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**AAP fields Khichi for MCD mayoral polls**

NEW DELHI: The Aam Aadmi Party on Thursday declared Devnagar ward councillor Mahesh Khichi as its candidate for the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) mayoral polls. At a press conference, Delhi AAP convener Gopal Rai said the Aman Vihar councillor Ravinder Bhargwa will be the party candidate for the post of deputy mayor. This year, the MCD mayor will be elected from reserved category councillors. Khichi has been associated with the AAP since its inception in 2012, Rai said.

**Businessman Raj Kundra’s properties worth nearly Rs 100 crore seized**

NEW DELHI: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has seized properties worth ₹ 97.79 Crore belonging to Raj Kundra in probe linked to a Bitcoin Ponzi scam. Raj Kundra is the husband of Bollywood actor Shilpa Shetty. The attached properties include a residential flat located in Juhu, currently registered in the name of Shilpa Shetty, a residential bungalow in Pune, and equity shares owned by Raj Kundra. A Ponzi scheme is a fraud where investors are promised huge profits.

**Four injured in ‘stone pelting’ at Ram Navami procession**

KOLKATA: At least four persons were injured in an alleged incident of stone pelting at a Ram Navami procession in West Bengal’s Purba Medinipur district, police said on Thursday. Four persons have been detained for their involvement in the incident that took place around 9.10 pm on Wednesday when the procession was passing through College More in Egra, a senior police officer said. Police had to lathicharge to disperse the gathering, he said. “Security has been tightened in the area. We are investigating the incident. Four persons have been detained, and the situation is under control now,” the officer told a news agency. BJP leader and its candidate from Medinipur, Agnimitra Paul, along with party workers, staged a demonstration against the alleged stone pelting incident by putting up a road blockade.

**Farmers’ protest continues at Shambhu railway station; more trains affected**

AMBALA: Farmers under the banner of the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) and Kisan Mazdoor Morcha continued to sit on a rail track in Patiala district near the Punjab-Haryana border on Thursday, demanding release of three farmers arrested by the Haryana Police. With their protest continuing, the railway authorities, under the Ambala railway division, on Thursday said 53 more trains were cancelled, 12 were short-terminated and 23 were diverted. The disruption in rail movement was causing inconvenience to rail passengers.

# Festival of democracy begins today

## People to elect MPs on 102 LS seats across 21 states



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A high-stake political battle is set to kick off on Friday with as many as 102 parliamentary constituencies across 21 states and union territories (UTs) going to the hustings in the first of the seven-phase Indian general election.

Along with parliamentary seats, 92 assembly constituencies in Arunachal and Sikkim will also see voting on April 19.

While BJP has planned its campaign

around ‘Modi ki Guarantee’ largely focussing on policy continuity, the principal opposition Congress has launched ‘Nyay Patra’ to promise jobs and cash transfers to voters.

In its election manifesto, BJP has also promised to bring the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) and implement the principle of ‘One Nation One Election.’

The electoral fight this time is primarily between two political groupings -- BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and the Congress-headed Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA).

Spearheading the political campaign for BJP, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been attacking the opposition over alleged corruption, dynasty politics and issues of governance. On the other hand, opposition parties have accused the government of misusing central agencies such as the Enforcement Directorate (ED), CBI and Income Tax (I-T) department besides cornering PM Modi over the electoral bond ‘scam’. An electoral win for BJP would mean PM Modi hitting a hat-trick.

## EC issues notice for fourth phase of LS polls in 10 states

NEW DELHI: The Election Commission (EC) on Thursday issued notification for the fourth phase of Lok Sabha elections 2024, for 10 states. In the fourth phase, 96 Lok Sabha seats spread over nine states and a Union Territory will go to the polls on May 13. As per the commission, the candidates can file their nominations until April 25. Meanwhile, the filing of nominations for the third phase of the Lok Sabha elections will end on Friday. 94 parliamentary seats in 10 states and two Union Territories will go to the polls in this phase on May 7.

## Former SP leader Sanjeev Katiyar joins BJP

LUCKNOW: Former Samajwadi Party leader Sanjeev Katiyar joined the BJP in the presence of Deputy CM Brajesh Pathak on Thursday. Katiyar served the Samajwadi Party as its District Panchayat President. At the joining event, Brajesh Pathak, while welcoming Katiyar asked his support for BJP in Kannauj to secure victory in the Lok Sabha elections. “I welcome Sanjeev Katiyar in the BJP. He will support us in winning the elections in Kannauj, which is a very important place for us. I congratulate him and request that he support the party. The BJP will always support you as a member of the family,” the Deputy CM said. In Uttar Pradesh, the Lok Sabha election 2024 will be held in seven phases from April 19 to June 1. Votes polled in the seven phases of the Uttar Pradesh Lok Sabha election 2024 will be counted on June 4. Campaigning for the first phase of polling on April 19 in Uttar Pradesh concluded Wednesday evening, with candidates closing up their campaigns for eight parliamentary seats. The seats going to the polls in the first phase on Friday are Saharanpur, Bijnor, Kairana, Muzaffarnagar, Nagina, Moradabad, Rampur, and Pilibhit.

## Haryana: CM Saini to keep Home, Dalal gets finance

BUREAU  
CHANDIGARH, APRIL 18

In a reshuffle of portfolios, CM Nayab Singh Saini will hold 14 departments including Home, Taxation, Public Relations, youth and mines. The Finance ministry has been given to JP Dalal where as Kamal Gupta will be new health Minister.

According to a government order, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini will keep the Home, Revenue and Disaster Management, Youth Empowerment and Entrepreneurship, Information and

Public Relations and Languages and Culture, Mines and Geology, Administration of Justice and Foreign Cooperation Departments.

Saini will also keep the Criminal Investigation Department, Law, Personnel and Training, Raj Bhavan Affairs and any other department not allotted to any minister.

The Governor of Haryana, on the advice of the chief minister, has made the allocation of portfolios to the members of Council of Ministers, the order said.



Saini cabinet while CID department was with Khattar. Cabinet Minister Kanwar Pal has also got key Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Heritage and Tourism, and Parliamentary Affairs departments.

## ECI denies reports of EVMs showing one extra vote during mock poll

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The Election Commission of India on Thursday denied before Supreme Court the news report, claiming that four electronic voting machines (EVMs) were recording one extra vote for BJP during a mock poll in Kerala’s Kasargod.

ECI official present in Supreme Court said that news reported and cited is totally false.

Senior deputy election commissioner Nitesh Kumar Vyas told a bench of Justices Sanjay Khanna and Dipankar Datta that “These news reports are false. We have verified the allegation from the district collector and it appears that they are false. We will submit a detailed report to the court.”

Response of ECI official came during the hearing of a batch of pleas seeking complete cross-verification of votes cast using EVMs with Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT).

Earlier in the day, the bench asked senior advocate Maninder Singh, appearing for the Election Commission, to look into the issue after advocate Prashant Bhushan cited a news report of flagged the issue.

Bhushan, representing NGO ‘Association for Democratic Reforms’, cited a report on mock poll results of Kerala where extra votes for BJP were found recorded.

As asked by the bench, ECI official present in the court room explained the working of the EVMs and VVPAT.

He said manufacturer does not know which button is going to be allotted to which party or which machine is going to be allotted to which State.

He also apprised the court that there had been no mismatch ever between EVMs and VVPAT slips.

During the hearing, the bench observed, “This is electoral process. There has to be sanctity. Let nobody have apprehension that something which is expected is not being done.”



## Mann introduces AAP’s 13 Lok Sabha candidates to the people of Punjab, says they will be your voice in the parliament

GAURAV GOEL  
CHANDIGARH, APRIL 18

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Punjab President CM Bhagwant Mann addressed ‘AAP’s Mission 13-0’ program and said that the party organised this unique event to introduce their candidates to all the party workers and media persons. AAP candidates are not dynast politicians, they come from common backgrounds, the people who come from common families become the voice of the common people in the parliament.

Mann said that the 2024

general elections are not about winning or losing, it is a fight against the dictatorship, it is a fight to save our democracy. Our country is facing a massive crisis today, we have a dictator in power who only thinks about himself, he only talks about himself, he is putting the opposition leaders in jail.

Mann said that when dictatorship, injustice and oppression is prevalent then God uses his ‘jharoo’ to free us from all these evils. I’m just coming back from Gujarat, before that I was in Assam and Kurukshetra, everywhere people are only saying



one thing, that the BJP government and Narendra Modi are scared of Arvind Kejriwal and the AAP, so they arrested Arvind Kejriwal to stop him from campaigning in these

elections. People are saying that they will respond to these atrocities of the BJP through their votes. ‘Jail da badla vote’ and ‘Zulm da jawab vote na’.

Mann said that now it is the responsibility of every soldier of the Aam Aadmi Party to protect and advance the politics of work, transparent and honest politics, the politics initiated by our national convener Arvind Kejriwal.

Arvind Kejriwal made this party out of a movement against corruption from the Ramleela Ground, in just ten years we became a national party, no other political party grew like us.



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## ‘Stringent action to be taken against conduct violations on social media’

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, APRIL 18

Haryana Chief Electoral Officer, Sh Anurag Agarwal said that the administration of all the districts and Chief Electoral Office of Haryana is fully committed to conducting the Lok Sabha general elections in the state in a transparent and fair manner. In accordance with directives from the Election Commission of India, vigilant monitoring of social media activities is underway by multiple teams, including the Cyber Cell, to ensure adherence to the Model Code of Conduct. In addition, the cost of advertisements broadcast through social media will also be added to the account of the concerned candidate or party.

He said that during the enforcement of the code of conduct, no candidate or party can directly or indirectly disseminate misleading elec-



tion material. Violations of the Model Code of Conduct will not be tolerated, and appropriate action will be taken against anyone found contravening the rules.

Sh. Anurag Agarwal said that the model code of conduct will remain in effect until the elections conclude,

stressing that no individual is permitted to breach this code. To ensure adherence to the code, several teams have been established, rigorously monitoring all activities. These teams maintain a vigilant watch over various social media platforms, including You-

Tube, Instagram, Facebook, and WhatsApp groups. He said that during elections, campaigning extends to social media platforms, akin to newspapers, television, and radio, incurring expenses. Such expenditures are accounted for and added to the respective candidate or party. In accordance with the Election Commission's directives, district-based teams will actively monitor social media during this election cycle. Any detected advertisements will be promptly reported, detailing the associated expenses to the expenditure monitoring team. Based on these reports, the cost of the advertisement will be added to the relevant candidate or party's account.

He stressed the significance of social media monitoring during elections, noting that candidates and parties often conduct campaigns on platforms such as YouTube.

## Vote to save democracy and constitution: Renubala

PREETI RANI SADHAURA, APRIL 18

The way the BJP government at the Centre is using constitutional institutions, it is proving that the BJP considers these institutions as its personal property. BJP wants to destroy the democracy of the country. Sadhaura MLA Renubala said this in a statement issued to the media. He said that our country is known for having the largest democracy in the world. But because of BJP's diplomacy, India's democracy is under threat. He said that for the smooth running of the political system of any country, it is very important to have a strong opposition in the country. But see the irony that the way BJP's Modi government is working to strangle democracy, a conspiracy is being hatched



somewhere to destroy the opposition and the Constitution. Obviously, while on one hand it is natural to threaten the existence of other political parties, on the other hand it cannot be ruled out that the security arrangements and rights of the people of the country are being violated. Renubala appealed to the people and said that if they want to save India's democracy, then they should oust the current dictatorial BJP government

from the country in the 2024 general Lok Sabha elections and install a Congress government that will provide clean governance in the country.

Even in 2014, it was said that 2 crore jobs would be provided to the youth every year. What happened to that guarantee? What happened to the guarantee that was given to control inflation within 100 days? Renubala said that she will bring back the black money, what happened to that guarantee. What happened to the guarantee of building 100 smart cities? Renubala said that the guarantees given by Modi ji and BJP are absolutely false. He appealed to the people of the country not to trust their guarantees and vote in favour of Congress in the coming elections so that democracy and the Constitution can be saved in the country.

## Previous govts exploited people, BJP doubled income: Amarnath

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, APRIL 18

Former member of Haryana Staff Selection Commission and BJP leader Amarnath Sauda said that every policy of the BJP government is public friendly. The BJP government has worked to change the system, people are being given the benefits of schemes through online mode. The government has been trying to ensure that the benefits of central and state schemes reach even the last person. Amarnath Sauda was addressing the workers at the BJP office. He said that the workers should take the public welfare policies of the government to the people. The speed with which public works were carried out in the country and the state had stalled for the last decades. The BJP government has rooted out the age-old problems of the

people. The public has full faith in Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Modi ji fulfills all his promises.

Amarnath Sauda said that BJP is the only party which believes in doing good to all sections of people. He

for the welfare of the farmers so that the farmers can remain happy. The previous governments of BJP have exploited the farmers whereas BJP has worked to double the income of the farmers. Amarnath Sauda said that



said that the people of the country and the state are fully taking advantage of the policies made by BJP in public interest. He said that the BJP government has worked

with the cooperation, support and blessings of the public, the BJP government will be formed for the third time in the country and the state.

## Placement drive organised in DAV College



PREETI RANI SADHAURA, APRIL 18

A Placement drive was organised at DAV College Sadhaura on Thursday in which more than 50 passed out and final year graduation students of the college participated enthusiastically. Relationship Manager Arijit Kumar, HR Head Urmila Sharma and Head Counselor Diyya Kashyap from Chandigarh participated in the placement drive. On this occasion, Dr. Anupam Khanna, Chairman of the College's Placement Cell and Dr. Rajendra Kumar, Vice Chairman, was the chief coordinator. At this event, Dr. Anupam Khanna said that all the

students for the drive were informed through an online medium two weeks in advance. Dr. Rajendra Kumar said that the main objective of the placement drive in the college is to help the current and passed out students of the college to find jobs. Along with helping in education, it was also important to prepare the students for the coming future. On this occasion, College Principal Professor Tejveer Singh congratulated the Placement Cell for this successful event and wished for the bright future of all the students involved in the drive. In this drive, more than 25 candidates were selected for the next (final) round.

## Sarpanch is the strongest link of democracy: CM Nayab Saini

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, APRIL 18

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh has said that Sarpanch is the first and strongest link of democracy. The state government will further strengthen this link and with the help of Sarpanches, will accelerate the development works in the rural areas of the state. Chief Minister Nayab Singh expressed these views while interacting with the delegation of Sarpanches who came to meet him in New Delhi on Thursday. This delegation honoured the Chief Minister and assured that he will get the development works done in a better and quality manner as per the thinking of the government. After meeting the delegation, Chief Minister Nayab Singh, while interacting with the media, said that Sarpanch is the first and strongest pillar of democracy and Sarpanch plays an important role in



carrying out development work in rural areas. The government will speed up the pace of development work in rural areas with the help of Sarpanches. The Sarpanch should get the development works that have started in rural areas completed quickly and while doing so, pay special attention to the quality of the work. If the Sarpanch raises any objection regarding the quality, the government will take cognizance and action will be taken

against the concerned responsible officer. The aim of the government is to improve the quality of development works by involving the Sarpanches and getting them completed quickly.

The Chief Minister said that his doors are open 24 hours for the Sarpanches and if any problem arises, the Sarpanches should directly bring it to his notice. The government will also take positive steps on the useful suggestions of Sarpanches.

## Parents protest shifting of school

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA HISAR, APRIL 18

The dispute between the Government Primary School and the Temple Committee is increasing in the new grain market of Hisar. Last Monday, there was an uproar where the temple committee accused the school teachers of breaking the gate and the school teachers accused the temple committee of indecent behaviour and caste-related abuses. Today, children and parents demonstrated against the shifting of the government primary school. Did. During this time, members of Bhim Army also joined the protest. Seeing the increasing tension, policemen of Anaj Mandi police post reached the spot. Bhim Army members burnt the photo of MLA and Health Minister Kamal Gupta in protest. Parents of the protesting children said that the children studying in school are continuously facing problems. The members of the temple committee are pressuring their children not to go to school. Their children are facing a lot of difficulty in going to the bathroom. And the environment of the school from

here to where it is to be shifted is not good for the children, hence there is a demand from the administration that the school should be run in the temple itself and should not be shifted and the toilet should be opened for the children. Be-



fore this, the school in-charge Neelam said that after the uproar in the school on Monday, the number of children is continuously decreasing. They are not ready to send their children to school. Even on Thursday, only 50 children came to school.

The teachers of the school alleged that after shifting the school, the temple committee will use these rooms for business purpose.

## Modi govt will be formed for 3rd time: Kashyap

MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI: Indri MLA Ramkumar Kashyap said that the country's successful Prime Minister Narendra Modi will win for the third time with record votes. Bharatiya Janata Party will form its government with full majority. Ramkumar Kashyap said that the biggest victory of the country will be of Manohar Lal ji. Manohar Lal ji left no stone unturned in the development of Haryana state. Now Nayab Saini is giving impetus to the development of the state. At the speed with which India has progressed in the last 10 years, even more historic work will be done after Prime Minister Narendra Modi becomes the Prime Minister for the third time.

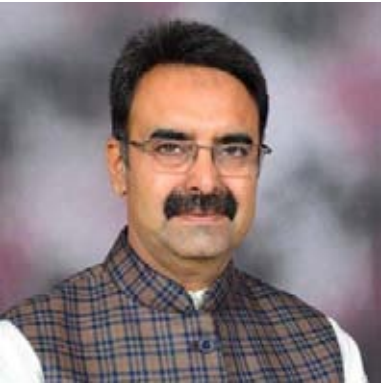


He said that the people of the country will realise Modi ji's slogan of crossing 400 and will make him the Prime Minister again. Only BJP has lived up to the trust of the public. The public has come to know that no one can take the decisions which Modi can take. Under the leadership of Modi, India's name has shined on the world stage today. The public will make Manohar Lal victorious from Karnal Lok Sabha with a huge majority. Narendra Modi will work to take the country forward by becoming Prime Minister for the third time.

## Modi govt will be formed for 3rd time by record votes: Kalyan

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Lok Sabha convenor and Gharaunda MLA Harvinder Kalyan said that the country's successful Prime Minister Narendra Modi will win for the third time with record votes. Bharatiya Janata Party will form its government with full majority. Harvinder Kalyan said that the biggest victory of the country will be that of Manohar Lal ji. Manohar Lal left no stone unturned in the development of Haryana state. Now Naib Saini ji is giving impetus to the development of the state. At the speed with which India has progressed in the last 10 years, even more historic work will be done after Prime Minister Narendra Modi becomes the Prime Minister for the third time.



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## Wheat procurement work should continue smoothly: DC

PARI BAJAJ KARNAL, APRIL 18

Divisional Commissioner Karnal Dr. Renu S. Phulia reached Taraori grain market on Thursday and took stock of the wheat procurement work and gave necessary directions to the officials. She said that the wheat procurement work should continue smoothly. Farmers should not face any kind of problem and should speed up the wheat lifting work. During the inspection, the Divisional Commissioner got the moisture and weighing of wheat checked in Taraori Mandi and also talked to the commission agents and farmers and said that there is no problem during the wheat procurement work, on this the farmers and commission agents said that there is no problem in the market. There is no problem. Wheat procurement work is being done smoothly by government procurement agencies. She clarified that in view of the bad weather, adequate arrangements should be made for adequate quantity of tarpaulin etc.

in the markets. On this occasion, DMEO Saurabh Chaudhary said that till last day, 3 lakh 90 thousand 939 metric tonnes of wheat had arrived in various markets and procurement centers of the district. Out of this, 1 lakh 56 thousand 936 metric tons of wheat was purchased by the Food and Supplies Department, 2 lakh 1 thousand 518 metric tons by HAFED and 32 thousand 485 metric tons of wheat was purchased by Haryana Warehousing Corporation. 2 thousand 580 metric tons of wheat was purchased by traders. So far, 51 thousand 729 metric tons of wheat has been lifted by the Food and Supplies Department, 67 thousand 180 by HAFED and 8 thousand 195 metric tons of wheat by Haryana Warehousing Corporation. He said that till last day, 44 thousand 523 metric tons of wheat had arrived in Tarawadi Mandi, out of which 20 thousand 98 metric tons of wheat was purchased by the Food Supply Department and 24 thousand 425 metric tons of wheat was purchased by HAFED.

## Shri Mahalakshmi Ramlila Domestic Committee takes out procession

RAJNI SONI YAMUNANAGAR, APR 18

A grand procession was organised by Shri Mahalakshmi Ramlila Domestic Committee from Geeta Mandir on the occasion of Ram Navami in which Tilak Raj Dhiman, State Vice President of Vishwakarma Dhiman Samaj and Chairman of Shri Mahalakshmi Domestic Committee, were present on the tableau. Wherever the procession passed, people gave a grand welcome. The people participating in the yatra also marked their presence by dancing and singing on the hymns of Shri Ram. Like every year, on the occasion of Ram Navami, a grand



procession was organised from Geeta Mandir of Jagadhri in which the tableau of Shri Mahalakshmi Ramlila Domestic Committee was grand. People of 71 bands played the tune of Shri Ram in front of this tableau.

Forced people to dance upstairs. The beauty of the tableau was worth seeing in itself. Different organisations also included their tableaux in this procession. Everyone decorated their tableaux beautifully and where-

ever the procession passed, people gave it a grand welcome. Tilak Raj Dhiman said that after the establishment of Shri Ramlila in Ayodhya, this time people are seeing different enthusiasm regarding Ram Navami. Everyone participated in this grand procession with placards around their necks and shouting slogans of Jai Shri Ram. And everyone marked their presence by dancing and singing the hymns of Ram. Wherever the Yatra passed, people welcomed the Yatra and distributed food items to the people participating in the Yatra. Police force was also present on the spot to ensure that people do not face any kind of problem.

