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Dhanda Khap honours advocate Vijay Pal

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MARCH 16

Dhanda Khap Panchayat awarded advocate Vijay Pal for his excellent work and honoured him by wearing Khap's pride and pride turban. In order to remove social evils in village Mirchpur and also to make Khap platform in village Kithana, the proposal was unanimously passed by raising hands. This information was given by Advocate Vijay Pal, son of Chaudhary Ved Pal, Deputy Speaker of Sarvjatiya Mahasabha and former Deputy Speaker of Haryana. He said that it was unanimously decided that a large-scale awareness campaign would be launched to save the future generation from drugs. Vijay Pal said that efforts will be made to make necessary amendments at the state and central level to legally eliminate the evils like gay marriage and live-in relationship so that the social fabric can be strengthened. He said that taking and giving dowry was also stopped so that girls are respected in the society because there is no bigger charity in the world than Kanyadan.



Advocate Vijay Pal, deputy editor of Sajag Samaj, said that he is with us all the time and will cooperate in every way to glorify the honour given by Khap Panchayat by giving him turban and award. And this honour will work as a strength and blessing for me.

On this occasion, Khap Pradhan Devvrat Dhanda and Om Prakash said that the former deputy speaker got

Rajbaha constructed here, which started good farming, otherwise there used to be a huge water shortage. Representatives of Dhanda, Mahalana, Mahil, Mahlawat, Malviya and Mahal gotras also participated in this panchayat. It was also attended by dignitaries from the government. Abhinandan Pal Dhanda, Sandeep Bharti, Rajendra Dhanda, Devendra etc also participated.

Haryanvi artists rule the roost in International film festival

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On the second day of the International Film Festival at Pandit Chiranjilal Sharma Government PG College, where short films and feature films were shown, as the chief guest in the evening session on Thursday, Gharunda MLA Harvinder Kalyan said that films are the mirror of society. He specially congratulated the festival director Dharmendra Dangi for the International Film Festival and encouraged him to organise such events. Kalyan, who came to the International Film Festival with his daughter Aishna Kalyan, son-in-law Madhur, along with special guest SP Chauhan, the real hero of The Struggling Man, SP Chauhan said that good films are like nutritious food for human beings.

Kalyan was welcomed by singing and dancing to the song titled 'Mhara Main Mehman Aaya Rai' in Haryanvi style. Special guest SP Chauhan The real hero of The Struggling Man, SP Chauhan also encouraged the Haryanvi artists. A total of ten films were screened at the International Film Festival on Thursday, some of which were short films and feature films. Among these, mainly the discussion of films like Insomnia, Ehsaas, Marathi film Gulhar, Mid Day Meal and Opari Parai remained. Festival director Dharmendra Dangi said that March 17 will be based on women empowerment, on this day films related to



women will be screened, videos and web series will also be screened. Cine star Shikha Malhotra and director Daidipya Joshi will participate in the programme in the afternoon. In the morning session, the film SP Chauhan The Struggling Man, based on the biography Sangharsh Ko Salaam by writer Sandeep Sahil, will be shown.

In the morning session, the chief guest was S. Gureja, director of Kalpana Chawla Medical College. Haryanvi artistes enthralled the morning session which was thoroughly enjoyed by the students. Principal Dr. Sarita and Coordinator Dr. Rashmi congratulated the women for the special programme on women empowerment on Friday. Many special guests including Karnal Mayor Renu Bala Gupta, senior advocate Shanta Ranga, former chairperson of Child Welfare Council Santosh Atreja, former IG Suman Manjari will participate in the event to be held on Friday.

International Film Festival Director Dharmendra Dangi said that a total of 55 films will be screened at the 6th International Film Festival, which will run from March 15 to March 19, out of which 14 feature films, 28 short films, 4 documentaries, 6 animation cartoon films, 6 Music videos and a web series will be shown.

The third day i.e. Friday 17th March will be focused on women empowerment. Apart from Akhilesh Mishra, Arvind Gaur, artists like Daidipya Joshi, Shikha Malhotra, Kamal Kumar Das and Sumitra Pednekar are expected to appear on the third day. The convenor of the seminar, Dr. Rashmi Singh said that along with the students, teachers and artists are also getting to learn a lot in the programme.

During the film festival, an international seminar will be organised on the theme of 100 years of Indian cinema.

PM modi promoting women's leadership: Banto Kataria

PREETI SAINI SADHAURA, MARCH 16

BJP State Executive Member Banto Kataria said that the leadership of women in the G20 meeting became a medium to bring together the collective power that promotes development. The meeting focused on the key themes of women entrepreneurship, equality and win-win opportunities for both the economy, partnerships to promote women's leadership at all levels including grassroots and education, women's empowerment and equal participation in the workforce. She said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Government of India is continuously working for the bright future of women. The World Health Organisation has estimated that there were 5 lakh deaths annually in India due to cooking with traditional fuels – wood, coal etc. But due to this effort of the Central Government, there has been a reduction of 20 per cent in cases of respiratory diseases among women. Financial assistance in Covid Rs 31,000 crore in the bank accounts of 20.50 crore women beneficiaries. Also, sanitary napkins are being made available at just Re 1 through more



than 9,082 Jan Aushadhi Kendras across the country.

Banto said that the number of women has increased compared to men and the health of women has also improved as compared to earlier. Be it Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan or Pradhan Mantri Mrityu Vandana Yojana, we have been successful in saving the lives of both mother and child. About 50 per cent of the beneficiaries of the Ayushman Bharat scheme are also women.

Not Rahul, but BJP leaders tarnishing country's image: Selja

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MARCH 16

Selja, a member of the All India Congress Central Working Committee and the Congress High Level Committee and former state president of the Haryana State Congress, has said that former Congress national president Rahul Gandhi has not insulted the country abroad. He has described the best of the country's democratic system. He said that the image of the BJP government is getting tarnished at the international level. Big leaders of BJP are harming the image of the country by their exploits. She reached Karnal to bless senior Congress leader Joginder Singh Rode and Mahila Congress state leader Nisha Rode's son Prince and daughter-in-law Ritu on their marriage. On this occasion, legislators, MPs, former legislator minis-

ters and dignitaries of the city, politicians, social workers, administrative and police officers were present.

Talking to the journalists on this occasion, she said that the people of the country want the Congress. In the coming days, the country wants to see



Rahul Gandhi as the Prime Minister. She said that BJP wants to end Panchayati Raj established by former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. Former MLA Shamsher Singh Gogi, Dr. Sunil Panwar, Arun Punjabi were present on the occasion. Selja was received by Congress leader Joginder Rode and his wife Nisha Rode.

Sandeep Garg inaugurates installation of tubewell

LADWA (NARESH GARG): In Duda of Ladwa, Chairman of the Stalwart Foundation and philanthropist Sandeep Garg inaugurated the installation of tube wells on Thursday in view of the water problem facing the residents of the colony. Social worker Sandeep Garg said that the people of the colony had a huge problem regarding drinking water. Keeping this in view, a tube well has been installed by the foundation for the people of the colony to drink clean and clear water. Now, the people of this colony will not have any problems drinking water. He said that the problem of the people of Ladwa constituency is his own problem, and he is making every possible effort to solve it so that no person



in Ladwa constituency should face any problem. He said that day and night he is engaged in listening to the problems of the people of Ladwa constituency and serving them. Before this, he dedicated the tube well to the people of the colony by cutting the tube well ribbon and pressing the tube well button.




Punjab Government
led by
**Chief Minister
Bhagwant Mann**
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SANT BABA ATTAR SINGH JI
(Mastuana Sahib wale)

On his
157th Birth Anniversary



BHAGWANT MANN
Chief Minister, Punjab

Department of Information & Public Relations, Punjab

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Himachal to earn 4000 crore from cess on hydro power projects: CM

AGENCY SHIMLA, MAR 16

Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu making intervention on the discussion during Water Cess bill said that BJP member who are trying to see shortcomings in the legislation should have follow the footsteps of their senior leader. He said that he wants to inform the house that Shanta Kumar who have farsighted vision on the issue and have been advocating the issue also hailed the efforts of Congress rule in the state to levy Cess on the power project. He said that members must not be confused by stating that it would implement from prospective or retrospective but every bill implement prospective. He said that cess is being levied on the generation on all power plant set up earlier or coming up in the future. Randhir Sharma of BJP demanded that power project less than 5 mw should be exempted from the preview of cess. He said that Government should not followed BJP state blindly while levying the tax. Chief minister Sukhwinder Singh



Sukhu said that members should understand that legislation was brought for replacing the ordinance and Government have already drafted the rule and regulation on the line of BJP state Utrakhand. Deputy chief minister Mukesh Agnihotri said that opposition is favouring Corporate by opposing the cess in house for power companies which are exploiting water resources for power generation. He said that BJP should have followed the Utrakhand for levying water cess however it is criticising thud government for burdening the common man. Mr

Sukhu said that no water Cess was levied on the common man. In order to strengthen the state's economy, the bill to collect water cess from power projects was unanimously passed in the assembly. The government is earning Rs 4000 crore annually by deciding to collect water cess from the hydro power project. Government had already promulgated an ordinance and notified that cess. In the budget session, Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri introduced an ordinance regarding cess recovery. It has been approved after discussion today. Before

approving the bill, Chief Minister Sukhu said that it would not put any financial burden on the people. A separate commission would also be formed for this. A chairman and four members would be nominated in this. An officer of the rank of Secretary would be appointed as the Chairman of the Commission. Private Member Day today, discussion on four resolutions. Today is Private Member Day. In this, resolutions of four members would be placed in the House for discussion. The first resolution has been brought by Congress MLA from Ghumarwin, Rajesh Dharmani. In this, he has brought a resolution to make a policy to regularize roads and buildings made without FCA-FRA outright. The second resolution is of BJP MLA Vipin Singh Parmar. Parmar would demand a policy to increase Himachal's share in the power project and avoid financial loss to the state due to non-compliance of the dividend agreement. Demand to make a policy to save crops from stray animals.

