating Tokyo 2020 Paralympian Swaroop Mahavir Unhalkar, who settled for silver.

Defence Forces Shine at the World's Highest and Asia's Only Snow Marathon



CHANDIGARH: The fourth edition of the world's highest and Asia's only Snow Marathon concluded successfully at Sissu, near the north portal of the Atal Tunnel, situated at an altitude of approximately 10,500 feet. The event witnessed stellar performances from the defence forces with Naik Het Ram of the Dogra Scout Regiment (Indian Army) clinching victory in the 42 km full marathon. He clocked an impressive time of 4 hours and 15 minutes. Tamchor of Ladakh Scouts secured second place while OP Saran of the Indian Air Force finished third. In the women's category, reigning champion Tenzin Dolma successfully defended her title by completing the race in 4 hours and 46 minutes. The 21 km half marathon saw Nangdan emerge victorious in the men's category, followed by Namgyal in second and Ravikant in third. In the women's division, Natasha Mehar claimed the top spot. The 10 km race was dominated by Stimazin with Rohit and Saurabh securing second and third place respectively. Nidhi Jha won in the women's category. In the 5 km race, Vimal took first place while Priyanka secured the women's title. One km fun run was also organized to engage tourists, children and local participants.

Akshay Kumar's 'Kesari Chapter 2' to be released this April



Bollywood star Akshay Kumar on Saturday announced the release date of his film 'Kesari Chapter 2'. The film will hit the theatres on April 18. It also stars Ananya Panday and R Madhavan. Sharing the update, Akshay took to Instagram and wrote, "Kuch ladaaiyan hathiyaaron se nahi ladi jaati. #KesariChapter2 teaser out on 24th March. In cinemas 18th April, worldwide. @actormaddy @ananyapanday @karanstyagi @karanjohar @adarpoonawalla @apoorva1972 @bindraamritpal @anandnitiwari @marikedesouza @somenmishra @vbfilmwala @sumit.saxena.35912 @azeemdayani @dharmamovies #CapeOf-GoodFilms @leomediacollecive." He also informed that the film's teaser will be unveiled on March 24. Reportedly, Kesari Chapter 2 will focus on the untold story of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre. The first part, which was released in 2019, followed the events leading to the Battle of Saragarhi, a battle between 21 Sikh soldiers of the 36th Sikh Regiment of the British Indian Army and 10,000 Afridi .

Shilpa Shetty shares adorable video with her "baby truffle"

Actor Shilpa Shetty melted the hearts of her fans as she shared a glimpse of her "baby Truffle," her cute little pet dog. The 'Life in a Metro...' actress took to her Instagram account on Sunday to share a video, giving fans a sneak peek into her time with her "furry friend." The adorable video shows the little pup giving her a high five, followed by sweet pictures of the actress posing lovingly with her pet. Along with the video, the actress added a caption that read, "Thank you for choosing me to be your mumma, my baby Truffle. Love youuuuu!" Meanwhile, on the work front,

Shilpa was last seen in the web series Indian Police Force. Directed by Rohit Shetty. The series also starred Sidharth Malhotra and Vivek Oberoi in lead roles. The show premiered earlier this year on Amazon Prime Video. Shilpa will next appear in the upcoming Kannada film KD: The Devil. The film also stars Dhruva Sarja, V Ravichandran, Ramesh Aravind, Sanjay Dutt, Jisshu Sengupta, and Nora Fatehi in lead roles. Directed by Prem, KD-The Devil is a Pan-India multilingual film set to release in Tamil, Kannada, Telugu, Malayalam, and Hindi. It is a period action entertainer based on true events from 1970s Bangalore.

Deepika flaunts her French speaking skills during Paris Fashion Week



Actor Deepika Padukone recently took a trip down memory lane as she graced the Louis Vuitton Fall/Winter 2025 show during Paris Fashion Week earlier this month. Louis Vuitton, on Saturday, took to its Instagram account on Saturday to share a video where the 39-year-old star, who made history as the first Indian to be signed as a global ambassador for the luxury fashion brand, can be seen revealing that she was quite fluent in French during her school days. In the clip, Deepika said, "I was very good

at French. I studied French in 11th and 12th grade, and I was really good." She even went on to flaunt her French-speaking skills, saying phrases like "Je m'appelle Deepika" (My name is Deepika) and "Le monde est a nous" (The world is ours). Correcting herself, she added, "It's not 'la,' it's 'le!'" While in Paris, Deepika didn't just walk the Fashion Week red carpet but also indulged in fun activities. The video showed the 'Chennai Express' actress taking a scooter ride, enjoying the city like a true tourist. Towards the end of her video, Deepika shared a couple of BTS moments from Paris

Fashion Week, giving fans a glimpse into the excitement and chaos of the event. Deepika made heads turn with her fashionable look at the event. She wore a white oversized blazer, a matching hat, and black leggings paired with heels. Completing the look, she accessorized with black leather gloves, a scarf, and classic red lipstick, making her one of the best-dressed stars at the event. On the work front, Deepika was last seen with husband Ranveer Singh in Rohit Shetty's cop drama Singham Again, where Deepika played the fierce Shakti Shetty, aka Lady Singham.