## OCT machine installed in Adesh Hospital

GOLDY CHUGH SHAHABAD, APRIL 18

Optical Coherence Tomography OCT machine has been installed in the eye department of Adesh Hospital and Medical College, Mohri. Which is the latest tool in the direction of getting information about eye diseases. Giving this information, MD Dr. Gurstindra Singh said that this machine is effective in providing information about the diseases of the retina of diabetes patients in a moment. He said that many times due to sugar, blood gets accumulated on the retina of the diabetic patient or there is a problem like swelling and now this information can be obtained from the OCT machine and the retina of the diabetic patient can be treated in time. At the same time, he said that in case of eye pa-



tients suffering from cataract, non-invasive eye tests can be done through OCT machines. He said that the new Japanese technology OCT for eye diseases is no less than a revolution. He said that it is a relief for the people of Kuruk-

shetra, Shahabad, Ambala and surrounding areas that now this machine has been installed in the order and now eye patients can be examined with this machine. Dr. Gurstindra Singh said that the order to install OCT in the

Eye Department was given by Group Chairman Dr. H.S. Gill and M.D. Expressed gratitude to Dr. Guntas Singh Gill and said that in the medical field, Adesh Hospital has all the latest equipment and experienced doctors.



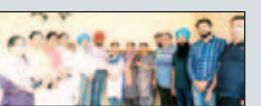
Dasmesh school student  
ARZ gets 17th rank in Punjab  
Merit of Class 10

**KULWINDER KARWAL**  
**SARDULGARH:** In the results of class 10th declared by the Punjab School Education Board Mohali today, the brilliant student of



Dasmesh School, Arz d/o Jeevan Kumar, secured 17th position in Punjab by scoring 629 marks out of 650 and also came in the first 4 positions in the merit list of Mansa district. It is a matter of pride that this promising student has brought glory to the school, parents and district Mansa by achieving this feat without taking any tuition or coaching. School Principal Mr. Bhupinder Singh Sandhu congratulated all the staff and parents of Arz on this achievement, and said that the school will reward Arz with a cash amount of Rs 11000/-.

**Pawanpreet Kaur shines in class 10 exams with 629/650 score**



**RADHE SHYAM SHARMA MORINDA:** Pawanpreet Kaur, a student of the Government Senior Secondary School Tajpur (Morinda), has excelled in the Class 10 exams by scoring 629 out of 650 marks. She secured a position in the merit list, making her parents and school proud. Senior Assistant Underjeet Singh shared that on this occasion, the school's principal Surendra Kumar Ghai and staff made a special visit to Pawanpreet's home to congratulate her. They offered her sweets and praised her achievement.

**Case registered against two employees of gas agency**



**SHWETA SHARMA SJUANPUR:** The Shahpurkandi Police Station in Pathankot has filed a case against two employees of the Indane Gas Agency for theft at the agency's warehouse in Pangoli. The manager, Vijay Kumar, lodged a written complaint with the police stating that their warehouse in Kahnawan was under the charge of Sanjeev Kumar and driver Harish Kumar. When Harish Kumar arrived for his night duty on April 16 around 9 a.m., he found that a Mahindra Bolero jeep with registration number PB 06 AE 9935 was missing from the warehouse. Upon inspection, they discovered that 70 cylinders were filled while 15 were missing, indicating theft. The stolen vehicle was recovered by the Deenaganar Police Station, but the cylinders were not found. Sanjeev Kumar's son, Subhash Chandra, from Daburji, district Gurdaspur, and Harish Kumar's son, Jamal Singh, from Trehati (Juglaj), district Pathankot, have been arrested based on the complaint. The case has been registered against them under IPC act.

**Abhay Immigration gets Canada Visa**



**BALWINDER AZAD BARNALA DEHATI:** Maintaining the reputation of clean work, Abhay Immigration, a well-known organization of Barnala district, got the tourist visa of Harpreet Kaur, daughter of Sub-Inspector Raj Bhim of Punjab Police. The managing director of the organization said that before this, four visa of this family have been successfully provided. Continuing the talk, he said that their organization was recognized by the Punjab Government.

**PAD bank employees Union goes on indefinite strike**

**RADHE SHYAM MORINDA:** The Employees Union of the Punjab State Cooperative Agricultural Development Bank (PAD Bank), also known as the Land Mortgage Bank Employees Union Punjab, has started an indefinite strike demanding the implementation of the Sixth Pay Commission and other legitimate demands. This strike is causing difficulties for millions of farmers in Punjab. The strike is ongoing across the bank's 89 branches in Punjab and the main office in Chandigarh. Union senior leader Harpreet Singh issued a press note stating that the Punjab government has implemented the Sixth Pay Commission for employees across various departments. However, PAD Bank employees are being treated unfairly as the pay commission has not been applied to them. He added that the union has been fighting for a long time to implement the Sixth Pay Commission, initiate farmer loans, and address employee loan requests. Despite these efforts, the bank management and the Punjab government continue to ignore these demands.

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## Punjab Banega Hero, es baar 13-0: Malvinder Singh Kang

GAURAV GOEL  
CHANDIGARH, APR 18

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Punjab organised an event named 'AAP's Mission 13-0' in Zirakpur on Thursday to introduce their 13 Lok Sabha candidates to the media and the people of Punjab. The party said that they will win in Punjab by 13-0 and these candidates will be the voice of the Punjabis in the parliament.

Addressing a gathering here AAP cabinet minister Anmol Gagan Maan, before introducing the candidates, said that this election is very important, we are fighting to save our democracy and constitution from the dictatorial clutches of the BJP and Narendra Modi. Modi, who is scaring everyone with his dictatorship, is scared of Arvind Kejriwal. That is why they arrested our national convenor to stop him from campaigning in these LS polls. Arvind Kejriwal is a revolutionary leader, our party is born out of a movement, they won't be able to stop us, the soldiers of Arvind Kejriwal will fight this



AAP's Punjab chief spokesperson Malvinder Singh Kang is the party's candidate for Anandpur Sahib Lok Sabha seat. Kang started his political career from student politics and was elected twice as the president of Punjab University Student Council. During the farmers agitation, Kang supported farmers and gave many services on the borders of Delhi during the movement. He is an influential leader with good knowledge and communication skills which makes him well liked among the people. Kang thanked national convenor Arvind Kejriwal, CM Bhagwant Mann and all the leadership of the party for their confidence in him and said that the time when there the dictatorship is reaching new heights everyday, Punjab will lead by example. 'Punjab Banega Hero, es baar 13-0'. He said that today our democracy and our constitution is in danger and we are going to fight this battle together and win.

election to save our democracy. She continued that alone Bhagwant Mann used to shake the parliament, now the

people of Punjab have a chance to elect 13 Bhagwant Mann like representatives and the people won't miss this

opportunity. She appealed to the people of Punjab to throw the politicians, who do politics of hatred, polarisation and hooliganism in our country, out of power. She then introduced 11 AAP Lok Sabha candidates on the stage, while Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer and Lalji Singh Bhullar were absent due to a case hearing in Tarn Taran today. Jagdeep Singh Kaka Brar, Jagdeep Singh Kaka Brar is the AAP candidate for the Ferozepur Lok Sabha constituency. In the 2022 Punjab assembly elections, Kaka Brar contested from Mukatsar Sahib assembly constituency.

## Only SAD can safeguard Punjab's regional interests: Harjeet Singh



LK BANSAL  
MOHALI, APR 18

Assault on federal structure can only be repulsed by strong regional parties and Shiromani Akali Dal is the only party which can safeguard Punjab's long-term interests including farming, youth and industry. The views were expressed by leading Chartered Accountant and prominent economist well known across tri-city for his humanitarian

pursuits CA Harjeet Singh here after party Chief, Sardar Sukhbir Singh Badal formally ushered him in. SAD President Sukhbir Singh Badal went to CA Harjeet Singh's home and formally joined him into the party.

Expressing his gratitude towards the Party President, Harjeet Singh said the ideology and philosophy of Late Sardar Parkash Singh Badal remains the guiding force of the party to safeguard Punjab's aspira-

tions and rights. The vicious assault by centre on Punjab's fields and water are the most pressing concerns and only SAD has the ideology and gumption to preserve Punjab's autonomy from this oppression. The unparalleled legacy of sacrifices for Panth and Punjab are our strongest pillars, Harjeet said while adding that his aim is to serve Punjab to the best of his ability in guiding light of party ideals and ideology.

## Gangster escapes from hospital in Tarn Taran

TARN TARAN, APR 18 (UNI)

Charanjit, also known as Raju, a notorious shooter gangster, managed to escape from the Civil Hospital in Tarn Taran, accompanied by his accomplice, on Wednesday night. This brazen escape has raised questions about the efficiency of the police administration.

According to DSP Tarsem Masih, the gangster had been admitted to the hospital, presumably under police custody, following an encounter in December 2023. During that confrontation, Raju allegedly opened fire at the police, resulting in his being shot in the leg. However, despite being under medical supervision, he managed to flee with the help of his associates. DSP Tarsem Masih further stated that the news of the es-

cape has been disseminated to all police stations across the district. Raju, who is facing multiple criminal charges, remains a priority target for law enforcement.

The escape has prompted a rigorous search operation by the police to apprehend the fugitive gangster and his accomplices. Authorities have assured the public that they are committed to bringing Raju and his associates to justice swiftly. However, this incident has sparked concerns about the effectiveness of the police's handling of high-profile criminals. With Raju still at large, residents are anxiously awaiting updates from law enforcement on the progress of the manhunt. Despite the setback, the police remain resolute in their efforts to capture the escaped gangster and restore public safety.

## Sukhpal Khaira starts elections campaign from Kuldeep Singh Kala Dhillon's house

BALWINDER AZAD  
BARNALA DEHATI, APR 18

Sardar Sukhpal Singh Khaira, who was given ticket from Sangrur Lok Sabha seat by the Congress High Command started his campaign on Thursday from district president Kuldeep Singh Kala Dhillon's house.

It was stated Mr. Makhan Sharma, Chairman of Municipal Improvement Trust. While talking to the representative, he said that by fielding Sardar Sukhpal Singh Khaira in the election fray of Sangrur Barnala, he has filled new enthusiasm among the people and youth of the area. There was a wave of happiness among the workers and employees regarding this. Continuing the conversation, he said that he would raise the demands of area on priority in the Parliament. Mr. Sharma said that



the so-called Aam Aadmi Party government has misled the public in the name of false revolution and has suppressed the voice of job-seeking youth with sticks, for which they would have to pay in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections and the hard-working people of Punjab would teach them lesson. The people will ensure victory to the Congress party with a huge majority. By fielding Sardar Sukhpal Singh Khaira in Sangrur Barnala Lok Sabha constituency, the party will create a new record in the district.

## Blossoms informs students about importance of Baisakhi



SUKH NAHAR  
JAGRAON, APR 18

Blossoms Convent School celebrated the festival of Baisakhi with great enthusiasm as the teachers informed students about the importance of the day. The entire staff as well as students were served kheer to celebrate the festival of Baisakhi. School principal Dr. Amarjeet Kaur Naaz wished everybody on the

occasion and said that educational institutions should celebrate such days in order to let the students know more about their rich and invaluable culture. Such celebrations are essential to keep the students connected to their roots. At this occasion, school president Manpreet Singh Brar assured that they shall continue organizing more such programs to let the students know about rich history of their land.

## Students of Government High School Chak Ram Singh Wala made aware about environment



ANIL VERMA, ANANT-DEEP KAU  
BATHINDA, APR 18

Students of Government High Smart School Chak Ram Singh Wala Bathinda under the leadership of Headmaster Ranjit Singh Sandhu presented the various environment projects made by them at Bir Talab Zoo in Bathinda to conserve wild life, conserve wa-

ter, increase the area under forests and save the endangered sparrows from Punjab. Speaking on the occasion, Headmaster Ranjit Singh that the area under forests is decreasing in Punjab, there is a need to plant more trees and take immediate steps to conserve water to maintain the balance of nature. On this occasion, the students of the school gave detailed informa-

tion about the reasons for the extinction of sparrows. On this occasion, the school also distributed wooden nests to the common people.

On this occasion, Science Mistress Meenu, Gursimranjot Singh, Forest Range Officer Gurdeep Singh, Jashandeep Singh forest guard, Gurpreet Singh forest guard, Sarabjeet Kaur forest guard were present.

## Awareness seminar conducted at Government Middle School Mehndipur



DALJEET AJNOHA  
NAWANSHAHR, APR 18

Nagar and District Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman District Legal Services Authority Kanwaljit Singh Bajwa under the guidelines of Punjab Legal Services Authority SAS, CJM-cum-Secretary District Legal Services Authority Kamaldeep Singh Dhaliwal Under the leadership. An awareness seminar was conducted at Government Middle School Mahindipur in which

addressing the students, PLV Vasdev Pradesi and Des Raj Bali said that in order to avoid incidents of abuse and molestation of children, children must tell their parents or teachers about it in difficult times and sexual abuse. Incidents should be avoided. 1098 can get help by contacting child helpline. Giving information about the Juvenile Justice Act and the POCOA Act, it was said that if a person begs or engages children below the age of 18 years.

## Voters of J & K, Rajasthan can take leave on Apr 19 : DC

SUMER GARG  
SANGRUR, APR 18

In the context of the Lok Sabha Elections-2024, it has been announced to give special leave to the voters of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) and Rajasthan working in Sangrur district to vote on the voting day in these states.

While giving more information about this, Deputy Commissioner(DC), Sangrur, Jitendra Jorwal said that if any of the government officials / employees working in government offices, boards / corporations and government educational institutions of the district Sangrur and is a voter of Rajasthan and J&K, voter should vote as voter own then voter will be able to take special leave from the concerned authority by presenting the card for April 19, Friday. DC informed that this leave will



not be deducted from the leave account of officers/employees and according to the instructions of the government, the electors of J&K and Rajasthan working in any industrial establishment, business, trade or any other establishment of the district should vote on April 19 as per Section 135B (1) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 has been declared a holiday with pay. "A notification has also been issued by the Punjab government in this regard", DC added.

## Indo-Canadian NRI announces Rs 8 crore for charitable hospital development

AVTAR SINGH BHANWARA  
CHANDIGARH, APR 18

A glorious celebration of Guru Nanak Mission Hospital's 40 years of service was held at Dhahan Kaleran. S. Kulvinder S. Dhahan, President, welcomed the guests and related his personal connection with Guru Nanak Mission Hospital when Baba Budh Singh Ji came in 1979 from Canada and shared his dream of building a hospital and medical college.

S. Barjinder S. Dhahan (son of S. Baba Budh Singh Ji), Vice-President gave thanks to everyone from around the world who have contributed in different ways to the missionary work of Guru Nanak Mission Hospital and related Guru Nanak College of Nursing and Guru Nanak Public



Senior Secondary School. He challenged the audience to imagine what the next 40 years will be. He announced funding commitments of 8 crore Indian rupees (\$ 1.33 million Canadian) from Canadian donors for future expansion of hospital and educational services including a medical college. He thanked S. Mohinder Pal Singh and Simarpreet Kaur and their

family for the donation of a new ambulance to the Hospital. On this occasion Canadian Deputy High Commissioner Mr. Stewart Wheeler stated, "It is extremely heartening to know that the hospital was established by the visionary philanthropist S. Budh S. Dhahan." Innovative collaborations in education such as the one in nursing is the key to sharing knowledge.

## Khaira will win from Sangrur with big margin: Shubham Sharma Subhi

DHURI (VIKAS VERMA): Lok Sabha election arena is completely destroyed. All the political parties are in full force. Congress has announced its candidate on the last day. Sukhpal Singh Khaira has been made a candidate from Sangrur Constituency. Punjab Youth Congress General Secretary Shubham Sharma Subhi wel-



come the decision to send Sukhpal Singh Khaira to the election field and congratulated Sukhpal Singh Khaira while thanking the party. He said that Sukhpal Singh

Khaira is a combative and fearless leader.

He said that the Sangrur constituency is called by the Chief Minister as his capital, but now the Aam Aadmi Party has started to suffer politically in Punjab, because now Sukhpal Singh Khaira will give a big defeat to the Aam candidate.

## DC asks to follow orders of Election Commission



SUMER GARG  
SANGRUR, APR 18

While presiding over the invitational meeting to review the ongoing development works before the implementation of the model election code in Sangrur district, Deputy Commissioner(DC), Jitendra Jorwal instructed the officials that in view of the rising heat, people should not face any difficulty in terms of basic facilities.

He said that all executive officers of municipal councils, block development and panchayat officers will ensure the availability of clean water through tube wells in urban and rural areas and no negligence in this regard will be tolerated. The DC instructed the officials of the Sewerage

Board that there should not be any problem like leakage in the sewerage lines in any area. DC said to all EOs that no carelessness in terms of cleanliness will be tolerated in urban areas, therefore special attention needs to be focused on this task.

He said that with the rise in heat, the demand for electricity is sure to increase, so Powercom officials need to be more vigilant, so that immediate action is taken in case the transformer is damaged or faulty in the power lines at any place. DC directed that all the officers should ensure strict compliance of the instructions issued by the Election Commission and the orders regarding the standard election code in view of the Lok Sabha elections.

He said that no new work should be started and it should be ensured that the already ongoing development works are completed as per the stipulated time frame.

The DC also gave instructions to the officials regarding necessary repairs of the link roads, steps to be taken regarding the laying of lookouts, flood prevention works, phased cleaning of sewage etc.

Besides others, Additional Deputy Commissioner (D), Varjit Walia; Assistant Commissioner, Jaspinder Singh; Assistant Commissioner(UT), Dr. Aditya Sharma; District Development and Panchayat Officer Sukhchain Singh Pappa along with officials from other departments were also present during the meeting.



Former Cong  
MLA returns to  
grand old party

SHIMLA : Former Congress MLA and AICC member Rakesh Kalia returned to the grand old party on Wednesday, ending a two-year stint with the BJP. Kalia had crossed over to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in 2022. On Wednesday morning, he was welcomed by the party's state incharge Rajiv Shukla at the AICC headquarters.

Two killed, baby  
injured as loader  
hits motorcycle

HAMIRPUR : Two members of a family were killed and a eight-month old baby was injured when a motorcycle was hit by a loader in Bewar area of Hamirpur district in Uttar Pradesh on Wednesday. Police sources here said that the accident took place when Rohit (25), a resident of Bajehata village, along with his sister-in-law Ritu (25) and eight-month-old nephew Nihal were coming to Rath after visiting a doctor. "During this, the loader hit the motorcycle killing Rohit and Ritu on the spot," they said. The sources said that Ritu, her husband Ravi and his brother Rohit worked as a daily wager in Delhi. "They had come to their native village a few days back to attend a marriage. The bodies have been sent for post-mortem examination," they said.

DC imposes ban  
on organizing  
and publishing  
exit polls



AGENCY SOLAN : District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner Solan Mammoohan Sharma said on Thursday that in view of the Lok Sabha general elections, guidelines have been issued by the Election Commission of India (EC) regarding exit polls. As per the instructions, in exercise of the powers under sub-section (1) of Section 126A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, by the Election Commission in view of the provisions of sub-section (2) of this section, at 0700 hrs on April 19, 2024 (Friday), and during the period of 1830 hrs on June 1 (Saturday), any type of exit poll will be organized, and any type of exit poll will be printed in connection with the general elections of the Lok Sabha and the elections and by-elections of various legislative assemblies to be held along with it, or is prohibited from publishing or publicizing its results through electronic media or disseminating the same in any other manner. As per the instructions under Section 126(1)(b) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, during the period of 48 hours ending at the time fixed for the end of voting in respect of general elections and by-elections to the Lok Sabha and various Legislative Assemblies, Display of any election-related matter, including the results of any opinion poll or any other polling survey, in any electronic medium will also be prohibited.

# HP's women will definitely receive Rs. 1,500 pension: Naresh Chauhan

DINESH AGARWAL  
SHIMLA, APRIL 18

Naresh Chauhan, Vice President of Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee, has stated that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders are pretending to be champions of women's rights. In a statement released today, Chauhan mentioned that the Leader of the Opposition, Jairam Thakur, keeps claiming that the BJP is a pro-women party. However, the people of Himachal Pradesh know very well who approached the Election Commission to halt the Rs. 1,500 pension. Chauhan stated that Jairam Thakur should apologize to the people of Himachal Pradesh for trying to block women's rights because it was BJP leaders who



approached the Election Commission to stop the pension. He assured that no matter how hard the BJP tries, the women of the state will definitely receive the Rs. 1,500 pension. He emphasized that the true face of the BJP has been exposed to the people of Himachal Pradesh. He further accused the BJP of being not only anti-women but also anti-employee. When employees demanded the old pension

scheme, BJP leaders mocked them and challenged them to contest elections. However, under the leadership of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, the new government provided the old pension scheme to approximately 1.5 lakh government employees during its first Cabinet meeting. This was done so that they would not have to depend on others in their old age and could live with dignity. Chauhan questioned the BJP leaders about why they ended the old pension scheme in Rajasthan as soon as their government took office, even though the previous Congress government under Ashok Gehlot had provided the old pension scheme to government employees in the state. He

stated that there is a disconnect between the BJP's statements and actions. BJP leaders are making false statements in the media to mislead the people, but the people of Himachal are educated, intelligent, and capable of discerning the truth. Chauhan highlighted the achievements of the current state government under Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, such as providing Rs. 1,500 monthly pensions to women, restoring the old pension scheme for government employees, creating over 20,000 job opportunities in the public sector, allocating Rs.680 crore for a startup fund to support youth self-employment, and fulfilling five guarantees within just a year.

