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Punjab Assembly election postponed to February 20

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The Election Commission of India (ECI) has decided to postpone the voting dates for the Punjab Assembly election to February 20. Earlier, the State was scheduled to go for polls on February 14.

This comes after several political parties, including Congress, Bharatiya Janata Party and former chief minister Captain Amarinder Singh's party Punjab Lok Congress, requested the Commission to postpone the elections.

Sources said that the request was made as many people from the Scheduled Caste community from



State are likely to visit Varanasi, in view of Guru Ravidas birth anniversary on February 16.

According to the statement issued by the ECI, the last date for filing the nomination for the candidates is on February 1, while the candidates can withdraw their nominations till February 2.

The results will be announced on March 10. Earlier Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi urged the Election Commission of India to postpone the February 14 assembly polls by six days in view of Guru Ravidas Jayanti. Voting for Punjab's 117 assembly seats will be held on February 14 and the counting of votes will take place on March 10.

Sidhu welcomes EC decision

BUREAU

AMRITSAR: Punjab Congress Chief Navjot Singh Sidhu on Monday welcomed the Election Commission of India (ECI)'s decision to postpone the Punjab Assembly elections.

Addressing a press conference in Amritsar today, Sidhu said, "We welcome the ECI's decision to postpone

the Punjab Assembly elections."

Speaking further at the press conference, Sidhu said: "He (Ferozpur Rural candidate Ashu Banger, who quits Aam Aadmi Party today) will be joining the Congress party."

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No person can be forced to get vaccinated against wishes: Centre to SC



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COVID-19 inoculation guidelines issued by the Union Health Ministry do not envisage forcible vaccination without obtaining the consent of an individual, the Centre has told the Supreme Court.

The Health Ministry in an affidavit filed before the top court submitted that India's vaccination programme is the largest in the world and as on January 11, 2022, a total of 1,52,95,43,602 doses have been administered.

It said that 90.84 per cent of the eligible adult population has received their first dose of the vaccine and 61 per cent has received their second dose as well.

"Furthermore, a total of

23,768 doses have been administered to disabled persons who have voluntarily chosen to be identified as such by using their Unique Disability ID Card/Disability Certificate for registration at the time of their vaccination," it said.

On the issue of exempting persons with disabilities from producing vaccination certificates, the Centre told the apex court that it has not issued any SOP that makes it mandatory to carry the vaccination certificate for any purpose.

The Centre said this in its affidavit filed in response to a plea by NGO Evara Foundation seeking door-to-door, priority COVID-19 vaccination for persons with disabilities.

SC lawyers receive threat calls from Sikhs for Justice again

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Several Supreme Court lawyers once again on Monday received calls from various international numbers, allegedly from Sikhs for Justice (SFJ), that threatened the SC judges regarding Prime Minister Narendra Modi's security breach during his visit to Punjab on January 5, 2022.

Supreme Court Lawyer Vishnu Shankar Jain, who last week also filed a complaint with the Delhi Police in this regard, today again received threat calls.

Jain stated that he has received threat calls from the SFJ for filing complaints against them.

"They have further threatened the judges of SC. The pre-recorded calls, allegedly from the SFJ, reiterated its threat against Supreme Court lawyers that they will not allow SC to constitute a committee headed by retired SC judge Indu

Malhotra to proceed with the inquiry into the PM's security breach in Punjab," he said in the complaint.

Other than Advocate Vishnu Shankar Jain, Advocates Apoorv Shukla and



Nishant Katneshwarkar have also received calls from international numbers with pre-recorded audio, threatening them for lodging complaints against SFJ. Recently, the Delhi Police has registered the First Information Report (FIR) under various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) on the basis of lawyers' complaints stating that they have received calls threatening judges over the case related to Prime Minister Security Lapse.

Three persons die in shooting stone incident in HP

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Three persons were hit by a shooting stone (boulders) during a landslide which occurred Monday afternoon near Menus under Shllai subdivision of Sirmour district on Poontasahib-Shallai National Highway 707 in Himachal Pradesh.

Spokesperson of state disaster management Sudehs Mokta said, "shooting stones (during a landslide) hit a Taxi and earthmover driver and a labourer when the widening work of PoontasahibShallai National highway 707 was underway by Poak-



lane near Menus.

He said an earthmover (Poaklane) driver, labourer and a Taxi driver had gone near the spot when a heavy boulder fell carrying shouting stone

hit them. The deceased were evacuated from under the debris while one died on the spot two others were declared dead in Chopal Hospital.

The deceased are identified as Kahan Chand (Taxi driver -60) S/o Fakir R/o Sainj PO Atal Tehsil Tiwani Distt. Dehradun Uttarakhand, Jitender Singh (worker) S/o Sh. Khem Singh Rathor R/o Girwar Tehsil Hurda Distt Behlwarra Rajasthan and Ashok (Poaklane driver) S/o Sh.

Late U.B. Sharma Village Rajgarh Distt Churu, Rajasthan.

District Administration Sirmour has sent SDM, Patwari to the incident site and bodies of the deceased are sent to Ronat (Shallai) and Chopal for Autopsy.

The district administration handed over immediate relief of Rs.10,000/ to the next of deceased.

Deputy Superintendent of Police Virbhadr said police would probe the incident. He said bodies of two deceased engaged in widening works of Rs 1350 Cr NH Project 25 km works was handed over to Dharatal Construction company,

AAP to name CM candidate today

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Ahead of assembly elections, Delhi Chief Minister and AAP leader Arvind Kejriwal on Monday said the party will announce its Chief Minister candidate for Punjab on Tuesday.

He said this to the media on the sidelines of a function here where he flagged off the city's first electric bus.

"The name of the party's Chief Ministerial candidate for Punjab will be announced tomorrow."

Last week, the AAP launched a toll-free number and sought suggestions from the peo-



ple of Punjab to pick a Chief Minister of their choice. Kejriwal had said that though he preferred Bhagwant Singh Mann, MP, as the Chief Minister, the latter wanted the people of Punjab to decide.

Kejriwal flags off DTC's 1st electric bus



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Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday flagged off Delhi Transport Corporation's first electric bus and said 300 more such buses will soon join the public transport in the city.

Terming the flag off as the beginning of an era of the environmentally friendly public transport system in the national capital, Delhi Chief Minister said 2000 electric buses will be procured by the government in coming years.

Since 2011, not a single new bus was procured by the Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC), he said in the flag-off ceremony at Indraprastha (IP) depot here.

Now we will see a revolution so that when older

buses are rolled out of service, new electric buses will be inducted. The first e-bus is being sent on the roads today. By April we will see 300 electric buses running on the roads of Delhi."

It is the first time since 2011 that a new bus has been procured for DTC that people used to say was "jinxed", that has been overcome now, Kejriwal said.

The AAP convenor, along with Delhi transport minister Kailash Gahlot and senior Transport department officers also participated in a Haven conducted on the occasion. The e-bus can be charged within one to one-and-half hours on a fast charger. It can run for a minimum of 120 km in one charge, and depots are being equipped with charging stations, he said.

IMD predicts rain over Delhi NCR from Friday night onwards

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The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted rain over Delhi NCR from Friday night due to the influence of a Western Disturbance lying over North India.

"This Western Disturbance is weaker compared to the last one which caused intense rainfall", said RK Jenamani, senior scientist, IMD. According to him, the rain will start in Delhi from January 21 night and it will continue till January 23 morning. "There will be light to very light rainfall."

As a result of the Western Disturbance, the sky will remain overcast increasing the minimum temperature



to 13 degree Celsius. "Day temperature to remain low due to rain throughout North India, Rajasthan, Haryana", Jenamani informed.

There is a possibility of hail storms also in Punjab, Haryana, and Mad-

hya Pradesh, Bihar, Lucknow will see dense fog on Tuesday.

"Cold wave conditions over Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan during the next two days", said IMD. The weather would improve from January 19 onwards due to the influence of western Disturbance, informed IMD scientist Jenamani.

Meanwhile, Delhi witnessed a minimum temperature of 8 degrees Celsius at 7 am on Sunday while the maximum temperature is expected to touch 16 degrees Celsius.

A blanket of fog engulfed Delhi on Sunday morning. Following the dip in visibility, several Delhi-bound trains were running late.



U'khand Mahila Cong president joins BJP

DEHRADUN: In a shot in the arm for the BJP ahead of the upcoming assembly polls in Uttarakhand, Pradesh Mahila Congress president Sarita Arya on Monday joined the saffron party. The former Nainital MLA joined the BJP at its state headquarters here in the presence of Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, Pradesh party president Madan Kaushik and other leaders.

Arya was keen on a ticket from Nainital constituency but was doubtful about the Congress fielding her. She had lost the seat to Sanjeev Arya in the 2017 assembly polls when the latter had contested on a BJP ticket. He is now in the Congress.

IIT Bombay student jumps from seventh floor of hostel, dies

MUMBAI: A 26-year-old postgraduate student of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay died allegedly by suicide on Monday morning, police said.

As per information received by Mumbai police, the student jumped from the seventh floor of the hostel and died. Police recovered a suicide note from the student's room which stated that he had depression and was under treatment, so he did not hold anyone responsible. Further probe is underway.

Zomato delivery boy shot dead in Rewari

REWARI: A delivery boy of online food delivery platform Zomato was shot dead in Rewari when he went to serve an order in Ansal township in Sector 19.

His mobile and wallet were also found missing and the police suspected that he was shot with intent to rob. An FIR has been registered at the Model Town police station. The police identified the deceased as Mahendra Singh (30), a resident of Hudithal village of district Palwal and he was currently living in Durga Colony, Rewari and used to work as a delivery boy in Zomato. On Sunday night, he went to Ansal township with a food order.

50 policemen hit by Covid in Hamirpur

HAMIRPUR: About 50 police personnel here in Himachal Pradesh are being treated for Covid-19. Thirty-five of them were found positive in the last one week and were in home isolation, Hamirpur district police chief Dr. Akriti Sharma said here on Monday. Earlier, 14 policemen were found positive. The entire staff of the Nadaun police station had also become Covid patients. The officer said action was taken against 127 people during the last one week for not wearing face masks.

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022

16 accused involved in illicit liquor trade held

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: District Police, Karnal, took action against people during a one week special operation being carried out to arrest the accused for illegal liquor trade, gambling, drug trafficking and possession of illegal weapons. On the sixth day, January 16, strict action was once again taken against the accused involved in the illicit trade of liquor and the accused involved in speculation. On the sixth day, 16 accused involved in liquor business were arrested from different police station areas of Karnal district. 198 bottles of illegal liquor and 640 litres of Lahan were recovered from their possession. 05 accused were arrested while doing the same speculation. Cash worth Rs 5,090 was recovered from their possession. Cases were registered against these accused in various police stations of Karnal district under sections of Excise Act and Gambling Act and appropriate legal action was taken as per rules.

Under this campaign, on Sunday, in one case of Assandh police station, one accused was held with 12 bottles of illicit liquor, in three cases of Butana police station, three accused were held with 15 bottles of illegal liquor and 60 litres of Lahan in a case of Thana Indri. One accused was held with 11 bottles, two accused in two cases of police station city with 18 bottles, two accused in two cases of police station Kunjpur with 16 bottles, two accused in two cases of police station Madhuban with 16 bottles, one of police station Munak in the case one accused was held with n 150 litres of Lahan and 45 bottles of illicit liquor, in two cases of Nising police station two accused were given 430 litres of Lahan and 05 bottles of liquor and in two cases of Thana Sector-32/33 two accused were held with 60 bottles of illegal liquor. In the four cases of the same police station city, civil line, Sadar and Taraori a total of five accused were arrested while speculating. A total of Rs 5,090 in cash was recovered from their possession.

Dr. Karwal new plastic surgeon of Adesh Hospital



GOLDY CHUGH
SHAHABAD: Dr. Vinay Karwal will be the new plastic surgeon of Adesh Hospital and Medical College. He has taken charge as a plastic surgeon in Adesh Hospital. It is noteworthy that before this Dr. Vinay Karwal rendered his services in Arjekar Hospital, Calcutta for three years and in other notable hospitals. Talking to reporters, Dr. Vinay Karwal said that plastic surgery on burn patients or amputation is best done at normal cost and there is nothing to worry about in this surgery. Plastic surgery is a means to save the lives of patients by repairing their burnt and amputated limbs and giving them new life. He said that the palate of newborns is different, it has holes in it but it can be cured by plastic surgery. He said that many times when the children are born, the lips are connected and this is also cured by this method. Dr. Karwal said that nerve cuts, cosmetic surgery, hair plantation etc. are a part of plastic surgery and all these facilities are being provided in Adesh Medical College and Hospital at low cost. Giving this information, the chairman of Aadesh Group, Dr. H.S. Gill said that Aadesh Hospital Mohri is a hospital where experienced doctors of serious diseases are present under one roof and the people of Shahabad and Ambala as well as Kurukshetra, Ladwa, Yamunanagar, Jagadhri, Thol, Ismailabad, Pihova and Karnal. Taking advantage of physicians. Manager Hari Om Gupta said that Aadesh Hospital is trying to make the best treatment available at low cost.

Guv flags off two trucks containing 4000 hygiene kits for 22 distts

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, JAN 17

Haryana Governor, Sh. Bandaru Dattatraya on Monday flagged off two trucks containing 4000 hygiene kits prepared by the Indian Red Cross Society for 22 districts of the state for the prevention of Corona. This kit contains soap, oil, toothpaste, toothbrush, napkin, etc. Each district will get 150 to 200 kits.

Sh. Dattatraya said that the use of masks, social distancing and cleanliness are very important to prevent corona. He said that these kits should reach the poorest of the poor in all districts so that they also become aware of the best practices to check the spread of corona.

He said the workers of the Red Cross Society have done a commendable job during Covid-19 by helping people in many ways. 6000 volunteers of the Indian Red Cross Society are

PM to conduct online 'Pariksha Pe Charcha-2022'

CHANDIGARH— Similar to previous years, Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi will conduct an online 'Pariksha Pe Charcha-2022' programme with the students. A competition is being organised by the Union Education Ministry to participate in the programme. Giving information in this regard, an official spokesperson said that an online competition is being organised for the students, their parents and teachers to participate in the discussion during 'Pariksha Pe Charcha-2022' programme with the Prime Minister. In this programme, students of government and private schools studying from class IX to class XII, their parents and teachers can participate.

working for awareness and vaccination to prevent the third wave of Covid-19.

Sh. Dattatraya said that 500 oxygen concentrators have also been made available in the districts by the Indian Red Cross Society. He ap-

pealed to the officials and workers of the Red Cross Society to create awareness among the public about vaccination to avoid the third wave of Covid-19 and disseminate information about Covid protocol among the general public.

Immunity boosting Ayurvedic drugs distributed to Ashiana inmates

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, JAN 17

A program was organized on behalf of Art of Living in Apna Ashiana, a social service organization of Karnal. The program was presided over by social workers Pravesh Gaba, Sanjay Saluja and Ramit Sachdeva.

Under this program, it was decided by the social workers that due to the increasing cases of Corona epidemic and Omicron, medicines of Sri Sri Tatva were distributed among the people to increase their immunity, so that poor and helpless people could escape from this wave of Omicron and live a healthy life.

Pravesh Gaba said these Ayurvedic medicines will be very beneficial for the needy people in this winter season.

Medicines called Shakti Drop, Tulsi Extract, Kabasur Kudi Neer, Turmeric Plus,



Amrit were distributed to them today. In order to make this event a success, the workers and officials of the Art of Living organization, together with the manager and staff members of the Ashiana, participated in this sacred work and performed the work of service.

In this program especially Haryana State Art of Living Coordinator Shuchika

Batra, Haryana Apex Body member Ramit Sachdeva, Sri Sri Tatva Chief Distributor Mukesh Batra, District Development Committee Chairman Sanjay Saluja, Lalit Sukhija and Pravesh Gaba gave their full support. On this occasion, social worker Anu Madan gave detailed information about the activities of his Ashiana to all.

Darpur team wins cricket tournament



R K KASHYAP CHHACHHARAULI: The two-day cricket competition on behalf of Chuharpur Kala Grameen Committee came to an end at Hydell Colony Bhadkala and the team from Darpur won the final match. In the competition, the team of Dhaba Uttar Pradesh was the runner-up. Outgoing chairman of the block committee Virendra Chaudhary honoured the winning team by giving trophies and cash prizes. On this occasion, he said that there is no shortage of talent in the rural areas, just need to give it the right platform. Participating in these types of competitions awakens the spirit of the game inside the player and also instil a sense of discipline in the player.

While honoring the winners, Geeta Ram Kashyap, District General Secretary of OBC Morcha of BJP Mandal Pratap Nagar and Pratap Nagar Mandal Media Incharge were also present along with the chief guest. Members of Chuharpur Kala Grameen Committee Bunty, Manga Ram, Vicky, Preet, Billu etc. were also present on this occasion.

Players will be fit after treatment of ligament injury: Dr. Singh

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: Virk Hospital and Sarbat Da Bhala Trust organised a free camp on knee, hip and ligament related injuries. The camp was held at Virk Hospital from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in which patients were examined free of cost while X-rays of needy patients were also done. Giving information, Pravesh Gaba and Hardeep Walia said that most of the patients in the camp were sports injured players. The orthopaedic specialist in the camp, Dr. Dr. Balbir Virk and Sports Injury Specialist. Amanpreet Singh and Dr. Vikas Goyal, Dr. Sanjeev, while examining the patients, said that they went back to the days when players used to end their careers on the playing field due to injuries. But things have changed. After breaking the ligament-ACL, the players get ready to play again after undergoing treatment.

He pointed out that the treatment of ACL fractures, the most important ligament of the knee in sports injuries, is now much safer and better than in the past through arthroscopy. Dr. Dr. Balbir Virk and Sports Injury Specialist. Giving information to the sports injured players, Amanpreet Singh said that ligaments are such groups of rope-like fibres which provide stability to the bones by connecting them together. Due to this the joints work smoothly. ACL surgery provides stability to the knee, he explained. In football, basketball and skiing, etc., when the knee becomes more stretched, a situation arises where the ligament breaks while pulling. In this case, the knee becomes swollen and there is pain in it.

SDM holds meeting for R-Day preparations

MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI, JANUARY 17

Sub-Divisional Magistrate Sumit Sihag convened a meeting of the concerned officers of the sub-division in the rest house of the municipality on January 26, 2022 to observe the Republic Day celebrations with dignity at the sub-divisional level and instructed the officers of the concerned departments to Do the duty given to the department with fidelity and devotion. Sihag informed that like every year, this year also the Republic Day celebrations will be held in the premises of Indri's new grain mandi. Therefore, the concerned officials should make all kinds of preparations in advance to celebrate this national festival in Anaj Mandi Indri. The officers and employees of the departments who did commendable work in the Independence Day celebrations by the administration will be honoured and the relatives of the freedom fighters will be honoured by visiting their homes. He said that only children above the age of 10 will be able to participate in the Republic Day celebrations. Only Haryana Police, NCC boys and girls teams will participate in the March Past salute in the Republic Day celebrations. The



forum was moderated by Dr. Surendra Dutt. During the meeting, Sumit Sihag also discussed important points related to cleanliness, drinking water, construction of toilets, stage decoration and other events with the concerned officers and also directed the concerned officers to ensure special arrangements in this regard. On this occasion, section development and panchayat officer Angrej Singh Mor, section education officer Rammurti Sharma, headmaster Dr. Surendra Dutt, Agriculture Development Officer Sachin Kumar, Supervisor of Horticulture Department Shubham Kamboj, Accountant of Nagarpalika Hakam Singh, DPO Sandeep Kumar, Supervisor of Women and Child Development Department Mamta and Rajni and other officials of other departments were also present.

'Action to be taken if biomedical waste treatment not proper'

RANVIR PARASHAR KAITHAL, JANUARY 17

Deputy Commissioner Pradeep Dahiya said that it has come to the notice of the district administration that many hospital operators are not performing biomedical waste properly as per rules, which is not visually good for human health. In future, necessary action will be taken against hospitals which do not properly dispose of biomedical waste. As per the Chief Minister's announcement, tenders worth Rs. 7 crore 80 lakhs have been floated for the development works of the city. Upon completion of the tender process, the process of getting all the development works completed qualitatively will be completed. In order to provide protection to the public from Covid-19 in the district, the first dose has been applied while fulfilling the target, which is 102 per cent, while the graph of the second dose is more than 75 per cent.



Deputy Commissioner Pradeep Dahiya was addressing a press conference in the hall of Koyal Complex on Monday. Accompanying him on the occasion were Superintendent of Police Lokendra Singh, IPS officer Prabina P., ZIP CEO Suresh Ravish, CDM Gulzar Ahmed, DIPRO Dharmaveer Singh, DDA Dr. Karmachand, EO Kuldeep Malik etc. were present. DC Pradeep Dahiya said that the district administration is working with commitment towards giving a good governance free system. Due to Covid-19 and in view of the growing influence of Omicron, all the arrangements for health services in the district have been completed.

