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LIC lists at 8.11% discount at Rs 872 per share on NSE
NEW DELHI: The country's largest insurer LIC on Tuesday listed its shares at a discount of 8.11 per cent at Rs 872 per share on the NSE.

On the BSE, the shares got listed at Rs 867.20 apiece, down 8.62 per cent over the issue price of Rs 949 a share. LIC had fixed the issue price of its shares at Rs 949 apiece after a successful initial public offering, which fetched Rs 20,557 crore to the government. LIC policyholders and retail investors have got the shares at a price of Rs 889 and Rs 904 apiece, respectively, after taking into account the discount offered. The shares got listed on the BSE and NSE on Tuesday at a discount of Rs 81.80 and Rs 77 apiece, respectively, over its issue price of Rs 949 a share.

Marital rape split verdict challenged in SC

NEW DELHI: A petition was moved in the Supreme Court on Tuesday challenging a Delhi High Court's split verdict on the criminalisation of marital rape. Khushboo Saifi, one of the original petitioners in the high court, had filed the application that was registered by the apex court on Tuesday. On May 11, a two-judge bench of the Delhi High Court, headed by Justice Rajiv Shakdher and comprising Justice C Hari Shankar, passed the split verdict on a batch of petitions seeking to do away with Exception 2 of the rape law under Section 375 of the Indian Penal Code.

HC stays Ashok Khemka's arrest

CHANDIGARH: Giving some respite to the senior Haryana IAS officer Ashok Khemka, the Punjab and Haryana high court on Tuesday ordered not to arrest him in connection with an FIR registered against him for the irregularities in the appointments made during his tenure as managing director (MD), Haryana Warehousing Corporation (HWC). The Haryana government has also been asked to file its reply on Khemka's plea against the FIR. Justice Avneesh Jingan of the HC has passed these orders while hearing a petition filed by Khemka seeking quashing of FIR registered against him on April 26 at Panchkula under the prevention of corruption act.

Gold jumps Rs 388; silver rallies Rs 1,046

NEW DELHI: Gold price in the national capital on Tuesday jumped Rs 388 to Rs 50,282 per 10 gram, reflecting rally in international precious metal prices, according to HDFC Securities. In the previous trade, the precious metal finished at Rs 49,894 per 10 gram. Silver also rallied by Rs 1,046 to Rs 60,957 per kg from Rs 59,911 per kg in the previous trade.

Gyanvapi Case: Secure 'Shivling' area but allow namaz inside mosque, orders SC



AGENCY NEW DELHI, MAY 17

The Supreme Court on Tuesday directed the Varanasi district magistrate to protect the area where an alleged shivling was found inside the Gyanvapi Mosque complex but said it should not impede access to the mosque to offer prayers. The court issued notices to the Hindu petitioners and the Uttar Pradesh government on the plea of the Anjuman Intezamiya Masjid committee, which manages the affairs of Gyanvapi mosque, challenging the local court order that directed videographic survey of the

mosque complex. The court asked them to file their responses by May 19. The top court, however, refused to stay the further proceedings before the Varanasi civil judge, who is hearing the lawsuit related to the Gyanvapi mosque.

"The direction to protect the area where Shivling is reported to be found shall not in any manner restrain or impede access of Muslims to the mosque or use of it for performing prayers and religious observances," the Supreme Court said.

Last week, the Supreme Court had refused to grant an interim status quo on the survey of the Gyanvapi

Two more days granted to submit report

VARANASI: The Varanasi civil court on Tuesday removed the Advocate-Commissioner Ajay Kumar Mishra from the panel formed to survey Gyanvapi mosque.

The court-appointed special Commission has also received two-more days to submit the survey report.

"Court has granted two days time to submit the report. He (Advocate-Commissioner Ajay Kumar Mishra) was not cooperating," Assistant Court Commissioner Ajay Pratap Singh told ANI.

The Commission had sought two-days time to submit the survey report.

"We had sought two days' time from the court. The Court has granted us two days' time for submission of the report," Advocate Vishal Singh, the Court-appointed special assistant commissioner said. The survey lasted for

three days from May 14-16. According to Ajay Pratap Singh, only 50 per cent of the report was complete by Tuesday morning. The three-day-long court-monitored videography survey of the Kashi Vishwanath Temple-Gyanvapi Mosque complex in Varanasi concluded on Monday. The Hindu petitioner in the case, Sohan Lal Arya on Monday claimed that the committee found a Shivling at the complex. Arya, who accompanied the court commission for the mosque survey, said that they have found "conclusive evidence". The Supreme Court heard the plea seeking a stay on the survey of the Gyanvapi Mosque complex in Varanasi today and observed that till the next date of hearing, they will issue a direction that DM Varanasi will ensure that the Shivling area will be protected but it will not impede access of Muslims to the mosque for prayers.

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Amit Shah holds high-level meeting to review preparations for Amarnath Yatra

AGENCY NEW DELHI, MAY 17

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday held a high-level meeting to review the security preparedness of the Amarnath Yatra as the annual pilgrimage is set to start on June 30 after a gap of two years.

The meeting was held days after Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla convened a similar meeting to review the security preparedness of the annual pilgrimage. Bhalla has so far held two similar meetings--one on May 13 here in Delhi and another in Jammu and Kashmir on April 15.

Those participating in the meeting are Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla, Intelligence Bureau Chief Arvind Kumar, Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Director General Kuldip Singh, Director General of Police Jammu and Kashmir Dilbag Singh, Director General of Border Roads Organisation (BRO) Lieutenant General Rajeev Chaudhary among other officers from Border Security



Force (BSF), Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) and Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

Amarnathji Shrine Board members also participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

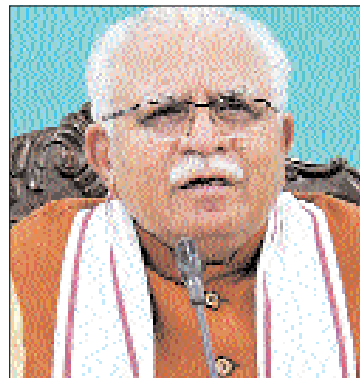
Shah will be apprised of security updates and the department of Central Armed Police Forces on specific locations during the pilgrimage as well as the situation in the region, sources said.

Resuming the Amarnath pilgrimage is a challenging task as Jammu and Kashmir have witnessed several incidences of targeted killings in the last few months by terrorists following which the Ministry of Home Affairs asked security agencies operating in Jammu and Kashmir to enhance counter-terror operations.

Govt is actively working towards making Haryana an industrial hub: CM

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, MAY 17:

In the past few years, Haryana has made rapid strides on several fronts including industrial development under the able guidance and leadership of Chief Minister, Sh Manohar Lal. Haryana is well on its way to inclusive growth driven by a strong commitment of the Government towards public welfare and ensuring the advanced facilities to its citizens. Likewise, Haryana Government is actively working towards making Haryana an industrial and automobile hub.



The growth in automobile sector in Haryana can be gauged by the fact that Maruti is coming up with its 3rd plant in the state. Maruti Suzuki India Limited (MSIL)/ Suzuki Motorcycle India Private Limited (SMIPL) and Haryana State Industrial & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (HSIIDC) are all set to sign an agreement for the allotment of 800-acre & 100 acre land at IMT Kharkhoda, respectively, in a ceremony being organised on May 19, 2022 in the presence of Chief Minister, Sh Manohar Lal. This event would also celebrate the four decades of

Haryana-Japan business relationship, which began in 1981 and continues to flourish even today.

Chief Minister Sh Manohar Lal said that this is a huge achievement for the state as Maruti is setting up its 3rd plant in Haryana.

He said that MSIL has purchased an additional 800 acres at IMT Kharkhoda land for its proposed new car manufacturing facility. The total project cost is estimated to be Rs 18,000 crore. It has the potential to generate employment for 11,000 skilled, unskilled and semi-skilled persons.

Rajnath Singh launches two frontline warships, lauds Navy for 'Aatmanirbharta'

AGENCY MUMBAI, MAY 17

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, on Tuesday, launched two frontline warships of the Indian Navy - 'Surat' and 'Udaygiri' - at Mazagon Docks Limited (MDL) in Mumbai and praised the efforts of the Indian Navy for its continuous efforts towards 'Aatmanirbharta'. 'Surat' is the fourth Guided Missile Destroyer of the P15B class, while 'Udaygiri' is the second Stealth Frigate of P17A class.

In his address at the launch of frontline warships, Singh described the warships as an

embodiment of the government's unwavering commitment to enhancing the country's maritime capability, while focussing on 'Aatmanirbharta'. The Defence Minister appreciated the fact that the Indian Navy has always been at the forefront in ensuring self-reliance through the manufacturing of indigenous ships, submarines, etc. "Joining hands with initiatives like 'Make in India', the Navy has given 76 per cent Acceptance of Necessity (AON), and 66 per cent cost-basis contracts to Indian vendors in 2014, and the indigenization of about 90 per cent of the Naval ammunition has taken place," he said.

HP orders CBI probe into Question paper leak case

AGENCY SHIMLA, MAY 17

Himachal Pradesh Government on Tuesday decided to hand over the police paper leak case to Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) after it was found that the scam had links to people based in several other states of the country. The decision was announced by the Chief minister Jai Ram Thakur here today. Briefing media on the issue Chief minister Jai Ram Thakur said that an SIT was constituted by the state government after it was discovered that candidates who have qualified the exam including those who had topped the written examination could not even answer simple questions. After this a preliminary investigation was conducted, under which top eight students were grilled by the Police and they revealed the names of agents and source of the question paper leak. Chief minister said that examina-

tion was held on March 26, 2022 and around 75,000 candidates who qualified the physical appeared for the exam for around 1334 posts of constables in state police. An FIR was lodged at Kangra district on the alleged paper leak case. On the next day an SIT probe was constituted by the DIG central range, Madhusudan, it was found that 73 people were involved in the paper leak including 38 students and two parents. 10 People were arrested from the ten different states as an interstate paper leak gang was uncovered. The decision to hand over the probe to CBI was taken after deliberations by the Council of Ministers to ensure that the state police comes clean on this scam which was essential to maintain the faith of common people on the state police which has so far done a commendable job to unearth the interstate gang.



Rs 100 crore changed hands in police recruitment paper leak scam: Agnihotri

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, MAY 17

Senior Congress leader and Leader of the Opposition in Himachal, Mukesh Agnihotri has raised questions on the Himachal Pradesh Police recruitment leak case during a press conference. While dubbing the case a major scam, Mukesh Agnihotri alleged that an attempt is being made to suppress the case, as it also includes the names of senior police officers.

Mukesh Agnihotri claimed that this paper was sold for Rs 6 to 8 lakh. This paper was leaked to about 1500 students. About Rs 100 crore changed hands in this whole matter. This department is with the Chief Minister and the Chief Minister is trying to suppress this matter, he said.



The Leader of the Opposition said that if lessons had been learned from the 2020 exam and strict action had been taken, such a major scam

would not have occurred now. Now the Chief Minister wants the examination to be held again as soon as possible.

Rs 50 lakh looted on gun point

RAJNI SONI
YAMUNANAGAR: Law and order has collapsed in Haryana. This morning, two masked miscreants on a bike shot the driver of a businessman and fled in broad daylight after looting 50 lakhs from him near Kamani Chowk. Recently after robbing about Rs 2.5 lakh by holding a pistol, the goons had escaped. Recently, some youths who had gone to take a bath in the Western Yamuna canal were forced by miscreants to jump into the deep waters of the river by pelting stones, due to which 5 people lost their lives due to drowning, but their killers are also not known. Even before this, miscreants looted goods worth lakhs of rupees in broad daylight at a jeweler's shop and fled after shooting the owner of that shop. No trace of them has been found till date. People are feeling insecure in the BJP government.

Anganwadi workers rebel against union

MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI: Anganwadi Worker and Helper Union Registration No. 1442 of Block Indri District Karnal held a meeting at Herbal Park Indri under the chairmanship of State Deputy President Madhu Sharma. It was said that dry ration was given in the block due to high cylinder price. But they will get food on Monday, the committee will talk to CDPO from December 8 on giving honorarium of worker helper on strike, talks were held about providing financial assistance to poor helper Madhu Sharma said that workers and helpers are facing depression. The workers are also facing many diseases. Even after contributing money, a satisfactory answer is not given. Right now the union is saying that every member should collect money so that they can help the sisters, but the honorarium has not been received for the last 5 months.

They have yet to pay the rent of the vehicles charged from their pockets, so all the circle heads have said that from today our Anganwadi worker helper union registration number 1442 is canceled, if the union had taken our decision at the right time, then today things would have been better. From today we have no relation with registration number 1442 related to our Sarva Employees Union CI-2 and in future we will do our own work. We are tired of donating, it is a matter of great sadness that even on the death of the worker, the union did not pay a single penny. We are on duty since 5.4.2022, but have not received the previous arrears and honorarium, on this occasion, Block Indri Principal Line Secretary Shalini Kaiser Naresh Deputy Prime Minister Sushma Kamboj Rakhi Krishna Principal Secretary and Member Vesunita Udhampur Raj Umarpur Sunita Modi Nirmal on Manita Vimala Somvati Nisha Prem Ruby Poonam Arora Darshana Kalri to Rakesh Kamala etc participated.

More than 26,000 houses built in Haryana under BLC component of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban)

CHANDIGARH: In Haryana, 26,243 houses have been built under the Beneficiary Led Construction (BLC) component of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban). Under this scheme with the goal of providing roof to every family, an amount of Rs. 341.92 crore has been provided as financial assistance to the beneficiaries. In addition, home loans have been sanctioned to 32,216 beneficiaries under the Credit Link Subsidy Scheme and interest subsidy of Rs.674.95 crore has been disbursed. This information was given in the 15th meeting of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) held here today under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Sh. Sanjeev Kaushal. Sanjeev Kaushal directed the officers to allot plots under the BLC component of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) to the beneficiaries of Valmiki Basti, Karnal at the earliest and within 15 days from the date of issue of intent letter, the first instalment to build houses should be released, directed the Chief Secretary. He further directed that a deadline should be fixed for releasing the next installment and facilitating credit through banks so that people can construct houses at the earliest.

NHM employees protest wearing black badges

NIRMAL SAINI
RADAUR: Alleging the adoption of anti-employee policy, NHM employees raised anti-government slogans by wearing black badges. The employees said that the policies of the government are against the employees, due to which their interests are being violated. If the government does not stop adopting the anti-employee policy then the government will also have to bear the brunt of it in the elections. He warned the government to fulfill their demands by June 9 and said that if their demands were not fulfilled by the stipulated time, they would be compelled to go on strike. Block President Gulshan Kumar said that during the Corona period, the government had talked about doubling the salary of NHM employees, but the employees had refused to take this salary in the interest of the nation. But even after that the government is ignoring the demands of the employees. He said that the Haryana Government had implemented service rules for the employees in the year 2018, but there were many lapses in these service rules, which was opposed by the union. At that time the officials had assured the employees that these shortcomings would be rectified once the rules were implemented. Now even after 4 years have passed, those flaws have not been removed. There is great resentment among the employees. Apart from this, the Chief Minister himself had announced to give seventh pay commission to NHM employees, which has also been given constitutional approval. Despite this, till date the employees have not been given the benefit of 7th Pay Commission. The employees also talked to the representatives of the government many times regarding these demands, but every time only assurances were given to the employees. Due to which the employees are being compelled to perform this type of performance. On this occasion Ruby, Dr. Aarti, Deepika, Gagan, Rajesh, Mahesh, Renu Bala, Hasanraj, Prince, Anjali and Jyoti etc. were present.

Popularity in democracy is determined by what facilities public is receiving: CM

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, MAY 17-

Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal said that a leader's popularity in democracy is determined by the fact that how many facilities are being made available to the public in a timely manner at their doorstep and the public does not have to make rounds of government offices for getting these facilities.

He said that in democracy along with development, transparency plays an important role in ensuring Good Governance. Realizing the same, several steps, especially many IT reforms have been brought about by the present State Government so as to ensure transparency in various departments. Through this, corruption free, transparent, and accountable good governance is being ensured, said Sh. Manohar Lal.

The Chief Minister said this while speaking at an Orientation Pro-

gramme organized in Chandigarh for the Members of the Legislative Assembly for the implementation of IT-related schemes at the grassroots level.

"We had come to power with the Good Governance resolve and we are working round the clock to achieve that resolution. Delay in governance and corruption can be eliminated through IT reforms. Any system in which there is less human intervention, the work will be done faster, in a time-bound manner, hence leaving no possibility of corruption," said the Chief Minister.

The Chief Minister said that the present State Government has set an example across the country by starting most of the government schemes online. The Central Government has also appreciated many schemes of Haryana and the State has also been



conferred Digital Award by the President of India. Similarly, many other states of the country emulating Haryana in implementing schemes like online transfer and Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP).

Sh. Manohar Lal said that in the last few months, about a dozen new portals have been launched, due to which the benefits of many schemes have been being made digitally available to the general public. He said that public awareness about the online system is very important.

"At times it was felt that there is a lack of awareness among the public about these online schemes and MLAs can play a very important role in spreading the awareness among the masses about the same and they have to come forward to bring awareness among the public," said Sh. Manohar Lal.

Election for sub-unit of Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam held



SAVITA
BILASPUR, MAY 17

The election for the sub-unit of Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam office, Bilaspur was completed. Balinder Singh Lineman was elected unanimously as the President. The elections were conducted under the chairmanship of former President Sunil Saini. The winners were welcomed by the unit members by garlanding them.

Manoj Kumar, former secretary of the unit, said that the new executive was elected unanimously for three years. He said that apart from the President Sunil Saini, ALM Suresh Rana was elected as the Deputy President, Krishna Kumar as Secretary, Sanjay Kumar Lineman as Co-Secretary, Praveen Kumar ALM as Treasurer and Subhash Chand S.A.S. Went. Raman Garg, Jagmohan, Manoj Kumar, Rajesh Kumar, Pradeep Kumar, Amit Modgil, Narendra Singh and other members were present on the occasion.

29th de-addiction awareness workshop held

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
RADAUR, YAMUNANAGAR, MAY 17

Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau Chief, Ambala Divisional Additional Director General of Police and founder of Prayas Indian Police Service Officer Shrikant Jadhav organised one day 29th de-addiction awareness workshop at STI Infotech Institute Radaur by Prayas Sanstha Branch Yamunanagar. Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau's awareness programme and rehabilitation in-charge, Sub-Inspector Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma was the chief guest and keynote speaker. This programme was organized in conjunction with the Chief Convener of Prayas Sanstha branch Yamunanagar and Arya Ratna Dr. Saurabh Arya, who has been honoured with international national honors and honorary titles. It was presided over by Jaspal Saini, Director, STI Infotech Institute. On being awarded the first President's Medal, Sub-Inspector Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma was honoured with a bouquet of flowers, patka and a memento.

Young Sahil, who had given up drugs due to the efforts of Prayas Yamunanagar coordinator Arya Ratna Dr. Saurabh Arya, was hon-



oured by Prayas and Haryana State Narcotic Control Bureau by encouraging him. Sub-Inspector Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma announced that he is ready to give an amount of Rs 25,000 from his salary for the rehabilitation of Sahil if he wants to do any business or they will arrange other employment for him soon. Dr. Verma, acquainting the youth with the ill effects of drugs, said that drugs like opium, charas, heroin, chitta, smack, ganja, chura post etc. are not for human consumption and the Indian government has completely banned drugs.

SDM holds meeting with agri officers over promotion of direct sowing of paddy

MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI, MAY 17

Sub-Divisional Magistrate Dr. Anand Kumar Sharma held a meeting with agriculture officers and progressive farmers of various villages to promote direct sowing of paddy at the Municipal Council here.

He informed in the meeting that the time is coming for sowing of paddy in which farmers prepare paddy seedlings by traditional method and transplant paddy in the field from next 15th June.

However, due to high temperature at this time, due to excessive evaporation of water, water consumption is very high. In addition, transplanting paddy also takes more labour. This significantly increases the expenditure on paddy cultivation.

To reduce the amount of water and the cost incurred by the traditional method of



paddy, the farmers can do direct sowing of paddy through DSR machine. This will also save the falling ground water level. Sub-Divisional Magistrate Dr. Anand Kumar Sharma informed that in DSR method direct sowing of paddy is done in wet field. The first fortnight of June is suitable for direct sowing and the first watering is applied about 21 days after sowing. Sowing with this method saves 15 to 20 percent of water, reduces the problem of weeds and reduces the problem of iron due to deep roots. He told the farmers that di-

rect sowing of paddy gives the same yield as sowing of paddy in the traditional way, whereas by direct sowing of paddy the crop is ripe and ready 10 to 15 days in advance. He informed that awareness camps for direct sowing of paddy would be organized so that more and more farmers could be made aware about direct sowing of paddy through DSR machine. The Sub-Divisional Magistrate informed that he said that direct sowing of paddy also reduces the incidence of diseases and pests in the paddy crop.

Mukesh convenor of BJP medical cell, Chawla organisation secretary



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAY 17

A BJP Medical Cell meeting was held at the BJP office on Mall Road here. Chief convener Dr. Rajesh Anand presided over the meeting. During the meeting it was decided that medical camps would be organised from time to time. It was also decided to organise a health check-up camp on Yoga Day, which will be held on 21st June.

Dr. Mukesh Taneja was made the BJP Medical Cell head and convener of Karnal city and Dr. CM Chawla was made the organisation secretary. During this it was also decided that the meeting would be held on the second Sunday of every month. On this occasion Dr. Rajesh Anand, Vikram Tuteja, Subhash Gureja, Mahendra Pratap, CM Chawla, Saurav Sachdeva, Guruprasad Singh, Sushil Gulati, Dr. Mukesh, Dr. Mukesh Taneja and Dr. Amit etc. were present.