## Work on Pinjore-Nalagarh four-lane project progressing slowly

ANWAR HUSSAIN NALAGARH: The Pinjore-Nalagarh four-lane project is progressing at a slow pace. The project's duration began on April 5, 2022, with a target completion date set for September 2024. However, after 24 months, only 25% of the work has been completed, indicating the slow pace of the project. If the current pace continues, the project may not be completed within the next two years. While the work on the

Haryana side of the border is progressing rapidly, with most of the road widened to four lanes from Pinjore to Baddi, the stretch from Baddi to Nalagarh still has several patches with patchwork widening and is experiencing delays due to difficulties in demolishing certain structures. Divyanshu Singhal, the Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) of Nalagarh, stated that the land acquisition process has been completed and has been sent for further action.

## Lok Sabha elections between nationalism and nepotism: Bindal

DINESH AGARWAL  
SHIMLA, APRIL 18

Dr. Rajiv Bindal, the BJP state president, stated that the Lok Sabha elections on June 1, 2024, are a contest between nationalist forces and familial forces. On one side is the Bharatiya Janata Party, committed to welfare of the poor, women's honor, youth development, and making India a developed nation. On the other side are the Congress Party and the INDI Alliance, which are fighting the elections for their familial interests. Dr. Bindal emphasized that while BJP is being led by the world's great leader, India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has committed to eradicating corruption and fighting



corrupt elements, Congress and its partners are trying to protect corrupt individuals. He contrasted the 10-year track record of national development under Modi with the agenda of lies, corruption, appeasement, and the exploitation of caste, religion, and community for votes. Dr. Bindal criticized the Congress Party for pushing the country backwards for 70 years while merely using hollow slogans

to garner votes. He noted that under Modi's leadership significant changes have been made, including resolving the Kashmir issue, abolishing triple talaq, removing Articles 370 and 35A, controlling terrorism, transforming India into the world's fifth-largest economic power, lifting 250 million people out of poverty, granting 33% reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and state assemblies, constructing a grand Ram Temple in Ayodhya, and rejuvenating Kashi Vishwanath.

Dr. Bindal said that Modi's resolve for the next five years is to make India the world's third-largest economic power. The goal is to make India a production hub and provide employment to millions of youths.

## Congress factions sincerely tried for CM's resignation: Jairam Thakur

AGENCY SHIMLA, APRIL 18

Senior BJP leader Jai Ram Thakur on Wednesday took on the Congress saying its leaders had made sincere efforts to get SS Sukhu to step down as Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister after the late February Rajya Sabha election. Talking to reporters here, Thakur said after the results of the Rajya Sabha elections, where the BJP won following cross-voting by some Congress legislators, the government has no moral right to continue. Thakur said that there are different factions in the state Congress, which made sincere efforts to get the Chief Minister to resign. "Today, many leaders in the Congress want a change of leadership, but this was not possible due to the Lok Sabha elections. Still, the leaders sitting to the right and left of the Chief Minister have been encouraged to wait till the Lok Sabha election



results," he said. Thakur said the cross-voting during the RS polls was "a clear failure of the government". "When the CM did not give proper place to the public representatives and the Chief Minister's friends were running the government with cabinet status, then this was bound to happen," he said. Responding to the issues flagged by the Congress leaders at a press conference on Tuesday, Thakur mentioned the poll survey released yesterday which claimed BJP is close to the target of winning 400 plus Lok Sabha seats and could win

all four seats in Himachal. On the state government's Mahila Samman Nidhi scheme, Thakur questioned who got it and when. "Even before the Assembly elections, Congress leaders made people fill up many forms, and the same thing is being done now in an attempt to cheat the women". Thakur said there was no mention of this scheme in the state budget. "When the Chief Minister came under pressure, he announced it in a 5-minute press conference." Thakur said the BJP has no objection to the scheme. "It has been 15 months since the Congress government came to power but no one had tied the hands of Congress to implement this scheme." Thakur described as a violation of the election code of conduct the Chief Minister's announcement that under the scheme Rs 3000 will be deposited in the accounts of women for the two months of April and May 2024.

## BJP tarnished the high political traditions of Himachal Pradesh: Deepak Sharma

RAJNEESH SHARMA  
HAMIRPUR, APRIL 18

Deepak Sharma, National Coordinator of the Kisan Congress, launched a sharp attack on the BJP during a press conference held in Hamirpur. He accused the party of tarnishing the established high political traditions and ideals in Himachal Pradesh. Sharma criticized the BJP for attempting to dismantle the democratic system and conspiring to break the elected government. He stated that the BJP's role in this would be remembered in history with black marks.

He also stated that former Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur claims that the Himachal government will fall as soon as the election results are out on June 4. Sharma called this a delusion, revealing the BJP's lust for



power, which the state's public has already understood. He further mentioned that BJP leaders seem weak in assessing mathematics; the party needs ten MLAs for a full majority, but elections are being held in only six seats. Sharma expressed confidence that Congress will make history by winning all four Lok Sabha and six Assembly by-elections. Sharma posed questions to the six rebel former MLAs who were

elected on the Congress symbol. He noted that these individuals won their elections based on the ten guarantees promised by Congress, including OPS and the promise of a monthly allowance of ?1,500 for women. Now that they are BJP candidates, and the BJP opposes the old pension scheme, he asked them to clarify whether they too oppose OPS. Sharma criticized the BJP's ten-year tenure, alleging injustice towards farmers. He noted that while around ?15 lakh crore in bank loans were forgiven for select industrialists, farmers received no debt relief. He mentioned that the Congress party's election manifesto includes 25 guarantees under five justice assurances, aiming to bridge the gap between the rich and the poor. "Desh Badal Raha hai, Hath

badlega Halat" Deepak Sharma stated that a wave of change is sweeping across the country. He accused the Modi government of attempting to mislead the public by fabricating false narratives of winning over 400 seats based on internal surveys showing BJP securing only around 170 seats. He accused the BJP of using money, enforcement agencies, and CBI to manipulate public sentiment. Despite these tactics, Sharma stated that the BJP's graph has declined, predicting that the party will end up with only around 150 seats by the last phase of voting, as the public has recognized the party's strategies. Deepak Sharma expressed sympathy for the dedicated workers of the BJP, who are now limited to tasks such as setting up seating arrangements, putting up posters, and chanting slogans.

## Modi eliminated corruption: Rakesh Pathania



DAULAT CHAUHAN JAWALI: Former Minister Rakesh Pathania today addressed BJP workers' meetings in Golwan, Chhatar, and Jumbh Khas panchayats of the Fatehpur assembly constituency in support of BJP candidate Dr. Rajiv Bhardwaj. During the occasion, Pathania urged every worker to ensure BJP's victory by working hard and spreading the policies and plans of the Modi government from house to house. Former Minister Pathania stated that the Modi government has changed the direction and destiny of the country over the past 10 years, and India has emerged as a powerful nation in the world. He mentioned that during the 50-year tenure of Congress, only corruption flourished, while Prime Minister Narendra Modi has dedicated an honest government to the public by eradicating corruption. This is the reason why every citizen of the country wants to see Narendra Modi as Prime Minister for the third time. Pathania noted that the existence of Congress is gradually dwindling due to nepotism and corruption.

## Police investigating mobile data in student's suicide case

SANJAY AGGARWAL  
DHARAMSHALA, APR 18

In the suicide case of a B.Ed trainee student in Sheela Chowk of District Headquarters Dharamshala, the police are investigating the diary found in the mobile and room of the deceased. The post-mortem of the dead body has been done and handed over to the family members. The family members have left for Rohru with the dead body. The family members have not expressed suspicion of anyone. Dharamshala Police has registered a case under section 174 of IPC in this regard and is engaged in an investigation. It is noteworthy that on Tuesday, a 25-year-old girl committed suicide by



hanging herself in her rented room in Sheela Chowk, Dharamshala. The deceased girl was a student of Dharamshala B.Ed College. The student ended her life by committing suicide in the bathroom of her room. The police team visited the spot along with forensic experts and collected evidence. ASP Kangra Bir Bahadur said that the post-mortem of the body was conducted on Wednesday

morning and handed over to the family members. The family members have left for Rohru with the dead body. A mobile and diary have been found in the girl's room, police are investigating it. The family members of the deceased have been shown a chance. The family members have not expressed any suspicion of anyone. Whatever comes to light in the police investigation, the family members of the deceased will be informed about it. It will be clear only in the post-mortem report whether the cause of death is suicide or something else. Dharamshala police have registered a case under section 174 of the IPC and are taking the investigation forward.

## Tibet settlement bill, S. 138 bill on Tibet-China dispute approved

SANJAY AGGARWAL  
DHARAMSHALA, APR 18

The Foreign Relations Committee (SFRC) of the Central Tibetan Administration Senate based in McLeodganj, Dharamshala has passed the Tibet Settlement Bill, S. 138 The approval of the Promoting Settlement of Tibet-China Dispute Act is appreciated. The bipartisan, bicameral Act Promoting Resolution of the Tibet-China Dispute was approved during a session of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on April 16, 2024. This bill, also known as the Resolve Tibet Bill, seeks to resolve the Tibet-China conflict through direct negotiations without preconditions between representatives of the People's

Republic of China and His Holiness the Dalai Lama or democratically elected Tibetan leaders. Reaffirms the US policy of supporting The law also aims to counter propaganda disseminated by the Chinese government regarding Tibet, including fabrications about Tibet's history, culture, people, and institutions, including the Dalai Lama. The bill approved by the SFRC is a modified iteration of legislation that was initially introduced by Senators Jeff Merkley (D-Ore) and Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Representatives Jim McGovern (D-Mass.) and Michael McCaul. (R-Texas) in the House, where it was passed. Following its approval by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the bill is now ready to proceed to the

Senate floor. While introducing the bill, Senator Merkley said, "The People's Republic of China continues to ignore the basic rights of the Tibetan people, and the status quo is unacceptable. The Promoting Resolution of the Tibet-China Dispute Act sends a direct message to the Chinese government to stop spreading misinformation about Tibet and its history and to have an honest dialogue on the situation in Tibet. We must carry this bipartisan bill to the end because the people of Tibet deserve to have a say in how they are governed. "Tibetans greatly respect the American Congress and are always grateful for the support of the American people," said Dr. Namgyel Choedup, Tibet Office's representative to North America.

## IIT Mandi researchers develop Biodegradable Polymeric Microgels for sustainable agriculture

BUREAU  
MANDI, APRIL 18

A research team from the Indian Institute of Technology Mandi has achieved a significant breakthrough in sustainable agriculture with the development of natural polymer-based multifunctional smart microgels. These microgels are engineered for the slow release of nitrogen (N) and phosphorus (P) fertilizers over an extended period, presenting a promising solution to enhance crop nutrition while minimizing environmental impact. As global populations surge towards an estimated 10 billion by 2050, ensuring food security becomes increasingly



critical. Agriculture plays a pivotal role in meeting this demand, with fertilizers playing a significant role in boosting crop productivity. However, the inefficiency of traditional nitrogen (N) and phosphorus (P) fertilizers, with absorption rates as low as 30% to 50% and 10% to 25%, respectively, poses challenges

in optimizing agricultural output while minimizing environmental impact. Modern agriculture heavily relies on fertilizer applications to meet the escalating food demand of a growing population. While fertilizers are essential for providing nutrients to plants and improving crop yields, their

effectiveness is often compromised by factors such as gaseous volatilization and leaching. Consequently, excessive fertilizer application not only leads to high costs but also has adverse effects on the environment, including groundwater and soil contamination, as well as human health hazards. Therefore, developing technological alternatives that prolong fertilizer release is imperative to facilitate a shift towards sustainable agriculture practices. The findings of this comprehensive research have been published in the prestigious journal ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces from American Chemical Society.

## Kutlehar Premier League Season 3 concludes in Bangana

JOGENDRA DEV ARYA  
KUTLEHAR, APRIL 18

After the successful hosting of Kutlehar Premier League Season 2, Kutlehar Premier League Season 3 commenced on Sunday, April 7, at the Dumkhar Ground in Bangana. The winners of the tournament were awarded a cash prize of ?51,000 and the runners-up received ?31,000 along with trophies provided by the Kutlehar Cricket Club Bangana. It's worth noting that Kutlehar Premier League is the first club in the state to organize a cricket tournament with such substantial prize money. The tournament's Season 1,



Season 2, and Season 3 concluded on the auspicious occasion of Ram Navami, April 17, with the participation of 16 teams from Himachal Pradesh. The first semifinal match took place between Kuriwala Cricket Club and Vikrant Sharma Memorial Cricket Club, where the Kuriwala team secured a victory by

scoring 165/8 in 20 overs. The Vikrant team, in response, managed only 100/10 in 15 overs. The second semifinal match was played between Maharana Pratap Cricket Club and Tanoh 11. Tanoh's team batted first and scored 130/9 in 20 overs. The Maharana Pratap team chased the target, scoring 134/6 in 18

overs, thus winning the match. The final match of Kutlehar Premier League Season 3 took place on Wednesday between Kuriwala Cricket Club and Maharana Pratap Cricket Club. The Kuriwala team batted first and managed to score 113/10 in 18 overs. Maharana Pratap Club successfully chased the target, scoring 115/7 in 18.2 overs, winning the tournament. Raghav Bali of the Kuriwala team was awarded Man of the Series and received a smart LED as a prize. Abhay Rana donated the smart LED to the Kutlehar Cricket Club as a prize for the Man of the Series.



**Akali leader Vinod Kumar joins AAP along with his colleagues**



**KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL:** Shiromani Akali Dal party got a big blow when former minister Sikandar Singh Maluka's close and senior Akali leader Vinod Kumar bid farewell to Shiromani Akali Dal and MLA Balkar Singh Sidhu. He joined the Aam Aadmi Party along with his colleagues under the leadership. On this occasion, Vinod Kumar said that he has joined 'AAP' due to the inspiration of Constituency MLA Balkar Singh Sidhu and influenced by the policies of Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann. He said that MLA Balkar Singh Sidhu has risen above party politics and is developing the city of Rampura Phool and all the villages and towns of the constituency without any discrimination. He said that the constituency has got such a leader for the first time, who is working with good spirit for all the people regardless of Akali-Congress.

**Chandumajra addresses Akali meeting on upcoming Lok Sabha Elections**



**SANJEEV TEJPAL MORINDA:** Professor Prem Singh Chandumajra, the Shiromani Akali Dal candidate from Anandpur Sahib constituency, addressed a significant meeting of Akali activists and workers. Organized by Amrit Pal Singh Khattar, vice-president of the Morinda Municipal Council, the meeting convened to discuss strategies for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. The gathering, attended by a diverse array of Akali representatives including constituency in-charge Karan Singh DTO, delved into critical issues facing the Sikh community and Punjab at large. Professor Prem Singh Chandumajra, a prominent figure in the political landscape, articulated the party's vision and priorities for the forthcoming elections.

**DLSA organises free legal services awareness seminar in Government High School Raipur**



**RAWEL BHINDER PATIALA:** District Legal Services Authority Patiala organized a free legal services awareness seminar in Government High School Raipur under the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Judicial Magistrate cum Secretary District Legal Services Authority Patiala Mani Arora. In which information was given about the free services provided by the District Legal Services Authority. During the seminar, Para Legal Volunteer of District Legal Services Authority and Veteran Social Activist Bhagwan Dass Gupta, environment and art lover, patron of Red Cross Society Patiala, gave information about the free legal services provided by District Legal Services Authority, Patiala and the National Lok Adalat to be held on 11th May.

**Excitement among workers due to party's nomination of young face Sherry Kalsi as its candidate: Sourabh**

**BUREAU PATHANKOT:** Aam Aadmi Party MLA from Batala Constituency Sherry Kalsi is being made a Lok Sabha candidate from Gurdaspur / Pathankot, not only among the workers but also among the residents of the area. Expressing these words, Aam Aadmi Party youth leader Sourabh Behal thanked the party high command for making Sherry Kalsi a candidate. He said that Batala MLA

Sherry Kalsi is not only a young face but also a young worker who understands the problems of the area well. He said that he was very hardworking and had a high personality. He thanked the party high command for making Sherry Kalsi a candidate. He said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the people of Punjab are very happy with the work being done for the welfare of Punjab and the people of Punjab.

**Important meeting of construction mason labor union held**

**JATINDER PAL SINGH KALER BALACHAUR:** Today, the construction workers union held an important meeting to celebrate the birth anniversary of Dr. BR Ambedkar. Talking to the journalists in this regard, Nirmal Jandi said that a seminar is being held at Nawanshahr on the birthday of Dr. BR Ambedkar. Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar ji has made a great contribution to the working class. He has raised the voice of the downtrodden people by creating the constitution. Doctor Sahi restored democracy by struggling in his life. Today we need to follow his path and fight another battle. On the occasion, Nirmal Singh Jandi appealed to all the workers to reach Nawanshahr on April 20. On this occasion, workers of various unions participated in large numbers. The Masonry Workers Union present in the meeting assured that we will climb as much as possible on April 20.

# ADC apprises political parties of proposal

SHASHI PAL JAIN  
MOHALI, APR 18

Additional District Election Officer-cum-Additional Deputy Commissioner, S.A.S. Nagar, Viraj S Tidke, today held a meeting of Political Parties to apprise them of the shifting of polling booths 202, 203 and 204 brought to the new building.

Divulging the details the ADC said that Assistant Returning Officer-06 Anandpur Sahib-cum-Sub Divisional Magistrate, S.A.S. Nagar has now been shifted to School of Eminence (SOE), Phase-XI, S.A.S. Nagar from 01.04.2024 which is located approximately 300 meters apart from existing Polling Stations.

So, the Booth No. 202, 203 and 204 falling in the Government Senior Secondary School, Phase XI, S.A.S. Nagar



(old building) is to be shifted to the new Polling Station, School of Eminence, Phase-XI, S.A.S. Nagar.

Additional District Election Officer-cum-Additional Deputy Commissioner, S.A.S. Nagar also intimated to the present members that as per above proposal, visit of the new building has been done and it is found eligible to prepare Booths in this building. It is also brought to the notice

of the present members that Performa 2 (Proposal for the Change of Building of Polling Stations) and Certificate has been received in this regard.

It is also intimated to them that voters will be informed in this regard continuously till the date of elections by way of advertisement/publicity etc.

During the meeting, all the members present in the meeting were requested to

## Unanimous election of Press Club

KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA  
RAMPURA PHUL, APR 18

Press Club Reg. An important meeting of the Rampura Phul was held at the Canal Club. In which Gheechar Singh Sidhu was unanimously elected as Patron, Jaswant Dard Preet as



Chairman, Kuljit Singh Dhingra as President, Senior Vice President Makhan Buttar, Vice President Gur-

preet Khokhar, Advisor Jagmeet Ghareli, General Secretary Jaspreet Bhullar, Treasurer Rana Sharma, Press Secretary Jatinderjit Ashu, Secretary Sanjeev Singla, Inderpal Bansal and PRO Jagpal Bhullar were elected.

## Vigilance Bureau nabs ASI for accepting Rs 4,500 bribe



RAJIV JAIN  
CHANDIGARH, APR 18

The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB), during its on-going campaign against corruption in the state, on Wednesday, has apprehended Assistant Sub Inspector (ASI) Gurpreet Singh, posted at Police Station Jodhewal, Commissionerate Ludhiana red handed while he was accepting a bribe of Rs 4,500.

Disclosing this here today an official spokesperson of the state VB said the above mentioned accused has been

arrested on the basis of a complaint lodged by Vijay Kumar, a resident of Kakawal road, Ludhiana city.

He further informed that the complainant has approached the VB and alleged that the said ASI has demanded a bribe of Rs 4,500 for submitting a chargesheet in a police case registered by him. He further added that the said accused had already taken Rs 20,500 as a bribe in instalments and demanding the remaining money of Rs 4,500. The spokesperson informed that after a prelimi-

nary inquiry the VB team laid a trap during which the said accused was caught red handed accepting a bribe of Rs 4,500 from the complainant in the presence of two official witnesses.

He added that in this regard a case under Prevention of Corruption Act has been registered at against the police personnel at VB police station Ludhiana range. The accused would be produced in the competent court tomorrow and further investigation into this case was under progress, he said.

## District Administration observes World Heritage day

PARAMJIT SINGH  
JALANDHAR, APR 18

District administration has observed "world heritage day 2024" as Deputy commissioner Dr. Himanshu Aggarwal previews the Pictorial work and Short Documentary Film titled "Nurmahal Sarai Jalandhar - 400 Year Old Heritage Monument" depicting the Architectural Heritage monument of Jalandhar.

Speaking on the occasion to mark the world heritage day 2024, Deputy commissioner said that Pictorial visuals and Short Documentary titled "Nurmahal Sarai Jalandhar - 400 Year Old Heritage Monument" depicting one of the most prominent heritage monument situated in the District Jalandhar will work as a torch bearer to aware the youth about the rich history of Punjab. The Documentary film portrays



the typical Mughal architectural style of Nurmahal Sarai, which served as a center for administrative and judicial activities during the Mughal period, featuring symmetrical layouts, intricate carvings, spacious courtyards and red brick architecture of the Monument. The Documentary film aims to serve as a poignant reminder regarding the significance of Punjab's cultural and natural heritage and highlight the treasures of our past and the legacy for future generations. He further said that it is imperative,

now more than ever, to prioritize conserve of our heritage monuments and promote awareness about their historical significance within our younger generation. Author & Heritage Promoter Harpreet Sandhu said that he has compiled the Pictorial Brochure and Documentary Film with aim to highlight the "Nurmahal Sarai" which stands as a testament to the architectural brilliance cultural and Historical landmark of Punjab Heritage located in District Jalandhar.