SJVN and IOCL to form Joint Venture for developing



DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, MAR 16

Nand Lal Sharma, Chairman & Managing Director, SJVN informed that SJVN has entered into a MoU with Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) for formation of Joint Venture (JV). The JV company will engage in development of Renewable Energy Projects, which includes Solar, Wind, Hydro & Hybrid Power Projects. The company will also develop Energy Storage Systems such as Battery Storage and Pumped Storage Projects for supply of Round the clock (RTC) Power. The power generated from these projects will be supplied to Refineries of IOCL, other establishments of IOCL and will also be sold to third parties through energy exchanges. Nand Lal Sharma further said that, both the companies will work together to leverage their core strength in project development for developing Renewable Energy Projects for supply of Round the clock (RTC)



Power. The JV company will also venture into Electric Mobility Infrastructure, Production of Green Hydrogen and other Green Synthetic Fuels. He further said that the power produced by the projects of this JV will also help in the mitigation of the carbon footprint of IOCL. The joint venture will bring together SJVN, a frontrunner in Power Sector and IOCL, one of the major player in Oil Sector on a common platform, the association will certainly play a vital role in the growth story of Nation. Sharma further said in line with the targets set by the Union Government, SJVN has ambitious goals for development of Renewable Energy.

Three die and two injured in car mishap in Kasauli

BUREAU KASAULI, MAR 16

Three persons died on the spot and two other injured seriously when a Hunyadi car in which they were travelling rolled down into deep gorge near Jangeshu village on Kasauli - Parwanoo road under Kasauli police station in this district, early morning today. The deceased were identified as Suraj Thakur, resident of Abhipur village near Nalagarh, Shubham, resident of Nalagarh and Sangam, resident of Kurukshehra in Haryana. The injured youth were immediately rushed to ESI hospital Parwanoo.

Preliminary investigations made by police revealed that the all five occupants of the ill-fated car number HP12 H- 6577 were on way from Kasauli to Parwanoo. As soon as the vehicle reached near Jangeshu village, the driver of the car suddenly lost control over the vehicle and fell down into deep gorge, leaving three dead on the spot. The villagers after noticing the mishap informed the police that arrived on the spot and started the investigations. The cause of the accident could not be ascertained immediately. A case has been registered.

Mention on important legislations in the 17th Tibetan Parliament session



SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, MAR 16

The 5th session of the 17th Tibetan Parliament began in Dharamshala. The 10-day session was chaired by Speaker Khenpo Sonam Tenphel and Deputy Speaker Dolma Tsering, attended by Sikyong Penpa Tsering, Kalons, Members of Parliament and Secretaries of relevant departments. Parliament has acknowledged the growing and growing number of Tibet supporters in recent years and has referred to important legislation on Tibet such as the formation of the Mexican Parliamentary Tibet Support Group, the Inter-Parliamentary Group for Tibet in the Spanish Senate, the US Legislature The introduction of a bicameral Tibet Bill, the Middle Way Approach in the House of Commons of Canada with support for Tibet, and successive resolutions on Tibet passed at the UNHRC. The Chairman appreciated the efforts made by each participant while calling for sustained and determined efforts.

Reduction in wards from 41 to 34 illegal: SP Jain

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, MAR 16

Learned Senior Advocate Satya Pal Jain has submitted to the Himachal Pradesh High Court that the reduction of the number of wards in the Shimla Municipal Corporation from 41 to 34 is in violation of the provisions of the Himachal Pradesh Municipal Corporation Act, 1994 and also the Himachal Pradesh Municipal Corporation Violation of (Election) Rules, 2012. He told the court in his application that when the whole exercise of increasing the wards from 34 to 41 was done keeping in view the law and following all the rules, then the Himachal government has passed an act to reduce the wards from 41 to 34. There was no



justification for amendment. He said otherwise, even after reducing the number of wards from 41 to 34, what was the need to redo the process of delimitation of 34 wards as per the rules of delimitation. Therefore, both the reduction of wards from 41 to 34 as well as adoption of old delimitation are illegal, unconstitutional and liable to be set aside. He urged that the respondents be directed

to carry out the delimitation process afresh as per the provisions of the Himachal Pradesh Municipal Corporation Act and Rules. After a lengthy hearing, the court issued notice to the State as well as the Himachal Pradesh State Election Commission and directed both the respondents to file the case. High Court has fixed the matter for further arguments on March 28.

Natural Farming has benefitted consumers as well as farmers: Governor

BUREAU SHIMLA, MAR 16

Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla said that the demand for natural products has increased and farmers were also getting benefits from it as it was beneficial in many ways. He said that innovative steps like partnerships with agricultural universities for natural farming technology development, branding and packing material development, and fellowship programs for students and trainees would prove effective in the direction of promoting natural farming. This was



stated by the Governor in a meeting with senior officers of Agriculture Department at Raj Bhavan here today. Shukla said that Himachal Pradesh is fast moving towards chemical-free farming. There was a need to promote natural farming in a big way so that the best agri-produce for health and

environmental protection could be provided besides farmers could get good prices for their produce. Appreciating the efforts of the department, the Governor said that farmers were adopting natural farming methods in all the districts of the state and so far 1.59 lakh farmers and fruit growers were producing

different crops on 19320 hectares of land with this technique. During the meeting, Rakesh Kanwar, Secretary Agriculture gave detailed information about Prakritik Kheti Khushhal Kisan Yojana to the Governor. He apprised that there were mainly small and marginal farmers in the State who were getting attracted towards this method. He presented table calendars, recipe books and brochures prepared by the Agriculture Department for the promotion of nutritious grains to the Governor to celebrate the International Millet Year 2023.

Chintpurni temple will remain open 24 hours for devotees in Chaitra Navratri Fair: DC

KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA, MAR 16

Chaitra Navratri Fair will be organized from March 22 to 30 at Mata Shri Chintpurni Temple. This information was given by Chintpurni Temple Trust President and Deputy Commissioner Una Raghav Sharma while presiding over the meeting organized in the auditorium of Baba Shri Maldas Sadan to review the preparations related to the fair. The Deputy Commissioner informed us that SDM Amb will be the Mela Officer, while DSP Amb has been appointed



as the Police Mela Officer. To maintain law and order during the fair, the fair area will be divided into four sectors, and around 400 police and home guard personnel will be deployed. Proper use of CCTV cameras will be made in the temple and fair premises during the fair so that untoward incidents caused by anti-social elements can be prevented. Deputy Commissioner Una

said that, in view of the safety of the devotees, there will be a complete ban on taking coconuts to the temple during the fair period. Coconuts will be collected from the passengers in line at DFMD before the main gate of the temple. Apart from this, a darshan slip will be mandatory for the devotees, and this slip can be obtained from Baba Shri Maldas Sadan, New Bus Adda, and Shambhu

Barrier. He said that 24-hour services would be provided at Chintpurni Hospital to ensure emergency medical facilities for the devotees during the fair. Apart from this, one additional medical post will be set up by the Health Department and the Ayurveda Department, where treatment will be provided to the devotees as per their requirements. He instructed the Jal Shakti Department to ensure the cleanliness of drinking water sources and proper drinking water supply to provide clean and pure drinking water to the devotees during the fair.

Junior engineer arrested for taking 5k bribe

SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, MAR 16

Vinay Kumar Junior Subordinate BDO Office Bhavarna Tehsil Palampur has been caught red handed by the team of Vigilance Department Dharamshala while accepting bribe of Rs 5000. Giving information, SP Balveer Singh of Kangra District Vigilance Department said that Vijay Pathania resident Chakhola Tehsil Palampur had complained that the attached junior engineer community building whose construction work is going on in Chakhola that a bribe of 5000 jobs is being given to release the next installment. Is wanting The construction work of the community building was being done for the Jan Sahyog Yojana in development, for which an amount of Rs 9,90,000 was locked up from the Collector Office, Kangra and about Rs 1,60,000 was collected by the general public. He told that the operation of the team of Vigilance Dharamshala was done by Additional Superintendent of Police Balbir Jaswal, the amount of Rs. The operation of the Vigilance team was done by Additional Superintendent of Police Balbir Jaswal which included Inspector Mohindra Kumar, Bhag Singh, Sandeep Kumar, Bindu Kumari, Sub-Inspector Pratap Chand.

JOA (IT) candidates start 'Padyatra' from Hamirpur to Shimla

BUREAU HAMIRPUR, MAR 16

Raising slogans of justice and restoration of the office of HP staff service commission; about 150 JOA (IT) candidates both male and female today started a padyatra from Hamirpur to Shimla. They will meet the Chief Minister, Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu at Shimla on March 18th, said a spokesman of the yatris.

The protesters gathered outside the office of the Himachal Staff Selection Commission in Hamirpur. Candidates will travel on foot till Shimla. The march started from the Commission's office and proceeded to Shimla via Hira Nagar area of Hamirpur town. Carrying posters and banners in their hands, they were raising slogans in support of their demands. Candidates will go on joining this march one after the other and will meet Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu in Shimla. The youth said that they will present

their point of view by giving arguments before the government. Still, if the government does not listen to them, the movement will be started and they will also rush to New Delhi to meet the Prime Minister.

Notably, the result of the candidates of postcode 817 was being declared due to the matter pending in the Supreme Court. This postcode is clubbed with 4 other postcodes. In the reply filed by the government in the Supreme Court recently, reference has also been made to the investigation of the mess. Because of that the candidates are angry.

Neeraj Thakur, the main brain behind the padyatra, said that the condition of the unemployed in Himachal was going from bad to worse but none was listening to them. Thakur said, "The old recruitments are yet to be traced, that is why this march is being started. The process of old recruitment should be completed". He also demanded that the dissolved Himachal Staff Selection Commission should be restored.