20 poor families in Nissing villages get free backyard poultry units

RINKU GONDAR
NISSING, MAY 17

Twenty poultry units were distributed to poor families and beneficiaries of Mukhyamantri Parivar Uththan Yojana for opening backyard poultry unit of Animal Husbandry and Dairy Department.

As per the order of Deputy Director Dharmendra Kumar, on Tuesday the veterinarian Dr. Tarsem Rana along with his team distributed 20 poultry units free of cost to the poor families in the villages of Baras, Bastali, Sambhli, Saga, Saukda, Jamba, Nigdu, Koir and Gadibirbal.

This benefit has been given to increase the income of the beneficiary families identified under Mukhyamantri Parivar Uththan Yojana and the pastoralists included in BPL category.

Dr. Tarsem Rana informed that self-employment opportunities are most likely to be created in this sector through poultry farming activities. In such a situation, the state government has decided to give employment opportunities to the members of families identi-



fied under Scheduled Caste, BPL and Mukhyamantri Antyodaya Parivar Yojana in this area. He informed that Haryana government has decided to set up such backyard poultry units in all the districts of the state. This is a scheme in which the poor person, who does not have the resources to keep large animals nor can take a loan from a bank, the establishment of such units will increase employment opportunities for them. Dr. Tarsem Rana informed that the poultry unit to be set up by the state government will function like an ATM.

Girl crushed to death by dumper



NIRMAL SAINI
RADAUR: An 11-year-old girl's head was badly crushed by a dumper filled with mud on Palaka road near village Bakana due to which she died on the spot. The girl was a Class VI student in a government school in Bakana and was returning home after school leave. After the incident, the dumper driver fled leaving the dumper on the spot. Angry people broke the glass of the dumper. On getting information, the police reached the spot and took the dumper in their possession. The police sent the body of the girl child to Yamunanagar for post-mortem and started further action in the matter.

11-year-old Ritika, a resident of Khajuri village, was studying in the sixth grade in the government school of Bakana. At around 12 noon, she was returning home on a cycle with other children. During this, when she was passing through Palaka Road, a speeding dumper laden with mud coming from the front hit her. She fell on the road and the dumper's tire came over her head. The girl died on the spot. After getting the information, Ritika's grandfather Jagminder Singh and uncle Sandeep reached the spot. He said that a road leads to his village from Palaka Marg, which is a shortcut.

Congress to protest against inflation: Mewa Singh



NARESH GARG
LADWA, MAY 17

MLA of Ladwa Halke Mewa Singh said that on May 20, Congress workers from Shivala Ramkundi in Ladwa will protest against the government and take out a march in the city over rising inflation. MLA and Congress leader Mewa Singh was talking to reporters in Ladwa on Tuesday. He said that today inflation is at its peak in the entire country and the state. Youth are not getting employment. There has been no recruitment in the army for the last three years. Regarding all these things, the Congress workers of Ladwa Halke will gather at Shivala Ramkundi in Ladwa at 9 am on May 20 and will reach the SDM office through the main roads of Ladwa where a memorandum in the name of the Governor will be given regarding rising inflation. He said that hundreds of Congress workers will participate in this protest. Rohit Garg, Shalu Bansal, Rakesh Khurana etc. were present on the occasion.

JJP holds meeting for Panchayat polls



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
TARAORI, MAY 17

In view of the local body elections, a meeting of Taraori city was organised by Jannayak Janata Party today which was presided over by Vinod Raipur Nilokheri chief. The chief guest was Gurudev Rambha, district head Karnal and in-charge Tarawari Municipality. This meeting was held in the office of district president of Karnal district business cell, Subhash Gupta. In this meeting, there was a detailed discussion about the Taraori Municipality elections in the upcoming local body elections.

In this meeting, District President and in-charge Gurudev Singh Rambha, Nilokheri party president Vinod Raipur, Business Cell's District President Subhash Gupta, Minority Cell District President Hazur Singh Chakda, Nilokheri Vidhan Sabha former candidate Bhim Singh Jalala, Office Secretary Rakesh Sandhu, Sports Cell District President Rajesh Bastali Dozens of workers participated.

NEWS AT A
GLANCETwo booked for
assault, outraging
woman's modesty

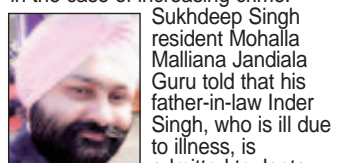
ASHOK KAURA
PHAGWARA: The Shahkot police have booked two persons on the charge of assault and outraging woman's modesty. The investigating officer (IO) Som Nath said that the accused have been identified as Paramjit Singh a resident of Aidall Pur village and Jaspal Singh a resident of Hamiri Kherra village under Jamsheer police station. Veer Singh a resident of Aidall Pur village complained to the police that he was going on his motorcycle on May 9 and his daughter in law and granddaughter were pillion riding when the accused waylaid and assaulted them and tore cloths of women. IO said that a case under section 354 (criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty), 323325 (voluntarily causing grievous hurt) 341 (wrongful restraint) and 34 (committing crime with common intention) of the Indian Penal Code has been registered against the accused.

Two arrests, including
illegal alcohol

BHUPINDER KAPOOR
GHANUR: Police of Ghanur Police Station arrested 01 vehicle and 44 persons including 444 liquor. Acting as per the directions of Mr. Deepak Parik IPS / SSP Patiala and as per the instructions of Mr. Jaswinder Singh Tiwana PPS Deputy Captain Police Circle Ghanur, Inspector Sahib Singh Police Station Chief Ghanur said that District Ghanur Police Party has succeeded in its campaign against smuggling of illicit liquor from Patiala. A vehicle number PB10CE0834 was checked from the side without any doubt but out of it 444 bottles of liquor Teka desi brand Charlie Orange for sale in Haryana were recovered and accused Gaurav son Vijay Kumar resident Khanna District Ludhiana and Paramjit son Iswar Das Case No. 59 dated 16-5-22 A / D 78 (2), 61-1-14 Excise Act has been registered at Ghanur Police Station and further action is being taken.

Unknown car occupants fired at
persons stopped near Manavala,
1 killed 1 injured

KULJEET SINGH
JANDIALA GURU: Incidents of crime are happening every day in Amritsar countryside, the most important thing in this is to have illegal weapons with the people. Last night also such an incident happened in GT Road Manavala, which brought the police in the dock in the case of increasing crime.



Sukhdeep Singh resident Mohalla Malliana Jandiala Guru told that his father-in-law Indar Singh, who is ill due to illness, is admitted to Janta Hospital Ajnala Road, Mirankot, Amritsar. To take care of him, his brother-in-law Jagdev Singh, resident of Naushera Pannuwa and brother-in-law Charanpreet Singh Residents, Near Khoochi Sahib, Jandiala Guru, both Jagdev Singh had come in car I Twenty No. PB 46, 7380 to get the address of Taya Binder Singh. On the night of 16 May, at around 9.45 pm, he was returning in a car with both his brother-in-law.

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Labour workforce and arhtiyas backbone
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SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, MAY 17

"The labour workforce of the State is the backbone of its economic structure. Hence, its welfare is a priority with the Government which would leave no stone unturned to ensure its prosperity. The doors of the State Government are always open for them". These views were expressed here today by the Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Forest Minister Mr. Lal Chand Kataruchak here at Anaj Bhawan in Sector - 39 while meeting the representatives of the labour unions.

On the occasion, the representatives of the labour unions demanded that the contract system be done away with the amount given directly to the labourers so that their living standard gets better. The Minister assured to look carefully into the matter. He also said that as far as the issue of modifying the basic rates being given to the labourers is concerned, he has already written to the Central Government in this regard and would personally take up the issue with the Government of India (GoI). He said that the State Government would also



strive for more better work conditions for the labourers. The Director of the department Mr. Abhinav Trikha on the occasion apprised that the matter pertaining to modifications in the basic rates has been sent to the central Government and is pending with them.

The Minister also afterwards had a meeting with the representatives of the Arhtiya Association of Punjab. The association put forward a demand that a sound policy regarding the tendering process is the need of the hour where the normal labourers, and the truck owners can also be equal participants thereby ending the monopoly of the contractors. Apart

from this, the parallel arrangements with regard to loading/unloading in the mandis must be made just in case the contractor exhibits negligence in the execution of the work. Besides, the arhtiyas also made a case for increasing their commission as the MSP on crop has been raised to Rs. 2015 per quintal.

The arhtiyas also raised other issues such as lifting in the mandis, implementing per quintal uniform basic rates within 1 to 5 Km radius, loading/unloading in the timely manner, reforms in the policy regarding loading of foodgrains in the mandis apart from transportation, Putting restriction on the transportation of the spe-

cials pertaining to foodgrains and manure during the Kharif season for 1 month, work of transportation to the mandis and godowns should be assigned to the arhtiyas rather than contractors, cluster system must be abolished or small clusters be formed so as to put a stop to the self centered ways of the big contractors, basic rates of transportation and loading - unloading be increased annually, and a policy be framed to get the work of transportation of foodgrains done through the arhtiyas.

The Minister gave a very patient hearing to all the demands put forward by the arhtiya association representatives and assured them of serious consideration in fulfilling the just demands as the arhtiyas play a yeoman's role in strengthening the economy of the State. Among others present on the occasion included Director, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Mr. Abhinav Trikha, President Food Handling Workers Union, Punjab (Moga) and Ex M.P. Mr. Kewal Singh, Mr. Khushi Mohammed, President Arhtiya Association of Punjab Mr. Ravinder Singh Cheema and the General Secretary Jaswinder Singh Rana.

Vasant Valley School Sangrur highlighted with first
position in Inter-School Solo singing competition

DHURI (VIKAS VERMA): We are dedicated to educate the whole child and provide our students with a safe, happy, nurturing and learning environment. The School Principal Mrs. Yogita Bhatia delighted to announce that Amandeep Singh of Grade XII grabbed first position in Senior Category on the theme "Sufism" in Inter-School Solo Singing Competition under Sahodaya Schools, Sangrur held at Modern Secular Public School, Shergarh Cheema on 13 May, 2022. The competition witnessed an extensive array of participation from 10 teams of various Schools affiliated with the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). A healthy competition was witnessed with great fervor and zeal. Moreover, students of Vasant Valley Public School participated in Chess Championship and tried their level best in all rounds.

BJP govt is disrespecting
martyrs of country:
Malwinder Singh Kang

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, MAY 17

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Punjab strongly criticized Karnataka government's decision to replace chapter on Bhagat Singh in the class X syllabus with the speech of BJP founder K.S. Hegdegar. AAP Punjab chief spokesperson Malwinder Singh accused the BJP of demeaning the martyrs, claiming that the BJP's Karnataka government purposefully inserted Hegdegar in the class X syllabus in place of a chapter on Shaheed Bhagat Singh. Addressing the reporters at the party's headquarters on Tuesday Kang said that the people

have seen the truth of the BJP's duplicitous politics: on the one hand they do drama of patriotism and on the other hand they are insulting our martyrs and freedom fighters. He said that even BJP's forefathers backed the British before independence. The face and look of the BJP have changed over time, but the tradition has not. Kang said the BJP government is deliberately trying to impose the agenda of the RSS on the people of our country. BJP is messing with the image of martyrs and independence warriors, sometimes through books and other times by controversial words made by its leaders.

Parkash Day of Guru Amar Das celebrated

SHARANJEET,
PATHANKOT, MAY 17

Bebe Nanaki Istri Satsang Sabha in association with the Sangat celebrated the Parkash Divas of Sri Guru Amar Das Ji at Gurdwara Damdama Sahib, Mirpur Colony, Pathankot with great fanfare. Bhogs of Sehaj Path were found by Sukhwant Singh Tung.

Later, Gurbachan Singh, Rajan Singh and Bebe Nanaki Istri Satsang Sabha entertained the sangat through kirtan. Kheer langar was distributed at the end of the function. On this occasion Jathedar Gurdeep Singh Gulati, Manager Sohan Singh, Harbhajan Singh, Narinder Singh, Sukhwant Singh, Harjit Singh, Iqbal Singh, Avtar



Singh, Onkar Singh, Lakhbir Singh, Bhupinder Kaur Pradhan, Surinder Kaur, Gurwinder Kaur, Kulwinder Kaur, Ritu Kaur, Kanwaljit Kaur, Rajinder Kaur, Amarjit

Kaur, Narinder Kaur, Manas Kaur, Balwinder Kaur, Sukhwinder Kaur, Paramjit Kaur, Harbir Kaur, Harwant Kaur, Jasbir Kaur etc. were present.

DC inaugurates library at DBEE



LUDHIANA (SACHIN MOUDGILL) : Deputy Commissioner Ludhiana Surabhi Malik IAS inaugurated an upgraded Library-cum-coaching centre inside the DBEE Ludhiana premises last evening. The inauguration was attended by ADC (Rural Development) Amit Kumar Panchal, Minakshi Sharma (Deputy Director), Sukhman Mann (EGSDTO) and the entire DBEE Ludhiana staff. The new library is equipped with facilities to provide online coaching to candidates on real time basis along with new and updated reading material keeping in mind the upcoming government competitive examinations. The new library-cum-coaching centre is upgraded to increase sitting capacity for students to receive online and offline coaching inside the DBEE premises.

Nursing Day at Mata Sundari Institute
of Nursing Dhade celebrated

HEMANT SHARMA
RAMPURA PHUL, MAY 17

Mata Sundari, a branch of Mata Sundari Group of Institutions, the only local girls' organization in the area to receive Best College Award from National and International Punjabi University, Patiala.

Nursing while keeping Nursing Day was celebrated by the children of the department. In which Madam Simbaljit Kaur, Administrative Director of the institute specially participated. At this

Civil Surgeon Mansa Dr. Rai
visits Sardulgarh Hospital

KULWINDER KARWAL
SARDULGARH, MAY 17

Civil Surgeon Mansa Dr. Ranjit Singh Rai made a surprise visit to SDH Sardulgarh. He met the staff and instructed them to provide better health facilities to the people. He asked all the medical officers to give the medicines available in the hospital to the patients on priority basis and not to prescribe any medicine to be taken from outside. He also inspected the OPD and emergency services, and expressed satisfaction. While inspecting the vaccination site, he said that it is very

important to get second dose of vaccine to prevent from corona. He directed the staff to motivate the people for the second dose as much as possible and get them fully vaccinated. Senior Medical Officer Dr. Hardeep Sharma, Dr. Sohan Lal Arora MD Medicine District Program Manager Avtar Singh, Senior Assistant Sandeep Kumar Mansa Tirlok Singh Block Educator Health Inspector Hansraj Health Inspector Nirmal Singh Kanakwalia Nursing Officer Sarabjit Kaur and Ravinder Singh Ravi Health Worker Were present on this occasion.

Union Govt winds up District Rural
Development Agencies

SUSHIL GOYAL
SANGRUR, MAY 17

Following the issuance of a letter to all states by Union Ministry of Rural Development, with regard to discontinuation of centrally sponsored 'District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) Administration scheme' from April 1, 2022, resentment has been prevailing among the staff of the DRDAs throughout the state.

In its letter the Union Rural Development Ministry has written to the states to merge the DRDAs with Zila Parishads/Zila Panchayats by absorbing the staff in these institutions while the staff working at the DRDAs on deputation can be absorbed back in their parent departments. However, Punjab Government has not reportedly taken any initiative so far to merge the DR-

DAs with the Zila Parishads from April 1, 2022. In such circumstances the staff of the DRDAs is worried about their fate in future, besides the salaries for the month of April and onwards.

Punjab unit of All India DRDA Staff Welfare Association has already written to Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann to merge the DRDAs with Zila Parishads in all districts of the state as early as possible, but to no avail so far. President of Punjab unit of All India DRDA Staff Welfare Association Raj Kumar Singh said that the issue of merger of DRDAs with Zila Parishads is not new one as the Union Government had announced winding up of the DRDAs several times in the past years also. He said the association had met Punjab Rural Development and Panchayats Min-

ister Kuldip Singh Dhaliwal recently to resolve the issue. The minister had asked the Secretary of the department to do the needful but no progress has come to the fore so far in this direction, he added. Raj Kumar Singh further said that if the DRDAs were not merged with Zila Parishads at the earliest they would not be able to get their salaries from April 1, 2022 onwards. Besides, they would also be not able to make both ends meet. State president also urged the AAP Government to take decision, with regard to merger of the DRDAs with Zila Parishads, as early as possible. He also said that since 2005 the file of merger of the DRDAs with Zila Parishads was in process while the Finance Department had also given its approval in 2006 to merge the DRDAs with certain conditions.

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Ludhiana rural police participates
in mock drill for riot control

SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, MAY 17

District Ludhiana Rural police under supervision of Sh. Deepak Hilori, IPS SSP Ludhiana Rural organized a "mock drill" for riot control in order to avoid occurrence of unfortunate incidents. Giving more information about this, SSP Deepak Hilori said that police cops are made aware from time to time about ways to deal with riot situations and a similar mock drill was conducted for Ludhiana rural police. "Police forces including 2 GAZETTED officers, 10 SHO's, 107 Male personnel, 45 Female personnel participated

in the mock drill for riot control," he said. Hilori said that the force was briefed about proper way to control and disperse a mob and use "non-lethal methods". "The force was briefed about different type of tear gas shells and hands on practice was done" he said. Hilori mentioned that the police personnel was informed about ways to deal with every kind of riot situation in the drill. "Such mock drills are very helpful in keeping the cops active and providing them with more efficiency to deal with critical situations and they are a part of police's routine duty," he added.

Book meeting, poet court ceremony
touched pinnacle of success

JASPOONAM KOHLI
DINANAGAR, MAY 17

International Punjabi Sahitya Sabha, Dinanagar and Department of Punjabi, Shanti Devi Arya Mahila College, organized a book seminar on the release of famous Punjabi litterateur S.Dhyani Singh Shah Sikander's poet book Kabhi Rang Ka at Shanti Devi Arya Mahila College, Dinanagar. In which Adeeb and literature lovers arrived from different places of Punjab. First of all, the guests coming from the college management committee, principal and staff were given a grand welcome. At this time, the Pres-

ident of the Sabha and District Language Opportunity, Pathankot, Dr. Suresh Mehta gave information about the history of the assembly and the life and creation of S.Dhyani Singh Shah Sikander. S.Dhyani Singh Shah Sikander's book "Kavi Rang" was launched. Under the seminar on this book, Dr. Vishal Kumar and Prof. Sukhwinder Kaur discussed various aspects. Many poets took part under Kavi Darbar. In which famous Urdu poets S. Panchhi, Dr. Gurcharan Kaur, Dharmender Shahid, Farul Chand Fakr, Sultan Bharti, Banka Bahadar Arora, Raj Gurdaspuri, Vijay Sharma made their presence.

SGPC to organise Gurmat camps in
summer vacations: S. Harjinder Singh

CHARNJIT SINGH ARORA
AMRITSAR, MAY 17

In the Dharam Prachar Committee (DPC) meeting presided over by Shriromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) President Advocate S. Harjinder Singh at the SGPC office on Tuesday, the decision has been taken to organise grand Gurmat Samagams (religious congregations) and Amrit Sanchar Samagams (initiation ceremony) in every constituency. It has also been decided to organise Gurmat Camps in the cities and villages during the summer vacations of the students to impart basic knowledge of Gurbani, Sikh Rehat Maryada (code of conduct)

and the Gurus' history to them. Moreover, the SGPC's DPC will also carry out programs to preach Sikh faith through digital medium with the aim of taking the religious preaching campaign to the international level, as per the need of the hour. Giving information about the decisions taken in the DPC's meeting, Advocate S. Harjinder Singh said under the vigorous Dharam Prachar Lehar (religious preaching campaign) the groups of pracharaks will be sent to all the villages of Punjab and with the support of SGPC members, a grand Gurmat Samagam and Kirtan Darbar will be organised in every constituency.

Miss Harleen Deol
selected for Women's
T20 Challenge

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA: The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has announced the squad for the My 11 Circle Women's T20 Challenge to be played from May 23 to May 28 at the



MCA Stadium in Pune. HPCA's Miss Harleen Deol Supermovas has been selected for the team. Which will be led by Harmanpreet Kaur. Harleen Deol has scored 235 runs in seven matches at an average of Harmanpreet. These 235 runs also included a century and half century and seven wickets. The 2022 Women's T20 Challenge will begin with trailblazer Supermovas in the opening game. The first match will be with the Trailblazers and Supermovas on 23rd May at 7.30 pm, and Supermovas and Velocity on 24th May at 3.30 pm. Will happen on May 26 at 7.30 pm with Velocity and Trailblazers. Whereas the final match will be played on May 28 at 3.30 pm.

Annual Bhandara organized
at Baba Nanga Samadhi of
Santoshgarh Nagar



BUREAU
UNA: Ramayana recitation and annual Bhandara were organized at Baba Nanga Samadhi Sthal by Shri Baba Nanga Dramatic Club and Samaj Reform Sabha of Santoshgarh Nagar. On Monday morning, the holy book Shri Ramayana Path was formally launched and on Tuesday morning the holy book Ramayana Path was concluded. Women's bhajan troupe rejoiced the accompaniment that came from the hymns of Baba ji and forced them to dance. Una Sadar MLA Satpal Singh Raizada specially participated, sharing this information by the club's head Shiv Kant Parashar. He gave an amount of Rs 3 lakh to club for the construction of community building. He announced to give Rs one lakh to Shrinath Baba Nanga Samadhi Sthal.