## Personally associated with NK Sharma : Rakhra, Lalka, Nanoki



RAKESH JINDAL  
NABHA, APR 18

An effective meeting was held by Akali leaders and office bearers under the leadership of Constituency In-Charge Makhan Singh Lalka and senior Akali leader Abjinder Singh Jogi Grewal Nanoki said that N.K. Sharma is a personality connected to the land, which we can also call a walking body of qualities. He said that Nabha constituency will play an important role in the victory of NK Sharma. Constituency in-charge Lalka and Jogi Nanoki said that the decision taken by Sukhbir Singh Badal, Bikram Singh Majithia and the core committee to separate from the BJP.

charge Shatrana Babu Kabir Das were present as special guests. Constituency in-charge Makhan Singh Lalka and senior Akali leader Abjinder Singh Jogi Grewal Nanoki said that N.K. Sharma is a personality connected to the land, which we can also call a walking body of qualities. He said that Nabha constituency will play an important role in the victory of NK Sharma. Constituency in-charge Lalka and Jogi Nanoki said that the decision taken by Sukhbir Singh Badal, Bikram Singh Majithia and the core committee to separate from the BJP.

## Anu Kumari student of Government High School Desumajra secures second place in district in results of class 10



KHARAR (SHASHI PAL JAIN): Anu Kumari, a student of Government High School Desumajra, secured 96.77 percent marks and got the second position in district Mohali in the results of class 10 declared today. She has come on the 17th position in the merit list of Punjab.

Anu Kumari was invited to the school by the headmistress Khushwinder Kaur and class in-charge Parminder Kaur and other staff members. Her father Chandan Mohan Giri is a painter and mother is a house wife. She was presented with a new bag and note books copies by the school today. She told reporters that she wants to become an IAS officer.

## Chandigarh transport arbitrary in time table and increasing kilometers outside agreement with Punjab



TILAK RAJ  
MOHALI, APR 18

Punjab Roadways/Punbus Chandigarh Depot Addressing the Gate Next Gate Rally, Punjab Roadways/Punbus and PRTC Contract Workers Union Punjab Chandigarh Depot State Leader Jagjit Singh Virk said whether the Chandigarh Transport Undertaking (CTU) has done with Punjab State as per the transport rules. Double kilometers have been done outside of the agreement and also those running from Chandigarh are occupying

the time table and making the time table according to their will, when according to the law, the government transport officials with the longest time have to make the time table. But the officials of CTU are making all the laws by twisting the time of Punjab Roadways/PRTC, which will cause a lot of loss to the government buses of Punjab. If he does not give up his will, the union will have to fight hard Addressing the gate rally, the leader of Punjab Roadways / Punbus Joint Action Committee of Chandigarh told.

## Two-day National Conference on 'Multidisciplinary Research and Innovation' commenced at BFGI with great enthusiasm

ANIL VERMA/ANANT-DEEP KAUR  
BATHINDA, APR 18

The 2 day conference organized by Baba Farid College, Bathinda, at Baba Farid Group of Institutions (BFGI), focusing on 'Multidisciplinary Research and Innovation' commenced today with a splendid inauguration ceremony on 18th April. Chief Guest of the Day, Dr. Gurmeet Singh Dhaliwal, Chairman, BFGI and Prof. (Dr.) M.P. Poonia, Campus Director, BFGI, Distinguished personalities and guests inaugurated the conference with lightening the lamp.

This conference focuses on various fields such as science, engineering, agriculture, management, humanities, social sciences, and computer applications. Dr. Manish Gup-



ta, Dean (Research and Innovation), BFGI welcomed the esteemed guests, renowned personalities, delegates, and research scholars attending the conference, providing them with insights into various aspects of the conference. He highlighted the achievements and initiatives of BFGI in the field of research and innovation and emphasized the importance of such national and international platforms provided by BFGI for fostering research, skill development and employment-oriented education. Dr. Gurmeet

Singh Dhaliwal, Chairman, BFGI applauded the significant efforts of Baba Farid College in promoting research, skill development and employability education. He expressed commitment to provide such national and international platforms to fulfill the objectives of research, skill development, and employability. He congratulated the organizers for the successful commencement of the national conference and anticipated substantial benefits for researchers and scholars of different fields.

## Five labourers trapped after lintel collapses in Rupnagar



BAHADURJEET SINGH  
RUPNAGAR, APR 18

At least five labourers were trapped after a lintel of a two-storey house suddenly collapsed in local Preet Colony today afternoon.

One trapped labourer was rescued in the evening and was referred to PGI Chandigarh. At the time of the incident, the labourer was working on jacking up the lintel when suddenly there was a loud explosion and the entire house fell down.

The trapped labourers have been identified as Ramesh Foreman, Kaka, Sahil, Abhishek, Nizamin all residents of village Kalsi in Haryana. On getting the information about the incident deputy commissioner Preeti Yadav, senior superintendent of police Gulneet Khurana reached the spot to supervise the rescue operations. Jawans of Punjab police, ITBP and teams of NDRF, SDRF and fire brigade were called for rescue work.

## AAP candidate from Lok Sabha Patiala Dr. Balbeet Singh meets Navjot Saini



VICKY BHABAT  
ZIRAKPUR, APR 18

Election activities have also increased in the country with the announcement of Lok Sabha elections. After the distribution of tickets, election meetings are being held by the candidates in their respective constituencies. Health Minister Dr. Aam Aadmi Party from Lok Sabha Constituency Patiala.

Balbir Singh has been given the ticket, since then he has been running his election campaign. Last evening Health Minister Dr. Balbir

Singh reached the youth and senior leader of Derabassi Constituency Navjot Saini at his house at Zirakpur and discussed the Lok Sabha elections.

On this occasion Health Minister Dr. Balbir Singh discussed with Navjot Saini about Derabassi constituency and prepared the future strategy. On this occasion, Dr. Navjot Saini. Balbir Singh was assured that wherever the party assigns his duty, he will perform it with full diligence. A large number of party workers were present on this occasion.

## Dimple Garg is new Prez of SDIC, block Malerkotla



SUMER GARG  
SANGRUR, APR 18

The newly appointed District President of Sangrur District Industrial Chamber (SDIC), Sangrur, Sanjiv Sood, while using his constitutional pow-

ers to nominate the block Presidents of various blocks has nominated Dimple Garg as the President of SDIC, block Malerkotla. The other office bearers are Chairman, Inderjit Singh and Vice Chairman, Amar Gupta.

## 13-member committee elected by revolutionary farmers Union Punjab District Faridkot at village Chana



JAGDEEP SINGH GILL  
JAITO, APR 18

District president Bhupinder Singh Aulakh of village Chahal, district vice president Amarjit Kaur Chandbhan, block Jaito convenor Paramjit Singh Chana, senior member of Jaito block came to conduct the election of the unit at nearby village Chana.

Due to the efforts of President Beant Singh Chaina, the village of Chana was selected. At the time of election, District Vice President Amarjit Kaur Chandbhan in-

formed all the members about the organization's statute and constitution, and District President Bhupinder Singh Aulakh organized a fundraising campaign by the Sanyukta Kisan Morcha against BJP.

All the leaders and members were asked to mobilize the farmers and laborers in their respective villages in order to take it forward. Vice President Hardev Singh, Vice President Sukhwinder Singh, General Secretary Chamkaur Singh, Treasurer Balwinder Singh, Publicity

Secretary Kuldeep Sharman, Press Secretary Gagandeep Singh, Assistant Secretary Kuldeep Singh, Guralpal Singh Member, Jarnail Singh Member, Jaspreet Singh Member, Surjit Singh Member, Sukhjinder Singh member, etc. leaders were elected and new leaders assured to work day and night for the organization and to fight every battle for the interests of farmers and laborers.

The organization will support the farmers and laborers by sticking with the villagers at all times.



Comedy Artist  
Aditya Kumar  
(Iaddu Shah)

HARPREET SINGH LEHAL  
JALANDHAR : The most difficult task in the World today is to perform the art of keeping People Physically and mentally healthy while entertaining them wholesomely. Comedy artist Aditya Kumar (Iaddu Shah) doing this challenging work. In a short time, have made his own identity in this Comedy Art.



Aditya Kumar (Iaddu Shah) was born Near JK Hachary Domana, Phalora Nagbani, Jammu, Dumana, J&K In the house of Father Bodh Raj Bhagat and Mother Anita Kumari. Aditya Kumar (Iaddu Shah) take School Education from KC Public School Akhnor Road Jammu J&K and higher from Himalayan Garhwal University Utrakhhand. Aditya Kumar (Iaddu Shah) He had a passion for comedy since his childhood and his way of doing comedy in this field was very much liked by the audience.He started serving the Punjabi mother language through comedy with various artists. He has also been honored by many organizations for his excellent work as a comedy artist in this field. Aditya Kumar (Iaddu Shah) is working very hard in this field and there are great expectations from him in the future.

ADJ for compensation  
rescheduling, sends  
case back to Land  
Acquisition Collector

PARI BAJAJ  
KARNAL : Additional District Judge Shri Akshdeep Mahajan referred 11 cases related to compensation for the land acquired by HSIDC in 2009 for setting up Sector-37 to the Land Acquisition Collector and District Magistrate for re-determination under Section 28A of the Land Acquisition Act. Revenue Officer, Karnal has passed orders to send them back. In this context, Advocate Chaudhary Shakti Singh, who was appearing in the court on behalf of the landowners, said that the Honorable Additional District Judge, while approving 11 cases under Section 28A (3) of the Act and disposing of them together, submitted a letter to the Land Acquisition Collector on July 21, 2017 has cancelled the awards passed under Section 28A of the Land Acquisition Act and referred the matter to the learned Judge for redetermination of the award afresh under Section 28A of the Act on the basis of the amended award by the Superior Court. Orders have been passed to send back the collector.

Two accused arrested with  
115 boxes of illegal liquor at  
Nagli Ghat, case registered

NIRMAL SAINI  
RADOUR : As soon as the Lok Sabha elections have started, the illegal liquor business has also started expanding. But the police is keeping a close eye on the liquor mafia. Police action is continuing against illegal liquor in Jathlana area. Because this area is adjacent to the UP border. The liquor mafia supplies illegal liquor in UP through the roads built in the Yamuna river. In this series, Jathlana police has succeeded in seizing 115 boxes of illegal liquor by blocking Nagli ghat of Yamuna river. The accused caught with illegal liquor were identified as Jasbir resident of Vipin Colony Jagadhri and Brijpal alias Vijan resident of village Tabar police station Nakud district Saharanpur.

Raising standard of living of poor,  
farmers and women is aim of  
Modi's life: Paramjeet Singh Gill

VERMA  
GURDASPUR: Senior leader of Punjab and National Vice President of Himalaya Parivar Organization, Paramjit Singh Gill, after campaigning in favor of Lok Sabha candidate Dinesh Babbu in various areas of district Gurdaspur, said that raising the standard of living of the poor, farmers and women is the basic mantra of Modi's life. Is. He said that Modi has guaranteed in his election manifesto that the poor will continue to get free ration for the next five years and pulses, edible oil and vegetables will be ensured to the poor. Along with this, clean tap water will be supplied to every house and Modi's aim is to bring the electricity bill to zero in the entire country through PM Suraj Ghar Yojana. He said that PM Kisan Samman Nidhi and Crop Insurance Scheme will also continue for farmers. Modi government promises that the minimum support price will be increased on time and the income of farmers will be increased from seed to market. Along with this, millet will be established as a super seed and dairy business will also be expanded, which will benefit thousands of countrymen and farmers. He said that Modi guarantees to make three crore rural women Lakhpati Didi to raise the standard of living of crores of women of the country. Piped gas will be supplied to the kitchens of housewives and other facilities will be provided for working women. Along with this, new income opportunities will be provided to women by connecting self-help groups with the service sector.



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## Sunita Kejriwal to participate in INDIA bloc's rally on April 21 in Jharkhand

AGENCY  
NEW DELHI, APRIL 18

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's wife, Sunita Kejriwal, will participate in the INDIA bloc's "Nyay Ulgulan Rally," to be held on April 21 in Jharkhand's Ranchi. According to the party sources, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and AAP MP Sanjay Singh will also participate in this rally of the INDIA bloc.

Earlier, Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) held a meeting regarding the preparations for the INDIA bloc's Nyay Ulgulan Rally.

Jharkhand Mukti Morcha leader Kalpana Soren, Congress state in-charge Ghulam Ahmed Mir, state president Rajesh Thakur, MLA Vinod Singh, MLA Satyanand Bhokta, JMM general secretary Vinod Pandey attended the meeting.



Kalpna Soren, the wife of former Chief Minister Hemant Soren, held a meeting with party workers on April 6 to ensure the success of the Ulgulan Rally.

The rally will be held at Prabhat Tara Ground 21 to protest against the arrest of former Chief Minister Hemant Soren. After the meeting, while speaking to the media, Kalpana Soren urged all party members to

participate in large numbers in the rally and discussed ways to strengthen the alliance.

"I have appealed to all the party members to participate in large numbers in the INDIA rally. We will tell how the central government is discriminating against Jharkhand. Our honorable Hemant Ji has also been imprisoned, and they have put Delhi's Kejriwal Ji

## Students go to villages and make women aware about voting

MAINPAL KASHYAP  
INDRI: Students of Shaheed Udham Singh Government College visited Matak Majri and Indergarh villages and explained to the people about the importance of voting and inspired them to actively participate in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. Under the



guidance of Karnal District Administration, various

programs are being organized for voting awareness in Shaheed Udham Singh Government College so that the voting percentage can increase. Voting Awareness Cell coordinator Sumit Goyal said that election related activities are being conducted daily in the college, for which

every possible effort is being made to strengthen this campaign by contacting the professors and various committees of the college. Under this campaign, all professors have taken a unique initiative to appeal to young voters to vote by making personal contact.

## Senior voters aged 100+ of the sub-division honored

KULBHUSHAN SHARMA  
GUHLA CHEEKA, APRIL 18

Under the direction of Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer Prashant Panwar the program to create awareness and honor senior voters aged 100+ was continuing. In this series, Assistant Returning Officer 15 Guhla (SC) Assembly Constituency and Sub-Divisional Officer (NA) Krishna Kumar honored senior voters in the Block Development and Panchayat Officer Auditorium on Thursday. While sensitizing the senior elderly voters present, SDM Krishna Kumar said that the elderly were an example of inspiration and awareness for the society. He welcomed all the elders of 100+ and said that they should bless the people for fair and free elections in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections because they were the basis of social prestige and people respected



their sentiments. SDM said that it was a matter of great pride and joy to be a part of the election festival at such an age. He inspired the attendees and BLOs to vote 100 per cent. BDPO Guhla Samita Thakur welcomed the chief guest Krishna Kumar SDM by giving him flower bouquet. Samita Thakur said that elections were a national festival in which participation of every person of the society should be ensured. She said that the ideals and inspiration of elders were always needed in the society and elders were

the backbone of social awareness. Block Education Officer Omprakash, the very special guest present in the program, said that the strength of the democratic system rested on the shoulders of aware voters and only aware voters became a part of free and fair voting. Supervisor Professor Raja Singh Jhinjar made proper arrangements of the program and while conducting the stage said that the elderly were a social heritage whose experiences and ideal thoughts they should take advantage.

## Biomed lab science day celebrated at RBU

LK BANSAL  
MOHALI, APRIL 18

Rayat Bahra University commemorated International Biomedical Laboratory Science Day. The programme was inaugurated by former Dean cum Head of Department of Parasitology, PGIMER, Chandigarh, Dr Rakesh Sehgal, presently working as Dean and Professor of Microbiology in Arupadai Veedu, Medical College & Hospital (AVMC&H) who was the Chief Guest.

Speaking on the occasion he said that it was encouraging that the University School of Allied Health Sciences (USAHS) of Rayat Bahra University, besides focusing on academics, was concerned to observe not only national events but also observe international days too, to spread awareness of the healthcare system. Dr Rakesh Sehgal said the biomedical laboratory technologists and scientists were indispensable contributors to quality and patient safety in healthcare working diligently behind the scenes to provide accurate and reliable laboratory testing services that were essential for



effective patient care. Gurvinder Singh Bahra, Chancellor of RBU, presiding over the function said biomedical laboratory technologists and scientists were indeed guardians of quality and patient safety in healthcare. They played a crucial role in the diagnostic process, providing accurate and reliable laboratory results that aid in the diagnosis, treatment, and monitoring of diseases. They contributed to quality and patient safety, he added. Dr Pankaj Kaul, Dean of University School of Allied Health Science (USAHS), said that more than 150 students and faculty members attended the event.

## Police arrests drug paddler with 11.2 grams heroin

RAMAN GUPTA

KAITHAL: In order to save the youth from the grip of drugs, as per the orders of SP Upasana, drug smugglers are being arrested while reaching the root of the problem. Police spokesperson said that while investigating the case of supply of 11.2 grams of heroin by the team of ASI Jaibhagwan of the police station city, the accused Agrange Singh, resident of village Kallarmajra, was arrested. The spokesperson said that the accused Niranjana Das, resident of Bhuna, was arrested by the Anti Narcotic Cell team on September 3, 2023 by raiding a house in Arjun Nagar Kaithal. 11.2 grams of heroin was recovered from his possession. Regarding which a case was registered in the city police station. The subsequent investigation of the case was carried out by ASI Jaibhagwan. During investigation it was revealed that this heroin was provided to Niranjana Das by Angeez Singh. Drug money of Rs 500 was recovered from the possession of accused Angeez Singh. The accused was sent to judicial custody as per the order of the court.



## DC visits wheat fields where surface feeders used for crop at Village Chungha

KULDEEP SOOD/  
KARANPREET KARAN  
BARNALA, APRIL 18

Deputy Commissioner Barnala Punamdeep Kaur today visited the fields of farmer Jaspreet Singh at village Chungha where wheat has been sown with machine called surface feeder. She interacted with Jaspreet Singh and asked about the use of surface feeder developed by Punjab Agricultural University.

Deputy Commissioner added that surface feeders were given to farmers through cooperative societies in an initiative to prevent paddy stubble from being set on fire. The surface seeder (mulching) machine is used to sow wheat without burning the stubble after paddy is harvested. With this machine, 15 to 20 acres can be sown in a day. Through



this method, the paddy stubble is cut and spread with a reaper after the wheat seed is placed in the lines or spread. The crop is then irrigated immediately after sowing. After about 10 days wheat seedlings start to appear. This method is suitable for medium to short duration varieties and wheat after basmati. Deputy Commissioner said that using surface feeder wheat has been sown in 40 places as an experiment in an area of about 125 acres in

Barnala district. The farmers, who have sown wheat using surface feeders, say that they expect a yield of 24 quintals of wheat per acre. Due to the presence of stubble in the field, the soil moisture was retained due to which the planted wheat required less water. Chief Agriculture Officer Dr. Jagdish Singh said that surface feeders can be taken by farmers through cooperative societies and it can be used in tandem with any common tractor.

## Inauguration of election office at Tapa Mandi by Simranjit Singh Mann

KULDEEP SOOD  
BARNALA, APRIL 18

President of Shiromani Akali Dal (Amritsar) and candidate of the party from Lok Sabha constituency Sangrur. Simranjit Singh Mann inaugurated his election office at Tapa Mandi today Before this, at different places. Mann's caravan was warmly welcomed by the people of the constituency Addressing a large gathering of party workers and city residents on the occasion of the inauguration, Mr. Mann appealed to the people to support the Shiromani Akali Dal (Amritsar) to bring the voice of their rights to the Parliament. S. Mann said that the thinking of Congress, BJP, Akali Dal (Badal) and Aam Aadmi Party is limited only to their personal interests. Of course all these parties look



different but they are all one inside, which has no concern with the rights and problems of the people. The leaders of these parties have never raised their voice against the government's pressure on the people Although he is the only member of Parliament from his party, he has always spoken about the rights of Punjab in Parliament. Youths like Deep Sidhu, Sidhu Moosewala, Sandeep Nangal Ambian, including the youths

of the country and abroad, have raised their voices against the murders of minorities, especially Sikh leaders, and have made the whole world aware of the discrimination against minorities by the Modi government. S. Mann said that due to lack of time and money, the works which have remained incomplete, will be completed on a priority basis in the coming time with the support of the people.

## Special Lok Adalat organized in District Jail Karnal

DR ASHOK KUMAR  
KARNAL, APRIL 18

Special Jail Lok Adalat was organized in District Jail Karnal by Ms. Jasbir Kaur, Chief Magistrate and Secretary, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Karnal on Thursday. In which four under trial cases were selected and one case has undergone. Ms. Jasbir told that from time to time, DLSA Karnal organized Lok Adalat in the jail on the first and third Wednesday of every month. Jasbir Kaur urged the prisoners that if anyone did not have a lawyer to represent his case, then he can send his application to the District Legal Services Authority, Karnal, through the Superintendent, District Jail, Karnal. The authority will appoint one of the panel advocates to plead his case. District Legal Services Authority, children, senior citizens, Scheduled Castes and Tribes or general citizens whose income from all



sources is less than Rs. three lakh are entitled to get free legal advice or free legal aid. Mr. Amit Bhadu, Superintendent District Jail, Karnal Mr. Jaswant Singh, Deputy Superintendent, District Jail, Karnal were also present in Jail Lok Adalat. Jaswant Singh, Deputy Superintendent, District Jail, assured Ms. Jasbir Kaur, Chief Magistrate and Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Karnal that they kept asking all the prisoners once a week whether anyone has a lawyer to represent his case.