Taylor Swift breaks 100-day Instagram hiatus to praise Selena Gomez's new album

After 100 days away from Instagram, Taylor Swift is back online--and she's here to shower love on her best friend Selena Gomez and her fiance Benny Blanco's new album! The 14-time Grammy winner, on Saturday, took to her Instagram Stories to share her first post of the year, expressing her excitement about I Said I Love You First, the joint album by Gomez and Blanco. "@selenagomez & @itsbennyblanco I LOVE THIS ALBUM SO MUCH. OH MY GODDDDDDDDDDDDD," read her Instagram Story. She also shared a link to the album, which was released on March 21. Meanwhile, Swift's last up-



load on Instagram was from her Eras Tour on December 11, 2024. Fans were thrilled to see her return, especially to celebrate her longtime friend's special music project. Gomez and Blanco have been busy promoting the album together. They have also spoken about Swift's support and how much it means to them. According to a press release, the album gives fans a glimpse into Gomez and Blanco's love story, reported People. "This album came together organically as a direct result of the comfort that they both felt when working together creatively, allowing them to produce art that authentically reflects their experiences," the statement read. The album chronicles their journey--from before they met to falling in love and dreaming of their future together. I Said I Love You First is now available on streaming platforms.

Executive Producer Gurpreet Singh expands his musical journey, announces new project"



Executive Producer Gurpreet Singh revealed in an interview that his inclination towards music is from his childhood, which is why he used to participate in colorful programs in school. Born on 09 March 1989 in a big city of Amritsar in Punjab, Gurpreet Singh decided to try his luck in the music industry. He started working with a producer from Punjab and gained knowledge of making Punjabi music videos. Gurpreet Singh has produced Punjabi songs of very popular singer Karma Topper and Jind Kaur song name Jatta De Jahaj, Akh Roi Ni, singer Jatinder Dhiman, Sher Putt singer Jatinder Dhiman etc and many more. He told that his new project is coming soon with producer Mandeep Singh, DOP Gurpreet Singh, Director Tajinder Singh , assistant Gurcharan Singh, singer Karma Topper, Jind Kaur. He said that nowadays Gurpreet Singh is also playing the role of producer and writer in films!

Mandy Takhar Hosts Ammy Virk for an Unfiltered Conversation on Life, Fitness, and Films, This Sunday at 7:00 pm on Zee Punjabi



This week's episode of Spotlight with Mandy is set to be a must-watch as the dynamic Mandy Takhar welcomes none other than Punjabi superstar Ammy Virk! Known for his incredible performances and inspiring journey, Ammy will open up about his personal experiences, including a fascinating anecdote about his dedication to fitness and transformation for his role in Harjeeta. Ammy Virk will share how he underwent an intense weight loss journey, shedding 25-26 pounds to authentically portray the role of hockey player Harjeet Singh Tuli. His story of discipline, commitment, and hard work is bound to leave audiences inspired. Fans can also expect heartfelt conversations, behind-the-scenes moments from his career, and some never-before-heard stories straight from the man himself. In this candid conversation, Ammy Virk has also opened up about his personal life, sharing insights into his family and even discussing his past breakup. His honesty and openness about these experiences will make this episode even more relatable and heartfelt for his fans. Zee Punjabi is available on all MSOs and DTH platforms like Fastway, Airtel DTH, Tata Play DTH, Dish TV, d2H and others.

Veera Arrested for Shooting Nihal— Can She Prove Her Innocence?



Drama and suspense reach new heights in Seha-Jeevee as shocking twists unfold. In the previous episode, Sehaj unknowingly shot her own brother, Nihal, unaware that he was actually Agent Jas. Meanwhile, Agent Naveen pointed a gun at Veera as she tried to meet Nihal, but Monty disguised himself as a doctor to intervene. In today's gripping episode, Monty reaches the hospital with a sinister plan—to kill Nihal before the truth is revealed. Meanwhile, Veera finds herself in deep trouble as she gets arrested for shooting Nihal. Will she be able to prove her innocence? Will Nihal survive Monty's deadly attack? With emotions running high and secrets unraveling, Sehajveer promises non-stop thrill and surprises. Don't miss the gripping twists in "Sehajveer" every Mon- Sat at 8:30 pm, only on Zee Punjabi! Zee Punjabi is available on all MSOs and DTH platforms like Fastway, Airtel DTH, Tata Play DTH, Dish TV, d2H and others.

Following the success of Russian Bandana and La La La, Hit-maker Dhanda Nyoliwala is Back with another single "Surrey BC"

After giving back-to-back chartbusters, Dhanda Nyoliwala is all set to drop his next hit single- Surrey BC. The song celebrates the larger-than-life lifestyle of the boys in Surrey ,BC. The song has the Dhanda-touch to it which guarantees hundred percent entertainment. The song is for the go-getters, the risk-takers, and the ones who turn heads without even trying. From blacked-out Range Rovers to passports loaded with stamps, Surrey BC is a whole mood—cinematic lyrics, heavyweight beats, and that signature Dhanda swagger. "This song isn't just about flexing—it's about mindset. It's for the ones who dream big, move differently, and own their vibe. No filters, no limits—just pure energy. I hope people show as much love as they had shown before on my songs, and we continue the streak of creating the best Haryanvi music!" says Dhanda Nyoliwala.



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