Birth anniversary of Mata
Chhinnamastika celebrated
with great pomp



CHINTPURNI: Chhinnamastika Jayanti was celebrated with pomp on Monday in the temple of Mata Chintpurni, a famous Shaktipeeth of North India. On the occasion of Chhinnamastika Jayanti, a 24-hour Mahayagya was started by the priests on Sunday morning. DC Una Raghav Sharma reached Chintpurni temple on Chhinnamastika Jayanti and had darshan of the holy Pindi. Temple was decorated with colorful flowers. Devotees reached in large numbers, having darshan of the holy Pindi, got their heads bowed in the court of the mother and prayed for their welfare.

Himachal only in competition with
Kerela in terms of education, Delhi
stands nowhere: Randhir

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAY 17

BJP state chief Spokesperson Randhir Sharma said that deputy chief minister Delhi and education minister Manish Sisodia had organised a premeditated programme in shimla, where the programme and the questions were decided before hand. He said that that aam aadmi party has been trying to misguide the general public. He said in the programme only aap members were present and involved in the interaction with Manish Sisodia all allegations levied by Sisodia are Baseless and without documentation. He said that Himachal has stood first in many of our National surveys and we have got a lot of awards for the education system of himachal. We are only in competition with kerala and our literacy rate is more than 96%. We would like to ask Manish Sisodia that where does delhi stands in terms of education, Delhi is way behind himachal. He said sisodia has scripted All the facts and figures presented by him today. We would like to state that we have 6 lac students of higher education in the state and more than 14 lac enrollments in himachal for all standards of education.



YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022

CM inaugurates various projects
in Jaswan Pragpur Constituency

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, MAY 17

Sub Divisional Magistrate Offices at Rakkar and Kotla Behar and BDO office at Dadasiba would be opened in Jaswan Pragpur Assembly Constituency of Kangra district. These announcements were made by the Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur while addressing a mammoth public meeting at Nakki Khad at Pragpur in Kangra district today after performing inaugurations and foundation stones of 39 developmental projects worth about Rs. 190 crore for Jaswan Pragpur Assembly Constituency of the district. He also announced upgradation of PHC Pragpur to Model PHC, creation of additional posts of doctors at Civil Hospital Garli and starting of science classes in Government Senior secondary School Bathra and commerce classes in Government Senior secondary school Kuhna. Chief Minister said that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi successfully led the nation in fighting the covid-19 pandemic. He said that the biggest free vaccination campaign of the world



was also launched in the country successfully. He said that almost all sections of the society have been benefited by the developmental policies and programmes of the Centre and State Governments. He said that several schemes of the Centre such as Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojna, Ujjawala Yojna, Ayushman Bharat etc have benefitted crores of people of the country. He said that similarly, State Schemes like Grihini Suvidha Yojna, HMCARE, Sahara Yojna,

Shagun Yojna etc have benefitted lakhs of people of the State. He said that unfortunately, the Congress leaders were not able to see these developments as they did nothing for the betterment and welfare of the people of the country during their tenures. Jai Ram Thakur said that the present State Government during the last four and a half years has ensured that all the welfare schemes and developmental programmes reaches the person living at the lowest ebb. He said

that Sahara Yojna has been proving a boon to the families having a chronically ill patient. He said that Rs. 3000 per month was being provided to such families under this scheme. He said that several schemes have been started for empowerment of the women in the State. He said that Mukhya Mantri Swavlamban Yojna has made the youth of the State 'job providers' instead of 'job seekers'. Chief Minister said that the State Government has decided that 50 percent concession on fare in HRTC buses for women passengers and free power upto 125 units per month would be provided to domestic consumers of the State from July this year. He said the State Government has also decided that free drinking water facility would be provided in rural areas of the State. He said that it was strange that the Congress leaders were opposing these decisions of the State Government which shows the dual character of its leaders. He said that zero bill would be charged from the consumers consuming less than 125 unit power per month, thereby benefitting over 15 lakh consumers of the State.

Chairman of Nation commission of
child rights protection hails working
of HP govt regarding children care

PANKAJ BHARTIYA
HAMIRPUR, MAY 17

Priyank Kanungo, the Chairman of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights today hailed the working of the state government with regards to the protection of children. He said that Himachal had very little in matters of child protection and the commission was doing excellent work for child protection. He, however, said that there had been some cases of migration for which there was a need to worry. He said that the society of Himachal provided help and protection to the children as well as the society also fulfilled its responsibility in education of the children. Kanungo was speaking at the opening of the State level workshop on Right to Education and National Education Policy was organized by the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights in the auditorium of National Institute of Technology Hamirpur today. Speaking on occasion Kanungo said that the education policy was a matter of seeing the right of children to education, due to which the Commission kept monitoring it from the point of view of child rights. He said that in order to ensure the participation and responsibility of all the states, the Children's Commission was organizing workshops to reflect on various subjects.

Swachhta Pakhwada being
organised in SJVN

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAY 17

Smt. Geeta Kapur, Director (Personnel) administered Swachhta pledge to the employees at Corporate Head Quarters in the presence of A.K. Singh, Director (Finance) & Sushil Sharma, Director (Electrical). To mark the commencement of the Pakhwada, the pledge was also administered at all the Project locations of SJVN. In line with the directions from Ministry of Power, Government of India, SJVN is observing Swachhta Pakhwada from 16th-31st May 2022 at its Corporate Headquarter, Shimla and at all the Projects. On this occasion, S. Patnaik, Executive Director (HR), D. Dash, Executive



Director (Finance) and senior officials were also present. Geeta Kapur informed that to propagate the message of Swachhta, SJVN is conducting various activities such as distribution of sanitization materials in local communities, special drive to encourage eco-friendly material instead of plastics, tree plantation drives, installation of dustbins in public places and cleaning up

of rivers situated nearby Projects area. During Pakhwada Special awareness campaign for promoting segregation of waste, vermicomposting, reuse of waste water for agriculture etc. will also be organized. To make public aware of the importance of Swachhta, motivational speeches, competitions and awareness Programs will also be organized.

AAP leaders do not fulfill
their promises: Khanna

HAMIRPUR, MAY 17

BJP leader Avinash Rai Khanna alleged on Tuesday that Punjab chief minister Bhangwat Mann was misleading the people of Punjab on various issues. Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) is an unethical political party and its leaders do not stand up to their promises, he alleged in a statement. He said Bhagwant Mann had promised the people of Punjab that once elected, he will find solutions to all their problems. Khanna said that it seems that Mann was copying Jan Manch Programme of Himachal Pradesh government rather than starting his own programme. He alleged that people came from faraway places in scorching heat and spent money for their transportation to meet Mann, but unfortunately the chief minister only heard 10 to 15 problems and went away causing disappointment to the public who had come to him with a lot of expectations. He said the AAP government should stop these "dramas" and do some work on the ground. He said that such tactics of the AAP would not materialize in Himachal Pradesh and people of the state would reject the AAP and give their mandate in favor of the BJP once again.



Traffic congestion by buses of Small Bus
Stop causing problem: Rajeev Sharman

KISHORI LAL BAINS
AMB, MAY 17

The small bus stop of Amb sub-division tehsil headquarter of Una district has been causing problems for the Bus Passengers in the entire Himachal Pradesh due to traffic inconveniences, lack of buses. It is a small Bus Stop, which has been dodging the general public for decades by becoming the main cause of traffic stampede. For the last several decades, the government has been shelving the demand for a big bus stand by doing a minor patch of this Bus Stop. Announcements of parking here and the inaugural foundation stone laying plaque have also proved to be a white elephant. During the tenure of the present government, a new



building of Himachal Road Transport Corporation has been built here but no facilities are available to the passengers. There is no passenger Waiting Room or Canteen / Restaurant available here. There is always a shortage of booking and the availability of long distance buses. The condition of the passengers Time becomes very delicate and funny, when passengers stand at this small congested Bus Stop; however the buses of Delhi, Chandigarh,

Haridwar including Himsuta, Valvo coming from Kangra-Hamirpur are small, located two hundred meters away from the bus stop. After making a short stop at the square, it starts moving. In such a situation, when the passengers run towards the square from the crowded small Bus Stop, by the time the long distance buses leave and the passengers keep on rubbing their hands after facing the dilemmas.

Himachal Pradesh is a model
in itself: Jai Ram Thakur

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, MAY 17

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur, during his visit to district Kangra on Tuesday, once again targeting the leaders of the Congress Party and the Aam Aadmi Party, said that the leaders sitting in Delhi of the Aam Aadmi Party talked about making Himachal Pradesh a model like Delhi. But they are not aware that Himachal is a different model in itself in the country and abroad as well. He said that the common man is jumping unnecessarily in the state, for which he will not get any benefit. He said that Himachal is counted among the good states in law and



order in comparison to other states in the country. Even today we are ahead of Kerala state in the field of education. Despite the difficult geographical conditions in the state, we have given impetus to the development and have been successful in it. Those who are talking about imagining the model of Delhi are not practical, the people of the state also know this. Targeting the leaders of the Congress party, Jai Ram Thakur said that Sonia

Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi have taken a big decision and this decision is to make four working presidents in the state. This decision was taken so that no one should leave the party. Created four acting presidents. We asked what happened. Congress friends said nothing would have happened. So that no one leaves and leaves, divide the posts to stop those who can go. Nothing will happen from this. He said that the Congress party is well aware of the fact that after the assembly elections in the state, the government will be formed again by the BJP, but even after that the Congress leaders are not deterring the public from misleading them.

President Ram Nath Kovind will give
degrees to the students of CU

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, MAY 17

The 6th convocation of Himachal Pradesh Central University will be held on 10th June 2022, in which President of India Ram Nath Kovind will confer degrees to the students. He will be accompanied by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, Sports Minister Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, Himachal Governor Rajendra Arlekar, Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur and Education Minister Govind Thakur. Addressing the press conference organized in Dharamsala, Honorable Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Sat Prakash Bansal said that the convocation ceremony of the university could not be held for the last two years due to the Kovid epidemic. Despite the degrees being prepared, the ceremony could not take place. Now degrees will be awarded to the students of the year 2017 batch in the convocation ceremony to be held on 10th and it is going to confer degrees to the



students of the year 2018-19 batch and to the scholars who got the degree of Vidya Vachaspati in the convocation ceremony. During the convocation, a total of 585 degrees for the year 2017, 532 for the year 2018 and 605 for the year 2019, i.e. a total of 1722 degrees, will be awarded, out of which 148 are undergraduate and 1574 are postgraduate degrees. The total gold medals for the year 2017 are 23, the total gold medals for the year 2018 are 25, the total gold medals for the year 2019 will be 26 i.e. 74 gold medals will be awarded, out of which 49 gold medals will be given to girls and 25 to boys.

Why Congress shut its mouth on Rajasthan
constable recruitment leak: Trilok Kapoor

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, MAY 17

BJP's state general secretary and in-charge of Kangra Chamba parliamentary constituency Trilok Kapoor has asked the leaders of the Congress party why their mouth is shut in the Rajasthan constable recruitment



leak case. They said After REET in the Rajasthan government, the constable recruitment paper was leaked on 14 May, but the Himachal Congress has dark glasses in its eyes. Where in Himachal the police took cognizance on the basis of suspicion and in favor of 74 thousand candidates in the election year, Jai Ram Thakur canceled the examination and waived the bus fare of the candidates. On the contrary, the Gehlot government in Rajasthan has exposed the conspiracy to make them administrative officers by leaking REET papers to the relatives of ministers and Congressmen. It is expected that the leaders of Himachal Congress will protest outside

the Congress office in Jaipur. Kapoor said that the history of the Congress, which recruited on chits, has been tainted in the matter of recruitment. For the first time, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur canceled the examination while deciding in favor of hardworking candidates, then Congress is agitating against them. The Congress movement seems to be more in favor of the copyists. After the examination, the police exposed the leak and the government took strict action on it. BJP leader Kapoor, exposing the Congress, said that in the last 4 years, the Congress in Himachal had knocked on the doors of the court one after the other to get the recruitment canceled and later had to face it, but going differently among the youth. The Congress leaders kept doing the alap. Congress's wrong thinking and conspiratorial policies are behind the delay in recruitment. In the B.Ed, JBT dispute, the Deputy Advocate General of the Congress Government is an advocate in the Hon'ble High Court.

Register on MyGov Himachal
Portal to participate in Maha Quiz

UNA, MAY 17

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur has launched the Maha Quiz Competition of Good Governance with public participation on May 11 in which any citizen of state can participate. Register today on MyGov Himachal Portal to participate in the Maha Quiz. Deputy Commissioner Raghav Sharma said that state government has organized a Maha Quiz competition through online medium, which will run till July 31. He said that this quiz is based on the welfare schemes of the Central and State Governments, which is being organized in Hindi and English languages. Purpose of competition is to give wide publicity to policies and programs of the government, so that any eligible person can apply for them. Don't miss out on the benefits of the schemes. He said that the Maha Quiz competition is being organized on the MyGov Himachal web portal of the State Government and such competition is being organized for the first time in the State. Raghav Sharma said that the state government has launched many new schemes during the last four years and the quiz will help people to know about these schemes.



Bhagwat Katha at Alasahan from May 22

JOGINDER DEV ARYA

BANGANA: With courtesy of Jai Guga Jahar Veer Mandir Sewa Samiti Alasahan, Shrimad Bhagwat Katha Mahagyan is being organized from May 22. Chairman of the committee, Pawan Kumar Sharma said that the Kalash Yatra will be taken out on May 21. On May 24, the 16th Vishal Bhagwati Jagran will be organized in the temple premises itself and on May 29 65th annual Vishal Bhandara will also be organized.

Campaigning for Vidhan
Sabha elections in full
swing in Himachal

PANKAJ BHARTIYA
HAMIRPUR, MAY 17

Leaders and workers of BJP, Congress and Aam Aadmi Party(AAP) have intensified their election campaigns in the state amid announcement by the Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur that Vidhan Sabha elections would be held on time and there are no plans of preponing them. While the top leaders of BJP have already reached different parts of the state to woo the voters in their favor, the AAP has also swung into the campaign mode by scheduling the tours of its National president Arvind Kejriwal and others to "expose" the BJP and the Congress party in front of the masses. For the BJP, its national President JP Nadda has already visited the state thrice and addressed meetings at Kullu, Dharamshala and Shimla by taking out road shows in favor of the party. The party is planning to hold a big rally at Shimla on May 31st to celebrate the eight years of completion of the central government led by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi. Chief minister Jai Ram Thakur has been moving from one place



to another laying foundation stones and inaugurating the completed schemes while making calls to the people to rally behind the BJP for their own welfare and benefits. He claimed that the BJP is their benefactor and it will continue to serve them. On other hand, after their Chintan Shivir in Udaipur, Rajasthan, State Congress President Pratibha Singh, Leader of Opposition Mukesh Agnihotri and Congress Election Campaign Committee President Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu have reached Delhi to hold talks with the party's election in-charge Rajiv Shukla today. Four working presidents of Congress Harsh Mahajan, Rajendra Rana, Pawan Kajal and Vinay Kumar have also rushed to Delhi to take part in the meeting which has been called to frame the strategy for the next elections.



PATHANKOT (R. SINGH): Farewell party was organized by the Department of Arts of Adarsh Bhartiya Mahavidyalaya (AB College). In which Principal Prof. Sunita Gupta was specially present.

During this, seeing the talent of Nandini Pathania, a resident of Mohalla Ghartholi, the college management honored her with the title of Miss Million Dollar Smile. Nandini, who was awarded Miss Million Dollar Smile, gave the credit to the college management, parents, brother and grandfather Ruplal Pathania. Nandini always topped in studies.

NEWS AT A GLANCE

300 needy students benefited with school kits distributed by UT Administrator

CHANDIGARH: The second school kit distribution function was organized by philanthropist Sanjay Tandon led Competent Foundation in association with UT Education Department at GMSS School, Sector 18. During the program, school kits were distributed among selected poor 300 students of class X of all government schools. These kits included water bottles, lunch boxes, books as per NCERT syllabus, notebooks, geometry box, etc., apart from school bags. In his address, remembering the founder of the foundation, late Balramji Das Tandon, the Governor emphasized that politics is not a means of livelihood but a means of 'service'. He expressed happiness over the fact that his son Sanjay Tandon is carrying forward the legacy of noble causes. Praising the blood donation movement including public welfare being initiated by the foundation, he said that donation brings blessings, so one shouldn't hesitate to do this noble cause but strengthen the public upliftments initiatives.

Dakuwaan Da Munda 2 "gears up for bigger Pie



RN KHERA CHANDIGARH: Dream Reality Movies and Omjee Star Studios today at a press conference highlighted their thought provoking and eye opening Punjabi Film "Dakuwaan Da Munda 2". The movie is based on the real life story of Manga Singh Antal. The film is all set to hit the big screens on 27th May, worldwide. "Dakuwaan Da Munda 2", movie is all about youth falling into the grip of drug abuse and ruining the lives of those who touch it, but shows congruent effort of Punjab Government to root out drugs out of every nook of Punjab, overcome the addiction and put an end to drug dealers in the state. The movie showcases Punjab Government's efforts and fight against this menace. The film promises to be an eye opener for the youth, with a whole new perspective on life. The film stars Dev Kharoud and Japji Khaira in the lead roles, along with an army of talented actors like Nishwan Bhullar, Raj Singh Jhinger, Lucky Dhaliwal, Preet Baath, Balwinder Bullet, Karanvir Khullar, Deep Mandeep Sahib Singh, Anita Meet, Gurmukh Ginji.

Power dept raids Gurdwara Sahib building, fines millions of rupees

VICKY BHABAT ZIRAKPUR: A team of Punjab Power Department has received the news of raid on Gurdwara Sahib building at village Ramgarh Bhuda under Municipal Council Zirakpur today. According to reliable sources, A raid was carried out at Gurdwara Sahib today by the enforcement team of power department Dera Bassi under the leadership of Axiar Balwinder Kumar regarding the case of power theft. Alleging that the building of Gurdwara Sahib has been fined around Rs. The ongoing raids are reprehensible. When contacted, Balwinder Kumar, Axiar, Enforcement Dera Bassi, declined to comment on the matter and asked to speak to Kannu Katrai and Zirakpur Sub-Divisional Officer Parveen Kumar. Talking about the matter, SDO Zirakpur Parveen Kumar said that he has received a report from Axiar Enforcement Dera Bassi regarding Gurdwara Ramgarh Bhuda Sahib regarding power theft. Regarding the fine, he said that the amount of fine would be around four or five lakh rupees.

DC instructs health dept to ensure 100 yards area around educational institutions as tobacco free

BAHADURJEET SINGH RUPNAGAR, MAY 17

To further tighten the noose around the neck of offenders who are violating the anti tobacco law, Rupnagar deputy commissioner Dr Preeti Yadav on Tuesday issued instructions to the health department . to ensure 100 yards area around the educational institutions as tobacco free. While presiding over the meeting of District Level Tobacco Control Committee here, she said that the area within 100 yards of schools and colleges has been declared as Tobacco Free Zone. Therefore, the health department should ensure strict implementation of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, (COTPA) 2003 and also make the students of educational institutions aware about this and motivate them to avoid the use of tobacco.

UT Advisor chairs second state level NCORD meeting

CHANDIGARH, MAY 17

Dharampal, IAS Advisor to the UT Administrator chaired the second State Level NCORD Meeting which was convened by Shri Gyaneshwar Singh, IPS DDG (NR) NCB and attended by Sh. Nitin Yadav, IAS Secretary (Home) along with departmental heads/representatives including Secretary Health, Secretary Excise, Secretary Education, Secretary Social Welfare, SSP Crime UT, DD DRI, ZD NCB, AD NCB, AD Mail Department of Posts, DIG -BSF, among others. Sh. Amanjit Singh, IRS, Zonal Director NCB briefed the chair on the drug trafficking scenario in the UT of Chandigarh. A detailed presentation on the NCORD mechanism & Agenda items by Shri Gyaneshwar Singh, IPS DDG (NR) NCB



The drug situation in Chandigarh was discussed in length consequent to which the Advisor took the following critical decisions: a) Chandigarh to have a dedicated Anti Narcotic Task Force to be headed by IG rank officer. b) A dedicated anti dark net cell to be set up by the

cyber cell UT Police which will check the drug trade through dark web and prevent the spread of its tentacles in Chandigarh. College students/ volunteers to be involved in this project. c) Sniffer dogs & scanners to be deployed at major mailing hubs to check drug smuggling through

post/courier.

d) All Pubs & Restaurants in Chandigarh to mandatorily display 'Anti-Drug Signage'.

e) NCB will provide a dedicated control room number to deal with complaints of drug smuggling.

f) Drug smuggling prone routes/borders of the

city to be patrolled by police regularly.

g) Capacity building to tackle drug smuggling will be given utmost importance by all departments & drug law enforcement agencies.

h) Mass anti-drug awareness programs to be launched targeting the vulnerable sections.

Monthly distribution of rations to widows



NEERAJ SHARMA MOHALI, MAY 17

Needy widows can collect free ration from the premise of Flames of Fire Ministries in Sanauli or from Ashish Mittal Foundation office located in village Changeria every month. Ashish Mittal, chairman of Ashish Mittal Foundation said that dry ration are distributed to the needy widows. Donors can visit tfom.com to donate and also avail tax benefits under sector 80G. He further added that widows can also receive financial aid and skill trainings to be financially independent through joint efforts of the Flames of Fire Ministries and Ashish Mittal Foundation.