## Dera Udasin serves Bhandara on Chaitra Navratri

KAPIL ARORA

SHAHABAD MARKANDA: On the occasion of Chaitra Navratri, Bhandara was served by the ancient Dera Udasin. In which hundreds of devotees took Prasad. Dera director Mahant Tarandas and Mahant Deepak performed Kanjak puja. Mahant Tarandas told that the ancient Dera Udaasin has been doing the work of saints and social service for many years in other parts of the country including Shahabad and Pehowa. Mahant Ishwar Das, who came from Kaithal, said that they should tell their children about Sanatan Dharma. He said that India was the land of sages and



saints and religion should be propagated continuously. Devotees including Mahant Rammuni Rawa, Mahant Thakurdas, Mahant Keshavdas, Mahant Naresh Das Kheda, Mahant Chandra

Prakash, Avtar Singh Rawa, Narendra Sharma, Parpinder Sandhu, Harjeet Sambhalkhi, Gurinder Babla, Rajendra Yari, Jasmer Saini, Amarjeet Gill were present on this occasion.

## Rational Society Punjab raises demand of 'Anti-Superstition Law' as an election issue

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The demand of Rational Society Punjab to bring and implement 'anti-superstition law' in Punjab on the lines of Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh and Karnataka states is being raised as an issue of the state in the election environment. The spokesperson of the society, Sumit Singh Amritsar, said here that in order to immediately put an end to the illegal activities of the hypocritical sages, tantrics, astrologers and sages who are exploiting them economically, mentally and physically by spreading blind faith among the people of Punjab, such Legislation is urgently needed. Provincial organizational head Rajinder Bhadour and head of law department Jaswinder Phagwara said that taking advantage of the superstitious mentality of the common people in Punjab, there are hypocritical sages, tantrics, sadhs, astrologers and so-called wise people who ask questions by setting up stalls and opening shops. Under the pretext of solving all kinds of problems with their so-called divine power, they are trapped in the superstitions of ghosts, evil spirits, witchcraft, thread talismans, planetary circles, horoscopes, Jantar-Mantra, black knowledge etc.





Editorial

Fraught peace

As Russia's war on Ukraine grinds on in its third year, a parallel diplomatic battle on how to bring peace to Ukraine is also gaining steam. In June, Switzerland will host a peace summit requested by the Ukrainian president, Volodymyr Zelensky, following discussions with the wealthy Group of Seven nations, the European Union and a range of other nations, including China, India, South Africa, Brazil, Ethiopia and Saudi Arabia. Since last year, China too has been pushing its own peace proposal to end the war in Ukraine. Earlier this month, the Russian foreign minister, Sergey Lavrov, backed China's plan as the basis for potential negotiations while criticising the Swiss summit as a Ukraine-backed effort that Moscow would not support.

Russia is not expected to participate in the Swiss conclave. At the same time, the United States of America, its Western allies and Ukraine are unlikely to accept any peace plan that suggests that they too are in any way responsible for the crisis. The Chinese proposal argues that any sustainable peace needs a security architecture for Europe, including Russia and Ukraine, that takes into account the concerns of Moscow in addition to those of Kyiv and other capitals. While China has officially said it is neutral in the war, it has been Russia's biggest diplomatic and economic lifeline since Moscow's troops invaded Ukraine in February 2022.

Meanwhile, Ukrainian diplomats and leaders have been visiting multiple nations and talking to world leaders to build support for the Swiss summit. Ukraine's foreign minister, Dmytro Kuleba, visited New Delhi last month for talks with the external affairs minister, S. Jaishankar, where he tried to convince India to send a delegation to the conference. While India has consistently called for dialogue and peace in Ukraine, it has not publicly committed to any specific approach towards negotiations.

In many ways, India's position captures the dilemma of the world today: with the war in Gaza, mounting tensions between Israel and Iran, and a spate of major elections this year, the demand for peace across nations is growing. Both the Swiss proposal and the Chinese plan point to that. Mr Lavrov's comments on the Chinese proposal and Mr Kuleba's talks with members of the global fraternity, including the New Delhi visit, show that both sides recognise that global mood. But deep, entrenched divisions over the way forward are holding back prospects of peace. With 'compromise' a bad word, the Russia-Ukraine conflict risks turning into a forever war.

Ukrainian frontline may collapse this summer

The Ukrainian frontline, which has been held by the country for several months in the special military operation zone, is expected to collapse this summer, TASS reported, citing Politico newspaper.

As the Russia-Ukraine war enters its third year, the Russian forces significantly surmount the Ukrainian ones, owing to which the frontline may collapse this summer due to the supposed Russian offensive.

According to the sources, the situation in Ukraine has been complicated due to the lack of Western weapons, undermining the morale of Ukrainian soldiers, reported TASS, citing the newspaper.

However, White House National Security Council spokesperson John Kirby, during a press briefing on Tuesday, stressed that it is important that US allies like Ukraine and Israel get the security assistance they need as quickly as possible. Notably, the US has been providing security assistance to Ukraine ever since the war between Moscow and Kyiv began in 2022.

Last month, US President Joe Biden has assured Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy that he is confident that Congress will renew military aid to fight Russia, Al Jazeera reported.

Meanwhile, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said, as he criticised his coun-



try's allies for engaging in "lengthy discussions" and "turning a blind eye". The Russian military launched attacks on five regions across Ukraine, killing at least seven people and damaging infrastructure, including substations and power generation facilities, Ukrainian officials said on Thursday. Ukrainian officers "privately accept that more (territorial) losses are inevitable this summer," but the question is how significant they will be. According to Politico's

assessments, Russia "has never been closer to its goals" in the special military operation zone, while it may be "the nation of Ukraine as it currently exists that is consigned to the past," unless there is a turning point on the battlefield, TASS reported. Earlier, Ukrainian Commander-in-Chief Alexander Syrsky wrote on his Telegram channel that the situation on the front has dangerously escalated. Moreover, on Tuesday, Ukrainian President Volodymyr

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Zelenskyy signed a bill on strengthening mobilisation, which would allow for the conscription of hundreds of thousands more Ukrainians. The armed conflict in eastern Ukraine erupted in early 2014 following Russia's annexation of Crimea. However, later in February 2022, Russian President Vladimir Putin announced the beginning of a full-scale land, sea, and air invasion of Ukraine, targeting Ukrainian military assets and cities across the country.

Literature & Health

New York Capitol hit by cyberattack, budget deal delayed



The computer infrastructure of the New York State Legislature appeared to be the target of an alleged cyberattack overnight on Tuesday, delaying the already weeks-overdue state budget negotiations, reported The Hill. New York Governor Kathy Hochul stated that the cyberattack took place in the early hours of Wednesday, prompting a quick response from cybersecurity officials.

However, as of now, the exact reason behind the attack is unknown.

The hardest hit, according to Gothamist, a New York City-centric blog website operated by New York Public Radio, was the legislature's bill drafting office, which is in charge of deciding on the state budget's final wording.

With regard to the state budget, which was due at the end of March, legis-

lators are already 17 days behind schedule. The bill drafting office is responding to the attack by using a computer file system that was replaced more than 20 years ago, which dates back to 1994, The Hill reported.

"Our understanding right now is that it will take a little bit longer to deal with the legislative side of it because a lot of data is included in the computers," Hochul said of the budget process in a WNYC radio appearance with Brian Lehrer on Wednesday, according to The Hill. Hochul announced on Monday that negotiations on a USD 237 billion budget proposal had been agreed upon by parliamentarians and that this week's proceedings were anticipated to proceed. According to The Hill, the members of Congress are concerned about the growing prevalence of cyberattacks.

Ancient skeletons unearthed in France disclose Italian Mafia-style killings



Over 5,500 years ago, two women were tied up and probably buried alive in a ritual sacrifice in France using a form of torture associated today with the Italian Mafia, an analysis of skeletons discovered at an archaeological site showed, according to CNN.

The researchers investigated the unusual position of three female skeletons found in 1985 in the town of Saint-Paul-Trois-Chateaux, a commune in southwest France, and concluded that two of the women probably died from a form of torture known as "incaprettamento."

Incaprettamento involves tying a person's throat and ankles so that they eventually strangle themselves due to the position of their legs, reported CNN.

The researchers further reviewed the skeletons found at other archaeological sites across Europe and identified 20 other

probable instances of similar sacrificial killings.

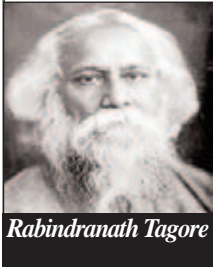
According to a study published in the journal Science Advances, the practice may have been relatively widespread in Neolithic, or late Stone Age, Europe.

The third woman found at the site was in a normal burial position and "we don't know how she died," Eric Crubezy, one of the paper's lead authors and a biological anthropologist at Paul Sabatier University in Toulouse, said. "But we can say that they put the three women in the grave at the same time," Crubezy added. The women's burial place was aligned with the sunrise at the summer solstice and the sunset at the winter solstice, leading the study's authors to hypothesise that this site acted as somewhere people gathered to mark the turning of the seasons, which may have involved human sacrifices.

POEM

Benediction

Bless this little heart, this white soul that has won the kiss of heaven for our earth. He loves the light of the sun, he loves the sight of his mother's face.



Rabindranath Tagore

He has not learned to despise the dust, and to hanker after gold. Clasp him to your heart and bless him. He has come into this land of an hundred cross-roads.

I know not how he chose you from the crowd, came to your door, and grasped you hand to ask his way. He will follow you, laughing the talking, and not a doubt in his heart.

Rabindranath Tagore

Independent journalists face pressure and harassment in China

The Foreign Correspondents Club of China (FCCC) released its latest 13-page report on working conditions for independent reporters and journalists titled "Masks Off, Barriers Remain" and described that interruptions and difficulties in the media persist despite the restoration of the country's allowance to move freely in China.

A majority of its members mentioned that working conditions have improved since 2023, although the return of mobility has also meant more correspondents dealing with the type of heavy-handed responses to independent reporting in the field that long predated the pandemic.

According to the survey done for the report, quite significant obstacles persist for independent reporting, like



heightened intimidation and surveillance, both in-person and through more

sophisticated digital means. The report also mentioned that at least 54 per cent

of respondents were obstructed at least once by police or other officials and 45 per cent encountered obstruction at least once by unknown people.

Additionally, the respondents also mentioned that correspondents are accustomed to receiving such treatment in areas that the Chinese authorities consider "politically sensitive". Moreover, 85 per cent of journalists who tried to report from Xinjiang in 2023 experienced problems.

However, the definition of "sensitive" areas appears to be expanding, 79 per cent of journalists encountered issues in regions bordering Russia, and 43 per cent in Southeast Asian nations, or ethnically diverse regions like Inner Mongolia.

The report also claimed that the ad-

ministration has been relentlessly using surveillance technology to keep an eye on independent journalists, as per the toolkit deployed by the Chinese authorities to monitor and interfere in the work of the foreign journalist community. It also quoted respondents claiming that use drones to monitor them in the field.

Furthermore, 81 per cent of respondents claimed that authorities had compromised their WeChat, 72 per cent claimed their mobiles were compromised, and 55 per cent claimed to have suspicions of audio recording bugs placed in their offices or homes.

Additionally, respondents also mentioned that their correspondents face problems regarding securing journalist visas and residence permits for their

journalists to live and work in the country.

This problem is especially acute for US media outlets, only one of which succeeded in gaining accreditation in 2023, replacing a journalist who had left China.

Other results of the survey conducted for the report stated that 82 per cent of respondents reported they had interviews declined by sources who stated they were not permitted to speak to foreign media or required prior permission, 37 per cent of respondents said reporting trips or interviews already confirmed were cancelled last minute because of official pressure and 49 per cent of respondents indicated their Chinese colleagues had been pressured, harassed, or intimidated at least once.



Fliptkart Samarth continues to celebrate World Artisan Day supporting 1.76+ Million Indian artisans and weavers

**M**ANDI: In the diverse and vibrant tapestry of India's economic landscape, artisans, weavers, and craftsmen form the colorful threads that contribute to the rich cultural heritage and socio-economic development of the nation. Recognizing the pivotal role of these women and micro-entrepreneurs in nurturing traditional crafts and driving grassroots economic growth, Flipkart, India's homegrown e-commerce marketplace, has committed to their empowerment and upliftment. Launched in 2019, the Flipkart Samarth program now in its 5th year stands as a beacon of hope and progress for over a million artisans, weavers, and craftsmen across the length and breadth of India. On World Artisan Day, Flipkart reaffirms its commitment to empowering underserved communities, bridging local talent with a national audience.

realme unveils the Best Player with Performance and Display in segment

**L**UDHIANA: realme, India's Most Reliable Smartphone Service Provider, is thrilled to announce the launch of its latest realme P Series 5G smartphones - realme P1 Pro 5G and realme P1 5G. The two cutting-edge devices are set to disrupt the mid-range smartphone segment with their superior performance, exceptional user experience, and exclusive availability on Flipkart for Indian customers. Alongside the new P Series realme will also launch its realme Pad 2, Wi-Fi variant and realme T110 buds. Positioned as the "Best Player of Performance and Display", the new realme P Series 5G represents power. The design of these smartphones reflects the realme DNA of being bold and new-to-market, which will light up the eyes of users. Commenting on the launch, a realme spokesperson said, "We are thrilled to introduce the realme P Series 5G, a smartphone that is set to redefine performance standards in the smartphone industry. With the realme P Series 5G, we have introduced cutting-edge technology."

Jio launches JioAirFiber services across Himachal Pradesh

**S**himla : Reliance Jio, the world's largest private mobile data network, has launched the JioAirFiber services across all 12 districts of Himachal Pradesh. This launch of JioAirFiber, which is an integrated end-to-end solution for world-class latest home entertainment, smart home services and high-speed broadband marks a significant enhancement to the digital landscape of Himachal Pradesh. As JioAirFiber services go live across 57 towns of Himachal Pradesh including difficult terrains like Jari, Banjar, Keylong, Shilai, Rohanda, Thunag, Bankhet, Recongpoong and Raigarh etc, it will overcome the challenges of last-mile connectivity and connect every home, hotel and small business in these areas, which earlier didn't have the access to quality home broadband, due to the complexities and delays involved in extending optical-fiber to the premises. All homes, businesses and tourists across the state will now be able to enjoy world-class latest home entertainment, broadband and digital experience, delivered through one integrated service. With commencement of the services, several JioAirFiber connections have already been established at customer premises in the state.

Redmi 13 5G Model Numbers Surface Online: Could Debut in India as Poco M7 Pro 5G

**R**edmi 13 5G is said to be in the works. The existence of the handset is yet to be officially confirmed by Xiaomi, but thanks to a new report, we have now a clear picture of its model numbers, chipset and availability. The Redmi 13 5G is said to have internal model number "N19". It could run on Snapdragon 4 Gen 2 SoC, like its predecessor - Redmi 12 5G. The handset is likely to be available only in India and China. The phone could be released with the Poco M7 Pro 5G moniker in India. As per a report by Android Headlines, Xiaomi has started working on the Redmi 13 5G. It reportedly has the codename "breeze" and its internal model number is "N19". It could run on Snapdragon 4 Gen 2 SoC. Model numbers 2406ERNPNCCL, 2406ERNQCC, and 2406ERNPQSG are said to be associated with the Redmi 13 5G. Based on these model numbers, the report claims that the smartphone could miss a global release outside India and China.

NSE to launch derivatives on Nifty Next 50 Index (NIFTYNXT50) from April 24, 2024

**L**udhiana/Amritsar: National Stock Exchange of India (NSE), the world's No 1 derivatives exchange in the year 2023based on contracts traded, has received approval for Derivatives on Nifty Next 50 index (NIFTYNXT50) from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and will launch these contracts from April 24, 2024.Exchange will offer 3 serial monthly index futures and index options contract cycle. The cash settled derivatives contracts will expire on the last Friday of the expiry month. On the occasion, Shri Srinam Krishnan, Chief Business Development Officer, NSE said "The introduction of derivatives on the Nifty Next 50 index (NIFTYNXT50) will well complement the existing index derivatives product suite. The Nifty Next 50 index will represent the space between the Nifty 50 index comprising the top large & liquid stocks and the Nifty Midcap Select index comprising the top large & liquid mid capitalised stocks".

Android 15 Could Include App Quarantine Feature to Protect Users From Malicious Apps: Report

**A**ndroid 15 is expected to arrive on Pixel smartphones later this year and several features from Google's upcoming operating system (OS) update have surfaced thanks to the developer previews and the first public beta release. Google is reportedly working on a handy new feature that could help users isolate a malicious app on their smartphones after it is detected. If the feature is added to the final Android 15 release, the operating system might be able to "quarantine" apps, just like antivirus programs on Windows.

Spotted by Android Authority on the latest Android 15 beta, Google is working on the ability to allow a system app — like Google Play Services or the Play Store — to isolate apps and apply some restrictions on them. Once an app has been quarantined, its capabilities will be severely limited, which might prevent it from taking adverse action on the user's device. The code for the app quarantine feature exists on Android 15, but it is yet to be enabled, according to the publication. Based on the current code, the feature will reportedly prevent a quarantined app from showing notifications, hide its windows and stop activities.

Indri becomes the fastest growing single malt whisky in the world

**A**mritsar : Indi Single Malt Whisky, India's 1st and most awarded triple cask single malt, by Picoadilly Distilleries, has further solidified India's growth story with Indi-Tini becoming the 'fastest growing single malt whisky in the world ever'. No other single malt whisky from Scotland, Japan, Taiwan or anywhere else in the world has ever been able to cross the 1,00,000 cases mark within two years of its launch. With this feat, Indi-Tini has shattered all expectations and broken into the elite club of top selling single malt whiskies in the world. With an unprecedented growth rate of 589% compared to last year, Indri is not just breaking records; it's reinventing the game. Indri has trailblazed its way to capture 30% market share in India. Picoadilly Distilleries with its ambitious expansion plans envisions to become one of the top 5 selling single malt whiskies in the world. Since its debut in November 2021, Indri's brand journey from inception to this extraordinary milestone has witnessed over 25 global covered accolades including Best Indian Single Malt at prestigious competitions like the World Whisky Awards and the International Whisky Competition.

How technologies like Alexa can empower elderly, persons with disabilities to live a healthier life

**C**handigarh: As we celebrated World Health Day, it's essential to recognize the role of technology in fostering healthier lifestyles in today's dynamic way of life, particularly for the elderly and people with disabilities. From setting reminders to staying on top of a medication schedule, practicing mindfulness, dietary recommendations to lifestyle modifications, voice AIs like Alexa can offer assistance tailored to diverse health needs, empowering individuals to take control of their health and make informed decisions. With Alexa integrated Echo smart speakers, users can have a companion that provides access to a wide range of tools and resources to help them prioritize their well-being.

Alexa facilitates the management of daily tasks, fostering smoother mornings, heightened productivity, and overall well-being. Control smart home appliances with simple voice commands such as "Alexa, switch on the geyser at 8:30 AM". Commands such as "Alexa, remind me to take my medicines at 9:00 PM every night" or "Alexa, send me reminders for my doctor's appointment this Friday", can help users to stay on top of

their routines. Additionally, users can look up products and groceries on Amazon, enjoy stories, jokes, and music, and set reminders for various tasks, further enriching their daily experiences.

Here are some ways technologies like Alexa can empower the elderly and persons with disability to live a healthier life:

Empower healthier living through informative insights on nutrition: Alexa serves as a comprehensive resource for promoting healthier lifestyles by offering a plethora of resources and guidance. From accessing recipes, offering healthier ingredient substitutes, checking calorie counts, and nutritional information, users have a repository of health-related information. Just ask "Alexa, how many calories in an aloo paratha?" or "Alexa, share Quinoa recipes" and make healthier dietary choices. Users can set reminders to stay hydrated, ensuring optimal water intake throughout the day by saying "Alexa, remind me to drink water every hour".

Assist users in maintaining a consistent workout schedule: Alexa offers exercise tips and curated workout playlists from various music providers, adding variety and motivation



for getting physically active. Users can request quick workouts, set timers for exercises like planks, and even practice yoga through various skills. For example, just ask "Alexa, give me an easy yoga exercise for building strength", "Alexa, set a timer for three minutes" to hold a plank or "Alexa, play the workout playlist from my Amazon Music."

Provide support to manage stress and mental well-being: Isolation and loneliness are common issues faced by the elderly with family living a distance away. Users can access meditation and mindfulness resources,

including the Audible sleep series, by simply asking "Alexa, help me sleep" to play Audible podcasts. Commands like "Alexa, play guided meditation" or "Alexa, play healing sounds" can foster a serene bedtime ambience, facilitating the establishment of a regular sleep routine.

Strengthen connection and bring loved ones closer: Alexa can help users to stay connected and socialize with friends and family, further enhancing their mental well-being. Through commands like "Alexa, open Bingo" or "Alexa, play the game Tic Tac Toe", fun games can be played with loved ones, fostering quality time with family. Furthermore, it enables users to drop in on elderly relatives using screen devices to video call them, via commands such as "Alexa, video call grandpa." This not only combats feelings of isolation but also promotes a sense of belonging and social engagement, contributing to their overall mental and emotional health.

On this World Health Day, let us recognize the collaborative role that technology can play in improving the health and lifestyle of people, catering to their diverse needs and preferences.

Seminar on Fire Safety held



**C**handigarh, April 18, 2024: In response to the growing concern for fire safety in educational institutions, AKSIPS 45 Smart School in collaboration with Fire & Security Association of India (FSAI) Chandigarh Chapter organized a comprehensive seminar on fire safety.