A deputation of Rashtriya Devabhoomi Party, led by President Rumi Singh Thakur, called on the Chief Minister Thakur Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu here today and expressed gratitude for providing free school uniform to all the students of Class 1st to 8th. The deputation also apprised him of their various demands.

Editorial

Against intellect

Democracies are facing an unprecedented threat of fake news, disinformation and propaganda. Under the rapid rise of populist, right-wing, and majoritarian ethno-nationalist movements, the concepts of 'fact' and 'truth' have taken a sustained beating as have science and expertise in various domains — academics, journalism, films, and so on. Anti-intellectualism or the 'generalised distrust of experts and intellectuals' has, thus, become the norm.

India is no exception to this. Under this Hindu nationalist government, established notions of scholarship and expertise have been subject to populist attacks in fields ranging from science to history. Thus, we have claims of ancient India possessing such technologies as plastic surgery, the internet, stem cell therapy and the aeroplane. Such claims have been made by high State functionaries. Apparently, what matters is only majoritarian 'opinion' and 'belief'; not knowledge claims accepted through universally established protocols. This is best illustrated by Narendra Modi's sarcastic comment that "hard work is more powerful than Harvard" (in the context of Amartya Sen's criticism of demonetisation).

This anti-intellectualism becomes even more drastic when it is Western expertise that subjects India to scrutiny. Whether it is the BBC documentary on Gujarat 2002, The New York Times' coverage of Covid19, The Lancet's research on excess coronavirus deaths or V-Dem Institute's reports on the decline in democracy's indicators, the response is a scathing dismissal of the credibility of these institutions. More worryingly, these criticisms are seen as part of a 'Western propaganda' or a 'colonial mindset' targeting the whole of India. Facts and truth in themselves have no place in the discourse when political populism and its minders take over the function of determining what knowledge is, this time under the guise of countering Western colonialism. It does not matter that the BBC is among the most trusted news sources in the world or that The New York Times pursues the highest standards in journalism. This is not to suggest that these reputed institutions cannot make mistakes or are free of typical Western biases. What is revealing is that their claims are not refuted on the basis of reasoning and supporting evidence. Instead, the response always is that there is a grand conspiracy by a Western cabal against India. This universe of 'alternative facts' must also ignore history. The BBC played a stellar role in bringing the truth of the India-Pakistan war of 1971. It must also ignore expertise, like that of the acclaimed Israeli filmmaker, Nadav Lapid, who had described The Kashmir Files as "vulgar propaganda".

Will China's new premier Li Qiang deliver on the economy?

President Xi Jinping named Li Qiang, a close confidant, as the country's next Premier, nominally in charge of the world's second-largest economy, now facing some of its worst prospects in years. He takes on the job even as the authority of the Premier and the State Council, China's Cabinet, has been steadily eroded by Xi as he shifts more powers to bodies directly under the ruling Communist Party.

Qiang Li is known for overseeing Shanghai's harsh COVID-19 lockdown, which had major economic consequences. His promotion shows that loyalty to Xi now seems to matter more than competence in economic governance. Moreover, unlike previous Premiers, Li has had never held office at the national level before being elected to the Chinese Communist Party's top leadership. Questions are being raised over his experience in running China's vast economy, given that he skipped the traditional intermediary step of serving a term as Vice Premier before becoming Premier.

Chinese Premiers have traditionally been in charge of the Chinese economy, but



this position has been weakened under Xi, who centralised power over the past decade. As Premier, Li oversees the State Council, Xi has deprived him of substantive powers by, for example, strengthening the party's Central Committee for Financial and Economic Affairs.

Many overseas analysts believe that Li, who was Xi's de facto chief of staff in Zhejiang province from 2004-07, will mainly play the role

of implementer, rather than be tasked with reshaping the country's development course.

In the long run, few expect Li to be able to resurrect the strong reformist premier-ships of the past, such as those of Wen Jiabao under Xi's predecessor Hu Jintao, or Zhu Rongji under the late president Jiang Zemin.

Xi, ever careful about his position at the head of the party, is expected to keep Li on a tight rein. The potential

for unpredictability is going to remain a chronic risk with Xi in charge and especially with a leadership team comprised entirely of his allies. China's economy grew just 3 per cent last year, and on the opening day of the NPC, the Government set a modest growth target of about 5 per cent for 2023, its lowest goal in nearly three decades. Li's top task this year will be beating that target without triggering serious inflation or piling on debt. While China

has not signalled plans to unleash stimulus to jump-start growth, potential setbacks such as a collapse in exports or persistent weakness in the property sector could force Li's hand. Li can make some repairs here and there, but he is not expected to tear down the wall and build something new. It is unlikely that Li Qiang would serve as a counterweight to Xi's efforts to control the economy.

It is very doubtful whether Li himself will have the authority to further develop Deng Xiaoping's reform and open door policy, the decades-long process of opening up that has appeared to be threatened under Xi. Historically, Li has shown himself to be a pragmatist with a strong business-oriented mindset.

Still, his relatively low profile until recently has left the market scrambling for signs or indications of how he would manage far more sophisticated domestic issues while countering Xi's decoupling pressure at the central-government level.

Questions remain over how he is likely to reconcile his policies with Xi's long-term targets of self-reliance and shared prosperity, and how far he could push the re-

form of the fast-ageing and debt-ridden economy to bring back sustainable growth in the face of external headwinds.

All eyes would be on how Li will shape the economic policy as the economy navigates a growing array of challenges, including sluggish consumption, rising unemployment, a downturn in the housing market, lack of business confidence, local governments' debt distress an ageing population and increasing tension with the US over technology sanctions. In addition to lingering economic headaches, he will face an urgent need to prevent overseas orders from falling, while also considering contingency plans if relations keep deteriorating with some of China's top export destinations and sources of technological expertise.

Xi's new term and the appointment of loyalists to top posts underscores his near-total monopoly on Chinese political power, eliminating any potential opposition to his hyper-nationalistic agenda of building China into the top political, military and economic rival to the US and the chief authoritarian challenge to the Washington-led democratic world order.

Literature & Health

Dim lights before bedtime to reduce risk of gestational diabetes

Pregnant women should dim the lights in their home and turn off or at least dim their screens (computer monitors and smartphones) a few hours before bedtime to reduce the risk of gestational diabetes mellitus, a new Northwestern Medicine study shows.

Women who developed gestational diabetes mellitus in the multi-site study had greater light exposure in the three hours before sleep onset. They did not differ in their light exposure during daytime or sleep or in their activity levels compared to those who did not develop it. "Our study suggests that light exposure before bedtime may be an under-recognized yet easily modifiable risk factor of gestational diabetes," said lead study author Dr. Minjee Kim, assistant professor of neurology at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and a Northwestern Medicine neurologist. Growing evidence suggests exposure to light at night before



bedtime may be linked to impaired glucose regulation in non-pregnant adults. However, little is known about the effect of evening light exposure during pregnancy on the risk of developing gestational diabetes, a common pregnancy complication with significant health implications for both mother and offspring. This is believed to be one of the first multi-site studies to examine light exposure before sleep on the risk of developing gestational diabetes. The study was published on March 10 in the American Journal of Obstetrics

and Gynecology Maternal Fetal Medicine.

Gestational diabetes rise is 'alarming'

Gestational diabetes is on the rise in the U.S. and globally. About 4.5% of first-time pregnant women with a baby born between 2011 and 2013 developed gestational diabetes, which has been increasing on average 3.4% per three-year period until 2019. In 2020, the rate of gestational diabetes was 7.8% of all births in the U.S. "It's alarming," Kim said. "Gestational diabetes is known to increase obstetric complications.

Abduction, forced conversion of Hindu girls continues in Pakistan

The abduction and forced conversion of Hindu girls continues in Pakistan. A resident of Malhi village of Sindh's Tharparkar district, Ishwar Bheel, said that his 20-year-old daughter Guddi Bheel was kidnapped by Sikhander Bajeer of Tando Adam Naukot of Mirpur-Khason on March 8 while returning from the hospital where she had gone to collect fever medicines for her brother.

He said that she had been pressured to embrace Islam and forced to sign and submit a sworn affidavit addressed to Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) and Deputy Commissioner (DC) Mirpur Khas, claiming that she converted to Islam on her free will and was not pressurized or forced to do so.

In another incident of a Hindu minor girl being kidnapped and police refusing to register a case, Veero Kolhia resident of Talho Malho village of Umerkot said that his minor daughter was abducted by influential people of his village by giving her some soft drinks laced with intoxicants.

He further said that despite repeated pleas, police refused to register a missing case. Three other cases of kidnapping and forced conversions of minor Hindu girls were reported in March 2023. While Meena Butt (14) was kidnapped from near her home in Mavomehwar, Mirpurkhas and married to kidnapper Abdur after conversion at Barchundi Sharif Dargah (Gotki), Sangita

Kumari (16) of Karachi was married to her kidnapper after being forced to embrace Islam at Karachi's Sufi Darbar. Krishna Bheel (13) was abducted from Mirpurkhas while returning from school. The Mirpur Khas police refused to register the missing complaint saying that she must have eloped with her boyfriend, said her father Dasram Bheel.



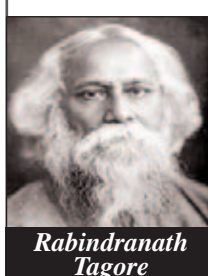
Meanwhile, on Monday, more than 100 social activists from different districts of Pakistan's Sindh and Punjab provinces protested against the kidnapping and forced conversions of minor girls from minority, especially Hindu communities, in an event titled "Aurat" organized in Karachi. Several activists during the event talked about atrocities against women and the apathy shown by the government authorities towards such incidents. The speakers

claimed that while police authorities refuse to file FIRs in kidnapping cases, medical and legal authorities connive to declare underage girls as major and eligible for marriage. Karachi-based activist Birma Jeswani said that such incidents of kidnapping of minors, declaring them as major and then forced conversion have been rampant in Sindh for more than a decade and called for an immediate end to such incidents.