Online registration of laborers done on second day of camp set up to make labour card



QADIAN (VERMA): On the second day of the camp organized to make labor cards of workers in the BVP office qadian under the leadership of president Mukesh Verma, in collaboration with District Labor Enforcement Officer Navdeep Singh, online Registration was done.

Giving information in this regard, the President of the organization, Mukesh Verma said that the camp for the second day was organized from 11 am to 5 pm. During this camp specially Akwant Kaur, Technical Operator Sahil Kaushal, "Bikram Singh's special team arrived. The process of online registration of 65 labourers whose file were filed on monday in the BVP office commenced. Giving information on this occasion, Mukesh Verma said that in the second day's camp under the supervision of Labor Enforcement Officer Navdeep Singh, some new labour forms have also been filled and their online registration has also been done. He said that the remaining forms would be registered with the labor card at the local BVP office on Wednesday. He also told that those who are registered laborers are provided special facilities by the government.

Meshaan Foundation - Social organisation, observes founder's day



SD SHARMA PANCHKULA, MAY 17

Meshaan Foundation, a not-for-profit organisation that conducts different socially beneficial projects, celebrated its founder's day - 'Meshaan Day' with great fervour at Yavanika Open Air Theatre, Sector 5 here.

The purpose of the program was to express gratitude to all its members and supporters. The chief guest at the occasion was Dr. Richa Rathi, SDM Panchkula and celebrity guests were RJ Manav and Deepali Rajput, who is a Punjabi actress known for her roles in 'The Great Sardar' and 'Jinnee Jamme Saare Nikamme'. The

program started with the opening address of Dr(Mrs). Prabhjot Guron, Founder of Meshaan Foundation, who shared information about the event and also highlighted all the social work done by the Foundation in the last 3 years. Dr. Guron also briefed the audience about the Foundation's contribution to society. The address was followed by a lamp lighting ceremony by the chief guest.

The highlight of the event was a skit presented by children associated with Meshaan Foundation that was based on two important projects undertaken by the Foundation - Menstrual Hygiene and Self Defense for Girls.

World hypertension day observed at Civil hospital Jagraon



SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON MAY 17

As per the instructions of civil surgeon Ludhiana Dr. SP Singh, world hypertension day was observed at civil hospital Jagraon under the guidance of SMO Dr. Pardeep Mahindra. Dr. Sunita Luthra, Dr. Ankush Bansal, Dr. Ajayveer, Dr. Juvraj, Dr. Pavandeep Singh spread awareness about the causes and symptoms of hypertension and its adverse effects.

They elaborated on the symptoms, precautions and treatments of hypertension. They stated that it leads to headache and causes decline

in eyesight. They suggested that the initial symptoms should not be ignored and proper treatment should be initiated to control hypertension, also, treatment and check up for hypertension is available at civil hospital Jagraon. "Patients of hypertension should avoid high quantity of salt and fried food," they said.

Dr. Ankush Bansal mentioned that pregnant women are at a higher risk for hypertension and more precautions shall be taken in pregnancy. The people benefitted from the awareness camp and learned about hypertension and its ill effects.

Dr. Ashok Kumar reviews activities of KVK and FASC Rupnagar

BAHADURJEET SINGH RUPNAGAR, MAY 17

Dr. Ashok Kumar, Director of extension education, Punjab Agricultural University on Tuesday inaugurated the session of five days vocational training programme on dairy farming at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Rupnagar.

The team also visited the fields of progressive farmers Sumer Bahadur Singh, village Lalpur, Nurpur Bedi and Varinder Singh, vegetable grower, village Shampura, Rupnagar. Dr Ashok Kumar along with additional director of extension education Dr GPS Sodhi and Senior Entomologist Dr. Sandeep Singh, PAU, Ludhiana also visited the different demonstration units at KVK premises as well as at farm and appreciated the ventures of the KVK and gave valuable suggestions.

Dr. Agarwals Eye Hospitals acquires five eye hospitals in Tricity

CS JOLLY CHANDIGARH, MAY 17

Chennai-based Dr. Agarwals Eye Hospitals, the country's leading eyecare chain, has established its presence in the Tricity region by acquiring five eye hospitals, including 2 in Chandigarh, 2 in Panchkula, and 1 in Mohali. These include units of Mirchia's Laser Eye Clinic, JP Eye Hospital and Dr. Monica's Eye Clinic, which have been eyecare centres of repute in the area for several years. The acquisition has expanded the presence of Dr. Agarwals Eye Hospitals to Punjab, Haryana, and Chandigarh, taking the total tally of its existing centres across the country to 110.

Said Dr. Amar Agarwal, Chairman, Dr. Agarwals Eye Hospitals: "We are absolutely delighted that these five eye hospitals, counted among Tricity's top eyecare facilities, are now a part of Dr. Agarwals Eye

CM Punjab donates Rs 2.5 cr for welfare of legal fraternity at Bar Association



RAJIV JAIN CHANDIGARH, MAY 17

Chief Minister, Punjab Bhagwant Mann along with Rajya Sabha member Raghav Chadha visited the Punjab and Haryana High Court Bar Association at Chandigarh and shared his views with the members of the Bar Association.

Present on the occasion includes Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court, Justice Ravi Shanker Jha, other judges, Advocate General Punjab and Advocate General Haryana, Additional

Solicitor General of India and Assistant Solicitor General of India and numerous senior advocates. Chief Minister has announced Rs. 2.5 Crore for the welfare of the members of the Bar Association and the development of the Bar Association of Punjab & Haryana High Court Bar President Santokhinder Singh Grewal (Nabha), Vice President, Karan Nehra, Honorary Secretary Vishal Aggarwal, Treasurer Sahil Gambhir and Joint Secretary Kanu Sharma thanked the CM for this gesture.

Large convoy of farmers leaves Morinda for Chandigarh Dharna



SANJEEV TELPAL MORINDA, MAY 17

Due to the evasive policy adopted by the Punjab government regarding the demands of the farmers, a large number of workers of the farmers' organizations left Morinda for Chandigarh to start a permanent dharna in Chandigarh at the invitation of the United Kisan Morcha.

Farmers from Morinda and Sri Chamkaur Sahib blocks gathered at Gurdwara Shaheed Ganj Sahib in tractor-trolleys and other vehicles. Farmer Leader Charan Singh Mundian District President Bhartiya Kisan Union (Lakhowal) said that in the recent past Punjab Chief Minister Mr. Bhagwant Mann had met the leaders of the farmers' organizations and announced to meet the demands of the farmers. And promised to meet again, but so far no meaningful action has

been taken on these demands. Referring to the demands, the farmer leader Mr. Mundian said that the yield of wheat has been very low this year so a bonus should be given. Power supply should be provided for 10 hours uninterrupted for planting of paddy from June 10. He said that farmers were ready for crop diversification But Punjab Government should announce to procure Basmati, Peanut, Corn, Maize and Sunflower at MSP and remunerative prices. Speaking on the occasion, the farmer leader Daljit Singh Chalaki said that the government should announce the purchase MSP of Basmati at the rate of Rs. 4500 / - per quintal. Speaking on the occasion Block President Gurcharan Singh Dholanmagra said that this dharna was being organized on the call of United Kisan Morcha and would continue indefinitely till the demands were met.



Hospitals. North India, especially Punjab and Haryana, is a very important market for us due to the huge unmet demand for super-specialty eyecare and advanced capabilities in treating eye diseases. As India's leading chain of eye hospitals, we are delighted to establish our presence in Chandigarh, Panchkula, and Mohali, and are fully committed to offering the best eyecare to our patients. We will be introducing for the people of Tricity latest technologies for basic and advanced procedures as well as diagnostic tests and state-of-the-art surgeries in eyecare on par with international standards." Added Dr. Adil Agarwal, CEO, Dr. Agarwals Eye Hospitals: "Expanding our

presence to the Tricity by acquiring the best eye hospitals in the three cities is a significant milestone for us in our national expansion.

Our ideology is to provide quality eyecare to people and bring advanced technology to far-reaching corners of the country. We have aggressive growth plans, especially for North India and states like Punjab and Haryana. We have added more than 60 units to our network in the past 5 years alone, and plan to double our current network of hospitals to more than 200 in the next 3-4 years."

The company has been on a growth spree across the country through acquisitions and establishing new facilities.

Yoga very useful for development, health of students: Gursharan Singh

DALJEET AJNOHA-HOSHIARPUR, MAY 17

District level Yoga Olympiad was organized today at Government Senior Secondary School, Khuaspur Hiran, in which 64 winning students from different zones of the district participated. Addressing the award function on the occasion, Gursharan Singh, District Education Officer (SE) Hoshiarpur said that Yoga is very beneficial for the personality and health of the students in today's time and the



enthusiasm of the students participating in this Olympiad is commendable. It is a compliment for which the teachers and heads of the respective schools deserve congratulations. He distributed prizes to the winners of the competition. He was accompanied by Rakesh Ku-

mar, Deputy District Education Officer (SE) and Daljit Singh D. M. Sports. Principal Ramandeep Kaur welcomed the guests. Prabhjot Singh, Naresh Kumar, Rekha Rani, Gurdeep Kaur, Reena Rani, Sharanjit Kaur were present in the judging panel.

Punjab govt is committed to provide clean, transparent admn in state: Jimpa

DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, MAY 17

The Cabinet Minister, Punjab, Shri Bram Shankar Jimpa said that the Punjab Government is committed to provide a clean and transparent administration and work is being done in this direction in the entire state under the leadership of Chief Minister Shri Bhagwant Mann. He was addressing the residents of the area while inaugurating the road from Shergarh bypass to village Shergarh at a cost of Rs 7.43 lakh today. He said that recently the Chief Minister has is-



sued strict instructions to crack down on drug mafia and take serious steps in this direction. The cabinet minister said that in order to provide employment to the youth in the state, the state government has started a massive recruitment drive to fill 26,754 posts. He said that the State Government is committed to complete the process of filling up these posts in a transparent and fair manner. He said

that work is being done in the state to solve every small and big problem related to the people. Shri Bram Shankar Jimpa said that Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has started an excellent program for on-the-spot redressal of grievances of the people by launching 'Lok Milani', which has further strengthened the faith of the people of the state in the Punjab Government.

DAV College organises
16th National Youth
Parliament



HARPREET SINGH LEHAL
JALANDHAR: DAV College under the aegis of Department of Political Science organized the 16th National Youth Parliament at the Group Level. Honourable Sh. Ajay Goswami ji, Secretary, DAV College Managing Committee New Delhi graced the occasion with his benign presence and blessed the participating students. Principal Salil Kumar Uppal while highlighting the importance of National Youth parliament .Dr. Dinesh Arora was the Coordinator of the said programme. The event was evaluated by a jury of three judges namely, Sh. Rana Gurjeet Singh, MLA, Dr. B Moomin, Group Coordinator, from Udaipur, Rajasthan, Prof. Dr. Viney Kapoor Mehra, Former Vice-Chancellor, Dr. B R Ambedkar National Law University, Sonapat. The jury selected 6 students as the best members of Youth Parliament, namely Ms. Tanishqa Anand, Mr. Gori Nandan, Ms. Aditi, Ms. Vidhu Tandon, Ms. Harleen Kaur, Ms. Ankita Malhotra and Mr. Aakash Wadhwa. Sh. Lekh Raj Nayyar IRS, Prof K K Ghai, Prof. Satish Tandon, Dr. Ashwani Sharma, Dr. B. B. Sharma, Dr. Rajan Sharma, Dr. Arun Mehra, Former Registrar, PTU Amritsar Campus were the Guests of Honour. The winners, guests of honour and the judges were duly honoured by the Chief Guest Sh Rana Gurjit Singh and Principal Salil Kumar Uppal along with Vice Principal Prof. Archana Oberoi. Prof. Vipin Kumar Jhanji presented the Vote Thanks.

People upset due to
excavation on Brahmapur
to Bhadrakali road



UNA: On the Brampur to Bhadrakali road coming under the Gagret assembly constituency of district Una, the Jal Shakti Department had excavated along with the road construction for laying the pipeline under the Har Har Nal scheme, due to which the general public had many difficulties in using that route. Problems are being faced when the team took stock of the spot and found that the excavation has been done on the right side of the road for the pipeline but, when a passenger uses that route, it is enough to get the pass. Problems are being faced, neither has any sign board been put up by the department that further work is in progress, nor has the board of diversion been marked there. Xen HL Sharma of PWD Department said that no one has come to our department regarding road excavation. Permission has also not been taken.

Accused arrested in
online fraud case



S GAUTAM
BADDI: On complaint of Shyendra Pandey resident village and post office Garhi Dhamkan, Tehsil Jaura, District Morena, Madhya Pradesh, a case was registered. Accused Ehtsham Hussain resident Baniyafukar, Kolkata, was arrested on Monday by the Baddi police team led by Satnam Singh, Police Station Baddi and brought Baddi on transit remand and produced him at Nalagarh today. Police remand was given. The interrogation of the accused is going on regarding the involvement of other persons in the case.

LPU boxer confirms Medal at
Women's World Boxing
Championships- 2022



JALANDHAR: A woman-boxer at Lovely Professional University (LPU), Parveen (63kg) has confirmed a top medal at on-going International Boxing Association (IBA) Women's World Boxing Championships-2022 at Istanbul in Turkey. Assuring her first World Championships medal by reaching its semi-finals, Parveen won over Shoir Zulkaynarova of Tajikistan. She will now be up against Ireland's Amy Broadhurst in the semi-final, with her fierce punches and hooks.Parveen initially seemed hesitant but as the time ticked, she attacked her Tajak opponent to notch up a memorable win at IBA Women's WBC 2022. Championship will conclude on 20th May, 2022, where top 310 woman-boxers from 73 nations are participating.

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022

SC directs ED to interrogate TMC leader Abhishek Banerjee, his wife in Kolkata

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, MAY 17

The Supreme Court on Tuesday directed the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to interrogate Trinamool Congress (TMC) leader Abhishek Banerjee and his wife Rujira Banerjee in Kolkata instead of Delhi.

A bench of Justices UU Lalit, S Ravindra Bhat and Sudhanshu Dhulia said the ED has to give at least 24 hours prior notice to the couple before interrogation and simultaneously a notice shall be issued to the Commissioner of Police and Chief Secretary of Kolkata. AThe Supreme Court of in an interim order stayed Delhi High Court March 11 order by which Banerjees' pleas against the issuance of summons by the ED were dismissed. The Court said it would not tolerate any kind of obstruction and interference by state machinery if ED interrogates the Banerjees in Kolkata. The apex court also issued notice to the ED on Banerjees' appeal against the High Court order and sought a



response within three weeks and posted the matter for hearing on July 19. The State of West Bengal assured the Supreme Court that complete assistance shall be rendered by West Bengal to ED officials. In case there is any interference, the ED shall approach the vacation court of the apex court, said the SC. The West Bengal government has assured that in case any complaint is filed against ED officials no coercive action will be initiated, noted SC in its order. The ED is conducting the investigation in a money-

laundering probe, linked to an alleged coal scam in West Bengal, in which the agency had issued summons to the Banerjee couple. Abhishek Banerjee, the nephew of TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee, had told the apex court that he is ready to be probed by the ED in Kolkata.

The Banerjees have challenged the summons issued to them by the ED for appearance here in connection with the money laundering probe linked to an alleged coal scam in West Bengal. They have requested the

Case registered against minor girl for running away from home on pretext of marriage

VICKY BHABAT
ZIRAKPUR: A case has been registered against a man by the local police for allegedly kidnapping a minor girl on the pretext of marriage. According to information received, Ram Singh, a resident of Bhabat village in Uttar Pradesh, said that the 17-year-old girl was studying in 10th class with her classmate Aman Gautam, son of Budh Ram, a resident of UP Hall, Gadown area, Zirakpur. Yesterday, the boy swindled his daughter out of the house by cheating on her marriage. The local police have registered a case under Sections 303 and 366-A against the man on the basis of a complaint and further legal action has been initiated against him.

Chief Secretary reviews preparation of PM visit to Shimla

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAY 17

Chief Secretary Ram Subhag Singh here today presided over the meeting regarding preparation for forthcoming visit of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 31st May, 2022 for a National Level Programme. He said the proposed National Level Programme would be organised at Shimla and a public rally would take place on the Ridge, Shimla. Chief Secretary informed that the Governments have undertaken a multitude of schemes catering to the diverse needs of the needy. He said that during the National Level programme, the Prime Minister would virtually interact with beneficiaries of 11 such selected schemes, which would include beneficiaries of 773 districts from across the nation, including 12 districts of Himachal Pradesh. As many as 40 beneficiaries of each selected scheme would join the interactive session with the Prime Minister. He said that the 11 selected scheme include Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojna, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi, Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala



Yojna, Poshan Abhiyan, Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojna, Swachh Bharat Mission, Jal Jeevan Mission & Amrut, Pradhan Mantri SVANidhi Scheme, One Nation One Ration Card, Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojna, Ayushman Bharat PM Jan Arogya Yojna, Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centre and Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojna. He also informed that the Prime Minister would also release the 11th installment of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojna during the programme. Chief Secretary directed the concerned line departments to ensure proper arrangements and to make all out efforts to ensure success of the event. He said that digital screens would be installed at state head quarter, district head quarters and Krishi Vigyan Kendra to ensure participation of the beneficiaries.

Traffic police issued challans for overloaded school buses



BHUPINDER KAPOOR
RAJPURA/BANUR, MAY 17

Traffic Police Banur today set up a special barrier at the barrier and issued challan for 2 overloaded school vehicles. Speaking on the occasion ASI Ashok Kumar Traffic Incharge Banur said that as per the orders of SP Traffic Dr. Simrat Kaur a special blockade was set up at Banur Barrier to check the school vehicles. The traffic in-charge said that any school vehicle violating the Safe School Transport Policy will not be spared. He appealed to the parents to ensure compliance of these rules so that there would be no inconvenience to the children traveling in these vehicles. He was accompanied by ASI Maluk Singh, Paramjit Singh, Randhir Singh, Harpal Singh and Satish Kumar among others.

Only person of registered organisation a mediaman

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
YAMUNANAGAR, MAY 17

In the district, such persons who are not associated with any print media and electronic media institute, cannot do coverage of any programme as per the rules. If such a person who is not associated with any institution and personally goes to any office and institution and covers himself as a media person, then legal action will be taken against him by the administration. Such a person should not be considered in the category of media. District Information and Public Relations Officer Sunil Bastara said that after holding talks with media persons and district administration officials, it was decided that some persons who do not have appointment letters of registered institutes from RNI and Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, government will not be included in the category of media personnel. He said that only the person of the registered institution is considered as a media person. If any person who holds the appointment letter of a registered institution, then he can submit it to the office of the District Information and Public Relations Officer. Such a person will also be informed of all the programmes. But some people are doing coverage in the field without any ID by personally posing as journalists in offices and institutions, which is wrong as per the rules. He said that it has been seen that some people do coverage of programmes with personal ID and their phones and they reach out to the institutions and authorities for coverage without any permission, which is wrong. He said that any media person who wants to get information from any officer and department can get information through the office of District Information, Public Relations Department.

Staff shortage hits Hospital function

ANWAR HUSSAIN
NALAGARH, MAY 17

Many posts of specialists are lying vacant in Nalagarh Hospital, due to which people are facing a lot of problems. There are 6 doctors posted in the hospital, out of which one doctor will start work.Post of radiologist is lying vacant for about eight months, while the post of ophthalmologist is also lying vacant for three years. The posts of MD Medicine including ENT specialist, filled up till few months back, are also lying vacant. Important posts of many specialist doctors are running vacant in Nalagarh hospital, out of which the post of ophthalmologist and



radiologist is running vacant. Earlier two radiologists were posted in the hospital, out of which one radiologist retired, while the other radiologists had transferred from here on promotion. Post of MD Medicine is also vacant since last month. Apart from this, the post of

Anesthesiologist is also lying vacant. BMO Nalagarh Dr. Manoj Dixit said that the information of vacant posts has been given to department from time to time and under National Program, ultrasounds of pregnant women are being done free of cost.

SDM takes stock of cleaning of Sirhind choe, Nabha drain



RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA, MAY 17

Under the direction of Deputy Commissioner Sakshi Sahni, SDM Nabha Kannu Garg visited Sirhind Choe and Nabha drain and reviewed the sanitation works. He directed the officers to immediately complete the necessary arrangements for drainage of

water so that residents do not face any problem during the rainy season. He asked the officials to ensure cleanliness of drains and drains passing through the villages. He directed the officers of the concerned departments to ensure timely completion of cleaning of drains passing through Nabha area without any delay so that flood-like situation could be avoided during the rainy season.

Tragedy lurks as complaints about broken bridge railing go unheeded



RK KASHYAP
CHHCHHRAULI, MAY 17

The railing of the bridge over the Hydrel canal at Dadupur head is broken which can result in an accident anytime. It may be mentioned that in the summer season, tourists keep coming and going at Dadupur Head. The people of nearby villages also keep coming to Dadupur head for their work. The iron railing on the bridge coming from Jayadhari side at Dadupur head has been broken for the last several days which could lead to an accident anytime. Despite the fact that complaint has been made to the irrigation department in this regard, no attention is being paid to the broken railing. This broken railing is attached to the bridge over the Hydrel canal. Villagers Chandrapal, Sanjeev Kumar, Rakesh, Rohit said that water runs 24 hours in the canal of Hydrel Link and the iron railing of the culvert built on it has been broken for a long time due to which the fear of mishap remains.

