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Militant associate held in Sopore

SRINAGAR: Security forces arrested a militant associate in Jammu and Kashmir's Sopore sub-district, police said on Wednesday.

The arrest was made a day after Lashkar-e-Taiba's militant associate was arrested in the neighbouring Baramulla district. Police said, "Militant associate Arif Hussain Bhat of Mundi Boma Sopore, who was in constant contact with terrorist handlers across the border, was apprehended following information by Sopore Police along with the Army's 22 Rashtriya Rifles and 179 battalion CRPF."

"During questioning, the subject admitted his terrorist links, and based on his disclosure, a live hand grenade was recovered," police said.

Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of UA (P) A was registered at Police Station Boma, and the investigation is underway.

Record 3,300 kg narcotics seized from boat off Gujarat coast

PORBANDAR/NEW DELHI: Indian security and anti-narcotics agencies on Wednesday said they had seized 3,300 kg of drugs in the highest-ever offshore capture till date and arrested five foreigners from a dhow in the Arabian Sea off the Gujarat coast.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah called the joint operation by the Navy, Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and the Gujarat Police a "historic success" and a testament of his government's "unwavering commitment to making our nation drug-free". The operation was undertaken in the Arabian Sea along the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) with the Navy saying on X that it deployed its P8I long-range maritime reconnaissance aircraft, a warship and helicopters to apprehend the "suspicious dhow carrying almost 3,300 kg of contraband (3,089 kg of Charas, 158 kg of Methamphetamine and 25 kg of Morphine)".

HC allows Indian couple to appear virtually from US for marriage registration

NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court has allowed an Indian couple, residing in the US, to appear through video conferencing before the registering authority here for registration of their marriage. Justice Subramonium Prasad directed the man and the woman to appear before the Consulate General of India in San Francisco, California and join the video conference from there while taking into account the submission by the authorities that in view of the advancement Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology, the possibility of somebody impersonating the couple cannot be ruled out.

India, Germany set to carry out joint military exercise

NEW DELHI: India and Germany have resolved to closely collaborate on high-technology for military use in line with a broader aim to develop defence cooperation as a key pillar of the bilateral strategic partnership. Ways to further bolster strategic cooperation figured prominently at a meeting of the India-Germany high defence committee.

Political turmoil continues in HP Budget passed in Assembly by voice vote, 15 BJP MLAs suspended

AGENCY SHIMLA, FEB 28

The Congress government in Himachal Pradesh, which plunged into a crisis after the party candidate lost the Rajya Sabha poll to the BJP nominee following cross-voting by the ruling party lawmakers, seemingly got a lease of life after the budget was passed in the Assembly on Wednesday amidst a high voltage political drama.

On Tuesday, six Congress MLAs, said to be unhappy with the Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu government, cross-voted in favour of BJP candidate Harsh Mahajan, who finished level with Congress nominee and renowned advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, in the poll count. Mahajan later won on the toss.

Following a protest by the opposition BJP on Wednesday in the Assembly during its budget session, Speaker Kuldeep Pathania suspended 15 BJP members, following which the ruling party got the budget passed on voice vote. The BJP members had earlier sought a division of votes, which the Speaker turned down.

Earlier, Chief Minister Sukhu denied that he had stepped down from his post as was being claimed by some news channels and de-



Vikramaditya Singh resigns as minister

SHIMLA: In a significant blow to the Congress party in Himachal Pradesh, Vikramaditya Singh resigned from his position as public works minister this morning. Mr Singh levelled serious allegations against Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, accusing him of disregarding MLAs and showing disrespect to his late father, Virbhadra Singh, a prominent Congress leader in the state. He told the media, "We need to go into the background and see what led to this situation. I would like to rewind your memory. The 2022 Assembly elections were found and won under the collective leadership of then Leader of Opposition Mukesh Agnihotri, state Congress chief Pratibha Singh and campaign committee head and current Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu. There is no doubt that the polls were fought in the name of former Chief Minister, late Virbhadra Singh."

scribed it as a "sinister design" of the BJP.

'Fake promises' of Cong lead to political crisis in HP : Anurag Thakur

AGENCY NEW DELHI, FEB 28

As the political crisis deepened in Himachal Pradesh, Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur on Wednesday slammed the Congress party for not "fulfilling promises" by the state government made during the election. "Congress formed the government in Himachal Pradesh by giving big and fake promises. After the formation of the government, none of those promises were fulfilled", Thakur said. His remarks came as 15 BJP MLAs, including Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur, were suspended from the Assembly earlier in the day, following their demand for a floor test after the ruling



Congress lost the lone Rajya Sabha seat in the hill state. The Union Minister alleged, "People used to ask questions when Congress MLAs went to their constituencies, they had no answers to give, no work was done".

He further added, "Congress' own MLAs were fac-

ing a lot of difficulties..why did Congress MLAs abandon their own party within 14 months, what was the compulsion?". While asked whether the BJP will bring a no-confidence motion in the Assembly, Thakur said "Let's wait for the day, you will get all the answers".

CM Mann to dedicate institute of liver and biliary sciences in Mohali today

SHASHI PAL JAIN CHANDIGARH, FEB 28

Reaffirming the commitment to ensure world-class healthcare facilities in the state, Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann is all set to dedicate Punjab's first Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences, SAS Nagar to its people on Thursday. The Government made the announcement in this regard in the Budget session of 2022.

The Institute, established at Phase 3B-1 in SAS Nagar, has been equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructure to provide super-specialty care, training and research in the field of Hepatology. The Institute has been established with the cost of over Rs 40 crores and will have a staff of around 450 people including 80 doctors, 150 staff nurses and 200 group-D employees. Professor Virendra Singh, who is a Former Prof & Head, Department

of Hepatology PGIMER, Chandigarh, has been appointed as the Director of the Institute.

Punjab Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Balbir Singh, while thanking CM Bhagwant Singh Mann for his



wholehearted support to accomplish this prestigious Institute, said that Punjab would be the second state in the country after New Delhi to have an Institute exclusively for the patients of liver and biliary diseases. Notably, the Institute has been estab-

lished at par with The Institute of Liver & Biliary Sciences (ILBS), New Delhi. Pertinently, the Institute has been running OPD services for the last 8 months and from Thursday onwards, the Institute will commence Indoor, Intensive care and Emergency services. Patients with various types of liver diseases including acute and chronic hepatitis, cirrhosis, liver cancer, alcoholic liver disease, ascites, various pancreatic diseases and disorders of the gallbladder and biliary diseases can avail the treatment from this institute. Dr Balbir Singh said that this will be the first government hospital in the state to provide services like UGI Endoscopy, Fibroscan, Endoscopic Ultrasound and ERCP. The Institute will also start Telemedicine services for the outreach to all Government Hospitals of Punjab, he added.

Hry CM announces setting up of STF to investigate irregularities in co-op societies

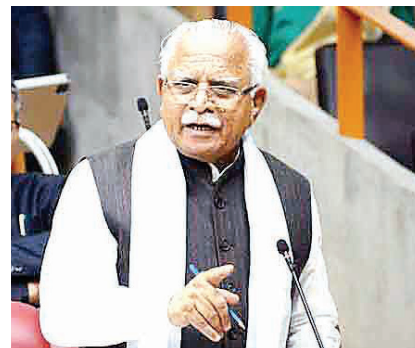
BUREAU CHANDIGARH, FEB 28

During the budget session of the Haryana Vidhan Sabha held here today, the Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal announced that a Special Task Force under the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) would be formed to investigate irregularities in cooperative societies established in all districts. The Task Force will investigate irregularities in Co-operative Societies starting from 1992 to till date. Strict action will be taken against whoever is found guilty in the investigation, he assured the house.

Sh. Manohar Lal stated that so far, Rs. 328 crore has been allocated to these societies, out of which Rs. 259 crore has been utilized, and the remaining amount is lying in banks.

He said that the present state government had con-

ducted audits of these societies, and upon discovering discrepancies, the government has taken suo motto and the matter was handed



over to the Anti-Corruption Bureau for investigation. ACB has filed 9 FIRs in this case, and irregularities amounting to Rs. 8.80 crore have been found in the investigation of societies in 4 districts. Action has been taken against the involved

officials.

Divulging further details, the Chief Minister informed that properties of various officers and employees have also been attached for the recovery of funds. Sharing details, he said that house and flat located in Mohali, 29 kanals 5 marlas of land, and bank account of Anu Kaushish one of the accused has been attached, furthermore, the properties and bank accounts of other accused namely Ram Kumar, Yogendra Agrawal, Sumit Agrawal and Nitin Sharma has also been attached. The list includes, a residential plot belonging to Ramkumar in Kurukshetra, a flat belonging to Yogendra Agrawal in Mohali and a flat located in Zirakpur belonging to Nitin Sharma.

The bank account of Sumit Agrawal's wife has also been attached.

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**BY
DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR**

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I Rajinder Singh/s/o Jagdev Singh/r/o village Behniwal Tehsil & District Mansa declare that My Daughter Name Kushnoor Kaur is wrongly Entered in My Army Record. Her correct Name is Khushnoor Kaur. Please note.		I Nihal Singh S/o Karam Singh R/o House No 59,Jain Mohalla,Banur Changed My Name To Nihal (Singh) As A Surname		I Baljit Kaur W/o Paramjit Singh VPO Dhuleta Teh Phillaur Distt Jalandhar have changed my name Baljit Kaur to Bhupinder Kaur.	
60018		666554 I Satbir Kaur W/o Nihal Singh R/o House No 59,Jain Mohalla,Banur Changed My Name To Satbir (Kaur) As A Surname		63372 I, Shallu D/o Satwinder R/o Vill- Sidhwan Po-Sidhwan R.S Teh- Nakodar Disitt Jalandhar Punjab India have changed my name from Shallu to Shallu Mehra.	
PUBLIC NOTICES		666554 I Nihal Singh S/o Karam Singh R/o House No 59,Jain Mohalla,Banur Changed My Minor Daughter Name From Harashish Kaur To Harashish (Kaur) As A Surname		63372 I, Dilbag S/o Asa Ram R/o Vpo. Beetan Teh-Haroli Distt. Una (H.P.) have known by both names Dilbag and Dilbag Chand one and the same person.	
We, Sat Pal S/o Puran Chand & Shimla Rani W/o Sat Pal R/o H.No. 5/646 St.No.3 Nankiana Road Guru Teg Bahadur Colony (Sangrur) declare that our son Amit Jindal is out of our control. So we disown with him from our moveable/immoveable property. If anybody dealing with him at his/her own risk.		666554 I Kirandeep Kaur W/o Late Pavitr Pal Singh R/o Dada Chouhan Enclave,VTC Shamdo,Patiala changed My Name To Kirandeep (Kaur) As A Surname		63372 I, Hardeep Kaur Bhangal W/o Avtar Singh R/o Vill: Bhangal Kalan Po. Karyam (SBS Nagar) have changed my name to Hardeep Kaur.	
63372 I, Swaran Singh S/o Mohinder Singh R/o H.No. 3012/1 Sector 44-D (Chandigarh) declare that my daughter Jaswinder Kaur is out of my control. So I disown with her from my moveable/immoveable property. If anybody dealing with her at his/her own risk.		666554 I Vikram Parkash S/o Vidya Parkash Sharma R/o House No 128,Ekta Avenue,Partap Nagar Patiala Changed My Name To Vikram Prakash Modgill		63372 I, Avtar Singh Bhangal S/o Tarsem Singh R/o Vill: Bhangal Kalan Po. Karyam (SBS Nagar) have changed my name to Avtar Singh.	
I K Binodini Singha Spouse of No JC-389908 F Rank Sub K Deepak Singha Unit 3 EW BN C/o 56 Apo declared that my name Binodini Chanu and DOB 03/06/1981 is wrongly entered in my husband army service records but my correct name is K Binodini Singha and DOB 30/10/1979 All Pls Note It.		666554 I Manoj Kumar Tripathi s/o Pashupati Nath Tripathi r/o Village & PO - Sarya Tiwari, Tehsil Bans Gaon, District - Gorakhpur, State UP, PIN 273406 hereby declare change of my father's name from Pasgupati Nath Tripathi to Pashupati Nath Tripathi.		63372 I, Arjun Chand S/o Hari Ram R/o Village Gulahar, Tehsil Patran Distt. Patiala have changed my Name To Arjan Chand.	
63372 I, Jasvir Singh Madahar S/o Gurlal Singh R/o Vill. Ghanaur Kalan, P.O. Ghanaur Khurd, Tehsil Dhuri, District Sangrur have changed my name to Jasvir Singh. concerned note.		781543 I, Service No 14671760A, Rank HAV, Name -- Narayan Ram S/o Peeru Ram of Unit982 AD Regt (SM) Wksp, Pin-906982 C/o 56 APO R/o 88 Khatiyon Ka Mohalla, Adaksar, Nagaur, Rajasthan - 341519. Declare that in my service record my daughter name Niketa is mentioned erroneously. The correct name of my daughter is Nikita & Correct Date of birth 03-07-2004 as per Adhar Card/Birth Certificate.		63372 I, Santosh Rani W/o Ashok Kumar R/o #84 Muhalla Kanugo W.No. 18 Sunam Teh-Sunam (Sangrur) have changed my name from Santosh Kumari to Santosh Rani.	
63372 I Mariamma P A Mother of Geo V Kurian R/o Vazhappilly House, Minaloor, VTC: Minalur Po Minalur, Sub Distt Talappilly Distt Thrissur State Kerala Pin-680581 declared that I have changed my name Mariyama VD to Mariamma P A and DOB 26/06/1966 to 26/06/1964. All Pls Note it.		98726 I, Service No 14671760A, Rank HAV, Name -- Narayan Ram S/o Peeru Ram of Unit 982 AD Regt (SM) Wksp, Pin-906982 C/o 56 APO R/o 88 Khatiyon Ka Mohalla, Adaksar, Nagaur, Rajasthan - 341519. Declare that in my service record my daughter name Niketa is mentioned erroneously. The correct name of my daughter is Nikita & Correct Date of birth 03-07-2004 as per Adhar Card/Birth Certificate.		63372 I, Gurdeep Singh S/o Harmindar Singh R/o Vill- Kaurhrian Teh.Sunam Disst.Sangrur have changed my name from Gurdeep Singh Harika to Gurdeep Singh.	
63372 I Amrik Singh S/O Gurmukh Singh Alias Gurbakhsh Singh Village Shahpur, Tehsil Payal (Ludhiana) Declare That My Father, Who Is Deceased, Was Known As Both Gurmukh Singh And Gurbakhsh Singh. Please Note.		100078 I, Bhavihta K K W/o Anirudhan T K R/O Eettisseri Kuttayattu House, Kottur, Panniyottumoola, Sreekandapuram, Kannur, Kerala, Pin: 670631, India have declare that my husband Anirudhan T K (RANK HAV 15326633W) is serving in Unit: 415 (I) Engr Sqn C/o 56 APO and my date of birth is wrongly mentioned his Army Service record as 08-06-1989 but my real and correct date of birth is 03-05-1989. Concerned Note.		63372 I, Darshan Kumar Singla S/o Sh. Hem Raj Singla R/o Village Ajnauda Kalan, Distt. Patiala have changed my name to Darshan Kumar.	
63372 I, Krishan Sharma S/o Piare Lal R/o Bareta (Mansa) declare that my some documents my name Krishan Kumar and my other documents my name Krishan Sharma. have known by both names one and the same person.		900013 I, Meenakshi T K W/O Krishnan R/o Thidil Kutyat, Kaithapram, Koottumugham, Sreekandapuram, Kannur, Kerala, Pin: 670631, India have declare that my son Anirudhan T K (RANK HAV 15326633W) is serving in Unit: 415 (I) Engr Sqn C/o 56 APO and my name and Date of Birth in his Army Service Record is wrongly mentioned as 01-07-1960 but my actual date of birth is 01-01-1957. Concerned Note.		63372 I, Bhagu Ram S/o Tilak Raj R/o Vill. Ghebe, P.O. Ghiala Distt. Pathankot have changed my son's name from Bharat to Bharat Singh.	
63372 I, Asha Devi W/o Krishan Sharma R/o Bareta (Mansa) declare that my some documents my name Asha Rani and my other documents my name Asha Devi. have known by both names one and the same person.		900013 I, Krishnan E P S/o Kunhambu R/o Edavann Padikkal, Koyili Koottumugham, Sreekandapuram, Kannur, Kerala, Pin: 670631, India have declare that my son Anirudhan T K (RANK HAV 15326633W) is serving in Unit: 415 (I) Engr Sqn C/o 56 APO and my name and Date of Birth in his Army Service Record is wrongly mentioned as E P KRISHNAN E P and date of birth is 08-12-1955. Concerned Note.		63372 I, Bhagu Ram S/o Tilak Raj R/o Vill. Ghebe, P.O. Ghiala Distt. Pathankot have changed my daughter's name from Harshita to Harshita Bhagat.	
63372 I, Hitherto Known As Shaminder Kaur Daughter Of Gurdeep Singh And Wife Of Ranjit Singh R/O Near Milk Dairy, Village Chak Motle Wala, Post Office Bariwala, Tehsil Bariwala, Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab, 152025. Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Surinder Kaur. It Is Certified That I Have Complied With Other Legal Requirements In This Connection.		900013 I, Jasmeen W/O Sh. Gautam Chouhan R/O Patti Sultan, V.P.O. Rurka Khurd, Tehsil Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name from Jasmeen to Jasmeen Chouhan. All concerned please note.		63372 I, Jasvir Kaur W/o Satnam Singh R/o H.No. B-7/46 Moh Mathura Puri W.No. 9 Phillaur (Jalandhar) my given name is Jasvir and my surname is Kaur.	
63372 I, Hitherto Known As Manpinder Kaur Sivia Wife Of Sukhpreet Singh, R/O Village Fatuhi Khara, Post Office Lambi, Tehsil Malout, Distt Muktsar, Punjab, 152113. Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Manpinder Kaur. It Is Certified That I Have Complied With Other Legal Requirements In This Connection.		42778 Smt Jaswant Kaur wife of No 49419 Ex Chief ELR Ajit Singh resident of House No 326, Defence Colony, Tehsil and District: Jalandhar (Punjab) have changed my name from Smt Jaswant Kaur to Smt Jaswant Kaur Bawa. All Concerned notes.		63372 I, Gurjiwan Singh S/O Harbans Singh R/O H No 987, Patti Razada, Vpo Poohla, Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Gurjivan Singh.	
63372 I, Satwinder Kaur, W/o Lakhwinder Singh R/o village Bir Amin, tehsil Thanesar, district Kurukshetra, declare that I have changed my name from Satvinder Kaur to Satwinder Kaur. In future, I should be known and known as Satwinder Kaur.		42778 I, Ex Army No. JC-499805L Subedar (Hony Capt) Yadvinder Singh Shangara Singh R/o Village Halluwal, P.O. Rampur Jhanjowal, Tehsil Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab have changed my wife's name from Sukhwinder Kaur to Sukhwinder Kaur & DOB from 18-March-1969 to 18-April-1969 Vide Affidavit Dated 23-02-2024 before Executive Magistrate, Garhshankar.		63372 I, Harbans Singh S/o Gurcharan Singh R/o Vpo Lakha Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have chaged its name from Sarabjit Singh Mailday to Sarabjit Singh.	
63372 I, Dilbag S/o Asa Ram R/o Vpo. Beetan Teh-Haroli Distt. Una (H.P.) declare that in my son Avtar Kumar Army service records my DOB wrongly entered 19-04-1966. But my correct DOB is 01-01-1962. So amended my DOB from 19-04-1966 to 01-01-1962 in my son Army service records.		100071 I Kanchan W/O Sh. Prem Kumar R/O H.No -2069, Sector - 20 C, Chandigarh has changed my name to Kanchan Mahajan.		63372 I, Sarabjit Singh S/o Jagpal Singh R/o Vpo Raawal, Tehsil Jagraon, Distt. Ludhiana has chaged its name from Manminder Kaur Mailday to Manminder Kaur.	
63372 I, Ihab Kaur alias Gurjeet Kaur wife of Ranjit Singh resident of House No. 289 Tarksheel Marg Patiala Road Sunam now changed my name to Gurjeet Kaur wife of Ranjit Singh resident of House No. 289 Tarksheel Marg Patiala Road Sunam from today onwards I have changed my name to Gurjeet Kaur Be addressed as well.		100019 I Jasbir Kaur W/O Pal Singh R/O WARD NO.15 Gari Mohala Ram Lia Street, SAMANA TEHSIL SAMANA DISTT PATIALA I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM Jasbir Kaur To Jaswinder Kaur.		63372 I, Manminder Kaur W/o Sarabjit Singh R/o Vpo Raawal, Tehsil Jagraon, Distt. Ludhiana has chaged its name from Manminder Kaur Mailday to Manminder Kaur.	
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RAJNI SONI
YAMUNANAGAR: State Co-Secretary of Aam Aadmi Party Youth Raghubir Singh Chhinda said that Kurukshetra Lok Sabha seat has come to the account of Aam Aadmi Party in the Indi Alliance, in which Aam Aadmi Party Haryana President and former Rajya Sabha MP Sushil Gupta has been given the ticket. Both the Congress Party and the Aam Aadmi Party are full of enthusiasm over their candidature and every worker of the Aam Aadmi Party will work hard on all 10 Lok Sabha seats under the India Alliance to ensure victory for all the candidates of the Indi Alliance. Chhinda said that just as religion had won in Kurukshetra, similarly religion will win over unrighteousness in Kurukshetra Lok Sabha and Bharatiya Janata Party will have to face defeat. Only the candidates of Indi Alliance will win all 10 Lok Sabha seats. Aam Aadmi Party's co-secretary Chaudhary Randhir Singh and farmer leader Sardar Pritam Singh were present.

