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Dancing videos of Modi, Mahatma Gandhi posted on social media; case filed

BALLIA (UP): An FIR has been registered against unidentified persons for allegedly posting an "objectionable" video of Mahatma Gandhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on social media. The matter was highlighted by Neha Singh Rathore from her X account @imrowdy_rathore on Tuesday. "The popular and successful Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath Ji Maharaj has made many efforts for the honour and security and empowerment of women of his state. How some cheap street reeler are using Yogi Ji for a few views."

Sensex settles above record 85,000 level

MUMBAI: Benchmark Sensex closed above the 85,000 level for the first time while Nifty settled at a fresh lifetime high on Wednesday as lag-end buying in banking and power shares helped stock markets recoup early losses. After a see-saw trade during the day, the 30-share BSE Sensex rose by 255.83 points or 0.30 per cent to settle at an all-time high of 85,169.87. During the day, it surged 333.38 points or 0.39 per cent to hit a record intra-day peak of 85,247.42. The NSE Nifty climbed 63.75 points or 0.25 per cent to close at a record high of 26,004.15.

Uttarakhand: 13 people rescued after vehicle crashed near Gaurikund

RUDRAPRAYAG : State Disaster Rescue Force (SDRF) along with Uttarakhand police in a joint operation rescued 13 people after a vehicle crashed near Gaurikund on Shri Kedarnath Yatra route in Uttarakhand's Rudraprayag on Wednesday. After receiving the information that a vehicle had crashed into a ditch on Gaurikund Road, the SDRF team, under the leadership of Inspector Karna Singh, immediately rushed to the spot. The SDRF rescue team reached the spot and conducted a joint rescue operation with the district police and rescued 13 people, including 1 child, from the vehicle that crashed into the ditch. One person is missing, who is being searched by the SDRF team.

Voting for Congress means putting Haryana's stability, development at stake: PM

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
SONIPAT (HAR), SEPT 25

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday launched a blistering attack on the Congress, saying if the party comes to power even by mistake, it will destroy the state.

Voting for the Congress means putting Haryana's stability and development at stake, he said while addressing a poll rally in Gohana in this district for the October 5 Assembly polls.

Modi asserted that as the voting day draws near in Haryana, support for the BJP is growing.

He said under the BJP government, Haryana has made place among top states in industry and agriculture sectors.

"Today, the world's biggest companies are interested in setting up factories in India, he said, adding "when industrialisation increases, its biggest benefit goes to poor, farmers and Dalits".

Modi said B R Ambedkar believed that in empowerment of Dalits, industry plays a big role.

Criticizing the Congress party for sidelining marginalized communities in the state, PM Modi said, "Congress has always kept SC/ST/OBC away from participation. It was Baba Saheb Ambedkar who gave reservation to Dalits, otherwise like OBC, Dalits would also have to wait for Congress' defeat for reservation. Whenever Congress has been away from the government, the poor, SC/ST/OBC



have got their rights. Whenever Congress has been in the government, it has snatched the rights of Dalits and backward classes".

"There is no party more corrupt than the Congress. You also know that wherever Congress got the chance, wherever it set foot, corruption and nepotism are certain there. It is Congress that creates and nurtures corruption in the Indian government system," he further added. Shedding light on the agricultural reforms in the state under the BJP regime, the Prime Minister said that the party has always worked to uplift the farmers. "The BJP government in Haryana has decided to give MSP for 24 crops, but when the Congress was here, it hated

to buy crops on MSP. This is the truth of the Congress party which the farmers need to learn. The BJP government is continuously taking decisions in the benefit of the farmers," PM Modi said. The Prime Minister also reflected on the economic development and infrastructure development in the state, highlighting better connectivity and construction of highways. "Today, the big companies of the world are eager to invest in India and set up their factories here. Just think, when such big companies invest in India, my Haryana, the youth and the farmers here will benefit a lot. The public of Haryana knows the importance of double engine government, therefore it chooses the same government both in the centre and the state," PM Modi said.

Panchayat elections in Pb to be held on 15th Oct

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, SEPT 25

State Election Commission has announced the Election Schedule for the conduct of the general Gram Panchayat Elections, in accordance with the Notification dated 19.9.2024 issued under s. 209 of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 by the Department of Rural Development & Panchayats.

Addressing the press conference, Punjab State Election Commissioner Raj Kamal Chaudhuri said that with the announcement of the Election Schedule, the Model Code of Conduct for Gram Panchayat Elections for the guidance of candidates and State has come into force with immediate effect, which will remain in force till the completion of the electoral process.

He further informed that as per the election schedule, the period for filing of nominations by candidates will commence from 27th September, 2024 (Friday) between 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the offices of the concerned Returning Officers. The last date for filing nominations will be 04.10.2024 (Friday). He added that no nominations will be accepted

on 28.09.2024 being a public holiday under Negotiable Instruments Act. Scrutiny of the Nomination papers would take place on 05.10.2024 (Saturday). The last date for withdrawal of Nominations is 07.10.2024 (Monday) upto 03:00 p.m.

Sharing more details, he revealed that the poll will be held on 15.10.2024 (Tuesday)



from 08.00 a.m. to 04.00 p.m. through the use of Ballot Boxes. The polled votes will be counted on the same day at the polling station itself, after the completion of polling of votes.

Furthermore, he added that Polling, wherever required, would be held for 13,237 Sarpanches and 83,437 Panches. Total electorate consists of 1,33,97,922 registered voters consisting of 70,51,722 Males, 63,46,008 Females, and 192 others.

Rahul Gandhi lashes out at BJP in Jammu rally

JAMMU: Stepping up his attack on the BJP-led central government, Congress MP and Lok Sabha LoP Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday said that they snatched statehood of Jammu and Kashmir so that it can be governed by outsiders. Rahul Gandhi said that for the first time in history, a state was downgraded into a 'union territory' and injustice was served to the people of the territory.

"In the history of India, after 1947 several union territories were turned into states. States

were divided - Telangana was formed out of Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand was formed out of Bihar, Chhattisgarh was carved out of Madhya Pradesh. But for the first time after independence, a state was turned into a union territory. This was done to Jammu & Kashmir. This is an injustice to you. Your democratic rights have been snatched away from you. Today Jammu and Kashmir, is not run by the people of Jammu and Kashmir, it is run by the people of other states," said Rahul Gandhi.

Around 57 pc voter turn out in J-K 2nd phase

AGENCY
JAMMU, SEPT 25

A voter turnout of 57 percent was recorded till 5pm in the second phase of polling in six districts of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, according to the Election Commission of India. reasi led the individual districts with a polling percentage of 63.91%, Poonch recorded 61.45%, Rajouri recorded 58.95%, Budgam 49.44%, Ganderbal 61.45% and Srinagar 22.62%.

Voting for the second phase of Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir began at

7 am on Wednesday. Over 25 lakh eligible voters will seal the fate of 239 candidates across 26 constituencies in six districts of the Union Territory. In this phase, 25,78,099 lakh voters are eligible to cast their ballot, comprising 13,12,730 lakh male voters, 12,65,316 lakh female voters and 53 third-gender voters.

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Kejriwal writes to RSS chief Bhagwat on BJP's politics, PM's actions

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NEW DELHI, SEPT 25

AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal wrote to RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Wednesday, seeking answers to five questions on the BJP's politics and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's actions.

Expressing concern, Kejriwal said the direction in which the Bharatiya Janata Party-led Centre is taking the country as well as its politics are harmful for India.