POEM

Brink Of Eternity

In desperate hope I go and search for her in all the corners of my room; I find her not. My house is small and what once has gone from it can never be regained. But infinite is thy mansion, my lord, and seeking her I have to come to thy door. I stand under the golden canopy of thine evening sky and I lift my eager eyes to thy face. I have come to the brink



of eternity from which nothing can vanish ---no hope, no happiness, no vision of a face seen through tears. Oh, dip my emptied life into that ocean, plunge it into the deepest fullness.

Rabindranath Tagore

Overweight in youth could be a risk factor for blood clot in adult life

Being overweight in childhood and in early adulthood increases the risk factors for blood clots later in life, a University of Gothenburg study shows. The study is based on the early BMI history of more than 37,000 men and information about their thrombi, if any, in adulthood.

The association between obesity and blood clots is already established. However, to date it has been unclear how much influence a raised BMI in childhood and puberty exerts. The purpose of the study was to clarify the links between BMI in early life and subsequent thrombi.

Thrombi usually arise in the legs, often starting in a blood vessel in the calf. Swelling, pain and redness are common symptoms. Treated early, clots are seldom dangerous. However, if one breaks loose, is borne to the lungs in the



bloodstream, and adheres to the vessel wall there, the resulting "pulmonary embolism" may be life-threatening.

The present study comprises 37,672 men in Sweden, born between 1945 and

1961. It is based on information about height, weight, and BMI from the men's records, first from school health care services (at the age of 8 years) and, second, from medical examinations on en-

rollment in the Armed Services (at age 20), along with register data on any blood clots up to age 62 on average.

Distinctly elevated thrombus risk emerges from the results, now published in the Journal of Internal Medicine, that BMI at both ages 8 and 20, independently of each other, can be linked to venous blood clots. These may occur in, for example, the leg (deep vein thrombosis, DVT) or the lung (pulmonary embolism).

In adulthood, two groups were found to be at a significantly increased risk of venous thrombi. The first was individuals who had been overweight both as children and as young adults, while the second was composed of those whose weight in childhood was normal and who became overweight only in early adulthood. Moreover, being overweight in both childhood and

young adulthood was found to raise the risk of arterial thrombi -- that is, clots resulting from constricted blood vessels with fatty deposits and inflammation. Since there were few cases of arterial blood clots in the study, however, further studies are needed to confirm these findings.

All comparisons in the study were made with the control group, whose weight was normal at both 8 and 20 years of age. Overweight in puberty an important factor The first and corresponding author of the study is Lina Lilja, a doctoral student at Sahlgrenska Academy, University of Gothenburg, and pediatrician.

At the time of the study, she worked at the Kungshojd pediatric clinic in Gothenburg. Today, she is a senior physician in child health care in Region Vastra Gotaland. "Our study shows that

both overweight in childhood and overweight in young adulthood increase the risk of venous blood clots later in life. The latter, overweight when the men were young adults, proved to be a more influential factor than overweight when they were children," Lilja notes.

Professor and senior physician Claes Ohlsson and associate professor and senior physician Jenny Kindblom, both of Sahlgrenska Academy at the University of Gothenburg and Sahlgrenska University Hospital, were senior authors of the study.

"Obesity and overweight during puberty seem to have a marked impact on a person's future risks of venous thrombi," Kindblom concludes.

The study includes data from the BMI Epidemiology Study (BEST) in Gothenburg, a population study, and from Swedish national registers.

Campaign against drugs, Police arrests 4 persons: SSP

SUMER GARG
SANGRUR: Surendra Lamba, IPS, SSP while giving information said that District Police Sangrur has launched a campaign against drugs and anti-social elements and under this campaign, Police has arrested 4 persons by registering 4 cases on 14.03.2023 and 1.750Kg opium including drug money worth Rs.26150; 21 grams of white/heroin and 15Kg of opium husk popularly known as Bhukki were recovered. Surendra Lamba while giving further information said that CIA Sangrur by registering case No. 01 at Police Station City Sunam, accused Sunny Kumar son of Birj Lal and Surinder Kumar son of Birj Lal resident near Piranwala Gate Sunam were arrested and 1.750Kg of opium, a car and drug money of worth Rs.26150 was seized from him. SSP further said that after registering case No. 1 at Sadar police station, Sangrur, the accused Rajinder Singh son of Bajir Singh, resident of Ghabadan was arrested and 15Kg Bhukki chura posta was seized from him; after registering case No. 1 at Sadar at Sherpur police station, Raj Kumar alias Raju son of Roop Singh, resident of Khalil Patti Sherpur was registered and 06 grams of white/heroin was seized from him and after registering case No. 1 at Sadar at Moonak police station, accused Kuldeep Singh alias Keera son of Subhash Singh resident of Manyana was arrested and 15 grams of white/heroin was seized from him.

NEWS AT A GLANCE

Kheti Kisan Mela at Rauni Patiala held



RAWEL BHINDER
PATIALA: In its ongoing series of Kisan Melas, the Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) held a Kisan Mela for kharif crops at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Rauni, Patiala, here today. The Mela floated the theme "Aao kheti kharch kataiye, vaadu paani, khaad na paiye," underlining the need for cutting farm expenses by making judicious use of water and fertilizers. The Mela, rightly termed by the PAU Vice-Chancellor as a Gyan te Vigyan Mela (Knowledge and Science fair) saw a mammoth gathering of farmers, farm women and rural youth who converged at the Mela, making a beeline for the purchase of University approved varieties and seeds, apart from purchasing farm literature authored by PAU scientists. The Chief Guest, Dr Balbir Singh, Cabinet Minister, Health and Family Welfare, Medical Education and Research, commenced his address by expressing gratitude to the farmers, who had specially come over to attend the Kisan Mela with the motive of benefitting from recent advancements in agriculture through a direct interface with the PAU experts.

Green Punjab Mission observes Sikh environment day



SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON: Green Punjab Mission observed Sikh environment day by distributing plants to people at old sabzi mandi road Jagraon under the guidance of environment activist Himmat Verma and created awareness among people about tree plantation. They also appealed people to plant as many saplings as possible and to nourish them in order to contribute in environment conservation. Association members Satpal Singh Derhka and Kanchan Gupta said that planting more and more trees is highly necessary in order to protect the environment and every citizen should plant more and more trees as it is their moral duty. The association also honored principal Rajwinder Kaur with Nature lover award for her contributions towards creating awareness about environment conservation.



Comprehensive mobility plan discussion held with stakeholders of Punjab Haryana. Sh. Banwarilal Purohit Governor of Punjab Administrator Chandigarh chairing the meet with Sh. Manohar Lal Khattar CM Haryana. Smt. Anmol Gagan Maan Minister Punjab also present.

Cabinet Minister Dr. Balbir Singh thanks panchayat for giving grant of 10 lakhs to village Ajnauda Khurd



RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA, MAR 16

Punjab government fulfilling its promise, grants are being distributed on a large scale to speed up the development works in the state. According to which the MLA of rural Patiala Constituency and Cabinet Minister Punjab Dr. Balbir Singh checked the grant of 10 lakhs to the panchayat for the development works of village Ajnauda Khurd of the constituency and said that there was no shortage of grants for development works in Punjab and the constituency. It is the first task of the government to provide every facility to the people. On this occasion, the entire Panchayat and villagers thanked Cabinet Minister Dr. Balbir Singh and assured to stand shoulder to shoulder with him at all times.

National Immunization Day celebrated at Civil Hospital Rampura Phul



KULJIT DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL, MAR 16

National Immunization Day is celebrated on March 16 in India. If we talk about its background, on this day in 1995, the dose of vaccination was given for the first time to prevent polio. The process of inoculation and vaccination of a child starts from a newborn, which increase their disease fighting power and help them stay healthy. Meanwhile, many types of vaccines are also available in government health institutions. If we talk about Rampura Phool city, then this city is playing a leading role by vaccinating with a very good number compared to other cities of the district. On this occasion, Dr. Senior Medical Officer. Under the leadership of Dr. Harinderpal Singh, a specialist in children. Ashish Bajaj said that hepatitis B, Polio, BCG for children up to 1 year, apart from Pentavalent, Measles and many other necessary vaccination doses and vaccines were administered to the children at the time of birth in Civil Hospital.

Red Cross and social organizations give strength to work of public service: Dr. Sunil Kumar

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, MAR 16

As per the instructions of Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of District Red Cross Society, Shantanu Sharma, ration kits were distributed to TB patients on behalf of District Red Cross Society. Courtesy of Sarva Samaj Kalyan Sewa Samiti, District Secretary Dr. Sunil Kumar distributed ration kits to TB patients. The District Secretary said that Red Cross is foremost in human service with the help of social organizations. Red Cross and social organizations are jointly strengthening the work of public service.

Nutritious ration kits are being distributed to TB patients whose economic condition is not good. He said that as per the instructions of State General Secretary of Haryana Red Cross Society, Dr. Mukesh Aggarwal, screening camps are being organized by Red Cross to identify TB patients, along with this, common people are also being made aware. Haryana Red Cross Society and Health Department are working jointly to fulfill the target set by the state government to make it



free from Tuberculosis (TB) by the year 2025. Red Cross TB Coordinator Anjali told that drop out tuberculosis patients are being treated by Red Cross. During the survey, people with cough and cold symptoms are being identified. People are also being informed about prevention, symptoms and treatment of diseases by the Red Cross Volunteers. He thanked State President of Sarva Samaj Kalyan Sewa Samiti Rameshwar Saini for distributing ration kits to TB patients. Committee patron Naresh Saini and chairman Dalbir Malik said that the committee actively participates in social activities.