The event aimed to raise awareness among students regarding preventive measures and emergency protocols. Jasjit Singh Almast, President and Gursimran Kaur Secretary FSAI Chandigarh Chapter jointly lauded the efforts of School

management towards fire safety. Jasjeet Suri, Marine Faculty. Chitkara School of Maritime and expert in fire trainings as per requirements of DG Shipping explained to students the strategy FIRE, which stands for Find, Inform, Restrict, Extinguish. He also discussed evacuation procedures and the importance of fire drills. Additionally, he demonstrated the proper usage of different fire extinguishers for various types of fires. The session concluded with a quiz, and all queries were addressed by the resource person.

South Indian Bank signs MOU with Ashok Leyland Limited for Dealer Financing

**S**outh Indian Bank has signed an MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) with Ashok Leyland Limited for financing their dealers under the Bank's dealer finance program. Under this partnership, the Bank will provide unmatched dealer finance options to the dealers of Ashok Leyland Limited. With this tie-up, South Indian Bank aims to help the dealer partners of Ashok Leyland Limited, streamline vehicle inventory funding. This arrangement is mutually beneficial for the vehicle manufacturer, their dealers, and for South Indian Bank.

Speaking on the alliance, Ms. Bijji S S, Senior General Manager & Group Business Head, South Indian Bank said, "We are extremely happy to partner with Ashok Leyland Limited. Through our varied financial solutions, our goal is to offer convenient and complete financing



choices to the dealers. We believe that this partnership will meet the business needs of both organizations and create a strong positive impact." Speaking on the partnership, Mr. Gopal Mahadevan, Director and

Chief Financial Officer, Ashok Leyland Limited said, "We are pleased to partner with South Indian Bank. This alliance will offer appropriate inventory financing solutions to our network of dealers. We, Ashok Leyland and South Indian Bank, are committed to provide exceptional customer experiences."

The MoU was signed in the presence of Ms. Bijji S S, Senior General Manager & Group Business Head, South Indian Bank, Mr. Praveen Joy, Head-Transaction Banking Group, South Indian Bank, Mr. Bala Naga Anjaneyalu, Regional Head - Chennai, South Indian Bank, Ms. Karthika S, Zonal Sales Head - Corporate Business Group (Chennai), South Indian Bank, Mr. C. Neelakantan, Head-Treasury, Ashok Leyland, Mr. Madhusudhan D S, Head, Sales Finance, Ashok Leyland, and Mr. Saket Kumar, Head - Strategy, Ashok Leyland.

2K Said to Be Gearing Up for an Announcement on the Mafia Series

**M**afia developer Hangar 13 has been working on the next game in franchise for a few years. Official updates and information about the new Mafia title have been scarce since its existence was confirmed in 2022. The game was initially

rumoured to be a prequel, with reported plans to develop it in Unreal Engine 5. Now, after almost two years since the unnamed Mafia game was first confirmed, publisher 2K is reportedly close to making an official announcement about the series.

A reliable games industry leaker has claimed that the Take-Two subsidiary is set to provide an update on the Mafia series. In a post on X Tuesday, video game researcher @Kurakasis said that 2K was gearing up for a Mafia announcement.

4 digestive issues that may indicate severe fatty liver

**P**atials : Fatty Liver disease is a condition that occurs due to the accumulation of excess fats in the liver cells. While some fats are normal, their excess can be harmful and can cause several health complications. A small amount may not harm, but it becomes an issue of concern if it reaches 5% or 10% of our liver's weight. As the liver plays an important role in digestion, it is not surprising that digestive issues can be an early signal of severe fatty liver illness.

Dr. Gurbakhshish Singh Sidhu, Senior Consultant - Medical Gastroenterology, Manipal Hospital, Patiala highlights some of the most common digestive issues that indicate signs of

fatty liver disease.

Persistent abdominal pain: One of the primary symptoms associated with severe fatty liver illness is persistent abdominal pain. As the liver becomes infiltrated with excessive fat, it swells and enlarges, putting pressure on the surrounding organs and the abdominal cavity. This can lead to discomfort and a feeling of fullness in the upper right side of the abdomen.

Nausea and vomiting: The liver plays a crucial role in processing and detoxifying various substances in the body, including those absorbed through the digestive system. When the liver is overloaded with fat, its ability to function efficiently is



disrupted, leading to a buildup of toxins in the body. This buildup results in nausea and vomiting, as the body attempts to get rid itself of harmful substances.

The Sleep Company debuts in Ludhiana

**L**UDHIANA: The Sleep Company (TSC), India's leading comfort-tech brand, proudly announces the inauguration of its newest retail outlet in Ludhiana. Located at Sarabha Nagar in the city, the store also marks TSC's debut in Punjab. With 15 thriving outlets already enriching the sleep experience in the Delhi region, TSC is now geared up to bring its remarkable deep sleep solutions to the people of Punjab. This demonstrates another significant stride in the company's mission to redefine comfort and promote well-being across India. Recognizing the growing demand for quality sleep products and ergonomic seating solutions, the company has strategically expanded its retail footprint to cater to the evolving needs of consumers. Capitalising on the insights acquired from online sales conducted via their website, led the company to open a physical outlet in the city, where customers could touch and feel the products. The Sleep Company is aware of how crucial it is for potential buyers to experience a product before making a purchase decision. Health experts recommend seven hours of comfortable sleep per night.



Motorola launches Moto G64 5G with MediaTek Dimensity 7025 chip, 6000mAh battery

**A**mritsar: Motorola, India's best smartphone brand, today announced the launch of moto g64 5G - a leading 5G smartphone in the segment. The moto g64 5G disrupts the sub 15k



smartphone market with the World's first MediaTek™ Dimensity 7025 Processor and Segment's best 6000mAh Battery and with Segment's leadership share 50MP OIS Camera with Quad Pixel Technology at just Rs. 14,999 (Rs. 13,999 including offers). Along with a leading processor, bat-

tery, and camera it also features segment's best in-built 12GB RAM + 256GB Storage smartphone in its segment priced at Rs. 16,999 (Rs. 15,999 including offers). The moto g64 5G boasts the World's First MediaTek Dimensity 7025 Processor, a powerful octa-core processor offering frequencies up to 2.5GHz. This incredibly fast processor is capable of delivering ultrafast performance. This allows the users to make the most out of their device and experience gaming without glitches and smoother videos as well as better photography experience with its latest Imagiq technology powered by MediaTek for better night light photography. Also, with its superfast 5G powered with the highest in the segment 14 5G Bands with VoNR and 4x4 MIMO and 3 carrier aggregation, users can download games and movies at lightning-fast speeds without worrying about battery life.

The moto g64 5G offers unbelievable battery life with its massive 6000mAh battery, which is the best in its segment and allows heavy smartphone usage for hours on end. Additionally, it also charges up fast with TurboPower™ 33W charger which allows for extended hours of video chatting, gaming, and binge-watching.

Dialog, Axiata Group and Bharti Airtel sign Definitive Agreement to Merge Operations in Sri Lanka

**D**ialog Axiata PLC ("Dialog"), Axiata Group Berhad ("Axiata") and Bharti Airtel Limited ("Bharti Airtel") (collectively "the Parties"), signed a Definitive Agreement to combine their operations in Sri Lanka. Under this agreement, Dialog will acquire 100% of the issued shares in Airtel Lanka, in consideration of which Dialog will issue to Bharti Airtel, ordinary voting shares which will amount to 10.355% of the total issued shares of Dialog by way of a share swap. The transaction is subject to the approval of Dialog's shareholders and is pending the completion of specific conditions outlined in the Share Sale Agreement, including clearance from the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) and completion of other applicable legal, corporate and regulatory

compliance procedures. The Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (TRCSL) has granted its approval for the proposed merger, underscoring its vision to advance the adoption of telecommunications services across Sri Lanka.

This consolidation will enable the merged entity to garner economies of scale and reduce duplication of infrastructure, achieve synergies in technology and capital expenditure leading to enhanced high speed broadband connectivity, voice and value added services, cost savings and operational efficiencies. Vivek Sood, Group CEO and Managing Director of Axiata Group Berhad said, "The merger between Dialog and Airtel Lanka is aligned to Axiata's strategy of market consolidation and resilience.

Bangur Cement launches an innovative multimedia campaign inspiring citizens to Vote

**P**ANIPAT / ROHTAK : Bangur Cement unveiled a new multimedia campaign inspiring the citizens of the nation to exercise their right to vote. The campaign, 'Vote Solid, Desh Solid', highlights the importance of each individual's vote in making the nation more solid. The campaign is innovative because it is a sequel to the previous brand launch campaign featuring popular Bollywood star Sunny Deol. The key message of the campaign is 'Vote Solid, Desh Solid'. Just as Bangur Cement helps you build a solid home, you can help build a solid nation by exercising your right to vote. Further, the brand encourages citizens to take a pledge to vote, through its "Vote Ka Vachan" button on its website votekavachan.bangurcement.com. Bangur Cement has pledged to donate 1 KG of cement for every pledge to vote which would be used for social welfare purposes. Bangur Cement is tying up with relevant NGOs and Self Help Groups to help fulfil this pledge. Speaking about the campaign, Mr. Neeraj Akhouri, Managing Director, Shree Cement, said, "Bangur Cement's 'Vote Solid Desh Solid' campaign and the 'Vote Ka Vachan' pledge are a continued reflection of our commitment for building a progressive nation with inclusive growth through our brands, products and network."

realme unveils the Best Player with Performance and Display in segment-realme P Series 5G

**A**mritsar/Jalandhar:- New Delhi, April 15th, 2024 - realme, India's Most Reliable Smartphone Service Provider, is thrilled to announce the launch of its latest realme P Series 5G smartphones - realme P1 Pro 5G and realme P1 5G. The two cutting-edge devices are set to disrupt the mid-range smartphone segment with their superior performance, exceptional user experience, and exclusive availability on Flipkart for Indian customers. Alongside the new P Series realme will also launch its realme Pad 2, Wi-Fi variant and realme T110 buds. Commenting on the launch, a realme spokesperson said, "We are thrilled to introduce the realme P Series 5G, a smartphone that is set to redefine performance standards in the smartphone industry. With the realme P Series 5G, we have introduced cutting-edge technology and advanced features that will redefine the mid-range segment. Additionally, we are also excited to launch the realme Pad 2, Wi-Fi variant and realme T110 buds alongside the new P Series. We believe these smartphones and the AIOT products will further solidify our position as a brand that offers innovative and trendsetting smartphones.

SWACH Accelerator Program for start-ups unveiled



**M**ohali, Apr 18, 2024: Innovation Mission Punjab, IIT Ropar Technology Innovation Foundation AwaDH: Agriculture & Water Development Hub, and India Sanitation Coalition announced the launch of SWACH, an Accelerator Program dedicated to empowering start-up's in the WASH sector (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene). SWACH, which stands for Sanitation and Water Action for Conserving Humanity, is set to create a significant impact in the landscape of the WASH sector by providing tailored support, mentorship, funding, and networking opportunities to innovative entrepreneurs across India.

impeccable wave to bolster R&D, innovation, and entrepreneurship in sanitation & water management, providing start-ups with resources to develop scalable solutions for a cleaner, healthier future."

Pramod Bhasin (Chairman - Innovation Mission Punjab, Founder - Genpact), said in his statement, "I'm delighted to support the collaborative endeavors targeting vital public health & sustainable development issues. The SWACH Accelerator arrives as a timely & essential solution to address pressing concerns. Together, we have an opportunity to make significant strides in enhancing millions of lives through access to clean water, adequate sanitation & hygiene." Naina Lal Kidwai, India Sanitation Coalition (ISC) & Former President-FICCI said, "By developing a sustainable entrepreneurial ecosystem and encouraging private sector participation, the SWACH accelerator holds immense promise in revolutionizing sanitation efforts and plastic waste management across urban and rural communities.

In a unique collaboration where the technical prowess of IIT Ropar AwaDH, the business acumen of Innovation Mission Punjab, and the sectoral expertise of India Sanitation Coalition, SWACH is uniquely positioned to drive impactful change. Leveraging the entrepreneurial spirit of start-ups with cutting-edge research, SWACH aims to catalyze transformative solutions that address critical challenges in water accessibility, sanitation, and hygiene practices.

Prof. Rajeev Ahuja (Director - IIT Ropar & IIT Guwahati) in a statement said, "I'm pleased to announce the launch of the SWACH Accelerator Program & assure that this program will foster an

Norwegian Cruise Line unveils All new Culinary Experiences

**C**HANDIGARH - Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL) revealed fresh, new culinary and beverage experiences debuting aboard Norwegian Aqua, the Company's next evolution new build and first vessel of the expanded Prima Plus Class, setting sail in April 2025.

In line with the Company's commitment to delivering the ultimate vacation experience, Norwegian Aqua will boast three brand-new onboard offerings including Sukhothai, NCL's first-ever Thai specialty restaurant; Swirl Wine Bar, a new, upscale wine bar; and Planterie, the Brand's first dedicated eatery offering a full plant-based menu; in addition to returning guest favorites.

"Discovering new flavors and dining experiences is such a memorable part of any vacation, especially when you share it with those who matter most to you," said David J. Herrera, president of Norwegian Cruise Line.



"Expanding on our award-winning food and beverage program, we're looking forward to bringing new concepts to life aboard Norwegian Aqua, while continuing to deliver on the variety of available offerings and value that NCL delivers."

Making its debut on the all-new Norwegian Aqua is Sukhothai, the Company's first-ever Thai specialty restaurant, featuring an eclectic menu with

authentic, traditional offerings with creative, dynamic flavors. Guests can look forward to a new spin on traditional staples, such as Thai Cashew Chicken; Salt and Pepper Prawns; Thai Grilled Steak Salad; a variety of complementing curries and so much more. At the returning guest-favorite Indulge Food Hall, a new eatery, Planterie, will offer plant-based bowls and other healthy options.



**NARESH GARG**  
**LADWA:** BJP leader and social worker Sandeep Garg met the sarpanches of Ladwa block at his office in Ladwa Anajmandi and took information about the problems being faced in their villages. BJP leader Sandeep Garg said that whatever development works are stalled



in the village will be completed soon. He said that the Sarpanch

of the village is the head of the village and all the functions of the village are in the hands of the Sarpanch. He said that when the Sarpanch is elected, the people of the village vote for their representative and make him sit on the chair of the Sarpanch so that he can take decisions in the interests of the

village and work for the welfare of the village. He said that if the Sarpanch wants, he can make the impossible possible. He said that he knows that there are some problems in the villages, but they will be resolved soon. He said that the Sarpanch of any village will not be allowed to face any problem.

# CEO to address queries related to Lok Sabha elections today

**SHASHI PAL JAIN**  
**CHANDIGARH, APRIL 18**

In a unique initiative, Punjab Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Sibin C will go live on social media platform Facebook from 11:00 am to 11:30 am on Friday, April 19 to respond to queries raised by voters related to Lok Sabha Elections 2024. The live event has been named 'Talk to Your CEO Punjab'.

Divulging the details, Sibin C said that various programs are being run to achieve the goal of 'Is Vaar 70 Paar' and to make people aware about voting. Preceding the Facebook Live event, a regular podcast has also been launched by the Office of the CEO highlighting key aspects of the electoral process such as



voter registration, voting process and the importance of citizens' participation in voting so as to enhance voter awareness and people's participation.

Sibin C said that he will go live on the official page

@TheCeoPunjab on Facebook and answer the queries of the people related to the Lok Sabha Elections from 11:00 am to 11:30 pm on Friday, April 19. He added that during this half-an-hour live

session one can ask queries and also give their grievances and suggestions by commenting on the post. Questions or suggestions can be asked during the live session or can be sent via Facebook, Instagram, or X before 11 am.

The CEO further said that the purpose of this live is to allay the apprehensions of the people about the elections and motivate them to actively participate in the voting process. Sibin C said that his office is constantly updating the instructions and details related to the Lok Sabha elections 2024 on social media handles (Facebook, Instagram, X and YouTube) and recently it has secured the second position across the country for playing an active role on social media platforms.

**DARSHAN SHARMA**  
**NILOKHERI, APRIL 18**

In order to speed up the Lok Sabha elections and to intensify public relations among the common people to get them to vote in favor of BJP, Lok Sabha in-charge Yamunanagar MLA Ghanshyam Das Arora held a meeting of the core committee and election steering committee here on Thursday. Ghanshyam Das Arora called upon every worker to fulfill their responsibility with full devotion to give an unprecedented victory to former Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar from Karnal. He said that it was certain that the government would be formed at the Center with a historic majority under the leadership of Narendra Modi, and by



winning ten seats in Haryana, the BJP will set a record like in 2019. District President Yogendra Rana praised the tenure of the Modi government and the success of the Haryana government. He called workers to take public welfare policies to every person. In the meeting held under the chairmanship of Assembly Election Coordinator Bhagwan Das

Kabirpanthi, Jagdev Padha, Amar Nath Sauda, Shiv Nath Kapoor, Subhash Chandra, Sanjay Rana, Rajbir Sharma, Ramesh Chuchra, Mahipal Rana, Balbir Maratha, Karnaveer Sharma, Sheesh Pal Gupta, Rajeev Narang, Davinder Kamra, Chamel Singh, Virendra Sharma, Mahendra Kumar, Jaswant Singh were specially present.

## Gourav Kamboj secures 9th position in Kurukshetra University examinations



**RAHUL KOHLI**  
**JAGADHRI:** Guru Nanak Khalsa College, Yamunanagar, is elated by the remarkable achievement of Gourav, a student of M.Com Previous, who has brought great honour to our institution by securing the 9th position in the first-semester examinations conducted by Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra. Dr. Harinder Singh Kang, Principal of Guru Nanak Khalsa College, expressed his immense pride in Gourav's outstanding academic performance, stating, Gourav's achievement is a testament to his dedication and hard work. He has not only made the college proud but also set a commendable example for his peers. Dr. Jaswinder Kaur, Dean of the Department of Commerce, commended Gourav's academic excellence, remarking, that Gourav has demonstrated exceptional proficiency in his studies. During the felicitation ceremony, Dr. Kamalpreet Kaur Vice Principal, Dr. Sanjay Arora, Head of the Commerce Department, along with Dr. Ashok Khurana, Dr. Rajinder Singh Vohra congratulated Gourav on his remarkable accomplishment.

## Punjab Additional CEO reviews poll preparedness at Kapurthala

**ASHISHPURI**  
**KAPURTHALA, APRIL 18**

Punjab Additional Chief Electoral Officer Harish Nayyar today reviewed the poll preparedness and election related activities by holding a meeting with officials here at District Administrative Complex. The Additional CEO Harish Nayyar emphasises the need to time put in place all the required arrangements so as the voters could cast their vote in a seamless manner. He said that ongoing awareness activities should be intensified at grassroots level so as to encourage voters for voting thus the ECI's goal 'Is Vaar 70 Paar' (this time voting percentage should be above 70 percent).



While holding a meeting with Deputy Commissioner Amit Kumar Panchal, SSP Vatsala Gupta and other senior official, the Additional CEO instructed them to make sure adequate arrangements for convenience of voters at the polling booths in view of weather conditions in the month of June. He said tents, where needed, and other facilities for voters' convenience should be made

well within the time. Nayyar also directed that maximum people should be involved in activities for disseminating awareness among the voters especially the youngsters to make use of their right. Meanwhile, deputy commissioner-cum-district election officer Amit Kumar Panchal apprised the Additional CEO that of total four assembly segments, Kapurthala and Sultanpur

## JJP will contest LS elections with full strength on all seats: Digvijay



**NARESH GARG**  
**LADWA:** JJP Principal General Secretary Digvijay Singh Chautala held a meeting of workers regarding Lok Sabha elections today at office of Zilla Parishad Ward 7 member and Jannayak Janata Party's Ladwa Halka Pradhan Jasbir Panjeta. Principal General Secretary Digvijay Chautala said that JJP party has announced its representatives on 5 Lok Sabha seats in Haryana and will soon announce its candidates for the remaining five Lok Sabha seats. He said that JAP will contest the Lok Sabha elections with full strength on all the seats of state. He said that former Deputy Chief Minister of Haryana, Dushyant Chautala, while being in the alliance, worked to take the state forward and served the people of the state fully. He said that this time the BJP government has given the slogan of 400, last time in the assembly elections it had also given the slogan of 75 and it was limited to 40 seats only. Something similar is going to happen this time also in Lok Sabha elections.

## Naveen Jindal is an aerial leader, he has no knowledge of ground: Lali Sharma

**KULBHUSHAN SHARMA**  
**GUHLA-CHIKKA:** Alliance candidate from Kurukshetra parliamentary constituency, Dr. Sushil Gupta will create history by winning with a huge margin, because the people of entire Haryana including Kurukshetra parliamentary constituency were fed up with the dictatorship of the BJP government. Now the people of Haryana have made up their mind to vote in favor of the alliance. State President of Rahul Gandhi Youth Organization, Lali Sharma said the above words while talking to journalists. He said that BJP candidate Naveen Jindal had come from abroad only to get the ticket and after getting the ticket, he then went abroad to do his business. He said that if the people here were wise, they knew that if they elected such a person as MP, then they would have to go abroad to get their work done. He said that Naveen Jindal was an aerial leader so he has no knowledge of the ground. Naveen has been completely missing from Haryana for the last ten years and has now has come to the land of Kurukshetra to collect votes wearing the BJP flag. But the people of this region understood very well that there was no use in voting for such leaders who stayed abroad all the time. He said that Dr. Sushil Gupta was an honest and down to earth leader who understood the pain and suffering of the people very well and was always ready to get people's work done. Lali Sharma said that even during his tenure as Rajya Sabha MP, Dr. Sushil Gupta has got development work done by giving grants at many places and if he was elected by the people as MP from Kurukshetra parliamentary constituency, then he would work to create a river of development in Kurukshetra.