"If this continues, our country and democracy will be finished," he said in the letter to Bhagwat.

Kejriwal asked, "You had



a law that leaders will retire after 75 years... Amit Shah is saying that this rule will not apply to Modi. What applied to Advani ji, why will it not apply to Modi ji?

He also raised a question regarding JP Nadda's statement about the RSS saying, "JP Nadda said during the Lok Sabha elections that he does not need RSS. Has the son

grown so much that he has started showing his might to his mother? Didn't you feel sad when he said this?"

He further alleged that the BJP is using ED, CBI for

threatening opposition parties and put the emphasis on the need for ethical governance and political stability.

"Parties are being broken by threatening ED, CBI, governments are being toppled, is this right? Does RSS accept this?" Kejriwal asked in his letter.

Arvind Kejriwal is currently out of jail on bail in connection to Excise Policy Scam. The case alleges multiple irregularities in the formation and implementation of the Delhi excise policy (2021-22) by the Central Bureau of Investigation. The policy was withdrawn after allegations of corruption.

Two AAP councillors join BJP in Delhi

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, SEPT 25

In a jolt to the AAP on Wednesday, two councillors of the party joined the BJP, a day before election of one member to the MCD's Standing Committee.

AAP's Dilshad Colony Garden councillor Preeti and Green Park councillor Sarita Phogat joined the BJP in the presence of party's state president Virendra Sachdeva, Union Minister of State Harsh Malhotra and Leader of Opposition in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) Raja Iqbal Singh.

The election for filling up the lone vacancy



of 18 member Standing Committee, the highest decision making body of the MCD, will be held on Thursday.

Delegation of asst professors and librarians thanks CM Mann for safeguarding their interests

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, SEPT 25

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Wednesday reiterated the firm commitment of the state government to ensure the well being of every strata of society.

During a meeting with the delegation of 1158 Assistant Professors and Librarians, who had called on the Chief Minister to express their gratitude after the verdict of the High Court, Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the state government has made every effort to give relief to all sections of society. The delegation profusely thanked the Chief Minister for making every effort to bail them out from the legal tangle. They also bemoaned that the succes-

sive previous governments in the state had given a cold shoulder to them but the Chief Minister led government had extended a helping hand to them. The Chief Minister said that the state government has evolved a foolproof mechanism for the entire recruitment process due to which not even a single appointment out of more than 45,000 have been challenged so far in any court. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that it is a proud moment for the government of Punjab that these youth have been given government jobs completely on the basis of merit. He said that it is a matter of immense pride and satisfaction for him that all the youth have been selected for these posts purely on the basis of their eligibility.

Kangana Ranaut withdraws remarks on farm laws

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, SEPT 25

A day after the Bhartiya Janata party distanced itself from Kangana Ranaut's recent remarks on the farm laws, the actor-turned politician on Wednesday issued a public apology and expressed "regret" over her statement.

Mandi Lok Sabha MP Kangana Ranaut had suggested that the three farm laws that were repealed following prolonged farmer protests should be brought back.

The actor-turned-politician was quoted as saying, "I know this statement could be controversial, but the three farm laws should be brought

back. Farmers themselves should demand it."

After the BJP stated that her comments were "not authorized", Kangana retracted her remarks and issued an apology. She added that moving forward, she will ensure her views align with the party's stance rather than representing her personal opinions.

"When farmers laws were proposed, a lot of people came out in support of them, but with a lot of sensitivity, our Prime Minister retracted those laws, so it is the responsibility of all the workers of his party to respect his words. I will also have to keep one thing in mind that now I am not an artist but a BJP worker. My opinions



will not just be mine but will represent the party's stand. So if I have hurt anyone's sentiments with my thoughts, I regret it and take my words back," Kangana said in a self-made video, posted on X.

This comes a day after BJP spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia in a statement on Tuesday, said the remarks are "personal statement" of Ranaut and doesn't depict BJP's view on farm bills.

"On the social media platforms, BJP MP Kangana Ranaut's statement on the farm bills that was withdrawn by central govt, is going viral. I want to make it clear that this statement is a personal statement of her," Bhatia said.

"Kangana Ranaut is not authorised to make such a statement on behalf of the BJP, and it doesn't depict the BJP's view on the farm bills. We disapprove of this statement," he added.

The Mandi MP has drawn ire over her remarks on farm laws. Punjab Congress President Amarinder Singh Raja criticised the actor, calling her "habitually controversial."

"I think she is mentally unstable. Some people are accustomed to creating controversy, and the BJP benefits from her statements. She talks about farmers, Punjab, the Emergency, and Rahul Gandhi. There are other MPs who never make such remarks," the Congress leader said.

Blood donation camp organized at Haryana Civil Secretariat

CHANDIGARH: A blood donation camp was held to-day at the Haryana Civil Secretariat, organized through the collaborative efforts of the Rotary Blood Bank Society and the Blood Society Resource Center. The camp was inaugurated by Haryana Chief Secretary, Dr. T.V.S.N. Prasad, who was the chief guest. During the event, Dr. Prasad emphasized the importance of blood donation, stating it 'Mahadaan', as it not only saves lives but also enhances the health of the donor. He said that donating blood stimulates the formation of new blood cells, contributing to overall fitness. Additionally, he highlighted the health benefits, including maintaining iron balance in the body and reducing the risk of heart attacks. Dr. Prasad urged all citizens to participate in this noble act, commending the efforts of the Rotary Blood Bank Society and the Blood Society Resource Center for their invaluable work. The camp successfully collected 68 units of blood, with a significant participation from women. Dr. Prasad also took the time to engage with employees donating blood and presented them with certificates in recognition of their contribution to this vital cause.

FIR against 4 for burning stubble

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, SEPTEMBER 25

In the warm weather the entire administration has come into action mode after some incidents of stubble burning by farmers harvesting early crops came to light. To control stubble burning in the district, Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh visited several villages of the district on Wednesday with a team of several officials of the administrative and agriculture departments. During this, the Deputy Commissioner ordered the concerned police station in-charge to register FIRs against farmer Indra Singh (one acre) of village Makhumajra, farmer Jaiprakash (two acres) of Baragaon, farmer Gurnam Singh (one acre) of village Sangoha and farmer Jagjit Singh of the same village, who were found burning stubble in 4 acres. The Deputy Commissioner gave a strict warning to the farmers and said that stubble burning will not be tolerated under any circumstances. If any farmer violates these orders, not only will he be fined, but appropriate legal action will also be taken by registering an FIR. He appealed to the farmers to adopt crop residue management and



instead of burning the stubble, make it a source of their income. During his tour on Wednesday, the Deputy Commissioner went to villages Naval, Baragaon, Makhumajra, Ramba, Sangoha and Sangohi of block Karnal and warned the farmers not to burn the stubble. Along with this, strict instructions were given to all the officers and employees on duty that no negligence should be done to prevent burning of stubble.

He said that the government has completely banned burning of stubble, so under no circumstances farmers should set fire to the stubble, rather

they should either dispose of it in the field itself or make bundles of stubble and sell them through various agricultural equipment being provided under the government's crop residue management scheme. This will give double benefit to the farmers and will also prevent the environment from getting polluted. On this occasion, ADC Yash Jaluka, Deputy Director of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department Dr. Wazir Singh, Tehsildar Karnal Krishna Singh, Agricultural Scientist Dr. Vijay Kaushik, Agriculture Department officials, District Fire Officer and Police Station Incharge were present.