Kanwar inaugurates and lays foundation stone of Rs 14 cr projects in Balha Khalsa and Changar

BUREAU
UNA, MAY 17

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Husbandry Minister Virendra Kanwar today inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of about Rs. 14 crore projects in Gram Panchayat Balh Khalsa and Changar under Sampark Se Samarth Yatra. On this occasion, Virendra Kanwar said that main objective is to establish direct dialogue with the public at village level and expedite the works by reviewing the progress of development works. He said that it is the result of the cooperation of residents of Kutlahar which is continuously moving on path of development. He also said that most of the villages in Kutlahar assembly constituency have been connected with road. He said Kutlahar is on the way to become a model assembly constituency. Rs 180 crore is being spent on construction and maintenance of roads here. Una-Behru NH has been constructed at a cost of Rs. 44 crore and PGI Satellite Center under construction at Malahat would also benefit the Kutlahar area. Kanwar said that every effort is being made to develop Kutlahar in terms of tourism. For this, Kutlahar Tourism Development Committee has also been formed. He said, paragliding trials including water sports activities in Govind Sagar Lake have been successful and with the development of these activities, thousands of people will get employment opportunities in the area directly and indirectly.

Choked drain raises residents' hackles

RK KASHYAP
CHHCHHRAULI, MAY 17

The dirty water drain in Pathanan mohalla of Chhchhrauli remains a problem for the people. This drain is blocked for a long time, due to which the residents of the locality are facing great trouble. The residents of the locality allege that the safai sewaks do the cleaning only for the sake of it. The drain is not being cleaned properly. Pathanam mohalla residents Ikram, Bharatlal, Darshan Lal, Rajkumar, Rajindra, Liaquat, Atul, Amjad, Akram while giving information said that dirty water drain in the mohalla is lying blocked for a long time. Due to which foul stench keeps coming from the drain all the time. Flies and mosquitoes are breeding in the locality due to the dirt of the drain, due to which the residents of the locality are facing lot of problems. Locals say that the CM has also lodged a complaint in the window regarding the drain in the block. Despite that, no

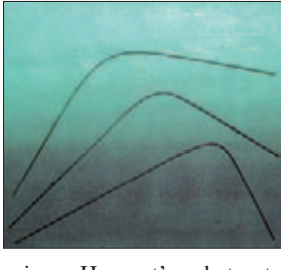


action was taken by the administration. Dirt accumulated in the drain is causing diseases. Cases of malaria, cholera and diarrhea are surfacing in the locality. Residents of the locality say that no action has been taken till date on the complaint given through the CM window. The residents of the locality have demanded immediate cleaning of the drain. Panchayat secretary Shamsher says that the closed drain will be cleaned by sending cleaners.

Exhibition of abstract art 'Expressions of Nature' by Hemant Malhotra begins

NEW DELHI, MAY 17

An exhibition of abstract art titled 'Expressions of Nature' by Hemant Malhotra at Shridharani Art Gallery, New Delhi. The exhibition will continue till 31st May. The exhibition features a selection of 35 works of art in varied mediums including oil, acrylic and mixed media paintings on canvas, created over the period of the past years.The solo exhibition of artist Hemant Malhotra showcases his paintings created over the years which are truly inspired by nature and emanates the minute nuances of life with which he has been working for years. A full-time art practitioner now, Hemant has worked for several years as an IT



Specialist Officer with the Indian Overseas Bank. He is an alumnus of The Doon School, Dehradun. He has been inclined towards art since his childhood and subsequently realized his true love for art and decided to devote and dedicate his time to pursue and practice art after superannuation. His creative expression has taken abstract forms that include fluidity, elusiveness, and

enigma.Hemant's abstracts explore nature in art. His colour palette offers a wide range of textures, lines, shapes and colours. He developed his own technique for creating the textures using paint layers, sand, iron rod etc. His works are nothing more than adding nature to a canvas to give it a sense of depth or perspective. In a non-representational way his

depiction of a mountain, desert, skyline for example, the sublime can be represented as well as a sense of wonderment.

His interplay with different colours and tones could be unified to various human moods or with season change, works that could be placed on similar lines include 'Sunset', 'Serenity' and 'Cloudy night'.

Whereas some works give an indication of capturing a particular moment of the day for instance the painting titled as 'View from the window'. According to the artist, "The moments captured in these works are but fleeting moments and fade from our memory soon after they are seen in reality.

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022

EDITORIAL

India roasted

India is feeling the heat in ways other than the rising prices. The ongoing heatwave, in which temperatures have shot above 45 degree Celsius in many parts of northwest and central India, highlights the rising climate risks and their attendant costs. Heatwaves, beginning earlier than in the past, are part of a changing climate whose defining features, in addition to the gradual rise in temperature, are an increased frequency and intensity of extreme weather events. The human and economic costs of extreme heat conditions often go untraced and uncounted even as adaptation diffuses recognition somewhat. Summed across the population and over time however, the costs are significant. So are the macroeconomic consequences. The current heatwave illustrates some of these.

The most obvious is agriculture where the government has just banned wheat exports, the latest and sharpest in a series of responses to the shortfall caused by the sudden rise in temperature in mid-March, a critical time for crop maturity. Expected yield losses are about 15-20%, production is estimated to be 6% less than what was initially projected (111.32 million tonnes), with some reports stating that the internal assessment is less (98 mt) and that the struggling public procurement could be half the original target. Wheat proportions in the food subsidy scheme stand diluted, wheat allocations to 10 states under the food security law have been cut, procurement times extended, and quality specifications relaxed. Price pressures are never far behind output deficits and, predictably, wheat prices rose almost 10% year-on-year against 8.4% food inflation in April from 7.7% in March; wheat flour or atta prices have risen too.

Altogether, the supply-demand developments triggered by the unusual heat impact aggregate output and consumption. The macroeconomic consequences are significant because a large fraction of Indian labour is farm-based, low-earning, with a high marginal propensity to consume. Cumulative costs of such deviations in temperature rarely feature in the public discourse or are recognized, but studies over long periods capture substantial effects of increased temperatures upon crop yields, real wages and rural mortality rates. In this instance, besides denting the macroeconomic outlook and disrupting business plans, the sudden export ban has also damaged India's credibility because the prime minister himself stated recently that Indian exports would help resolve global scarcities.

How greenhouse gas emissions can be reduced

According to a study by a team of Potsdam scientists, global food system needs to be transformed in order to drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The group led by the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) used a quantitative food and land system model to gauge the effects of degrowth and efficiency proposals on the food sector's greenhouse gas emissions. They found combining a dietary shift, emissions pricing, and international income transfers could make the world's food system emissions-neutral by the end of the 21st century - providing at the same time a healthier nutrition for a growing world population.

"Just shrinking the size of our current food system won't cut emissions much. Instead, we need to transform the very nature of that global food system," said Benjamin Bodirsky, researcher at PIK and the World Vegetable Center in Tainan, Taiwan and author of the study.

"That means on the one hand that people consume what they need in terms of nutritional requirements, curb food waste and eat a more balanced diet, with much more vegetables and fewer animal products. On the other hand, a qualitative transformation means more efficiency, hence producing food in a less-polluting way: smarter dosing of fertilizers or planting higher-yield crops. Also, carbon pricing could help steer farmers towards lower-emission agricultural practices, because emitting less than means paying less. Put together, this could drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions," Benjamin Bodirsky added.

The way we produce food and manage our land is responsible for up to a third of global greenhouse gas emissions along the entire supply chain.



"So we looked at what this system would look like in a hypothetical degrowth world: On the basis of a review of degrowth proposals, we created a set of scenarios to feed into a food and land systems computer simulation to explore their effect on the food system," David Chen, researcher at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research and author

of the study, explained. "We took a step back from the heated normative debates about degrowth. What we found is that the current food system is basically unsustainable for any society, regardless of economic growth rates," David Chen stated.

The simulations show that simply curbing growth in rich countries would

not yield sizable sustainability benefits in the food system. Financial transfers from higher- to lower-income countries within the current development paradigm may even increase emissions. That is because carbon-intensive diet changes towards animal products and processed foods are most pronounced when countries move from low to medium incomes.

A sustainable diet benefits planet and people

Yet when the scientists included consumption changes and efficiency gains incentivized by a price on carbon, the results showed an improved nutritional outcome for all consumers, lower greenhouse gas emissions, and in consequence also less economic activity in agriculture required for food production.

"For the food sector, we can say that a certain degree of degrowth would be the result of the sustainable transformation, not the starting point. So basically this is not really about less but about different growth," said Hermann Lotze-Campen, co-author from the Potsdam Institute.

Importantly, a sustainable food system transformation that takes into account all costs for the environment would entail a slight increase in food prices - felt especially by the poor, the scientists show.

Any transformation hence must be accompanied by a well thought out policy mix of smart taxing schemes, social compensation for CO2 pricing, and international transfers. Also, making agriculture more climate-friendly, e.g. by controlling nitrogen flows in croplands, requires investment. These costs, however, are likely offset by the restoration of ecosystem services.

Ashok Vatika faces financial crunch amid Sri Lankan crisis



Amid the ongoing crisis in Sri Lanka, Ashok Vatika of the Ramayana fame located in Nuwara Eliya of the island nation, which is also known as Sita Amman Temple, is facing the financial crunch.

The temple management is facing a lot of difficulty amid the economic meltdown. Temple chairman and Nuwara Eliya Member of Parliament, V Radhakrishnan expressed very serious concern that the temple and its staff are facing a tough time to run the Sita Mata Temple, in an exclusive interview with ANI. "Ashok Vatika played an important role in Ramayana, and many devotees from India especially from North India come here but no one is coming now. It's tough to run the temple while its development is dependent on devotees and tourists. Staff is also

facing problems," V Radhakrishnan, Chairman of Sita temple told ANI. "Tourists are afraid to visit Sri Lanka right now," he further added. It is mentioned in Ramayana how Ravana brought Sita and kept her in Ashoka Vatika. The economic condition is deteriorating in Sri Lanka with shortages of basic necessities, including medicines, cooking gas, fuel and food, because of a shortage of hard currency to pay for imports. Pramod, a tour guide, having experience of more than 10 years said that he has had no income for so long. "I have never seen Sita temple empty before. People used to offer prayers here every time but now no devotees come here. People are afraid to come because Sri Lanka is suffering from huge power cuts, there is no diesel-petrol and gas," he told.

Companies relocate investments as China reels under strict lockdowns

China's infamous Zero-COVID policy has gained eyeballs for all the wrong reasons and amid this European and US companies in China have expressed concern about an increasingly unstable investment climate due to seemingly unending lockdowns and severe disease control measures.

Many foreign companies are looking to shut down their businesses and relocate as China continues to remain marred with unending restrictions. Even though Xinhua, the Chinese state-controlled media while issuing an article on May 12 called on foreign businessmen not to leave but it seems like companies already had a reality check, reported The Hong Kong Post. These foreign companies are reluctant to continue their businesses in China as the country's policies framed to contain COVID are taking a toll on their businesses. Companies wish to think for the future and with China's high handedness in combatting COVID, the future to these companies seems bleak. According to a report on May 5, the European Union Chamber of Commerce in China said that in a recent survey, European companies said that



China's zero policy on the epidemic had severely hit their supply chains, and they were forced to cut staff, lower revenue forecasts. Nearly a third of those companies said they had made layoffs.

Foreign companies in China are left with no choice but to divert their investments to other markets. The data collected in numerous surveys also suggested the same will of these companies. According to the internal survey, 23 per cent of the 372 companies that responded were considering moving current or planned investments out of mainland China, more than double the January survey and the highest percentage in a

decade.

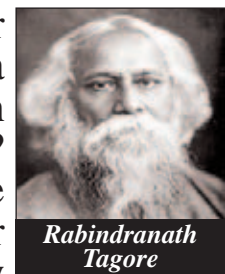
Moreover, about 78 per cent of respondents said mainland China is now less attractive to investors due to the so-called zero-clearing policy, as per the media portal. Jorg Wuttke, President of the European Union Chamber of Commerce in China said, "We've seen the damage to our business," and added that companies are putting investment on hold because of what's happening in China. Companies are not worried for no reason. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization, made the WHO's views on China's COVID policies clear on 10 May.

POEMS

Lamp Of Love

Light, oh where is the light?
Kindle it with the burning fire
of desire! There is the lamp but never
a flicker of a flame---is such
thy fate, my heart?
Ah, death were better by far for thee!
Misery knocks at thy door,
and her message is that thy lord
is wakeful, and he calls thee to
the love-tryst through the darkness
of night. The sky is overcast
with clouds and the rain is
ceaseless. I know not what this
is that stirs in me---I know not
its meaning.

Rabindranath Tagore



CBBOs and FPOs to play significant role in doubling of farmers' income: Kailash Choudhary

Cluster-Based Business Organizations (CBBOs) and Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) will play significant role in doubling of farmers income and to fulfil the visionary dream of Hon'ble Prime Minister for which he encouraged CBBOs and FPOs to do continuous hard work for benefits of farmers of the country. Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shri Kailash Choudhary said this today after inaugurating a regional conference for CBBOs and FPOs under the 10,000 FPO Scheme of Government of India in Panchkula, Haryana.

The minister appreciated the efforts made so far and directed the CBBOs and Implementing Agencies to focus on supporting FPOs, motivating farmers to contribute the equity, apply for the support. Minister of Agriculture, Government of Haryana, Shri Jai Prakash Dalal encouraged farmers/FPOs for sustainable income-oriented farming & emphasized the importance of the collective action. On the occasion, he said that he is confident that this



scheme will meet the need and aspirations of FPOs and create a supportive ecosystem for them; and thus FPOs will be viable and economically sustainable. Considering CBBOs significance and FPOs experience in the field level implementation, 50

representatives of CBBOs and 300 representatives from FPOs working in Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh and Punjab are invited in today's regional conference. All the Implementing Agencies, senior officers from State Govern-

ments dealing with FPOs are also invited. Dr N. Vijaya Lakshmi, Joint Secretary (Marketing), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Government of India, addressed the gathering and shared the progress of the scheme which also includes benefits provided to FPOs under the scheme, expectations from CBBOs and take forward the scheme in the way and manner as it was envisaged. Dr. Arjun Saini, Managing Director, SFAC- Haryana, offered vote of thanks to the dignitaries and the participants of the conference. He further added that SFACH has pioneered the formation & promotion of FPOs and is progressing towards establishing an ecosystem for FPOs to make them sustainable. Aggregation of small and marginal farmers into FPOs enhances economic strength, bargaining power & market linkages of farmers for their better income. Realizing the significance of FPOs, Government of India had formulated a new Central Sector Scheme titled "Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Produce Organizations (FPOs)" which was formally

launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on 29.02.2020 at Chitrakoot (Uttar Pradesh) with budgetary provision of Rs.6,865 crore. The scheme is based on produce cluster approach and to enhance the production, productivity, market access, promote diversification, value addition, processing, and export and to create agri-based employment opportunities with the result to economically empower farmers. While adopting cluster-based approach, formation of FPOs will be focussed on "One District One Product" for development of product specialization.

Under the scheme, there is provision for financial support of Rs.18.00 lakh per FPO for 3 years as management cost to make them sustainable and economically viable. To strengthen the financial base of FPOs, there is also provision for matching equity grant of Rs. 2000/- per member with ceiling of Rs. 15 lakh /FPO. A Credit Guarantee facility up to bankable project loan of Rs. 2.00 crore is also available for FPOs under the scheme.

Farah Khan reveals having a crush on Chunky Panday!

Chandigarh : Renowned choreographer-filmmaker Farah Khan has been winning the hearts of millions with her stint on 'The Khatra Khatra Show' as its Friday Special host. For the Bharti Singh and HaashrUmbachiyaa-led interactive comedy game show's finale episode, Farah invited the sensational Bollywood actress AnanyaPanday to join the "Khatra Khatra" brigade alongside other television celebrities. In a shocking confession during the episode, Farah admitted to AnanyaPanday about having a crush on her beloved father, Chunky Panday! In a rib-tickling banter, Farah Khan revealed befriending BhavanaPanday, just to work with her darling hubby, then-boyfriend, Chunky Panday, in the film 'Housefull'. A riot of laughter ensued as she further told Ananya, "After working with him (Chunky), I am glad that nothing happened between us." Farah jokingly added, "I also thanked Bhavana for getting married to him!"

Microsoft Future Ready Industry Week highlights key trends accelerating digital transformation

CHANDIGARH: Microsoft's Future Ready Industry week, ITES edition brought together industry luminaries from across India's dynamic ITES sector to share perspectives driving India's digital transformation in the sector. Industry leaders from leading organizations like Tech Mahindra, Wipro, Infosys, TCS, Genpact and EY amongst others shared valuable insights on how the ITES sector can deliver the right digital outcomes and innovation for customers, enhance employee productivity, foster a culture of collaboration, and enable new revenue streams via data driven business models. CP Gurnani, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, Tech Mahindra in a fireside chat with Anant Maheswari, President Microsoft India spoke about how Tech Mahindra is leveraging technology across various domains. Talking about how technology has empowered employees and customers, he said, "The pandemic increased the rate of technology adoption since we had to go virtual."

SearchLight reveals everything you need to know about kids today!

Chandigarh : India's leading kids' entertainment channel Sony YAY! for the first time releases its latest survey titled, SearchLight22 that decodes Lives and Habits of Indian Kids, in collaboration with Kantar Research. The psychometric profiling by the survey presents crucial findings that highlight various trends across eight cities in the country. The research derives its findings between educational and personal development and also entertainment preferences. It offers an insightful deep dive into India's young audiences aged between 7-14 years. It also undertakes region-wise bifurcation of the data, considering India's geographical and cultural diversities, to highlight the preferred activities of kids from region specific markets. To understand the parallel between the various platforms of entertainment, the survey translates the following findings with respect to Television and OTT viewing amongst kids -

- 57% kids prefer television while only 10% receive their entertainment via OTT
- 33% kids prefer to watch both television and OTT.

Vi customers in Delhi & NCR can now do more from home with stronger indoor 4G connectivity

GRUGRAM : Leading telecom brand Vi, has enhanced 4G experience for its customers in the National capital on the back of several network initiatives enabling better indoor experience and faster speeds. Vi has till now deployed the highly efficient 900MHz spectrum as well as 1800 MHz band on ~8400 sites in New Delhi & NCR enabling customers to enjoy stronger network indoors while they work, study, socialize, access entertainment, e-commerce and other digital services on the network. Vi has employed state of art DSS technology to optimize 4G spectrum and thereby offer better user experience in terms of speed. A creative campaign has been rolled out to communicate the benefits of the enhanced indoor 4G network to customers in Delhi & NCR. The campaign invites customers to experience seamless indoor network connectivity at Airport road, Vasant Kunj, Karol Bagh, Connaught Place, Cyber City, MG road, Faridabad sector 16, 21, Delhi cantt, INA, Sarita Vihar, AIIMS, North Campus, Rohini, Dwarka, Vikas Marg, Satya Niketan, Noida city centre, etc.

Sharp launches new 'Made in India' Water Purifier

Chandigarh: SHARP a wholly-owned Indian subsidiary of SHARP Corporation, Japan, known worldwide for its unique technology products and solutions, launched its newly designed water purifier WJ-R515V-H for the Indian market. The new smart and intelligent water purifier from Sharp uses a powerful and durable 6 stage filtration process and is designed to purify water with variety of impurities and sources. With its unique AF Disruptor Technology, the purifier ensures the highest standard of purification, consistently providing pure, healthy and safe drinking water. With an all-black exterior and a compact form factor, the new water purifier easily adapts to the interiors of any Indian household. Sharp offers high-grade filtration systems for superior quality and one-of-a-kind purification that removes most impurities, including large and small particles, bacteria, microbes, chemicals, cysts and toxins, and adds to the taste of the water. Moreover, the filters get automatically blocked to indicate the need for replacement, ensuring the water it releases are always pure.

Vibhav, Kamayak selected for Indian Olympiad Qualifier Biology 2022

Chandigarh/Panchkula. –Vibhav Agawal and Kamayak Channa from Aakash-BYJU'S Chandigarh & Panchkula branch, the national leader in test preparatory services have been selected for the Indian Olympiad Qualifier (IOQ) Biology 2022 training camp. On the basis of performance in IOQ, the top students in the merit list are selected for Stage III Orientation Camp (OC). The selected member of the Indian team will undergo a rigorous training programme at HBCSE in theory and experiments. Special laboratories have been developed at HBCSE for the purpose of experimental training. Resource persons from HBCSE and different institutions across the country will train the students. Inking a stupendous result from Aakash-BYJU'S, 569 students have qualified the prestigious Indian Olympiad Qualifier Examination 2022 in Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics and Junior Science.

NEWS/BUSINESS

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022

A vegetarian diet helps in faster weight loss!

Many studies have proven that replacing meat and processed foods with a good quality plant-based diet not only controls weight gain but is also known to reduce mortality. A vegetarian diet is healthy, nutritious and prevents various health diseases. The research

A study conducted in Netherlands on 6000 adults showed that people who replaced animal-based protein with plant-based protein had a reduced risk of heart disease and they were also able to maintain their body weight. In the study, it was also found out that it's just not about the replacement but replacing foods with high-quality greens.

Another study was conducted by the Harvard University for 1,25,000 adults. The analysis found out that vegetarians who consumed 'healthy vegetarian foods' such as fruits, vegetables and whole grains gained less weight. And those who ate processed vegetarian foods which were high in refined carbs, sugars and trans fats gained more weight over a period of time.