Govt should withdraw cases against farmers: Rana

RINKU GONDAR NISSING: District President of Bhartiya Kisan Union Yashpal Rana Aungad said that there should be no delay in withdrawing the lawsuits filed against the farmers during the agitation with immediate effect. He said that compensation should be given to the farmers who were martyred in the peasant movement.



Rana said that the government should make a law on MSP so that the farmers can get a fair price for their crops. He said that all the farmers support the ongoing labour movement across the country and the farmers stand with the workers of the country. He also alleged that the government and administration are engaged in harassing the people regarding the Corona infection and under the guise of Corona, people are being charged Rs 500 as challan. The government should take appropriate steps to protect the people due to the Corona epidemic and not put a burden on them. The government and administration should help the people who are suffering from depression. Rana accused some farmers' organisations that they are going to contest elections in Punjab under the guise of farmers for their own benefit.

Memory Day of Prajapati Brahma Baba held

DARSHAN SHARMA NILOKHERI: Today Prajapati Brahmakumari Ishwariya Vishwavidyalaya Nilokheri celebrated Prajapati Brahma Baba's Memorial Day. Prajapati Brahma Baba founded Prajapati Brahmakumari Ishwariya Vishwavidyalaya in 1937. He formed a sisters' trust in the name



of Om Mandali and gave all her property to that trust. This organisation started with some siblings and today it has branches in about 140 countries all over the world. Brahmakumari Prem Bahan, who came from Karnal, said that Prajapati Brahma remained united with Parampatri Paramatma all her life. This programme was presided over by Brahmakumari Sangeeta Bahan, Chief Director of Nilokheri Centre. He shed light on the life of Brahma Baba and said that the cosmic name of Brahma Baba was Dada Lekhray. He was a diamond merchant. They were full of divine virtues. He was a Karma yogi. The life of Brahma Baba is an example for us children. He got perfection through yoga and penance. On this occasion Brahmakumari Suman Bahan, Brahmakumari Poonam Bahan, Brahmakumari Meena Bahan, Anil Khanna, Satpal, Gurmej, Mahendra Bakipur, Parveen Sikri, Amit Goyal, Ajay Kumar, Satish, Ram Kataria, Hemant Mehta, Sanjeev Joshi were also present.

Radaur councilors resent delay in salaries to safai workers

NIRMAL SAINI RADAUR: The councilors met the municipal secretary regarding the problem of non-receipt of salaries of safai karamcharis. During this, the councilors raised the issue of non-payment of salaries of the safai karamcharis for the last two months by the contractor and demanded that it be resolved at the earliest. The secretary assured that he is with the sanitation workers and understands their problem.



Efforts will be made to get the salary released as soon as possible by talking to the contractor. Councilors Kuldeep Nambardar, Ravindra Saini, Rajan Pasi, Roshanlal Saini, Bhagwatdayal Kataria and Devendra Lakki said that the contribution of janitors in the city's sanitation system is commendable. The credit for the better position of the municipality in the sanitation survey also goes to these employees. But for the last two months, these employees have not been paid by the contractor. It belong to poor families and are supporting their families with this salary. In such a situation, due to non-receipt of two months salary, it is becoming difficult for them to run their households. The contractor has been contacted many times but his attitude is not right. He is also not giving PF to the employees properly, they alleged. As a result, there is anger even among the councilors. The councilors said if he does not correct his attitude soon and does not pay his salary to the employees, then a meeting of councilors will be called and a strict decision will be taken regarding the matter. They met the secretary today regarding this problem.

Netaji's birthday to be celebrated with fervour: Happy Khedi



NIRMAL SAINI RADAUR, JAN 17

BJP Mandal President Happy Khedi on Monday visited the villages like Bhagwanagar, Rajhedi, Rapdi, Madhobans, Kartarpur, Mandhar, Palewala, Potli, Thaska and Khurdaban. During this, he presented Netaji's portrait, leaflets and tricolor to the villagers. Happy Khedi informed that the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose will be celebrated with enthusiasm in the entire state on January 23. BJP workers will organize programmes at the booth level and take pledge to work in the interest of the country by taking inspiration from Netaji's life. Mahendra Nagal and Satish Saini Khurdaban were present on this occasion.

Mahakal International Group doing social work: Malik



RAVI KUMAR BABAIN: On arrival at Babain, Deepak Malik, Aman Malik and Dharmendra Banchal from Mahakal International Group were warmly welcomed by Babu Bhagwanpur and Gaurav Bhagwanpur and other youth. On this occasion, Deepak Malik and Aman Malik from Mahakal International Group reached a wedding ceremony in Babain and while talking to reporters said that Mahakal Group has always been cooperating for the poor youth in Haryana. Deepak Malik said that Mahakal International Group will open an orphanage in the coming days and provide education to the orphans. He said that Mahakal International Group has also provided assistance in marriages of poor girls. Dharmendra Banchal said that he was honoured by the Group for returning home after winning a medal in the Olympics. Dharmendra Banchal said that Mahakal International Group is increasingly participating in social work and we should serve the poor. Serving the poor brings virtue. He appealed to the youth that we should give up evils like intoxication and focus on sports and studies. Babu Bhagwanpur, Gaurav Bhagwanpur, Anuj Soora, Rakesh Malik, Jaswinder Singh and other dignitaries were present on this occasion.

Ensure some benefit for every poor at Antodaya fairs: DC to officials

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, JAN 17

Deputy Commissioner Nishant Kumar Yadav today said that Antodaya Parivar Utthan Yojana is the highest priority scheme of the government, because at its core the poor especially those families who have no means of employment and income, have to be connected with some form of employment so as to increase their income.

The Deputy Commissioner was conducting weekly review with the departmental officers involved in Antodaya schemes in a meeting held in the auditorium of Mini Secretariat on Monday. In the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed the three points, Unattended, Rejected and In Progress.

He informed that such applicants / beneficiaries whose applications have come and they have not been considered yet.

The second application was rejected for one reason or another and the third application which has been considered and is in progress. He clarified to the officers that no one has to show unattended, it is a matter of convincing the applicant, i.e. he must give benefits in one scheme and not in another.

He gave an example and said that if an applicant says that he does not have to take a loan, then ask him to get employment in MGNREGA. Because there is no loan and no repayment in MGNREGA. This way no one will return empty handed. Regarding the rejection, he said that if one does not qualify in one scheme, he try to give him benefits in another scheme. Don't delay it and forward it to another department. He took progress reports under follow-up by the concerned departments.

NEWS AT A GLANCE

Ex-Punjab Min Sarwan S Phillaur & his son quit Cong, join SAD-S

CHANDIGARH: Ahead of Punjab assembly elections, former Jai Minister Sarwan Singh Phillaur and his son Damanvir Singh Phillaur left Congress and joined Shiromani Akali Dal-Sanyukt (SAD-S) on Monday. The father-son duo Sarwan formally joined SAD-S in the presence of Party President and former Union Minister Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa here. Sarwan Singh Phillaur is a five-time MLA. He was earlier with Shiromani Akali Dal (Badal) and had joined the Congress in 2016. Welcoming them into the party fold, Dhindsa said Sarwan Singh Phillaur and Damanvir Singh Phillaur are known for working for the upliftment of the backward classes and have served the people of Doaba region for the last many years, adding that the SAD-S will be further strengthened with the joining of the father-son duo. He also announced that Sarwan Phillaur will be the Senior Vice President and Damanvir will be the General Secretary of the party. Speaking on the occasion, Sarwan Singh Phillaur said all parties like the Congress and Akali Dal (Badal) are hands in glove with drug, sand and transport mafias.

542 positive patients of Covid-19 and 2 deaths in the district

DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR: Giving information about the condition of COVID-19, Civil Surgeon Dr. Parminder Kaur informed that today with the receipt of 3170 new samplings with suspected flu-like symptoms and receiving the report of 2912 samplings 542 positive patients of Covid-19. And 02 deaths. She said that the total number of positive patients so far is 31722 from the district samplings and with the receipt of 2371 positive cases from the outlying districts the total number of positive cases of Covid-19 has increased to 34093. The total number of samplings of Covid-19 taken so far in the district is 1029821 and according to lab reports, 994063 samplings are negative. While 5843 samplings are awaiting report and the number of deaths so far is 1010. The number of active cases is 2421 while the number of cured patients is 30662.

Vikramjit Singh Chaudhary, along with family, pays obeisance at Gurdwara Mau Sahib



ASHOK KAURA PHILLLAUR: Indian National Congress candidate from Phillaur assembly constituency and former Punjab Youth Congress president Vikramjit Singh Chaudhary paid obeisance at the historic Sri Guru Arjan Dev Ji Gurdwara Mau Sahib accompanied by his father, Member of Parliament Santokh Singh Chaudhary, mother Karamjit Kaur Chaudhary and wife Shveta Raj Chaudhary on Monday. He was also accompanied by local Congress leaders and workers at the gurdwara. After the Congress party announced his name in the first list of candidates for the forthcoming assembly polls, Vikramjit Chaudhary visited the holy shrine before kickstarting his election campaign. Along with his family members, he prayed for the prosperity of Phillaur and the success of his campaign.

3 more die of corona in 2 days

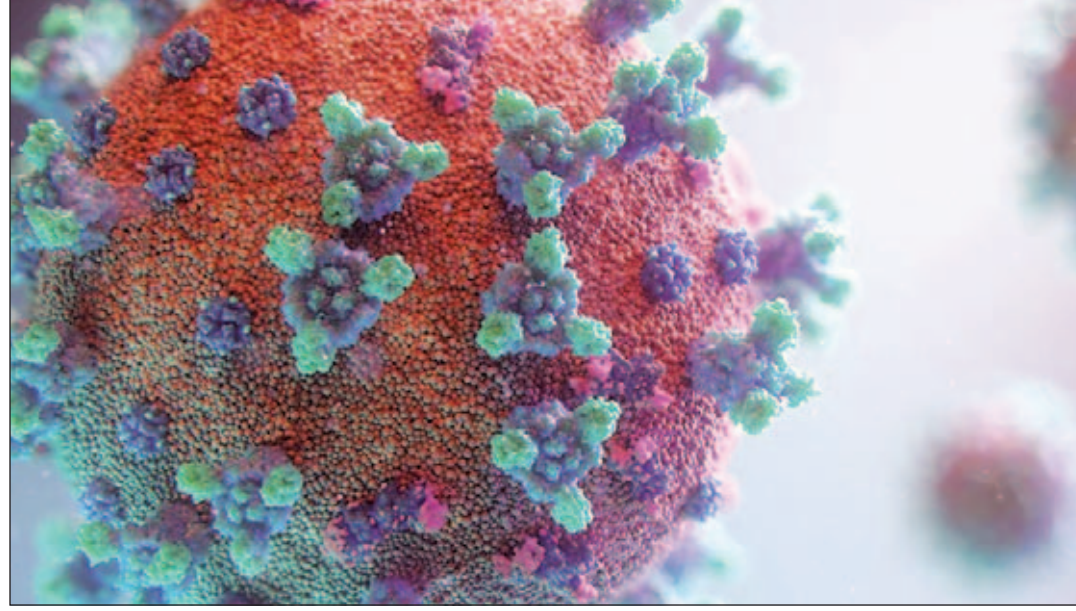
Anil Verma BATHINDA: The scourge of the Corona epidemic is growing by the day. The death toll in Punjab is also on the rise, while in Bathinda the Corona epidemic is on the rise. In Bathinda, 3 persons died in last 2 days. In the last 10 days, more than seven deaths have been confirmed by the health department. Hundreds of patients are coming back positive every day. As a result, even the hands and feet of the health department seem to be swollen. The victims are being cremated as per the rules by the public service workers wearing PPE kits. Sahara Janseva President Vijay Goyal said in a press statement that a 55-year-old man from Haji Ratan died at DMC Ludhiana yesterday. Another died at the private hospital in Bathinda due to coronation and was cremated. He said that a woman who was pregnant yesterday also died due to corona. Civil Surgeon Tejwant Singh appealed to the people to abide by the rules of Corona epidemic and said that as many people as possible should be vaccinated.

India urgently needs an annual comprehensive Covid-19 Plan: Expert

JALANDHAR, JAN 17

Omicron is likely to cause infections to both vaccinated as well as unvaccinated people. The World Health Organization reported 15 million new Covid-19 cases globally for the week of January 3-9, a 55 per cent increase from the previous week. India urgently needs a comprehensive Covid-19 plan, from now till the end of the year, with scenario mapping and responses. This should consist of daily public communication, rapid testing and scaling up home support services, expanding tele medicine and shoring up the health infrastructure, recruiting more health personnel and also pay those at the front lines better. Accompanying this must be a rapid expansion of the vaccination plan which is inadequate.

National Communicable Disease Control Programme - Advisor, Dr Naresh Purohit told UNI here after addressing a webinar on Combating Omicron Surge organised by the Pathankot based Chintpurni Medical College on Sunday, that even though COVID is a communicable disease, its worst effects are visible in those with non-communicable diseases—cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, hypertension, obesity and chronic respiratory diseases. Front line



Covid warrior Dr Purohit said that with the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic the need of the hour is to create more awareness regarding preventive healthcare.

He averred that the recent surge in Covid-19 cases and the threat of Omicron variant has once again led to restrictions and shutting down of

public places including gyms, employees have again returned to 'work from home' and students are back to online classes mandating the long sitting and screening sharing hours at the cost of numerous health problems. Hence, it is pertinent to keep the mind and body healthy and abstaining from illness by following

the work-from-home healthy lifestyle through practicing Yoga. Experts in the webinar said that the pandemic has made us stronger than ever before. With a stronger mind, body, coping mechanisms we know that we will get through this storm like we did before and this too shall pass.

SAD Badal appoints Sodhi as Deputy President of Amritsar District



JANDIALA GURU (KULJIT SINGH): Shiromani Akali Dal Badal Party's district Amritsar President and former MLA Vir Singh Lopoke appointed Amrik Singh Sodhi Devidaspura as Senior vice president of Amritsar rural in return for his excellent services to the party. The responsibility has been entrusted to him by the high command, he will perform diligently and honestly and will work day and night to strengthen the party. On this occasion Shamsher Singh Shera, Savinder Singh Chandhi, Ranbir Singh Rana, Sunny Sharma, Dr. Raj Kumar Sharma, Harpal Singh, former sarpanch, Jasbir Singh, Gurdwinder Singh, Jasmeet Singh Khaira, Salwinder Singh Sohi, and others were present.

Death risk of Covid infected person reduces, after two shots

SANGRUR (SUMER GARG): Following the directions of Civil Surgeon, Sangrur, Dr. Parminder Kaur and in view of the increasing outbreak of Corona epidemic, the working civil surgeon, Dr. Jagmohan Singh encouraged all the officers and staff of district Sangrur to ensure 100 percent covid vaccination. He said that if anyone after two doses of covid vaccination, comes corona positive than the risk of one's death would be reduced, so being a responsible person, it was our duty to get both the doses. He advised all the officers and other employees, who have been deployed in election duty should get the booster dose. District family welfare officer, Dr. Inderjit Singla said to control corona virus, maximum sampling of persons should be done. District health officer, Dr. Vikas Dheer said that if anyone has cough, fever or difficulty in breathing than one should contact the nearest health center. District immunization officer Dr. Sanjay Mathur said that vaccination of children between the ages of 15 to 18 years has been started, they should come forward and get their immunization as much as possible.

New instructions issued regarding precautionary dose in view of forthcoming Assembly Elections-2022

TARN TARAN (KULJEET HONEY): Upcoming Assembly Elections 2022, the government has issued new guidelines regarding precautionary doses of Covid vaccine. Disclosing this here today District Electoral Officer Tarn Taran Mr. Kulwant Singh said that according to these new guidelines all the officers and employees who are on duty in the polls must be given precautionary dose even if the second dose of vaccination is not yet 9 months have happened. He said that these guidelines have been issued in view of Covid and the 9-month condition will not apply to the officers and employees who are on duty in the polls. Civil Surgeon Tarn Taran Dr. Rohit Mehta also appealed to the officers and employees on duty to strictly follow these instructions and also to adopt Quid Appropriate Behavior (wearing mask, use sanitizer, adhere to social distance) while on duty. He said that it was necessary to administer precautionary doses and these instructions have been issued in view of prevention of Covid epidemic.

Anganwadi workers celebrate Lohri of 7 girls



ANIL VERMA BATHINDA, JAN 17

Center No. 278 Kikkar Das Mohalla of Ward No. 29 of Block Bathinda under the direction of Child Development Project Bathinda Lohri of 7 girls was celebrated at nearby Chhajju Wala Gurudwara under the leadership of CDPO Usha Rani and Supervisor Baljit Kaur. Anganwadi worker Amandeep Kaur celebrated the Lohri of children by recit-

Ankur Garg becomes youth wing chief

RAJ SADOSH ABOHAR, JAN 17

Ankur Garg, former president of Yuva Aggarwal Sabha, has been nominated as the state head of All India Aggarwal Mahasabha (Youth Wing). He has been entrusted with the right to form the executive committee. The National President of the Mahasabha, Satish Aggarwal, National President of the Youth Wing, J.K. Jain and National General Secretary Dr. Hari Krishan Aggarwal (Bikaner) issued the appointment letter and wished Ankur a bright future. While expressing his gratitude to all the office bearers, Ankur assured them to fulfill the responsibility entrusted to him with utmost sincerity and honesty.

DEO conducts surprise checking to expedite Covid vaccination

SUMER GARG SANGRUR, JAN 17

For the vaccination of maximum citizens at the special camps & to ensure the success of the campaign in the district, the District Electoral Officer (DEO), Sangrur, Mr. Ramvir inspected the various camps of Covid Vaccination at Dirba and Chhajli

During his visit while he reviewed the progress made by the staff of the health department he has encouraged the people of villages, towns and cities to be motivated and sensitized for immunization.

DEO said that it was very important to follow the necessary precautions to prevent the spread of Omicron virus. He said that one



should avoid risking the precious life of oneself and one's family by ignoring health counseling. While attending special camps at Janal and Chhajli villages of Dirba sub division, the DEO also interacted with the citizens who had come there for vaccination and made them aware about the importance

of vaccination. He said that to ensure protection against corona, it was very important to wear masks, wash hands frequently and maintains social distance from each other.

Mr. Rajesh Sharma and Mr. Jaspreet Singh both returning officers respectively for Dirba and Sunam were also present on the occasion.



Congress leaders and workers distributing laddus at Seengo Mandi on Sunday as the news came in that Khushbaj Singh Jatana has been allotted the party ticket from Talwandi Sabo constituency.

DEO given information about new schedule released by commission

DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, JAN 17



Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Election Officer Smt. Apneet Riyait informed that the Election Commission of India has made changes in the schedule of Legislative Assembly elections in the state. According to the new schedule issued by the commission, the notification for voting will be issued on 25 January 2022 and the last date for filing nomination papers will be 01 February 2022. Scrutiny of nominations will be done on 02 February and the last date for withdrawal of nomination papers is 04 February 2022. She informed that the votes will be held on 20 February 2022 and the counting of votes will take place on 10 March 2022.

The District Election Officer said that the Model Code of Conduct is being strictly followed in the district and instructions have been given to all the officers of the district in this regard. She directed the officers to work with full dedication to implement the instructions of the Election Commission and ensure that action is tak-

en against the violators. District Election Officer Smt. Apneet Riyait informed that training of election staff has been done in several phases to ensure smooth conduct of elections in the district. She said that during the election process in the district, compliance of Covid rules would be ensured and any kind of laxity would not be tolerated. Apneet Riyait informed that in order to complete the elections in a transparent manner, where the complaint registered through CWizzle app is being resolved in 100 minutes, a 24-hour grievance cell has also been set up by the district administration. She said that surveillance teams, flying squads etc. have been formed in the state to conduct the polling in fear-free and peaceful manner.