Annual sports festival held at DAV School

DARSHAN SHARMA
NILOKHERI: The students of DAV School demonstrated their talent with full dedication and hard work in the sports competition, in which students from small class to Class IX participated in various sports competitions like Balloon Race, Peak and Run Three Leg Race, Lemon Race, Rally Race, Hardley Race, Back Race, 100 M, and 200 M Race etc. NUR in a balloon race. Yuvraj and Dakshika of class I got first place and Kush and Shorya Sharma of class III got first place in the 100 M Race. In Hardley Race, Harshdeep of class IX got first, Tarun got second and Bhavishya got third place. The programme was inaugurated by the chief guest Satpal Singh Bagga (Block Education Officer), Local Management Committee member Kewal Krishna Kukreja, Harvinder Mohan Sharma.

National Science Day celebrated by Guru Nanak Girls College

RAJNI SONI
YAMUNANAGAR, FEB 28

National Science Day was celebrated on 28 February 2024 by the Science Department of Guru Nanak Girls College, Yamunanagar. Director of the college, Dr. Varinder Kaur appreciated the efforts of the Science Department to celebrate National Science Day. Principal Dr. Harvinder Kaur said that such events develop scientific inclination among the students. Various programmes were organised during the month of February. Expert lecture on the topic 'Vermi composting' by Dr. Sandeep Rawal, Scientist of KVK Damla was organised on 13 February 2024. Dr. Sandeep focused on the method of preparation of vermicompost and its common use to reduce the pressure of synthetic fertilisers. Scientific Rangoli competi-



tion and model demonstration was organised for students on 27 February. Today B.Sc. An activity "Scientists' stories in their own words" was performed by the students. This demon-

stration was performed by B.Sc third year students. The students displayed the inventions of great Indian scientists. On 28 February 2024, the film "Rocketry" on science fiction was also shown

to the girl students to generate interest among the students. All the programmes were organised by the faculty members, Dr. Jatinder Kaur, Professor Tarandeep Kaur, Dr. Narinder Kaur.

Drone leader AVPL felicitated by Haryana CM

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
CHANDIGARH, FEB 28

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has recognized and thanked AVPL, a leading agri-drone company, for its outstanding contributions to the agricultural sector. The felicitation ceremony took place in Chandigarh, where AVPL was applauded for its initiative in providing drone training to students, thus paving the way for innovation and progress in agriculture.

AVPL, renowned as a trail-blazer in the global drone industry, specializes in cutting-edge agricultural drones. Under the visionary leadership of Founders Deep Sihag Sisai and Preet Sandhu, AVPL has set the gold standard for leveraging drone technology to transform agriculture worldwide.

Deep Sihag Sisai, Founder, and Managing Director of



AVPL expressed his gratitude for the acknowledgment by CM Khattar, stating, "We are immensely grateful for the recognition bestowed upon AVPL by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar. This acknowledgment reaffirms our dedication to driving innovation and progress in agriculture through the transformative power of drone technology. At AVPL, we remain committed to our mission of revolutionizing the agriculture sector and empowering farmers worldwide."

HC suspends sentence of 20 years after Ad Shandilya's arguments

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
AMBALA, FEBRUARY 28

Hearing the appeal of Punjab Haryana High Court advocate Vasu Ranjan Shandilya, the High Court suspended the 20-year sentence of a person named Shashi from Ambala under sections including the POCSO Act. Advocate Vasu Ranjan Shandilya, presenting his side before the division bench of Justice Arun Palli in the High Court, presented strong arguments before the court and said that the trial court did not even give the accused a chance to prove his innocence and sentenced him to 20 years. Justice Arun Palli's division bench asked several questions to advocate Vasu Ranjan Shandilya, on which petitioner Shashi's lawyer Vasu Ranjan Shandilya presented legal arguments and proved in the court that the trial court had given wrong punishment under

POCSO Act and other sections. Following the arguments of Advocate Vasu Ranjan Shandilya and Advocate Sagar Sharma who appeared with him, the High Court gave relief to Shashi by suspending his 20-year sentence under other sections including the POCSO Act.

Advocate Vasu Ranjan Shandilya had filed an appeal in the High Court against the order of the First Track Court of Ambala dated 17 January 2023, on which the learned bench of the High Court took this historic decision. On May 16, 2020, an FIR was registered by the Baldev Nagar police against Shashi, a resident of Ambala, on charges of luring a minor and establishing physical relations after getting her married and the victim had said in her statement under section 164 that the accused had seduced her. He took her

away, got her married and sexually exploited her for 15 days and kept threatening her, on which police also added Section 506 in the FIR. And on January 18, 2023, based on the forensic report, the trial court had imposed a sentence of 20 years and a fine of Rs 10,000. Advocate Vasu Ranjan Shandilya, on behalf of the accused, said that during the hearing, both the complainant and the victim denied the allegations and the victim told in the court that the police had intimidated her into giving her statement



and yet the First Track Court sentenced him to 20 years.

After listening to Advocate Vasu Ranjan Shandilya and Advocate Sagar Sharma, he said that the Appellate has been behind the bars for almost two years. Instructions are being given to suspend the sentence pending consideration of the appeal against the sentence. Now this case will be heard again on March 4, 2024. Advocate Vasu Ranjan Shandilya told journalists that he declared himself innocent in the appeal before the High Court and said that the trial court did not give the accused a chance to prove his innocence nor did the documents and forensic evidence presented as evidence.

Haryana Steelers inspire future stars

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
CHANDIGARH, FEB 28

Haryana Steelers marched their way into the Semi-finals of the Season 10 of the Pro Kabaddi League after their dominant win over the Gujarat Giants. While the players have been sweating it out on the mat, the franchise organised a

two teachers were part of this. A local coach along with the teachers was present to help out with an interpreter. Haryana Steelers redefined the home leg experience with the introduction of 'Dhaakad Mela', a one-of-a-kind fan extravaganza aimed at blending sport and entertainment in a vibrant celebration.



The objective behind the 'Dhaakad Mela' was to use this opportunity to make a connect with the fans and give them an experience that they can cherish for life. The 'Mela' was open daily for the fans from 6pm-7:30pm and featured multiple stalls and live performances.

The franchise kick-started with inviting differently-abled kids from the Patiala School of Deaf and Dumb to come and witness Pro Kabaddi League match and with the help of an interpreter, the differently-abled kids also played and enjoyed playing a kabaddi match. Around 15 kids from the Patiala School of Deaf and Dumb, accompanied by

CM approves improvement of 10 ODR roads in Assandh area at Rs 25cr

CHANDIGARH: Haryana Chief Minister, Manohar Lal has given administrative approval for special repair and improvement of 10 ODR roads in Assandh in Karnal district. Rs 25 crore will be spent on these roads. In this regard, a government spokesperson said that under the project, the 2.3 km long road from Jal-

wana village to Chakmundrika village will be widened and strengthened at a cost of Rs 1.41 crore. Apart from this, Rs 89.41 lakh will be spent on widening and strengthening of Dadupur approach road. Similarly, Rs 2.42 crore will be spent on reconstruction, widening and strengthening of the road from village Rahda to

Lalain, Rs 72.71 lakh will be spent on the construction of 80 mm interlocking block road of village Bassi Bir Bassi-SC Basti. He informed that Rs 4.80 crore will be spent on strengthening the 6.8 km long road from village Khedi Sarfali to Rahra. Similarly, Rs 2.22 crore was spent on strengthening the 3.6 km long Gagsina to Anchala road.

Nursing colleges will be established in every medical college in future : Vij

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, FEB 28

Haryana's Health, Medical Education and Research Minister, Sh. Anil Vij said that he has given instructions to the officers of the department that Nursing colleges should also be built in all the medical colleges by the state government in future.

Sh. Vij was responding to a question raised during the budget session of the Haryana Vidhan Sabha here today.

He said that there is a great demand for nurses in the country and abroad, highlighting a crucial gap in producing high-quality nursing professionals. In this regard, approval has been granted to establish 6 nursing colleges in government hospitals.

Sh. Vij said that attention is being paid to nursing colleges, which were previously opened in rooms and such establishments are being closed



down. He said that a policy has been framed for nursing, according to which there should be a minimum of 100 bedded for NABH accredited hospitals or they should be attached with government hospitals.

He informed that the construction of the Government Nursing College, Sadat Nagar, Rewari, is underway and 88 percent of the construction work has been completed. After the completion of construction work and the transfer of college buildings to the Health, Medical Educa-

Union Govt appreciated the Property ID initiative

CHANDIGARH: On the last day of the Budget Session of the Haryana Vidhan Sabha, Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal announced that Transmission Companies who have installed the poles on the roads will now have to pay the expenses occurring during the removal of these poles during the reconstruction, strengthening and widening of roads. Making another announcement, he said that the government had made a provision in the excise policy that from March 1, distilleries will supply liquor in glass bottles instead of plastic bottles. But now the government has made this mandatory provision optional till the policy period, so that the distilleries do not face any difficulty. The Chief Minister said that the Central Government has appreciated the property ID initiative being implemented by the Urban Local Bodies Department and to take this system forward, the Central Government has given a grant of Rs 150 crore.

tion, and Research Department, classes will commence. He said that currently, 12 percent of the work of this college is pending, and after that, furniture and other work will also be done. In response to another question, he said that

there is a possibility of the Medical College of Bhiwani starting its academic session in 2024-25 under the approval of the National Medical Commission. After this, admissions will be started, and classes will begin.

Teams formed for Ghar Ghar Congress, Har Ghar Congress campaign

MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI, FEBRUARY 28

A public meeting was organised under the leadership of former minister Bhim Sain Mehta on behalf of the Congress Party at Ramlika Ground in Indri regarding the Ghar Ghar Congress, Har Ghar Congress campaign. In which all the senior Congress workers and workers of three booths were also present. When district in-charge Lahari Singh arrived at the programme, former minister Sain Mehta also gave him a warm welcome. In the public meeting, all the workers were informed about the policies of the Congress Party. Former minister Bhim Sain Mehta said that taking the message and resolution letter of Congress, a public meeting was organised late on Tuesday evening in which hundreds of workers from three booths of Indri city participated and posters were distributed to all the workers so that they could go door to



door and promote the Congress Party. He said that ten to eleven teams have been formed to speed up the Ghar Ghar Congress, Har Ghar Congress campaign in Indri. All the teams were given separate booths so that they could campaign at their respective booths. Bhim Sain Mehta said that the upcoming resolution letter of the Congress Party should reach as many people as possible. As soon as the Congress government is formed in Haryana, old age pension will be increased, free electricity will be provided up to a few units and many works will be done including the old pension

scheme, guarantee of MSP to farmers. The way farmers have been protesting for a long time at Shambhu Border regarding their demands, the government should sit together and talk with the farmers so that the problems of the farmers can be solved. On this occasion, District Incharge Lahari Singh, Rajiv Gandhi, State President of Panchayati Raj Organization Dr. Sunil Pawar, Pradeep Mann, Amit Barana, Sachin Budhanpur District Councilor, Manjeet Goldy, Ratan Singh, Angrez Singh Saini and Jasbir Singh Rajpur etc. along with hundreds of others were present.

Nanhera school, park centre of attraction

PARI BAJAJ
KARNAL, FEB 28

Nanhera School and Park is becoming a centre of attraction and inspiration for the nearby people. In this sequence, Panchayat Samiti

Chairman representative Balinder Kataria along with Panchayat Samiti members came to inspect the park. Balinder Kataria, while praising Nanhera Park, said that many types of flower plants are planted in Shaheed Udhham Singh Park, on which beautiful and attractive flowers are easily attracting people. He said that along with ornamental plants, many medicinal plants have also been planted in the park. He said that in future the Panchayat Samiti is working on a plan to develop public parks on vacant sites in the villages.

School head teacher Mahindra Kumar, while wel-

coming the Panchayat Samiti members on this occasion, said that with the help of Nanhera Panchayat and villagers, the barren and rough land was cleaned, filled with soil, streets were constructed and saplings were planted, which



is now visible. Is made. On this occasion, Vicky Labkari representative Panchayat Samiti, Manish Prajapat, Chaugama member, Rajpal Kashyap member, Ashok Kamboj, Nareesh Gorgarh member Panchayat Samiti, Sudarshan Lal, Udhham Singh Kamboj Nanhera were present.

Sumita Singh meets people under Ghar Ghar Congress, Har Ghar Congress campaign

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, FEB 28

Sumita Singh, former MLA, Karnal, met the people at Bamboo Gate under the 'Ghar Ghar Congress, Har Ghar Congress' campaign. She told that the Har Ghar Congress campaign The aim of the party is to reach the policies of the party to the common people. On reaching the Bamboo Gate, people welcomed him enthusiastically with flower garlands. He said that during the Congress rule, the poor, farmers, businessmen and labor class were given equal respect but the BJP government. Promoted unemployment, inflation and corruption in the state. The BJP government discriminated against the people of the state in every field, but in the Congress party, the interests of the people of the state are safe and the Congress party has always been well-wishers of the common people and workers. Now the people of the state Waiting for elections. On this occasion, he said that the issues on which the central and state governments have gained pow-



er are just lip service. The public is ready to give a befitting reply to the BJP in the upcoming elections. No one is safe under the BJP rule. He claimed that in the coming elections, it will be the time of Congress party. Congress party will form the government in the country and the state. He said that the BJP government has trapped the people in the trouble of family identity card, property ID, my crop, my details. The only work of this government is to cut the ration of the poor. Those who talked about doubling the income of farmers by 2022, cut the pension of the elderly, more than doubled the cost, increased the price of fertilizers and pesticides and even increased the

rate of fertilizers and also reduced the weight. They said that if the Congress government comes to power, 6000 pension will be given to the elderly, 500 kitchen gas cylinder will be given, 300 units of electricity will be given free to every family, 2 lakh government posts are lying vacant in the state, permanent recruitment will be started on these, old pension scheme for the employees, yellow ration card for the poor, portalo. M.S. will end the hassles of farmers. This opportunity will be guaranteed by Vinod Titoria, Pappu ji, Raju ji, Binny, Ashok Kumar, Sushil Khatak, Jagir Saini, Chaman Lal, Rajesh Kaushik, Ashok Duggal, Bharat, Deputy, Vinod Kala etc

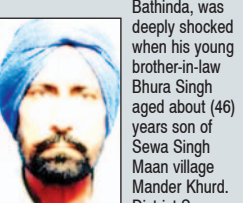
TPD Malwa College's "Annual Athletic Meet" begins



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL: Punjabi University TPD. The two-day annual athletic meet began at Malwa College Rampura Phool, Bathinda. On the first day of the athletic meet ASI Punjab Police Lakhwinder Singh Lakha (Abohan) attended as Chief Guest. On this occasion, the principal of the college Dr. Barinder Kaur warmly welcomed the guests and students with a flag ceremony along with the chief guest and mass doves of peace were released. The torch ceremony was performed by the pioneer students of the physical education department of the college and the oath was administered to the students. On the first day of the meet, different events were held, out of which Akashdeep Singh Sardar Bhagat Singh House won the first place in the 800 meters race for boys. Rajni Kaur Sardar Bhagat Singh House first place in 200m race, Karanveer Singh Lala Lalpat Rai House first place in 200m boys and PGDCA in short put and discus throw events. A student of Morris won gold medals belonging to Lala Lalpat Rai House. On this occasion, in the competitions of other events, various students won the first, second and third places, who were honored by the chief guest.