Deputy Director of Agriculture Department Wazir Singh said that while the administration and agriculture department officials and field staff are already monitoring to completely stop the incidents of stubble burning in Karnal district, after some incidents came to light, Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh has also issued orders to the clerical staff of the Agriculture Department to reach the field and stop the farmers from burning. It is worth noting that after the weather became hot for several days, incidents of stubble burning have been reported at many places in Karnal by farmers harvesting early paddy crops.

Panchayat Nai Anaj Mandi supports Sumita Singh

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
ASSANDH, SEPT 25

Panchayat Nai Anaj Mandi held a big public meeting and announced to support Congress candidate Sumita Singh from Karnal assembly seat. Sumita Singh was given a warm welcome when she reached the public meeting. Slogans were raised - Sumita Singh, go ahead, we are with you. Panchayat Nai Anaj Mandi's head Rajneesh Chaudhary said from the stage that we promise that we will make Sumita Singh an MLA and send her to Chandigarh. Every trader associated with Nai Anaj Mandi will also campaign in support of Sumita Singh. Earlier, in the election of office, Aam Aadmi Party candidate Sunil Bindal's brothers gave a big blow to AAP by expressing faith in Congress along with family. Sumita Singh welcomed him by putting a Congress turban on his head and congratulated him on joining the Congress family. Sadanand Rath, who was in-charge of Chief Minister Manohar Lal's residence in Karnal, also joined Congress. Kori Samaj, Pradhan Phool Singh, Manoj Kumar, Sonu, Raju, Tarun, Sonu, Salman, Gaurav and Mukesh also expressed faith in Congress. From the stage, Sumita Singh invited everyone to Rahul Gandhi's rally to be held in Assandh on September 26. Sumita Singh said



that the problems faced by the traders of Haryana in the last 10 years will be solved on priority basis. In the Congress government, traders will get a chance to do business without fear. The demands of the commission agents will be resolved. She also said that only Congress can do good to the farmers. The BJP has harassed the commission agents and farmers by implementing the portal system. The portal is not a system but a scam. The portal system will be closed as soon as the Congress government is formed, this will strengthen the relationship between the commission agents and the farmers like before. Referring to the Congress manifesto, Sumita Singh said that LPG cylinders will be made available for Rs 500. 300 units of electricity will be available free of cost. Pension of Rs 6000 will be given. The Old pension scheme will be implemented.

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60 students donate blood in NIFAA blood donation camp

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, SEPT 25

NIFAA branches have been organising voluntary blood donation camps in different cities of the country since September 21 to fulfill the pledge of collecting 2.5 lakh blood units in the silver jubilee year of its establishment, a blood donation camp was organised for the fifth consecutive day at the headquarters of the organisation in Karnal. Today, 60 students donated blood in the camp organised in collaboration with Buddha Group of Institutions, village Ramba. The blood donation camp organised in the campus of Buddha College of Education was inaugurated by Buddha Group Director Abhinav Gupta, NIFAA Patron Satinder Mohan Kumar, Founder President Preetpal Singh Pannu, Arya Samaj Minister Ramesh Arya, College Manager Dr. Rajneesh, Dr. Mohammad Riz-

wan, Department Head Dr. Preeti Kaushal, social worker Dinesh Bakshi who has donated blood 134 times, NIFA Secretary Hitesh Gupta, Mukul Gupta and Gurlal Singh by lighting



a lamp. There was a lot of enthusiasm among the young blood donors about blood donation and in today's camp, girls

and women teachers also donated blood in large numbers. District Red Cross Secretary Kulbir Malik also attended the programme and told the students about the importance of

Bless Jagmohan Anand to make lotus bloom in Karnal: Rekha Anand



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, SEPTEMBER 25

Rekha Anand, wife of BJP candidate from Karnal, Jagmohan Anand, conducted a door-to-door public relations campaign in Anand Vihar today and appealed to make BJP candidate Jagmohan Anand victorious by voting in maximum numbers in favour of BJP on 5 October. Rekha Anand went door-to-door and made people aware of BJP's policies and

told that public interests are safe only in BJP. BJP is the only party which has provided security to women. While counting the development works of the Bhartiya Janata Party, she said that BJP has done many record-breaking developments in the last ten years. It is because of development that the Bhartiya Janata Party is going to form the government once again. She said that bless your son-brother Jagmohan

Anand and send him to Chandigarh from Karnal so that your city Karnal progresses by leaps and bounds day and night. The people of Karnal have now taken charge of this election. The love, affection and support of the people of Karnal will once again make the lotus bloom in Karnal. With the blessings of the people, the BJP will score a hat-trick of victories in Haryana.

Nirmal Singh reaches residence of Shandilya to hold meeting

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
AMBALA: Former Haryana minister and Congress candidate from Ambala city Nirmal Singh reached the residence of Veeresh

Shandilya, national president of Brahmin Mahapanchayat and international head of Vishwa Hindu Takht, who has been strengthening Santan Dharma in the country and has been waging a campaign against terrorism against anti-national forces for the last several decades, today with hundreds of his supporters. On this occasion, former MLA Jasbir Malour, Himmat Singh, councillor Mithun Verma, councillor representative Ishu Goyal, Congress leader Devendra Verma, advocate Puneet and many Congressmen were present with him. Shandilya blessed Nirmal Singh for victory from Ambala city.



Vihan Kamboj wins bronze Medal in boxing

RAHUL KOHLI

YAMUNANAGAR: Vihan Kamboj of New Happy Public School Wins Bronze Medal at North Zone Boxing Competition Vihan Kamboj, a Class 6 student of New Happy Public School, Yamunanagar, has brought pride to his school and district by winning a bronze medal at the North Zone Boxing Competition. The competition was organised by CBSE, where Vihan participated in the under-14 category in the 34-36 kg weight division. Around 500 students from various schools across Haryana, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir, and Uttar Pradesh participated in this event.

The competition was held from September 12 to September 17, 2024, at DPS Bahadurgarh, Haryana. Vihan showcased exceptional skills, winning four matches against players from Jind, Rohtak, and Panipat, securing his spot in the semifinals. In the semifinals, he delivered a commendable performance against a player from Ambala district and earned a bronze medal, securing his place in the trials for the national-level boxing competition. School Principal, Dr. Bindu Sharma, praised Vihan for his remarkable achievement, stating, "Vihan has achieved this success through his hard work and dedication. His medal is a matter of pride for both the school and the district. We are confident that he will showcase his talent at the national level and reach even greater heights."

The school's Chairman, G.S. Sharma, also lauded Vihan's accomplishment, saying, "Vihan has proven that the younger generation possesses limitless potential. His achievement fills the entire school with pride, and we are hopeful that he will continue to demonstrate his abilities at the national level as well." Vihan's victory is not only a proud moment for him but also for the entire New Happy Public School and Yamunanagar. He is now set to participate in the national-level boxing competition and will continue to chase his dreams and reach new heights.