Aruna Chaudhary campaigns in her constituency



JASPOONAM KOHLI DINANAGAR, JAN 17

Congress candidate from Dinanagar constituency and Cabinet Minister Aruna Chaudhary has received overwhelming response from the people on the first day of campaigning today. She shri ganesh her election campaign from village Balapindi and then held meetings in Daburji, Marara, Abadi Chandigarh, Makoda, Jhabkara, Nabha Das

Colony, SC Basti Tanda, Jagochak Tanda and Aman villages and ask the voters to cast her vote in the name of development works. Senior Congress leader Ashok Chaudhary was also present. In these meetings, Madam Chaudhary said that the large turnout despite the severe cold proves that people are happy with the development work they have done in the last five years and want to bring it back. Shri Chaudhary, while

We will strongly oppose Dr. Agnihotri in constituency: Gurminder Rataul



TARN TARAN (YADWINDER KADGILL): The rebellious Congressmen openly expressed their displeasure over the re-ticketing of Dr. Dhambir Agnihotri from Tarn Taran Assembly constituency. Agnihotri has sounded the drum of resolute protest. Congress workers gathered in the office of Congress leader Gurminder Singh Rataul who has been associated with the Congress party for almost 40 years. On the contrary, the Akali leaders were pushed forward, which is why we have spent five years in despair. We have been claiming injustice for 5 years but this time again the party has done injustice to us by giving ticket to the same candidate and now we have decided to defeat Dr. Agnihotri this time. Classic workers will be made to feel ignored. He said that the party did not even consider it appropriate to hold a meeting with the old Congress workers as the party workers had decided to defeat Dr. Agnihotri to avenge the injustice done to them. On this occasion Kabal Singh Khabe Transporter, Baljit Singh Kot Dharam Chand Transporter, Pehlawan Jamal Singh Pidi, Happy Jalewal, Banwari Lal, Jasneel Singh etc.

Agroha Dham to be connected with railway line : Garg



HISAR (SUMER GARG): On the occasion of holy festival of Purnima, Chhappan Bhog of Mata Lakshmi Devi, Bhandara and a program of worship was organized in Agroha Dham. The members of Agroha Dham also held a meeting under the chairmanship of National President of Agroha Dham, Bajrang Garg, in which along with the development work and the beautification of Agroha Dham was discussed. Garg said that with the consultation of Chief Patron of Agroha Dham and Rajya Sabha MP, Dr. Subhash Chandra, a 21 members' advisory committee of members of Agroha Dham Vaishya Samaj was constituted. Garg said, "It is our endeavor that there should be maximum development in Agroha, which is the city of Maharaja Agrasen. There was a talk with the Union Railway Minister and Tourism Minister through Rajya Sabha MP Dr. Subhash Chandra.

BJP starts micro donation campaign in Himachal

HAMIRPUR: The Bharatiya Janata Party on Monday began its micro donation campaign under which anyone could donate Re 1 to Rs 1,000 in the party kitty. The campaign was launched by former Chief Minister PK Dhumal from Sujanpur Tira in Hamirpur district with Rs 1,000. Dhumal said the step was aimed at strengthening the finances of the party, one of the largest organizations in the world. He appealed to people to donate money for the party fund and become its members. Senior party leaders and MLAs Narendra Thakur and Kamlesh Kumari, besides former legislators Baldev Sharma and Vijay Agnihotri also took part in the micro donation campaign from other parts of the state. The party is gearing up for the Vidhan Sabha elections in 2022 later. BJP will face stiff opposition after Congress won three assembly and one Lok Sabha bye-elections in the state last year.

Thirteenth batch of students sit on chain huger fast

PANKAJ BHARTIYA
HAMIRPUR: The thirteenth batch of two students today sat on chain hunger fast outside the campus of the HP Technical University here in support of their various demands including the appointment of a regular Vice chancellor for the University and appointment of regular staff for the University. Mahesh Bhardwaj, the spokesman of the ABVP who is spearheading the campaign said that the government was keeping mum over their demands and that was not understood. Bhardwaj, who is also the Unit president of the organization said that the big representatives of the state government and government officials were enjoying sitting in their cabins and taking the heater, while students were forced to sit outside in the freezing cold that showed the slackness on part of the government and the University both. He threatened to further intensify their agitation if their demands were not met shortly.

Former HP Congress chief not in race for post again

HAMIRPUR: Sukhvinder Singh Sukhoo, the Former HP Congress chief and party MLA from Nadaun constituency of Hamirpur district has denied being in the race for the President of Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee and for any other post. In a facebook post, he said that some selfish elements wanted to present a wrong political picture before the Congress high command by spreading rumors about him. "This is part of a well-planned conspiracy by political opponents. By doing this selfish elements are trying to fulfill their interests" he said. "I am a true soldier of the Congress party, with whom there is a hand mark, he is with every worker, officer and leader. I have no personal agenda", he further added. Jai Congress, Jai Hind, he said, while concluding his post. It's worth mentioning here that the present HP Congress Chief, Kuldip Rathore is completing his three years as the state president and there were rumors in the social media that Sukhoo is lobbying for the top post. And that's why, Sukhoo has been able to put this to clear the air.

SDM Mahendra Pratap Singh takes charge in Jawali

DAULAT CHAUHAN
JAWALI: New SDM Mahinder Pratap Singh has taken charge in Jawali on Monday, during which all the staff members congratulated him. Mahinder Pratap Singh passed the UPSC exam in the year 2019 and joined Kaza as SDM for the first time. Now he will take charge as SDM in Jawali. Mahinder Pratap Singh has also served in the Navy before this, SDM Mahinder Pratap Singh said that speedy settlement of the problems of the people and providing justice to the people would be the priority. He said that the public should also cooperate with the administration and follow the guidelines of the government to prevent corona. He said that he would work by taking everyone along and resolving the problems of the people would be the priority.

Block level youth week celebrated

JOGINDER DEV ARYA
BANGANA: Block level youth week was celebrated in the development block Bangana with the help of Youth Services and Sports Department, Una. Painting competition was organized at Arya Public School, Bangana today by the Nodal Club Nehru Yuva Kisan Mandal Sasan (Tanoh). Arya Public School, Bangana's Principal, Seema Sharma and Panchayat Samiti member Joginder Dev Arya presided. He honored Vanshika Thakur, who got first place in painting competition, Akshit in second place and Indu at third place by giving memento. On this occasion, teachers of Arya Public School Bangana Pankaj, Nisha, Poonam and volunteer Ravi Kumar of Bangana block of Nodal Club Nehru Yuva Kisan Mandal Sasan, Secretary Nitish Kumar were present.

CM inaugurates Gau Sadan at Sunni Lower HP in grip of severe cold

AGENCY
SHIMLA, JAN 17

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur today inaugurated Gau Sadan at Sunni in Shimla Rural Vidhan Sabha area today virtually from Shimla, which has been constructed by spending an amount of Rs. 2.22 crore.

Chief Minister said that the State Government has constituted Himachal Pradesh Gau Seva Ayog to provide shelter to the destitute cows roaming on the roads and to make arrangements for their fodder and management. He said that according to the recently conducted 20th Animal Census of the Government of India, there were 36,311 destitute animals across the state. He said that the State Government has released Rs. 31.16 crore during this period for the establishment and strengthening of cow sanctuaries and Gau Sadans in different parts of the State.

Jai Ram Thakur said that the very first decision of the present State Government was to lower the age for availing the benefits of old age pension without any income limit from 80 years to 70 years and also to constitute Gau



Seva Ayog and construct cow sanctuaries in different parts of the State to provide shelter to the abandoned cattle. He said that cess of rupees one per bottle on liquor was also imposed to generate resources to run the Cow Sanctuaries and Gau Sadans. He said that special efforts must be made for ensuring proper care of cows in the Gau Sadans, particularly during the winters. He said that the State Government was providing an assistance of Rs 500 per cow per month to the Gau Sadans in the State under the Gau Vansh Yojna. He also appealed to the people to come

forward to contribute towards the cow sanctuaries and Gau Sadans.

Chief Minister said that 220 Gau Sadans were also being operated by Non-Government Organizations in the State out of which 127 Gau Sadans have been registered with Himachal Pradesh Gau Seva Ayog. He said that the State Government has recently signed an MoU with a private company, under which the said company would provide shelter to about 3000 cows per cow sanctuary on PPP mode without the assistance of the Government.

Light tremor jolts parts of Kangra district

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA: A light tremor measuring 2.70 on the Richter scale jolted parts of Kangra, 15 kms South West from district headquarters Dharamshala on Monday morning, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) confirmed. Spokesperson of Shimla Met Office said that the earthquake was felt at 1028 hrs this morning in parts of Kangra district. The magnitude of the quake was 2.70 on the Richter scale and epicenter was located at 32.26 degrees North, 76.16 degrees East and 9.1 kms depth near Shahpur of Kangra district about 15 kms from Dharamshala and 169 kms from the state capital Shimla. Earthquake was slightly felt by the people but did not cause any loss to life or property.



HAMIRPUR, JAN 17

Entire lower Himachal Pradesh consisting of the districts of Hamirpur, Una, Bilaspur, Kangra, Solan and parts of Mandi are in the grip of severe cold waves thanks to the icy cool sweeping across the region and emitting from nearby ranges of Himalayas. The day and night temperature both have fallen sharply and sky was overcast with dark clouds on Monday. At many places there was drizzling for a few minutes giving the indication that the region is going to experience rains in the coming three days as forecast by the Department of Met on Sunday. Fearing the wrath of the Cold on one hand, growing Corona virus on other hand, people in the region are compelled to adorn heavy woollens and to

remain indoors. Since educational institutions are closed till January 26th and only fifty percent government staff is on duty in the offices, the movement of the people in the main bazaars of the district was thin. Traders were seen gossiping among them and warming their hands with help of the heaters kept inside their establishments. Meanwhile, braving the chilly weather the staff of the health Department was seen busy in their vaccination work to the school children on one hand, and others including the aged people on other hand. CMO, Hamirpur, Dr RK Agnihotri said that the work for the vaccination was going on with full pace all over the district despite chilly weather and he was hopeful that all the targets given to them would be achieved in time.

Stolen tipper recovered from scrap store in Ludhiana

DAULAT CHAUHAN
JAWALI, JAN 17

Kangra police has succeeded in nabbing the kingpin of the vehicle thief gang. Jawali Police recovered the body and cabin of Tipper stolen from Kotla under Jawali Police station from Chhatti Motor Store Transport Nagar Ludhiana, which has been identified by Tipper driver. According to the information received, Tipper (HP 68A-3232) was stolen from Kotla on 18 June 2021, on which the police had registered a case of theft on 22 August 2021 and was engaged in the investigation. The matter was being investigated by Kotla outpost in-charge Sanjay Sharma. Recently, a truck was stolen from Nalagarh, which was fitted with a GPS system, on the basis of which the Nalagarh police raided the Chanti Motor Store, Transport Nagar, Ludhiana and recovered the parts of the truck and arrested the owner of the store. Based on this, the Jawali police also raided the tipper's driver in Ludhiana and recovered the tipper's body and cabin from there. SP Kushal Sharma said that soon the vicious people involved in this vehicle thief gang will also be pushed behind the bars.

Tipper recovered from scrap store in Ludhiana.

Bureau of Indian Standards holds workshop



UNA, JAN 17

A one day workshop was organized today at Bachat Bhawan Una under the aegis of Bureau of Indian Standards Himachal Pradesh Branch Office Parwanoo. Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. Amit Kumar Sharma presided over the workshop. The ADC said that the Standardization and Certification Scheme of Bureau of Indian Standards works especially towards product safety and consumer protection along with benefiting consumers and industries. It also ensures quality monitoring in areas such as food security, environmental protection, building and construction. He directed the concerned officers that it is absolutely necessary to have ISI mark on products. Apart from this, officers should conduct periodic inspections and samples of the products should be collected and tested. If any deficiency is found in the test as per the prescribed standards, then appropriate action should be taken against the concerned product manufacturer. State Branch Head of Bureau of Indian Standards Animesh Kumar gave information about the departmental methodology and Joint Director Pankaj Attri gave information about the certification scheme for hallmarking of gold jewellery. AC Gaurav Chaudhary, Standard Promotion Officer Atul Chaturvedi and officers of various departments were present.

Villagers say if there is no road construction, then ropeway will not even be inaugurated

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, JAN 17

Villagers protested against the state government on the streets with plates and instruments in their hands due to non-starting of the road construction work from Burnt today. All the villagers sat on a dharna at the main gate of the Kangra DC office while protesting and they warned the government in clear words that they would continue to sit on the dharna until the government gave permission to start the road construction. The villagers also warned that they would gherao Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur, who was reaching Dharamshala on 19th by showing black flags and they would not allow the ropeway to be inaugurated. On this occasion, Zilla Parishad member Joginder Panku said that a budget of Rs 40 lakh has also come for the construction of the road, but even after that the government is hesitant on the construction of the road. This road was completely damaged due to heavy rains on 12th July last year and there is no other way for the people of the village to come and go. He said that the youth of the village have demanded construction of the road many times from the government and administration, but the government and administration have consistently ignored their urgent demand. He



said that the government is playing politics with the people regarding the construction of the road, due to which a huge protest has arisen among the people. He said that when the government cannot build a road for the people, then for whom is the government building a ropeway. Before the ropeway, the construction of the road was necessary. He said that all the formalities regarding road construction have been completed, even after that the road construction is not being done. He alleged that on one side, the government is saying that there is a double engine government in the state, from above the government is also saying that we do not have a budget. He said that the government is reluctant to construct about two kilometer of road. We want to know under whose pressure the government is stopping the road construction work.

Yuva Shakti Parakram team builds bridge in Loharli Churudu Khad

UNA, JAN 17

Thousands of people pass through this ravine every day for Loharli Churudu. Due to the absence of a bridge over this ravine, people have to face a lot of trouble. During the rainy season, one has to walk 25-30 kms through deep water putting their life at stake. A temporary culvert was built on this ravine by the local people due to which the people got a lot of relief especially for those who go on scooters and motorcycles. But due to the rain in the last days, that



temporary bridge broke and again trouble arose for the people. In such a cold, people had to pass through cold water. The most difficult thing is for those people who go through this route with children and

women. How difficult it is for women to carry small children and pass through this ravine in cold water. Once people had built a temporary culvert together, but now no one was coming forward. When the local

people told Chaitanya Sharma, District Councilor of Bhanjal Ward for this temporary pulley, he immediately sent his team of Yuva Shakti Parakram to the spot. Under the supervision of Mahesh Yadav from Yuva Shakti Parakram team and with the help of local people, a temporary pulley has been constructed. Apart from the residents of Loharli Churudu, people like Lekh Raj Katronia, Neeraj Sharma, Bobby, Kushal Saini, Shashi Pal, Ladi, Deepak Thakur thanked Councilor Chaitanya Sharma.

People get upset due to cancellation of driving Test for regular license

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, JAN 17

People got upset today due to cancellation of driving Test for regular license. And no news of the cancellation of the diving test was reported in any newspaper from this department. Due to this a lot of anger was seen among the people who had come from far away to give the Driving Test. People who came to give driving test say that this department should have been informed about this by press release so that people do not get disturbed. When contacted Dr. Nidhi Patel SDM Una on this matter she said that MVI Una had to go for Shimla meeting so today's driving test had to be canceled. People have demanded that if the driving test is ever canceled, then the concerned department should be informed by giving news through the newspaper so that people coming from far away do not get disturbed.

SJVN's 1320 MW Buxar Thermal Project enters Advanced Construction Phase

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JAN 17

SJVN's 1320 MW Buxar Thermal Power Project in Bihar achieved another milestone today with Jacking up of Ceiling Girder (1400 tonnes) for First Boiler Unit. The activity was virtually activated by Nand Lal Sharma, Chairman & Managing Director from the Company's Corporate Headquarter at Shimla. Nand Lal Sharma informed that with this Jacking-up activity, First Boiler Unit of the Project will start taking its shape. He said that the entire process will be completed in Four Stages and in each Stage Ceiling Girder will jack up and jack down to add Pressure Parts and other Components in the Boiler Assembly. Speaking on the occasion, Nand Lal Sharma



reiterated the commitment of STPL to complete the project as per schedule i.e June 2023 for First Unit & January 2024 for Second Unit. Sharma further informed that Capital Expenditure of Rs. 4617.45 Crore has already been incurred on the project. During year 2021-22, a capital expenditure of Rs. 2619.06 Crore has been incurred till date. The Project is being constructed at an estimated cost of Rs.10, 439.09 crores.

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Due to non-payment of installment/ interest/ principal debt, the account/s has/have been classified as Non Performing Asset as per Reserve Bank of India guidelines on 24.12.2021. The total amount due to the Bank as on 31.12.2021 is Rs 1574039.45 (Rs Fifteen Lakh Seventy Four thousand Thirty Nine and Paise Forty Five only) with further interest until payment in full (hereinafter referred to as "secured debt"). The details of the secured asset/s intended to be enforced by the Bank, in the event of non payment of secured debt by you are as under:				
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We hereby call upon you to pay the amount of Rs 1574039.45 (Rs Fifteen Lakh Seventy Four thousand Thirty Nine and Paise Forty Five only) with further interest at the contracted rate until payment in full within 60 days (sixty days) from the date of this notice. In default, besides exercising other rights of the Bank as available under Law, the Bank is intending to exercise any or all of the powers as provided under section 13(4) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act").				
Your attention is hereby drawn invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect of time available to you redeem the secured assets.				
Please take notice that in terms of section 13(13) of the said Act, you shall not, after receipt of this notice, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business) any of the secured assets above referred to, without prior written consent of the Bank. You are also put on notice that any contravention of this statutory injunction/restraint, as provided under the said Act, is an offence. If for any reason, the secured assets are sold or leased out in the ordinary course of business, the sale proceeds or income realised shall be deposited/remitted with/to the Bank. You will have to render proper account of such realisation/income. Please comply with this demand under this notice and avoid all unpleasantness. In case of non-compliance, further needful action will be resorted to, holding you liable for all costs and consequences.				
				Authorised Officer, Punjab National Bank

SAD leaders Fauji, Gakhi join Lok Congress Party

BARNALA (KARANPREET DHANDRAL): Dharam Singh Fauji, a five-time MC winner, who has been associated with Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) Badal for the last 25 years, today expressed his displeasure over his long association with SAD-BJP before announcing his decision to jump the ship. Jasbir Singh Gakhi, District President BC Wing, along with his associates also left Shiromani Akali Dal and joined Punjab Lok Congress Party. Regarding the growing popularity of the alliance, District President Punjab Lok Congress Party Gurdarshan Singh Brar said that more and more leaders and workers would come. Brar said the BJP has taught a lesson to the Congress which has been looting the country and the country for the last 70 years.



NEWS AT A GLANCE

Dr. Sanjeev Goyal is chief of advisory committee of IVF

SUMER GARG FARIDKOT: The International Vaish federation (IVF), Punjab has constituted its an advisory committee and Dr. Sanjeev Goyal an ophthalmologist from Faridkot, has been appointed as its chairman. State President of the IVF, Surendra Singla said that a 31-members committee



would be formed by including representatives of all the districts of Punjab. The Secretary of the organization, Sarjeevan Jindal said that a meeting of the advisory committee would be held soon and a detailed discussion for the upcoming programs of the institution. He told that the birthday of Babu Ramdas Agrawal, former president of the IVF and the founder MP would be celebrated every year as Vaish Ekta Diwas on 17th March and foundation day would be celebrated in all the districts of Punjab on 6th July.

Grant not released for stadium: Sarpanch



KULJIT SINGH JANDIALA GURU: About 6 months ago, there was a proposal to build a sports stadium in the remaining part, leaving some part of the pond on Jandiala Gehri Mandi Road in the village under constituency Jandiala Guru. Its purpose was to make the youth aware of sports in village Gehri Mandi. For the construction of the stadium, after spending a grant of Rs 5 lakh, the soil of the thatch built inside the village was removed, the soil was put in this outside thatch. After the soil was poured, the work was stopped again. Balram Kumar, Surjit Singh, Rajinder Singh, Hardev Singh, residents of Gehri Mandi, said that far from the construction of the stadium in this shed, the garbage was not even cleaned here. In this case, the village sarpanch Kuldeep Singh Sarpanch replied bluntly that the grant of Rs 5 lakh was released to raise the level of this chhappad and to make proper arrangement for the drainage of dirty water in the inner chhappad. From there the soil was removed and put here. But even after several months, why the construction of the sports stadium was not started, he could not give any clear answer, just said that no grant has been issued for this.