Various competitions organized under road safety campaign

KULBHUSHAN SHARMA
GUHLA CHIKA, MAR 16

According to the orders of the Higher Education Department, Haryana, various competitions were organized on behalf of the Road Safety Campaign through the Traffic Interruption Center today at Government Girls College, Chika. The students participated enthusiastically in the competitions. The main objective of the competitions was to spread awareness about road safety rules and motivate people to follow them. Principal Rajendra Kumar Arora played the role of chief guest on this occasion, and in his address, the professor in charge of the program also congratulated Gurnam Singh. The results of the competitions were as follows: In the slogan contest, the first prize was won by Annu, B.A. First Year, Second Consciousness, B.A. First Year, and Priya, B.A. First Year. In the essay writing the first place was Raveen, B.A. Second Year; Second Position Ritu,



B.A. Third Year; Third Raveena, B.A. Third Year. For the poster maker, the first place was Muskanpal, B.A. First Year; second, Mehakpreet Kaur, B.A. First Year; and third, Ashmeet Kaur, B.A. Second Year. In the wall painting competition The first position Kajal, B.A. received in the first year. On this occasion, Prof. Manish Kumar, Prof. Dharam Singh, Prof. Darshan Singh, Prof. Rajni Gupta, Prof. Sombir Singh, Prof. Kulwinder Singh, Prof. Ful Kumar, Prof. Meenakshi, Prof. Rohitash Kumar, Prof. Sukhwinder Singh, Prof. Bhairavi, Prof. Sunil Rana, and Prof. Surbhi played the roles of the jury.

AAP will complete work of adding 10 lakh members in Haryana

KULBHUSHAN SHARMA
GUHLA CHIKA, MAR 16

Senior worker of the Aam Aadmi Party, Kulbhushan Sharma, has claimed that within the next one month, the Aam Aadmi Party will complete the work of adding 10 lakh members in Haryana. This target has been entrusted to Aam Aadmi Party workers by AAP's national convener, Arvind Kejriwal. As per the orders of Aam Aadmi Party's National Organization Minister Sandeep Pathak, training is being given for the membership campaign in all the blocks, and orders have been given to the workers to start this campaign vigorously. Under these orders, they have started a door-to-door membership drive in Guhla Chika. He said that within the coming month, AAP workers will make more than 20,000 members from Guhla Cheeka itself. He said that the coming time belongs to the Aam Aadmi Party, as people have tried all the parties in Haryana. He alleged that all the parties have looted Haryana. Even when Haryana was formed 57 years ago, the condition of roads and electricity was the same, and now,



the roads of Guhla Cheeka have been yearning for repair for the last three years. Every day, the act of deceiving the public is done by making tempting promises. While the reality is that the leaders are filling their houses by collecting votes from the people, the people are roaming around in the same way as they used to live 57 years ago. He said that tall claims are made, but there is nothing on the ground. He urged the people that if they wanted an administration free of corruption, they should elect a Republican. If you want free and quality education for all, employment for all, good health services, clean drinking water, and good roads.

Girls and women to get 5 pc subsidy on interest of bank loans for education: ADC

RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL, MAR 16

ADC Dr. Balpreet Singh said that on behalf of Haryana Women's Development Corporation, 5 percent interest rate subsidy is given to girls and women for taking loans from banks for pursuing higher education in the country and abroad.

No girl student should be deprived of getting higher education in the absence of expensive interest rate. That's why the government is committed to provide subsidy at the rate of 5 percent interest to girls and women for pursuing higher education. With the aim of speeding up the Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao campaign of the Central Government, girls and women should not face any problem in getting higher education.

For girls and women to enroll in technical education, diploma, postgraduate, PhD and other higher education courses, compensation of 5 percent interest amount on education loan is done by Women Development Corporation. He told that there is no other condition including income, caste to get this facility. For this, girls and women should be permanent residents of Haryana. The scheme is proving extremely beneficial for girls and women. For any other information regarding this, Haryana Women Development Corporation office can be contacted.

Aim of the Beauty and Wellness program to provide employment to students along with studies: Rampal Saroha



DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, MAR 16

Today, a program was organized in the premises of Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Ladwa. This program was organized under Haryana Sarva Shiksha Pariyojana Parishad under NSF Q Skill Beauty and Wellness. In this, beauty tool kit was distributed to the girl students of classes IX and XI. School Principal Rampal Saroha and specially invited counselor Mohit, SMC President Sushma, members Rajni, Asha Rani, Radha Rani, Sunita and parents were present in this program. Addressing the program, Principal of the school, Rampal Saroha, explained the importance of beauty and wellness and put forward his views on earning while learning.

Students made aware to stay away from drugs in one day awareness program against drugs

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
SONIPAT, MAR 16

A one-day 16th anti-drugs awareness program was organized at Government Industrial Training Institute, Ganaur, under the guidelines and guidance of Mr. Amitabh Singh Dhillon, Head of Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau. This program was started under the chairmanship of the principal of the institute, Rambir Saroha. Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau's awareness program and rehabilitation in-charge and sub-inspector Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma was present as the chief speaker in this program. Deputy Inspector Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma informed the students and employees about the side effects of drugs and said that today drug



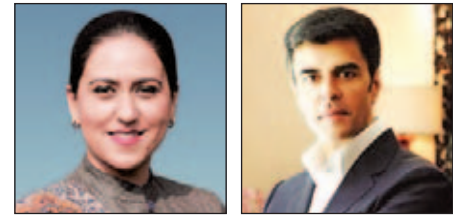
addiction has taken a terrible form in the country, which everyone will have to work together to destroy it completely. We need to identify the drug traffickers and criminals living in our midst who are misleading our youth. Now the time has come to bring them to their proper place. Discussing in detail about the concrete steps taken by NCB Haryana, Dr. Verma said that apart from confiscating the property of criminals involved in the drug trade, Yellow Claw is working on

illegal properties. Discussing on 9050891508, he said that apart from giving secret information about the people doing drug business, those who have given up drugs can also contact them. All the students and staff took a pledge not to consume drugs. Students including Assistant Sub Inspector Rajendra Kumar, Pradhan Pradhan Vinod Sharma, Secretary Rajesh Kaushik and members Jitendra, Pankaj Bansal, Arvind were present on this occasion.

Anjali Singh and Raaja Kanwar take charge as office bearers of CII Haryana for the year 2023-24

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
GURUGRAM, MAR 16

CII Haryana organised its Annual Session 2022-23 in Gurugram which was attended by over 150 participants. During the Session, Mrs Anjali Singh, Executive Chairperson, Anand Group was elected as Chairperson of CII Haryana State Council 2023-24 and Mr Raaja Kanwar, CMD, Apollo International Ltd was elected as the Vice Chairman of the Council. "With the adoption of disruptive technologies including Artificial intelligence, Machine Learning and Industrial Internet of Things, organisations can improve operational efficiency, reduce cost and keep inventories lean," said Mr Rohit Relan, Immediate Past Chairman, CII Haryana & CMD, Bharat Seats Ltd. He was speaking at the Panel Discussion titled 'Technological Disruptions: Getting Ready for Future' organized by CII during CII Haryana Annual Session 2022-23. Speaking further, Mr Relan said that these technologies will enable the manufacturing industry to achieve sustainable competitive



advantage. Mr Relan mentioned that the manufacturing sector must be prepared for organised manufacturing plants where supply chain, design team, production line, and quality control are coordinated into an intelligent engine that provides insights. In his address, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, Past Chairman, CII Haryana & ED & Member of the Executive Board, Maruti Suzuki India Ltd said that many companies have realized that 'smart' and connected production systems that are designed to sense, predict, and interact with the real world can not only increase productivity, energy efficiency and sustainability but also avoid sudden shutdowns of manufacturing facilities or disruptions in raw material supply.

Jammu, March 16: Customers embarking on their journey to the holy shrine of Vaishno Devi can now enjoy a world-class restaurant experience with McDonald's at new track- Tarakote Marg and Ardhkuwari. Keeping in mind religious beliefs that prevail and influence food habits in the region, the restaurants offer 100% Vegetarian menu with no onion and no garlic.

SHORT TALKS

Skechers Community Goal Challenge in Chandigarh for noble cause

CHANDIGARH: Bollywood celebrities, Kirti Sanon and Siddhant Chaturvedi inaugurated day one of the Skechers Community Goal Challenge. For this challenge, participants did their part by running on treadmills in order to achieve the cumulative goal of running 1,000 Kilometres. The two-day challenge is open to people of all ages and fitness levels across Chandigarh. Skechers, The Comfort Technology Company™ and award-winning global performance and lifestyle brand, today commenced day one of its Community Goal Challenge at Elante Mall in Chandigarh. This two-day challenge is aimed at supporting a charitable cause while promoting healthy living and physical fitness. Kirti Sanon, Brand Ambassador, Skechers said the event began on a fantastic note, and I am ecstatic to have been a part of it. Commenting on the initiation event, Bollywood actor, Siddhant Chaturvedi said, "I'm excited to be a part of this event and encourage people to get active and support a worthy cause. Post the completion of the challenge, Skechers will donate 100 pairs of shoes to Khelshala NGO in Chandigarh. Khelshala is a charitable organisation committed to providing inclusive quality education that promotes life skills while making a difference to the community through sports, academics and extracurricular activities for underprivileged children, said Rahul Vira, CEO of Skechers Asia Pvt. Ltd.