How healthy is a vegetarian diet? Health experts say that as long as you are eating high-quality and nutritious vegetarian diet, it will not only help in maintaining a healthy

weight but will also give various health benefits. The reason why it aids weight loss is that foods such as whole grains, fresh fruits and vegetables and plant-based proteins are loaded with fibre and essential nutrients that help you stay fuller even with fewer calories. This concept



is referred to as volumetrics, which means eating less and feeling full. According to volumetrics concept, fresh fruits and vegetables contain more water content and are healthier. They also they have a lesser amount of calorie content as compared to other options that have comparable satiety. Certain foods such as fatty foods, sugar,

chips and cookies have a high energy density, which makes one gain weight. Another reason a vegetarian diet helps you lose weight is that it usually has a lower content of saturated fats. Moreover, vegetarian foods are loaded with fibre. Experts also say that high-fibre content foods help in promoting weight management. Vegetarian diet for weight loss

A vegetarian diet can definitely help you to lose weight. There are several reasons for it. First, if you eating a healthy vegetarian diet, it is loaded with mineral and vitamins, which are necessary for proper functioning of the body. But you must keep a check on the vegetarian foods that you are eating. Your diet should include good-quality food. Can a vegetarian diet interfere with your endurance and strength? Definitely not. If you think that a meat-free diet can impact your strength and endurance, then it is really not the case. A study conducted in 2016 revealed that athletes who were on a vegetarian diet had no impact on their performance. Also, the meat-free group had a better aerobic capacity.

Experts say that it is time to prioritise high blood pressure as a public health emergency



Chandigarh : In a Covid adjusted world, focus on hypertension treatment has gained prominence as experts call it a key strategy if we are to avert or minimise the impending NCD superstorm. Recognising the need for urgent and incremental action, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), WHO representatives, AIIMS doctors and various national and global organisations gathered at a national consultation in the capital to brainstorm on a roadmap to stop the alarming rise of hypertension amongst Indians. Although easy to diagnose and relatively simple to treat with low cost medicines, high blood pressure is now a full-fledged health crisis with at least 1 in 4 adult Indians suffering from this condition. It is considered the world's largest killer, responsible for at least 8.5 million deaths and 218 million disabilities adjusted life years (DALY). World over at least 1.4 billion people live with this chronic condition. In India, untreated and uncontrolled blood pressure, has become a leading cause for premature death and disability. The recently release National Family Health Survey (NFHS) 5 report reveals several alarming trends. Among them, the growing concern that more and more younger people are falling prey to hypertension. The findings also lend credence to the fact that although easy and affordable to treat, treatment adherence rate is the poorest.

AWS Launches SMB Vidyalaya to Accelerate Digitization of India's SMBs

Chandigarh: Today, Amazon Web Services (AWS) announced the launch of SMB Vidyalaya, a comprehensive technology upskilling program to help small and medium-sized businesses (SMBs) optimize their operations and offerings by using AWS Cloud. SMB Vidyalaya includes more than 50 technology education modules specific to SMBs and the opportunities they have to drive business growth across the country. AWS also announced that it has expanded its Amazon Digital Suite, a curated set of software solutions developed with local third-party technology providers, which enables India's SMBs to more easily and quickly digitize operations and bring their businesses to the internet. AWS made these announcements at Amazon Smbhav, Amazon's flagship annual summit. SMB Vidyalaya is available to SMBs through a hybrid training model, which combines online and in-person channels. AWS is working with SMB-focused associations like the World Association for Small and Medium Enterprises (WASME), which will help drive awareness for the program with SMBs across India through downloadable product brochures, educational course videos, and webinars.

Cipla Health's Maxirich ropes in Ayushmann as brand ambassador

Chandigarh: Cipla Health has roped in Bollywood star, Ayushmann Khurrana as a brand ambassador for their flagship health supplement brand, Maxirich. Known for his energetic portrayal of roles, Ayushmann Khurrana is one of the most versatile and dynamic actors in the Indian film industry. His massive successes at the box office across genres and infectious energy have led him to become a youth icon, making him the perfect brand ambassador for Maxirich. The new communication will feature him advocating the adoption of Maxirich Gold - an advanced daily multivitamin supplement that provides max energy and max immunity. Maxirich Gold is powered by Ginseng along with 19 Vitamins and Minerals. Commenting on Ayushmann Khurrana becoming the face of Maxirich, Shivam Puri, CEO, Cipla Health said, "In Ayushmann Khurrana, we have found the perfect brand ambassador because he exudes all the qualities and attributes that Maxirich portrays. As an artist, Ayushmann Khurrana stands for energy, vitality and versatility, something that millions of people throughout the country with its wide range of best-in-class health supplements. It has the rare distinction of having a portfolio of various health supplements which cater to a wide array of wellness needs all under one brand - Maxirich. A perfect match with Ayushmann!"



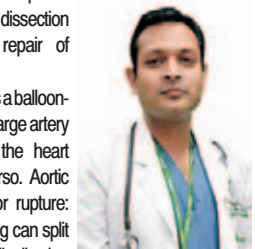
Giri foundation's brings series of initiatives in HP

SIMLA: Giri Foundation, an NGO based out of New Delhi and San Francisco adds yet another self-help group to its series of initiatives in Himachal Pradesh with the vision to skill and employ women residing in the state. The Thangkhra painting project with Ms Krishna Tashi, from Lahaul, a district in Himachal Pradesh, employs over 50 women including volunteers and trained artists. This art studio is an extension to their initiative to create a 'cluster of craft clusters' that come together to bring more and more women into employment. "The foundation is working hard to raise funds for these clusters that will help them achieve the last mile to economic independence," Shares Megha B. Purohit, Founder Giri foundation. Krishna makes 'Thangkra paintings' which is an ancient Tibetan art. It is based on Buddhist philosophy where Krishna and her team illustrate Buddhist deities, scenes or even mandala and contemporary style. Krishna received 6 years of formal training post, which she started pursuing her art work. Working actively in the states of Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh and Uttarakhand, Giri Foundation introduces three innovative empowerment initiatives. Giri demands the foundation partners and contracts with global brands to help source handmade products from the Himalayas. Giri Skill through which the foundation identifies skill development courses in handicrafts, weaving and entry level tech jobs and Giri Finance that associates with "Mudra Yojana" and other micro-finance institutions, creating financing opportunities for skilled women.



Early detection can help in treating aortic aneurysm & dissection with endovascular approach

Mohali : According to studies, an aortic aneurysm & dissection is associated with a high risk for post-traumatic stress disorder with negative effects on the patients' physical and mental health. It usually manifests with sudden thoracic or back pain. There is a need to raise awareness on the treatment options available for aneurysm and dissection including Endovascular repair of aorta. An aortic aneurysm is a balloon-like bulge in the aorta, the large artery that carries blood from the heart through the chest and torso. Aortic aneurysms can dissect or rupture: The force of blood pumping can split the layers of the artery wall, allowing blood to leak in between them. An aortic dissection is a tear in the inner layer of a weakened area of the aorta, the main artery delivering oxygen and nutrient-rich blood from the heart to the body. It is a life-threatening condition requiring immediate diagnosis and is treated through surgery and medication. Aortic aneurysm is silent killers because when they grow, person may be at high risk of immediate death. Speaking about this, Dr Ravul Jindal, Director Vascular and Endovascular Surgery Fortis, Mohali, said, "The aorta is the largest blood vessel in the body. Although aorta is a tough, durable workhorse, sometimes its walls can weaken and bulge in what is called an aortic aneurysm. This could cause a leak that spills blood into your body. Some aortic aneurysms burst, some don't. Others force blood flow away from your organs and tissues, causing problems, such as heart attacks, kidney damage, stroke, and even death. Noticeable signs may include – Chest & back Pain, difficulty in breathing & swallowing, Shortness of breath, coughing, hoarseness. Adding further, Dr Ravul Jindal, said, "The purpose of Endovascular repair of aorta is to reduce the likelihood of morbidity and mortality especially when the patient is an elderly or less fit. The chances of recovery are also more and the person can go back to normalcy earlier with proper care and precautions compared to open repair."



vivo Launches Y01 with Powerful, 5000mAh Battery at INR 8,999

Chandigarh : vivo, the innovative global smartphone brand, today announced the launch of the all-new vivo Y01 that boasts of massive 5000 mAh battery. Featuring a stunning design, the smartphone offers reverse charging and HD+ display for an immersive experience. vivo Y01 is packed with an array of awesome features, promised to ensure a smooth experience at an affordable price. Priced at INR 8,999 the new vivo Y01 will be available in two vibrant colors – Elegant Black and Sapphire Blue on vivo India E-Store and across all partner retail stores. Commenting on the launch of vivo Y01, Yogendra Sriramula, Director, Brand Strategy, vivo India, "As part of our commitment, vivo is working towards offering top-notch technology at the best price to meet the changing demands of the evolving consumer. Whether it is education, gaming, entertainment, or virtual connectivity, the Y01 is designed to offer the best experience. Unmatched entertainment and gaming experience vivo Y01 comes with 6.51" HD+ Halo Full View Display (with Eye Protection Mode) for the best viewing, content streaming, video calling and gaming experience. The large screen is a delight for binge watchers to enjoy their favorite movies and shows. Powered by MediaTek Helio P35 processor and Multi-Turbo 3.0, Y01 comes with a 2 GB RAM and 32 GB storage that ensures enhanced uninterrupted gaming time."



Yogesh Tripathi opens up about his inspiration for DarogaHappu Singh's character



Chandigarh : Several iconic characters on Indian television have come to become household names and forever etched in our heart. One such character is DarogaHappu Singh, portrayed by Yogesh Tripathi from Happu Ki Ultan Paltan on &TV. The first time, he made his appearance on-screen as funny potbelly, corrupt Darogaon Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai, brought smiles and laughter to the audience. The character was an instant hit and became an audience favourite which led Yogesh to bag his show Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, exploring the other side of his character away from his Daroga duties to his family and entire paltan. While playing comedy may seem easy, there is a lot more that goes into making the favourite iconic character. It took the actor a couple of struggling years to finally find his place in the huge television industry. While dabbling between two popular shows and working long hours, the actor became fluent in speaking bundelkhandi. Apart from this, his striking unique look is marked by his signature potbelly, which is a fake flab added to complete his character.

Spawake appoints Indian actress Ms. Mouni Roy as brand ambassador

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Spawake, the strategic brand of KOSÉ Corporation which is one of the largest beauty and cosmetic companies of Japan, today appointed the iconic Indian actress Ms. Mouni Roy as its new brand ambassador, to refresh its brand identity in India. Centered in Spawake's new tagline – 'Awaken your sea spa beauty', the revamped identity focuses on skin Brightening Solution through the launch of five new products. Commenting on this occasion, Mr. Takuya Inami, Director & CEO, KOSÉ Corporation India Pvt. Ltd. said, "Spawake has always been at the forefront of addressing the skincare needs of the modern Indian women. With our extensive R&D, we are able to successfully infuse our Japanese expertise with the all-natural sea ingredients to launch products that help radiate the beauty of Indian women. We are very excited to announce the launch of our new Brightening Solution range with five new products. With Ms. Mouni Roy as our new brand ambassador, we are confident of deepening Spawake's connect with the modern Indian women. Her impeccable, naturally vibrant persona resonates with the nature-based Spawake product range." Elated with this association, Ms. Mouni Roy said, "I have always loved Japan and its culture. And now, I'm really excited to be associated with Spawake from the house of KOSÉ which is one of the leading Cosmetics companies in Japan."

Nurses walk the ramp, perform 'giddha'

MOHALI, MAY 17(L K BANSAL): As many 200 nurses and other para-medical staff of Ivy Hospital took part in the Nurses' Day celebrations at a hotel here on Tuesday. During the occasion, nurses walked the ramp, performed 'giddha' and participated in many fun-filled activities. Among others, Dr. Kanwaldeep, medical director also took part in the program. At the end of the program the nurses were felicitated for their contribution in the hospital's healthcare management.



OnePlus Nord 2T will be the first phone with the Dimensity 1300

Shenzhen : In spite of numerous leaks, the OnePlus Nord 2T was unofficial until the latest announcement from the company, confirming the smartphone would go official on May 19. n the run-up to the event, OnePlus is confirming one new detail about the phone every passing day. On the last day, it confirmed support for 80W SuperVOOC charging, which can pump a day's worth of power into the battery in just 15 minutes. The battery capacity wasn't mentioned, but the leaks have it pegged at 4,500 mAh, reports GSM Arena. However, the latest announcement confirms the use of the Dimensity 1300 chipset. The chipset was unveiled a month ago and it is considered that the Nord 2T would be the first to use it. The Dimensity 1300 is a successor to the Dimensity 1200, the chipset found inside the Nord 2. It is still a 6nm chip (from TSMC's foundries), it has four Cortex-A78 cores (one at 3.0GHz, three at 2.6GHz), four A55 cores (2.0GHz) and a Mali-G77 MC9 GPU. The next details that are speculated to be revealed are the flagship-level camera details. If rumours are to be true, the setup will feature a main cam using a 50MP IMX766 sensor (with OIS), an 8MP ultra-wide, plus a 2MP module on the back, along with a 32MP IMX615 on the front. The final reveal on the 19th, just before the event, will be about the screen (rumored to be 6.43" FHD+ 90Hz).

73 yr brain stroke patient gets a new lease of life at Ivy Hospital

Ambala, May 17: A 73 year old man who suffered a brain stroke has been treated successfully with mechanical thrombectomy procedure at Ivy Hospital, Mohali recently. Sharing details during a press conference at a hotel here on Tuesday, Dr Vineet Saggat, Head of Neuro Interventional and Endovascular Neurosurgery at Ivy Hospital, who performed the procedure, said that the patient had suffered sudden onset of weakness while getting up from bed in the morning. Eventually he fell down and was taken to a local hospital in Yamunanagar. The investigations revealed the blockage of the right internal carotid artery which supplies the majority of blood to the right side of the brain, said Dr Saggat. He was referred to Ivy Hospital, Mohali and reached there in an unconscious state during the evening. Since the 3 hours golden time to treat stroke was passed, the thrombolysis was not possible. Patient was taken up for mechanical thrombectomy where the clot was removed directly from the vessel via Endovascular Neurosurgery without opening up vessels through devices passed from the groin, said Dr Saggat. Dr Saggat further informed that stroke is a major cause of disability in our country. Many stroke survivors especially in large vessel strokes remain bed ridden or dependent.



Hyundai , Tata Power signs MoU to build EV charging network

GRUGRAM: A MoU has been signed between Hyundai Motor India and Tata Power on Tuesday to build a robust EV charging network and boost EV adoption in India at its dealerships. Through this association, Hyundai will become a key contributor in expansion of quality charging infrastructure. HML currently has an existing network of 34 EV Dealers in 29 cities, equipped with AC 7.2 KW chargers, and aims to expand the charging infra network across its pan India Dealerships. The vehicle charging time of DC 60 KW charger is much lesser than AC 7.2 KW charger. These DC 60 KW charging stations will enhance customer convenience. Unsoo Kim, MD & CEO, Hyundai Motor India Limited, said, "This partnership will power-up the nations' electric mobility mission by offering end-to-end EV charging infrastructure at HML Dealerships along with supply, installation and commissioning of home charging for HML EV customers, thereby, enhancing customer convenience and ease of adoption of electric vehicles." Dr. Praveer Sinha, CEO & MD, Tata Power said "Our collaboration with Hyundai Motor India aligns with the Government of India's National Electric Mobility Mission Plan and demonstrates our commitment to leading India's clean energy and net-zero goals."



Delbar Arya: The new talent in town everyone is talking about !!

Delbar Arya, even though German-Persian by birth is all set to rule the hearts of the Punjabi audience once again. Fans have already been loving her appearance in Guru Randhawa's famous music video "Downtown" and now she is ready to rock her way with her big debut opposite Harbhajan Mann, directed by the legendary Mannohan Singh. Delbar's debut film "P.R." is ready and geared up to be released on 27th May 2022 for which the actor is pretty excited, and says, "I feel blessed that my first Punjabi project kicked-started with the celebrated singer Guru Randhawa and now I am embarking my journey further with the phenomenal Harbhajan Mann Ji. I have been waiting passionately for my debut and now that it is here, I hope the audience will shower their immense love on me." Delbar's fashion sense and alluring looks are loved by thousands of fans on her social media. We have seen a glimpse of Delbar's dance and acting talent in the "Downtown" music video and at times she gives a sneak peek of her artistic skills on her social media, encountering the actor's vast talent. Also, Delbar Arya has finished filming another Punjabi film with Jimmy Shergill. The release date has not been revealed yet, along with a few other surprising projects she is holding under her tiny belt.



Tata Motors commercial vehicles shine at EXCON 2022

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Tata Motors, India's largest commercial vehicle manufacturer, showcases its state-of-the-art high-performance trucks at South-East Asia's biggest construction equipment exhibition – EXCON 2022, under its 'Striding towards nation building' theme. Built for boosting productivity and profitability of fleet-owners, the performance-packed product portfolio of Tata Motors features innovative mobility solutions across diverse operations. Nine high-performance M&HCVs (Medium & Heavy Commercial Vehicles) are displayed at the five-day exhibition. For over 76 years, Tata Motors has been at the forefront of building the nation, enabling growth in the logistics, construction, infrastructure and mining sector. Tata Motors has the widest product portfolio, which is built to ensure high productivity and low TCO (Total Cost of Ownership) for the customers. The vehicles are developed with superior technology, which boosts performance while ensuring utmost safety, which are further strengthened by innovative value-added services through the vehicle lifecycle. The BS6 range of M&HCVs has more than 1.50 lakh happy customers and has covered over 200 million kilometers.



NEWS AT A GLANCE

36 bottles of illicit liquor seized

VICKY BHABAT
ZIRAKPUR: A man was arrested by Zirakpur police during a blockade along with bottles of illicit liquor. Disclosing this here today SHO Zirakpur Deepinder Singh Brar said that his police team was deployed at Gadaun area during the blockade. Meanwhile, a cyclist was stopped on suspicion and a search was conducted and recovered bottles of Tago Orange brand liquor which were only visible in Chandigarh. The local police has registered a case against Shishupal Singh son of Dayanand, a resident of Chandigarh under the Excise Act and further legal action has been initiated against him.

DCST conducted inspections of two firms

SHARMA
LUDHIANA: As per the directions from Taxation Commissioner, Kamal Kishore Yadav (IAS) and under the guidance of DCST Ludhiana Division, Randhir Kaur and ACST Ludhiana-2, inspections of two firms dealing in premix for Fortified Rice Kernels (FRK) were conducted at their premises located on Ferozepur Road, Backside Ansal Plaza, Ludhiana today. The inspected firms are supplying premix for FRK to various rice shellers in and around Ludhiana and Jagraon. The officers impounded relevant documents during the course of action in connection with unaccounted stock and suppression of sales. A godown at VPO Bulara belonging to one of these firms was also inspected and stock taking was done. These inspections were conducted following the due procedure prescribed under the Punjab Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017.

No positive patients of Covid-19 in the district

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR: Civil Surgeon Dr. Lakhbir Singh Informing about the latest status of Covid said that today with the receipt of 726 new samplings with suspected flu-like symptoms and receiving reports of 432 samplings, no positive patient of Covid-19 has been reported so far. With the receipt of 2862 positive cases from outlying districts, the total number of positive cases of Covid-19 has increased to 40888. The number of active cases is 02, while the number of cured patients is 39790.

Servants of Agarwal Pirkhana Green City rushed to village Benra for help



VIKAS VERMA
DHURI: Under the leadership of Vijay Baba ji President of Agrawal Pirkhana Trust Green City, clothes, boots, slippers, copies, water camper, toys were given to the needy in village Benra. This service was given to about 250 families on behalf of the same Pirkhana Sevadars. At this time Vijay Baba ji told, That this service will continue. Because nowadays there are many such families due to high inflation in the society. Who are going through economic hardship. This work is being done with the cooperation of all the members of Agrawal Pirkhana Trust Green City and city dwellers to support them. Work has been started under human service only religion. In which without any discrimination this same is given to all by going to their house on behalf of the team. And all of us today are the result of society.

Laungewala battle hero passes away



RAJ SADOSH
ABOHAR: Real Hero of Battle of Laungewala, Colonel Dharam Vir, Mention-in-Despatches left for the heavenly abode at an age of 76 years, yesterday, on 16th May 2022 at Gurgaon due to old age ailments. Born on 20 Aug 1945, in Ghudani Kalan village of Ludhiana District, Colonel Dharam Vir was commissioned in Jun 1969 in the Punjab Regiment. He fought the famous Battle of Laungewala in 1971 War. Leading from the front, he proved to be an example for his men to emulate his leadership, presence of mind, bravery and the daunting courage; for which he was awarded Mention-in-Despatches. He commanded 23 PUNJAB from May 1992 to Dec 1994 and retired from active service in 1997.

Governor presides over 25th senate meeting at CSK Agriculture University

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAY 17

Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar presided over the 25th Senate meeting at Chaudhary Sarwan Kumar (CSK) Agricultural University, Palampur in Kangra district today. While speaking on the occasion, he stressed on working beyond academics so that common man and farmers could consider the University as theirs' and it would be the success story in a real sense of any higher educational institution. He said that our skill should be in the interest of the common man and this should be the motto of the University.

He said the climate change was a major challenge being faced by the world today, which was directly related to agriculture, horticulture and food security. There were many challenges in the agriculture sector and we could not run away from these challenges, rather we must find a solution to it.

"You are experts and with your concerted efforts since past several years, the University has achieved many milestones in agriculture. I hope that this process will be continued", said the Governor.