Behniwal and Jassi honoured at blood camp



VIKAS VERMA DHURI: Sahota Lok Bhalai Foundation Punjab today set up the first bloody camp at Gurdwara Akal Parkash Sahib Sherpur in view of the outbreak of Covid 19. It was inaugurated by Chamkaur Singh Veer, candidate of Shomani Akali Dal BSP alliance from Halqa Mahil Kalan. About 40 youths from the area donated their blood to the blood bank team from Government Hospital Barnala. On this occasion President of Sikh Intellectuals Forum Punjab Master Harbans Singh Sherpur, President of Gurdwara Akal Parkash Sahib Sherpur Ma. Charan Singh Jawandha, BSP leader Darshan Singh Jhaloor, Chamkaur Singh Veer, Dr. Jagjivan Singh, former DSO, congratulated the members of the foundation on the camp and said that the initiative taken by them is a commendable step as today our young generation is mired in drugs and other social evils. Is getting worse. We can also make a valuable contribution in saving many lives by donating our blood where the youth will get good guidance from such events. Distinguished social activists Jai Bhan Singh Jassi and Hon'ble former police officer Ranjit Singh Behniwal, who provided free education to slum children, were honored on the occasion. The organization also honored the blood donors with a letter of appreciation. The Chief Managing Director of the Foundation, State President Mandeep Singh Sahota, Dr. Manjit Singh Kheri, Supinder Singh Sangrur, Ramdas Herike, Gurwinder Singh Kheri, Satgur Singh, Johnny Singh, Dr. Iqbal Singh Thulewal and Sukhpal Singh Herike were present.

Akali-BSP candidate Parminder Singh Sohana intensifies election campaign, continues meetings with people

SHASHI PAL JAIN MOHALI, JAN 17

Parminder Singh Sohana, joint candidate of Shiromani Akali Dal and BSP for Vidhan Sabha constituency Mohali, along with all party members, have started door to door campaign to share the series of information of the public welfare and development work done by the Akali Government.

Parminder Singh Sohana in his address said that the development of Mohali has only taken place during the Akali government. However, during the Congress rule, the development of Mohali was undermined by illegal occupations and now rather the name of Mohali has become famous in scandals. Talking about the Aam Aadmi Party, Parminder Singh Sohana alleged that the Aam Aadmi Party has sold the party seats to its candidates and he asserted if even one such candidate wins then obviously



he will spread corruption only. Parminder Sohana further while counting on the achievements of the previous Akali government said that Mohali was developed only during Akali Government. Many achievements including international airport, excellent bus stand, and beautiful roads are due to the Akali

government. SAD President Sukhbir Singh Badal's dream is to make Mohali more beautiful than Chandigarh. Parminder Sohana also said that it is before everybody as how the Akali Government has worked effectively on the various issues of national-ism, development and good governance. Now, after

getting 'overwhelming majority With the blessings of the people Akali-BSP government will again do its best for Mohali. Parminder Sohana's supporters said that his clean image and the hard work has made the party strong without any doubt. Raja Rajinder Singh Nanhedian General Secretary Punjab BSP, Sukhdev

Singh General Secretary Mohali, Swaran Singh Landran General Secretary, Jaspal Singh Saidpur Rural President, Harnek Singh, Sher Singh Former President Municipal Council Sirhind, Kuldeep Singh Saini, Balwinder Singh Soi, Gurmeet Singh Khatra were also present at the moment.

Massive gain for SAD-Sanyukt-BJP-PLC alliance as former Jail Minister Sarwan Phillaur and son Damanvir Phillaur join Shiromani Akali Dal-Sanyukt

LK BANSAL MOHALI, JAN 17

In a major political development just before the Punjab Assembly elections, former Jail Minister Sarwan Phillaur and son Damanvir Singh Phillaur have quit Congress and joined Shiromani Akali Dal -Sanyukt. The move will prove to be a massive gain for the Shiromani Akali Dal-Sanyukt-BJP-PLC (Punjab Lok Congress) alliance in the state.

The development is also being seen as a huge set back to the Punjab Congress in mainly the Doaba region, where the Phillaur's have considerable political clout. Sar-



wan S. Phillaur is a six-time MLA and he with his son Damanvir S Phillaur on Monday quit the Congress and formally joined Shiromani Akali Dal-Sanyukt in the presence of SAD-Sanyukt's President and former Union Minister S. Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa here. Political analysts say that the move could result in a gain of 5-6 seats in the Doaba region. It is noteworthy that Sarwan Singh Phillaur

was earlier with the Akali Dal (Badal) which he had left to join the Congress in 2016 after being victimized by the party for being a towering Dalit leader, championing the cause of oppressed people. Welcoming them to the party fold, S Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa said that Sarwan Singh Phillaur and Damanvir Singh Phillaur are known for working for upliftment of the oppressed classes.

Convict arrested for jumping bail

ASHOK KAURA PHAGWARA, JAN 17

The Nakodar sadar police have arrested a convict for jumping bail. The investigating officer (IO)Gurnam Singh said that the accused has been identified as Kuldip Singh, a resident of Chak Khurd village. Superintendent Central Jail, Kapurthala in an official communication to the police has said that convict was released from jail on December 11, 2020 for eight weeks parole which was extended from time to time due to Covid pandemic, but he did not present himself at jail after expiry of leave. IO said that a case section 7/8 of The Punjab Good Conduct Prisoner Temporary Release Act was registered against the accused.

Banur -Tepla road on way to become Punjab's 'economic power house', giving a boost to region's economy

CS JOLLY CHANDIGARH JAN 17

Only 8 minutes drive from Aerocity and strategically located on NH 205A, the Banur -Tepla road is all set to give a fillip to business growth & the economy with leading real estate groups of the region planning to set up Industrial Parks on the stretch.

A not very known industrial stretch a few years back the Banur-Tepla road is now a hub of warehousing facilities with over 40 warehousing and logistics entities based here and over a dozen under construction. Not only warehousing, the 'Industrial spot' located on the Banur-Tepla road has become a hot economic hub. Neeraj Kansal, Managing Director, Royale Estate Group(REG), emphasized on the need of offering a 360 de-



gree solution for all industrial needs of the region. He said a vision document is being created by the Royale Estate Group with many industry stalwarts involved in the planning. A plan based on the integrated development principle - live, work and play to have the best-in-class infrastructure is the need of the hour and is being shaped up for all industries looking to set

up businesses on the Banur-Tepla road. The region has a strategic location from the supply chain and logistics perspective with prominent catchment areas in and around Punjab which has the Baddi- Barotiwala-Nalagarh industrial belt, and Ludhiana which is a key industrial hub. In addition to proximity to the dry port at Shambhu bordering Punjab and Haryana, and connectivity to Amritsar-Kolkata Industrial Corridor (AKIC) with the Airport cargo road from Mohali International Airport to be contacted here in future, the area is all set to give a major boost to industrial development, investment ecosystem and economy of the region.

MCM holds Panache 2022

CHANDIGARH: The Department of Office Management and Secretarial Practice at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh organised a hands-on 3-day online workshop 'Panache 2022'. The workshop aimed to acquaint the students with the art of Resume Writing, Interview Skills, Communication Skills and other facets of personality development including personal grooming and professional etiquette. It consisted of three sessions conducted by Dr. Jasmine Anand, Dr. Aparna Sharma and Ms. Ruchika Singh from the college's Department of English. On day 1, Dr. Jasmine Anand apprised the participants of the nitty-gritties of Resume Writing and Interview Skills. Focusing on actual errors in resume writing, Dr. Anand discussed the appropriate resume length and content. She also familiarised the students with interview skills and helped them to work on standard interview questions, discussing the various responses to behavioral interviews, case interviews, stress interviews, online interviews. On day 2, Dr. Aparna Sharma shared with the participants tips for better communication skills. She impressed upon the participants to incorporate reading habits, deliberate on important issues and engage in discussions with their classmates on regular basis for enhancing their communication skills. The third day's session titled "Body Language and Business Etiquette: Decoding the Basics" was conducted by Ms. Ruchika Singh. She apprised the students of the nuances of non-verbal communication, primarily the body language with respect to business etiquette.

SGPC strongly condemns attack on Sikh Sangat returning from Takht Sri Patna Sahib

CHARNJIT SINGH ARORA AMRITSAR, JAN 17

Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) President Advocate Harjinder Singh Dhama has strongly condemned the attack on Sikh Sangat in Bhojpur district of Bihar in which some Sikhs were injured while returning from Takht Sri Harmandir Ji Patna Sahib.

He said that the incident of stone-pelting and cane-charging on the Sikh Sangat is highly unfortunate and the Bihar government should get this incident impartially probed.

SGPC President said that the Bihar chief minister (CM) Shri Nitish Kumar who did great service during the birth centenary of Sri Guru Gobind

Singh, the tenth Guru, should come forward for providing justice to the victims in this incident. He said that the SGPC will coordinate with Bihar government and a letter has been written to Bihar CM, for taking strict action against the miscreants who attacked the Sikh Sangat in Char-pokhari area of Bhojpur district on Sunday.

Meanwhile, SGPC President Advocate Dhama strongly condemned the incident of reported gang-rape with a specially-abled girl in Alwar, Rajasthan. Advocate Dhama said that the case of gang-rape of an innocent girl in Alwar is a disgrace on the forehead of humanity and the accused involved should not be spared.



Inauguration of new mini COVID Care Centre

CHANDIGARH, JAN 17

Shri Dharampal, Adviser to Administrator inaugurated a new Mini COVID Centre at IMA Complex in Sector-35 with 45 bed capacity. This Centre has been set up by Sri Guru Granth Sahib Sewa Society- Tera hi Tera in association with IMA.

Shri H. S. Shabahrwal, from Tera-hi-Tera shared that all the beds are oxygenated beds and qualified medical and para-medical staff have been provided to take care of the COVID positive patients.



He further explained that two dedicated Mobike Ambulances have been provided at the Mini COVID Care Centre and arrangements have been made for indoor games and nutritious food for the COVID patients. Shri Dharampal, Adviser appreciated Sri Guru Granth Sahib Sewa Society- Tera hi Tera for coming forward and associating with the Administration during the ongoing crisis. He mentioned that Tera-Hi-Tera has set-up another Mini COVID Centre in Bal Bhawan, Sector-23.

Balkar Sidhu meets shopkeepers at Patiala Mandi in Rampura city

HEMANT SHARMA RAMPURA PHUL, JAN 17

Aam Aadmi Party candidate Balkar Sidhu met shopkeepers, artisans and traders of Patiala Mandi in the city and expressed confidence in Aam Aadmi Party and announced support to AAP candidate Balkar Sidhu. He apprised the gathering about the problems facing Patiala Mandi. On this occasion AAP candidate Balkar Sidhu said that the entire shopkeeper community which was getting a lot of support from Rampura Phul was impressed by the plans and policies of Aam Aadmi Party supremo Arvind Kejriwal.

AAP become favorite party of people: Kulwant Singh

SHASHI PAL JAIN MOHALI, JAN 17

Aam Aadmi Party has become a favorite of people not only in Mohali but in entire Punjab. This is the reason why the leaders of other parties are joining the party, the party is also getting a lot of support from the general public.

These words were expressed by Aam Aadmi Party candidate Kulwant Singh during a meeting with a large number of people from Balaungi today. Thanking the residents of Balaungi on the occasion and speaking about the support received, he said that it was the love of the people that made him stand in these elections. He said



that he does not intend to rule in this area but the main aim of his life is to save the people of Mohali from all the problems due to which the development of Mohali is incomplete.

On this occasion, Balaungi residents, who gathered in large numbers under the leadership of Astra, said that it is already sure that Kulwant Singh is going to represent Mohali in the assembly because there is no other leader like Kul-

want Singh in Mohali. At the same time, the residents of Balaungi also put forward some of their problems and demands before Kulwant Singh and requested that it should be solved at the earliest. On this occasion, Buddha Ram from Balaungi, Ashok Kumar, Namrata, Kiranbir Kaur, Khanian Balaungi and a large number of residents of Azad Nagar, Balaungi joined the Aam Aadmi Party.

Covid vaccination crosses 16 lakh mark in Mohali

MOHALI (SHASHI PAL JAIN): More than 16 lakh people have so far been vaccinated against the Covid pandemic in the district. Sharing the details, Civil Surgeon DrAdarshpalKaurand District Immunization officer DrGirishDogra said a total of 10,01,792 people have been vaccinated in the district till date out of which 6,05,326 people have been given both the doses. In addition 2257 people have been given booster doses.

Booster dose is currently being administered to health workers, front line workers and people over 60. Similarly, a total of 14,645 teenagers of 15-17group have been given the shots. The number of beneficiaries above 18 years of age in the district is 7,43,811 and the number of 15-17 age group is 67,214. Notably, Covishield and Covaxin are currently being injected, while Sputnik is only available in private hospitals. Covid vaccination is free at all government health facilities. It may be mentioned that people from outside the district are also coming to the district to get vaccinated. Expressing satisfaction over the pace of immunization, the officials said that it was the result of joint efforts of the health department and the district administration that more than 16 lakh people have been vaccinated in the district. Health officials said there was no shortage of the vaccine in the district.



MLA Vij launches campaign by praying in temple, gurudwara

R. P SINGH PATHANKOT, JAN 17

MLA Amit Vij started the election campaign by praying in the temple, gurudwara and church. Temple committee president Vinod Malhotra and other dignitaries welcomed him at Ashapurni temple and blessed Amit Vij and other dignitaries present with him by presenting mother's chunari. After this, in the famous Kali Mata Temple and the historical

Gurdwara Sri Bharath Sahib. This morning he first reached Congress Bhawan with his supporters and after that took blessings of elders from Rehri Market of Gandhi Chowk. Amit Vij said that the way people had expressed confidence in him by forming the Municipal Corporation of Congress, now he is confident that the people of the community will form the Congress government again keeping this faith.

Decreasing temperature put people in house



UNA: The increasing cold in district Una for the last few days has forced people to hide in their homes. Due to mist and cold, they are going to the shelter of fire. People were seen burning fire. If we talk about the temperature, then 5 degree temperature was recorded in the morning and 9 degree temperature in the afternoon. At the same time, the temperature was estimated to reach 6 degrees in the evening. Due to poor visibility due to fog and people had to resort to the lights of vehicles. Meteorological Department has predicted the possibility of fog, haze and clouds in the low-lying areas.

Active corona cases reach 1000: CMO

UNA: Outbreak of corona has started increasing once again in District Una. While the active cases of corona infection have crossed one thousand in the district, the rate of infection has also increased to 16.95 percent. In the report on January 15, the infection rate of RAT was 21.09 percent while that of RT-PCR test was 4.67 percent. Giving information about this, CMO Una Dr. Raman Kumar Sharma said that all the residents of district should take precautions and follow the Corona rules. He said that health workers and doctors are also vulnerable to corona infection, so take all precautions and do not come out of homes unnecessarily and use masks in public places and keep proper distance.

Meeting held on security in view of Pb polls



ANWAR HUSSAIN NALAGARH: Baddi SP Mohit Chawla told that due to elections in Punjab starting from February 14, we share 65 km of boundary in which 15 km is shared with Haryana and 50 km with Punjab because now the election process has started inside Punjab. In this regard, meetings are held from time to time to maintain law and order effectively. Recently, DGP Himachal has inspected all these places due to the election process, Nalagarh Anandpur Kiratpur Nalagarh Baddi, and efforts will be made to follow whatever guide lines are there.

HMV a key to success

HARPREET SINGH LEHAL JALANDHAR: HMV Collegiate Sr. Sec. School, Jalandhar has attained newer heights in North India and became the first choice of the students with the blessings of Padamshree Dr. Punam Suri, President DAVCMC New Delhi. The school is situated in the campus of Hans Raj Mahila Maha Vidyalaya and is a renowned name in the field of education. The school is committed to provide the best environment of academics, cultural and sports to its students. The school is continuously doing efforts to provide skills in innovation, critical thinking and analysis to its students as per new education policy 2020. The school is providing education to its students through online mode in addition to traditional classroom teaching. It is providing very helpful to students residing in far off places. The school is providing the facility of state of the art infrastructure, interactive classrooms, various labs of science, home science, IT, psychology, music and dance rooms. The school is offering education in medical, non-medical, commerce and arts stream. 108 subject combinations are being offered to the students in the arts stream. The preparation of competitive exams like JEE, NEET, CA is also being offered to the students within the school.



Lohri celebrations at PCM SD College



JALANDHAR: To instill love for the rich cultural heritage of India in its students and to further strengthen their bonding with the traditions of the land, PCM S.D.College for Women, Jalandhar celebrated the festival of Lohri with great zeal and fervour. Speaking on the occasion, the worthy Management and Principal of the college Dr. (Mrs.) Pooja Prashar congratulated the students and members of the staff on this pious occasion. Acknowledging the best wishes of the students pouring in through online modes, the Principal averred that the society is progressing at a very fast pace and in the present scenario gender discrimination should be completely brought to an end as boys and girls both have equal potential.

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022

India logs 2.58 lakh Covid cases in last 24 hrs

AGENCY NEW DELHI, JAN 17

India's Covid-19 curve showed marginal improvement on Monday as the country reported 2.58 lakh cases in the last 24 hours, which is around 5 per cent lower than yesterday.

As many as 385 people have died of Covid-19 in the last 24-hour, according to the Union Health Ministry.

With this the total tally of Covid-19 cases in the country has reached at 3.73 crore.

The active cases stands at 16,56,341 which is now comprise 4.43 per cent of the total infections, while the national COVID-19 recovery rate has decreased to 94.27 per cent.

The daily positivity rate is up from 16.28 per cent to 19.65 per cent while the weekly positivity rate was recorded at 14.41 per cent as per the data.

Delhi on Sunday reported 18,286 Covid-19 cases and 28



deaths, while the positivity rate dropped to 27.87 per cent from 30.64 per cent a day ago, according to health department data. State Health Minister Satyendar Jain has said that the city is conducting three times more diagnostic tests than the number recommended by the

ICMR. Maharashtra is reported maximum number of the cases in the country which stands at 41,327 and 29 deaths in the last 24 hours. Eight new Omicron variant cases were also reported, taking the total number of variant cases in the

state to 1738, as the data suggested.

Meanwhile, India's Omicron tally today reached 8,209, an increase of 6.02 per cent since yesterday. Out of total cases 3,109 people have been recovered or discharged.

On the vaccination front, the government has been continuously speeding up the vaccination drive across the country.

According to the bulletin issued by the Ministry today 70.37 crore tests for Covid-19 have been done so far.

"India has administered 156.02 doses of Covid-19 vaccine so far under the ongoing nationwide vaccination drive" Ministry data said.

More than 158.12 crores vaccine doses were provided to States/UTs so far.

Over 13.79 crores balance and unutilized Covid-19 vaccine doses are still available with the States/UTs to be administered, the ministry said.

Chandigarh Welfare Trust an NGO for holistic development of city and its people launched



RN KHERA CHANDIGARH, JAN 17

With the mission of creating a future full of opportunities, tolerance and social justice, with community well-being at its core, a first of its kind NGO dedicated to development and welfare of the Chandigarh city-- Chandigarh Welfare Trust was launched here, today, aligning with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals including Education, Gender Equality, Health & Well Being, Economic Growth, Peace, Justice, & Strong Institutions, Poverty, and Climate Action. The NGO was formally launched by S. Satnam Singh Sandhu, Chancellor, Chandigarh University, and Founder, Chandigarh Welfare Trust. Rashpal Singh Dhaliwal,

Chairman Chandigarh Group of Colleges also graced the occasion. Famed Chartered Accountants and prominent civil society members, Mr Sunil Kumar and Mr Rampal Dhiman, who are also members of the Governing Body of the Trust were also present.

Talking to media, Satnam Singh Sandhu said that Chandigarh was the first modern city of the country and is among very few such cities across the world to have succeeded in terms of combining monumental architecture, cultural growth, and modernisation. "However, with passing times, things have changed, with growing population and considerable stagnancy in corresponding resources.

Haryana Vidhan Sabha Speaker reviews ongoing development works in Pk

SD SHARMA PANCHKULA, JAN 17

The Haryana Vidhan Sabha Speaker, Gian Chand Gupta directed the officers of the concerned departments to personally go to the field so as to ensure that development works being carried out in Panchkula are completed in a stipulated time bound manner. Besides, he also directed them to ensure that quality material is used in the development works. He was presiding over the meeting to review the progress of the various ongoing development works in Panchkula Assembly Constituency at PWD Rest House, Sector 1 here today. Deputy Commissioner, Sh Mahavir Kaushik and Mayor, Municipal Corporation, Sh Kulbhushan Goyal were also present in the meeting. Gupta directed to expedite the development works and complete the same in a prescribed time period so that the people get the benefit of the same.

Reviewing the progress of the Railway Over Bridge being constructed on Chandigarh-Ambala railway line in Sector-19, Sh Gupta directed to complete the remaining work by March 31, 2022. Apart from this, he directed to complete the work of the underpass being built in Sector-19 by February 15, 2022. While expressing concern over the condition of a building in village Rally in Sector-12 situated alongside the drain passing from there, he directed the Municipal Corporation that in view of the safety of the people, the condition of the building should be got examined through an independent agency so as to avoid any untoward incident. While the excavation work for the construction of MCH block in Civil Hospital Sector-6 has been completed and the construction work of the building would be started soon. Apart from this, 97 percent construction work of PHC in Barwala has been completed and the building would be completed in all respects by March 2022.