Journalist Gurpreet Singh Khokhar bereaved

KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL: Gurpreet Singh Khokhar, journalist of Punjabi newspaper from Halka Maur District



Bathinda, was deeply shocked when his young brother-in-law Bhura Singh aged about (46) years son of Sewa Singh Maan village Mander Khurd. District Sangrur passed away suddenly on February 24. In this hour of sorrow, along with journalist Gurpreet Singh Khokhar, district in-charge of Paheredar newspaper from district Bathinda, Anil Verma, senior journalist writer Balwinder Singh Bhullar Bathinda, Ramanand Mandi Kalan, Harmeet Mehraj, Rajinder Markanda, Makhan Buttar, Jaswant Dard Preet, Kuljit Singh Dhingra, Gheechar Singh Sidhu, Gurmali Singh Viri, Suresh Garg, Raj Goyal, Inderpal Bansal, Kuldeep Garg Rayia, Sanjeev Singla Bhairupa, Jaspal Pali Mehraj, Sukhmander Singh, Pradeep Kumar Billa, Jatinderjit Ashu, Jagmeet Ghareli, Gurwinder Mandi Kalan, Daljit Singh Bhatti, Manpreet Mintu, Dr. Gurnab Nabi Khokhar etc. mourned. The last prayer on the occasion of Sri Sehaj Path held in his honor will be held on Monday, March 3 at 12:30 pm at the Gurdwara Sahib of village Mander Khurd (Sangrur).

Govt has no dearth of grants for dev of villages: Bains



SUDHIR SANDAL
NANGAL: Education Minister of Punjab, who participated in 150th camps organized in the constituency during the program Aap Ki Sarkar Aapke Dwar, which started from February 6. Grants worth crores of rupees have been distributed by Harjot Singh Bains to government schools, gram panchayats, Mahila Mandals, sports clubs, social organizations and religious institutions in the villages and towns of Sri Anandpur Sahib and Nangal sub-division. He personally visited the each camp. He heard the people's problems and solved them. Apart from solving the personal problems and common issues of the people, the Cabinet Minister also visited government schools, sports grounds, general health clinics, health centers as per the demand of the residents of the area. Mr Bains was also providing necessary grants for the development works and was also mentioning the development works being done in the area, the achievements of the Punjab Government and the decisions to be taken in the future for the public interest. The Cabinet Minister today allocated Rs 40 lakh for Swamipur Government Primary School, Rs 15 lakh each for Bas Government Primary and Middle School, Rs 10 lakh for Smart Village and a ground will be built in Swamipur with Rs 10 lakh so that the youth of the village can bring to the field of sports.

National Science Day Celebration at Bela College of Pharmacy



BAHADURJEET SINGH
RUPNAGAR: Anar Shaheed Baba Ajit Singh Jullar Singh Memorial College of Pharmacy (Autonomous) Bela, observed National Science Day with a focus on "Indigenous Technologies for Viksit Bharat." Approximately 100 school students participated, witnessing demonstrations of various technologies used in medicine manufacturing. Dr. Shailesh Sharma, the college director, emphasized the theme's relevance, highlighting the crucial role of indigenous innovations in India's development. National Science Day aims to raise awareness of scientific applications in daily life and celebrate scientists' contributions to human welfare.

CM gives bonanza of development projects worth Rs 283 crore to Jalandhar residents

JS SODHI
JALANDHAR, FEB 28

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Wednesday gave a bonanza of Rs 283 crore to Jalandhar residents by kicking off several development projects.

The Chief Minister, while addressing the gathering after dedicating/ laying foundation stone of the projects worth Rs 283 crore here today, said that the Lok Sabha MP elected from Jalandhar last year has worked tirelessly for the welfare of the people and the development of the district. He said that the festivals of joy had ceased to take place during the previous regimes. Bhagwant Singh Mann but the atmosphere has changed after the AAP government has assumed charge in the state.

The Chief Minister said that since 2022 the so called big leaders of the state have been sent to political oblivion by the people. He said that these leaders had mercilessly looted the people during their tenure during which people had ousted them. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that these arrogant leaders have been trounced by the people due to their anti-people stance. The



Chief Minister said that the traditional parties are envious of him because he hails from a common family and is working tirelessly to ensure welfare of people. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that these leaders had always believed that they have divine right to rule the state due to which they are not able to digest that a common man is running the state efficiently. He said that these leaders have befuddled the people for a long time but now people are not getting swayed by their misleading propaganda.

The Chief Minister said that it is a matter of immense pride and satisfaction that

90% consumers in the state are getting zero power bill due to pro-people decisions of the state government. He said that to impart quality health services to people, the state government has set up 664 Aam Aadmi Clinics in Punjab adding that 150 more such clinics will be dedicated to the people of the state very soon. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that around one crore people have so far availed the facilities of free healthcare in these clinics adding that this is a new revolution in the healthcare sector adding that efforts are afoot to give a facelift to this sector. The Chief Minister

said that in coming two three days he will expose the big leaders of the state who had used the state exchequer for their personal use. He said that these leaders had mercilessly plundered the wealth of Punjab for which they will be duly punished. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that in the coming days the ugly faces of these leaders will be unveiled before the general public for their sins. The Chief Minister said that our great freedom fighters had envisioned a class less democracy where elected representatives will work as real servants of people to ensure their well being.

Jauramajra dedicates 12 public mining sites, bringing count to 72

RAJIV JAIN
CHANDIGARH, FEB 28

Punjab Mining and Geology Minister S. Chetan Singh Jauramajra, on Wednesday, dedicated 12 more public mining sites (PMS) to ensure the availability of sand at affordable prices, raising the count of public mining sites to 72 across the state.

Following the inauguration of the public mining site in ADB Bela Tajawal of Tehsil Balachaur (SBS Nagar), the Cabinet Minister stated that Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann led government had already inaugurated 60 public mining sites and 38 commercial mining sites clusters, providing sand to the public at Rs.5.50/cft. The Punjab gov-



ernment has set a target to open total of 150 public mining sites and 100 commercial mining sites soon, he added. While the Cabinet Minister inaugurated three public mining sites in Dugri/Niara, Khoja/Niara and ADB Bela Tajawal in district SBS Nagar, six public mining sites in Akkualwa, Changli Jadid, Chugatewala-2, Mamdot Uttar, Nazamwala 1, 2 & 3 and

Gillanwala in district Ferozepur and one each PMS in village Kaila (district Moga), Thamuwal Rampur (Jalandhar) and Khanpur (district Amritsar) were simultaneously inaugurated by the respective MLAs and authorities. He informed that the total extracted quantity to date is 15.91 LMT out of the total capacity 47.65 LMT from 72 public mining sites.

National Science Day celebrated at Green Field Convent School



BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA DEHATI, FEB 28

National Science Day was celebrated with great pomp at Green Field Convent (Senior Secondary) School, Dangarh. On this occasion, Madam Jaswinder Kaur, after educating the students by displaying models related to science, said that National Science Day is celebrated in India every year on February 28 to mark the discovery of the Raman effect by the Indian physicist Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman. He discovered the Raman effect on 28 February 1928 and was awarded the Nobel Prize

in Physics in 1930 for this discovery. He further said that today due to the scientific inventions of our country, tremendous progress has been made. Due to which every work has become easier for man due to change in every work. Our 21st century is full of scientific inventions. Apart from this, he specially made the students aware that we should not misuse science because like everything there are advantages and disadvantages. In the same way, due to scientific progress, deadly things like nuclear weapons are being made in many places in the world.

DC Fatehgarh Sahib visits Mehar Baba Charitable Trust, Bassi Pathana

AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, FEB 28

Deputy Commissioner Fatehgarh Sahib Parneet Kaur Shergill, I.A.S. & SDM Bassi Pathana Sanjeev Kumar PCS, visited for Showcase ceremony of completion of the CFLI project Digital Technology & Development of Traditional Phulkari Craft to Improve the Livelihood of Rural Punjabi Women in Fatehgarh Sahib District. Trustee Thakur Singh Mejie welcomed the guests.

A brief digital presentation on the project status was given by Project Manager Hema Panesar. Trustee Thakur Singh Mejie informed the visitors of MBCT's mission and vision. He informed them of various Projects carried out in the past under Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI) done in



the past. Dr Kavita Marriya Trustee & Harkiran Mejie Advisor MBCT took the guests for a tour of the Vocational Training Centre wherein Deputy Commissioner Parneet Kaur Shergill, & SDM Sanjeev Kumar presented Certificates & Artisans cards to 48 artisans who had taken CFLI Advance Phulkari Skills Training. Certificates were also presented to CFLI Project team 2023-24 & to 20 women/men on completing the 4 Days Digital Training Workshop under the CFLI Pro-

gram which was held from 16th Feb to 20th Feb 2024 at MBCT in community development centre. This was followed by a visit to the artisans working as a Self Help Group 'Phulkari Makers Bassi Pathana'.

Present for this ceremony was Diksha Makkar CFLI Project evaluators and Konica Jai Singh of Panjab University Chandigarh. MBCT Advisors Amreshwar Singh Goraya & Aramtej Singh Kang graced the occasion.

Canal cleaned in Dhuri on birth anniversary of Sant Nirankari Baba Hardev Singh

VIKAS VERMA
DHURI, FEB 28

On the Birth Day of Sant Nirankari Baba Hardev Singh Ji. On behalf of Sant Nirankari Mission Dhuri, under Amrit Swachh Jal, Swachh Man Abhiyan, Rajwaha was cleaned on Sangrur



bypass of Dhuri in which a large number of Dhuri people participated.

Both men and women of the Sangat participated in this cleanliness campaign. At this time Babu Vinod Kumar, coordinator of Sant Nirankari Mission Branch Dhuri told.

CM Mann flags off 410 hi-tech new vehicles for SHOs

PARAMJIT SINGH
JALANDHAR, FEB 29

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Wednesday said that in order to provide efficient, responsive and effective Policing the state government is upgrading the Punjab Police on modern lines.

Addressing the gathering here before flagging off the 410 new vehicles, the Chief Minister said that for the first time new vehicles are being given to the SHOs. He said that this is contrary to earlier trend when the new vehicles were given to the top officers instead of those at grassroot level. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that SHOs are the real face of the Punjab police as they are directly connected with people. The Chief Minister said that to check the fatality rate due to road accidents in the state on one hand and to streamline the movement of traffic on the roads of the state on the other, the state government has launched Sadak Surakhya Force. He said that the first of its kind specialized force is acting as a pivotal to save several precious lives that are lost in road accidents daily in



Punjab and this force has been entrusted with the task of checking rash driving, streamlining vehicular movement on roads and others to check the road accidents. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that initially 129 vehicles equipped with ultra modern gadgets have been deployed after every 30 kilometres to man the roads and these vehicles will also have a complete medical kit for providing emergency treatment to any person in need.

The Chief Minister said that it is matter of immense pride and satisfaction that Sadak Surakhya Force have been instrumental in reducing death rate within fort-

night as against the earlier average of 17 deaths per day, only 13 deaths have been reported in last 15 days.

He said that this is just preliminary results and it will be reduced further in coming times. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that Sadak Surakhya Force will be instrumental in reducing the burden from the district Police and improve their efficiency.

The Chief Minister said that being a border state a number of forces inimical to state have been chalking out nefarious designs to disturb hard earned peace of state but the Punjab Police has always foiled such attempts.

Relevant education not being given to students: Bhagwant Mann at WITT Global Summit

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, FEB 28

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann spoke during a keynote interview entitled 'The Mann Moment' at WITT TV9 Global Summit and spoke in a lighter tone about his childhood and talked about relevant education for students. "Relevant education is not being given to students.

We are being taught something else, while we experience something else in real life. Did 'tan theta cos theta' ever helped us in life? But this is one formula that never allowed us to sleep in peace. Why don't you teach these things to a student who wants to be a scientist?," Mann further added. The Punjab Chief Minister argued



that education should be relevant to one's life. He also said the Punjab government will soon amend the syllabus, where the content of application for a "fee waiver" will be changed so that students write the "truth" instead of a false reason citing poverty.

Center accepted demands of farmers on basis of priority: Dhindsa

RAJINDER SHARMA
BASSI PATHANA, FEB 28

ARY President of Shiromani Akali Dal (United) and former Union Minister S. Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa has appealed to the central government to accept the demands of farmers on priority basis.

He said that this issue is no longer limited to farmers' demands alone but this issue has become the unity of the country. Therefore, the central government should immediately negotiate with the farmers and accept their reasonable demands so that peace and brotherhood can be maintained in the country. He said that the torture being inflicted on the unarmed farmers on the borders of Haryana for the past few days is inhumane. A young man from Punjab has



died in the action of Haryana Police while many farmers have been seriously injured. S. Dhindsa has also demanded action against the accused by registering a case against the Haryana Police to Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann. S. Dhindsa has also asked Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar to immediately stop the torture being done against the farmers. He further said that the Shiromani Akali Dal

(United) has always raised its voice for the rights of farmers and labourers. Even in Kisan Andolan, the party worked shoulder to shoulder with the farmers' organizations and strongly supported the demands of the farmers and the party will continue to support the farmers in the same way in the future. S. Dhindsa said that it is everyone's democratic right to demonstrate peacefully about their demands.

People of Punjab will give fatwa in favor of SAD in upcoming Lok Sabha elections: Gupta



VERMA
GURDASPUR, FEB 28

There is a lot of anger among the people of the state due to the people-killing policies of the Center and the Punjab government, the consequences of which the said governments will have to bear in the upcoming assembly elections. These views were expressed by Shiromani Akali Dal (Badal) district Pathankot observer and Vidhan Sabha Constituency Sujanpur in-charge Raj Kumar Gupta (Bitu Pradhan) talking to reporters after discussing the upcoming Lok Sabha elections with senior Akali lead-

ers related to Pathankot district. done doing He said that the people of Punjab are still remembering the work done by the late Punjab Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal for the development and prosperity of the state and feel cheated by handing over the reins of Punjab to the Aam Aadmi Party. . Raj Kumar Gupta said in a conversation that the Punjab Bachao Yatra started by Shiromani Akali Dal President Sukhbir Singh Badal, which has been postponed indefinitely in support of the farmers' movement, has become clear from the huge support received by the people of Punjab.

DC conducts surprise check of Govt departments

SUMER GARG
SANGRUR, FEB 28

Deputy Commissioner(DC), Sangrur, conducted a surprise check of various government departments and branches located at the district administrative complex and SDM complex here today. The DC issued a show cause notice to the absent officers, employees and directed them to ensure timely attendance at the government offices in future and to provide the best administrative services to the people on time.

He said that under the leadership of Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann, we are fully committed to provide quality and time bound services to the citizens in Sangrur district in a transparent manner and if any officer or employee neglects this matter, action will be taken against him according to the rules.

The DC inspected the attendance and presence of staff at RTA office, Fard kendra, Tehsil complex, Treasury office, Revenue department branches etc. During the checking, more than three dozen employees were found absent and a serious notice was taken by the Deputy Commissioner against them. He also instructed the heads of all the departments of the district to ensure timely attendance of their staff in the departments. "This checking process will be continued in the future as well", DC added.



Govt appoints Abhay Ram Godara as member of Punjab Mandi Board

KULWINDER KARWAL
SARDULGARH, FEB 28

The Punjab government recently released the list of newly appointed members of the Punjab Mandikarn Board, which includes the name of senior Aam Aadmi Party leader from Sardulgarh Advocate Abhay Ram Godara.

When Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann shared this information, a wave of happiness spread in the Sardulgarh constituency.

If we talk about Abhay Ram Godara, it has to be said that he has a very amiable nature and good personality. On this occasion, Abhay Ram Godara said that in view of his hard work, the party has given him the new responsibility as a member of Punjab Mandi Board, he will fulfill it with full dedication. On this



occasion, there is a rush of people congratulating Abhay Ram Godara's house.

At this time, Aam Aadmi Party workers sweetened the mouth of Abhay Ram Godara with laddu and congratulated him on becoming a member of Punjab Mandi Board and also thanked the Punjab Government. On this occasion, Kulwant Singh Sandhu, Jassa Singh, Davinder Singh, Balwinder Soni, Radhe Sham Prachar, Gurdev Singh, Harbhajan Singh, Bhola Singh were present.

National Science Day celebrated in Miska International Public School

RAJNEESH SHARMA HAMIRPUR : On the occasion of National Science Day, students of Bhoranj of Miska International Public School, Takauta participated enthusiastically in the quiz competition under the theme of Science in Daily Life. This quiz competition was hosted by Rhythm and Sanchit, students of class VIII. School students have been participating in various science activities since February 14, which include poster making, model, slogan, essay writing competition and quiz competition etc. In the quiz competition held today, Team B stood first, Team C stood second, Team A stood third. Akshit of class 9 expressed his views on Raman Effect, the contribution of Nobel Prize winning great Indian scientist CV Raman to science. The school principal praised the children for participating in science related activities and inspired them to actively participate in other activities as well, which leads to the all-round development of the students.

Kangra Central Coop Bank Bangana holds Digital Financial Literacy camp

JOGINDRA DEV A RYA BANGANA : Digital Financial Literacy Camp was organized by Kangra Central Cooperative Bank Branch Bangana in Gram Panchayat Pipul. In which bank manager Vinod Pal Singh told people about various schemes, mainly about door-to-door Kisan Credit Card, Mahila Samridhi Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Atal Pension Yojana and about digital banking. Detailed information was given to the people. All the villagers including Sunil Kumar Mukesh Kumar Ankush Sharma were present on behalf of the bank in the camp.

22-year-old youth dies after falling from roof

VICHITER SINGH BAROTI WALA : A 22-year-old youth from Jharmajri near Police Station Barotiwala died tragically after falling from the roof. The deceased youth Shivaan (22), son of Dharmendra Singh Thakur, was a resident of Jharmajri. Dharmendra Thakur had started construction work of his house and his son Shivan Thakur was inspecting the work of the house. Suddenly he fell down from the third roof of the under-construction house due to which he became unconscious. In an unconscious state, he was brought to the local hospital where doctors declared him dead. The tragic incident occurred late on Monday evening. Due to the death of the youth, there was an atmosphere of mourning in the entire Jharmajri city and Gram Panchayat Bhatauli Kalan. According to the police, Dharmendra Thakur of Jharmajri was a building construction contractor. But these days he was doing construction work of his house. His son Shivaan was inspecting the construction work when he suddenly fell from the roof. He was taken to a private hospital by the people where working there the doctors declared him dead. Confirming the incident, DSP Khajana Ram said that after taking the body into custody, the police got its post-mortem done at Nalagarh Hospital. After that the body has been handed over to the family for cremation.