## St. Joseph celebrates 34th anniversary with pomp

**MANISH KUMAR**

**AMBALA:** The 34th anniversary of St. Joseph's School located in Ambala city was celebrated with great fervour. A colorful program was organized on this occasion. School Director Kiran Banerjee lit the lamp and paid homage to the late Chairman. After this the program was launched. In which songs and beautiful dances were presented by the students. During the cake cutting of the 34th anniversary of the school, Baby Aayat extended her full support and enjoyed dancing and singing along with the cake cutting. It is the result of the incalculable hard work of Director Ma'am that the school was celebrating its 34th anniversary today with great success. At the end of the program, Director Kiran Banerjee, Deputy Director Ashima Kiran Banerjee, Senior Manager Abhijeet and Principal Bhavana Chhibber heartily congratulated all the students and teachers on the 34th anniversary of the school. The Director gave the message of love and brotherhood on this occasion of annual festival, which was very much needed in today's society. Also advised to make good use of time and told that one's goal can be achieved only by making good use of time.



## Celebration of Ram Navami at Chhachhrauli Temple



**PRITI SAINI**

**SADHAURA:** Shyam Sundar Batra, the district Congress coordinator and former chairman of the Yamunanagar Zila Parishad, welcomed the procession held on the auspicious occasion of Ram Navami at Chhachhrauli. He extended greetings to everyone for Ram Navami and wished for the happiness of all communities. The temple committee members honored Shyam Sundar Batra with an idol of Lord Ram. He mentioned that this festival is dedicated to Lord Ram and is celebrated as his birthday, following the nine-day worship of Goddess Shakti during Navratri. The birth anniversary of Lord Ram was celebrated with grandeur through a procession. Elders, children, youth, and women participated in the procession. Shyam Sundar Batra, district Congress coordinator and former chairman of Yamunanagar Zila Parishad, along with Santosh, Rajkumar, Bobby Mittal, Akash Batra, state secretary of Youth Congress, Ankur, Panjaj, Sachin Joshi, Jitendra Sethi, Bhola Mehta, Deepak Goyal, and others were present on the occasion.

## Service and philanthropy the identity of Indians: Krishna Bedi



**KAPIL ARORA**  
**SHAHABAD MARKANDA, APRIL 18**

On the occasion of the holy Navratri, the thirst of the devotees was quenched by installing Chhabeel at Rama Sales located on Ladwa Road. Rama Sales directors Rajesh Gupta and Mahesh Gupta said that during Navratri, hundreds of devotees from far and wide come to the fair of Maa Bhagwati. Chhabeel was installed every year to serve the devotees. He told that this year Jaljeera was distributed to the devotees. Former minister Krishna Bedi, who came to serve the devotees, said that the spirit of service and charity was the identity of Indians. He said that whatever the festival be, everyone celebrated it together and the land of Shahabad was the holy land of Baba Rishi Markandeya. The people here were always ready for service. Karnaraj Singh Toor, Kulwant Rai, Shivesh Gupta, Dinesh Sachdeva, Naresh Gupta, Vikram Vicky, Arvind Saini, were present on this occasion.

## Electing Banto Kataria with double votes will pay true tribute to Rattan Lal Kataria: BS Sandhu



**MANISH KUMAR**  
**AMBALA:** Retired DGP B.S. Sandhu stated that electing BJP candidate Banto Kataria with double the votes would pay a true tribute to Rattan Lal Kataria. These words were spoken by Sandhu during a meeting with his old acquaintances and friends at Surendra Ghai Titu's residence in Sector-7, Ambala city. Sandhu mentioned that he has had a long-standing relationship with the Kataria family. Rattan Lal Kataria was a noble and kind-hearted individual who consistently advocated for the voices of the poor and weaker sections of society. He worked with Sandhu on various issues related to helping the underprivileged, establishing a long-lasting connection between the two families. Sandhu also praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's efforts to lead the country towards becoming the world's fifth-largest economy. Furthermore, he commended Ambala's MLA and Minister Aseem Goyal's excellent working style, stating that his work has brought pride to Ambala city and propelled its development to new heights.

## ACS Shrikant Walgad visits Gharaunda grain market



**DR ASHOK KUMAR**

**KARNAL:** Haryana Fisheries Department's Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) Shrikant Walgad today visited Gharaunda grain market and took stock of wheat procurement and lifting process. He gave necessary instructions to officials to speed up wheat lifting. Walgad said that today he visited Gharaunda grain market along with HAFED, Haryana Warehousing Corporation and Food and Supply officials. All concerned officials assured full cooperation in wheat procurement and not allowing farmers to face any kind of problem. He said that so far four lakh metric tonnes of wheat has arrived in this market. SDM Rajesh Soni has assured to speed up the wheat lifting work. Regarding the procurement of DBW 187 and 222 varieties of wheat, he instructed the officials to report this matter to district officials of various procurement agencies so that problem can be resolved soon. ACS checked the moisture content of wheat from different lots using moisture meters, which was found to be slightly more than the prescribed quantity. SDM Rajesh Soni said that out of the arrival so far, 42 percent wheat has been lifted in Gharaunda grain market.

## BLOs should also perform their election duties with dedication and honesty: ARO



**MAINPAL KASHYAP**

**INDRI:** To ensure fair and free Lok Sabha elections 2024, Assistant Election Officer Ashok Kumar held a meeting of BLOs of Block Indri in the auditorium of the Block Development and Panchayat Officer's office and gave necessary guidelines. Assistant Election Officer Ashok Kumar told in the meeting that no changes of any kind will be made in the booths which have been marked by the administration and it must be ensured in time that all types of facilities are available at the booths. He said that the application related to voting should be verified properly and the complete details of the voter should be filled in the application properly. He said that all BLOs must have all the information related to the voting process in their respective booths. Assistant Election Officer told that during the elections, avoid any kind of temptation given by the workers of any political party and stay away from any such activities. He said that they must motivate people to vote as much as possible and especially by identifying those booths where the voting percentage is low, they must motivate more and more people to vote. He also told all the BLOs that they must be present at their booths on the day of voting so that differences arising during voting process can be resolved immediately.

## Govt will continue to serve people: Manohar Lal



**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA**

**KARNAL:** Former Chief Minister of the state and BJP candidate from Karnal Lok Sabha, Manohar Lal said that the BJP government has been serving the people and will continue to do so in the future. I will always stand with you. Be it solving the problems of your area or working shoulder to shoulder, Manohar Lal will not shy away from serving the public as long as he has life in his body. Manohar Lal was addressing the cluster public meeting organised in Panipat. He was given a warm welcome upon reaching the venue. Addressing the gathering, Manohar Lal said that corruption was at its peak during the tenure of the previous government. The BJP government ended it. People's work was done by paying lakhs of rupees. Now people's work is being done transparently without money. Now slips and expenses do not work. Jobs are available on the basis of merit and qualification. The government is working to take care of every section. The benefits of government schemes are reaching every person.



NEWS BRIEF

"Most expensive player can't be your weak link": Irfan Pathan takes indirect dig at KKR star

New delhi: Former India all-rounder Irfan Pathan took an indirect dig at the most expensive player in Indian Premier League (IPL) history, Mitchell Starc, as his lean form continued against the Rajasthan Royals in the ongoing season. The experienced Australian pacer, who is renowned for his seaming yorker, was acquired by KKR for a record-breaking price tag of Rs 24.75 crore.

During KKR's narrow defeat, Starc gave away 50 runs at an economy of 12.50 in his four-over spell. Irfan took to X to voice his concern over Starc's form and stated, "Most expensive player in your team can't be your weak link."

Starc showed signs of returning to his prime during Kolkata's 8-wicket win over the Lucknow Super Giants. With a consistent line and length, the left-arm pacer picked up three wickets in his four-over spell while spilling away 28 runs.

Starc opened the attack for KKR and conceded 11 runs in the opening over, which set the tone for the high-scoring chase. In the powerplay, Starc bowled two overs, went wicketless, and spill 24 runs out of 76. As he struggled to provide the hosts with an ideal start, Varun Arora and Harshit Rana claimed a wicket each to put pressure back on R/R.

Cricketer fraternity hails Buttler's heroic knock against KKR

New delhi: The cricket fraternity hailed Jos Buttler for his record-topping century against the Kolkata Knight Riders, which guided the Rajasthan Royals to a two-wicket win in the ongoing Indian Premier League at the iconic Eden Gardens. Buttler, who struggled in the first couple of games in the IPL, managed to tap into his rich vein of form and produce a masterclass with the bat. While chasing a massive total of 224, the 33-year-old opening batter kept R/R's hopes alive even when the team needed 79 runs in the final five overs.

Former England captain Michael Vaughan labelled Buttler's knocks as "surely one of the greatest ever T20 innings... absolutely incredible @josbuttler."

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England's current Test skipper, Ben Stokes, hailed Buttler and his ability to read the game. "Genuinely would have been more surprised if @josbuttler didn't finish that game off when Powell got out, that's how good the man is...his ability to read game situations and take emotion out of it is what sets him apart."

Stokes wrote on X. Former India all-rounder Irfan Pathan lavished praise on the England star and wrote on X, "RR ka Jos high hai boss."

Former England cricketer Raman Subba Row dies at 92, ICC expresses condolences

New Delhi: The International Cricket Council (ICC) has condoled the demise of former England Test cricketer and ICC Match Referee Raman Subba Row. He was 92.

ICC General Manager of Cricket Wasim Khan said Subba Row was also one of the earliest ICC Match Referees and ably officiated in different parts of the world. "It is sad to hear of the passing of Raman and I would like to extend deepest condolences on behalf of everyone at the ICC. Raman was a respected cricketer of his era, who went on to become the Chair of the Test and County Cricket Board. He was also one of the earliest ICC Match Referees, officiating very ably in different parts of the world," Wasim Khan was quoted as saying by ICC.

Subba Row officiated in 41 Tests and 119 ODIs from 1992 to 2001.

A left-handed batter who played 13 Tests from 1958 to 1961, Subba Row scored 984 runs with three centuries, including one in his last Test against Australia at The Oval.

World Championship of Legends: Veterans to represent their country in fresh format

Birmingham: Cricket enthusiasts worldwide are witnessing a groundbreaking shift in the legendary game of cricket through the World Championship of Legends. Here's why this championship is reshaping the cricketing landscape.

Firstly, it stands out as the only league in its category approved by a Test Playing Nation. This validation brings a new level of prestige and authenticity to the championship.

Secondly, the matches are set to unfold on the iconic grounds of Edgbaston. These hallowed cricketing grounds hold a rich history and add an aura of grandeur to the championship.

One of the distinctive features of this league is that players will proudly don their country's colors while competing. This patriotic display adds a layer of pride and passion to the matches, fostering a deeper connection with fans. A highlight of the championship is the India versus Pakistan clash, a rivalry steeped in cricketing lore. This showdown not only ignites the competitive spirit but also captures the imagination of fans worldwide.

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Take notice that, in default of his/her appearance on the day before mentioned, the above said case will be heard and determined in his/her absence according to law. Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 16-04-2024.

Civil Judge Jr. Div. Chandigarh

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Sports

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Chennai Super Kings batter Devon Conway ruled out IPL 2024 due to injury



CHENNAI: Chennai Super Kings (CSK) batter Devon Conway has been ruled out of the remainder of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024 due to an injury.

IPL in an official statement announced on Thursday that Conway ruled out IPL 2024 due to an injury while CSK added Richard Gleeson to the squad.

The New Zealand batter, who represented CSK over the course of the last two IPL seasons, played 23 matches and scored 924 runs, which included 9 half-centuries and a highest score of 92 not out.

Conway was already expected to miss the first half due to surgery on his injured thumb. The left-handed batter was a key architect of CSK's title success last year, scoring 672 runs in 15 innings and averaging an incredible 51.69.

CSK signed England fast bowler Richard Gleeson to the squad for the remainder of the IPL 2024.

"Gleeson has represented England in 6 T20Is and has 9 wickets against his name. Additionally, Gleeson has played 90 T20s and

picked 101 T20 wickets. He will join CSK for his reserve price of INR 50 Lac," the statement further read.

In his debut T20I, he picked up a three-wicket

haul against India which included the scalps of Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, and Rishabh Pant.

The right-arm pacer has taken over 100 wickets in

T20s, including a five-wicket haul. He has also taken 143 wickets in first-class cricket.

Meanwhile, CSK sit at the third position in the points table with four wins

in 6 matches, claiming 8 points. The five-time champions will take on Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) in their next IPL match at the Ekana Cricket Stadium on Friday.

## Meg Lanning reveals struggles leading to her early retirement



CHENNAI: Chennai Super Kings (CSK) batter Devon Conway has been ruled out of the remainder of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024 due to an injury.

IPL in an official statement announced on Thursday that Conway ruled out IPL 2024 due to an injury while CSK added Richard Gleeson to the squad.

The New Zealand batter, who represented CSK over the course of the last two IPL seasons, played 23 matches and scored 924 runs, which

COURT NOTICE

(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)

IN THE COURT OF Sh. Mayank Marwaha Civil Judge Jr. Div. Chandigarh

Next Date, Purpose of case, Orders and Judgments as well as other case information is available on <http://courts.gov.in>

OM PARKASH Vs. LAKHMIR SINGH KALSII

CNR No. CHCH02-003302-2021

Next Date:- 20-05-2024

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Whereas it has been proved to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendant(s)/respondent(s) above named cannot be served in the ordinary way of service. Hence, this proclamation under order 5 Rule 20 CPC is hereby issued against him/them and should appear personally or through their counsel on 20-05-2024 at 10.00 a.m.

Take notice that, in default of his/her appearance on the day before mentioned, the above said case will be heard and determined in his/her absence according to law. Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 16-04-2024.

Civil Judge Jr. Div. Chandigarh

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HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED

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Whereas, The Authorised Officer Of Hdb Financial Services Limited Under The Securitization And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 (64 Of 2002) And In Exercise Of Powers Conferred Under Section 13(12) Read With Rules 3. Of The Security Interest (enforcement) Rules, 2002 Issued Demand Notice To The Borrowers As Detailed Hereunder, Calling Upon The Borrowers To Repay The Amount Mentioned In The Said Notice With All Costs, Charges And Expenses Till Actual Date Of Payment Within 60 Days From The Date Of Receipt Of The Same. The Said Borrower/co-borrower Having Failed To Repay The Amount, Notice Is Hereby Given To Borrower/co-borrower And The Public In General That The Undersigned In Exercise Of Powers Conferred On It Under Section 13(4) Of The Said Act R/w Rule 8 Of The Said Rules Has Taken Physical Possession Of The Property Described Hereunder On The Date Mentioned Alongwith. The Borrowers In Particular And Public In General Are Hereby Cautioned Not To Deal With The Property And Any Dealings With The Property Will Be Subject To The Charge Of Hdb Financial Services Limited For The Amount Specified Herein With Future Interest, Costs And Charges From The Respective Date. Details Of Borrower/ Co-borrower/guarantors, Loan Account Number, Loan Amount, Details Of Security, Date Of Demand Notice, Claimed Amount; Date Of Possession Are Given Herein Below

1) Name And Address Of The Borrower / Co- Borrower / Guarantor; 2) Loan Account Number; 3) Loan Amount; 4) Date Of Demand Notice; 5) Claimed Amount In Inr; 6) Details Of Securities; 7) Date Of Possession

1) Name Of The Borrower & Co- Borrowers -Gurcharan Singh: H.No. 4 Golden Enclave Village Loahgarh Zirakpur S.A.S Nagar Mohali, And Also H.No.28 Golden Enclave Village Loahgarh Zirakpur Distt Mohali. Also At- Banur Patiala Road Near Sale Tax Barrier Banur. 2. Kirandeep Kaur (deceased Through Legal Heirs) Manjinder Singh, Gurcharan Singh Both R/O H.No. 4 Golden Enclave Village Loahgarh Zirakpur Distt Mohali Also At- H.No. 28 Golden Enclave Village Loahgarh Zirakpur Distt S.A.S Nagar Mohali. -Loan Account No. 618972 & 124251: Loan Amount: Total Rs. 9663531/- (RUPEES Ninety Six Lakh Sixty Three Thousand Five Hundred Thirty one Only) Demand Notice Date: 17.08.2020, Amount Claimed: Rs. 19706168.38/- (Rupees One Crore Ninety Seven lakh Six Thousand one Hundred Sixty Eight and Paisea Thirty Eight Only) as of 17th Aug 2020 and future contractual interest till actual realization together with incidental expenses, cost and charges etc. - Details Of Security: All the piece and parcel of property bearing H.No. 28, Golden Enclave, Village Loahgarh Road Zirakpur 146001 Measuring 333 Sq.Yds. in Khewat/Khatoni no. 330/350 - 422/638 comprised under khasra no. 32/83(1-5), b 33/10/3(4-8),11/13-12,11/23-16), 19/3-3),20/2(6-1) Kitta 6 rabga 22 Kanal 5 Marla Is 99/4005 Share, Share 11 Marla, situated at HB No. 46 village Loahgarh, Tehsil-Zirakpur, Distt.Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar (Mohali) Punjab, Registered as per sale deed bearing no. 9864 dated 03-03-2010 recorded in the name of Gurcharan Singh S/o Sh. Ram Kishan Singh - 7) Date Of Physical Possession: 12.04.2024

2) Name Of The Borrower & Co- Borrowers : AR Collections Shop No. 8, Karam Chand Market, New Model House, Jalandhar 2. Santosh Kumari R/o H.No.18, Rameshwar Colony, Near nakodar Road, Jalandhar, 3.Avinash Bhatia R/o H.No.18, Rameshwar Colony, Near nakodar Road, Jalandhar, 4.Sunit Bhatia H.No.18, Rameshwar Colony, Near nakodar Road, Jalandhar -Loan Account No. 21841437: LOAN AMOUNT: Total Rs.70,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy Lakhs Only) Demand Notice Date: 16.02.2023, Amount Claimed: Rs. 71.96.325/- (Rupees Seventy One Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Five Only) as of 14th Feb 2023 and future contractual interest till actual realization together with incidental expenses, cost and charges etc. - Details Of Security: All the piece and parcel of property Measuring 9 Marla 162 Sq.Ft. comprised in Khasra No.3245/3246/28187/24057, Situated at Rameshwar Colony, Near Nakodar Road, Jalandhar, Property Owned by Santosh Kumari w/o Ajit Bhatia, Registered as per Sale Deed Bearing No.8287 Dated 27.12.1989. Bounded as East: Kashmir Kaur (75), West:Atma Ram (75), North: Others(27), South: Road 20 wide - 7) Date Of Physical Possession: 16.04.2024.

The Borrowers' Attention Is Invited To Provisions Of Sub-section (8) Of Section 13 Of The Act, In Respect Of Time Available To Redeem The Secured Asset.

For Any Query Please Contact Mr. Naval Kishore: 7896442530, HDB Financial Services Limited, BRANCH OFFICE: 1st Floor, SCO-70, Sector-47 D, Chandigarh - 160047

Place: Punjab Date: 19.04.2024

SD/- FOR HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED, AUTHORISED OFFICER

RELIANCE

Asset Reconstruction

Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION SALE OF SECURED ASSETS

Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (RARC), a Trustee of "RARC 053 (IB SME) Trust" is an assignee and a secured creditor of below mentioned borrowers by virtue of Assignment Agreement dated 03rd December 2019 executed with Indian Bank. The undersigned in exercise of powers conferred under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 hereby give notice to public in general that the below mentioned property shall be sold by way of "online e-auction" for recovery of dues. The properties shall be sold strictly on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "NO RECOURSE" basis apart from other terms mentioned below.