SGPC President urges local Sikh organisations to highlight cases of youths trapped in India due to COVID-19 to govt

CHARANJIT SINGH ARORA AMRITSAR, JAN 17

A group of Punjabi youths who could not return to New Zealand due to COVID-19 pandemic held a meeting with Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) President and sought his support in resolving the issue.

Following, SGPC President had a telephonic conversation with Bhai Daljit Singh, President of New Zealand based Sikh organisation 'Sikh Supreme Society Auckland' and urged him to resolve the issue. A letter was also written to Bhai Daljit Singh from SGPC side.

The Sikh youths associated with New



Zealand who held a meeting with the SGPC President informed that over 800 Punjabis are facing problems as they could not return to New Zealand due

to COVID-19. A large number of these people also have their family members in New Zealand.

They have been denied entry due to COVID-19 restrictions for the last nearly two years and meanwhile, the validity of visas of a large number of these persons has also expired. The youths informed that they are facing many problems related to this issue and their family members residing in New Zealand are also going through mental anguish.

After holding discussion with these Sikh youths, SGPC President coordinated with the Supreme Sikh Society of New Zealand, active as a

big Sikh organisation there and urged them to help these affected youths. During the conversation, Bhai Daljit Singh of Supreme Sikh Society assured the SGPC President that he is serious for resolution of this issue and making efforts that the youths who went to India return at the earliest. He informed that the discussion with the government on this issue is ongoing.

Meanwhile, SGPC President also wrote a letter to the President of Sikh Supreme Society and made an appeal to make a concerted effort to coordinate with the government to ensure that the Sikh youths are reunited with their family members.

HP government to organise online employment fairs: Bikram Singh

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, JAN 17

Industries Minister Bikram Singh said that the State government was laying special emphasis on providing employment opportunities to the youth of the state and was considering organising online employment fairs so that more employment opportunities could be generated for the youth. He said this while presiding over a meeting with various representatives of industry sector, here today.

The Minister said that the corona pandemic had adversely affected the organising employment fairs in the state and to cater to the issue a draft was being prepared and necessary data was being collected to organize online employment



fairs. He said that the data related to Labour and Employment department would also be provided online. Bikram Singh directed the officers to work with active vision to resolve the various issues of industrialists. He said that the state government has made multi-pronged efforts in ease of doing business and to encourage investment in the state. He said that the state government has taken every possible step to provide relief to industrialists and to ensure

security to labourers working in the industries during covid pandemic. He said that the industries have continuously contributed in Gross Domestic Product of the state.

The Minister appreciated the efforts of industries in strengthening health infrastructure in the state during covid crisis. He urged the industrialists to make more contribution in health, education, environment conservation, etc under Corporate Social Responsibility.

'Supporters express happiness over Amit Vij getting ticket again

VK DOGRA DHAR KALAN, JAN 17

The list of candidates has been released by the Congress Party High Command for the 2022 assembly elections in Punjab. In which there was a wave of happiness among the supporters when Amit Vij, MLA from Pathankot, was made its candidate for the second time by the Congress. There was an influx of people congratulating Amit Vij at his residence in Patel Nagar, MLA Amit Vij, Congress corporators and other supporters, including supporters from their respective wards with drums and drums, congratulated MLA Amit Vij by garlanding them and



sweetening their faces with laddoos. Along with his supporters, Amit Vij, Mayor Panna Lal Bhatia, Congress leader Ashish Vij also danced to the beat of the dhol and expressed their happiness on getting the ticket. Congressmen said that the inclusion of MLA Amit Vij's name in the very first list of Congress High Command

has also ensured his victory from Pathankot. MLA Amit Vij expressed his gratitude to the Congress high command and the people of the area for making him his candidate for the second time from area Pathankot. He said that I will live up to your trust and it will be my priority to keep Pathankot continuously developing.

Two held from Srinagar for committing burglary in Kaithal

RAMAN GUPTA KAITHAL, JAN 17

Superintendent of Police Lokendra Singh said that Shamshadin Khatana, a resident of Awara District, Kupwara, Jammu and Kashmir, who has recently retired from the Army and is living with his family in a rented house in Friends Colony, Kaithal. He travels with his family to sell warm clothes. On the morning of January 10, he locked the house and went to work along with hi family. When he came home in the afternoon, the lock of the house was found broken. An unknown person had broken open the lock of the iron box kept in the room and had stolen cash. The SP informed that the investigation of the case was investigated by ASI Surendra Singh of Thana Civil Line Police under the leadership of Thana Civil Line SI Birbhan. ASI Surendra Singh, while conducting a thorough investigation, arrested the accused Ashfaq Ahmed and



Ulfat Majeed, both residents of Parepura district, Kupwara, Jammu and Kashmir from Naya Bazar, Srinagar. After intensive interrogation of the accused, the stolen cash was recovered from their possession. After extensive questioning, the two accused were produced in the court on Monday, where they were remanded in judicial custody.

First meeting to deploy manpower for ensuing Vidhan Sabha elections held

CHANDAN SARPAL LU DHIANA, JAN 17

The district administration today conducted the first randomisation to deploy manpower for the ensuing Vidhan Sabha elections in the presence of officials of the district administration at the District Administrative Complex here. The first randomisation was done in the presence of ADC (General) Rahul Chaba, DRO Pardeep Singh Bains, DIO Inderjit Singh, besides several others.

During the randomisation, Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Election Officer Varinder Kumar Sharma said that employees from the Centre



and state government, banks and public sector undertakings would be assigned several duties during the poll. He said as per need, the

services of the employees would be used for counting and polling. They will be assigned duties as supporting staff, micro-observers and booth level

officers (BLOs). Sharma said the randomisation was aimed at assigning duties to the staff in the days to come.

The DC said in the first randomisation for the deployment of 16,684 polling personnel for their first training at 2,979 booths of 14 assembly constituencies of the district.

He said there were 26,50,344 voters in district Ludhiana. Sharma said of this, 14,14,750 voters were male, 12,35,471 voters were female and 123 were third gender voters, adding that the district administration was duty-bound to ensure that every voter was able to exercise their franchise freely.

Editorial

Inner vision

A little over one hundred years ago, on December 23, 1921, in the early hours of the morning, the Visva-Bharati Parishad Sabha was officially established by Rabindranath Tagore in the vicinity of Amarakunja. Although by some accounts, the work of Visva-Bharati's foundation had begun three years earlier, it was in December 1921 that Tagore formally announced, "Today is the first session of the Visva-Bharati Parishad. I formally hand over the University to all likeminded individuals within and outside India who care for its welfare and nurture belief in its ideal, to them I submit this institution." (Author's translation.)

With this larger aesthetic view, Tagore gave birth to Visva-Bharati, a Global India — uniting India and the world — in an age when globalism was not yet a catchword as it is the case today.

Tagore records the following on a journey while visiting Japan: "I looked at the land; it was so different to my eyes, so picturesque. [A] Japanese passenger came on the deck and stood by the railing. He did not see only a picturesque land; he saw a land whose woods and rivers and hills had been given a new form by contact with the minds of his countrymen, not a material but a human form... As a man's native land is not only natural but human — that is why it is a source of such joy to him..." ("The Aesthetic Philosophy of Tagore" by Abu Sayeed Ayyub.)

The central doctrine of Tagore's aesthetic philosophy — it informed the vision for Visva-Bharati — lies rooted in human emotions, which act as a bridge between the individual and the world. Our emotions transmute the material world around us, thereby becoming a source of joy. For Tagore, art has no utilitarian significance. Art arises when the desire to express one's emotions makes the artist want to forget the material world. Here, Tagore's vision reflects the philosophy of John Keats's "Beauty is truth, truth beauty."

One may argue that emotions can also be negative. True, they may arouse horror and repulsion. While watching Shakespeare's play, King Lear, one experiences revulsion at the ingratitude of his two daughters ("How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless child!"); there is pain, there is pathos, when King Lear roams in the sharp cold winds in the wild like a madman. But the play reveals a universal understanding of man's place and, in this moment of oneness, offers the joy of comprehension. Contrary to popular perceptions, emotions in Tagore's view are not subjective. Much like science, they retain a degree of objectivity that cuts through materiality to reveal a subterranean, universal oneness.

When Clive named Calcutta one of 'most wicked places'!

Colonial administrator Robert Clive once compared the ancient city Gomorrah, notorious for vice and depravity, to Calcutta and dubbed the then capital of British India as "one of the most wicked places in the universe".

Clive, who was the first governor of Bengal Presidency under the East India Company in the 18th century, earned the title "Clive of India" as he played a key role in establishing Britain's colonial domination over India.

In July 1765, in a letter to East India Company official Sir Francis Sykes, Clive compared Gomorrah favourably to Calcutta.

"I will pronounce Calcutta to be one of the most wicked places in the Universe. Corruption licentiousness and a want of principle seem to have possessed the minds of all the civil servants, by frequent bad examples they are grown callous, rapacious and luxurious beyond conception"

This anecdote has been shared by BJP MP M J Akbar in his new book "Doolally Sahib and the Black Zamindar: Racism and Revenge in the British



Raj", a chronicle of racial relations between Indians and their last foreign invaders. The author says on his return from England in May 1765, the first decision Clive made was to curb 'gifts', a euphemism for rampant corruption.

"All presents between 1,000 and 4,000 now required permission - anything above that went into Company coffers. This

shocked and infuriated Company officials, who believed that they needed 3,000 pounds a year to maintain their lifestyle, and thrice that amount to take back as retirement benefits, at a time when the salary of a member of the governor's council was 330 pounds.

"The historian Percival Spear, using florid metaphors appropriate to colourful larceny, writes:

"The brotherhood of exploitation, the freemasonry of graft, had been violated. Clive had put himself outside the pale. They sharpened their mental knives of revenge on the grindstone of hate while dipping their quills of complaint in the ink of defamation," the book says.

Published by Bloomsbury India, the book draws upon the letters, memoirs

and journals of traders, travellers, bureaucrats, officials, officers and the occasional bishop. A multitude of vignettes, combined with insight and analysis, reveal the deeply ingrained conviction of 'white superiority' that shaped this history.

So who is Doolally? According to the book, 'Doolally' derives from Deolali, a transit camp situat-

ed in Nashik about a 100 miles from Bombay and referred to the feverish Doolally Sahib and the Black Zamindar eccentricity of the English soldier waiting to go home.

Among many other interesting bits of information, Akbar writes about one of Mahatma Gandhi's less-known talents - his ability to use laughter as a piquant missile in the armoury of non-violence. "During his visit to England in 1931 for the second Round Table Conference, Gandhi was asked by journalists what he thought of Western civilization. It would be a good idea, the Mahatma replied," he writes.

"The quip must have been especially pungent for Winston Churchill, still an intermittently successful provocateur rather than the icon he would become. Churchill, the eternal imperialist, had famously dismissed Gandhi as a 'malignant subversive fanatic' and seditious lawyer 'now posing as a fakir of a type well-known in the East, striding half-naked up the steps of the Viceregal Palace', after Gandhi's pact with the Viceroy Lord Irwin in March 1931," he says.

Literature & Health

Swapping just one food item daily makes diet planet-friendly

As per a new Tulane University study, Americans who eat beef could slash their diet's carbon footprint as much as 48 per cent by swapping just one serving per day for a more planet-friendly alternative.

The study has been published in 'The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition'. Using real-world data from a survey of what more than 16,000 Americans eat in an average day, researchers from Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine and the University of Michigan calculated how much of a difference people could make if they swapped one high-impact food item for similar, more sustainable options.

They examined how the change would impact two metrics -- their daily diets' greenhouse gas emissions and water scarcity footprint, a measure of the irrigated water used to produce the foods they eat that takes into account regional variations in water scarcity. The highest impact item in Americans' diet is beef and around 20 per cent of survey respondents ate at least one serving of it in a day. If they collectively swapped one serving of beef -- for example, choosing ground turkey instead of ground beef -- their diets' greenhouse gas emissions fell by an average of 48 per cent and water-use impact declined by 30 per cent."

People can make a significant difference in their carbon footprint with very simple changes -- and the easiest one would be to substitute poultry for beef," said lead author Diego Rose, a professor



of nutrition and food security at Tulane University's School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.

The study also examined how the change would affect the overall environmental impact of all food consumption in the U.S. in a day -- including the 80 per cent of diets without any changes. If only the 20 per cent of Americans who ate beef in a day switched to something else for one meal, that would reduce the overall carbon footprint of all U.S. diets by 9.6 per cent and reduce water-use impacts by 5.9 per cent. Agricultural production accounts for about a quarter of global greenhouse gas emissions and about 70 per cent of global freshwater withdrawals.

For the study, researchers built an extensive database of the greenhouse gas emissions.

China is ready to spring military surprises

Many are alarmed by China's growing military ambitions, with heated tensions in places like the East China Sea, South China Sea, near Taiwan and the Indian border. The People's Liberation Army (PLA) has benefited greatly from a deluge of cash and copious amounts of cutting-edge equipment being added to its inventory.

Last year was full of disconcerting surprises, including the discovery of massive silo fields for intercontinental ballistic missiles, and the testing of a fractional orbital bombardment system. However, more surprises await in 2022.

Kurt Campbell, the US National Security Council Coordinator for the Indo-Pacific, warned last week of a "strategic surprise" in the region. He told the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington DC: "If you look and if you ask me, where are the places where we are most likely to see certain kinds of strategic surprise - basing or certain kinds of agreements or arrangements - it may well be in the Pacific." The American



official said the issue was the one he was "most concerned about over the next year or two". Expressing urgency, Campbell said, "And we have a very short amount of time, working with partners like Australia, like New Zealand, like Japan, like France, who have an interest in the Pacific, to step up our game across the board."

Campbell did not elaborate on what he meant by "strategic surprise", but in context his comments hint that China may be brewing up a significant basing agreement somewhere in the region. It could be that he was

hinting at a specific development of which he is aware, or perhaps that he expects Beijing to throw its economic and military weight round in genuinely unexpected ways.

However, such comments do not bode well. The USA should have been preparing for China's rise for the past decade or two. The American intelligence community should be on top of how China is muscling in on other countries.

Unfortunately, the USA has dropped the ball by ignoring friends and refusing opportunities in the Asia-Pacific region.

POEMS

Mariana

A still small voice spake unto me,
'Thou art so full of misery,
Were it not better not to be?'

Then to the still small voice I said;
'Let me not cast in endless shade
What is so wonderfully made.'

To which the voice did urge reply;
'To-day I saw the dragon-fly
Come from the wells where he did lie.

'An inner impulse rent the veil
Of his old husk: from head to tail
Came out clear plates of sapphire mail.

'He dried his wings: like gauze they grew;
Thro' crofts and pastures wet with dew
A living flash of light he flew.'

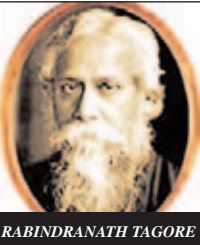
I said, 'When first the world began,
Young Nature thro' five cycles ran,
And in the sixth she moulded man.

'She gave him mind, the lordliest
Proportion, and, above the rest,
Dominion in the head and breast.'

Thereto the silent voice replied;
'Self-blinded are you by your pride:
Look up thro' night: the world is wide.

'This truth within thy mind rehearse,
That in a boundless universe
Is boundless better, boundless worse.

(By: Rabindranath Tagore)



Exercise performed at different times of the day has different effects

To gain a better understanding of why the timing of exercise produces different effects, an international team of scientists carried out the most comprehensive study to date of exercise performed at different times of the day.

The findings were recently published in the journal 'Cell Metabolism'.

Their research has shown how different health-promoting signalling molecules are produced by the body in an organ-specific manner following exercise depending on the time of day. These signals have a broad impact on health, influencing sleep, memory, exercise performance and metabolic homeostasis. "A better understanding of how exercise affects the body at different times of day might help us to maximise the benefits of exercise for people at risk of diseases,



such as obesity and type 2 diabetes," said Professor Juleen R. Zierath from Karolinska Institutet and the Novo Nordisk Foundation Center for Basic Metabolic Research (CBMR) at the University of Copenhagen.

Almost all cells regulate their biological processes over a 24-hour period, otherwise called a circadian rhythm. This means that the sensitivity of different tissues to the effects of exercise changes depending on the time of day.

Earlier research has confirmed that exercise timing according to our circadian rhythm can optimize the health-promoting effects of exercise.

The team of international scientists wanted a more detailed understanding of this effect, so they carried out a range of experiments on mice that exercised either in the early morning or the late evening. Blood samples and different tissues, including brain, heart, muscle, liver and fat were collected and analysed by mass spectrometry.

This allowed the scientists to detect hundreds of different metabolites and hormone signalling molecules in each tissue, and to monitor how they were changed by exercising at different times of the day. The result is an 'Atlas of Exercise Metabolism' - a comprehensive map of exercise-induced signalling mol-

ecules present in different tissues following exercise at different times of the day. "As this is the first comprehensive study that summarises time and exercise-dependent metabolism over multiple tissues, it is of great value to generate and refine systemic models for metabolism and organ crosstalk," added Dominik Lutter, Head of Computational Discovery Research at the Helmholtz Diabetes Center in Munich, Germany.

New insights include a deeper understanding of how tissues communicate with each other, and how exercise can help to 'realign' faulty circadian rhythms in specific tissues - faulty circadian clocks have been linked to increased risks of obesity and type 2 diabetes. Finally, the study identified new exercise-induced signalling molecules in multiple tissues, which need further investigation

to understand how they can individually or collectively influence health. "Not only do we show how different tissues respond to exercise at different times of the day, we also propose how these responses are connected to induce an orchestrated adaptation that controls systemic energy homeostasis," said Associate Professor Jonas Thue Treebak from CBMR at the University of Copenhagen, and co-first author of the publication. The study has several limitations. The experiments were carried out in mice. While mice share many common genetic, physiological and behavioural characteristics with humans, they also have important differences. For example, mice are nocturnal, and the type of exercise was also limited to treadmill running, which can produce different results compared to high-intensity exercise.

Chandigarh: Porsche consumers know how to make their dreams come true, even if it means going out of their way to do it. Porsche India client Aashique Tahir placed his 911 Carrera on his office wall to highlight one of the brand's goals of Exclusivity and Social Acceptance. Mounted on the wall of the Team Thai office in Calicut, the 911 was bought in 2010 and its claim to fame is the 1,00,000 km-plus figure on the odometer. Tahir, who is a hardcore petrolhead and a popular Porsche enthusiast has a workplace in Calicut which already had a grand appearance for the visitors. Just when one thought it couldn't get any more attention, the office now has the iconic 911 mounted on the wall, making the ambience even more spectacular. Car enthusiasts like Tahir create history by demonstrating their enthusiasm for what they want, and this has to be one of the most unusual installations and outlandish ideas in the history of Indian car enthusiasts.

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022

Silent heart attacks - what are the signs

Patiala: Herat attack accounts as one of the leading causes of death globally. But around 45% of heart attacks are silent i.e. people are clueless about their heart damage until weeks or months due to missing signs and symptoms.

Dr Deepak Katyal Interventional cardiologist, Manipal Hospital, Patiala said, "A 'silent heart attack,' also known as silent myocardial infarction (SMI), shows no or unidentified symptoms that are hard to be recognized, making people ignorant about this heart injury. With SMI, you may feel-fatigued, have mild distress, poor sleep, or general age-related issues. Also, the location of the pain is not extreme and often misunderstood as typical symptoms of digestive disease, acidity, or heartburn. He Said, some of the common warning signs of SMI that one should never ignore. Discomfort or brief pain in the chest for a short span or repeat after some time. Uneasy stress, aches, or stuffing around the center of the chest or upper body. Soar or strained muscles around the back, neck, or jaw area. Difficulty in lifting both arms.

Some people might experience prolonged tiredness, flu, or indigestion. These are not the typical symptoms of a heart attack, and people tend to ignore them easily.



A silent heart attack impairs your heart just like a regular heart attack. SMI damages the heart muscles and leaves scars that can increase the risk of cardiovascular problems. Some of the common risk factors that contribute to heart attacks. High blood pressure level, High cholesterol level, High blood sugar level, Excessive smoking & drinking, Obesity, Inactive lifestyle & Unhealthy food, Age & Family history And Stress.

Silent heart attacks are often mistaken for other problems and increase the possibilities of heart problems and even death at the later stage of life. Unfortunately, many people are ignorant about their health and do not realize the serious health issue their bodies may be facing. But a heart attack of any kind can be life-threatening.

Here are a few ways you can maintain your heart health to live a longer and better life. Regular exercises or an active lifestyle, Proper sleep to reduce stress, Maintaining healthy weight, Lifestyle changes and a balanced diet, Reduce intake of sodium, sugar, & packaged food, Limiting the intake of alcohol or quitting it, No tobacco or smoking.