Programme organized under Financial Literacy Week



AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB: Financial Literacy Week program was organized by Reserve Bank of India Shimla Unit in private ITI of Gram Panchayat Badedda of Unna. On this occasion, LDO of Reserve Bank of India Ashish Sangta was present who made the participants aware about the banking system and Punjab National Bank. Guru Charan Bhatti, District Leading Manager, made aware about Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Atal Pension Yojana, ATM Insurance etc. Financial literacy advisor Dharampal Dhiman provided information to the participants about Mudra Loan Scheme, Chief Minister Swavalamban Yojana as well as bank fraud. Swami Vivekananda ITI Manager Meena Jaswal welcomed the guests and requested the youth to It was said that he must apply the given information in his personal life and be careful of banking frauds. It is noteworthy that the main theme of Financial Literacy Week has been kept as Make a Right Start Become Financially Strong and this week is being run from 26 February 2024 to 1 March 2024.

National Science Day and Education Dialogue organized



SANJEEV MAHAJAN NOORPUR: National Science Day and Education Dialogue was organized with great enthusiasm in Government Senior Secondary School, Aund Tehsil Nurpur District Kangra. In which the children of the school participated enthusiastically. During this program, children were asked questions on different subjects and they were also given information on different subjects which can be useful to these children in their future. School Principal Mrs. Naveen Kumari said that on this occasion, the children did various types of activities. School staff and parents were also present on this occasion. Principal Madam said that the entire staff had a commendable contribution in making this program successful.

Any decision on HP after observers report: Jairam Ramesh

AGENCY NEW DELHI, FEB 28

The Congress on Wednesday ruled out replacing the chief minister of Himachal Pradesh at present, saying that party president Mallikarjun Kharge has constituted a team of observers that will submit its report at the earliest.

Addressing a press conference at the AICC headquarters here, senior party leader Jairam Ramesh said that no decision on the chief minister, Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, will be taken until a report is submitted by the team. The Congress president has constructed a team for Himachal Pradesh consisting of Bhupesh Baghel, DK Shivakumar, and Bhupinder Hooda.

He said that Kharge has asked the team to talk to all the MLAs, listen to their concerns and grievances, and file a report at the earliest.

He said, "Our priority is



to save the party and the massive mandate the people of Himachal Pradesh gave to Congress in December 2022."

He said, "The people's mandate should be respected. The people of Himachal Pradesh have rejected Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP President J. P. Nadda, and Anurag Thakur."

He also hinted that some strong decisions may also be taken, adding that only after

the report has been submitted.

Ramesh said that the party is supreme and, above all, the people's mandate, and a decision will be taken only after the team submits its report.

On cross-voting during the Rajya Sabha elections, Ramesh said that, as per the mandate, the lone seat in the Rajya Sabha should have gone to the Congress party, but due to cross-voting,

senior Congress leader and renowned advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi lost the election.

He added that all these issues would also be looked into. He also accused the central government of not providing any assistance to the state when it was hit by a natural calamity in 2023.

Meanwhile, Congress general secretary X said that the public has the right to choose the government. And the people of Himachal Pradesh have given their mandates to Congress. The way the BJP is using government agencies, money, and machinery to crush the Himachal Pradesh government is unprecedented in the history of the country.

She said that if a party with 25 MLAs is challenging a majority government with 43 MLAs, it clearly means that it is resorting to horse-trading and bringing down an elected government.

Ranjit Bakshi Jankalyan Sabha helps elderly woman to build room

SANJEEV MAHAJAN NOORPUR: In developed India, an elderly woman was living in a hut like house for twenty years. This elderly woman is saved from government schemes, only widow pension is her only means of survival. The village people used to help this elderly woman from time to



time. Many governments, many Panchayat heads came and went but no one helped this elderly woman. To help an elderly woman, Ranjit Bakshi Jankalyan Sabha extended a hand and built a room. The reality of government facilities and schemes turned out to be different on the ground.

'A ploy to pass budget, save Cong govt': Jairam Thakur after 15 BJP MLAs suspended

AGENCY SHIMLA, FEB 28

After 15 BJP MLAs were suspended from the Assembly by Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania for allegedly creating a ruckus in the House, the Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur on Wednesday alleged that the move was part of a ploy to pass the budget and save the Congress government.

Speaking to ANI on Wednesday, Thakur, who was among the 15 BJP MLAs to be suspended from the House, said, "The BJP had 25 MLAs in the House before some of the Congress MLAs cross-voted during polling for the Rajya Sabha seat. Our strength rose to 34 after the Rajya Sabha vote, which set off alarm bells in the government. They had to pass the budget by any means necessary or else this government would fall. They knew they had to devise a ploy to reduce our strength in the House and', hence, got some of our members, including myself, suspended in a desperate bid to save our government." "As many as 15 of our MLAs, including myself, were suspended. The budget was passed thereafter," the LoP added. Amid fears of a churn at the helm of Himachal following the cross-voting episode during polling for the lone Rajya Sabha seat in the state, 15 BJP MLAs were suspended from the Assembly for allegedly for creating



a ruckus in his chamber. The suspended MLAs were LoP Jai Ram Thakur, Vipin Parmar, Randhir Sharma, Hans Raj, Vinod Kumar, Janak Raj, Balbir Verma, Lokinder Kumar, Trilok Jamwal, Surinder Shourie, Puran Chand, Dalip Thakur, Inder Singh Gandhi, Ranbir Nikka and Deep Raj.

Earlier, cross-voting by six Congress MLAs for the lone Rajya Sabha seat and the resignation of Vikramaditya Singh from the council of ministers plunged the Sukhu-led government into a crisis in the hill state.

The back-to-back developments brought to the fore the rift within the ruling party while the BJP claimed the Congress had lost the moral standing to be in power after losing majority in the Assembly. The BJP said the Rajya Sabha results show that the Sukhu-led Congress government has lost its majority, whereas the CM has claimed to remain in power with a majority.

India is going to be global leader soon: Union Minister

SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, FEB 28

In the inaugural session of the Two days International Seminar on Resurgent Bharat on the Global Canvas, held at the Ambedkar International Research Centre, Shri Bhupendra Yadav, Hon'ble Union Minister Environment, Forest and Climate change, labour & employment, articulated a vision of Bharat emerging as a global leader through the embodiment of 'Bhartiyata in Practice'. The Minister highlighted Bharat's trajectory towards becoming a global leader and emphasized the nation's



ascend as one of the strongest economies worldwide. The Two days International seminar, titled "Resurgent Bharat on the Global Canvas" is being organised on 25th and 26th of February, 2024 by Shaikshik Foundation, in collaboration with the National and National Council for

Promotion of Sindhi Language (NCPSL) and Shivaji College, University of Delhi, at the Dr. Ambedkar International Research Centre New Delhi. Addressing the esteemed gathering, the Union Minister who was the chief guest on the occasion underscored the imperative

for extensive research across diverse domains to bolster Bharat's position as a global leader. He called upon delegates to actively engage in research endeavors, echoing the sentiments expressed by the Hon'ble Prime Minister in his mantra of 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, Jai Vigyan,' now augmented with 'Jai Anusandhan.' He highlighted various government initiatives aimed at achieving the goal of Viksit Bharat. The seminar began with the lighting of traditional lamp by the Chief guest followed by Sarasvati vandana and welcome address by Prof. virender Bhardwaj, convenor of the seminar.

Third edition of Snow Marathon will be held at Sissu on March 10

BUREAU SHIMLA, FEB 28

After the success of the first and second edition of Snow Marathon, this year's third Snow Marathon will be organized on March 10 at Sissu (Lahaul and Spiti). This world prestigious snow marathon is being organized by Reach India in association with Himachal Tourism and District Administration. The key organizer Rajiv Kumar informed that Snow Marathon Lahaul has the distinction of being the only snow marathon in Asia and the highest in the world. Likewise every year, the marathon is being organized at Sissu, at the North Portal end of the Atal Tunnel, located at an altitude of nearly 10,000 feet near Manali wherein athletes and marathoners from every corner of the country are



participating. This marathon is being organized in four categories - 42 kilometer full marathon, 21 kilometer half marathon, ten kilometer and five kilometer. Fun runs are also being organized to encourage local participation. Rajiv said that apart from athletes, defence personnel, especially Navy and Army, are participating enthusiastically this year like every year. So far, 25 sailors have confirmed participation in this event. Apart from that, ten foreign

marathoners are also participating in this edition. The event is supported by Campus Shoes (Running Partner), Fast & Up as Nutrition Partner, Bonn as Energy Partner, Youngear & Gokyo as Awards Partner. Conservationist Gaurav Schimer who is part of the organizing team said that along with the Administration and Tourism Department, this event is also recognized by the Fit India Movement of the Govt of India.

Ambuja Cements encourages Learning Spaces with Community Library in Darlaghat

BUREAU SHIMLA, FEB 28

Ambuja Cements, the cement and building material company of the diversified Adani Group, has initiated a noteworthy project through its CSR arm - the establishment of a community library in Darlaghat village of Solan district. This initiative aims to enrich educational resources in the area and foster a culture of reading within the community. The commencement of the community library project was initiated by the School Management Committee of Government Senior Secondary School (GSSS), Darlaghat, seeking Ambuja Cements' expertise in overseeing the library's establishment. Upon



evaluating the existing space, it became apparent that the current library lacked sufficient seating for students and community members as it was confined to a small room within the school. The enhancement of the library was meticulously planned and executed in collaboration with Ambuja Cements and school authorities. The financial support provided by Ambuja Cements was utilized for installing seating

arrangements, bookshelves, and other essential components for the library. Ambuja Cements recognized the importance of community participation in the initiative and urged the school management to engage the local community in contributing to the community library project. The involvement was aimed at fostering a sense of ownership and collective responsibility within the community.

Shark Tank competition organized



SANJEEV MAHAJAN NOORPUR: The Department of Economics, Government Arya Mahavidyalaya, Noorpur organized a competition named "Shark Tank" to discuss new ideas, innovation and implementation. Students of BA, B.Com Economics subjects participated with great enthusiasm in the competition. Students discussed excellent business ideas and its implementation in the real world. 13 students participated in the competition and 72 boys and girls were present on the occasion. The students were inspired to explore entrepreneurship in the future and build a successful career. The best presentation was declared the winner of the competition, presented by Ajay, Atul, Amit and Piyush. The students were delighted to participate and explore such an innovative approach to learning. Dr. Anil Kumar Thakur, Principal, Government Arya Mahavidyalaya, Noorpur participated as a special guest on the occasion and encouraged the students to explore more such avenues. Pearl Bakshi, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, moderated the program and thanked students.

Education department releases provisional list of candidates under MPY

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA: Director Higher Education, Dr. Amarjeet Kumar Sharma informed here today that provisional list of eligible candidates under the Medha Protsahan Yojna (MPY) has been released by the department for the session 2023-24. He said that applications were invited from the meritorious students to attend online or offline coaching classes in person from institutions in the state and outside the state to appear for CLAT, NEET, IIT, JEE, AIIMS, AFMC, NDA and UPSC, SSC, Banking & Insurance, Railways and equivalent entrance examinations. He said that after scrutiny of the applications received from interested and eligible students, the provisional list of candidates has been uploaded on the departmental website https://education.hp.gov.in. He urged the candidates to check the application from here and if there is any deficiency in the documents attached with their application, then make sure to send the relevant documents immediately through email medha.protsahan@gov.in. Apart from this, no change will be made in the institute filled in the application form he said and added that the last date to resolve any objections has been fixed as 5th March, 2024 till 5 pm. After this, no requests will be accepted.

Tibetan parliament in exile strongly condemns China's brutal crackdown on Tibetans

SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, FEB 28

The Mcleodganj-based Tibetan Parliament in Exile has strongly condemned China's brutal crackdown on Tibetans in Derg, Kham. Reports indicate that more than 1,000 Tibetans have been arrested for taking part in peaceful protests against the construction of a dam on the Driehhu River, according to the Tibetan Parliament. The protests, which are ongoing from 14 February 2024, aim to stop the construction of the Gangtuo Hydropower Station, a component of a huge 13-tier hydropower complex with a planned capacity of 13,920 MW. The construction project will force the relocation of two villages, Upper Wonto and Shipa, where about 2000 residents live. As a result, six historical monasteries will be demolished, including Wonto Monastery, Yena Monastery, Khardho Monastery, Rabten Monastery, Gonsar Monastery and Tashi Monastery. These monasteries contain irreplaceable Buddhist relics, including ancient 13th-century wall paintings at Wonto Monastery. The Tibetan Parliament-in-exile has called for the immediate release of prisoners, an immediate halt to dam construction and for any project in the area to respect the will and wishes of the local people. Let it be known that China is continuously violating the fundamental rights of Tibet.

CII NR organises Edutech Symposium for Industrial Innovation

R N KHERA CHANDIGARH: The CII Northern Region EduTech Symposium convened today, bringing together eminent leaders from academia, industry, and government to delve into pivotal topics shaping the education landscape. Shri Vivek Pratap Singh, Principal Secretary, Technical Education & Industrial Training, Government of Punjab stressed the need to stay abreast of the evolving technologies coming into existence to do the skilling accordingly for finest of future workforce to be set in place. He extended an invitation to industries to actively engage with the department, fostering collaboration in skilling endeavors.

Shuffling of police officials in district Ludhiana rural

SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON: District Ludhiana Rural Police has made significant shuffling of officials in the district under the guidance of SSP Navneet Singh Bains. Giving more information about this, DSP Jasjit Singh said that district Ludhiana rural police has routinely shuffled duties of officials and appointed them at different areas. "ASI Baljeet Singh has been transferred at police station Jodhan from reader DSP duty, head constable Sukhdev Garg has been appointed as reader to DSP city, Sukhjinder Singh has been appointed as Nalb reader to DSP city, Amandeep Singh has been appointed as head munshi police station Sudhar, Harjinder Kaur has been transferred to police line Jagraon," he added. He instructed the officials to report to duty with immediate effect.

PAU vegetable scientists, students bring laurels



AVTAR SINGH BHANWARA CHANDIGARH: A team of vegetable scientists and students of Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) participated and won laurels during the 42nd All India Group Meeting of Vegetable Crops and Golden Jubilee Seminar of India Society of Vegetable Science (ISVS), IIVR, Varanasi, held at Acharya Narendra Dev University of Agriculture and Technology (ANDUAT), Ayodhya, Kumarganj, from February 22-26. The participation was held under the able leadership of Dr Tarsem Singh Dhillon, Head, Department of Vegetable Science, PAU. During the AICRP of meeting, a PAU developed variety of round melon, namely Punjab Tinda 1 was released at the national level for cultivation in zone -IV. In ISVS seminar, Dr Sat Pal Sharma, Principal Vegetable Breeder, was selected as Fellow of ISVS; and Dr Tejpal Sing Gran, a student of Dr Saleh Kumar Jindal, got "Dwarkanath Memorial Best Thesis Award." During the seminar, students and scientists delivered oral and poster presentations. Four posters were adjudged as the best posters under different themes. Dr Mrs Mohinder Kaur Sidhu; Ms Bhumika, a student of Dr Sat Pal Sharma; Ms Monisha, a student of Dr Sidhu.

Tractor march by Congress in favor of farmers' struggle at Nabha



RAKESH JINDAL NABHA: Tractor march in favor of farmers by Congress party officials and workers at Nabha. Tractor convoy passing from former minister Dharamsoth's residence to Nabha city. On this occasion, Congress Party Coordinator Sandeep Singla, Urban President Vivek Singla and Rural President Balwinder Singh Bittu said, after seeing the atrocities being committed on the farmers of Punjab, this decision has been taken by the Congress Party. In favor of the farmers, a tractor protest march has been held today by the workers of the Congress party. They said that the central government should leave the policy of confrontation and immediately accept the rightful demands of the farmers. Besides Chahal, Karam Singh Skoha, Sikandar Singh Ageti, Dilwar Singh Kamsuha, Sucha Singh Saholi, a large number of workers were present with tractors (Vivek Singla Block President Congress Nabha).

Rayat college of Law organises Road Safety awareness campaign



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHARPUR: Legal Aid Clinic of Rayat College of Law Raimajra S.B.S.Nagar in association with Traffic Police S.B.S. Nagar organizes Legal awareness Campaign for "Road Safety" on Chandigarh Jalandhar Highway near Raimajra Students of Rayat College of Law interacted with the commuters and made them aware about road safety norms. The objective of this activity was to sensitise the general public regarding traffic rules and other safety measures never drink and drive, always wear seat belt or helmet in case of two wheelers, never use a red light, never use mobile phone while driving, donot cross speed limit, always give way to ambulance.

Anmol Gagan Mann congratulates officials for getting entry in Guinness Book of world records

SHASHI PAL JAIN CHANDIGARH, FEB 28

Punjab Tourism and Cultural Affairs Minister Anmol Gagan Mann on Wednesday congratulated the officials of Taj Group and Tourism Department for ensuring an entry in Guinness Book of World Records with largest ever Parantha made during Rangla Punjabi Festival held at Amritsar.

Ms. Mann said that such initiatives of the department would go a long way to showcase the state on the tourism map. It is pertinent to mention here that the 37.5 kg Parantha was prepared by chefs of Taj Hotel and distributed among the audience who came to see Rangla Punjab Festival being organized by the Punjab Government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann at Sri Amritsar Sahib to promote tourism and promote cultural activities in the state. On this occasion, The Chairman of Organising Committee



Cum Deputy Commissioner Amritsar Mr. Ghansham Thori, Director Tourism Department Mrs. Neeru Katyal Gupta and the Superintending Engineer of the Department Bhopinder Singh Chana received the certificate from the organizers of

the Guinness Book of World Records. It was practiced for several consecutive days by the Taj staff before trying to break the record. Seven Hundred kilo of wheat flour was used for preparation of paratha. Apart from this, two pans of three quintals each,

which were 5.10 feet, were specially designed from Delhi, while a gas stove with 20 burners was used to cook the Parantha. Apart from this, two Rollers of 22 kg each were also specially prepared to roll out this gigantic Parantha.