Police personnel given election related training

DR. ASHOK KUMAR

KARNAL: Police personnel/officers were given training through power point presentation in view of assembly elections in Dr. Mangalsen Auditorium here. Training nodal officer and Chief Executive Officer of Zila Parishad Gaurav Kumar made police personnel aware of steps/responsibilities to be taken before voting, on day of voting and counting. He appealed to police personnel to perform their duty with full devotion for free, fair and peaceful voting. He asked police officers to identify critical polling stations and deploy additional police personnel there on day of voting. He also asked to identify those areas where influential people can influence voters of weaker sections. CEO said that police should provide such an environment to people of weaker sections so that they can vote without any fear and pressure. He said that law and order should be maintained at all costs, illegal arms and ammunition should be confiscated, strict action should be taken against liquor smugglers and regular checking should be done to stop sale of illegal liquor. He said that hotels and guest houses should be regularly checked to ensure that no suspicious person is staying there. Vigil should be kept on important establishments, hotels, malls, markets and religious places. CEO said that along with regular patrolling by police, surprise checking of bags of pedestrians should be done. A list of such voters should be prepared who have criminal background in previous election, special campaigns should be run to execute pending warrants, stock of licensed weapons should be checked and strict action should be taken against illegal liquor factories. He said that no license of arms can be issued after announcement of elections and till the completion of the election process.

People of Assandh will hoist BJP flag this time: Yogendra Rana

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
ASSANDH, SEPTEMBER 25

BJP candidate from Assandh, Yogendra Rana started his public relations campaign today from Valmiki Chaupal of village Chorkarsa, where he interacted with the people and urged them to vote in favour of BJP on 5 October. On reaching the village, he was welcomed with flowers and garlands. He expressed gratitude for the love, support and blessings received from all the mothers, sisters, elders and youth present in the program. Yogendra Rana appealed for votes by interacting with the people at BC Chaupal in Chor Karsa, Bagdia Road Chaupal, Diwan Mohalla Chaupal in Uplani, Baba Saheb Ambedkar Complex, Baba Ji's Kutiya in Ichhanpur, Valmiki Temple in Vilonia, Bassi Naiyon Wali Chaupal, Khushi Fashion House in Assandh, Ward No.-3 and Geeta Colony.

Under the Jan Sampark Abhiyan, I met people in Baba Saheb Ambedkar Complex Uplani and appealed to vote in favour of Bhartiya Janata Party on the 5th for the development of Assandh. Yogendra Rana said that the blessings, love, guidance and enthusiasm of all of you clearly show that Assandh is going



to hoist the victory flag of BJP this time. On the occasion of Antyodaya Diwas, I paid homage to the statue of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay ji at Diwana Mohalla Chaupal Uplani. I also had a

cordial conversation with all the villagers and urged them to vote in favour of BJP. Pawan Chairman, Surendra Sarpach and Vijay Rana along with other workers were present on this occasion.

With the blessings of people, BJP will win in Nilokheri: Kabirpanthi

KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI, SEPT 25

BJP candidate from Nilokheri, Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi said that the Bharatiya Janata Party has done record-breaking development work in Haryana state during its ten-year tenure and due to this development, BJP will once again score a hat-trick. He said that this time the people are not going to be misled by anyone. The people have understood well that their future is nowhere else except BJP. BJP candidate Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi was addressing the people of the constituency as part of his public relations campaign. On Wednesday, he visited dozens of rural areas of the constituency and conducted a public relations campaign. Former MLA and BJP candidate Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi appealed



to the people of Takhana Colony, Nadana, Bhaini Kalan, Bhaini Khurd, Saunkra, Aibli, Aibla, Dabarhala, Ramana, Padwala, Shamgarh and Dodwa and many other villages of the constituency to vote in favour of the BJP. At all places, the villagers welcomed Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi with flowers and garlands. While addressing the villagers,

ers, Kabirpanthi said that this time the people of Nilokheri have decided to bring about a change and the lotus flower is sure to bloom in Nilokheri this time with the blessings of the people. The people of Nilokheri assembly are regretting the MLA they elected last time. All the villagers and workers assured to send BJP candidate Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi to the

assembly by making him win with a huge number of votes. While addressing the workers, Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi said that this time the opposition will scatter like a pack of cards in the storm of BJP. There will be no opposition left in front of BJP. This time BJP will win by a very big margin and come to power and it will be difficult for the candidates of the opposition party to save their deposit. On this occasion Mandal President Mahipal Rana, Mandal President Balbir Maratha, Taraori Mandal Incharge Praveen Gupta, Devendra Kamra, R.D. Sharma, Ranjit Bhardwaj, Kashmir Sharma, Balbir, Gurmej Gondar, Ram Singh Chaudhary, Ravi Kabirpanthi, Aman Tyagi, Ramesh Gupta, Shivam, Bhagwan Fauji, Dharampal etc. hundreds of workers were present.

Development works will be done in Haryana under Saini as CM: Kalyan

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
GHARAUNDA, SEP 25

BJP candidate from Gharaunda Harvinder Kalyan appealed for votes in support of the Bharatiya Janata Party while running a public relations campaign in villages Nalipar, Nalipar Tilla, Nasirpur, Nalikhurd, Amritpur Khurd, Amritpur Kala, Agrasen Colony, Bhola Colony and Mandi Deepchand. Addressing the public meeting, Harvinder Kalyan said that the rapid pace at which development works are being carried out in the state under the leadership of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, it is clear that the map of Haryana is going to change when the Bharatiya Janata Party government is formed for the third time under the leadership of Naib Singh Saini. When the Bharatiya Janata Party government is formed for the third time, unprecedented development works will be done in the state under the leadership of Chief Minister Naib



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that the people of the state have now become wise and they are not going to be influenced by the Congress. Just as the people of the state have been showing the Congress the way out for the last ten years, in the same way, in these assembly elections also, they will work to get the Congress candidates' deposits forfeited. He said that the BJP has always wanted the welfare of the people. For public welfare, the Bharatiya Janata Party has started many such beneficial schemes, whose direct benefit is being received by the people of the state. Harvinder Kalyan again appealed to the people of the state to help in forming the BJP government by pressing the button in front of the lotus symbol on October 5.

Value of cleanliness, discipline and respect for environment: Romesh



VERMA GURDASPUR: Today under mission Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and as per guidelines of Ministry of Social Justice and empowerment and with the able guidance of Sh Shiv Dular Singh Dhillon, ret'd., IAS, Secretary, Indian Red Cross Society the Red Cross Drug De Addiction Centre Gurdaspur successfully organized the activity of cleanliness drive with community participation whose aim was to motivate the people about Value of cleanliness, discipline and respect for the environment to make cleaner and greener India. The team of IBCA Gurdaspur under supervision of Romesh Mahajan Project Director performed this activity at Civil Hospital Gurdaspur, Punjab agricultural University campus and roadside of water body near babbehali Gurdaspur by cleaning the area and collecting garbage in different bins. Although kisan mela was organised at Punjab Agricultural University Regional campus on 18.9.2024 but the plastic used for eating purpose was not lifted resulting in a health hazard to the players who used to come here to plant badminton etc. Besides this 120 students who are studying in this campus also stayed here.

Cabinet Minister pays floral tribute to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar



J S SODHI JALANDHAR: Cabinet Minister Mohinder Bhagat today paid a floral tribute to chief architect of Indian constitution Bharat Ratna Baba Sahib Dr BR Ambedkar here at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chowk. Paying his tribute before the statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the Minister said that Dr. Ambedkar had provided foundation for Indian democracy which has now emerged as the largest democracies in the world; thereby all of us should contribute towards making an ideal society by following the principles of equality and liberty as propounded by Bharat Ratna Baba Sahib Dr BR Ambedkar. He said that it was a proud moment for him that he got an opportunity to represent the Jalandhar in Punjab Cabinet as a Minister and he will work hard to meet the expectations of people of Jalandhar. He mentioned that Dr. Ambedkar's foresightedness had paved a way for upliftment of weaker and underprivileged sections of the society, which will always be remembered in the country.