The Governor said that similarly the biggest challenge in front of the youth was related to skill development and ability to learn new skills continuously. He expressed confidence that the youth would prepare themselves for these challenges. He called upon the young scientists to work with more dedication and develop skill in their respective field. He said that it was our responsibility to rectify the shortcomings, and whole country was looking upto the Palampur University to provide a solution. "The Prime Minister was trying to double the income of farmers and all out effort must be made in this direction", said Shri Arlekar. Whatever we were doing here, we were doing it for the younger generation and our knowledge should percolate upto lowest level, said the Governor. Shri Arlekar expressed concern that

most graduates of agriculture and horticulture were not interested in working in farms or fields. He said that in the last few months the youths he interacted with in Agriculture and Horticulture Universities had given him such an impression, which was a matter of concern. "Not a single student wants to do farming", he said. He added that university should also motivate the youth to adopt agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry and their related fields as business and provide assistance with technology. He expressed confidence that Agriculture University would have a significant contribution in declaring Himachal Pradesh as a natural farming state. He directed the scientists to connect with the village and farmers and asked to motivate young scientists to research in their

Northern Railway to construct foot over bridge for crossing New Delhi Yard

NEW DELHI, MAY 17

As part of the improvement plans and infrastructure upgradation in New Delhi, Northern Railway shall construct a new Foot over Bridge (FOB) between Qutub Road and Shradhdhanand Marg for crossing New Delhi Yard at Ballimaran Delhi. Sanction for this work has been received at the total cost of Rs 15.41 crore. Tender for execution of work shall be invited after following the process.

The construction of Foot over Bridge between Qutub Road and Shradhdhanand Marg for crossing New Delhi Yard at Ballimaran Delhi will provide convenience and safely crossing the railway line avoiding to go through via New Delhi Railway Station or by Sadar Bazar. After construction of this FOB, local resident on both side of the railway line will easily go from one end to other end between Qutub Road and Ballimaran Delhi with a shorter route. Dr Harsh Vardhan, Member of Parliament was taking keen interest for sanctioning this work of the convenience of the public in New Delhi Parliamentary constituency.

Mining operations start at two new de-silting sites in SBS Nagar-DC NPS Randhawa

CHETRAM RATTAN
NAWANSHAHR, MAY 17

In a major development to ensure regular supply of sand and gravel to the people, two new de-silting sites in Mandhala and Behloor Khurd villages on Sutlej riverbed have started operating in Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar district. Divulging the details, Deputy Commissioner Navjot Pal Singh Randhawa said that these sites were identified last month and excavation of the sand have kick-started now after completion of required formalities. He said that operations of these two new sites would ensure easy and cheaper sand to the people with adequate availability of the material for the construction purpose. He said that now district has five de-silting sites, three at Rail Bramad village. Deputy Commissioner said that every vehicle carrying the sand must have valid documents of the material. He also asked the officials to ensure every contractor work to their full potential. He asked them to ensure that legal mining



operations must not be affected so that common people do not suffer any kind of difficulty in getting the sand at affordable rates. NPS Randhawa clearly stated that any kind of laxity in this task would not be tolerated. DC also said that joint squads of SDMs along with their police counterparts rank have already been formed to ensure illegal mining does not take place in the district and directed them to register FIRs against the guilty, promptly. Meanwhile, SE Mining Jasbir Pal accompanied by SDO Mining Gurjit Singh said that with the sand operations starting at these two sites, there will be no dearth of sand to district resident.

Main accused who killed the girl arrested

JASPOONAM KOHLI
DINANAGAR, MAY 17

Recently, the police has arrested the chief accused who killed a young woman living alone in the house in village Sainpur falling under the police station Dinanagar. Police also recovered mobile, ATM and scooter of the deceased girl from the accused. It is worth mentioning that about a week ago, the accused Rahul resident of village Bhatoya village was pressurizing the girl Pooja of Sainpur for marriage. When the girl refused to marry the said accused, the accused Rahul strangled



her to death. After carrying out the incident, accused Rahul fled away with the girl's mobile, ATM and

scooter. During investigation by Dinanagar police, CCTV footage revealed that Rahul alias Santi, along with his relative Rajan, had come to the village of Sainpur, on a motorcycle on the night of the incident. It was clearly visible in the CCTV footage. When accused Rahul was going inside the house of the deceased girl. While the second accused Rajan was standing outside house. Dinanagar Police station in-charge Kapil Kaushal told that remand will be obtained by presenting Rahul in the court. While the police had already arrested one of the accused, Rajan.

MCM IIC celebrates Intellectual Property Day

CHANDIGARH: To mark the celebration of World Intellectual Property Day, the Postgraduate Department of Chemistry at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, under the aegis of Institution Innovation Council, organised an awareness session on Intellectual Property Rights. The resource person for the session was Mr. Vijay Gupta, Advocate, Lexntech IP Law Office, New Delhi. A total of 93 students and faculty actively participated in the event. The session was an endeavor to acquaint the participants with various challenges associated with Intellectual Property Rights and information regarding patents especially the chemical patents. Mr. Gupta focused on types of patents and their importance in industry, and discussed copyright, artistic design in literature, trade secret, validity for IPR protection and need for patent protection. In an initiative to develop entrepreneurial skills of the students, IIC of the college organised Online Demo Day/Poster Presentation Competition on Business Model Canvas. Around 21 students actively participated in the competition.



Alka of Chhachhrauli touches new heights

SAVITA
BILASPUR, MAY 17

There are many women in the society who are reaching the heights in different fields and have emerged as a source of inspiration for other women. Alka Garg of Chhachhrauli town of Yamunanagar district is rich in such extraordinary talent. She has played an important role in giving impetus to the upliftment of women and "Bet Bachao, Beti Prahao" campaign. These days, she is the district coordinator of Beti Bachao Beti Padoo Abhiyan and is working day and night to make women aware and progress in life. According to Alka Garg, for her remarkable and commendable work in the social field, she was honored by Chief Minister Manohar Lal with an award in 2017 and Indira Gandhi Mahila Shakti Award by CM Manohar Lal in 2019. Alka Garg, born on November 15, 1981 in Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh, has done MA in English and was married in the year 2005 to Kapil Manish Garg, a resident of Chhachhrauli town (Yamunanagar). She had the passion to do social service from the very beginning and the in-laws also gave him full support in the work of social service. The BJP government



formed at the center under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Haryana BJP state government were the first to take the initiative to improve the condition of women. She says that she is able to perform her duties as well as the discharge responsibilities towards family well and her aim is always to do something in the interest of the society. She is also working in association with religious organizations. Considering her pledge and thinking towards women, she was made the District Yamunanagar Brand Ambassador of Beti Bachao-Beti Padoo. The manner in which Alka Garg carried out the mission of Beti Bachao Beti Padoo started by the BJP government with her wisdom is an admirable.

AAP cadre meeting held in Sadhaura

PREETI RANI
SADHAURA, MAY 17

A huge AAP workers' conference was organised in Maulana in which the chief guest was Dr. Sushil Kumar Gupta, in-charge of Haryana Aam Aadmi Party. This workers' conference was presided over by Ramesh Dahiya and District President SCBC Cell Balwinder Singh Dahar. Dr. Sushil Kumar Gupta will address the people of Haryana in Kurukshetra. The invitation was given by Dr. Sushil Kumar Gupta to all the workers and office bearers who arrived at this workers' conference. The activists accepted the invitation of Dr. Sushil Kumar Gupta. This workers' conference was organized by Suresh Kumar Balmiki, Joint Secretary, Ambala. On this



occasion, Northern Zone President Balakrishna Kaushik, Northern Zone Organization Minister Sukhbir Chahal, Northern Zone Secretary Yogeshwar Sharma, Northern Zone President Chaudhary Rajaram, SCBC Cell Northern Zone Women President Raj Kaur Gill, District President Ambala Gurcharan Singh, Vidhan Sabha Narayangarh Sudhir

Rana, Sadhaura Assembly Speaker Birlal, Kuldeep Singh Rathi, Speaker SC Cell Narayangarh Chowdhury Chand Ram, Hemant Kumar, Sandeep Singh, Mahmood Pur Rakesh Chowdhury, SC Speaker Mulana Sanjeev Chowdhury, SC Secretary Vinod Kumar Bhatti, Dilbag Singh, Sushil Jain, Chairman Yamunanagar Arun Jains etc. were present.

DC stresses the importance of regular health check ups

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAY 17

Deputy Commissioner Anish Yadav said that only healthy officers and employees can provide better services to the public, for which it is necessary to get health check up done from time to time. He was talking to the staff present at the health check-up camp on the occasion of World Hypertension Day in the VC room located on the second floor of the small secretariat on Tuesday. During the health check-up, the Deputy Commissioner congratulated the Deputy Civil Surgeon, Dr. Manju Pathak on setting up a camp for health check up of officers and employees and



also said that in the near future, while organizing such a camp for officers and employees, full body checkup should be arranged. He also appealed to all the officers and employees of the secretariat to get the health check done. Sometimes we consider ourselves completely healthy, while somewhere we suffer from a problem like high blood pressure and diabetes and we

find out about it much later. As a result, we fall prey to many other diseases. The Deputy Civil Surgeon in the Health Examination Camp and Nodal Officer of Non-Communicable Diseases Team, Manju Pathak said in the health check-up camp organized for the officers and staff that due to irregular lifestyle, people of all ages are suffering from diseases like high blood pressure and

diabetes. High blood pressure is a disease which can prove to be fatal due to delay in treatment. To avoid this disease, it is necessary that we have to change our lifestyle. By adopting a balanced diet and yoga, we can control high blood pressure. To control it, home-made food should be avoided, salt intake should be reduced. Alcohol and tobacco consumption should be avoided. Weight control is also helpful in avoiding high blood pressure, for which an increase in physical activity is also necessary. Patients suffering from high blood pressure should take the medicine only according to the medical advice.

Politics heats up on broken stairs at Preet Colony

VICKY BHABAT
ZIRAKPUR, MAY 17

The Municipal Council Zirakpur yesterday demolished the stairs in the local Preet Colony declaring it illegal. In this regard, the politics of Zirakpur city remained hot all day today. This was taken up by Akali Dal and Congress party councilors, former MLA NK Sharma and Zirakpur Municipal Council President Udevir Singh Dhillon on the spot today. On this occasion the present government of Punjab chanted slogans against the Aam Aadmi Party and allegations of bullying were leveled against it. Speaking



to reporters on the occasion, Zirakpur Municipal Council President Udevir Singh Dhillon alleged that the Aam Aadmi Party was acting out of revenge. He alleged that the building which was demolished by the officials of Zirakpur Municipal Council yesterday due to political pressure had been constructed before the formation of Zirakpur Municipal Council.

SHORT TALKS

Mitchell Marsh praises bowlers for win against PBKS

MUMBAI: Delhi Capitals batter Mitchell Marsh lavished praise on his team's bowlers for their 'out-standing' attack which provided them with a victory over Punjab Kings.

Delhi Capitals boosted their playoff hopes on Monday as they defeated Punjab Kings by 17 runs in their IPL 2022 match at the Dr DY Patil Sports Academy in Navi Mumbai. "A great win. You can never judge a wicket until both teams bat. The spinners turned the game in the middle overs and 160 ended up being enough. I just look to get as many as I can in the powerplay with the bat before it starts spinning. For the last 18 months, I've had that mentality in the power-play. I thought it was a really good partnership between Sarfraz and me. He played some amazing shots. Our innings was sort of a start-stop with wickets. Credit goes to the bowlers; they were outstanding," said Mitchell Marsh in a post-match presentation. "It was just about getting a partnership going with the bat. We weren't able to quite do that throughout our middle overs tonight to get up to 180. Even 15 or 20 runs can change momentum. [On back to back win] We spoke about that today. It's been one of those seasons where we've been stop start. It's about peaking at the right time. We've got one more to go. We know if we win that, we'll be in the finals. There's a lot of belief and talent in this team," he added.

Ind vs SA: Stubbs earns maiden call-up, Nortje medically cleared to play

JOHANNESBURG : South Africa batter Tristan Stubbs earned his maiden call-up ahead of the T20I series against India.

India and South Africa will be locking horns in five-match T20I series across five venues in India from June 9 to 19.

The 21-year-old, right-hand, middle-order batter, who impressed this past season while playing for the Gbets Warriors in the Cricket South Africa (CSA) T20 Challenge, scored 293 runs in seven innings, at an average of 48.83 and a strike rate of 183.12, including 23 sixes. He was also part of South Africa 'A' team to Zimbabwe before he was called up to the Mumbai Indians camp for the 2022 Indian Premier League (IPL).

"This is the Proteas like we have not seen them in a long time. The injection of the IPL players means that we will have a team that's ready to fire on all cylinders immediately and has vast experience of the conditions that we will be playing in," said CSA Convenor of Selectors, Victor Mpitsang in an official statement.

"Tristan Stubbs is an exciting prospect and we're keen to see what he's made of and we are looking forward to the return of the experience of Reeza (Hendricks), Klaasie (Heinrich Klaasen) and Wayne Parnell to join the likes of Temba (Bavuma), Tabraiz (Shamsi) and Keshav (Maharaj)," he added.

SSB Women pose threat to Sethu FC's hopes of IWL title

BHUBANESWAR : The race for Indian Women's League 2022 is on and contenders Sethu FC will take on SSB Women on next at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar on Tuesday.

The champions of Tamil Nadu have been on a winning streak right since the beginning of the season and are rubbing shoulders with league leader Gokulam Kerala. Ahead of the crucial tie against SSB Women, Head Coach Crispin Chettri stated, "They are a very unpredictable side. So we will have to stay focused."

Speaking further about the final stretch of games, Chettri added, "Each game is important for us no matter who our opponents are. We will take each game at a time and come out with the three points."

Meanwhile, SSB Women played out a draw against Sports Odisha in their previous game and will be looking for more points in the remaining games in hand. Head Coach Juliet Miranda expressed her thoughts ahead of the game and said, "Next game is equally important for us. We have to be confident with a positive mindset till the end of the game. It will be a tough match."

IWL: Indian Arrows face ARA FC in a thrilling clash at Capital Ground

BHUBANESWAR : ARA FC, Indian Arrows prepare for a thrilling Indian Women's League 2022 clash at the Capital Ground in Bhubaneswar on Tuesday.

Ahead of the match, ARA FC head coach Prit Bhatt said in a statement, "We will be playing against Indian Arrows; they are a good side with experienced players, but we will try to be positive and confident for the game." "With a positive mindset, we will execute our plan. The team is doing better, we just want to be focused and try to make fewer mistakes," he added. Further, Indian Arrows, who have been in superb form this season have caught the eye of many with their outstanding performances. Head coach Suren Chettri spoke about how the young side is preparing for the upcoming IWL fixture and their plans.

KKR eye big win to keep slim hope alive against LSG

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Kolkata Knight Riders need a big win in their final round-robin match to keep their slim IPL play-off hopes alive, while Lucknow Super Giants will look to seal their position in the top four when the two teams face off here on Wednesday.

With seven losses and six wins, KKR are placed at the sixth spot with 12 points and they will not only have to win but do it with a big margin and then hope that other results go their way to salvage any hope of sneaking into the knockout stage.

LSG already have one foot at the play-offs as they are placed at the third spot with 16 points but with a number of teams jostling it out for remaining three berths, they will look to add two more points to avoid any last-minute hiccup.

Two-time former champions, KKR, which had reached the final last year, have managed to keep their theoretical chances alive after coming good in the last two matches against Mumbai Indians and Sunrisers Hyderabad.

Shreyas Iyer's men rode on Andre Russell's all-round brilliance and near perfect execution from the bowlers to notch up a comprehensive 54-run win over SRH in



their last match.

While Russell and Sam Billings lifted KKR to 177/6 to set up the win, the top-order once again couldn't produce the goods after being reduced to 72 for 3.

Ajinkya Rahane's struggle at the top was evident as he found it difficult to rotate strikes, while Venkatesh Iyer too continued to disappoint in his second season.

Nitish Rana has blown hot and cold, while skipper Iyer's bat has been silent in the last three games.

KKR also lost pace spearhead Pat Cummins, who was ruled out owing to a hip injury but it didn't matter much as the Kolkata outfit dished out a stellar bowling effort the other day.

Back in the team after recovering from a calf muscle injury, Umesh Yadav and Tim Southee kept things tight, while Russell snapped three crucial wickets.

Spin duo of Sunil Narine and Varun Chakravarthy too were in their elements and KKR will hope for another clinical show from their bowling unit.

LSG, on the other hand, are coming into the match after suffering two successive defeats and will have to put up an improved show to end things on a high.

The main concern for LSG is their poor batting show in the last two matches with the batters struggling in the powerplay against quality bowling.

LSG's batting is a lot dependent on skipper KL Rahul, who has done bulk of the scoring with two hundreds but he has been off-colour in the last three games.

RELIANCE

Asset Reconstruction

Reliance Asset Reconstruction Co. Ltd.

Registered Office: 11th Floor, North Side, R-Tech Park, Western Express Highway, Goregaon (East) Mumbai- 400063

PRE-POSSESSION NOTICE

Borrower /Guarantor

Address

1. Mr. Vipin Sharma

All at : 17-A-B, Sonia Colony , Hissar Road, Ambala City- Ambala- Haryana

2. Mr. Vikas Sharma

All also at : Singhawala, Tehsil and District Ambala- Bhumi, Tukda No. 17-Aout of Khasra No. 9/15, Area 4 Marla

3. Mr. Roshan Lal

4. Mr. Madan Lal

Subsequent to default made by you, the secured creditor being **Reliance ARC** filed an application u/s 14 of the SARFAESI Act 2002 with the Hon'ble District Magistrate, Ambala for orders of taking possession of the mortgaged properties mentioned below.

The Hon'ble DM, Ambala was allowed the application vide orders dated **19.04.2022**. The Naib Tehsildar, Ambala City, has been appointed as Duty Magistrate and advised to take possession of the property with police assistance and handover the same to the secured creditor.

We therefore, advise you to vacate the premise and remove all your belongings within 15 days from the date of this notice, failing which possession will be taken by the undersigned in compliance with the orders of the Hon'ble District Magistrate, Ambala with police assistance. Also, in case the property is found locked, possession will be taken by break opening the locks and list of inventories will be prepared

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

ALL PIECES AND PARCEL OF PROPERTY OF (1) PROPERTY SITUATED AT SINGHAWALA, TEHSIL AND DISTRICT AMBALA- BHUMI TUKDA NO. 17-A OUT OF KHASRA NO.9/15, AREA 4 MARLAS (2) PROPERTY SITUATED AT SINGHAWALA, TEHSIL AND DISTRICT AMBALA- BHUMI TUKDA NO. 17-B OUT OF KHASRA NO.9/15, AREA4 MARLAS.

Date: 17-05-2022

Place: Ambala

NAIB TEHSILDAR CUM DUTY MAGISTRATE

AMBALA CITY

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Open tenders through E-tendering are invited by Sr. Divisional Engineer/Coordination, Northern Railway, Ambala from the willing contractors for following work upto 15:00 hrs. on the date of closing shown against the work and will be opened thereafter.

S. No.	Name of Work	Approx. Cost (₹)	Earnest Money (₹)	Period of Completion	Date of closing & opening
1	Annual repair, white washing, C/washing and painting of station buildings, staff quarters & service buildings under Zone "A" Chandigarh in the section of SSE/W/CDG-I (Excl. CDG Station and colony), Zone "B" UMB-KLK Section (Excl. CDG) in the section of SSE/W/CDG-II and Zone "C" (CDG station and colony) in the section of SSE/W/SpL/CDG for the period ending 30.06.2023 underADEN/CDG.	1,19,99,839/-	2,10,000/-	12 Months	09.06.2022
2	Providing of open shade near general ward towards UMB and size 40x15 meter & CC flooring near wagon ward inside store Depot JUDW in the section of SSE/W/JUDW-II under DEN/JUDW.	67,06,348/-	1,34,100/-	06 Months	09.06.2022
3	Two Nos. Relay Hut in Khanalpura yard in CW El work in the section of SSE/W/E/SRE underADEN/SRE.	50,04,892/-	1,00,100/-	06 Months	09.06.2022
4	Annual repair, white washing, C/washing and painting to staff quarters & service buildings under Zone No. A & C Ambala Cantt. in the section of SSE/W/UMB, Zone B & DRH at Ambala Cantt. in the section of SSE/W/E/UMB and Zone "D" at Ambala Cantt. in the section of SSE/W/VRV/UMB for the period ending 30.06.2023 underADEN/UMB.	2,70,30,695/-	2,85,200/-	12 Months	09.06.2022

Note: 1. Tenderers are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligibility documents including PAN/TIN/GST as per conditions. 2. The required Earnest Money will be acceptable On-line payment through Net Banking/ or Payment gateway payment only well before & upto 15:00 hrs. of closing date & time of tender. 3. Tenderers should have Class-II Digital Signature Certificate to participate in E-Tendering of works tenders. 4. For detail, please log on IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in. 5. GST will belevied as per GST Act.2017.

Open Tender Notice No. : NIT-05/UMB-2022-23

Dated 17.05.2022

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Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from Axis Bank Ltd. We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset on the respective dates mentioned hereunder in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of Axis Bank Ltd. under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.