NAME OF BORROWER	OUTSTANDING DUES	Date Of Possession
1. M/S GURU FEEDS (BORROWER) C 54 Focal Point, Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana-141401	Rs.1,29,94,712.34/- As Per Demand Notice Dt. 10.07.2014 And Rs.4,88,72,599.72/- As On Dt. 29.03.2024	23.04.2015
2. M/S PUNJAB FEED CORPORATION (BORROWER) C 54 Focal Point, Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana-141401	Rs. 22.79,294.56/- as per Demand Notice Dt. 10.07.2014 and Rs.81,20,398.25/- as on dt. 29.03.2024	
3. M/S NATIONAL DAIRY CORPORATION (BORROWER) C 54 Focal Point, Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana-141401	Rs. 7,81,974.00/- as per Demand Notice Dt. 28.10.2014 and Rs.28,39,717.61/- as on dt. 29.03.2024	
4. M/S GURU AGRO EXPORT (BORROWER) C 54 Focal Point, Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana-141401	Rs.51,59,907.21/- as per Demand Notice Dt. 10.07.2014 and Rs.1,83,85,663.75/- as on dt. 29.03.2024	
5. M/S GURU INDUSTRIES (BORROWER) C 54 Focal Point, Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana-141401	Rs.99,42,210.00/- as per Demand Notice Dt. 10.07.2014 and Rs.3,59,46,428.36/- as on dt. 29.03.2024	

NAMES OF THE GUARANTORS/MORTGAGORS/PROPRIETOR/PARTNER

1). Mrs. Ravinder Kaur W/o Mr. Bhupinder Singh (Proprietor in Serial Account No.1 and Guarantor in Serial Account No.2, 4 & 5 and Partner & Guarantor in Serial Account No. 3)

2). Late Mr. Bhupinder Singh S/o Sh. Bhag Singh (Deceased, Through his legal Heirs) (Guarantor in Serial Account No. 1 & 4 and Proprietor in Serial Account No.2 & 5 and Partner & Guarantor in Serial Account No. 3)

3). Mr. Harpinder Singh S/o Sh. Bhag Singh (Guarantor in Serial Account No. 1, 2, 3 & 5 and Proprietor in Serial Account No. 4)

4). M/s National Dairy Corporation (Guarantor and Mortgagor in Serial Account No. 1, 2, 4 & 5)

5). Mr. Rajnish Modi S/o Sham Lal (Guarantor in Serial Account No. 1)

DESCRIPTIONS OF THE PROPERTIES	RESERVE PRICE	EMD AMOUNT
Property Details:- A) Property measuring 2093 Sq. Yds. situated at C-54 Focal Point, Khanna and building thereon belonging to M/s. National Dairy Corporation registered deed of conveyance No.4415 dated 28/02/1996. Boundaries:- North: Road 45' wide South: property of National Dairy West: Pattar Rolling mill and green area, East: C-54.	Rs.1,20,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Lakhs Only)	Rs.12,00,000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Only)
B) Property situated at Village Bulepur adjacent to C-54A near Godrej Agrowet Industrial Focal Point, Khanna with land measuring 1607 Sq. Yard comprised in Khewat No. 98, 234, 235, Khatam No. 111,254,257 Rect. No. 10 Killa No. 13/12, 13/2, 13/3, 7/1, 7/4, 8/1, 13/4, 14/1, 14/2, 24 situated within revenue estate of Village Bulepur, Tehsil khanna, District Ludhiana belonging to M/s. National Dairy Corporation, Boundaries:- East- Dabur Feed West- Pratap Rolling Mill North- C-54A South- Balwindra Steel Mill		

Details Of Auction Events:-

Inspection of Property: 26.04.2024 from 11.00 A.M. to 2.00 P.M.

Last date for bid submission: 07.05.2024

Date of e-auction: 08.05.2024 between 2:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. (with extension of 5 minutes each)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION SALE

1. The property shall not be sold below the reserve price and sale is subject to the confirmation by Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (RARC) as secured creditor. The properties shall be sold strictly on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "NO RECOURSE".

2. E-auction will be held through RARC's approved service provider M/s ARCA EMART PRIVATE LIMITED at website: <https://www.Auctionbazaar.com> (web portal of ARCA EMART PRIVATE LIMITED). E-auction tender documents containing online e-auction bid form along with General Terms and Conditions of online e-auction sale are available in websites: [www.rarc.com](http://www.rarc.com) and <https://www.Auctionbazaar.com> intending bidders may download relevant documents.

3. The intending bidders are required to have a valid email id as the participation ID and password by e-auction agency shall be communicated at their e-mail id only.

4. Intending bidders have to submit their BID in the prescribed format with EMD remittance details along with self-attested KYC documents (PAN, Aadhar card etc) and the same shall be submitted to Authorized Officer of Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (RARC) at 11th floor, North Side, R Tech Park, Western Express Highway, Goregaon (East), Mumbai- 400063 and by email to [narendra.r.shukla@relianceada.com](mailto:narendra.r.shukla@relianceada.com) and [vinod.pawaskar@relianceada.com](mailto:vinod.pawaskar@relianceada.com), after which the participation ID and password shall be communicated at their email only. Last date of submission of Bid Form is on 07.05.2024. The bid form or EMD received late for any reason whatsoever will not be entertained. Bid without EMD and Bid below the reserve price shall be rejected summarily.

5. Neither RARC nor the service provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure on the part of the bidder on account of network disruptions, Toward off such incidents, bidders are advised to make all necessary arrangements such as alternative power back-ups etc.

6. All the bidders are required to comply with undertaking under section 29(A) of IBC.

7. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) shall be deposited through RTGS/NEFT fund transfer to Current Account No: 6678778996, Name of the Bank: Indian Bank, Branch: Santacruz, Mumbai, Name of the Beneficiary: RARC 053 (IB SME) TRUST, IFSC Code: IDIB000S010. Please note that the Cheque/Demand Draft shall not be accepted towards EMD.

8. The Bids below reserve price and/or without EMD amount shall not be accepted. Bidders may improve their further bid amount in multiple of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakhs Only). In case sale bidder, bidder has to improve his bid minimum by one incremental.

9. The successful bidder shall pay 25% of the bid amount/sale price (including earnest money already paid) immediately after declaration of successful bidder. The successful bidder shall deposit balance 75% of the bid amount/sale price within 15 days from declaration of successful bidder.

10. If successful bidder fails to deposit sale price as stated above, all deposits including EMD shall be deemed to be forfeited without any further notice. However, extension of further reasonable period for making payment of balance 75% may be allowed and shall be at the sole discretion of Authorized Officer.

11. The EMD amount of unsuccessful bidders will be returned without interest, after the closure of the E-auction sale proceedings.

12. The particulars given by the Authorized officer are stated to the best of his knowledge, belief and records. Authorized officer shall not be responsible for any error, mis-statement or omission etc.

13. The undersigned Authorized Officer has the absolute right and discretion to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/postpone/cancel the sale or modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice or assigning any reasons.

14. The bidders should make discreet enquiries as regards charges/encumbrances on the property and should satisfy themselves about the title, extent, quality of the property before submitting their bid. No claim of whatsoever nature regarding charges, encumbrances over the property and any other matter etc., shall be entertained after submission of the online bid.

15. Any arrears, dues, taxes, charges whether statutory or otherwise including stamp duty/registration fees on sale of property shall be borne by the purchaser only.

16. For further details, contact Mr. Narendra Shukla, AVP-Resolution, Mobile No-9321339065 and Mr. Vinod Pawaskar, Head-Legal, Mobile No-8080722836 of Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd. at above mentioned address.

17. The sale certificate shall be issued after receipt of entire sale consideration and confirmation of sale by secured creditor. The sale certificate shall be issued in the name of the successful bidder. No request for change of name in the sale certificate other than the person who submitted the bid/participated in the e-auction will be entertained.

THIS NOTICE WILL ALSO SERVE AS STATUTORY 15 DAYS NOTICE TO THE BORROWER/GUARANTORS/MORTGAGOR UNDER SARFAE: SI ACT AND RULES MADE THEREUNDER.

Place: Ludhiana

Date: 19.04.2024

Authorized Officer  
For Reliance Asset Reconstruction Co. Ltd.



## “Feels honoured,” says Alia as she features on Time’s 100 Most Influential list

Actor Alia Bhatt is elated as she has made it to Time’s 100 most influential people of 2024 list. Director of ‘Heart of Stone’, Tom Harper, who collaborated with Alia on her first movie, wrote an article in the magazine praising her as a “truly international star”. Reacting to it, Alia took to her Instagram and wrote, “Honoured to be a part of the #TIME100 @time Thank you dearest #TomHarper for your kind kind words.” Last year, Alia bagged several important awards including first National Film Award for her performance in Sanjay Leela Bhansali’s directorial ‘Gan-gubai Kathiawadi’. In 2023, she also made her Hollywood debut with ‘Heart of Stone’.

Indian-origin actor Dev Patel and wrestler Sakshi Malik also featured in the list.Dev’s profile was written by Get Out and Nope actor Daniel Kaluuya.

“Dev radiates goodness. His humanity shines through every time he graces the screen, leaving you no choice but to root for him even when his character is doing something foul; his presence makes you understand where he’s coming from,” he wrote and praised Dev’s latest release, Mon-key Man.

### Ananya Panday impressed by Amar Singh Chamkila

Actor Ananya Panday recently joined other celebs to laud the newly released film ‘Amar Singh Chamkila’ starring Diljit Dosanjh and Parineeti Chopra.

Posting a movie poster on her Instagram Stories on Wednesday, the ‘Kho Gaye Hum Kahan’ actress wrote, “BEAUTY!!!!!!” with a heart hands emoji. She even featured the song ‘Ishq Mitaye’ from the album as background audio in her story.

Ananya tagged the film’s team, including @imtiazialiofficial, @diljidosanjh, @parineetichopra, @arrhman, and the entire cast and crew. She praised them with emojis of clapping hands and a smiling face with heart eyes. Helmed by Imtiaz Ali, ‘Amar Singh Chamkila’ presents the untold true story of Punjab’s original rockstar of the masses, who emerged from the shadows of poverty and rose to the heights of popularity in the 80s due to the sheer power of his music, angering many along the way, which led to his assassination at the young age of 27.

Diljit Dosanjh portrays ‘Chamkila,’ the top-selling artist of his era. Parineeti essays the role of Amar Singh Chamkila’s wife, Amarjot Kaur.

‘Amar Singh Chamkila’ is streaming on Netflix.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Ananya, who was last seen in ‘Kho Gaye Hum Kahan’, is preparing for ‘Control’ and ‘The Untold Story of C Sankaran Nair’. She is also set to appear in the upcoming show ‘Call Me Bae’.



### WHAT DILJIT AND PARINEETI SANG IN THE FILM WAS RECORDED LIVE. IT WASN’T RECORDED IN A STUDIO,” IMTIAZ ALI OPENS UP ABOUT THE MUSIC IN AMAR SINGH CHAMKILA

**AMRITSAR/LUDHIANA:** Following a sixer episode with the cricketers, the next guests Imtiaz Ali, Diljit Dosanjh, and Parineeti Chopra on Netflix’s The Great Indian Kapil Show will be seen discussing their film Amar Singh Chamkila. Taking the center stage, Diljit and Parineeti will be seen enchanting the audience with their soulful melodies and igniting the atmosphere with their infectious energy. Imtiaz Ali, the director of the film shares the beauty of the film’s music. Sharing his experience on the musical journey of the film, Imtiaz Ali shares, “What Diljit and Parineeti sang in the film was recorded live. It wasn’t done in a studio. And you will see that in the film. This is a big achievement.”



Kapil Sharma revealed how Parineeti Chopra practiced with AR Rahman for 6 months to sing in the film. Talking about her preparation, Parineeti Chopra shares, “To sing in the film as Amarjot Kaur, the Punjabi accent had to be spot-on given its rural Punjabi. Secondly, I had to match Amarjot mam’s pitch as she sang at the same pitch as Amar Singh Chamkila. We tried to sing as authentically as possible but it was a tough job to stay in tune and put feeling in it at the same time.” The Great Indian Kapil Show unfolds more of such stories on Netflix with fresh new episodes dropping every Saturday at 8 pm!

### Interesting Twist: Will Keerat sacrifice her love for the family?



The breaths of viewers of the show Dilan De Rishte are on hold as Gurman slaps Keerat for creating drama at the Baisakhi event after getting drunk. In ‘Dilan De Rishtey,’ Keerat forcefully asks Shaminder about his changing behaviour at the Baisakhi event. Finally, he tells Keerat the truth about Baba’s prediction and asks her to leave Sartaj’s life to protect her mother. In today’s episode, viewers will watch Keerat decide to sacrifice her love for Sartaj to save her mother’s life. Will Kirat forget Sartaj for the sake of her mother’s life? Is Baba’s prediction true or false? Watch the interesting story ‘Dilan De Rishte’ Mon-Sat at 7:30 PM only on Zee Punjabi.

### Actor Madhav Abhyankar to essay the role of a villain, ‘Sudarshan Tripathi’ in &TV’s Atal

**CHANDIGARH:** &TV’s Atal is all set to introduce a new villain named Sudarshan Tripathi, who will play a crucial role in Atal Bihari Vajpayee’s life. Madhav Abhyankar, who has been a part of many successful Marathi shows and plays, has been roped in to portray the significant character. His role as an antagonist will stir up new hurdles and challenges in Young Atal’s (Vyom Thakkar) life. Talking about his character, Madhav Abhayankar, aka Sudarshan Tripathi, shares, “In the show, I will essay Sudarshan Tripathi, a strict Pandit characterised by his ultra-conservative views on social status, caste, and religion. Sudarshan epitomises staunch belief in tradition and principles, valuing stability, continuity, and moral integrity above everything else. He derives wisdom from age-old customs, beliefs, and codes of conduct passed down through generations. As the esteemed president of Gwalior’s community, he prioritises maintaining order, preserving culture, and upholding moral standards, considering adherence to his principles crucial. His close relationships with British officials and local royalty make him a valuable ally to both parties. While audiences may be familiar with my past portrayals of antagonistic characters, Sudarshan Tripathi’s character in &TV’s ‘Atal’ promises to be more intense. I believe it will offer viewers a fresh perspective.”



Sharing brief details about his character entry in the track, the actor adds, “My introduction to the show will coincide with the Ram Navami celebrations. Niti, who has sought Atal’s (Vyom Thakkar) help to continue her studies and avoid marriage, will accompany Krishna Devi and Atal to their mohalla during the Ram Navami puja. Niti’s parents urgently seek assistance from Sudarshan Tripathi. Upon arriving at the scene, Sudarshan Tripathi wastes no time. He immediately orders the commencement of wedding preparations, insisting that Shyam Bihari (Milind Dastane) perform the rituals and promptly unite Niti with her groom. He ensures the marriage proceeds in front of Atal and the gathered crowd, shocking everyone. Will Atal be able to help Niti and save her from getting married? Now, how will Atal be able to convince Niti’s parents to help her continue her education?” Get ready for the intense drama and new challenges as Madhav Abhyankar takes on the role of Sudarshan Tripathi in Atal, airing every Monday to Friday at 8:00 pm only on &TV.

### NETFLIX’S THE GREAT INDIAN KAPIL SHOW: VICKY KAUSHAL OPENS UP ABOUT NERVE-WRACKING MOMENTS WHILE SHOOTING SAM BAHADUR



**CHANDIGARH:** Get ready for a double dose of entertainment as the dynamic duo, Vicky Kaushal and Sunny Kaushal, gear up to grace the stage of Netflix’s The Great Indian Kapil Show after the uproarious success of team Chamkila’s recent appearance featuring Diljit Dosanjh, Parineeti Chopra and Imtiaz Ali. Following this episode, the show landed on Netflix’s Global Top 10 for the third consecutive week. In the fourth episode, fans can expect an evening filled with laughter, anecdotes, and unforgettable moments as Vicky and Sunny Kaushal join the ever-entertaining host Kapil Sharma on his iconic show. From sharing BTS anecdotes of their films, their cute childhood stories to showcasing their comedic flair, the brothers are all set to create magic on stage.

In one of the anecdotes, Vicky Kaushal spoke about shooting for Sam Bahadur in front of the field marshal’s daughter Maya (aged between 75-80 years), Vicky says, “When you get to play characters like this, the responsibility is huge. I met Sam Bahadur’s daughter Maya multiple times to understand how he walked and spoke. We were shooting in Delhi, and I have never been so nervous in front of the camera. Sam Bahadur’s daughter was watching the shot behind the camera. I was scared because I knew I would not dare to ask whether I did it right or not. I just knew that if in her eyes I saw that she did not like it, then my confidence would be shattered, and more than half the film was left to be shot. But, I was very happy to see that she had tears in her eyes after watching the shot and that boosted my confidence.”

He adds, “For me, the biggest award is when a military film is approved by the military and they call out your performance.”

### Amazon Pay Redefines Convenience with Pay Karne Ka Smarter Way Campaign featuring Bollywood Star Ayushmann Khurrana

**CHANDIGARH:** Amazon Pays latest campaign titled ‘Pay Karne Ka Smarter Way’ (TVC 1, TVC 2), demonstrates a shift towards a smarter approach to everyday transactions. It showcases the speed, convenience and reliability of Amazon Pay, emphasizing new features such as auto flash for scanning any QR even in low light, sending money to any UPI ID on any app, fast payments, Quick Refunds when using Amazon Pay Balance and 24/7 customer support for all customers, making it the smarter way to pay. Bolstered by the presence of versatile Bollywood actor Ayushmann Khurrana, the campaign aims to highlight Amazon Pay as the preferred choice for seamless day-to-day transactions, promising users a hassle free and rewarding payment experience.

The TVCs ingeniously capture everyday payment challenges encountered by customers, seamlessly resolved through Amazon Pay’s Scan & Pay feature. From dimly lit parking lots, delayed payments to frustrating payment failures at supermarket checkout counters, Ayushmann Khurrana effortlessly showcases how Amazon Pay offers solutions for every situation. Whether it’s the ease of scanning QR codes in low-

light conditions, lightning-fast payments or hassle-free refunds, each scenario highlights Amazon Pay’s adaptability and convenience, ultimately offering the customers with an elevated and smarter way to pay. Speaking about the campaign, Anuradha



Aggarwal, Director, User Growth and CMO, Amazon Pay India said, “our ‘Pay Karne Ka

Smarter Way’ campaign underscores Amazon Pay’s commitment to simplify the digital payment experience, making it the faster, safer and hence smarter way to pay anyone, anywhere. With Amazon Pay UPI, customers can scan any QR, send money to any UPI ID on any App and receive money seamlessly. Just like Pay with Alexa in our last campaign, we have new smart features like ‘Auto-flash’ for low light scans to make payments more convenient. We also want to reassure customers with our unique 24/7 customer service. Ayushmann Khurrana’s versatile yet relatable persona and widespread appeal make him a natural fit for our campaign. Speaking about the association, Ayushmann Khurrana said, “I’m delighted to partner with Amazon Pay for their ‘Pay Karne Ka Smarter Way’ campaign. As someone who’s always on the go, I love finding smarter ways to do things, and Amazon Pay is definitely changing the game when it comes to payments. Through this ongoing collaboration, I have enjoyed showcasing Amazon Pay’s versatility in everyday situations – whether it’s the ability to function in low-light environments, or the ease of quick scan and pay or its robust refund policies enabled by Amazon Pay Balance.

### Shakti Anand and Paras Kalnawat’s exciting one-take action sequence for Kundali Bhagya

**CHANDIGARH:** Zee TV’s Kundali Bhagya has been keeping the audience glued to their television screens for over seven years, with an interesting storyline and high-octane drama. In the recent episodes, the viewers got to watch how Preeta (Shraddha Arya) is trying to save Kavya (Minal Navell) from Varun (Ashish Trivedi) by exposing his truth of already being married in front of everyone. However, one thing leads to another, and Rajveer ends up getting shot by a bullet, and Papa Karan rushes him to the hospital on a handcart. At the wedding, as a couple of goons try to harm Karan (Shakti Anand) and Preeta, Rajveer (Paras Kalnawat) ends up saving them by taking the bullet himself and getting stabbed by one of the goons. In order to save Rajveer, Karan along with Preeta and Palki rush to the hospital, but unfortunately, their car breaks down, which leads to Karan without further ado, carrying Rajveer on a handcart.



### What’s with the ‘Divorcee’ Mehendi on Arjit and Hemangi’s hands?

**CHANDIGARH:** Zee TV’s popular show Kaisa Mujhe Tum Mil Gaye has been captivating audiences with its gripping storyline and the on-screen chemistry between Amruta (played by Sriti Jha) and Virat (played by Arjit Taneja). In the upcoming episodes, viewers will get to watch the wedding festivities of Jayesh (Iqbal Azad-Amruta’s father) and Ishika (Deekshha Sonalkar Tham), where Babita (Kishori Shahane) tries to execute an evil plan of humiliating Bhavani(Hemangi Kavi) by bribing the mehendi artist to write ‘Divorcee’ on her hand in the function. Bhavani who isn’t educated doesn’t realize what’s written on her hand. On learning that his own mother is behind this play out of events, Virat takes a stand for Bhavani and writes ‘Divorcee’ on his hand too. After all,



he himself has been through a divorce!

While Arjit Taneja expresses profound satisfaction in portraying a character will-

force out of proportion and discriminating especially against divorced women as if there’s something wrong with them and they are solely responsible for their failed marriage. In a world where divorce comes with a stigma, Arjit believes it’s crucial for the society to accept and treat men and women in the same way. Arjit Taneja said, “I am really proud to be a part of Kaisa Mujhe Tum Mil Gaye where the writers are addressing real life issues. We live in a society where divorced men and women are treated

differently. We recently shot for a sequence where my character, Virat who is also a divorcee stands up for Bhavani, who is being ridiculed and called names for her husband having left her for another woman.

### A Night of Stars and Striking Performances inside the Grand Premiere of ‘Shayar’”The Punjabi Film “Shayar” releasing In Cinemas today

The Punjabi film industry lit up in a dazzling spectacle as the grand premiere of “Shayar” unfolded at CP 67 Mohali. The star-studded event, attended by renowned actors, producers, and writers, marked a milestone in cinematic celebrations. Leading the pack were the illustrious stars of “Shayar,” Satinder Sartaa, Neeru Bajwa, Debi Makhsoosuri, and Bunty Bains whose presence added a touch of elegance to the evening. Producer Santosh Subhash Thite and writer Jagdeep Warring were also in attendance, further elevating the grandeur of the occasion.

Reflecting on the premiere, Neeru Bajwa expressed her excitement, stating, “The premiere of ‘Shayar’ was nothing short of magical. It’s always a delight to see the culmination of hard work and creativity come to life on the big screen. I’m immensely proud to be a part of this film.”



Echoing her sentiments, Satinder Sartaa remarked, “The energy at the premiere was electrifying. ‘Shayar’ holds a special place in my heart, and witnessing the audience’s reaction was truly gratifying. I hope the film resonates with viewers and leaves a lasting impression.” Producer Santosh Subhash Thite shared his vision for the film, stating, “We poured our hearts and souls into ‘Shayar,’ and seeing it come to fruition is immensely fulfilling. The premiere was a testament to the collective effort of everyone involved, and I’m grateful for the overwhelming support.” The Punjabi Film “Shayar” releasing in Cinemas on 19th April 2024.