STF, Ludhiana Rural police conduct raid on Hawala businessman



SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON : STF Punjab and Ludhiana Rural Police took strict action against Hawala businessman in Jagraon and arrested him. There have been several reports of prevalent hawala business in Jagraon. According to the information, as soon as a 'Wagon R' car entered Shastri Nagar area of the city, 2 cars of STF surrounded it on both the sides, booked the car driver and recovered the bag he was holding. DSP Jasjeet Singh, SHO Amritpal Singh with police team too reached the spot. DSP himself visited the house where the raid was conducted in order to know about the interrogation. Giving more detail about this, SHO Amritpal Singh said that Jalandhar police had filed a case under narcotic and Arms act a few days back and during investigation, Jagraon resident Pavan Kumar's involvement came into light. He said that STF team has arrested Pavan Kumar and his manager Sanjay in this case and further investigation is being carried out.

Press Club holds grand event dedicated to Mehal Kalan's 19th anniversary



BALWINDER AZAD BARNALA DEHATI, SEPT 25

Press Club Reg: A grand function dedicated to the 19th anniversary of Mahal Kalan (Barnala) was organized with full enthusiasm at Press Club Mehal Kalan Head Office (Opposite Telephone Exchange) Mahal Kalan. Speaking on this occasion after the lecture, President of Club Baljinder Singh Dhillon gave detailed information about the club's activities and glorious achievements of the last 19 years and announced to speed up public welfare work in the future. Bhai Binder Singh Khalsa, personal assistant of Halka AAP MLA Kulwant Singh Pandori,

Dr Balbir Singh inaugurates dialysis centres at eight govt hospitals

RAWEL BHINDER PATIALA, SEPT 25

In a significant move to bolster healthcare facilities for patients with kidney ailments as per the commitment of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Punjab Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Balbir Singh on Wednesday inaugurated eight state-of-the-art Dialysis Centres— established with the support of Hans Foundation Dehradun, at different Government Hospitals across the state. The Health Minister inaugurated the facility at Mata Kaushalya Government Hospital in Patiala, while simultaneously launching centres in seven other cities including Amritsar, Malerkotla, Moga, Goniara, Fazilka, Faridkot, and Jalandhar virtually. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Nodal Officer for Dialysis Programme Dr Rupinder Singh Gill and Group Senior Manager from Hans Foundation Seema Singh in the presence of Health Minister Dr Balbir Singh on February 27, 2024. As per the MoU, the Hans Foundation will be providing trained medical officers and other staff, consumables, dialysis machines and RO plants to the department and will supervise the functioning of these centres. Dr Balbir Singh said that under the guidance of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann this groundbreaking collaboration with



the Hans Foundation aims to provide free-of-cost dialysis facilities and significantly improve access to renal care across the state. He said that by utilizing ABHA ID compliance, any patient can access dialysis services at any centre across the state. In addition to free dialysis, all the essential medications will also be provided at free of cost, he said, while adding that the program adopts a holistic approach, addressing both the medical and financial challenges faced by kidney disease patients. "Initially, the dialysis centres have been established in eight government facilities benefitting thousands of needy patients,

while, the program plans to expand to all the government health facilities, ensuring accessible and quality healthcare for all," said Dr Balbir Singh.

He said that with the establishment of 872 Aam Aadmi Clinics Punjab's primary healthcare facilities have received a significant boost, paving the way for substantial decrease in kidney ailments in the coming years. He attributes the majority of kidney failures to high blood pressure and diabetes, emphasizing that these clinics and free availability of drugs have been instrumental in early diagnosis and treatment of these conditions.

Cabinet minister ready to solve problems of Samaj

SUMER GARG SUNAM, SEPT 25

A deputation of Aggarwal Sabha Sunam (ASS) including, Chief Advisor, Ghan-shyam Kansal; President, Ishwar Garg; Chairman, Prem Gupta met AAP MLA, from Laharagaga assembly constituency (LAC), Mr. Barinder Goyal, who was recently inducted as cabinet minister in the government of Punjab.

The deputationists, while congratulating the new Cabinet Minister, Barinder Goyal invited him to the state level Maharaja Agrasen Jayanti being celebrated on October 5 in Sunam.

The delegates said that the AAP, Punjab government has increased the pride of the Agarwal Samaj by making Barinder Goyal a cabinet min-



ister. "Mr. Barinder Goyal has been politically active for the last four decades and is a leader dedicated to public service", delegates added.

While accepting the invitation, the Cabinet Minister said that he feels proud being an Agarwal and will definitely attend this birth anniversary celebration and express his gratitude to the entire Agarwal community for giving him full respect. He fur-

ther said that the Agarwal community is making an important contribution in the progress of the country and Aggarwals are always ready to solve the problems of the society & needy persons. Besides others, Gaurav Goyal S/o Cabinet Minister; Subhash Gupta, Rakesh Goldy, Sanjeev Kumar, Kumar Rajesh, Ashok Kansal and Rajneesh Rinku were present on the occasion.

Salute to fire personnel for taking life risk to control fire: Arora



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, SEPT 25

As soon as he came to know about the fire in the mattress warehouse in Kachha Toba of the city, former Cabinet Minister Sundar Sham Arora immediately reached there and while reviewing the relief work, he saluted and thanked the fire personnel for controlling the fire with great difficulty.

On this occasion, Mr. Arora thanked fire officer Shahwaz Singh Bal and his entire team and said that today they have controlled the fire with hard work and saved people from further loss. He said that whenever a tragic incident

like fire occurs in the narrow areas of the city, at that time our fire personnel work like angels for the public by putting their lives at risk and even today they have set an example of being angels and without caring for their lives in such a terrible fire, they went inside and extinguished the fire and provided relief to the people.

During this, the fire personnel informed Mr. Arora about their demands and problems.

On this, Mr Arora said that the problems of these youth working in the fire brigade for the last 10-15 years are valid and he will try to solve them.

Rayat Bahra International School students win gold medal in volleyball

DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, SEPT 25

Students from Rayat Bahra International School showcased an outstanding performance in the CBSE Cluster 18 (2024-25) Volleyball Championship (Girls) and secured the gold medal. The competition took place at Sri Guru Harkrishan Public School, Sultanpur Lodhi, where schools from 18 districts of Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir participated.

In the Under-14 Girls Volleyball competition, the Rayat Bahra International School team impressed everyone with their remarkable gameplay. Harmanpreet Kaur was named the best player of the tournament. Following this victory, the school team earned a spot in the National Volleyball Championship. Team members Harmanpreet Kaur, Jasleen Shahi, Divyan-



shi, Harsahaj Kaur, Bhavana Tak, Manmeet Kaur, Harleen Sindhu, and Tanisha performed excellently.

On this occasion, the school's Principal, Dr. Hardeep Singh, and Rayat Bahra Hoshiarpur's Campus Director, Dr. Chandra Mohan, congratulated all the students, parents, and school staff for this achievement. They mentioned that the school will continue to actively participate in such events to pro-

mote the all-round development of students. Dr. Kuldeep Walia, expressing joy over the team's success, stated, "The dedication and discipline displayed by the students in this competition are commendable. This victory is a result of their hard work and team spirit." Volleyball coach Jagdeep Singh expressed his pride, saying, "We are proud that our team has made the school proud at the state level with their performance.