WAPTAG to organise Water Expo from March 23-25 at India Expo Centre

Chandigarh: The Water Purification & Treatment Association of Gujarat (WAPTAG), the most trusted and largest association of water purification and treatment industry, will host the WAPTAG Water Expo 2023 at India Expo Centre in Greater Noida from March 23 to 25. WAPTAG Water Expo 2023, the seventh of the series, will be the largest, most advanced, unique and inclusive water industry exhibition in the country, and will see leading industry players showcasing the latest global technologies in the water and wastewater management sector. "The WAPTAG Water Expo 2023 will bring the whole industry under the same roof and provide a unique opportunity to share business opportunities, network, and explore innovative water solutions. It is the place to be for the water purification and treatment industry and the perfect destination for companies looking to enter the vast and promising water purification and water treatment sector in India. The Expo will be the most advanced, largest, unique and inclusive in terms of the venue, exhibitors' profile, and broad industry segment showcasing the latest technologies in the water and wastewater management sector," said Asit Doshi, President of WAPTAG. More than 250 exhibitors from India and overseas, including the biggest names in the industry.

Massive increase in UTCA's players registration, 1345 players registered so far

Chandigarh: Within a week of opening of the UTCA's players' registration 1345 players have registered in the various formats suggesting a significant jump in enrollment as compared to last season. In boy's category, 295 players have got their registration done in Under-16 while 460 in under-19. 267 players enrolled in Under-25 while 202 in men's senior category. Meanwhile in the girl's category, 14 players have registered their names for Under 15, 49 in Under 19 wherein 58 enrolled for the senior women team. Expressing the great enthusiasm in the registration, UTCA President Sanjay Tandon said that this increasing graph of registration in the first week itself is an indicator of the fact that children and their parents want to give a new dimension to their interest in cricket through UTCA. The last date for registration is March 20

Crossing crossroads: Punjab extends red signal to toll plazas on four roads: Harbhajan Singh

CHANDIGARH: With the motive to provide relief to the common man, Punjab Public Works Department (PWD) has made four roads of the state Toll Free for commuters; Upgradation and Special Repairs of 3571 km link roads carried out expending Rs. 509 Crore across the state.

Listing out Punjab Government's achievements of one year, Punjab PWD Minister Harbhajan Singh ETO said that Ludhiana - Malerkotla, Hoshiarpur-Tanda, High Level Bridge at Makhu, Balachaur-Garhshankar-Hoshiarpur roads have been made Toll free for the commuters. He said that the contracts of these toll plazas have expired but the companies was indulging in several tantrums to get it extended. He said that keeping the interests of Punjabis above, the state government has decided to close these toll plazas with immediate effect. Apart from this, more such toll plazas will be closed in coming days as the state government is already preparing the list of all other such



defaulters. Assailing the successive governments in the state for overburdening people by mortgaging the roads of Punjab for their vested

interests, he said that the state government will take every possible step to ensure that people are given reprieve from this burden.

Speaking about the other such initiatives taken by the department, he said that the 65 Sewa Kendras have been converted along with up-gradation of 215 Primary Health Centers to Aam Aadmi Clinics during FY 2022-23. "166 Km road length has been completed with an expenditure of Rs 86.70 Crore under Special Assistance scheme," he said while adding that 3571 km length has been completed with an expenditure of Rs.509 Cr. on completed & ongoing works under Link Roads projects.

Highlighting other pro-people projects, Cabinet Minister Harbhajan Singh said that time bound works such as up-gradation of Schools, Heritage Gates & Streets, 4-Laning of roads and beautification works by plantation of ornamental plants have been completed for G-20 meetings.

Our technologies help farmers to make better use of limited agri resources: Syngenta MD



AMRIKSINGH AMRITSAR: During the G20 Summit here, Syngenta in partnership with IIT Ropar showcased deployment of drones for use in spraying crop protection solutions. The company also displayed how it was empowering farmers by helping them save money, labour cost and time to enhance their income eventually.

The company's technologies enable millions of farmers around the world to make better use of limited agricultural resources, said Susheel Kumar, MD & country head of company.

In more than 100 countries the company is

working to transform how crops are grown. Through partnerships, collaboration and good growth plan we are committed to accelerating innovation for farmers and nature, striving for regenerative agriculture, helping people stay safe and healthy and partnering for impact, he maintained. "One of our primary goals is to identify, develop and scale a series of innovative, breakthrough transformations that will enable farmers to increase their yields sustainably," asserted Susheel.

Meanwhile Syngenta works closely for training agri entrepreneurs (AEs), who provide multiple agri and allied services to farmers. Under this program village youth are identified, trained and certified by National Institute of Agriculture Marketing and mentored to build businesses that increase smallholder farmer incomes, efficiency and reduce climate footprint through better and cheaper inputs, access to markets, credit, and insurance.

10,911 AEs have been trained so far across India. These youth also get training to become certified drone pilots.

PSPCL issues advisory to avoid fire incidents wheat fields

PATIALA: A spokesman of PSPCL has appealed to the farmers to inform nearest PSPCL offices in case they find any loose electricity wires or notices any sparking in transformers in their area.



Spokesman also informed the consumers that they can also register their electricity complaints on the helpline numbers 9646106835

and 9646106836 which will be function for 24 hours. Consumers can also register their complaints on Whatsapp number 9646106835. Punjab State Power Corporation Limited has also made an appeal to the farmers of the Punjab to cut one merla of wheat around the transformer before hand. The 10 meter radius around the transformer in the field should be made wet so that even if a spark falls, it can prevent fire.

Under aegis of G 20 Reserve Bank Ombudsman Chandigarh organises event



AVTAR BHANWARA CHANDIGARH: A media interaction was organized by the Office of the Reserve Bank Ombudsman, Chandigarh today at Hotel Mount View, Sector 10, Chandigarh to increase awareness about the Reserve Bank Integrated Ombudsman Scheme - 2021 (RB-IOS 2021). The event was organized under the aegis of G20 and on the occasion of World Consumer Rights Day celebrated on 15 March.

Shri. Rajeev Dwivedi, Ombudsman, Chandigarh, representatives of PIB Shri. Pavitar Singh, Shri. Vivek Vaibhav and Smt. Vatica Chandra and various media houses participated in the program, wherein the Ombudsman provided detailed information about RB-IOS 2021 to the participants.

In his address, the Ombudsman informed that the Reserve Bank - Integrated Ombudsman Scheme is a single window facility for redressal of complaints against entities regulated by RBI.

Under the scheme, in case of non-redressal of complaints within 30 days or non-satisfactory redressal by RBI regulated banks / NBFCs / system participants, the complainants may file their complaints with the Ombudsman. Complaints can be lodged online at <https://cms.rbi.org.in> or send by post at the Centralized Receipt and Processing Centre, Reserve Bank of India, Chandigarh - 160017. All complaints relating to deficiencies in financial services of regulated entities, except those mentioned in the exclusion list, are covered under the scheme. Also, customers can track the actual status of their complaints on the Complaint Management System (<https://cms.rbi.org.in>). Customers of regulated entities should not share confidential information related to their bank accounts, OTP, UPI, ATM PIN, CVV etc. After this, representatives of media houses asked questions related to the scheme, which were answered by the Ombudsman.

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क्र.सं. नं.	बैठक	दिनांक	दिन	समय	सम्बन्ध
1	मेम्बरों के नैतिकता संबंधी कानून की प्रतिक्रिया	17.03.2023	सोमवार	राज्यपाल के कार्यालय	मेम्बरों की बैठक में प्रमुख अतिथि के रूप में
2	Day 1, नौकरशाही पत्रिका का प्रकाशन	10.04.2023	सोमवार	9 am to 11 am	पी.डी.ओ. श्री. नरना सिंह
3	दायक कौशल नौकरशाही पत्रिका की प्रतियां	10.04.2023	सोमवार	11 am to 11:30 am	पी.डी.ओ. श्री. नरना सिंह
4	नौकरशाही पत्रिका का प्रकाशन	10.04.2023	सोमवार	11:30 am to 1 pm	पी.डी.ओ. श्री. नरना सिंह
5	बायोमैट्रिक प्रणालियों का प्रकाशन	10.04.2023	सोमवार	1 pm to 3 pm	पी.डी.ओ. श्री. नरना सिंह
6	नौकरशाही पत्रिका का प्रकाशन	10.04.2023	सोमवार	3 pm to 4 pm	पी.डी.ओ. श्री. नरना सिंह
7	कर्मचारी कल्याण केंद्र की प्रतियां	10.04.2023	सोमवार	4 pm to 4:30 pm	पी.डी.ओ. श्री. नरना सिंह
8	नौकरशाही पत्रिका का प्रकाशन	10.04.2023	सोमवार	4:30 pm to 5 pm	पी.डी.ओ. श्री. नरना सिंह
9	नौकरशाही पत्रिका का प्रकाशन	10.04.2023	सोमवार	5 pm	पी.डी.ओ. श्री. नरना सिंह

Day 2

क्र.सं. नं.	बैठक	दिनांक	दिन	समय	सम्बन्ध
1	चंद्र निलंबन कानून की प्रतिक्रिया	11.04.2023	सोमवार	9 am to 9:30 am	पी.डी.ओ. श्री. नरना सिंह
2	चंद्र निलंबन कानून की प्रतियां	11.04.2023	सोमवार	9:30 am	पी.डी.ओ. श्री. नरना सिंह

Day 3

क्र.सं. नं.	बैठक	दिनांक	दिन	समय	सम्बन्ध
1	सैन्य सेवा नियम	21.04.2023	शुक्रवार	9 am to 1 pm	सी.डी.ओ. श्री. नरना सिंह
2	मुद्रा (SC Reserved)	21.04.2023	शुक्रवार	9 am to 1 pm	सी.डी.ओ. श्री. नरना सिंह
3	मुद्रा (SC Reserved)	21.04.2023	शुक्रवार	9 am to 1 pm	सी.डी.ओ. श्री. नरना सिंह
4	राज्य (Women Reserved)	21.04.2023	शुक्रवार	9 am to 1 pm	सी.डी.ओ. श्री. नरना सिंह
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9	राज्य (Women Reserved)	21.04.2023	शुक्रवार	9 am to 1 pm	सी.डी.ओ. श्री. नरना सिंह