Speech, quiz competition conducted at local KMRD Jain College under sweep activities

MAMOON RASHID MALERKOTLA, FEB 28

Under the sweep activities as per the instructions of the Chief Electoral Officer, Punjab and the directions of the District Election Officer cum Deputy

Commissioner Dr. Pallavi Speech competition and quiz competition of students were conducted With the support of Nehru Yuva Kendra at KMRD Jain College Malerkotla and information about voter help line app etc. was given to the students. On this

occasion, acting principal Ms. Sonia, Tehsildar Selika Brij Mohan, College Nodal officer Dr. Parul Raizada, Head Academic Affairs Dr. Meena Kumari, Dr. Mohita Verma, Ritu Gaur, Kratika, Mrs. Rupinder, Mrs. Shahbana and Dr. Anu Gaur were present.

Startup meetup sparks innovation, collaboration in Mohali



LK BANSAL MOHALI, FEB 28

Startup enthusiasts and entrepreneurs converged at Se-biz Square Auditorium in Mohali on February 28, 2024, for an engaging event - Startup Meetup, Igniting Innovation, Driving Entrepreneurship. The event, organized by the Foundation for Innovation and Technology Transfer - IIT Delhi and Oil India Limited in association with SACC India and Chandigarh Angels Network, provided a platform for startups to discuss funding opportunities, business challenges, and network with industry experts.

The highlight of the evening was a fireside chat featuring Simarpreet Singh,

Executive Director of HARTEK GROUP, who shared valuable insights into the future of clean energy. Nitika Mishra Khurana, Head Investments and Operations of Chandigarh Angels Network, engaged in a dynamic conversation with Simarpreet, addressing key issues and trends in the industry. A thought-provoking panel discussion on Deep Tech challenges, from prototyping to securing the first cheque, featured esteemed panelists:

Dr. Dhiraj Kumar Mahajan, Associate Professor, IIT Ropar

Mr. Gautam Sharma, Founder, Surya Enviro & Chemicals

Ms. Harnoor Kaur, Co-founder, Coo Evage

Mr. Vineet Khurana, CEO, SACC India

Mr. Manveen Singh Chadha, Sr. Manager, FITT, IIT Delhi The event witnessed the participation of over 75 startups from the tricity area. The evening concluded with a networking session over high tea, providing startup founders with the opportunity to connect with mentors, investors, and fellow entrepreneurs. Founders who attended the event expressed gratitude to the organizing team, emphasizing the significance of such gatherings in boosting the startup ecosystem. Testimonials shared highlighted the exposure gained and the invaluable connections made during the event.

Chhatbir Zoo exchanges Tiger with Ludhiana Zoo

VICKY BHABAT ZIRAKPUR, FEB 28

Chhatbir Zoo is thrilled to announce the successful exchange of one of our magnificent tigers named Aman to Ludhiana Zoo on 27/02/2024. In accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Central Zoo Authority (CZA). This exchange is a part of our commitment to conservation efforts and the well-being of these majestic animals.

The male Tiger (Aman) has been a cherished member of our Chhatbir zoo family, who was born at Kanpur zoo on July 2012, whose sire and dam was Abhay and Trush which were later exchanged by Chhatbir zoo on Feb 2015 in an animal ex-



change programme. Since Aman is a proud member of the Chhatbir zoo family.

He and her mate named Diya have successfully bred and raised many litters and we are confident that Ludhiana Zoo will provide an excellent environment for its continued growth. This exchange aligns with our dedication to us contributing to efforts in tiger conservation and promoting genetic diversity among captive populations. We extend our gratitude to the Central Zoo Authority for their guidance and support throughout the process, ensuring that the exchange adheres to the highest standards of animal welfare.

We believe that this collaborative effort will contribute to the welfare and preservation of this endangered species.

Gully cricket tournament vital in honing cricketing talent at grassroots level : Former selectors



RAJIV JAIN CHANDIGARH, FEB 28

UTCA's President Sanjay Tandon met former Test cricketers Venkatesh Prasad and Sunil Joshi who were on the Chandigarh tour. In this courtesy meeting which lasted for about half an hour at Cricket Stadium, Sector 16, Sanjay Tandon appraised them about the journey of UT Cricket Association since its inception. He said that in a very short span of time, city

cricketers have exhibited their talent at international level. Be they are Raj Angad Bawa and Harnoor Singh at the Under-19 World Cup winning team or Kashvee Gautam, the most expensive player of the Women's IPL. Tandon also presented before him the case study of the immense success of the street gully tournament organized last year. Prasad and Joshi, who were former selectors, praised the initiative of gully cricket.

Science College Jagraon observes National Science Day



SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON, FEB 28

Sanmati Government College of Science Education and Research, Jagraon in collaboration with IAPT RC2 Celebrated National Science Day 2024. The Programme convener Mrs Sarabdeep Sidhu organised inter-college and inter school postermaking competition and a seminar on this special occasion. Dr Jagdeep Singh Assistant Professor in Physics

from SLIET Longowal was the resource person. The college director, Prof Kirpal Kaur and college council welcomed the resource person with a bouquet of flowers. The theme for National Science Day 2024 is "Indigenous technologies for Viksit Bharat" which reflects a strategic focus on promoting public appreciation for Science, technology and innovation. Students from different schools and colleges participated in the poster making competition.

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MRSPTU students secure coveted positions at Ultratech cement, Reliance industries

ANIL VERMA BATHINDA, FEB 28

In a testament to their academic prowess and industry-ready skills, two students from B.Tech Civil Engineering and Electrical Engineering at Giani Zail Singh Campus College of Engineering and Technology, MRSPTU, have clinched prestigious placements at leading companies.

Rajdeep Singh and MD Imran have been selected to join Ultratech Cement and Reliance Industries Limited, respectively, with enticing placement packages. Expressing delight at the achievement, Registrar Dr. Gurinder Pal Singh Brar, Campus Director Dr. Sanjeev Aggarwal, Director Training and Placement Er. Harjot Singh Sidhu extended their



heartfelt congratulations to the accomplished students, emphasizing their pride in seeing students recognized and embraced by major corporations. Highlighting the institution's commitment to fostering strong industry ties, Er. Harjot Singh Sidhu reiterated their dedication to producing socially responsible leaders who contribute to the nation's global standing. Corporate Resource Center,

Prof. Incharge Dr. Rajesh Gupta and Harjot Singh Sidhu underscored the significance of campus placements as a stepping stone toward promising careers. While HoD Civil Engineering Dr. Balkrishan and HoD Electrical Engineering Dr. Sarabjeet Kaur Bath lauded the selected students and urged them to seize this opportunity as the foundation of their bright futures.

100 yrs of Islam Ahmadiyya in Ghana: Historic Jalsa Salana 2024 concludes

VERMA GURDASPUR, FEB 28

On 24th February 2024, the World Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalifa (Caliph), His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad concluded the Annual Convention (Jalsa Salana) of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Ghana.

His Holiness presided over the concluding session virtually from the Masroor Hall in Islamabad, Tilford whilst more than 39,000 people gathered at the Jalsa site in Bagh-e-Ahmad in Ghana.

During the address, His Holiness elaborated upon the Ten Conditions of Bai'at that the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) required to be followed by every person in or-



der to become a true Ahmadi Muslim.

As His Holiness began the address, he spoke of the significance of this year's Jalsa Salana, which was being held on the occasion of the Centenary of the establishment of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Ghana, during which time the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community had become well known in every part of Ghana. As His Holiness concluded his address, he spoke

about the future potential of Africa and particularly of Ahmadi Muslims.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

"The stark truth is that much of the developed world has become immersed in materialism and has no link with spirituality or justice. Where they claim to be the arbiters of peace and equality, they are perpetrating grave cruelties upon humanity through horrific warfare and injustice.

Kharar rice millers demand to restrict storage of rice in depot of FCI

SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, FEB 28

The rice millers of Kharar have written a letter to the Area Manager of the Food Corporation of India, Punjab, demanding that rice of out district millers a ban should not be stored in the depot of FCI in Kharar.

In this regard, they have written that 630 consignment of rice are to be supplied to the FCI warehouse by the millers of Kharar and out of which 176 consignments have been delivered so far and and 454 consignments are yet to be supplied.

They have written that now the officials of FCI have given permission to the millers of Morinda to delivered rice here, which will make it very difficult for the millers of Kharar and due to lack of space, they will not be able to deliver rice here. They said that Kharar is a non rail head station while Morinda is a rail head station. So it is wrong to deliver rice of Morinda at Kharar. They have demanded that this decision should be canceled immediately and the rice of the millers of Kharar should be stored here.

Guru Nanak Dev University Celebrated National Science Day 2024

KULJIT SINGH JANDIALA GURU, FEB 28

National Science Dday Celebrations were organised by the Physics Students' Society, Department of Physics, Guru Nanak Dev University. The event was funded by Punjab State Council for Science and Technology (PSCST) and National Council for Science and Technology Communication, Department of Science and Technology, Government of India and Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar.

Various competitions and expert lectures were organised related to the theme, "Indigenous Technologies for Viksit Bharat". Undergraduate and postgraduate students from the various departments of university campus and more than 100 colleges of the region participated in activities like Science Quiz, Science Games,



Poster Making Competition, Rangoli Competition and many more. Prof. Atul Khanna, Head Department of Physics while addressing the participants said that celebrating important days like this is very significant as it continuously reminds us of the achievements and contributions of great Indian scientists and motivates the young minds to dive deep into the scientific research and exploration. Prof. Khanna said that development of indigenous technologies.

Zeba Fatima of Akal varsity honoured with Indian Youth Icon Award 2024



ISHWER GARG TALWANDI SABO: In a momentous celebration of academic excellence and innovation, Ms. Zeba Fatima, Assistant Professor in the Department of Education at Akal University Talwandi Sabo, has been awarded the prestigious Indian Youth Icon Award 2024. This distinguished accolade was presented during the International Conference by the International Council for Education, Research, and Training (ICERT), held in New Delhi. The event, which took place on January 12, 2024, attracted distinguished personalities, experts, and thought leaders from around the world. The Indian Youth Icon Award 2024, acknowledges Ms. Zeba Fatima's unwavering commitment to excellence, her innovative mindset, and her significant contributions to the field of education and academics. The award ceremony, a highlight of the conference, was attended by eminent personalities, government officials, and leaders across various fields, further underscoring the importance of Ms. Fatima's accomplishments.

Newly appointed SP (D) takes charge

KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA: Strict measures are being taken by the police against drugs. Newly appointed young officer SP (D) Sandeep Singh Mand while talking to some selected journalists said that he has shifted from Amritsar district to Barnala as SP (D) have attended. He said that the Punjab Police is engaged in vigorous efforts to eradicate the leprosy of drugs. I have directed my department especially the CIA. Officials and employees have been ordered to use maximum activity to eradicate drugs.



Shri Mahender Pal Singh , A social activist and Managing Director of Prachar Advt. P. Ltd donated a Sewing Machine to Poor girl on her wedding.

Education Minister praises Major Bhanu Pratap's Basketball Triumph

RAHUL KOHLI JAGADHRI: Major Bhanu Pratap, hailing from Jagadhri, Haryana, showcased his prowess in the recent National Level Basketball Championship tournament in Margao, Goa, aiding Haryana to clinch the third position nationwide. Education Minister Shri Kanwar Pal Gujjar extended heartfelt congratulations to Major Bhanu Pratap for his remarkable achievement, announcing that upon his return to Jagadhri, he would be felicitated by the Haryana Government. Having roots in Yamunanagar, Haryana, Major Bhanu Pratap presently serves the nation in North East India. A distinguished alumnus of SD Public School, Jagadhri, he pursued his graduation in Btech Computer Science from Haryana Engineering College, Jagadhri (affiliated to Kurukshetra University). Bhanu commenced his professional journey at Vedanta Group Sterlite Technologies, subsequently serving as a Senior Systems Engineer at Infosys for four years. Commissioned from the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun in 2018 as Lieutenant, Major Bhanu Pratap embarked on his military career after successfully completing the Technical Graduate Course SSB in Allahabad. His father, Somesh Chauhan, emphasized Bhanu's lifelong passion for sports, noting his active involvement since childhood. Additionally, he credited Bhanu's coach, Gopal Singh Rana, for playing a pivotal role in nurturing his talent.



Trident Group continues to make waves at Bharat Tex with innovative collection and industry vision

KARANPREET/ KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA: Trident Group's dynamic presence at Bharat Tex continues to draw crowds and attention as the company showcases its latest collection, setting the stage for innovation and industry leadership. With a diverse array of offerings, Trident's display has become a focal point for industry professionals and enthusiasts alike, eager to explore the cutting-edge trends and sustainable practices driving the future of textiles. Trident's collection at Bharat Tex is thoughtfully segmented to cater to a variety of tastes and preferences. From the vibrant hues of "Atulaya Bharat," which celebrates India's cultural heritage, to the serene elegance of "Mood Indigo," blending Indian and international collection, offering a unique and compelling narrative. Highlighting Trident's commitment to sustainability, the "Sustainability" segment showcases eco-friendly textiles crafted with care and precision, while the "Designer Desk" theme



presents a sophisticated blend of black and white with pastel accents. The exhibit also features the newly collaborated Shivan and Naresh collection. Embracing the digital age, Trident's "Digital Bharat" theme seamlessly integrates technology into the textile experience, offering visitors a glimpse into the future of textile design and production.

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Land for job case: Delhi court grants regular bail to Rabri Devi, Misa Bharti

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The Rouse Avenue court in Delhi on Wednesday granted regular bail to Rabri Devi, Misa Bharti, Hema Yadav and Hridyanand Chaudhary in land-for-job case linked to money laundering. All these accused appeared physically before the court. Earlier, they were granted interim bail on February 9. Special judge Vishal Gogne granted regular bail to accused persons on furnishing of bail bond of Rs one lakh and surety bond in the like amount. The court said that they were not arrested during the investigation. There is no apprehension of the accused fleeing from the law. ED filed the reply on the regular bail applications of Rabri Devi, Misa Bharti, Hema Yadav and Hridyanand Chaudhary. The special public



prosecutor (SPP) for ED Manish Jain along with Snehal Sharda appeared and submitted that if the bail is granted, strict conditions may be imposed in view of the gravity of the allegations. Meanwhile, Amit Katyal has also moved an application seeking an extension of interim bail. He is on interim till March 4. The court has asked the ED to file a reply on

the application and listed the matter on March 5. Interim bail is deemed to be extended till the next date, the court said. The court had granted interim bail to Rabri Devi, Misa Bharti, and Hema Yadav after they appeared in court on February 9. They were summoned by the court after taking cognizance of a charge sheet filed by the Directorate of Enforcement. Rabri Devi,

Dr. Verma honored for his commendable work in drug free campaign

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA PANIPAT: Awareness Program and Rehabilitation In-charge/Sub Inspector of Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau, is making the youth aware about the drug-free Haryana campaign. He was honored with a certificate of appreciation for



his commendable services in the drug-free Haryana campaign. This certificate of honor issued by the District Administration Panipat was received from the tax lotuses of SDM Panipat Mandeep Singh. Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma is moving forward with the drug free campaign

in various districts of Haryana. Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma expressed his gratitude to the District Administration Panipat and said that now his responsibility has increased further. They will do this work diligently with more power than before.

People getting big benefit with campaign under 'Aap Di Sarkar Aap De Dwar': Jassi Sohianwala



RAKESH JINDAL PATIALA, FEB 28

Today in Patiala Rural Constituency Health Minister Dr. Under the leadership of Balbir Singh, a special camp of Ward 2, 3, 4 was organized at Sidhu Colony Gurudwara Sahib and 44 types of services were provided to the people by the administrative officials on the spot. On this occasion, District Planning Committee Chairman Jassi Sohianwala, Improvement Trust Chairman Megh Chand Shermajra, Health Minister Dr. Jasbir Singh Gandhi, in-charge of Balbir Singh's office, specially visited the camp and heard the complaints of the people. Speaking on the occasion, Chairman Jassi Sohianwala said that

the people are getting great benefit from the special camps being organized by the Punjab government under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Maan under 'Aap Di Sarkar Aap De Door'. He said that these public convenience camps being held in every constituency across the district are proving to be beneficial for the people because people are getting all the services easily under one roof. On this occasion, among others, Amrik Singh Bangar, Sukhdev Singh Aulakh, Block President Mandeep Singh Virdi, Kulwinder Singh Ward Sevadar, Rakesh Kumar, Rupinder Singh Tournia, Davinder Kaur, Jaspreet Singh Mannaween, Anait Ali, Charanjit Singh, Mohit Kumar, Lal Singh, Gaurav Arora and other colleagues were present.

Week-long Mathematical Training and Talent Search concludes at Akal University



ISHWER GARG TALWANDI SABO: The valedictory session of the Mathematical Training and Talent Search (MTTS) program, titled "Initiation into Mathematics (InitMath)," held from February 19-24, 2024, marked the triumphant conclusion of a week-long event filled with insights and inspiration. Dr. A. Satyanaryana Reddy, the Academic Coordinator at Shiv Nadar Institute of Eminence, kicked off the session with a thought-provoking address, setting the stage for a day dedicated to intellectual exploration. Dr. Reddy, drawing from his personal experiences in the program, shared invaluable reflections on impactful moments and key takeaways. Joining the stage were Dr. Vikram Aithal from ICT, Mumbai, and Harinder Singh, an esteemed AUTS Alumnus, both contributing their expertise and experiences to the engaging discourse. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Akal University addressed the audience, reiterating the institution's commitment to academic excellence. Dr. Sandeep Singh, Local Coordinator, DSW, and HoD Maths, expressed gratitude in the Vote of Thanks, acknowledging the collaborative efforts that contributed to the event's success.

Rajinder Singh donates 50 thousand to Govt Primary School in memory of his parents

KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA, FEB 28

A memorial service was held in the name of Jagir Kaur, the mother of Rajinder Singh, the former supervising engineer of Housefed and Punjab Health System Corporation, at the nearby village of Khuddi Kalan. In which prominent personalities of the area participated. Rajinder Singh Hal Abad Kharar also donated cash to the government primary school and other institutions of the village in memory of his parents. After the reading, while paying tributes to Mata Jagir Kaur, the speakers, namely: Rajinder Singh's mother Jagir Kaur and father Kartar Singh from the Dalit society, touched the heights as a result of fierce struggle and far-sighted vision. He



said that despite many hardships, he gave his children higher education and brought them to good positions. After that, Eng. Rajinder Singh thanked everyone and presented three modern LCDs to the government primary school of the village and also took responsibility for the reconstruction of the dilapidated toilets of the school at a cost of about 50000/- (fifty thousand). Similarly, full cash assistance was also handed

over to BKU Dakonda (Dhaner) and institution 'Lal Parcham', including all the religious places of the village. On this occasion, State President of Revolutionary Center Punjab Narayan Dutt, District President Dr. Rajinder Pal, District President of BKU Dakonda (Dhaner) Babu Singh Khuddi, Police Nirmal Singh Dhillon Chandigarh, SGPC Member Paramjit Singh Khalsa, Former Chairman of Block Samiti Barnala Gurtej Singh Khuddi.