If you are someone who is suffering from a chronic condition, you are at higher risk of another heart attack. Therefore, do not avoid your health, take proper medications, do not skip doctor appointments, and follow all the instructions carefully.

Son of Kargil martyr's paintings showcase artistic brilliance

Chandigarh: A two days Solo Art Exhibition titled 'Black Vibgyor' exhibited by a city based young architect-cum-artist Karan Bajwa at Punjab Kala Bhawan, Sector 16 concluded today. In his maiden solo exhibition, the artist Karan Bajwa displayed as many as fifty paintings, which were brilliant amalgamations of different facets of human's emotions.



The exhibition was inaugurated by Shrimati Jyoti Pattabhiram, Founding Director and present chairman of Sadhana Sangama Trust, who is Karan's Guru. Major General Anil Duvedi and Brig Satinder Singh Aulakh, Director Defence Services were the guests of honour at the inaugural ceremony. Karan who is the son of Kargil martyr Major BS Bajwa, Sena Medal (Gallantry) said, "I have used the Portraiture concept in my paintings. It is a form of art created to reveal a profound, conceptualized illustration of a portrait. It has a vast effect on modern art movements and the various upcoming trends of art." Working in charcoal and acrylic on canvas, Karan used the seven tones of rainbow, which provide to his paintings a strong physical presence. That presence is enhanced by his skill at rendering figure forms and his sharp eye for manipulating proportion. The exhibition had two paintings dedicated to Karan's father. "These two paintings are inspired by my dad. It is my humble tribute to him."

Mahindra announces, "Get Highest Mileage or Give Truck Back"

JAMMU: Mahindra's Truck and Bus Division (MTB), a part of the Mahindra Group, today announced their unique and disruptive customer value proposition "Get More Mileage or Give Truck Back" Guarantee for their entire BS6 range of BLAZO X Heavy, FURIO Intermediate, and Light Commercial trucks including FURIO7 and JAYO. The new range features the proven 7.2L mPower Engine (HCVs) and mDi Tech Engine (LCV) with FuelSmart Technology, Mild EGR with proven Bosch After Treatment System that leads to lower Ad Blue Consumption and many other technological advancements, besides the cutting-edge iMAXX Telematics solution, all of which together, ensure guaranteed higher mileage. Given the fact that fuel is a major component of a transporters' operating cost (over 60%), Mahindra BS6 truck range, with this competitive advantage will provide them an edge, complete peace of mind and scale up their transport business, delivering higher prosperity.

Prestige Estates Registered Record Quarterly Sales of Rs 42,676 Million

Chandigarh: Prestige Estates, has announced its updates on real estate operations for the quarter ending 31st December 2021 & 9MFY22. During Q3FY22, The Group has registered highest ever quarterly sales of INR 42,676 mn, up 111% YoY and has clocked highest ever collections of INR 24,316 mn, up 70% YoY, resultant 9MFY22 sales at record INR 71,134 mn and collections at INR 50,054 mn, up 97% and 51% YoY respectively. Commenting on Q3/9MFY22 performance, Mr. Irfan Razaqi, Chairman, Prestige Group "We are delighted to announce another robust performance during Q3/22. Prestige has clocked highest quarterly sales of INR 42,676 mn, up 111% YoY and collections of INR 24,316 mn, up 70% YoY. The new sales were backed by the great response to our newly launched project, Prestige Avalon, Aspen & Eden Park, Part of The Prestige City, Bengaluru, Prestige Beverly Hills, Hyderabad and the existing inventories across geographies. It is a very exciting time for the brand, with new launches and markets to support the ambitious growth plans we have set for ourselves. Thanks to the relentless dedication of our employees across the cities. We look forward to continuing to expand our footprint in high growth opportunity markets" Commenting on this, Mr. Venkat K Narayana, Chief Executive Officer, Prestige Group "We are pleased to announce another record quarterly performance. Throughout 9MFY22, our team continued to deliver, despite the underlying challenges posed by the ongoing pandemic, leading to 9MFY22 new sales growth.

Tata Motors' flagship SUV, the Safari joins the #DARK range

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Tata Motors, one of India's leading automotive brands, today announced the launch of the Safari #DARK, the latest flagship addition to the company's successful #DARK range. The Safari #DARK Edition is now open for bookings and available at dealerships nationwide starting at INR 19.05 lakhs (ex-showroom, Delhi). The Safari #DARK will be clad in the signature Oberon Black exterior body colour, which many have now come to associate with the #DARK range. The mascots on the fender and the tailgate as well as the 18" Blackstone alloy wheels lend the exterior the signature #DARK look. As part of the interiors, Safari #DARK offers a premium Blackstone Dark theme with exclusive touches to the key elements. Additionally like the distinct dark finishes, special Blackstone Matrix dashboard & premium Dark upholstery (Nappa Granite Black colour scheme with Blue Tri Arrow Perforations and Blue Stitching) complete the insides of the Safari #DARK. Commenting on the launch, Mr. Rajan Ambia, Vice President, Sales, Marketing and Customer Service, Passenger Vehicles, Tata Motors, said, "Launched in July last year, with a power-packed line-up featuring India's safest premium hatchback - the Altroz, India's first GNCAP 5star rated car - the Nexon, Tata Motors' premium midsize SUV with the Land Rover DNA - the Harrier and India's highest selling passenger electric car - the Nexon EV, the #DARK range has, in a very short span.

SVP Global Ventures Ltd. is now SVP Global Textiles Ltd

Mumbai: India's leading compact cotton yarn manufacturer and one of the fastest growing multinational textile companies, SVP Global Ventures Ltd. will now be known as SVP Global Textiles Ltd. The SVP Global Ventures Ltd. is mainly into manufacturing of cotton yarn and hence a need was felt to include Textile in the name. The Company plans to be a fully integrated Textile Company from Fiber to Fashion with forward integration into fabric and garments. It has already declared its venture into Technical textiles with a capex of Rs. 100 crore in setting up green-field facility at Jhalawar, Rajasthan with capacity of 4,375 MT per annum. Highlights: Over 125 years old Textile Group provides employment to 3500 directly and over 10,000 indirectly. Supports over 2 lacs cotton grower farmers.

Hero MotoCorp Strengths and Expands Operations in Salvador

CHANDIGARH: Strengthening its presence in El Salvador, Hero MotoCorp, the world's largest manufacturer of motorcycles and scooters, has expanded its operations and commenced retail sales at a newly opened flagship store in the country's capital city San Salvador. Customers have been thronging to the company's new state-of-the-art dealership located in El Pedregal to purchase Hero MotoCorp's products. The showroom that offers 3S (sales, service, spares) operations and is spread over 600 sq. mt, displays Hero MotoCorp's world-class products such as the Xpulse 200, Hunk 160R and Hunk 150 motorcycles and Dash 125 scooter. The workshop with five service bays provides the best-in-class after-sales service and spare parts to customers. In keeping with its commitment to provide a world-class customer experience, the company offers a 4-year or 40,000 km warranty across its range of products. Speaking on the occasion, Sanjay Bhan, Head - Global Business, Hero MotoCorp, said, "The strengthening and expansion of our network in El Salvador clearly underscore the market's importance for Hero MotoCorp. There has been a steadily growing demand among the customers here for our wide range of products and with this state-of-the-art flagship store in the capital city.

OctaFX Copytrading redesigns its Copying Settings

New Delhi: OctaFX Copytrading is a popular service that allows its customers to profit by copying orders from professional traders, also known as Master Traders. The service recently introduced major changes to its copying settings - users can now copy the Master Traders' orders in equal, double, triple, or any other desired volume. The new year means new beginnings. Global broker OctaFX decided to jumpstart 2022 by updating some crucial settings of its Copytrading service. OctaFX Copytrading is a top-rated service among the company's clients. There are two great reasons for its popularity. First, you can easily access the service through the OctaFX Copytrading App or desktop. Second, you need little Forex expertise to start making a profit.



any other volume. Upon selecting a copying mode, a copier will see the investment required to start copying this Master Trader in this mode. Another new feature for the Copiers is the support funds. Copiers can choose to add support funds to protect their investments from unexpected market movements. This amount will only be used to support the trading strategy when the market fluctuates. The required investment for each Master Trader is calculated automatically. An algorithm calculates this optimal amount from a pro's trading history.

Wondering how it works? The clients, known as copiers, choose professional traders to copy orders from them. Whenever a Master Trader opens an order, the same order opens in a copier's account automatically. This way, a copier can simply trust a Master Trader's expertise and profit with minimum effort. Recently OctaFX Copytrading has been working on making the subscription process to Master Traders more transparent for the copiers. They updated the parameters a copier can set when subscribing to a professional trader. Firstly, a copier can choose to copy a Master Trader's orders in equal (x1), double (x2), triple (x3), or

Esri India partners with AGNII (Invest India) to Roll-out 'Geolnnovation'

New Delhi: Esri India, country's leading Geographic Information System (GIS) software and solutions provider, today announced Geolnnovation 2022 - an acceleration platform for startups, in partnership with AGNII (Invest India). Geolnnovation program aims to help start-ups leverage Location Intelligence technology to build new businesses. As per Geospatial "Artha" Report, India's geospatial economy has the potential to grow to Rs. 63,100 crore by 2025 with a CAGR of 12.8%. GIS ecosystem in India has been growing steadily over the past few years. In addition, recent government policies like liberalization of geospatial data & new drone policy have laid the foundation of new Geo-enabled era, which is opening a huge opportunity for start-ups. Geolnnovation 2022 would be divided into three phases Phase 1 - Applications Phase (ending on 25th Jan 2022) Phase 2 - Technical guidance and business focused mentorship from Esri India, AGNII and Funding companies (Feb - March 2022) Phase 3 - Business pitch (April 2022) On the occasion, Agendra Kumar, Managing Director, Esri India, said, "Now is the right time to make bold transformations, aided by GIS technology.

Adaptation of Fire Safety in times of Covid 19

New Delhi: In just a few months' time, the COVID crisis has brought about years of change in the way companies in all sectors and regions do business. To stay competitive in this new business and economic environment requires new strategies and practices. During the pandemic, consumers have moved dramatically toward online channels, and companies and industries have responded in turn. One such industry which has had a major shift is the fire and security industry. Government regulations and mandates concerning workplace safety, increasing awareness of the benefits of installing fire safety & security equipment, and the demand for state-of-the-art protection equipment are the major factors fuelling the growth of this landscape. Keeping in mind that majority of our society is working from home, there has been a drastic increase in residential fires over the last couple of years which has prompted many to reinforce their structure with fire-resistant materials and take Fire Safety seriously. Great job! If you have done this. Let's face it, life is uncertain. Unexpected and dangerous events like a fire or natural disaster can occur without any warning. If you are prepared, there is a huge possibility that you will survive. If you are not, you may not make it. The global COVID-19 pandemic has created an environment where buildings are largely unoccupied, and employees are adjusting to hybrid working practices. This creates two significant considerations for our customers, the evolution of evacuation procedures and the need to connect fire systems to remotely reinforce building protection. In the "new normal" it is often uncertain how many people are in the office or another workplace.

Samsung Introduces Galaxy Tab A8 in India

Chandigarh: Samsung, India's most trusted smartphone brand, today announced the launch of Galaxy Tab A8 with all new design, impressive large screen, bigger battery and ultimate audio experience. Galaxy Tab A8 is the most powerful Tab A Series device for learning, entertaining, connecting and more. Starting January 17, Galaxy Tab A8 will be available in three vibrant colours - Gray, Silver and Pink Gold. Galaxy Tab A8 WiFi variant is priced at INR 17999 for 3GB+32GB and INR 19999 for 4GB+64GB. The LTE variant of Galaxy Tab A8 is priced at INR 21999 for 3GB+32GB and INR 23999 for 4GB+64GB.



"At Samsung, we work relentlessly to deliver meaningful innovation and great device experience to our consumers. In the last few years, tablets have emerged as a must have device for all consumer segments. Galaxy Tab A8 is a comprehensive package which has been designed keeping our consumer needs in mind. With bigger display, long lasting battery and Dolby quad speakers, it is the perfect device for getting your work done," said Sandeep Poswal, General Manager, New Computing Business, Samsung India. Galaxy Tab A8 comes with expanded 10.5-inch screen with slim bezel and 16:10 common aspect ratio. The result is an 80 percent screen to body ratio, which enables much more immersive viewing experience than past tablet models. The display ensures vivid and dynamic viewing experience and the quad-speaker with Dolby Atmos provides rich soundscape with unparalleled detail, depth and realism. Users can enjoy rich stereo sound with quad speakers that offer immersive cinematic experience.

Kia India registers 7738 bookings for Kia Carens within the first 24 hours!



Chandigarh: Kia India, the fastest growing carmaker in the country, today revealed that the Kia Carens has received a tremendous response from the Indian customers, with 7738 bookings registered on the very first day. The company opened the pre-bookings for prospective customers on 14 January 22 through the Kia India official website www.kia.com/in and via any of the authorized dealerships of Kia India by paying an initial booking amount of INR 25,000. Commenting on the development, Tae-Jin Park, Managing Director and CEO, Kia India, said, "We are delighted with the overwhelming response that Kia Carens has received from customers, within the first 24 hours of starting the pre-bookings. It is the highest first day booking we have received for any of our products in India. With the Carens, we offered a choice of multiple engine and transmission options, coupled with the standard Robust 10 High Safety package and many first-in-class features, to ensure it suits the requirement of anyone who wants a sophisticated and safe family mover.

Discovery+ launches Mission Frontline

CHANDIGARH: This Republic Day discovery+ celebrates the tales of bravery and courage with 'Home of Patriots' campaign by launching new series from the fan favourite franchises Mission Frontline and Breaking Point. Premiering on 20th January, Mission Frontline features the actor, writer, producer, and director Farhan Akhtar along with the supremely popular action director and producer Rohit Shetty. Followed by the launch of 4 new episodes from the hit series Breaking Point on 21st January. Post the overwhelming response of Mission Frontline starring talented actors like Rana Daggubati and Sara Ali Khan, the action-packed episodes will see Farhan Akhtar, and Rohit Shetty spend a day with the Rashtriya Rifle soldiers and J&K Police's Special Operations Group in Srinagar respectively. Full of adventure, endurance, backbreaking training, and powerful visuals, each episode traverses through the life of India's brave warriors through the eyes and experiences of these celebrities.



Yet another interesting release scheduled for the month is popular franchise Breaking Point, a 4-part series that will showcase different groups of soldiers in training including the paratroopers, Armoured Corps, Army Artillery, and Army Aviation. A staggering slate that is sure to fill your hearts with pride and gives the audience a never seen before look into the training imparted at India's premier institutions across cities like Nashik, Jodhpur Ahmednagar, Agra, Jaipur and Samathura. Each moment of the series takes the viewer a step closer to how the soldiers are transformed into warriors of the Indian Army. Speaking of his overall training experience, Farhan Akhtar said, "If I could express the feeling in one word, it would be humbling for me. Back when we were filming Lakshya, we went up close and personal with the lives of our jawans, but stepping into their shoes and experiencing the hardships they go through on-ground is a life-changing experience. It was extremely difficult for me to get trained in such tough terrains and weather conditions, but their support and encouragement made it possible. It is an honour to have got the chance to be a part of discovery+'s Mission Frontline."

BankBazaar caps the year of the credit card with 80 percent growth in issuances

Mumbai: BankBazaar.com, India's largest fintech co-branded credit card issuer and online platform for free credit score posted 80% year-on-year growth in credit card issuances between December 2020 and December 2021. The growth was built on new credit card issuances via completely digital processes and a co-branded business model that currently accounts for 50% of the company's credit card issuances. This fits into the wider trend of rising credit card and digital payment adoption in India, fast-tracked by the pandemic. Parallely, on the revenue front, BankBazaar tightly controlled EBITDA burn at 6% of revenue even as December 2021 revenue grew 68% over June 2021. This growth was supported by some crucial business changes. The company expanded its portfolio to include co-branded credit cards. The first of such partnerships is with YES Bank for the YES Bank-BankBazaar FinBooster co-branded credit card. The co-branded cards tackle the most important concern expressed by credit card customers in pandemic - managing credit prudently to keep credit score at its peak. They double-up as an advisor on credit health and management and provide accelerated reward points on digital spends. The company is looking to scale up to 1 million BankBazaar co-branded credit cards in force. Adhil Shetty, Co-founder and CEO, BankBazaar.com, said, "For many, credit cards are the first preference as they help users handle several aspects of their financial life, from payments to credit to incentives. Small wonder that the number of outstanding credit cards in India rose to 67.6 million. As the first movers in enabling contactless digital KYC solutions especially during the pandemic, BankBazaar has been indispensable to both its 50 million registered customers as well as its bank and NBFC partners.

Mahindra announces, "Get Highest Mileage or Give Truck Back"

FARIDABAD / ROHTAK: Mahindra's Truck and Bus Division (MTB), a part of the Mahindra Group, today announced their unique and disruptive customer value proposition "Get More Mileage or Give Truck Back" Guarantee for their entire BS6 range of BLAZO X Heavy, FURIO Intermediate, and Light Commercial trucks including FURIO7 and JAYO. The new range features the proven 7.2L mPower Engine (HCVs) and mDi Tech Engine (LCV) with FuelSmart Technology, Mild EGR with proven Bosch After Treatment System that leads to lower Ad Blue Consumption and many other technological advancements, besides the cutting-edge iMAXX Telematics solution, all of which together, ensure guaranteed higher mileage. Given the fact that fuel is a major component of a transporters' operating cost (over 60%), Mahindra BS6 truck range, with this competitive advantage will provide them an edge, complete peace of mind and scale up their transport business, delivering higher prosperity. Speaking on the occasion, Veejay Nakra, Chief Executive Officer, Automotive Sector, Mahindra & Mahindra Limited, said, "The 'Get More Mileage or Give Back Truck'



Guarantee across the range of trucks is a landmark move for the light, intermediate and heavy commercial vehicle industry. Given the spiraling fuel prices, there wasn't a better time to introduce this Customer Value Proposition. I firmly believe that it will reaffirm our customers' faith in Mahindra's ability to create technologically advanced, class-leading products.

Flipkart launches its flagship startup accelerator program

Chandigarh: Flipkart announced the evolution of its flagship startup accelerator program - Flipkart Leap to identify wider and relevant market opportunities for its selected startups. After the successful completion of the first cohort of the program, Flipkart Leap will now evolve into two new programs - Flipkart Leap Ahead (FLA) and Flipkart Leap Innovation Network (FLIN). Flipkart Leap is proud to announce this launch on National Startup Day, a day recognized by Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently to help startup culture spread better across India.

Designed to cater to the dynamic needs of startups across different stages, these two programs - FLA and FLIN will support the startups through insights, mentorship and funding as needed, while helping them scale and build disruptive innovations. With the introduction of these programs, the startup ecosystem will be able to access end-to-end partnerships with Flipkart across their growth stages. Ravi Iyer, Senior Vice President and Head - Corporate Development, Flipkart, said that as a homegrown company, we are thrilled to bring innovative propositions back to the ecosystem to foster new-age startups. On the back of its early success, we are evolving Flipkart Leap and bringing relevant offerings that can support startups in the long run. With dedicated tracks for early-stage and growth-stage startups, this cohort will now expand its benefits to a much wider pool of entrepreneurs who are solving for Digital India - be it meaningful partnerships and potential projects with Flipkart or equity investment that enables them to scale up further.

MAHE Manipal featured in the India Book of Records 2022

CHANDIGARH: Mr. Suresh Shenoy, Chief Manager - HR, Kasturba Hospital, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal has been featured in the India Book of Records 2022 for maximum number of Collage Art Works in a day. He has completed 10 unique collage art works within 6 hours and 30 minutes. MAHE Manipal honoured him on January 14, 2022 in the presence of Dr. H.S Ballal, Pro Chancellor, Lt. Gen. M.D. Venkatesh, Vice Chancellor, Dr. H. Vinod Bhat, Executive Vice President and former VC, Mr. Nishith Mohanty, Group President - HR & Academia, MEMG Bengaluru, Pro Vice Chancellors, Registrar, Senior Leadership of Kasturba Hospital and other Officials of MAHE. The collages made by Mr Shenoy are artistic wonders created out of pages of old magazines without a drop of paint. The achievement remains one of its kind as no one else has attempted it yet. Speaking about Mr Shenoy's achievement Dr. H.S Ballal, Pro Chancellor, MAHE said "We are extremely proud of Mr Suresh being featured in the India Book of Records. Through his unique sense of creativity, he has brought out the beauty of collages and exposed the world to this unique form of art. We congratulate him on this prestigious honour"

Teachmint partners with Punjab Admn to empower 500+ schools in region

Chandigarh: Teachmint, an education infrastructure startup and the creator of India's largest teaching platform, has partnered with the Administration in Punjab to provide its teaching platform to over 500 government schools in the region and enable them to run their classrooms efficiently. With Teachmintor Institute, the schools will be able to digitize their operations and ensure their students have continuous access to teachers and digital content through Teachmint's proprietary platform. The first phase of this partnership will be driven in Pathankot, touching the lives of 50,000+ students and helping boost their learning outcomes with advantages. Commenting on this partnership, Aditya Agrawal, Vice President - Business, Teachmint, said, "We are humbled to partner with the Punjab administration to empower schools, educators and students in the region with tech-enabled education. We're delighted to start this in Pathankot. Amit Vij's vision of progress is truly inspirational and has the potential to make a long term, positive impact on education in the region. Teachmint has built the fundamental infrastructure for online and digital education to help teachers and schools everywhere connect and teach their students easily. We believe that digitization of education is critical in today's world and our platform is designed to enable education at the grassroots level. Today, Teachmint has over 10+ million students and teachers using its platform from 5,000+ cities and towns in India. We are proud to be a part of India's education story and will keep working relentlessly."