GLADA demolish two unauthorized colonies

LUDHIANA (SHARMA): Two unauthorized colonies at village Threake and Jhande were raided by Galada today. Chief Ad-



ministrator Galada Harpreet Singh, IAS Cracking down on illegal colonies, he said that unauthorized and unplanned constructions will not be tolerated. He clarified that a special campaign has been launched to take strict action against those who bully the innocent residents in the guise of selling cheap plots in illegal colonies by flouting legal approval and government regulations. Following the orders issued by the Additional Chief Administrator, GALADA, the duty magistrate, police force and enforcement team of GALADA including District Town Planner (Regulatory), Assistant Town Planner (Regulatory), Sub-Divisional Engineer, Junior Engineer (Regulatory) of authority have taken action against an unauthorized colony. Similarly roads, fences, paths, street lights, sewerage manholes and other illegal constructions and structures of the unauthorized colonies were demolished at two unauthorized colonies in above two villages.

Cabinet Minister Mundian is being offered sweets by AAP MP, Kang



SUMER GARG CHANDIGARH, SEPT 25

AAP, MLA from Sahnewal assembly constituency of Ludhiana district, Hardeep Singh Mundian, today assumed charge as the Cabinet Minister for Revenue, Rehabilitation and Disaster Management, Water Supply & Sanitation and Housing and Urban Development.

While expressing his gratitude towards Aam Aadmi Party, Supremo Arvind Kejriwal and Punjab Chief

Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann, Mr. Hardeep Singh Mundian emphasised that honesty, transparency, accountability and responsiveness are paramount in delivering seamless services to the people of Punjab. He outlined his commitment to introducing pro-people initiatives within the public delivery system to enhance the functionality of the Revenue and Housing & Urban Development departments. Additionally, he aims to bolster the state's water supply and sani-

tation infrastructure for the betterment of all residents.

Besides others, Lok Sabha MP from Sangrur, Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer; MP from Anandpur Sahib Malwinder Singh Kang; Punjab NRI Affairs Minister, Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal; MLAs, including Devinderjeet Singh Laddi Dhos, Dr. Amandeep Kaur Arora, Amansher Singh Sherry Kalsi and family members of the cabinet minister Mundian were present on the occasion.

DC urges farmers to bring only dry paddy

SUMER GARG SANGRUR, SEPT 25

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Sangrur, Sandeep Rishi has urged the farmers of the district to bring dry & clean paddy to the grain markets, so that the crop brought by them can be purchased simultaneously.

He said that the Punjab government led by Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann is fully committed to simultaneous procurement of the non -moisture crop brought by the farmers and there is no problem regarding the sale of dry paddy there should be no problem to the farmers in the mandis.

The DC said that guidelines have been issued to all officials regarding the compliance of the standards issued by the government regarding the purchase of paddy, process of lifting and payment of paddy will be reviewed on a daily basis. Mr.



Rishi while urging the farmers said that only dry paddy should be brought to the grain markets because the purchasing agencies can refuse the purchase of paddy, if the amount of moisture in the paddy is found to be more than the permissible limit. Rishi has also instructed the officials of Agriculture Department, Cooperation Department, Mandi Board, Market Committees, Food and Civil Supplies Department to make the farmers more aware in this regard, so that the farmers, who will bring paddy in the grain markets should be informed in advance.

DC distributes appointment letters to 13 yoga instructors of district



RUPNAGAR (DAVINDER SHARMA): Deputy Commissioner Rupnagar Mr. Himanshu Jain distributed appointment letters to 13 vacant posts of yoga instructors in 12 AYUSH health and wellness centers under district Rupnagar, including 7 males and 6 females. On this occasion, the Deputy Commissioner said that 13 Yoga Instructors (part time) in District Rupnagar under Ayush Health and Wellness Center, National Ayush Mission (NAM) by Punjab Government in District Rupnagar, in which 7 male and 6 female are vacant. The posts are appointed on part time basis. Congratulating the candidates, he interacted with them and encouraged them to move forward in life. He said that his duty is to be done from the perspective of service, the citizens will be provided with good health due to the services provided by you.

Langar of turbans held on birth centenary of Jathedar Gurcharan Singh Tohra

BHADSON, (RAKESH JINDAL): 27 consecutive years Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee President Panth Ratan Jathedar Gurcharan Singh Tohra birth centenary ceremony was held at village Tohra. Meanwhile, under the leadership of Shiromani Committee member Satwinder Singh Tohra, a special and salutary effort was made to connect the youth and children to Sikhi by anchoring turbans on the occasion of the event. This langar of turbans was installed by the Heritage Preservation Movement with the support of Baba Ajapal Singh Sewa Society Nabha. Who ever promised that he would not desecrate the cases from now on, the administrators also honored the children who gave the correct answers to the questions asked about the history of Gurbans continued throughout the day in which a large number of devotees participated and said that the organizers paid their duty to the thought of Panth Ratan Jathedar Tohra by langaring the turbans. On this occasion, social worker Baghel Singh Jatiwal, Bhai Randhir Singh Dhidsa, Mahinder Singh Jhambali, Surinder Singh Tiwana president of Tohra Kabaddi Cup, Dr. Mandeep Singh Khurd, Jagdeep Singh Tiwana, Satgur Singh Pradhan, Gurmukh Singh Bhojomajiri, Tejinder Singh Kapur, Sukhwinder Singh Nauhra, Piara Singh Mohalguara, Major Singh Lubana, Harwinder Singh Amargarh etc.



People made aware of importance of cleanliness for good health



BARNALA DEHATI (BALWINDER AZAD): Civil Surgeon Dr. Tapindjerot Kaushal's guidelines and senior medical officer under leadership of Dr. Indu Bansal, various activities are being done to make people aware of importance of cleanliness for good health under Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 campaign at Sub Divisional Hospital Tapa.

Accordingly, employees present at Sub Divisional Hospital Tapa today along with cleaning staff took an oath to keep hospital clean. Senior Medical Officer Dr. Indu Bansal said that we should pay special attention to cleanliness. He said that we should also pay attention to cleanliness of our office, home and surroundings. Cleanliness plays an important role in preventing various diseases. Keeping clean also helps in preventing other diseases including diarrhoea. Block Educator Jaspal Singh Jatana gave detailed information about technique of hand washing and said that it is before eating food, after defecation, before cooking and serving food, after touching animals or garbage, child faces. After cleansing, hands should be washed thoroughly with soap and water.

Workshop on Earthquake-Resistant Construction and Retrofitting held at DRDA



KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: In a significant move towards enhancing earthquake safety, the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) Una, in collaboration with IIT Ropar, organized a workshop on earthquake-resistant construction and seismic retrofitting at the District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) auditorium. The workshop was conducted as per the instructions of Deputy Commissioner Jatin Lal. IIT Ropar will present a proposal to assess the seismic retrofitting capacity of 20 selected buildings in Una district. The workshop emphasized that proper retrofitting can significantly reduce the risk of building collapse during an earthquake. Dr. Mitesh Surana and Dr. Aditya Singh Rajput from the Civil Engineering Department of IIT Ropar highlighted the increasing need to reconstruct existing structures to withstand seismic activity. They stressed that earthquakes don't directly cause deaths, but the collapse of poorly constructed buildings does. The professors explained that incorporating earthquake-resistant designs adds only 5-10% to the total construction cost, which can save countless lives. They also shed light on the superiority of traditional construction methods, such as "Dhaji Diwari" and "Kath-Kumri" techniques, which have been used in the Himalayan region for centuries. These local construction styles are naturally flexible and resilient to seismic activity.