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GITAM launches MURTI Research Center at Bengaluru

BENGALURU: One of the top leading universities in the country GITAM Deemed to be University has launched Rs.100 crore Multidisciplinary Unit of Research on Translational Initiatives (MURTI) research centre at Bengaluru here on Wednesday. As part of National Science Day celebrations the Chief Designer of the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas program and Padmashri Awardee Dr.Kota Harinarayana, U.S.Consul General Christopher W. Hodges attended as guests and inaugurated the MURTI research labs. While briefing about the MURTI research GITAM Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dayananda Siddavattam said that the university has invested 100 crores to upgrade the research infrastructure and to bring young talented research students from across the country recruited as MURTI



Excellence fellows. Further he briefed that Bengaluru MURTI Centre actively collaborates with the institutes and a galaxy of software and hardware industry to find solutions to some of the pressing problems of the modern societies. Bengaluru MURTI centre will collaborate with the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru to bring AI assisted agricultural practices to revolutionise technologies, to

be used in crop protection, crop management, water conservation and post harvest technologies. Similarly, MURTI Labs are joining companies, to develop softwares required for autonomous vehicle systems, soil science, biotech interventions to improve the shelf life of perishable agriculture products are the prime objectives of MURTI, Bengaluru.

Cong and AAP are side of same coin: JJP leader Digvijay Chautala

RAMAN GUPTA KAITHAL, FEB 28

INSO National President and JJP leader Digvijay Singh Chautala reached the PWD Rest House in Kaithal to meet the workers. Discussed with the workers for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections and the party meeting to be held on March 3. JJP will present its strong claim on the Lok Sabha seat of Kurukshetra, for this also talks have been held with the workers today.

We are fully prepared for the elections. Our rally held inside Shahbad can also be called a completely successful rally. As JJP has held six rallies so far in which the crowd has no competition with anyone.

Clarifying the situation regarding the alliance, Digvijay said that it has to be decided by the top leadership



of both the parties whether they will contest the elections together or separately. Speaking on the demands of the farmers, Digvijay Chautala said that the people sitting at the center should listen to the demands of the farmers. It should be accepted because our country and state is an agricultural country and more than 60 percent of the population here is dependent on farming. Whenever there is a crisis on the farmers, it

means a crisis on the family of Chaudhary Devi Lal. As far as the three black laws are concerned, they were justified and should be brought back. It was strongly said in our party that they should be brought back.

Haryana and Punjab are two such states where MSP is given on more crops. In comparison to Punjab, MSP is given on more crops in Haryana. On the other hand, the government should resolve this issue of MSP as soon as possible.

Bill Gates receives prestigious KISS Humanitarian Award 2023

BHUBANESWAR, FEB 28

Leading global philanthropist, Mr. Bill Gates, co-founder of Microsoft and co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation was honored with the KISS Humanitarian Award 2023 in a significant recognition of his philanthropic work. The ceremony took place on February 28, 2024, in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, acknowledging Mr. Gates for his unparalleled contributions to enhancing global health, and education, and addressing climate change through innovative technology solutions aimed at reducing inequality. The award ceremony featured virtual participation from the staff and students of KIIT and KISS,



along with alumni. A notable moment from the event was Mr. Gates's engagement in a meaningful conversation on gender equality, prompted by a question from a KISS alumna. Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Funder of KIIT, KISS & KISS said, "Awarding Bill Gates with the KISS Humanitarian Award not only honors his exceptional

contributions but also elevates the prestige of this recognition. His acceptance sets a new benchmark for humanitarian work globally. It is a profound honor for us that Bill Gates is joining the esteemed roster of our awardees." In his acceptance speech, Mr. Gates expressed deep gratitude for the recognition and reflected on

the transformative work of Dr. Samanta and KISS. "Thank you so much for this wonderful award, and for welcoming me here. Though I should be the one congratulating you on all you have accomplished," said Mr. Gates. He lauded Dr. Samanta's vision and dedication to providing quality education to indigenous communities and highlighted the importance of civic engagement and a community-first approach to education. Initiated in 2008 by Prof. Achyuta Samanta, the KISS Humanitarian Award is the highest honour of KIIT and KISS dedicated to recognizing individuals and organizations that embody the spirit of humanitarian work worldwide. The award

consists of a citation scroll and a gold-plated trophy that depicts a great social message given at a public function at KISS. The gold-plated trophy embodies a golden heart of a humanitarian with the virtues of purity, kindness, prosperity, and hope. It features a pair of hands uplifting a heart, which is textured with shapes resembling waving hands that symbolize how a pair of dedicated hands can make a significant difference in the lives of the helpless and make the world a better place to live in. Previous recipients of this prestigious award include a diverse group of global leaders, Nobel laureates, and notable figures from various sectors, showcasing the award's broad international appeal and respect.

Editorial

That lost voice

Nearly a year into the second intifada, the Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, decided to fly to Asian nations to lobby for support for peace talks with Israel. The Palestinian uprising had begun in September 2000 after the then Opposition leader of Israel, Ariel Sharon, made a provocative visit to Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa Mosque. Israel's military response, typically heavy-handed, had left hundreds of civilians dead, including many children.

Arafat chose India as his first destination, before then flying to Pakistan and China. Beijing had a permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council; New Delhi did not. Islamabad was thick with Arab capitals that were Palestine's most vocal supporters; New Delhi was not. Yet, Arafat and the broader Palestinian movement knew India had a moral standing in the developing world that neither China nor Pakistan could match. India knew that its clarity on the rights of Palestinians to justice, peace and a nation state of their own — as accepted by the United Nations — was a cornerstone of New Delhi's post-colonial credibility in the Global South.

More than 20 years later, that clarity has vanished at a time the world is confronting fundamental questions over the future of Palestine and Israel's illegal occupation of Palestinian territories with an urgency unseen in decades. Last week, 52 countries delivered presentations before the International Court of Justice in The Hague after the UN General Assembly sought its view on the legal consequences of Israel's occupation. Most firmly backed the Palestinian position. Some, like the United States of America, aligned themselves with Israel. From China to Colombia, Brazil to Bangladesh, Indonesia to Iran, and South Africa to Sudan, countries from the Global South sought accountability for Israel's violation of the UN Charter and international law.

Many of these are countries that, like India, have important relations with Israel. Brazil was president of the General Assembly when the UN partition plan that led to the creation of Israel was introduced in 1947. South Africa is by far Israel's biggest trading partner in Africa. Yet they haven't hesitated to criticise Israel: Tel Aviv has declared the Brazilian president, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, persona non grata after he accused Israel of genocide, a charge that South Africa has brought before the ICJ.

India, on the other hand, has behaved like a rabbit caught in the headlights of high-stakes geopolitics. The external affairs minister, S. Jaishankar, and the government of the day often claim that India has adopted a bold foreign policy under Prime Minister Narendra Modi. On the question of Palestine, nothing could be further from the truth. Even the US and the United Kingdom, firm supporters of Israel, have criticised its murderous military machine for excessive killings. India has sheepishly tried to avoid commenting on the crisis at all.

Indian economy offers 'real alternative' to China

With the benchmark indices in the Indian stock market hitting new highs, FDI inflow burgeoning and strong investments happening in infrastructure, while China continues to reel under its property crisis, accelerated capital outflow and economic concerns, several experts believe that New Delhi offers a "real alternative" to Beijing, CNN reported.

The report further highlighted that market watchers are quite keen on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's return to power for a third straight term in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls which will bring greater predictability to economic policies.

Financial professionals around the world are noticing India's development since 2014 under PM Modi, who has said he wants the nation to become a USD 5 trillion economy by 2025. Notably, the optimism around the world's most populous nation is in stark contrast to the mood found in China, which is grappling with a myriad of economic challenges, including an accelerated flight of capital from the country, CNN reported.

The Chinese stock markets have suffered a protracted slump since recent peaks in 2021, with more than USD 5 trillion in market value having been wiped out from the Shanghai, Shenzhen and Hong Kong bourses. Foreign direct investment (FDI) plunged last year, and fell again in January, down nearly 12 per cent compared to the same month in 2023.

On the other hand, India's stock market, is hitting record highs. The value of companies listed on India's exchanges surpassed USD 4 trillion late last year. According to CNN, the future appears even brighter as India's market value is expected to more than double to USD 10 trillion by 2030, according to a Thursday report by Jefferies, which



would make it "impossible for large global investors to ignore."

Peeyush Mittal, a portfolio manager at Matthews Asia, a San Francisco-based investment fund said that there is no country like China other than India.

"China is a no go, so...which is the other country that can maybe replace China?" said Mittal. "There's no country like China other than India ... in some form or fashion, it is the substitute that maybe the world is looking for to drive growth," he said.

Japan has also benefited from investors seeking an alternative to China -- Tokyo's benchmark index hit a new high for the first time in 34 years last week, helped by improving corporate profits and a weak yen. But the country is stuck in recession and recently lost its position as the world's third biggest economy to Germany.

MSCI's indexes help institutional investors worldwide decide how to allocate money and where to focus their research.

The latest revision by global stock index compiler MSCI reflects the bullishness towards India. MSCI said this month that it would increase India's weighting in its emerging markets index to 18.06 per cent from 17.98 per cent, while reducing China's to 24.77 per cent."

India's weight in the MSCI emerging market index was about 7 per cent a couple of years back," said Aditya Suresh, head of India equity research at Macquarie Capital. "Do I think that 18 per cent [in the MSCI index] is naturally gravitating more towards 25 per cent? Yeah, that's kind of clearly where our conversations are leading us to believe."

As India heads towards national elections in the coming months, market watchers are hoping for PM Modi-led Bharatiya Janata Party's return to power for a third term, bringing greater predictability to economic policies for the next five years, CNN reported.

"If Modi is back with a majority and political stability is there, then I can certainly say with confidence that there'll be a lot more investor interest in India on a more sustainable basis," said Mittal.

Also, there are good reasons for the euphoria around India. From a surging young population to humming factories, the country has a lot going in its favour. The International Monetary Fund expects India to grow by 6.5 per cent next financial year compared to 4.6 per cent for China.

Analysts at Jefferies expect the country to become the world's third largest economy by 2027. Much like China more than three decades ago, India is only at the beginning of an infrastructure transformation, spending billions on building roads, ports, airports and railways. Aditya Suresh said that there is a "very strong multiplier effect" on the economy from the investments in digital and physical infrastructure, which "you cannot roll back."

The world's fastest growing major economy is also trying to capitalize on the rethink underway among companies on supply chains. Global businesses want to diversify operations away from China, where they faced obstacles during the pandemic and are exposed to risks arising from tension between Beijing and Washington.

"India is a prime candidate to benefit from the 'friend-shoring' of supply chains, notably at the expense of China," Hubert de Barcoch, a market economist at Capital Economics wrote in January.

As a result, some of the world's biggest companies, including Apple supplier Foxconn, are expanding their operations in India. Tesla CEO Elon Musk said his company is looking to invest in India "as soon as humanly possible."

Literature & Health

Doctor victims or warrior



victims of high workload, systemic issues like lack of resources, administrative burdens, lack of staff and so on, which hinder their ability to provide best care. Additionally, doctors are now facing physical and verbal abuse from patients or encountering violence.

And these cases of violence against doctors are increasing tremendously nowadays which creates an atmosphere of fear amongst doctors and discourages them from working in high risk areas or pursue certain specialities leading to shortage of healthcare professionals in critical areas. So the need of the hour is that all the dissatisfaction, disagreement or frustrations with a medical treatment should be addressed by a formal complaint, constructive feedback and proper communication. Violence only causes harm and does not lead to resolution of any issue which leads to deterioration of the healthcare system. So, the society should support the doctors and value their invaluable contributions in providing.

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Japan population down by largest margin in 2023, births at record low



The number of babies born in Japan in the year 2023 fell to a record low from a year earlier as the country's population shrank by its largest ever margin, government data showed, according to a report by Kyodo News

The figure for babies was down by 5.1 per cent to 758,631, according to preliminary data released by the health ministry on Tuesday, the Japanese news agency reported.

A country's birth rate is the ratio of live births to the total population in a given year. It's usually expressed as the number of live births per 1,000 people. The figure has remained below the 800,000 mark since the year 2022. Japan's population, including foreign residents, fell by 831,872, with deaths outnumbering births. A forecast by the

Japanese government's National Institute of Population and Social Security Research has estimated births in the country to decline to below 760,000 in the year 2035.

The fast pace of dip in newborns has been attributed to late marriages and people staying single, Kyodo News reported stating that Prime Minister Fumio Kishida administration has termed the period leading up to 2030 as "the last chance" to reverse the trend. The number of births hit a peak in the year 1973 at around 2.09 million babies and fell to below 1 million in the year 2016. Meanwhile, according to government data, the number of deaths in Japan also hit a record 1,590,503, while the number of marriages fell to its lowest level since the end of World War II at 489,281 unions.

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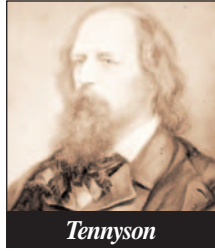
There lies a vale in Ida, lovelier
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an arm, and creeps from pine to
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rich in flowers, and
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Empowering Regional Cinema: CBFC to set its Chandigarh Office Soon

SHAGUN AND NILESH SETH

Dedication, resilience and lots of patience. To get their film certified, a regional filmmaker must have all of these and a bit more. Hardships are many. Travelling to and from Delhi is in fact a tedious and demotivating task," says Ojaswee Sharma, director of 'Admitted' - a Nation Award Winning docudrama film, who got her recent film certification for Punjabi movie 'Rabb Di Awaaz' from Delhi. To assist such dedicated regional filmmakers by making this certification process fast and easy, Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting Anurag Thakur recently announced plans to set up a regional office of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) in Chandigarh. CBFC, also known as Censor Board, has nine regional offices with headquarters in Mumbai. The statutory body oversees the content of films before its public release and recommends cuts and modifications based on how appropriate they are for various age groups and ensuring compliance with the Cinematograph Act's guidelines. The establishment of a CBFC regional office in Chandigarh would help filmmakers of Punjab and other northern regions to get certification without having to go to Delhi or Mumbai.

"The Regional Film Industry has been riding a progressive and powerful wave towards both intellectual and financial successes for a long time now. It is good that the industry is gaining the deserved attention from the government.

A regional office of the CBFC in Chandigarh will ensure that the Regional interests, art and other nuances are promoted throughout spectrums," says the Chairperson of the Indian Theatre Department at the Panjab University, Chandigarh, Dr. Navdeep Kaur.

A regional censor board office in Chandigarh would not only hasten the certification process but would also promote regional cinema. North Indian film industry is a diverse web of languages, cultures and folklore. Due to lack of localised support and appropriate infrastructure, many regional filmmakers struggle to gain reputation and visibility. A local office would provide them with the resources and information they need to successfully navigate the certification process.

According to a report published on the CBFC's official website in 2022, the Hindi film industry stood atop the rankings with 897 certifications while Kannada followed with 570 certifications. Punjabi ranked 10th with 94 certifications. While four Haryanvi language films, one Kumaoni and Dogri language film each received certification from the CBFC.

The report shows that a large number of films are produced in the north Indian region and acquiring film certification is a struggle for filmmakers. In 2023 alone, the Punjabi Film Industry produced many

blockbusters like 'Carry on Jatta 3', 'Kali Jotta', 'GoddayGoddayChaa' and more. 'Carry on Jatta 3' (2023) grossed more than Rs 100 crore, while the 10 highest-grossing Punjabi films earned over Rs 300 crore collectively in 2023.

This economic success of the Punjabi Film Industry serves as a testament to the immense potential it holds and the need for more effective and efficient ways to realise it. Setting up of a regional CBFC office in Chandigarh would streamline the certification process for these films and strengthen the regional industry.

Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance clocks highest growth

LUDHIANA: Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company continues to enhance its business parameters through its transformative journey. The SMFY2024 results showcase its outstanding performance vis-à-vis the other private players in the Indian life insurance industry. Individual Rated New Business (IRNB) of the Company for SMFY2024 grew by 24% as compared to the corresponding period last year. This was nearly three times the growth showcased by industry average. Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance three year (FY 2020 to FY 2023) of Compounded Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) 39% in Individual Rated New Business (IRNB) further reaffirms the strong growth path of the private life insurer. The Company's GWP stood at INR 14,860 Crores for 9M FY24, on the back of strong growth in individual business and renewal premium received, as compared to INR 13,028 Crores over the same period last year. Strong focus on enhancing renewal payment processes through initiatives such as driving auto-payment registration, digital payments, etc.

EaseMyTrip unveils the Leap Year Travel Sale

CHANDIGARH: EaseMyTrip.com announced the Leap Year Travel Sale, a special spring sale that promises extensive discounts across a wide range of travel services. Scheduled from February 27th to March 5th, 2024, this sale is designed to give travellers an extra dose of adventure with irresistible deals on flights, hotels, bus tickets, cab rentals, and holiday packages. To access these amazing discounts, customers can make use of the promo code "EMTLEAP" when booking through the EaseMyTrip app or website. Additionally, by booking with select bank partners such as ICICI Bank Credit Card (including Amazon Pay Credit Card), users can avail of extra discounts, enriching their travel experience even further. To make this sale even more exciting, every transaction made during the sale period gives you a chance to win gift vouchers from select brand partners, including Bata, Ferris N Petals, Zepto, Vaaree, and Woggles.

Tecno Camon 30 Premier 5G With PolarAce Imaging System Unveiled at MWC 2024

Tecno Camon 30 Premier 5G was announced at the Mobile World Congress (MWC) 2024 in Barcelona. It will succeed the Tecno Camon 20 Premier. The company revealed some key details about the handset during an event at the MWC and confirmed a launch timeline for the smartphone as well. It is set to come to select markets in the second half of the year. The phone comes with the new PolarAce Imaging System and Sony cameras. On its social media handles, Tecno has confirmed that the Tecno Camon 30 Premier 5G will come with PolarAce Imaging System and it also confirmed its partnership with Sony Lytia cameras. At the MWC 2024 event, the company showcased the phone. Although the phone has not yet been listed online, we know the details of the upcoming handset as Gadgets 360 was present on ground.