Students urges to Emulate SIR Benjamin Franklin

ASHOK KAURA
KAPURTHLA: Science City organized a webinar to celebrate birth anniversary of SIR Benjamin Franklin. Around 100 students and teachers from different schools of Punjab participated in this event. Speaking at the occasion, Dr. Rajesh Grover, Director Science City said that, this Day is celebrated with an intention to appreciate and honor Benjamin Franklin on his anniversary. He has made incredible discoveries and theories in the field of electricity. He highlighted the contributions made by SIR Benjamin Franklin to Science especially on how he made use of astute observations to deduce many aspects of nature, further he said that Franklin was definitely not one to think inside the box. He believed, to create, we must first identify the problem, then offer the best solution. He urged the participants to take inspiration from him and focus their attention on identifying problems in the society and also, make efforts to find their solutions. The most notable inventions of him include a lightning rod, the Franklin stove, bifocals, a carriage odometer and a musical instrument. He informed that PGSC is going to setup a gallery on Electricity very shortly in which concepts of electricity can be understood in an interactive manner.

NEWS AT A GLANCE

LPU's three Engineering students qualify for WorldSkills Competition-2022 to be held in Shanghai



HARPREET SINGH LEHAL
JALANDHAR: Under the aegis of the Government of India Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE); National Skills Development Corporation (NSDC) had organized 'IndiaSkills Competition-2022' at regional and national levels to find out skills-based talent from across the country. Proving their mettle among all competitors, three engineering students of Lovely Professional University (LPU) have qualified nationally for making an access to high-status 46th WorldSkills Competition-2022, to be held in Shanghai, China. Known as the 'Olympics of Skills'-this biggest vocational education and skills excellence event reflects the benchmarks of the global industry. Congratulating the globally talented students, LPU Chancellor Mr Ashok Mittal appreciated them for their winning passion and perseverance with which they competed, and are further working to win world accolades.

House gutted in Fire

ASHOK KAURA
PHAGWARA: Valuables including household goods were reduced to ashes in a devastating fire which broke in the Single storey House of a Painter Jaswinder Kumar near civil dispensary at Village Bahram on Phagwara---Banga Road this afternoon. Short Circuit in power lines was said to be the cause of fire, said ASI Bahram Surinder Singh. Dozens of Villagers put hard efforts to control the fire before arriving of Fire Tender from Nawanshahr. Exact loss could not be estimated till now.

I-T Dept seizes Rs 6.60 cr in cash after raids on a business group in Hry

JASWINDER SHARMA
KARNAL: The Income Tax Department (I-T Department) seized Rs 6.60 crore of unaccounted cash and jewellery worth Rs 2.10 crore during search and seizure operation conducted on a diversified business group in Haryana. The department had conducted raids on over 30 premises of the group, spread across the cities of Yamuna Nagar, Ambala, Karnal, and Mohali, on January 11. The group is engaged in manufacturing of plywood/plyboard, MDF board, inverter and vehicle batteries, and in refining of lead. During the search operation, digital evidence and various incriminating documents were found and seized in relation to entities of the plywood business, the Ministry of Finance said in a release, without revealing the name of the group. These included a parallel set of accounts books recording the entries of cash transactions of purchase, sale, payment of wages, and other expenses of group entities, in addition to transactions of investment in immovable properties. The evidence revealed the modus operandi (MO) of the group that is involved in generation of cash by suppression of sales to the extent of about 40 per cent of the actual sales, the release said. The preliminary analysis of incriminating evidence indicates that the group has suppressed sales to the tune of Rs 400 crore in the last three years, it said. Regarding the battery manufacturing business, the search team discovered incriminating evidence concerning payment of wages and purchase of raw materials in cash aggregating to Rs 110 crore which was not recorded in the account books. "In the case of battery manufacturing as well as lead refining concerns and its related entities, suspicious purchases exceeding Rs 40 crore from non-existent concerns have also been identified," it added.

Assembly elections in Goa between Congress and BJP: Chidambaram

PANAJI: Former Union Minister P Chidambaram on Monday claimed that the contest in assembly elections in Goa is between Congress and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and Trinamool Congress would only fracture the non-BJP vote. In a series of tweets, the senior Congress leader said, 'My assessment that the AAP (and the TMC) will only fracture the non-BJP vote in Goa has been confirmed by Mr Arvind Kejriwal. The contest in Goa is between Congress and BJP. Those who want a regime change (after 10 years of misrule) will vote for the Congress. Those who want the regime to continue will vote for the BJP. The choice before the voter in Goa is stark and clear. Do you want a regime change or not? I appeal to the voters of Goa to vote for a regime change and vote Congress,' he said.

Himachal Govt proposes outlay of Rs. 12638 cr for budget 2022-23

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JAN 17

While presiding over the meeting with the MLAs for finalization of priorities for the Budget 2022-23 with the MLAs of Solan, Bilaspur and Mandi districts in the morning session here today, Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur said that due to the effective financial management and resource allocation of the State Government, an outlay of Rs.12,638 crore has been proposed for Financial Developmental Budget-2022-23. Jai Ram Thakur said that the State Government has dedicated all its efforts for the welfare of every section of the society and for overall development of the State during the last four years. He said that the State Government has initiated several programs during this period to make development of the State more inclusive and holistic.

Chief Minister said that the State Government has given top priority on strengthening health infrastructure in the State. He said that today there were 1014 ventilators in the State as



compared to only 50 two year ago. He said that under the Ayushman Bharat scheme, 4.26 lakh families have been registered and 1.20 lakh people have been provided free treatment worth Rs 145 crore. He said that under the Chief Minister HIMCARE Yojna 5.13 lakh families have been registered and 2.20 lakh families have been provided financial benefits of about Rs. 200 crore. He said that under the Ujjwala Yojna of the Centre and Grihini Suvidha Yojna of the State Government, more than 4.69 lakh families of the State have been provided with free gas connections worth Rs 141.71 crore. Jai Ram Thakur said that under the Jal Jeevan Mission, a program sponsored by the Central

Government, 8.23 lakh households have been provided tap water facility in the State and target has been fixed to achieve the target to cover all the households by mid of this year. Chief Minister said that during the tenure of the previous State Government, a total of 779 MLA priority schemes worth Rs 3,200.34 crore were approved through NABARD, whereas during the first four years tenure of the present State Government, 825 MLA priority schemes have been approved at a cost of Rs.3,347.20 crore. He said that a total provision of Rs 2,363.80 crore was made for the implementation of MLA priority schemes in the five years of the previous government's tenure, whereas the present

government has made a provision of Rs 3,183.37 crore in the first four years itself. Jai Ram Thakur said that the provision of budget outlay has been made for repair and maintenance in all the DPRs under NABARD from 1st April, 2021. He said that NABARD has so far sanctioned 186 projects worth Rs. 965.41 crore under various MLA priority schemes for the year 2021-22. He said that out of the projects of Rs.965.41 crore sanctioned by NABARD during the current financial year, projects worth Rs.465.05 crore have been approved for construction of roads and bridges and Rs.500.36 crore have been sanctioned for minor irrigation and drinking water schemes.

DEO urges voters, parties to make maximum use of online portals

SHARANJEET
PATHANKOT, JAN 17

District Election Officer Sanyam Agarwal urged the voters and political parties to take advantage of the online portals and mobile applications created by the Election Commission of India for their convenience.

He said that through these IT applications the Election Commission has increased the transparency in the entire process by paving the way for greater public participation.

He said that these online portals and mobile applications include C-Vigil for Complaints, Suwidha Portal for Political Parties, Suwidha Candidate App, PWD App for handicapped, National Service Voter Portal for Voters, Voter Helpline App and Voter Turnout and National Grievance Services Portals. He said that the mobile-based C- Vigil app provides a platform for the general public to lodge online complaints of violation of the Model Code of Conduct. By downloading this app on



mobile, anyone can upload a photo or video of a violation of the Code of Conduct anywhere, and the process is completed in 100 minutes. The District Electoral Officer has urged to the general public, voters, contesting political parties/candidates of District Pathankot to make maximum use of these IT applications so that using the online platform, the war against Covid-19 could also be made effective.

Bajwa demands Cong ticket from Bhoo

R. SINGH
PATHANKOT, JAN 17

Males have been given tickets from Sujampur and Pathankot by Congress high command. The high command should give ticket to a woman from Bhoo,



said Congress's All India Youth Congress in-charge Leh Ladakh Harsimran Kaur Bajwa. Harsimran Kaur Bajwa, who has raised the flag of the Congress party in the area for the past several years says there is a demand of the people of the area that this time the MLA from Bhoo should be a woman. Therefore, being a woman, she should be given a chance to serve the people of Bhoo. While demanding the party high command to give her a ticket, Bajwa said that if the party gives her ticket, then she has full confidence that she will win the seat with a big margin for the Congress.

Urban votes of Kharar city will be decisive in forthcoming assembly election of Kharar constituency

SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, JAN 17

The election activities for Kharar Assembly constituency are intensifying day by day and public relations campaign has been launched by the declared and potential candidates of all the parties. A look at the voter list reveals that Kharar Assembly constituency has become an urban constituency and more than 94,000 votes in the constituencies under Kharar Municipal Council will be decisive for the victory or defeat of any candidate. As per information, there are total 260932 voters in Kharar constituency this time out of which 136986 are male voters and 123940 are female voters. 316 polling booths have been setup in the constituency for smooth polling. A look at the voter list revealed that there are 94524 voters in Kharar Municipal area. Similarly in Kurali Municipal area there are about 28000 voters and in Nia Gaon there are about 42000 voters. Thus it can be clearly said that only the voters in the area under Kharar Municipal Council will be decisive on the results of this constituency. In 2017, Aam Aadmi Party leader Kanwar Sandhu won the Kharar seat with nearly 2,000 votes. This time the competition is likely to be very tough and this contest will be at least 5 corners. While the SAD and Aam Aadmi Party have already announced their candidates, the Congress and the BJP and the farmers have yet to do so. As per information about 3 dozen candidates have applied for the ticket of Congress party in Kharar.

Wholesale Chemists Association holds meeting

R. SINGH
PATHANKOT, JAN 17

A special meeting was organized on behalf of Wholesale Chemists Association, Pathankot, which was presided over by President Ajay Sood. Dapinder Arora, Rajesh Arora, Govardhan Gopal, Rajiv Khosla, Ashwani Jandial, Surinder Mahajan, Rajneesh Mahajan, Jeevan Sharma, Gaurav Mahajan and other distinguished members of the group association participated. On this occasion, the work of 100 days of the post of President Ajay Sood was reviewed. President Ajay Sood and Dapinder Arora informed that the association has been formed to protect trade and business interests and it is a matter of happiness that all 180 members have full participation in it. After consultation with the group members, the announcement of the executive committee was also discussed. President Ajay Sood, Dapinder Arora and Rajiv Khosla along with others told that Pathankot has been divided into 6 zones and accordingly the executive committee has also been formed. The main purpose of



dividing into six zones is to settle the problems at the earliest and that administrative or technical problems can be resolved in time. On the occasion, the members praised the strategy made by the head regarding the executive and said that it is a matter of happiness that the group base including ethical business of pharma trade, generic business, surgical and lab business, veterinary product business has been included in this executive. History is witness that all problems can be solved only by unity and hard work. Giving good news to the members present, Ajay Sood said that the outline of the executive committee has been prepared, which will be announced soon.

Thind appointed as vice-president of Ludhiana SAD rural



HARPREET SINGH GILL
RAIKOT, JAN 17

The Shiromani Akali Dal has always rewarded the Taksali families from time to time with good positions in the party. Under which Balwinder Singh Sandhu, candidate of SAD-BSP alliance from Raikot assembly constituency handed over the letter of appointment to Davinder Singh Thind, son of Taksali leader late Thakur Singh, by appointing him as Vice President of District Ludhiana Rural. On this occasion, Balwinder Singh Sandhu while talking to the media said that the trumpet of assembly elections has been blown. So

as per the instructions of the Election Commission in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines, they were making door-to-door contact with the voters to apprise them of 13-point programme of SAD-BSP alliance. By distributing the election symbol elephant, votes are being sought for the BSP.

He appealed to the voters of the constituency to extend their fullest cooperation for the formation of SAD-BSP alliance government. National Vice President Youth Akali Dal, Gurjit Singh Gill, Senior Vice President District Rural, Paramjit Singh Grewal, Satinder Singh, Sanjay Kumar and Gurinder Kumar, Davinder Verma were present.

Officers should complete development works in stipulated time: Devendra Singh Babli

ANIL KUMAR
JIND, JAN 17

Haryana Development and Panchayat, Archeology and Museums Minister Devendra Singh Babli held a meeting with the officials on Monday in DRDA hall in jind to review the ongoing development works under the Shyam Prasad Mukherjee Urban Mission scheme at the local Public Works Rest House, Jind. Shyam Prasad Mukherjee Urban Mission Scheme includes villages Bhagwan Pura, Budayan, Darauli Kheda, Kakraud, Kheri Masania, Khedi Safa, Mankhand, Mangalpur, Nacharkheda, Palwan, Sedha Majra, Surbura, Kharkabura, Tarkhan Uchana Khurd under the Cluster Uchana. The objective of the cluster scheme is to provide basic facilities like cities in the



village. Development and Panchayat Minister Devendra Singh Babli, in the meeting, discussed digital literacy, education sector, including upgrading primary and secondary schools, health centers being built in the village, inter-village road connectivity, LPG, houses being built under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, skill development, Playground, Village Kakrod took information from the officials of the concerned departments

about the grant for the development works and issued necessary guidelines to them. He said that the State Government is continuously taking many important decisions in the public interest and they will ensure that every person gets the benefit of them. He said that it would be his priority to give further impetus to the development works and to provide facilities to the common people easily. He said that public money should be spent on

development works for the people. The development work should be completed qualitatively. Cabinet Minister Devendra Singh Babli said that his aim is to provide basic facilities like cities in the villages, and public money should be utilized properly. He said that all the officers and employees should work honestly. It is the duty of all of us that the money given by the government for development works should be used honestly. He said that the government has to work with the policy and zero tolerance policy of the government. On this meeting Director, Rural Development Department, Sujana Singh assured the cabinet minister that the development works would be completed soon in coordination with all the officials concerned.

Kashmir braces for rains, snowfall

SRINAGAR, JAN 17

Night temperature across the Kashmir Valley improved amid a cloudy sky on Monday and a forecast for more light rains and snowfall.

The Meteorological Department said a western disturbance was affecting Jammu and Kashmir. This could trigger light rains and snow in many places in Kashmir and a few places in Jammu region between Monday and Tuesday morning.

Wednesday could see similar rains and snow in the plains of Kashmir, with the possibility of a few inches of snow accumulation in the higher reaches till Thursday. Rains and snowfall were also



possible in Jammu region. Srinagar, the summer capital of Kashmir, recorded a low of 1 degree Celsius against minus 1.2 degrees

the previous night. It drizzled in Srinagar on Monday.

Gulmarg in north Kashmir was cold at minus 4.6 degrees Celsius against minus 7 degrees a day ago, which was 3.1 degrees above normal for this time of the year.

Pahalgam in south Kashmir shivered at minus 3.6 degrees Celsius. The temperature at Qazigund, on the Srinagar-Jammu highway, was minus 1 degrees.

Kupwara was hit by 0.5 degrees Celsius but an improvement against the minus 2.1 degrees the previous night.

Leh in Ladakh recorded minus 13.1 degrees Celsius and Drass recorded a low of minus 16.2 degrees.

AAP candidate Hakim Singh Thakedar intensifies campaign

HARPREET SINGH GILL
RAIKOT, JAN 17

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) candidate from Raikot Assembly constituency, Hakim Singh Thakedar intensified his election campaign by visiting all the major markets of Raikot door-to-door and contacting all the shopkeepers and apprising them about the policies of Aam Aadmi Party. He appealed to the voters of the constituency that the people of Punjab have so far given a chance to the traditional parties. Due to their bad and corrupt policies the situation in Punjab today has worsened and due to which Punjab has a debt of over Rs 3 lakh crore. Therefore, the Aam Aadmi Party should be given a chance to take Punjab on a path of progress. Thanking the people for their



support and cooperation, he said that the love and enthusiasm of the people shows that they have left the traditional parties and made up their minds for a change of government. For which the Aam Aadmi Party is set to form the government this time. He was accompanied by other leaders including Jagroop Singh Jupa, Balvir Singh former councillor.

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SHORT TALKS

Winning India open was always on my bucket list, says Satwiksairaj

NEW DELHI: Shuttler Satwiksairaj Rankireddy has said winning India Open was on his bucket list ever since he started playing badminton. The Indian duo of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty clinched the victory in the men's doubles finals of the Indian Open 2022 at the KD Jadhav Stadium here on Sunday. The Indian pair defeated the Indonesian duo of Mohammad Ahsan and Hendra Setiawan in straight sets of 21-16, 26-24 in a match that lasted for 43 minutes. Satwiksairaj said he was happy with the game the two shuttlers played as defeating their "idols" in the final was a dream for them. "Winning India open is always in my bucketlist ever since I started badminton. Really happy the way we played today beating our Idols in finals is a dream. Thank you so much everyone for pouring your warm wishes. Can't ask for better 2022 start," Satwiksairaj tweeted. Apart from the duo, shuttler Lakshya Sen also won the men's singles final after defeating Singapore's Loh Kean Yew 24-22, 21-17 in the summit clash that lasted for 54 minutes.

Ireland stun West Indies in third ODI to clinch historic series

KINGSTON: Andy McBrine and Harry Tector smashed respective half-centuries to help Ireland defeat West Indies in the third ODI by two wickets on Sunday. With this win, Ireland registered their first-ever ODI series win away from home over an ICC Full Member after recording a two-wicket victory over the West Indies in the final match of the series. West Indies had won the first ODI but Ireland came back strongly to register back-to-back wins. West Indies were folded for 212 in the 45th over and Ireland survived a late batting collapse to get over the line in the third ODI. Ireland won the toss and chose to bowl first but didn't get off to a good start as West Indies added 72 runs for the first wicket. Craig Young removed both Shai Hope and Justin Greaves in his successive overs to bring back Ireland in the game. Those dismissals brought about a middle-order collapse with West Indies losing 7-57 in the next 17 overs. Young picked two wickets, but it was off-spinner Andy McBrine who wreaked havoc. West Indies were only able to score 212 as McBrine returned with four wickets to dismantle the hosts' batting line up. Chasing 213, Ireland lost opener Porterfield on the first ball of the innings but Paul Stirling and Andy McBrine revived the innings before Harry Tector smashed a fifty to help visitors take full control over the game. Ireland suffered a collapse just when they were about to reach the target but the visiting side held their nerves to clinch the third ODI.

Aus Open: Osaka starts title defence with a win



AGENCY MELBOURNE, JAN 17

Defending champion Naomi Osaka of Japan began her title defence at the Australian Open with a resounding 6-3 6-3 victory over Colombian Camila Osorio on the Rod Laver Arena on Monday. "I thought I played pretty well given the circumstances, I didn't have a lot of information about my opponent," said Osaka after the win. "I hope that we gave you a really good performance. It always feels very special for me to come back here," she added.