Land of 14 villages will be acquired for Kangra airport expansion

SANAJY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA: The affected people coming under the purview of Kangra airport expansion have been given two types of options. The affected people can take land or compensation in exchange of airport land and shop. Talking about Rachialu Mohalla of the affected area, the land of about 175 families is to be acquired from this area, but till now only two applications have reached the administration for taking land. The administration has a land bank ready, as soon as the demand of the people comes, the land will be given to the affected people. Apart from this, those affected people who want to take compensation will be given compensation. For settling the displaced people coming under the purview of airport expansion, a plot of eight marla will be given to Himuda. The work of allotment of eight marla plot for the displaced people will be handed over to Himuda. As soon as the demand for the plot comes, an eight marla plot will be made for them. The state government has also given the people the option of land or lump sum compensation, that is, the displaced family who wants to take the land will be given eight marla land. If a family asks for lump sum compensation, then it will be given compensation. For this, the administration has selected about 547 kanal land in Shahpur, Kangra and Dharamshala Mohalla.

Justice Rajiv Shakdher sworn in as Chief Justice of HP High Court

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, SEPT 25

Justice Rajiv Shakdher was sworn in as the Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court during an official ceremony held at Raj Bhavan today. The oath of office was administered by Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla in the presence of several dignitaries. Chief Secretary Prabodh Saxena conducted the formal proceedings of the ceremony and read out the Warrant of Appointment issued by the President of India. Lady Governor, Janaki Shukla, Agriculture Minister Chander Kumar, Public Works Department Minister Vikramaditya Singh Town & Country Planning and Technical Education Minister Rajesh Dharmani Judges of Himachal Pradesh High Court, Judges of Delhi High Court,



State Congress President Pratibha Singh State BJP President Rajiv Bindal, Advocate General, Anup Kumar Rattan, Director General of Police Dr. Atul Verma, Chairman HP State Human Rights Commission, Justice P.S. Rana, State Election commissioner Anil Khachi, Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of various boards and corporations, senior officers of the state

government, family members of Chief Justice of HP High Court and other prominent people were also present on the occasion. Born on 19th October, 1962, Justice Rajiv Shakdher holds a B.Com (Hons.), CA and LL.B. degree. He was enrolled as an advocate on 19th November, 1987 and has since practised extensively in civil, constitutional, taxation and corporate law. His legal expertise spans cases before the

Supreme Court and the Delhi High Court.

Justice Shakdher was appointed an Additional Judge of the Delhi High Court on 11th April, 2008, and later became a permanent judge on 17th October, 2011. He served at the Madras High Court after being transferred there on 11th April, 2016 and was subsequently transferred back to the Delhi High Court on 15th January, 2018.

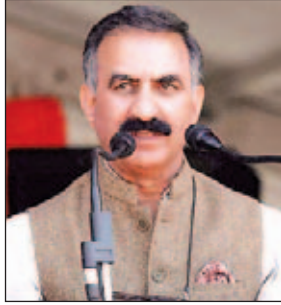
Power supply to industries remains cheaper in state: CM

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, SEPT 25

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that Himachal Pradesh is committed to formulating industry-friendly policies to promote investment in the State. In a statement released here today, Sh. Sukhu said that the state government has rationalized the electricity subsidies being provided to industries. Himachal Pradesh still supplies power on cheaper rates to the industries as compared to the neighboring States.

He said that large industries with supply voltage ranging from 33 KV to 220 KV will be offered electricity at rates which are cheaper than the neighbouring States of Punjab, Haryana and Uttarakhand by more than one rupee per unit.

"This implies that industries in Himachal



Pradesh still enjoy a comparative advantage to neighboring States. There are only 159 industries in the State with supply voltage ranging from 33 KV to 220 KV," he added.

Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that in addition to the large industries with supply voltage ranging from 33 KV to 220 KV, there is another set of 2011 industries in the State with supply voltage of 11 KV and 22 KV.

For these industries also the price advantage of more than rupees one continues in

comparison to the neighbouring States. For helping these industries, the Government has in fact reduced the electricity duty from 16.5 percent to 10 percent. He said that the State Government is committed for the promotion of 31,298 small and medium industries in particular. Subsidy for these industries remains unchanged and the energy charges remain untouched.

The Chief Minister said that the rationalisation of electricity subsidies will not harm the interests of industries and reaffirmed the government's commitment to fostering industrial growth.

"These industries provide employment directly and indirectly to thousands of youth of the state and we are determined to support their continued growth and the State is grateful for their contributions," he stated.

HP School Education Board is preparing to make a big change in the pattern of examinations

SANAJY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, SEP 25

Under this, a plan is being worked out to put 50 percent ability test i.e. Capability based MCQ questions in a few years under the academic session 2025-26, while only 50 percent will be written question papers in simple form. In the current academic session 2024-25, this percentage will be 20 percent in the final examinations to be held in March, after which the pattern will be changed gradually. Vishal Sharma, Secretary of Himachal Pradesh School Education Board, said that the School Education Board has started the process



under the National Education Policy-2020. In this, tips should also be provided to the education board and the teachers preparing the question papers by the experts of NCERT. For this, about half a dozen special workshops will also be organized at the state level. Earlier, changes have also been made by other big boards of the country ICSE-CBSE. Under this, in

the initial first phase in the state, 20 percent of the questions will be competency based in which multiple choice i.e. MCQs will be asked to the students of class 3rd, 5th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th to be held in March under the academic session 2024-25. This will help in testing the understanding of the subjects in the children instead of rote learning. In the coming three to four years, this level will be increased to 50 percent by the Board of Education. At the same time, the weightage of short answer/long answer questions with traditional exam pattern will be reduced from 80 percent to 50 percent.

Shoolini University partners with the University of Melbourne on dual degree programme

DINESH AGARWAL
SOLAN, SEPT 25

India's leading research-oriented Shoolini University has partnered with one of the top-ranked global universities, the University of Melbourne, to enrol students into a dual degree program that will lead to a University of Melbourne BSc Advanced (Honours) degree thus making it the first institution in the world to do so. The four-year programme follows a 2+2-year model, where students undertake two years of a general science curriculum at Shoolini University, before transferring to University of Melbourne to undertake a further two years of specialty study. The programme



promises exceptional training across a broad and deep science curriculum, combined with international experience and networking opportunities in Australia. The first batch of students for the dual degree programme has commenced their studies.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Global, Culture and Engagement), Professor

Michael Wesley and Dean of Science, Professor Moira O'Bryan, who led a nine-member delegation from the University of Melbourne, met and interacted with the first batch of students. The delegation aimed to explore opportunities for deeper academic partnerships and engage with students and faculty. During the visit, the delegates inaugurated the

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Future Center Building, along with the Shoolini Melbourne Teaching and Learning Hub. This newly established space is intended to foster innovation, promote research collaborations, and facilitate advanced teaching methodologies. The visit also focused on enhancing the existing partnership between the universities. Discussions were held on expanding research collaborations in fields such as chemistry, biology, and artificial intelligence. The first batch of students received an inspiring address by Professor O'Bryan, who emphasised the significance of this cohort and the innovative curriculum they will undertake.