Harpic launches Looocator app, empowers women on-the-go with access to usable public toilets to prevent pee paranoia

GURUGRAM : Harpic, India's leading lavatory care brand, announced the launch of an innovative app-based solution "Harpic Looocator" ("Harpic Looocator App") to empower everybody and most importantly women with access to public toilets on-the-go. To initiate conversations around this unvoiced matter, the brand has also released '#BeFreeToPee' campaign, highlighting the lifestyle compromises made by women due to lack of knowledge and accessibility of public toilets, while they are on-the-go. This breakthrough launch is in response to solve an underlying problem of finding public toilets in India. A recent survey conducted in Delhi revealed alarming facts that 70% women struggle to find a toilet in public, when in need. It also states that they spend 60 mins on average, searching for a hygienic restroom". Many women limit their water intake while travelling or outdoors, which might pose serious health risks like dehydration, or UTI. The survey also stated that 78% of women acknowledge avoiding field jobs or extended travels to avoid public restrooms". Additionally, 81% of the women confirmed refraining from drinking water to avoid the need to use the public toilets". Recognizing this pressing issue, the Harpic Looocator App not only discovers public toilets nearby, but also empowers everybody and most importantly women to rate and add more toilets on the app, helping communities at large.

Godrej Industries Limited (Chemicals) Features In CDP Climate Change Leadership Index

CHANDIGARH: Godrej Industries Limited (Chemicals) have been ranked on the leadership index in the CDP's Climate Disclosure Index 2023. Besides the public disclosure of our targets, strong governance structure, risk management strategies and measures implemented to mitigate the impacts of climate change we scored higher on our scope 3 emissions and climate change opportunities disclosure that helped us in scoring "A-" in Climate Change disclosures. CDP is a global non-profit environmental disclosure platform. Over 23,000 companies representing US \$67 trillion in market capitalization, disclosed their environmental performance data to CDP in 2023. The information provided by companies is independently assessed using CDP's best-in-class scoring methodology. Godrej Industries Limited (Chemicals) is one of the few Indian companies who have made it to the leadership index. We have taken several initiatives in the past few years towards achieving our environmental sustainability targets.

Amazon India and GAME sign MOU under Saheli Program

Chandigarh : Amazon India signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with 'Global Alliance for Mass Entrepreneurship (GAME)', to collaborate and promote digital growth of women entrepreneurs in India, especially in Tier-2, Tier-3 cities and beyond. Through this partnership, Amazon India will aim to support approximately 25,000 women entrepreneurs and artisans in their digital entrepreneurial journey. GAME is providing inputs in business capacity building, bridging digital marketing skill gaps and enabling them to aggregate as collected brands. With the objective of creating platform access and enabling financial independence for rural women entrepreneurs and artisans, this initiative will provide the necessary support and resources for them to thrive in the digital landscape. The MOU between Amazon India and GAME aims to co-develop and facilitate broad-based entrepreneurship to accelerate and sustain the growth of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in India.

42 examined in outreach OPD program

Karnal (SHIV KUMAR SHARMA): As many as 42 patients were examined during an outreach OPD program at Park Hospital Karnal today. Dr. Preeti cardiologist consulted the patients during OPD, where free BP monitoring, blood sugar and ECG tests were also done. Dr. Sachin Sodot CEO said that this outreach program in collaboration with Century Ply will be held on every Tuesday and Thursday from 3pm-5pm. It will provide free consultation services for 1100 ESIC beneficiaries of Century Ply and their family members. This will also ensure preventative measures and at times of need, patients will be treated in a timely manner with utmost quality of care, he informed.

Self-Care Practices That Improve Health

In the face of a pandemic that has turned our lives upside down, taking care of our health has topped the priority list. We must pay extra attention to our self-care health and do everything we can to keep ourselves healthy." While wearing a mask, maintaining an excellent standard of hygiene and social distancing are some of the habits we must practise religiously, there are several steps that you can take on a personal level to ensure you keep yourself healthy. Here, being healthy isn't restricted to your physical state only; we must give our mental health equal importance if not more. COVID-19 has had a negative effect on people's peace of mind for obvious reasons; we are anxious, almost petrified of what's happening and what's to come, and coping with drastic changes in one's schedule can be mentally exhausting. We must do our best to take care of our physical and mental health. Here are a few self-care habits you can practise at home. Indulge In A Healthy Diet And Eat On Time Set a fixed schedule for meals and eat nourishing food at those fixed times. Because we've given free rein to be couch potatoes, our mealtimes keep fluctuating, and we find ourselves constantly looking for something to graze on. The

bingeing, coupled with untimely eating, can harm your digestive processes, making you sluggish, lethargic and uncomfortable throughout the day. Swap chips and greasy



foods for nuts and dry fruits, stay hydrated with infused waters and fresh juices and eat

wholesome, nourishing meals. Now's the time to strengthen your immune system! Get A Good's Night Sleep With social entertainment out of the window, bingeing on shows is all we have to keep ourselves entertained (and sane). Most times, we lose track of time and lose sleep over our fave shows. Curbing this habit is important because sleep plays a crucial role in helping your nervous system function smoothly. A lack of sleep might be linked to several health problems like heart disease, weak immunity, diabetes, weight gain, etc. It can also harm your mood and make you cranky or grumpy throughout the day. Indulge In Physical Activity If you're working from home,

the chances are that your workload has increased and you're glued to your screen more than before. In that case, it is essential to add physical activity to your routine! Keeping yourself fit not only does wonders for your physical health but can also help reduce stress levels and anxiety. This activity need not be strenuous, start small! Go for a run, practise yoga, try a mini-workout. It will definitely help. Cut Off Toxic Habits/People If you have any vices, now is an excellent time to let go of them. Consider the pandemic as a wake-up call; you need to put your health first. This also applied to the company you keep. In times like these, it's essential to recognise your support system.

14th National Stone Sculpting Symposium organized successfully at Mind Tree School

Mohali: Mind Tree School recently organized a special workshop, the 14th National Stone Sculpting Symposium. In this workshop which lasted for 20 days (05 February to 25 February), brought together seasoned and celebrated sculptors from across the country for an immersive exploration of the art of sculpting. This workshop provided a dynamic learning environment to the students of the school, where they had the opportunity to learn about the sculpting skills and the various techniques used in this art. Under the guidance of renowned sculptors and experts, students learn the intricacies of sculpting, traditional and modern

methods to bring artistic vision to life. The workshop included a variety of activities, including practical sculpture sessions, interactive demonstrations and insightful discussions on sculpture principles and practices. In addition to providing the students with exposure to the art of sculpting, their parents also got a unique opportunity to connect with this art. The workshop concluded with a special exhibition organized for the parents where they also got an opportunity to witness the intricate art of sculpting firsthand. There was a collective feeling of pride and satisfaction among everyone as the statues were unveiled. Everyone in

attendance was amazed by the variety of works on display in this special exhibition, each with a unique imprint. The vision and style of the sculptor, the detail and delicacy of the art in the sculptures, attracted everyone's attention. The masterpieces were appreciated by all for their beauty and creativity. Speaking on the occasion Sanjay Kumar Director Mind Tree School said that "Art is not only a means of self-expression but also a powerful tool for personal development, social bonding and cultural enrichment and at Mind Tree School we live up to its mission of fostering creativity and artistry."

Malabar Gold & Diamonds Open 10 New Stores; Aims to Reach 350 Stores Globally by March



Jaipur in Rajasthan; Chandni Chowk in Delhi; Vanasthalipuram in Andhra Pradesh; Patiala in Punjab and Puducherry. This marks the first entry of Malabar Gold & Diamonds into Rajasthan and Puducherry, expanding the brand's presence in these states. The remaining eight stores will open in states where the brand already has a strong presence. MP Ahammed, Chairman of Malabar Group, said, "We have achieved great progress at the global level by embracing the concept of 'Make in India, Market to the World.' This accomplishment brings immense joy, not only to us but also to jewellery enthusiasts in the 14 countries where the brand is present. As we prepare to open ten new stores, we express our sincere gratitude to all our valued customers, team members, and investors who have played a key role in making this possible. With each new store opening, we are moving closer to our goal of becoming the world's number one jewellery and luxury brand."

India's Largest Corrugated Packaging Machinery Expo Commences on 7 March



New Delhi : The Corru Pack Print India Expo 2024, an exhibition dedicated to the Corrugated Packaging Machinery Industry, is set to unfold from March 7 to March 9 at the India International Convention and Expo Center in New Delhi. Jointly Organized by the Indian Paper Corrugated & Packaging Machinery Manufacturers Association (ICPMA) and the Futurex Group, this event stands as the singular exhibition facilitated by India's foremost Corrugated Packaging

Machinery Association. This expo will feature leading manufacturers in the Corrugated Packaging Machinery sector, showcasing their latest products with live demonstrations of cutting-edge machines. The event aims to bring together the entire spectrum of the Corrugation Industry, presenting a comprehensive display of products that cater to the Packaging and Corrugated Industries. With 300+ exhibitors and 800+ participating brands, attendees can expect a dynamic array of offerings and opportunities.

Amazon India offers opportunities for women to work in Night Shifts in Haryana



CHANDIGARH: Amazon India today announced the launch of Women in Night Shifts (WINS) at one of its large Sort Centre in Haryana. In addition to Amazon's existing initiatives, WINS is designed to provide a safe and supportive work environment for women, ensuring equal opportunities for both men and women to work in various shifts, and championing inclusivity for all. In some states in India, regu-

lations prohibit the employment of women in night shifts in warehousing operations facilities primarily stemming from concerns about women's safety and wellbeing. Therefore, safety, security, and wellbeing take centre stage to enable the WINS initiative. Amazon India has actively engaged with state governments to advocate for equal work opportunity for all. Through dedicated efforts and collaboration with authorities, the company has suc-

cessfully enabled night shift operations for women across select sites in Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, Punjab, and now, in Haryana.

"We believe in creating equal opportunities and addressing barriers that women face in the workplace and are thankful to the government for their support in enabling women to work in night shifts," said Liju Thomas, Director of HR, India Operations, Amazon India. "The launch of WINS reiterates our commitment to promoting gender equality and nurturing a safe work environment for our employees and associates. We prioritize the safety and wellbeing of our associates offering comprehensive measures, such as transportation facilities.

Changemakers 2024: India's Premier Personal Development Event Inspires and Transforms Thousands



Chandigarh, 28 February: Changemakers 2024, India's largest personal development event organized by Success Gyan, lived up to its promise of inspiration and transformation at the Jio World Convention Centre. With a star-studded lineup of speakers, attendees were treated to a day filled with valuable insights and life-transformative experiences. Over 3000 participants from all corners of the nation poured into Changemakers 2024 with high expectations, and the event exceeded every one of them. They found themselves immersed in a

sea of motivation, surrounded by like-minded individuals all striving for personal and professional growth. "Changemakers is an annual event in which we bring the world's best coaches on one-stage and design the event so as to give immense value to our community of lifelong learners. At Success Gyan, we believe that every person has untapped potential and greatness within them. Our mission is to empower individuals by providing them with the necessary tools to thrive in today's dynamic world. With top-tier coaches from various fields, we conduct events and

summits that help our participants break through limitations and realize their growth potential. Since our establishment in 2012, we have touched the lives of millions of people across the nation," says Surendran Jayasekar, Founder of Success Gyan. Dr. John Demartini, the renowned Human Behavior Specialist, was the keynote speaker at the event and spoke about how to awaken an astronomical vision. He says, "Here at Changemakers, it has been an absolute pleasure to witness the power of thought, visualization, and action—knowing that whatever you think, visualize, and act on becomes your reality."

Blair Singer, sales and leadership expert, captivated the audience with his wisdom on achieving peak performance and mastering the art of leadership. He said, "You may set a goal and not achieve it. But you will always have achieved something else in the process."

Reliance, Disney Announce Joint Venture to Merge Digital Streaming and TV Assets in India

Reliance and Disney on Wednesday announced a strategic joint venture that will merge their digital streaming and television assets in India. The merger will result in Reliance combining the businesses of Viacom18 and Star India into a single unit called Star India Private Limited (SIPL) through a court-approved scheme of arrangement.

Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) will control 16.34 percent of the joint venture, whereas the other two parties, Viacom18 and Disney, will control 46.82 percent and 36.84 percent, respectively. Reliance has also agreed to invest Rs. 11,500 crore in the venture which will be used to determine its growth strategy. The stakeholders have stated that the transaction values

the joint venture at Rs. 70,352 crore on a post-money basis. The Chairperson of the new business unit will be Nita Ambani and Uday Shankar, the Co-Founder of Bodhi Tree Systems, will hold the position of Vice Chairperson and offer strategic advice. This merger is also expected to unite two of India's leading digital streaming platforms — JioCinema and Disney+ Hotstar.

TECNO's All-Rounder Spark 20C with 16GB* RAM and 128GB ROM hits the Indian market at ₹7,999 on Amazon

Chandigarh : In line with the commitment towards delivering best-in-class features at an accessible price point, TECNO, the global smartphone brand, introduces another all-rounder smartphone, the TECNO Spark 20C to the Indian market, competitively priced at ₹8,999. However, with an exciting launch offer, users can grab the smartphone at a super aggressive price of ₹7,999, starting 5 March 2024, exclusively on Amazon. The TECNO Spark 20C lives up to its promise of being 'A Smarter Choice' by



offering all innovative key features that users seek in a smartphone, for a more premium everyday smartphone

experience. Unlike other smartphones, where users have to compare and compromise on many important features to get select specifications, SPARK 20C eliminates this conflict for users! From a remarkable display and powerful camera to ample storage, the TECNO Spark 20C seamlessly integrates cutting-edge features with an elegant design, making it a versatile companion. Adding to the value, the Spark 20C comes with a complementary OTT Play premium subscription valued at ₹5,803.

CT Group Hosts Mehfil Media Talent Hunt Semi-Finals

JALANDHAR (JSSODH) CT Group recently hosted the semi-finals of a talent hunt organized by Mehfil Media, a prominent Canadian production company. The competition aimed to highlight Punjab's cultural heritage through diverse performances, with auditions held globally. At CT Group's Shahpur Campus, contestants from Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and India showcased their talents, competing for titles like "Ms. Punjabi," "Mr. Punjabi," "Babe No. 1," and "Bapu No. 1." Distinguished personalities and CT Group members, including DIG Inderbir Singh, Punjabi Artist Jassi Sohal, and Managing Director Dr.



Manbir Singh, were present. Amandeep Pannu, Managing Director of Mehfil Media, expressed excitement about the collaboration and praised the

exceptional talent displayed. The finalists will compete in Canada on March 31st, showcasing their talents on a global platform.

Canara Bank conducted a Mega Retail Expo



CHANDIGARH: Shri BL Meena, General Manager & Circle Head, Chandigarh was present during the event along with Shri Dalbir Singh Grover, Deputy General Manager & Shri Shailendra Nath Sheeth, Deputy General Manager and Shri Ravindra Kumar Aggarwal, Regional Head, Chandigarh. The event was graced by former Indian cricketers Shri Venkatesh Prasad and Sunil Joshi who are presently working as Deputy General Managers at Canara Bank, Head office, Bengaluru.

The Mega retail Loan Expo 2024 aimed to create a platform for prospective borrowers to reach the Bank for fulfilling their dreams of buying a New Vehicle or House. The event was a grand success in which 3234 people visited various stalls and a total of 534 leads amounting to Rs. 192 Crores were generated from the prospective customers. Over the years, the Bank has been scaling up its market position to emerge as a major Financial Conglomerate with as many as thirteen subsidiaries/sponsored institutions in India and abroad.

R k Swamy limited initial public Offer to open on march 4, 2024

GURUGRAM : R K Swamy Limited (the "Company" or the "Issuer"), proposes to open on Monday, March 4, 2024, an Initial Public Offering ("IPO") of up to Equity Shares of Face Value



of ₹ 5 each ("Equity Shares") for cash at a Price Band from ₹ 270 to ₹ 288 per Equity Share (including a share premium) (the "Offer Price") (the "Offer"). Bids can be made for a minimum of 50 Equity Shares and in multiples of 50 Equity Shares thereafter (the "Price Band"). The Anchor Investor Bidding Date shall be Friday, March 1, 2024. The

Bid/Offer will open Monday, March 4, 2024 for subscription and close on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. (the "Bid / Offer Period") The Offer comprises a Fresh Issue of Equity Shares aggregating up To ₹ 1,730 million ("Fresh Issue") and an Offer For Sale of up to 8,700,000 Equity Shares (the "Offered Shares") (the "Offer For Sale" and together with the Fresh Issue, the "Offer"); comprising Up To 1,788,093 Equity Shares by Srinivasan K Swamy; up to 1,788,093 Equity Shares by Narasimhan Krishnaswamy; up to 4,445,714 Equity Shares by Evanston Pioneer Fund LP; and up to 678,100 Equity Shares By Prem Marketing Ventures LLP (collectively, the "Selling Shareholders").

Meta launches 'Know What's Real' campaign to create awareness against spread of misinformation

CHANDIGARH: Meta has launched an integrated safety campaign "Know What's Real", in an effort to drive awareness around the importance of fighting misinformation in today's digital age. The campaign aims to educate users on identifying and addressing misinformation on WhatsApp and Instagram by promoting digital best practices and highlighting available safety tools. Commenting on the launch of the campaign, Shvinnath Thukral, Director, Public Policy India, Meta, said, "Meta is committed to fighting misinformation online. We have invested in industry leading programs like setting up a robust network of independent fact-checkers that work to debunk false claims and help citizens access reliable information, including collaborating with MCA to launch a WhatsApp tipline to curb AI-generated misinformation. The campaign is an extension of our ongoing efforts to prevent the spread of misinformation and serves as a simple safety guide to educate people on the role they can play to combat it."