Osaka needed just 100 seconds to hold serve as she raced to a 3-0 lead. The 20-year-old Osorio was unable to convert a pair of game points in the fourth game as Osaka, the more experienced of the duo, dictated play off both wings. A slew of six unforced errors in the ensuing two games off the racket of Japan's top player - including a flubbed overhead enabled Osorio to claw back some of the deficit. Seizing the momentum, the Colombian held to love and generated two break points, but Osaka, wielding her powerful forehand, fended off both to clinch the set 6-

3. As clouds parted to make way for the afternoon sun, Osorio created two break-point chances in Osaka's opening service game, but was unable to capture either. The composed Osaka then broke Osorio and consolidated a 3-1 lead. Games proceeded on serve until the ninth game, when Osorio pummelled a backhand into the net to hand Osaka the win. Osaka will face Madison Brengle in the second round, Brengle advanced after her opponent Dayana Yastremska of Ukraine retired after trailing 1-6, 6-0, 0-5.

Cueist Pankaj Advani recovers from COVID-19

AGENCY NEW DELHI, JAN 17

Ace cueist Pankaj Advani has recovered from COVID-19. After finally testing negative for the virus, Advani talked about how he was bogged down after testing positive. "I was quarantined for 8 days after testing positive, and now I've finally recovered. For the first three days, I had severe fever and was shivering, so I chose to rest as much as possible to fasten the recovery process. I was drinking hot beverages and inhaling steam, which helped tremendously," stated Advani in an official release. "To pass the time after a difficult three days, I binge-watched a few TV programmes. A couple of romantic comedies helped me feel better. Because this kind is spreading quickly, I would advise individuals to not take unnecessary risks and follow all the protocols. Even after that, infection is a possibility, but I feel the recovery rate is now high and swift, which is a good sign," he added. Advani has had an incredible year, winning his 11th



National Billiards title at the famous Sage University in Bhopal. It was one of the country's longest championships. He also made history at the IBSF Global Billiards Championship in Doha, where he won his 24th world title. Our hero also qualified for the IBSF World Championship finals. He was all ready to win the global championship this year, which had been postponed due to an increase in Omicron cases around the world, and was scheduled to take place in Doha in January.

Sindhu looks to end title drought at Syed Modi International

AGENCY LUCKNOW, JAN 17

Two-time Olympic medallist P V Sindhu will look to recover from her unexpected semifinal loss at the India Open and end her title drought at the Syed Modi International, which begins here on Tuesday. The 26-year-old from Hyderabad was well on course to win her first title since the 2019 World Championship triumph last week before left-hander Supanida Katethong of Thailand shattered her hopes with a three-game win at the India Open. Sindhu, who had finished runner-up at Swiss Open and World Tour Finals last year, will hope to turn things around this week when she begins her campaign against compatriot Tanya Hemant. The Indian will be itching to settle scores against Supanida, whom she is likely to face again at the semifinals at the Babu Banarasi Das Indoor Stadium here. Second seeded Canadian Michelle Li, a Commonwealth Games silver medallist, will be one of the strong contenders for the title in women's singles, which also has Polish eighth seed Jordan Hart, sec-



ond seed Iris Wang of USA and Russia's fifth seed Evgeniya Kosetskaya. Men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty has decided to give the Super 300 tournament a miss after claiming their maiden India Open Super 500 crown. Lakshya Sen, who secured his maiden Super 500 title at New Delhi on Sunday, also is likely to follow suit after playing continuously since October last year. Among others, World Championships silver medallist and top seed

Kidambi Srikanth also is unlikely to compete this week as he is undergoing seven-day mandatory quarantine after withdrawing from the main draw last week following a positive COVID-19 result. Third seed B Sai Praneeth, who had pulled out of India Open after testing positive, is also awaiting a RT-PCR test result, while Ashwini Ponnappa and Manu Attri are yet to recover from the virus and will miss the tournament. Ashwini is part of the top seeded women's doubles pairing, while

Manu and B Sumeeth Reddy are seeded third in the men's doubles event. On a comeback trail, former top-10 player H S Prannoy gave a good account of himself before being stopped by 20-year-old Sen in the quarterfinals last week. Fifth seed Prannoy will hope to go deep in the draw this week when he opens his campaign against Ukraine's Danylo Bosniuk. London Olympics bronze medallist Saina Nehwal, seeded fourth, too will test her fitness when she takes on Czech Republic's Tereza v b kov in the opening round. She had lost in the second round last week. There are a host of other Indians in men's singles, such as seventh seed Sourabh Verma, fourth seed Sameer Verma -- who he is still recovering from a calf muscle injury - Subhankar Dey and youngsters like Kiran George, Mithun Manjunath and Priyanshu Rajawat. In women's singles too, Aakarshi Kashyap, who had reached the quarterfinals last week, will look to continue her good run when she faces fellow Indian Mugdha Agrey in opening round.

Nadal races into 2nd round with 70th win, Shapovalov survives

AGENCY MELBOURNE, JAN 17

Sixth-seed Rafael Nadal cruised into the second round of the Australian Open after he defeated Marcos Giron at Rod Laver Arena on Monday. The 2009 AO champion Spaniard thrashed Giron from the USA by 6-1, 6-4, 6-2 in a match that lasted for one hour and 49 minutes. This was also the 20-time Grand Slam winner's 70th win at the Australian Open. In the second round, Nadal will either face Yannick Hanfmann of Germany or Thanasi Kokkinakis of Australia. Earlier in the day, Carlos Alcaraz lived up

to his status as a first-time Grand Slam seed with a dominant 6-2, 6-2, 6-3 win over Chilean qualifier Alejandro Tabilo. Strikingly dressed in a sleeveless shirt and all-red kit, the 18-year-old Spaniard's first-strike tennis proved too much for Tabilo, who was making his second Grand Slam main-draw appearance. In his competitive debut for 2022, Alcaraz put his game and his physique on full display after an off-season of apparent improvement on both fronts. In the top quarter of the Australian Open draw--a section ripe with opportunity due to the absence of Novak Djokovic--Alcaraz will take on Dusan Lajovic, who defeated Marton Fucsovics 6-3, 4-6, 6-1, 6-7(6), 6-1.

HPPWD NOTICE INVITING TENDER BHARWAIN DIVISION HPPWD BHARWAIN TEHSIL AMB DISTRICT UNA (H.P.)

Sealed tenders on item rates basis are hereby invited on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh by the Executive Engineer Bharwain Division, HPPWD, Bharwain Tehsil Amb District Una (HP) from the experienced contractors/ firms enlisted in appropriate class with Himachal Pradesh PWD for the following works. The tender shall be received in his office on or before 19.02.2022 up to 10.30 A.M and shall be opened on the same day at 11.00 A.M in the presence of contractors / firms or their authorized representatives , who wish to be present at the time of opening of tenders. The tender applications shall be entertained and tender form shall be sold up to two days before the date of opening of tender i.e 17.02.2022 up to 12.00 Noon. Draft Notice Inviting Tenders/ Drawing/ Specifications can be seen in the office of the Executive Engineer on any working day between 11.00 A. M to 4.00P. M. Ambiguous / Telegraphic / Conditional tenders or tender by Fax shall not be entertained/ considered in any case. The earnest money in the shape of National Saving Certificate / Time Deposit Account / FDR in any of the Post Office in H.P./ Nationalized Bank duly pledged in favour of Executive Engineer must be accompanied with the application. Conditional tenders and the tenders received without earnest money will not be entertained. The contractor shall accompany his enlistment/ renewal orders with his application for obtaining the tender documents. The Executive Engineer reserves the right to reject the tender without assigning any reasons. The work will be completed by the contractor within the stipulated period. The contractor will have to submit his registration under the H.P General Sale Tax Act 1968 and also labour license under contract Act 1970 from the competent authority. The contractors/ firms are requested to insert the rate of each item in words as well as figures, failing which XEN reserves the right to accept/ reject any or overall tenders. The tender shall only be issued to those contractors/ firms, who are found eligible/ suitable and competent as per the above conditions. The offer shall remain valid up to 45 days after the opening of tender. If any of the date mentioned above happens to be Local / Gazetted Holidays the same shall be process on next date.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest Money	Time Limit	Form No.	Cost of form
1.	Restoration of rain damages on Gagret Oel Ispur road km 0/0 to 13/400 (SH: C/O U-shape drain & Pucca shoulders between km 0/965 to 1/565)	244923/-	5000/-	Three months	PWD-8	350/-
2.	A/R & M/O various roads under Amb Sub Division (SH: Painting & writing on sign board Bridges & kilometer stones etc) Section Nehri	356802/-	7200/-	Three months	PWD-8	350/-
3.	Restoration of rain damages on link road Pamabra to Thaplan km 0/0 to 5/600 (SH: C/O PCC paver shoulder between km 5/0 to 5/583)	498940/-	10000/-	Three months	PWD-8	350/-
4.	Restoration of rain damages on link road Thaplan to Badoh Workshop via Bhatianwala km 0/0 to 5/385 (SH: C/O paved shoulder between km 4/0 to 4/584)	499800/-	10000/-	One year	PWD-8	350/-
5.	C/O link road from Dhar Gujjaran Basti in GP Tial km 0/0 to 0/270 (AH: Formation cutting Retaining wall at RD 0/008 to 0/030 & 0/255 to 0/270 & C/O 900mm dia RCC Hume pipe culvert at RD 0/050 to and 0/145)	468115/-	9400/-	Three months	PWD-8	350/-
6.	C/O Wayside amenities at Nehri Tehsil Amb Distt. Una (SH: C/O Boundary wall including steel gate etc) against deposit.	497350/-	10000/-	One month	PWD-8	350/-
7.	C/O Helipad at Chintpurni (SH: C/O Retaining wall for parking front side of RD 0/0 to 0/075)	497205/-	10000/-	Three months	PWD-8	350/-

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e-PROCUREMENT NOTICE INVITATION FOR BIDS (ITB)

The Executive Engineer, B&R Division, HPPWD, Joginder Nagar on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh invited the online bids on item rate, in electronic tendering system, in 2 cover system for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/firms registered with HPPWD department:-

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	EMD	Cost of Tender	Eligible class of contractor	Time limit
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1.	Special repair to Govt. Ayurvedic Pharmacy at Joginder Nagar District Mandi (H.P.) (Sub Head:- Renovation of roof of machinery/manufacturing hall I & II) (Sub Head:- Providing and laying preprinting sheet roofing, partial board ceiling, tile work and aluminum work in door and windows)	₹ 7,47,954/-	₹ 15,000/-	₹ 350/-	"Class 'D' & 'C'"	Three months (90 days)

- Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission:-** The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted online on website <http://hptenders.gov.in>. The bidder would be required to register in the website which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA) "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD may obtain the same from the website: <http://hptenders.gov.in>. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.
- Key Dates:-**
 - Date of online Publication:- 19/01/2022 10:00 Hrs.
 - Document Download Start and end date:- 22/01/2022 10:00 Hrs upto 31/01/2022 10:00 Hrs
 - Bid Submission start and end date:- 22/01/2022 10:00 Hrs upto 31/01/2022 10:00 Hrs
 - Physical submission of EMD and cost of tender document on or before the time and date of submission of bids: 31/01/2022 upto 11:00 Hrs.
 - Date of Technical Bid opening will be 31/01/2022 11:30 Hrs. Evaluation of technical bid opening and financial bid opening will follow on accordingly.
- Tender Details:-** The tender documents shall be uploaded online in 2 cover.
 - Cover 1:-** Shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Documents/Eligibility information."
 - Cover 2:-** Shall contain "BOQ/Financial Bids" where contractor will quote his offer for each item.
- Submission of Original Documents:-** The bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) Original bid security / Earnest Money Deposited (EMD) and other technical Documents in O/O the Executive Engineer, B&R Division HPPWD, Joginder Nagar District Mandi (H.P.) on or before the time and date of submission of bids failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive. No physical documents will be accepted after the closing date & time of submission of bids.
- Bid Opening Detail:-** The bids shall be opened on 31/01/2022 11:30 Hrs. in the office of Executive Engineer B&R Division HPPWD, Joginder Nagar District Mandi (H.P.) by the authorized officer in their interest the tenderer are advised to be present along with original documents as the specified in Key dates at Sr. No. 4. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 90 days after the deadline date for bid submission.
- Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delay due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidder's responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.
- In addition to instructions for use of standard form in bidding documents the bidder should upload the following information also.
 - Total annual volume of Civil Engineering construction work executed and payment received in the last five year proceeding this year duly verified by the Chartered Accountant.

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Will miss Birju Maharaj's presence on firmament of dance: Hema Malini

The sudden demise of Kathak maestro Birju Maharaj has undoubtedly left a vacuum in the dance and music industry. After learning about the unfortunate news, veteran actor Hema Malini penned an emotional note, saying she will miss Birju Maharaj's presence on the firmament of dance. "The nation mourns the passing of a true legend, Shri Birju Maharaj, Kathak exponent par

excellence. His ghungroos were on his ankles till he breathed his last. I always admired and respected him as a giant of the medium of Kathak & will miss his presence on the firmament of dance," Hema, who is also a trained classical dancer, tweeted. Veteran actor Anupam Kher, too, remembered Birju Maharaj, who passed away on Monday at the age of 83. Taking to Instagram, he uploaded a video to

remember the Kathak legend from his days at the National School of Drama. He also talked about how he would try to understand his facial expressions as his "delicate details of acting were amazing". "He (Birju Maharaj) used to tell me, 'teri aankho me bahut sharaar hai. (there is a lot of naughtiness in your eyes)'," Anu pam said in the clip. Birju Maharaj was a descendant of the Maharaj family of Kathak dancers. He trained under his father and guru Acchan Maharaj and uncles Shambhu Maharaj and Lachhu Maharaj.

Pandit Birju Maharaj was my guru but also my friend: Madhuri Dixit

Behind every successful person, there are unfailing efforts of teachers. Kathak legend Pandit Birju Maharaj played the role of that guru in actor Madhuri Dixit Nene's life. After learning about the demise of Pandit Birju Maharaj, Madhuri, on Monday, took to Twitter and opened up about her relationship with him. "He was a legend but had a child like innocence. He was my guru but also my friend. He taught me the intricacies of dance and Abhinay but never failed to make me laugh at his funny anecdotes," she wrote.

"He has left behind grieving fans and students but also left a legacy we will all carry forward. Thank you Maharaji for everything you taught me in dance along with humility, elegance and grace. Koi koi pranam," she added. Alongside the note, Madhuri posted a throwback picture of her doing mukhdas with Pandit Birju Maharaj. For the unversed, Pandit Birju Maharaj, who breathed his last on Monday, had worked with Madhuri in films like 'Dil Toh Pagal Hai', 'Devdas' and 'Dedh Ishqiya'.

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"Prachand Dev ji to cause huge havoc in Bhimrao's life", says Govind Khatri

Chandigarh : Veteran actor Govind Khatri is now seen in &TV's EkMahanayak - Dr B.R. Ambedkar as Prachand Dev Ji - a self-appointed guardian of the upper caste who believes himself next to God. In this candid chat, the actor talks about following the show even before joining the team, his newly introduced character, his previous roles and more. Excerpts from the interview: How would you define your character of Prachand Dev Ji?

Prachand Dev Ji's entry will bring a lot of troubles and challenges in young Bhimrao's life. Somehow Bhimrao and his paths intervene, leading to huge ideological differences, with him plotting to cause huge havoc in Bhimrao's life. Prachand Dev ji also finds a partner in Narrotam to fight against Bhimrao and his ideologies and resort to extreme humiliation and cruelty. Prachand Dev Ji's actions are backed by his evil agenda. However, the extreme steps adopted by Prachand Dev will only strengthen Bhimrao to face these compelling situations boldly, bringing to fore his evolved vision, indomitable perseverance, and determination. The mayhem that Prachand Dev creates in Bhimrao's life makes for an extremely emotional yet inspirational storyline for the viewers. Were you following the show even before joining



the team? EkMahanayak - DR B.R. Ambedkar is one of the most well-known shows on Indian television right now and I have been watching it right from the beginning. Interestingly, I have been watching some of the earlier episodes again to understand the show better and as part of my preparation to essay the new character. The show focuses on the life of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar. How much have you known about his achievements before entering the show?

The life story of this extraordinary leader is known to everyone in India. Known as the Father of Indian Constitution, Babasaheb Ambedkar's contributions as a social reformer, politician and jurist truly inspires everyone. The show highlights his indomitable perseverance, determination, and evolved vision and I am glad to be a part of this great show. Any character that has stayed with you till date and changed you as a person? I had the good fortune of playing Karna in Shri Krishna and even today I receive appreciation for the character from the audiences. The role shaped me into a completely different person and holds a huge value in my life. Apart from that, the films I did shape my career immensely and I received a lot of appreciation and love from the audience.

Sanjay Mishra opens up about working with Amol Parashar



Ahead of the release of his film '36 Farmhouse', veteran actor Sanjay Mishra shared his experience working with his co-stars including Amol Parashar and Barkha Singh. "I have worked with most of them (the costars) so I was a bit familiar with their pauses and reactions. The main thing was to work with new ones, Barkha and Amol, so I left myself upon them for reactions. It is really very amazing for me to act in this manner which resulted in a very different kind of chemistry," he said. Directed by Ram Ramesh Sharma and produced by Subhash Ghai, the film also stars Vijay Raaz, Flora Saini, Madhuri Bhatia, and Ashwini Kalsekar in pivotal roles.

'36 Farmhouse' will be out on Zee5 On January 21.



Tanushree Dutta upset over her Wikipedia profile description

Actor Tanushree Dutta has expressed her discontent with her Wikipedia profile description and she is unable to change it. Taking to her Instagram handle on Sunday, the actor shared how the profile describes her only as an "Indian Model". She wrote, "Hey Guys...there's something that's been bothering me for a while. It's the Wikipedia profile on me. So it's got a lot totally wrong about me and calling me just an "Indian Model" and diminishing my credentials. I tried changing but it keeps coming back to the same stuff." She detailed her accomplishments and expressed her dissatisfaction with her profile. "I'm a Miss India Universe & Bollywood actress/first so dunno why it says " Indian Model". It's the thing people check when they google a public figure for work/awards etc & mine is all weird & shit. Imagine after doing so much in just one life I can't even have a straightforward, uplifting & accurate Wikipedia presentation," she wrote. She concluded by asking if anyone could help her out to fix it. She wrote, "Maybe the scriptures are right & my rewards & recognition are going to be in Heaven after all."

Akshay Kumar hopes to see a tiger during his visit to Ranthambore National Park

Superstar Akshay Kumar is currently vacationing with his family members in Rajasthan. On Sunday, Akshay took to Instagram and posted a video clip featuring him and his daughter Nitara feeding the cows. Alongside the clip, Akshay penned a beautiful caption. He stated that he felt extremely happy to make his child experience the beauty of nature. "Mitti ki khushboo, gaay ko chaara dena, pedon ki thandi hawayein...ek alag hi khushi hai apne bachche ko yeh sab mahsoos karwaane mein. Ab bas kal use jungle mein tiger bhi dikh jaye to sone pe suhaaga (The smell of

the soil, feeding the cows, the cool breeze of the trees...there is a different joy in making your child feel all this)," he wrote. Akshay also expressed his desire to see a tiger in Ranthambore National Park. "Now if she sees a tiger in the forest tomorrow, then it will be the icing on the cake!" Visiting the beautiful Ranthambore National Park. Thank God every day for incredible places like this," he added. Meanwhile, on the work front, Akshay will be seen in several movies this year. He has 'Bachchan Pandey' and 'Ram Setu' in his kitty.



Julia Fox likely to play Debi Mazar's role in Madonna's biopic



Actor Julia Fox may soon be cast for an important role in Madonna's forthcoming biopic. After Madonna shared an Instagram post earlier this week indicating that she "went to dinner with Julia (Fox) to talk about my movie," Entertainment Weekly has learned the 31-year-old performer is being considered to play the role of actor Debi Mazar, the singer's longtime friend. Kanye West, Antonio Brown, and Floyd Mayweather were also pictured in the photos Madonna shared of her meeting with Fox. Mazar, best known for her roles in the film 'Goodfellas' and the series 'Younger' and 'Entourage', has a decades-long relationship with Madonna that began when they met in an elevator while Mazar worked as an operator at New York City's Danceteria nightclub in the 1980s. Mazar went on to star in several of Madonna's music videos, including 'True Blue' and 'Music'.

"We got on the dance floor and tore it up. We exchanged phone numbers and that was it. We became friends," Mazar previously told EW of meeting Madonna for the first time. Madonna has been working on bringing her life story to the big screen for several years, with Universal Pictures and Amy Pascal producing the title with Madonna in the director's chair. She initially began writing the script with Oscar-winning 'Juno' scribe Diablo Cody, whom EW previously confirmed finished a full draft of the script before moving on to other projects. Erin Wilson reportedly stepped in after Cody left. Most of the film, Madonna has said in the past, will follow her "struggle as an artist trying to survive in a man's world as a woman, and really just the journey," which she described as a "happy, sad, mad, crazy, good, bad, and ugly" tale of the making of an icon.