Day 4

क्र.सं. नं.	बैठक	दिनांक	दिन	समय	सम्बन्ध
1	चंद्र निलंबन कानून की प्रतिक्रिया	21.04.2023	शुक्रवार	1 pm to 3 pm	पी.डी.ओ. श्री. नरना सिंह
2	चंद्र निलंबन कानून की प्रतियां	21.04.2023	शुक्रवार	3 pm to 4 pm	पी.डी.ओ. श्री. नरना सिंह

चंद्र निलंबन कानून की प्रतिक्रिया

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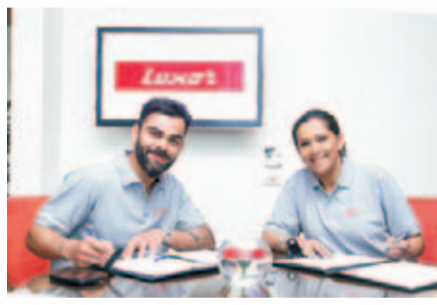
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मेम्बरों की बैठक में प्रमुख अतिथि के रूप में

Luxor onboards Virat Kohli as Brand Ambassador



NEW DELHI: Luxor, a prominent Indian organization and a leader in the writing instruments industry, has announced its exclusive partnership with Schneider Pen, Germany to launch a new portfolio of innovative and high-performance writing instruments in India. Schneider Pen, based in Germany is a global leader with 85 years of excellence in writing technology, widely recognized for its product quality and design as well as its commitment to sustainable development in all its business practices.

The strategic partnership brings together Luxor's brand equity, manufacturing capability, distribution strength and deep understanding of the Indian market, and Schneider's

technological expertise and world-class product range.

Luxor and Schneider Pen also announced their first launch together - Luxor Schneider LMAX, a pen in the liquid-ink system category, one of the fastest growing and most popular segments in the Indian writing instruments industry. Luxor LMAX comes equipped with German technology, water-proof ink, consistent ink-flow and is designed to deliver "maximum smoothness, writing length and clarity" for today's consumers. The Luxor Schneider LMAX is a refillable pen, affordably priced at Rs.60 per pen and will be available in 4 colours - blue, black, red and green. The new brand is targeted towards all users regardless of age and profession, and is expected to be especially useful for students who seek pens with consistent and reliable performance combined with great value-for-money.

On this significant occasion, Luxor announced it has onboarded youth icon and sports legend, Virat Kohli as its new brand ambassador. Virat, recognized as one of the all-time cricket greats and known for his record-breaking performances, will be the face of Luxor across its stationery range.

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1.	Improvement in wagon maintenance infrastructure by extension and raising of sick line shed at ROH depot at Khanalpura & Extension of pits along with shed, creation/Modification of rain water testing, boring gardening and drainage and provision of all weather road upto Pit Lathes Shop & Press Machine Shop in c/with set up facilities for maintenance of 3 phase loco including training facilities at EL/Khanalpura.	5,98,27,463/-	4,49,100/-	9 Months	10.04.2023
2.	Provision of Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) of 200 KLD at Chandigarh & Bhatinda	4,71,94,723/-	3,86,000/-	9 Months	10.4.2023

NOTE-1. Tenderers are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligibility documents including PAN/TIN/GST etc. as per conditions. **2.** The required Bid Security will be acceptable On-line payment through Net Banking/ or Payment Gateway payment only well before of closing time & date of tender. **3.** Tenderers should have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate to participate in e-Tendering of works tenders. **4.** For detail, please log on IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in

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YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2023

Vigilance necessary for every person regarding H3N2 virus: DC

DR. ASHOK KUMAR KARNAL: District Deputy Commissioner Anish Yadav said that the residents of the district need not panic about the H3N2 virus. In view of H3N2, the district administration and health department are fully alert. He gave necessary guidelines to health department to work on alert mode. Deputy Commissioner Anish Yadav said that all the health department teams have been alerted regarding the influenza virus. By the way, there is no serious problem regarding the virus in the district as of now. People need to be careful, not panic. Pay special attention to balanced diet in the changing season. Get your check-up done if you see symptoms of the virus. In case of any problem, take any medicine only after consulting the doctor. He instructed the health department officials to take precautions in case of flu related cases. Karnal's civil surgeon Dr. Yogesh Sharma told that H3N2 is known as seasonal influenza. Symptoms like fever, cough, throat infection, body ache, watery nose are seen in influenza patients. It is a type of influenza virus. He cautioned the citizens that the virus can spread rapidly from infected people to others. In such a situation, you should keep washing your hands regularly with water and soap, avoid touching your nose and mouth repeatedly, cover your nose and mouth properly while coughing and sneezing.

Rs 9cr fine imposed on overloaded vehicles in four months: Shyokand



RADAUR (NIRMAL): The DTO's team knocked on the mining area on Wednesday night and took action on overloaded vehicles filled with mining material passing through the Radaur-Jaithana road. The team caught three overloaded dumpers passing through the road and imposed a fine of about 3 lakhs and impounded them in the police station for further action. As long as the overloaded vehicles filled with mining material remained missing from the roads in the team area. DTO Urmil Shyokand said that till now in the month of March, a fine of about Rs 75 lakh has been imposed on overloaded vehicles. If we talk about the last four months, a fine of about Rs 9 crore has been imposed by them on overloaded vehicles, which is the highest in Haryana.

DRO among four held in bribery cases in Haryana

CHANDIGARH: The teams of Haryana Anti-Corruption Bureau have arrested four people, including a Sub-Inspector of the Cooperation Department and two officers of Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation, in separate cases of bribery. They were arrested from Jind, Faridabad and Palwal districts. While giving this information here today, a spokesperson of the Anti-Corruption Bureau said that in the first case, the ACB has arrested the Sub-Inspector of the Cooperation Department, Jind red-handed while accepting a bribe of Rs 50,000 for transfer of a plot in cooperative housing building society. Om Prakash, a resident of Narnaund, in his complaint to the Anti-Corruption Bureau stated that he wants to get transferred his plot.

CM seeks metro connectivity to Pinjore-Kalka from Chandigarh

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, MAR 16

Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal said that metro connectivity should be made to Panchkula's Pinjore-Kalka from Chandigarh and Zirakpur respectively; under the Comprehensive Mobility Plan (CMP). He said that these routes should be included in the first phase of the metro project. The Chief Minister was speaking during a meeting of the Comprehensive Mobility Plan, chaired by Punjab Governor and UT Administrator, Sh. Banwarilal Purohit here today. Punjab Tourism Minister, Ms Anmol Gagan Mann, Chandigarh Mayor, Sh. Anup Gupta, Haryana Chief Secretary, Sh. Sanjeev Kaushal, Chief Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Sh. DS Dhesi, Ad-

ditional Chief Secretary, Sh. Arun Gupta, along with senior officers from UT and Punjab were present during the meeting. A detailed presentation on the comprehensive mobility plan for the tricity which includes Chandigarh, Panchkula and Mohali; was given by the officials of the Rail India Technical and Economic Services (RITES). Various proposals for mass rapid transport system to tackle tricity's growing traffic congestion was discussed. During the meeting, the Chief Minister suggested that important places like PGIMER, Punjab and Haryana High Court, secretariat, Vidhan Sabha should also be added in the first phase of the metro. "Pinjore and Kalka should be connected with Chandigarh under the metro plan as it the gateway of Hi-

machal Pradesh and movement of a large number of people takes places towards Panchkula and Chandigarh on a daily basis. This will further strengthen the Panchkula-Chandigarh connectivity, ensuring smooth flow of traffic," he said. The Chief Minister further suggested that Airport connectivity to Panchkula should be considered under the plan. "The metro should aim to improve and facilitate airport connectivity. A timeline in this regard should be prepared and it should be included under the mobility plan," he added. Apart from this, the Chief Minister also suggested that the area of Ghaggar river and new Panchkula extension should also be included in the expansion of the metro.

Food processing workshop from March 17 to 19

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MARCH 16



A food processing workshop will be organised in Karnal's Anaj Mandi from March 17 to 19. This information was given by the organisers of Expo Food Processing, Shivam Arora and Karthik Arora during a press conference. He said that Karnal is a historical district Taraori. The rice of Karnal is world famous, it is a matter of pleasure for the people of Karnal, as they said that in this workshop, different stalls related to food will be given to the people. He said that organising a three-day food processing event will create a new example in itself and this workshop will prove to be very beneficial for the traders. Different types of stalls to be set up in India Processing X Pro will be published with a new technology

and new thinking, because the scientific era is going on in the country today and at the social level, we should also adopt this new technology to make Karnal district of Haryana better. A new identity will have to be given. On this occasion, many traders will participate. Tilak Raj Arora said that in the three-day workshop, many investors from other countries are spreading their foot in Haryana and it is a matter of pleasure for us, for this he requested the government to pay special attention to this progress. He said that this workshop will prove to be very beneficial for the people associated with the food industry, while the MD of Modern Agro, Gurbaksh Singh Manchanda said that the work of adding a new chapter in the food processing industry is being done. On this occasion Mukesh Agarwal Shahabad, Haryana Jai Singh, the state president of the Sailor Association and Malik, a famous industrialist from Nilokheri, were also present.