Reliance Foundation announces Vantara

Amritsar : Reliance Industries and Reliance Foundation today announced the launch of their Vantara (Star of the Forest) programme, an umbrella initiative to focus on rescue, treatment, care and rehabilitation of injured, abused and threatened animals, both in India and abroad. Spread over 3000 acres within the Green Belt of Reliance's Jamnagar Refinery Complex in Gujarat, Vantara aims to be one of the leading contributors to conservation efforts globally. By working with leading experts in

animal care and welfare, Vantara has converted a sprawling 3000-acre space into a jungle-like environment that mimics the natural, enriching, lush and verdant habitat for the rescued species to thrive in. The Vantara initiative, the first of its kind in India, has been conceptualised and birthed under the passionate leadership of Shri Anant Ambani, Director on the boards of RIL and Reliance Foundation. Shri Ambani is also spearheading Reliance's ambitious renewable energy business in Jamnagar, and, in that capacity, is

responsible for leading Reliance's journey to become a Net Carbon Zero company by 2035. Vantara is focused on creating best-in-class animal conservation and care practices including state-of-the-art healthcare, hospitals, research and academic centres. Within its programmes, Vantara also focuses on integrating advanced research and collaboration with reputed international universities and organisations such as the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF).

Samsung Announces New Memory Variant of Galaxy A15 5G

CHANDIGARH: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today announced the launch of a new storage variant, 6GB+128GB of Galaxy A15 5G at an attractive price of INR 16,499. The addition of the new storage variant will give more choices to consumers looking to buy Galaxy A15 5G. The smartphone is currently available in 8GB+256GB and 8GB+128GB storage variants and comes in three refreshing colours - Blue Black,

Blue and Light Blue. Galaxy A15 5G is the successor of Galaxy A14 5G, India's no.1 selling 5G smartphone for 2023, according to Counterpoint Research and exemplifies Samsung's prowess in delivering transformative innovations at an affordable price, making them the first choice of millions of consumers in India. Galaxy A15 5G flaunts Galaxy's signature design philosophy for a premium feel

with a glastic back panel in haze finish. The new key icon design on the side panel and the flat linear camera housing creates a unique silhouette for enhanced grip. Galaxy A15 5G features a 6.5-inch Super AMOLED display, enhanced with Vision Boost, which creates smooth, bright and vivid viewing experiences with 90Hz refresh rate and a low blue light display for eye comfort. Galaxy A15 5G sports a 50MP triple camera setup with VDIS to reduce blur or distortion in videos from unsteady or shaky movements along with a 13MP front camera for profile-worthy selfies.

Airtel switches to recycled PVC SIM cards - partners IDEMIA

Bharti Airtel ("Airtel"), one of India's leading telecommunications service providers, in partnership with IDEMIA Secure Transactions, today announced that it has switched from virgin plastic to recycled PVC SIM cards. This is in line with the company's commitment to encouraging the adoption of circular business practices. IDEMIA Secure Transactions, a division of the IDEMIA Group, is a leading provider of payment and connectivity solutions for financial institutions, mobile network operators, and automotive manufacturers. An industry first in India, Airtel is the only telecommunications service provider to switch to recycled plastic SIM cards. With this migration, the generation of over 165 tonnes of virgin plastic will be limited which will further reduce the generation of over 690 tonnes of CO2 equivalent in one year.

RAJNI SONI
YAMUNANAGAR: On March 7, in honor of Saheb Kanshiram 'Save the Constitution and get Power Sankalp Yatra' will reach Jagadhri. Giving this information, BSP district in-charge Vishal Gurjar said that the halt of the yatra on this day would be in Jagadhri. District in-charge Vishal Gurjar said that National Coordinator BSP leader Akash Anand would mainly participate in this yatra and Randhir Beniwal, Central in-charge Haryana, Punjab, Chandigarh,



Kuldeep Balyan Central in-charge Haryana and State President Rajbir Sorkhi would also participate in it. Gurjar said that this yatra would pass through every assembly of Yamunanagar district. He told that on March 7, the Yatra would reach Paharipur Naka, Bus Stand Sadora, Machhroli, Kapal Mochan Bilaspur, Ganauli, Chhachhrauli, Panjeto, Budiya Chowk Jagadhri. On March 8, the yatra will start from Agrasen Chowk at 9 am. He said that there was immense enthusiasm among BSP workers regarding the yatra.

Mann Govt on spree to promote Pb's cultural heritage and tourism: Jauramajra

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, FEB 28

Punjab Information and Public Relations Minister S. Chetan Singh Jouramajra, on Wednesday, said that Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann-led government is actively promoting the state's cultural heritage and tourism to position Punjab on the global tourism map. While attending the silver jubilee cultural program 'Bol Punjab De-2024', organised by the Punjab Secretariat Cultural Society in collaboration with North Zone Cultural Center Patiala here at Tagore Theatre, the Chief Guest S. Chetan Singh Jouramajra emphasized that Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann's vision of transforming Punjab into 'Rangla Punjab' is comprises of well-being and prosperity of all sections of the community, particularly government employees, who play a pivotal role in realizing



the CM's vision. He reiterated, Mann government is committed to the welfare of employees, highlighting that the recruitment of over 40,000 youngsters in various government positions has been done to strengthen the departments. Commending the management team for organizing such an impressive celebration, the Cabinet Minister acknowledged that while the government is promoting Punjab's rich cultural heritage, it wouldn't be possible without the support of the state's people.

The Cabinet Minister also released a souvenir of the Punjab Civil Secretariat Cultural Society during the event. Additional Chief Secretary Mr. KAP Sinha, Director Horticulture Mrs. Shailender Kaur were the special guests of the event. During the silver jubilee event 'Bol Punjab De-2024', film actress, singer and model Nisha Bano presented her performances and enthralled the audience. Folk dance 'Malwai Giddha' was performed by the employees of Punjab Civil Secretariat.

Davinder Singh Jugni, Kulwant Singh, Bhupinder Singh Jhaji, Kamal Sharma, Navinder Singh, Jagjit Singh, Davinder Singh, Gaurav, Sikandar Singh, Balwant Singh Bhangu, Charanjit Singh, Lakhwinder Singh Lakhhi, Dholi Jagtar Singh and others have thrilled the audience with their steps of the Malwai Gidha. Similarly, Folk dance 'Luddi' was presented by Uma Rani, Kulwinder Kaur, Mandeep Kaur, Mary, Narinder Kaur, Jasveer Kaur, Harpreet Kaur, Kulveer Kaur and Dholi Surmukh Singh.

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
CHANDIGARH, FEB 28

General Secretary of All India Congress Committee, former Union Minister, former State President of Haryana Congress and in-charge of Uttarakhand, Kumari Selja said that due to the paper leak, mafia was flourished in the BJP-JJP coalition government. The youth of the state were going abroad. They somehow sold their family's property and went abroad, but after losing their lives there, brought back the dead body was no less than a challenge for the family. If there were no paper leaks in the state and if government jobs were given in a timely and transparent manner, the youth would not have turned to foreign countries. In a statement issued to the media, Kumari Selja said that 28-year-old Devi Dayal, who had gone to Canada after selling land from village Chandlana in Kaithal district a month ago, has died



there. His wife, two small children and other family members were here, but the cost of bringing back his body cost Rs 25 lakh. Due to this, a huge calamity has fallen on the family which has lost everything including their son. The former Union Minister said that this was not the first case when the family has faced problems after such an incident abroad. In the year 2023, five youth from Kaithal district alone lost their lives in this manner. If we talked about entire Haryana, this figure could be more than 12. Due to the weak financial condition of

the family, the relatives of many of them could not even bring back the bodies for the last rites and were forced to give permission for the last rites to be performed there. Kumari Selja said that like the Modi government of the country, the state's the BJP-JJP coalition government has also proved unsuccessful in providing employment to the youth. After the paper leak and suitcase full of currency notes being received from SPSC and HSSC. The youth have lost faith in the recruitment agencies of the state. The state government also wanted to keep the youth entangled in the recruitment processes instead of filling the vacant government posts. The former Union Minister said that the coalition government, which has failed to provide employment here, has itself recently started a plan to send the youth of the state to die abroad in which they were to be sent as laborers to war-torn Israel.

Nilokheri will benefit from the Budget plan: Dharampal Gonder

DARSHAN SHARMA

NILOKHERI: During the budget session, Nilokheri MLA in Chandigarh and Chairman of Forest Development Corporation Dharampal Gondar, while speaking during the session, discussed the demands regarding several development works of Nilokheri. On this occasion, the MLA expressed his gratitude to the Chief Minister for giving 5 acres of land to Ravidas Samaj in Kurukshetra. Also, the MLA demanded to prepare some proposals on the land of the Center located in Nilokheri and asked the Deputy Commissioner Karnal to give orders. The demand for setting up any big industry etc. on this land was also put forward by the MLA. Along with this, the MLA also demanded that a research centre in the name of Prithviraj Chauhan be built in Tarawadi and said that this demand should be fulfilled soon. The MLA expressed gratitude to the Chief Minister in the House for the creation of the sub-division and demanded to be given the charge of SDM soon. Regarding the old data of Family Identity Card being used in Gram Panchayats, the MLA said that this data should be updated soon and the new data of Gram Panchayats should be used, so that the benefits of government schemes reach the rural areas.



SC Govt Teachers Association submits memorandum to DC

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, FEB 28

Haryana Scheduled Caste Government Teachers Association, District Kurukshetra, under the chairmanship of District Head Raj Pal Bannia, submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister, Haryana Government through the Deputy Commissioner. State Treasurer Om Prakash Saroha and District Head Rajpal, who specially arrived on this occasion, demanded from the Haryana Government to provide promotion to the Scheduled Caste category employees as soon as possible in compliance with the notification of October 7,



2023 in the Haryana Government and all the departments. He said that the Haryana government and all the departments are adopting a hesitant attitude in giving promotion to the Scheduled Caste category. Even after 5 months, no promotion of any kind is being done due to which the representation of Scheduled

Caste category is not complete. He said that the departments do not implement the decisions in favour of the Scheduled Caste category, whereas the decisions taken against the Scheduled Caste category are implemented promptly. The Scheduled Caste community will not tolerate this discriminatory attitude.

BKU (T) holds meeting in Manakpur village



PREETI RANI

SADHAURA: A meeting of Bharatiya Kisan Union Tikait Group was held in Manakpur village. This meeting was chaired by Satpal Manakpur and Janak Raj Pando. Many issues were discussed in this meeting. In today's meeting, the main topic of discussion was about the roads of Halka Sadhaura. It was discussed that the condition of Sarawan village to Pabni road is very bad and the road from Rasulpur to Mahamadpur village has also been very bad for a long time. Apart from this, more Roads in many villages are in a bad condition due to which many accidents have taken place. In this regard, farmers say that they have met SDO PWD Sadhaura several times and told them about the poor condition of these roads, but apart from assurance, they have received nothing else.

Prof. Harvinder Singh to get Sangeet Natak Akademi Award 2022

CHANDIGARH: Sangeet Natak Akademi, New Delhi has chosen local musician Prof. Harvinder Singh for the prestigious Sangeet Natak Akademi Award 2022 for his contribution in the field of Hindustani classical music. This honour will be given to Prof. Harvinder Singh by the President of India in a special program to be organized at New Delhi. Prof. Harvinder Singh thanked Sangeet Natak Akademi and Government of India for conferring upon him the most prestigious award in performing arts. He dedicated this award to all his musical mentors. He attributed this honour to the education given by his gurus and the years of rigorous training and Riyaz done by him. This honour is indeed an honour to the ancient traditions of India and of course the Punjab, Punjabi and Punjabiyyat. It is pertinent to mention here that since these awards started by the Government of India in 1952, Prof. Harvinder Singh is the second Sikh to receive this honour in Hindustani Classical Music. Before him, this honour was given only to Singh Bandhu. The importance of Hindustani Classical Music in Sikhism can be known from the fact that Guru Nanak Dev ji gave the foremost place to Indian Raga music in his Bani. Prof. Harvinder Singh received his initial musical education from his father Bhai Santa Singh. He received formal musical education from 'Khalifa' of Agra Gharana, Ustad Yunus Hussain Khan and Pandit Yashpal 'Sagun Piya'.



BJP insulting mandate by horse trading: Malaur



MANISH KUMAR

AMBALA: While issuing a press release, former MLA Jasbir Malaur, reacting to the political turmoil taking place in Himachal Pradesh, said that the BJP government insults the mandate by doing horse-trading politics. Malaur said that forming the government by buying the elected representatives has become the sole aim of the BJP. While development should be an important issue in India, a conspiracy is being hatched to grab power by diverting the attention of the people of the country. Former MLA said that the Congress has promised in its resolution letter that if the Congress government is formed in Haryana, the elderly will be given a pension of ? 6000 per month, the poor will be given 100 yard plots, the OPS Pension Scheme will be re-implemented in 300 units. Electricity will be given for free and cylinder will be given for Rs 450. In the matter of employment, he said that under the leadership of Congress government respected Chaudhary Bhupendra Singh Hooda, the youth will be given permanent jobs and the 2 lakh vacancies which are pending today will be given to them with immediate effect.

Nehru Yuva Kendra Karnal organizes Youth Parliament Program



MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI: Nehru Yuva Kendra, Karnal, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India in the auditorium of Pandit Chiranjil Lal Sharma Government College in collaboration with the district administration and Babu Moolchand Jain Government Technological Training Institute, Karnal organized Youth Parliament program. The program was inaugurated by Mr. Sanjay Bathla (representative of Chief Minister Mr. Manohar Lal Khattar) who came as the chief guest by lighting the lamp and offering flowers to Mother Saraswati. Addressing the youth, the chief guest in the program, Mr. Sanjay Bathla said that India was a country of youth, which was included in the most developing countries of the world. It was the duty of every youth of the country towards his country to make an important contribution to patriotism and nation building by staying in his own country. District Youth Officer Ms. Renu Rani, who was presiding over this program, told the youth in detail about the registration on MyBharat portal.

Orphanage to be built in Khedi Brahmana for shelter to destitute: Sahil Sudha



DALBIR MALIK

KURUKSHETRA: District President of BJP Yuva Morcha Sahil Sudha said that an orphanage will be constructed in village Kheri Brahmana to provide shelter to the destitute and victims. All facilities will be provided by the institute to the people living in this orphanage. BJP youth leader Sahil Sudha was talking after formally inaugurating the foundation of the orphanage in village Kheri Brahmana on Wednesday. Youth leader Sahil Sudha said that no person in Thanesar Halke will be forced to live destitute on the streets. To provide shelter to such destitute and orphan people, construction work of an orphanage has been started in village Kheri Brahmana. Efforts will be made to provide all types of facilities in this ashram. On this occasion, CMO Dr. Sukhbir Singh, Baba Nand Singh Kalyan Society, Ragi Kulwant Singh Pradhan Ragi Nanaksar Samad Bhai K, Amrik Singh Pradhan Nanaksar Bagthala and Sodhi Pradhan Nanaksar Vancouver, Varinder Singh Secretary Nanaksar Bagthala, Gurvinder Singh, CA Parvinder Singh, Dr. Gurpreet Singh and other dignitaries were present.

Govt wants to convert Indian farmers into laborers on lines of other countries: Tikait



NARESH GARG

LADWA: Rakesh Tikait, national spokesperson of Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) in Ladwa said that the farmers' agitation would continue until the government accepted the demands of the farmers. He said that the government should talk to farmers, farmer organizations and farmer experts, only they could give right suggestions to the government. Earlier governments used to talk to farmers and farmer organizations, but this government did not talk to the farmers after January 22, 2021. Rakesh Tikait was talking to journalists at a private shop in front of the electricity office in Ladwa on Wednesday. He said that the government was engaged in looting the land of farmers. Like other countries, the present government wanted to eliminate farmers from their country and converted them into laborers. He said that the farmer of the entire country was one. When the farmers have to go to Delhi, the farmers of the entire country would organize and reach Delhi with their tractors.

Unique Shiksha Niketan organises sports activities for pre-primary and class 1 children



NARESH GARG

LADWA: Sports activities were organized for pre-primary and first class children at Unique Shiksha Niketan of Ladwa on Wednesday and children participated with enthusiasm. In which simple race, back race and zigzag and lemon race were conducted. School Principal Brij Mohan Sharma said that in the simple race, Gurmeet and Manav stood first, Sejal and Vansh stood second and Kashish and Sandeep stood third. From PP-1, Dixit and Sonam stood first, Vansh and Havish stood second and Nayan, Geetika and Daxit stood third. From PP-2 Tanveer stood first, Viren second and Viraj stood third and from PP-3 Urvi and Himanshu stood first, Vanya and Karthik stood second and Sonakshi and Garvit stood third. In the back race, from first class, Ayra and Bhavesh stood first, Priyanshi and Nirav stood second and Lavisha and Naman stood third. In the zigzag race, Aarav and Aarush from PP-3 stood first, Urvi and Ritvik stood second and Lucky and Daksh stood third. He said that all the first place winners were awarded gold medals, second place winners were awarded silver medals and third place winners were awarded bronze medals. All the staff members were present on this occasion.

3 accused held in Shankar murder case



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Karnal Police today arrested three accused in the Shankar murder case. The police have also recovered an illegal country-made pistol, a vehicle and two cartridges from the accused. Today, in a press conference held at the police station city Karnal, Additional Superintendent of Police Miss Prabhina P said that the team of police station Karnal under the leadership of manager police station SI Sultan Singh The main accused, Dinesh Kumar Umar, 21, son of Jutadas, resident of street number 05, Uttam Nagar, Karnal, who shot dead a driver named Shankar, was arrested and taken on police remand for two days. During interrogation during remand, involvement of other two accused in the case was also found. In which the accused * Amarjit Kumar Umar, 20 years old, son of Giani Das, resident of Raghukund Laghniya, District Samastipur Bihar and Rahul Umar, 19 years old, son of Roop Singh, resident of Uttar Pradesh, Hall Street No. 04, Uttam Nagar Karnal, were arrested. During subsequent interrogation of the accused in the case, it was found that accused Dinesh and Shankar were good friends for the last four years and kept visiting each other's houses.

Science need of today, it is basis of life: Panchal



MANISH KUMAR

AMBALA: National Science and Technology Communication Council, Department of Science and Technology, GOI under the auspices of Indian Resource and Development Association Irada, is running a programme for the popular cause of science, Savera Lekar, Irada team, in Ambala Sadar, Municipal Council of Ambala district, in the middle. Reached Kardhan via Diggi, Lal Kurti, Gobind Nagar, Boh, Babayal. During this time, the team worked for popularisation of science in these villages through street plays and scientific consciousness songs. Through Nukkad, scientific messages based on water and sanitation were conveyed to the people by the artists. After the play, an oath was administered to the people present on cleanliness and saving water. Giving information, General Secretary of Irada and program coordinator Rajpal Panchal said that this programme is being organised in Ambala district for the last several days. Irada's team is reaching out to every village and working to increase the scientific approach so that the scientific approach of the people can develop because science is the need of the hour.