Sr. No.	NAME OF THE BORROWER / ADDRESS CO-BORROWER AND GUARANTOR NAME / LEGAL HEIRS ADDRESS	PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT	LOAN AMOUNT	NPA DATE DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE	
1	Mr. Pardeep Kumar S/o Sh. Harbir Singh B - 86 First Floor, Sector - 35, Parsavnath City, Opp. Park, Karnal, Haryana - 132001 Also At: Mr. Pardeep Kumar S/o Sh. Harbir Singh Krishna Colony, Gali No 3, Meerut Road, Sugar Mill, Karnal, Haryana - 132001	Mrs. Sangeeta S/o Mr. Pardeep Kumar Krishna Colony, Gali No 3, Meerut Road, Sugar Mill, Karnal, Haryana - 132001 Also At: Mrs. Sangeeta S/o Mr. Pardeep Kumar B - 86 First Floor, Sector - 35, Parsavnath City, Opp. Park, Karnal, Haryana - 132001	All Piece & Parcels of Residential Flat No B-86 1st Floor admeasuring 239 Sq. Yrd, situated at Sector - 35, Parsavnath City, Opp. Park, Karnal, Haryana - 132001 owned by Mrs. Sangeeta W/o ShPardeep Kumar vide Sale Deed bearing Registration No.62421 Dated 15-10-2018. Boundaries: East: Road, West: Plot no B-89, North: Plotno B-85, South: Plotno B-87	Rs.29,83,813/- (Rs. Twenty Nine Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirteen only)	Rs.27,73,991/- (Rs. Twenty Seven Lakh Seventy Three Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety One only)	09-Jun-2021 20-Apr-2022
2	Mr. SooryaBhan Gupta S/o Sh. Ram Murat, 170/27, Laxmi Narayan Colony, Jagadhari, Yamunanagar, Haryana - 135001 Also At: Mr. Soorya Bhan Gupta S/o Sh. Ram Murat, Plot No 27, Khatoni No 1181, Khasra No 511/1/2, 2/1, Ganga Nagar Colony, Yamunanagar, Haryana - 133103	Mrs. Arti W/o Mr. SooryaBhan Gupta, 170/27, Laxmi Narayan Colony, Jagadhari, Yamunanagar, Haryana - 135001 Also At: Mrs. Arti W/o Mr. SooryaBhan Gupta, Plot No 27, Khatoni No 1181, Khasra No 511/1/2, 2/1, Ganga Nagar Colony, Yamunanagar, Haryana - 133103	All Piece & Parcels of Residential Plot No 27 (Property id-102CB4U150A) admeasuring 54 Sq. Yrd, situated at Khatoni No 1181, Khasra No 511/1/2, 2/1, owned by Mrs. Arti W/o Mr. Soorya Bhan Gupta vide Sale Deed bearing Registration No.4283 Dated 07-10-2013. Boundaries: East: As Per Sale Deed, West: As per Sale Seed, North: As per Sale Deed, South: As per Sale Deed	Rs.11,40,617/- (Rs. Eleven Lakh Forty Thousand Six Hundred Seventeen Only)	Rs.10,18,312/- (Rs. Ten Lakh Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred and Twelve Only)	09-Dec-2021 20-Apr-2022
3	Mrs. Shalu Aggarwal W/o Sh. Ruchi Aggarwal, H No 337, Kaharan Street, Devi Bhawan Bazar, Jagadhari, Yamunanagar, Haryana - 135003 Also At: Mrs. Shalu Aggarwal W/o Sh. Ruchi Aggarwal Amar Vihar Colony (Old Chhachhrauli Road) Jagadhari, Yamunanagar, Haryana - 135003	Mrs. Amrita Aggarwal W/o Mr. Ashok Kumar Aggarwal, H No 337, Kaharan Street, Devi Bhawan Bazar, Jagadhari, Yamunanagar, Haryana - 135003 Also At: Mrs. Amrita Aggarwal W/o Mr. Ashok Kumar Aggarwal, Amar Vihar Colony (Old Chhachhrauli Road) Jagadhari, Yamunanagar, Haryana - 135003	All Piece & Parcels of Residential Plot No 6 id no 70C311U187B admeasuring 88 Sq. Yrd (i.e 00K-03M being 3/91 share out of land measuring 04K-11M in Khewat no 1717/1654, Khatoni No 2012, Khasra No 17/11/1) situated at Jagadhari, Amar Vihar Colony (Old Chhachhrauli Road)Jagadhari, Yamunanagar owned by Mrs. Shallu Aggarwal W/o Sh. Ruchi Aggarwal vide Sale Deed bearing Registration No.9922 Dated 10-01-2020. Boundaries: East: Rasta (20 Ft), West: Rasta (20 Ft), North: Property of Others (40 Ft), South: Property of Others (40 Ft)	Rs.21,25,498/- (Rs. Twenty One Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Eight Only)	Rs.21,00,000/- (Rs. Twenty One Lakh Only)	12-May-2021 20-Apr-2022
4	Mr. VikramVerma S/o Sh. Om ParkashVerma, H No 566, Surya Enclave, sector 7, Karnal, Haryana - 132001 Also At: Mr. VikramVerma S/o Sh. Om Parkash Verma, H No 618, Old Bishan Nagar, Gali No 15,Patiala, Punjab -147001	Mrs. Meenakshi W/o Mr. VikramVerma, H No 566, Surya Enclave, sector 7, Karnal, Haryana - 132001 Also At: Mrs. Meenakshi W/o Mr. VikramVerma, H No 618, Old Bishan Nagar, Gali No 15,Patiala, Punjab -147001	All Piece & Parcels of Residential House No 618 admeasuring 100 Sq. Yrd, situated at Old Bishan Nagar Gali No 15 Patiala, Punjab-147001 owned by Mr. Vikram Verma S/o Sh. Om Parkash Verma vide Sale Deed bearing Registration No.8792 Dated 05-11-2001. Boundaries: East: Road (30 Ft), West: House J S Sodhi (30 ft), North: Road (30 Ft), South: House of Others (30 Ft)	Rs.5,17,795/- (Rs. Five Lakh Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Five Only)	Rs.10,00,000/- (Rs. Ten Lakh only)	12-Oct-2021 20-Apr-2022
5	Atul Bhardwaj S/o Sh. Kamal Kishore Bhardwaj, H No 19 Jeevan Nagar, Bank Colony, Karnal, Haryana-132001 Also At: Mr. Atul Bhardwaj S/o Sh. Kamal Kishore Bhardwaj, MIG 110, Sector 3, Hemant Vihar Barra 2, Nr Puraan Chandra Vidhya Niketan Barra, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh - 208027 Also At: Mrs. Kamla Bhardwaj W/o Sh. Kamal Kishore Bhardwaj Flat No 801 B (Also Known as 804), 8th Floor, Tower T2 C, JBB Grand, Karnal, Haryana - 132001	Mrs. Kamla Bhardwaj W/o Sh. Kamal Kishore Bhardwaj H No 19 Jeevan Nagar, Bank Colony, Karnal, Haryana - 132001 Also At: Mrs. Kamla Bhardwaj W/o Sh. Kamal Kishore Bhardwaj MIG 110, Sector 3, Hemant Vihar Barra 2, Nr Puraan Chandra Vidhya Niketan Barra, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh - 208027 Also At: Mrs. Kamla Bhardwaj W/o Sh. Kamal Kishore Bhardwaj Flat No 801 B (Also Known as 804), 8th Floor, Tower T2 C, JBB Grand, Karnal, Haryana - 132001	All Piece & Parcels of Residential Flat No 801 B admeasuring 1899 Sq. Ft. situated at 8th Floor, Tower T2 C, JBB Grand, Karnal, Haryana - 132001, owned by Mrs. Kamla Bhardwaj W/o Sh. Kamal Kishore Bhardwaj vide Sale Deed bearing Registration No.2871 Dated 04-06-2019. Boundaries: East: Flat No 803, West: Flat No 803(T-2B), North: Flat No 801, South: Open Area	Rs.31,79,016/- (Rs. Thirty One Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand and Sixteen Only)	Rs.40,00,000/- (Rs. Forty Lakh only)	09-Jun-2021 20-Apr-2022
6	Mr. Sumit S/o Sh. Ramphal Villa No 1097, Block E, Omaxe City Sector - 18, Sonipat, Haryana - 131001 Also At: Mr. Sumit S/o Sh. Ramphal 954, Atail (46), Rohtak, Haryana - 124501 Also At: Sh. Ramphal S/o Sh. Meer Singh, Villa No 1097, Block E, Omaxe City, Sector - 18, Sonipat, Haryana - 131001 2. Smt. Bala W/o Sh. Ramphal Villa No 2319, Block E, Omaxe City, Sector - 18, Sonipat, Haryana - 131001 Also At: Smt. Bala W/o Sh. Ramphal Villa No 1097, Block E, Omaxe City, Sector - 18, Sonipat, Haryana - 131001 Also At: Smt. Bala W/o Sh. Ramphal 954, Atail (46), Rohtak, Haryana - 124501	1. Sh. Ramphal S/o Sh. Meer Singh, Villa No 2319, Block E, Omaxe City, Sector - 18, Sonipat, Haryana - 131001 Also At: Mr. Sumit S/o Sh. Ramphal 954, Atail (46), Rohtak, Haryana - 124501 Also At: Sh. Ramphal S/o Sh. Meer Singh, Villa No 1097, Block E, Omaxe City, Sector - 18, Sonipat, Haryana - 131001 2. Smt. Bala W/o Sh. Ramphal Villa No 2319, Block E, Omaxe City, Sector - 18, Sonipat, Haryana - 131001 Also At: Smt. Bala W/o Sh. Ramphal Villa No 1097, Block E, Omaxe City, Sector - 18, Sonipat, Haryana - 131001 Also At: Smt. Bala W/o Sh. Ramphal 954, Atail (46), Rohtak, Haryana - 124501	All Piece & Parcels of Residential House No 1097 admeasuring 193.75 Sq. Yrd, (Property id- No-211C652U154) situated at Omaxe City, Sector - 18, Sonipat, Haryana - 131001 owned by MrsBala W/o ShRamphal and MrSumit S/o ShRamphal vide Sale Deed bearing Registration No.7360 Dated 26-09-2019. Boundaries: East: Others Plot, West: Road, North: Plot no 1096, South: Villa No 1098	Rs.13,59,252/- (Rs. Thirteen Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Two Only)	Rs.20,00,000/- (Rs. Twenty Lakh only)	08-Feb-2022 20-Apr-2022
7	Mr. Mohan LalSachdeva S/o Sh. Hans Raj Sachdeva, H No. 44 Urban Estate, Sector - 14, Karnal, HARYANA 132001 Also At: Mr. Mohan Lal Sachdeva S/o Sh. Hans Raj Sachdeva, Shop No. 19/389/326 & 19/389, Old G.T Road, Arjun Nagar, Opp. Bus Stand, Karnal, HARYANA 132001 Also At: M/S Sunrise Pharmaceuticals Through its Partners Mr. Mohan Lal Sachdeva, Plot No. 25, HSIDC, Sector - 3, Karnal, HARYANA 132001 2. Mr. PremSachdeva S/o Sh Mohan Lal Sachdeva, H No. 44 Urban Estate, Sector - 14 Karnal, HARYANA 132001 Also At : M/S Samphire Sales Corp.Through its Prop. Mr. PremSachdeva S/o Sh Mohan Lal Sachdeva, Plot No. 24, Sector - 3, HSIDC, Karnal, HARYANA 132001 Mr. Prem Sachdeva S/o Sh Mohan Lal Sachdeva Shop No. 19/389/326 & 19/389, Old G.T Road, Arjun Nagar, Opp. Bus Stand, Karnal, HARYANA 132001 3. Mr. Gulshan Sachdeva S/o Sh Mohan Lal Sachdeva H No. 1698, Sector - 7, Near Dyal Singh Public School, Urban Estate, Karnal, HARYANA 132001 Also At: Mr. Gulshan Sachdeva S/o Sh Mohan Lal Sachdeva, H No. 44 Urban Estate, Sector - 14 Karnal, HARYANA 132001 Also At : M/S Samphire Sales Corp. Through its Prop. Mr. PremSachdeva S/o Sh Mohan Lal Sachdeva, Plot No. 24, Sector - 3, HSIDC, Karnal, HARYANA 132001 Also At: Mr. GulshanSachdeva S/o Sh Mohan Lal Sachdeva Shop No. 19/389/326 & 19/389, Old G.T Road, Arjun Nagar, Opp. Bus Stand, Karnal, HARYANA 132001 4. Mr. Kulwant Rai S/o Sh. Hans Raj Sachdeva, H No. 44 Urban Estate, Sector - 14, Karnal, HARYANA 132001 Mr. Kulwant Rai S/o Sh. Hans Raj Sachdeva, Shop No. 19/389/326 & 19/389, Old G.T Road, Arjun Nagar, Opp. Bus Stand, Karnal HARYANA 132001 Also At : M/S Sunrise Pharmaceuticals Through its Partners Mr. Kulwant Rai S/o Sh. Hans Raj Sachdeva, Plot No. 25, HSIDC, Sector - 3, Karnal, HARYANA 132001 5. Mr. Deepak Sachdeva S/O Sh Mohan Lal Sachdeva H No. 44 Urban Estate, Sector - 14 Karnal, HARYANA 132001 Also At: M/S Sunrise Pharmaceuticals Through its Partners Mr. Kulwant Rai S/o Sh. Hans Raj Sachdeva, Plot No. 25, HSIDC, Sector - 3, Karnal, HARYANA 132001 Mr. Deepak Sachdeva S/O Sh. Mohan Lal Sachdeva Shop No. 19/389/326 & 19/389, Old G.T Road, Arjun Nagar, Opp. Bus Stand, Karnal HARYANA 132001 6. Mr. Gulab Sachdeva S/o ShKulwant Rai Sachdeva H No. 1698, Sector - 7, Near Dyal Singh Public School, Urban Estate, Karnal, HARYANA 132001 Also At: M/S Sunrise Pharmaceuticals Through its Partners Mr. GulabSachdeva S/o ShKulwant Rai Sachdeva, Shop No. 19/389/326 & 19/389, Old G.T Road, Arjun Nagar, Opp. Bus Stand, Karnal HARYANA 132001	All Piece & Parcels of Commercial Shop admeasuring 150 Sq. Yrd, situated at Old GT Road, Opposite Bus Stand, Karnal, Haryana - 132001 owned by Mr Mohan Lal and Mr Prem Sachdeva, Mr Deepak Sachdeva and Mr Kulwant Rai vide Sale Deed bearing Registration No.8246 Dated 08-09-2011. Boundaries: East: Property Of Others (20 Ft 2 In), West: GT Road (28 Ft 2 In), North: Property Of Others (48 Ft), South: Property Of Others (48 Ft). All Piece & Parcels of Commercial Shop admeasuring 150 Sq. Yrd, situated at Arjun Nagar, back Side Dawat Hotel, Karnal, Haryana - 132001 owned by Mr Gulshan Sachdeva and Mr Gulab Sachdeva vide Sale Deed bearing Registration No.9189 Dated 12-09-2011. Boundaries: East: Property Of Others (25 Ft 2 In), West: Property Of Other and Road, North: Property Of Others (98 Ft), South: Property Of Others (45 Ft & 4.5 In + 48 Ft)	Rs.1,30,75,019/- (Rs. One Crore Thirty Lakh Seventy Five Thousand and Nineteen Only)	Rs.1,49,00,000/- (Rs. One Crore Forty Nine Lakh Only)	11-Mar-2021 27-Apr-2022	

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules thereunder.

Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Dated: 18-May-2022, Place:Karnal

Authorized Officer, Axis Bank Ltd.



Guru Randhawa collaborating with Sri Lankan singer Yohani?



Seems like Punjabi singer Guru Randhawa and 'Manike Mage Hithe' Sri Lankan hitmaker Yohani have joined hands for a new song. On Monday, Yohani took to Instagram and shared a few pictures with Guru. "Collab Loading," she captioned the post. Yohani and Guru's pictures have garnered a lot of likes and comments from social media users. "Two Amazing Talented Singers," a netizen commented. "Can't wait for your song," another one wrote. However, the two have not disclosed any details regarding their collaboration. Meanwhile, Yohani, who became an Instagram sensation with her popular song 'Manike Mage Hithe', will be seen singing the Bollywood version of the viral song in Indra Kumar's Thank God, which features Ajay Devgn, Sidharth Malhotra and Rakul Preet Singh in lead roles.

Ukraine star Karol in Japan, says her country will rebuild

Singer Tina Karol said Monday from Japan that she and her fellow Ukrainians will not give up defending their land and culture from Russian invasion and are determined to win the war and rebuild an even more beautiful country. My weapon is language and music, Karol said in Tokyo as she concluded a weeklong visit to rally support for Ukraine. My words are strong and my music moves emotions. The biggest tragedy today is the deaths of children. The children had to close their short lives ... for those children, a lullaby is not going to be sung, she said and sang a passage of a Ukrainian song during the news conference. Karol came to



Japan at the invitation of Rakuten Group founder and CEO Hiroshi

Mikitani, who first met her during his 2019 business trip to Ukraine.



Sonam Chauhan turns nostalgic as 'Jannat' clocks 13 years

May 16 holds a special place in actor Sonam Chauhan's heart as her debut film was released 13 years ago on the same date. And interestingly, her birthday also falls on the same day. Recalling working in 'Jannat', Sonam said, "Jannat was the best birthday gift I ever got. It started a new phase of my life and it coincidentally released on my birthday so yes, I would say it was the most memorable birthday because I embarked on this exciting journey on my birthday itself. I would say it was a very important phase of my life that began with my birthday and Jannat so it'll always be very, very special and each year, I'm reminded of that beautiful gift that the audience gave me with all the love and appreciation I received."

Helmed by Kunal Deshmukh, 'Jannat' revolves around betting in cricket. Actor Emraan Hashmi played the lead role. Sonam is now waiting for the release of her film 'Adipurush', which also stars Saif Ali Khan, Prabhas, Kriti Sanon and Sunny Singh.

Akshay Kumar amazed to know 'Prithviraj' team created over 50,000 costumes for film

Ahead of the release of Akshay Kumar-starrer 'Prithviraj', the makers revealed that they had to create over 50,000 costumes and also used 500 different types of turbans during the shoot. "Rarely do films take this much effort and embark upon such monumental tasks. Every element of our film which is based on the life of Samrat Prithviraj Chauhan has been dealt with utmost sincerity, authenticity and reverence. We have paid attention to the minutest details while making the film because we wanted this to be the most glorious retelling of Samrat

Prithviraj's life on the big screen," Akshay said.

According to director Chandraprakash Dwivedi, a special costume designer was specially flown in from Rajasthan to stay in Mumbai and make costumes from scratch.

"Detailing was key to making a film like Prithviraj. For example, 500 different turbans were created for the film. All these were authentic replication of the kinds of turbans worn by kings, masses, and people of various professions at that time. We had an expert on turban styling on the set who would oversee the process of these

turbans being worn by our actors. Over 50,000 costumes were handmade for the film by a costume designer who, along with his team, was specially flown in from Rajasthan to stay in Mumbai and make these costumes from scratch. I'm glad I had a producer like Aditya Chopra who believed in my vision for the film and backed me completely to tell a story like this in the grandest way possible," Chandraprakash Dwivedi said. 'Prithviraj', which also features Manushi Chhillar, Sonu Sood and Sanjay Dutt, will release in theatres on June 3.

Deepika attends jury dinner at Cannes 2022 in France

Bollywood superstar Deepika Padukone along with other eminent celebrities attended the jury dinner last night at Hotel Martinez in France, ahead of the Cannes Film Festival 2022, one of the prestigious film festivals.

Deepika Padukone is one of the eight jury members at the 75th edition of the Cannes Film Festival, which will be held in Cannes, France, from May 17 to May 28.

On Monday, the pictures and videos of Deepika from Hotel Martinez went viral on her fan pages on social media. In a video, the actor was seen walking in style with a bright smile on her face.

Taking to the viral pictures, the 'Piku' actor, looked gorgeous in her Louis Vuitton's Fall 2021 collection. She donned a multi-coloured sequin dress and paired it with brown coloured high boots.

In another viral video, Deepika was seen walking in style with a bright smile on her face.

Deepika was joined by other jury members including actor-filmmaker Rebecca Hall, Noomi Rapace and Italian actor-director Jasmine Trinca, as well as directors Asghar Farhadi, Ladj Ly, Jeff Nichols and Joachim Trier for the dinner.

Earlier on Monday, Deepika Padukone shared a video on her Instagram profile informing her fans that she had reached Cannes to be a part of the prestigious film festival. In the video, she talked about her 11-hour flight journey from Los Angeles to Cannes.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Deepika joins the team of the multi-lingual on the massive set constructed at Ramoji Filmcity as she forays into the sci-fi genre with 'Project K', touted to be one of the most expensive Indian films of all time.

The Red Carpet event at the 75th Cannes Film Festival will be a gala event for the Indian audience as celebrities from the cine world across India are set to walk there as part of the Indian delegation on the festival's opening day, May 17.

The list of celebrities will also comprise stars from major music industries across India.

The delegation will include actor-producer R Madhavan, Akshay Kumar, music composer AR Rahman, actor Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Pooja Hegde and Nayanthara along with CBFC Chief Prasoon Joshi, filmmaker Shekhar Kapur and music composer Ricky Kej amongst others.



Kiara Advani not a part of Sandeep Reddy Vanga's 'Spirit'

If you're waiting to see Kiara Advani opposite Prabhas in Sandeep Reddy Vanga's 'Spirit', then you have to wait a little longer. On Monday, Kiara's spokesperson has denied the rumours that the actor has been roped in to share the screen space with Prabhas in the film.

"In the wake of recent reports and speculations about Sandeep Reddy Vanga's upcoming film starring Prabhas, Kiara Advani's spokesperson would like to clear the air about the matter. Kiara has not been approached for the film nor has there been any conversation about the

same. In case of any update, we would officially announce and inform everyone. Hence, kindly request everyone to refrain from indulging in the rumours," the spokesperson informed.

Meanwhile, Kiara is currently busy promoting her film 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2', which also stars Kartik Aaryan and Tabu. 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2' is set to hit the theatre s on May 20.