Document update service fee at Aadhaar center will be Rs 50: Mayor Aman Kumar

DR. ASHOK KUMAR KARNAL: For the convenience of the public, the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has decided to allow free online updating of documents in its Aadhaar on its website, a people-centric move that will benefit lakhs of residents. This information was given by Municipal Commissioner and Nodal Officer Aman Kumar. He informed that as part of the Digital India initiative, UIDAI took the decision and is urging the public to avail the free document update facility on the MyAadhaar portal. The free service is available for the next three months, i.e. from March 15 to June 14, 2023. It is important to note that this service is free only on the MyAadhaar portal and Rs 50 will continue to be charged at physical Aadhaar centres. He informed that UIDAI is encouraging residents to upload Proof of Identity and Proof of Address (POI/POA) documents to re-verify their demographic details, especially if Aadhaar was issued more than 10 years ago and never updated. This will help in better livability, better service delivery and increase the certification success rate. In case there is a need to change demographic details (name, date of birth, address), the resident can use the regular online update service, or visit the nearest Aadhaar centre. Normal charges will be applicable in such cases.

Awareness programme on millets organized

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: An awareness program on the importance of millets under the International Year of Millets 2023 was organized at Padhana by the Research Directorate of Maharana Pratap Udyan University, Karnal. Dr. Ramesh Goyal, Director of Research, MHU participated in the program as the chief guest. On reaching the program, village sarpanch Praveen Kumar welcomed the chief guest. A large number of women, farmers and youth participated in the awareness programme. Director Dr. Ramesh Goyal said that the use of millets can reduce the dependence on traditional crops considerably. The special thing is that coarse grains do not require a lot of irrigation and water to grow. Eight coarse cereals have been in-



cluded for the International Nutritious Cereals Year 2023, namely Bajra, Ragi, Kutki, Sanwa, Jowar, Kangni, Chena and Kodo. There is a lot of nutrients in coarse grains. Coarse cereals are necessary for children of growing age, workers who do heavy physical work and old people. Coarse grains require less labour and less water to grow. Thus millets are not only a storehouse of nutrients but are also climate resilient crops and have wonderful nutritional properties. He said that these can solve the global problem of malnutrition and hunger. He called upon the people to include millets in their diet. He said that millets can play an important role in meeting the nutritional needs of the growing population and in the prevention of rapidly increasing lifestyle diseases like diabetes, cancer, heart disease, hypertension. Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called upon the people to include coarse cereals in their diet.

Ayurvedic drug manufacturer association meeting held



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: The meeting of Karnal Ayurvedic Drug Manufacturing Association was held at Kamal Club under the chairmanship of State President of Ayurvedic Association Anoop Bhardwaj. First of all tribute was paid to the late member Sanjay Batra by observing a silent fast. After that the newly elected team was handed over the charge. Chairman Anoop Bhardwaj, Patterm Dr. Gulshan Gulati, President Abhishek Gupta, Anshul Garg Deputy President, General Secretary Deepak Vaid, Treasurer Deepak Arora, Deputy President for State Unit Dr. Mahesh Sukhija, Secretary Himanshu Chawla, Himanshu Khurana, Executive Member Dr. Mohinder Chhabra, Vikas Singla, Jitendra Batra and Manvendra Singh Gulshan Davar were appointed. 33 members including Ravindra Singh, Ashok Dubey, Avnish Bhardwaj, Lalit Tuteja, Ram Pal were present.

Sumita Singh attends Bhagwat Katha



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: In the Shrimad Bhagwat Katha organised at Peepal Wale Temple, Jundla Gate, Sumita Singh, former MLA, Kamal reached as the chief guest and took blessings. In the temple, Acharya Hari Om Maharaj said that victory happens where God is there, take the support of Govind, nothing happens with the help of the world. Acharya Hari Om Maharaj said that the land of Vrindavan is holy, where salvation is also filled with water, God is found only by love. On this occasion, Samita Singh said that listening to stories and satsang gives peace to the mind and the mind is pure with good thoughts. There is a change. Sumita Singh said that Shri Hari Bhakta Mandal is doing virtuous work by organising Katha through Janata Janardan Samiti. Pandit Vinay Gautam, Pappu ji, Deepak Gupta, Anil Gupta, Atul Gupta, Sudha Gupta, Rajesh Goyal, Sushil Kumar, Raju, Binni, Raju etc were present on this occasion.

Officers to measure if farmers and traders face problems in season: Sandeep

SANJAY VERMA PEHOWA/ISMALIBAD, MARCH 16

Haryana's Writing and Printing Minister Sandeep Singh said that farmers and traders should not face any kind of problem in the upcoming wheat season. The officials should complete the preparations for taking gunny bags and crops to the market from now on. If laxity is found in this work, he will write a letter to the Chief Minister for action against that officer. Minister of State Sandeep Singh was speaking at the meeting of officials held at the Ismailabad Market Committee office. To solve the problems raised by the traders, he instructed the DC and the Food and Supplies Officer over the phone that gunny bags should be brought from other districts and delivered here on time. Apart from this, the cleanli-

ness system of the market should also be improved. He told the officers to keep a special eye on the agencies taking the tender for lifting. It is often seen that firms take tenders. But they do not have vehicles



for lifting. Due to this, the farmers and traders have to suffer, and there is a jam in the market. If any firm does such work, take immediate action against it and inform them. They will themselves take steps to stop his payment and take action.

Udai Bhan to address party workers today



DARSHAN SHARMA NILOKHERI: Professor Rajesh Vaidya, a member of the Pradesh Congress Committee, said that on March 17, Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee State President Udai Bhan will reach Nilokheri Punjabi Dharamshala tomorrow to infuse new power and energy among the Congress workers. Youth, elders, farmers, labourers, businessmen are all very enthusiastic about this programme because the public is fed up with the present government and has now made up its mind to oust this government from power. Every day some big leaders are joining the Congress. A joint press conference was held today on the above topic. Amarjeet Dhiman and Narayan Das Verma also expressed their views on this occasion. They said that tomorrow's programme will be grand. With this enthusiasm, Rajesh Vaidya's work will gain more strength.

Quiz competition on road safety rules

R K KASHYAP CHHACHHRAULI, MARCH 16

A Quiz Competition on Road Safety Rules and Regulation was organised by The Traffic Interpretation Centre at Government College Chhachhrauli. 46 students participated in 23 teams out of which 6 teams were selected through a screening test. Principal Dr. Sanjeev Kumar informed the students about the rules of road safety. Dr. Indu Bala, Nodal Officer, Traffic Interpretation Centre motivated the students to participate in such activities. Pawan and Prashant stood first, Wasim and Amarjeet stood second and Rajwinder and Tarsem stood third. The winning students were honored with cash prizes. In this series, such writing, poster making and slogan writing competition was organised on March 1, 2023 and the winners were awarded with cash. Professor Vinod Sharma, Professor Sujata, Sandeepi, Dr. Priyanka, Dinesh were present on this occasion.

AAP demands release of Sisodia, Jain



PREETI SAINI SADHAURA: Sadhora's colleagues from Aam Aadmi Party submitted a memorandum to the country's Prime Minister Narendra Modi regarding the arrest of the country's best Education Minister Manish Sisodia and the country's best Health Minister Satyendra Jain and requested them not to misuse CBI and ED by forgetting mutual differences for the progress of the country and the Education Minister and Health Minister of Aam Aadmi Party, who are working for the progress of the country, should be released with immediate effect. Aam Aadmi Party leader Pooja Nagra said that the Aam Aadmi Party government is doing a good job in Delhi and the model of education for the country and abroad is commendable. She said that the education system of Delhi is discussed all over the world. But it is a condemnable act by the present government to register a case against the Education Minister of Delhi and raid his house. Through the memorandum, the workers of Aam Aadmi Party have demanded cancellation of the case filed on Delhi's education and health ministers and their arrest.

Researcher Singhmar made president of NSUI Research Department

MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI: Kundan Deval, National President NSUI-Research Department issued an official letter and appointed Kamaljit Singhmar as State President of NSUI-Research Department Haryana. Significantly, Kamaljit Singhmar has been actively working in the Congress party for the last one decade. His father is retired from the Indian Army. At present, Singhmar is working as a Research Fellow in the Department of Law, Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak. He has done LLM from the same university. Member of Bahadurgarh Bar Association since 2015. Singhmar belongs to a humble family of Bahadurgarh. On this occasion, he thanked the party's top leadership National President Malikarjun Kharge, his leader Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi, Congress National General Secretary Pradeep Narwal, National President NSUI Neeraj Kundan, National President of NSUI Research Department Kundan Deval and assured that the party's I will try my best to live up to all the criteria and will work together to spread the ideas of Babasaheb Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar to the people because Congress is the only party in the country which has always raised the voice of the downtrodden and there are lakhs of hardworking workers who were always given respect. Today there are many leaders who started from NSUI student politics. No matter where they are today, now together we will strengthen the party again. The newly appointed state president said that soon after meeting the Congress high command, he will visit every university of Haryana state after taking blessings and forming the state executive. By making zones in Haryana, their heads will also be made in-charge.

Villagers join AAP in Ratanpura



RAJNI SONI YAMUNANAGAR: In Ratanpura village of Yamunanagar assembly, many villagers today joined the Aam Aadmi Party headed by Lait Tyagi. Addressing the villagers, AAP leader Lait Tyagi said that today the caravan of Aam Aadmi Party is increasing, AAP works for the development of common people, providing free electricity in Delhi, Punjab, providing free medical facilities, opening 600 Mohalla clinics in Punjab. The Aam Aadmi Party government did work like improving schools. Tyagi said that this time the people of Haryana will strengthen the hands of Arvind Kejriwal and the Aam Aadmi Party government will come in Haryana as well. Pradeep, Vijay Dhiman, Avnish Kumar also addressed the villagers and appealed to more people to join their party. Nathiram Kashyap ji also addressed the villagers and called upon all the villagers to extend Arvind ji's policies in more villages. Today Deepak, Ajay, Vicky, Suraj, Mayaram AI, Amit, Sanjeev and other villagers joined AAP.