CM Sukhu will inaugurate Mata Sri Chintpurni Mahatosav today

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, SEPT 25

The Mata Shri Chintpurni Mahotsav being organized for the first time in Una district will be inaugurated on September 26 in a grand manner. Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu will inaugurate the festival on Thursday at the office premises of SDM Amb. After welcoming the holy flame of Shri Chintapurni Ji, the festival will be formally inaugurated at 4 pm at Mela Ground Amb. To finalize the preparations for the festival, MLA Sudarshan Bablu, Deputy Commissioner Jatin Lal and Superintendent of Police Rakesh Singh visited the fair ground Amb on Wednesday and reviewed the arrangements there. They asked the officials to take full care of the facilities of the people coming to the festival



and issued instructions to the officials. During this, the MLA said that all the preparations related to Mata Shri Chintapurni Mahotsav have been completed. To make the festival a success, work has been done in a planned manner so that people did not face any kind of inconvenience during the festival. He said that more than 10,000 people were expected to come on the first day of the festival. In view of that, the seating and parking arrangements for the people were checked.

He said that earlier, big programs were seen in Kullu and Mandi districts. But this time, for the first time, a lot of enthusiasm was being seen among the local people regarding this Mata Shri Chintapurni Mahotsav being held in the Assembly constituency of Chintapurni.

During this, Deputy Commissioner Jatin Lal inspected the arrangements made by the officers for crowd management, security, health services, cleanliness as well as parking of vehicles.

Patients will get better health facilities in Thana Kalan Hospital: Vivek Sharma

JOGINDER DEV ARYA
BANGANA, SEPT 25

Kutlahar MLA Vivek Sharma visited Community Health Center Thana Kalan on Wednesday. He inspected health arrangements. and ordered the health officials to provide better health facilities to the public. MLA Vivek Sharma said that three new shops would be constructed at the main gate of the hospital. For which the land has been selected. Medicines of fair price will be available to the public at cheap prices in one of the three shops built at the main gate. A lab will be built with shops where reports of all types of blood tests of patients will be available. He further said that thousands of families from twenty panchayats were also associated with Thana Kalan Hospital availing health services here.



People and tourists from outside states also stopped by this hospital situated along the main road and sought health facilities in case of any problem. In such a situation, we have emphasized on providing better facilities in this hospital of Thana Kalan. On public demand, medicines at affordable rates will be made available to the public at the main gate of the hospital itself. On one side, there will also be a canteen arrangement

at the shop for the public. They can get tea, snacks and food at cheap prices. Because there was no restaurant along with the hospital, the public also faced problems. Vivek Sharma said that they have laid emphasis on further improving the health facilities in Kutlahar district. He also checked water tank and issued strict orders to ensure no compromise on cleanliness and to provide better facilities to the public.

Himachal Film Festival 2024 scheduled for October 23-24 in Dharamshala



SHANTI GAUTAM

BADDI: The Him Cine Society of Himachal Pradesh has announced the Himachal Film Festival (Him Filmmotsav) scheduled for October 23-24, 2024, in Dharamshala. During a poster launch event held at the Press Club of India in Delhi, committee member Shanti Swaroop provided details about the festival. The event will feature documentaries, short films, and campus films, with students from all colleges and universities in the state invited to participate. Swaroop revealed that the theme of the festival revolves around Himachal's rich history, art, culture, and traditions. There will be a focus on Himachal's contribution in various fields, including service and sacrifice, the state's divine heritage, the role of Himachal in the 1947 freedom struggle, and environmental conservation through "Green Himachal." Other themes will include "Himachali Relations," local heroes, Himachal's role in education, its journey toward becoming COVID-free, and tourism. The event will feature approximately 17 themes overall, and prizes worth Rs. 5 lakh will be awarded to the best films.

HPSDMA to launch 'Samarth-2024' disaster awareness campaign from 1st October



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: The Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA) would launch the 14th edition of its annual disaster awareness campaign, 'SAMARTH-2024', on 1st October, 2024. The campaign would run until 31st October, coinciding with the International Day of Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDR). This was informed by Director cum Special Secretary (Revenue-Disaster Management) D.C. Rana here today. He said that the event would feature exhibitions at The Ridge in Shimla. Key areas of focus would include landslide mitigation, safe construction techniques, traditional building methods, digital platforms, disaster response equipment and firefighting tools. First aid demonstrations would also be the part of exhibition. D.C. Rana said that the campaign would include workshops at the state and district levels. Street plays and competitions for school students would also be organised whereas awareness drives would extend to the Panchayat level with special sessions held during the Gram Sabha meetings on 2nd October.

CPA conference concludes, Speaker Pathania returns to Shimla



DINESH AGARWAL
NEW DELHI: The two-day Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region Conference, held at the Parliament House in New Delhi on September 23-24, concluded yesterday evening. The conference focused on the central theme, "The Role of Legislature in Sustainable and Inclusive Development." The closing session was chaired by CPA India Region Chairman and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla. Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Dr. Harivansh also addressed the gathering. The highlight of the conference was the presence of presiding officers from 24 states, with Jammu & Kashmir and Haryana being absent due to ongoing elections. Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania delivered an energetic and impactful speech, which was praised by both Om Birla and Dr. Harivansh, as well as the other presiding officers in attendance. In his 12-minute address, Pathania focused on the need for the central government to provide generous assistance to states, along with fair financial compensation for resources.

Block level nutrition month celebrated in Child Development Project Amb

AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB, SEPT 25

A one day camp was organized in Ambedkar Bhawan under the Child Development Project Amb under the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Himachal Pradesh. Block level medical officer Dr. Rajiv Garg participated in this camp as the chief guest. During this, he gave information about anaemia, diarrhea and nutritious diet. Anganwadi workers demonstrated nutritious food made from coarse grains.

In this program, Child Development Project Officer Amb Vijay Kumar said that



with the aim of making everyone aware of the basic concept of nutrition and making the target group aware, from 01 September 2024 to 30 September 2024, Nutrition Month is being celebrated. In which people were made aware about "Nutrition Bhi Padhai Bhi" and the importance of coarse grains. The main objective of

this campaign is to make adolescents, adolescents, pregnant and lactating women aware about the prescribed nutrition and to provide them proper nutrition. To save the targeted groups from malnutrition, like every year, this year also various programs are being organized by Women and Child Development at Anganwadi

level, Supervisor Circle level and Project level, through which detailed information is being given to the targeted groups regarding nutritious diet. On this occasion, Child Development Project Officer Vijay Kumar said in his address that it is very important to get the health checkup of pregnant women, lactating mothers and newborns done from time to time and it is also necessary to get them vaccinated and immunized on time. These beneficiaries should take a balanced nutritious diet, take iron folic acid tablets as well as mineral-rich, calcium, iron-rich diet and special attention should be paid to malnourished.

Meera Public School Alumna achieves milestone: Navkiran joins Toronto police as constable

KULWINDER KARWAL SARDULGARH: Meera Public School is proud to announce that its esteemed alumnus, Navkiran, has been appointed as a Police Constable in the Toronto Police Department, effective February 2024. This remarkable achievement is a testament to Navkiran's dedication, perseverance, and passion for serving the community. Her journey from Meera Public School to the Toronto Police Department is an inspiration to current students and a shining example of the school's commitment to fostering talented and responsible individuals. "We are thrilled to hear about Navkiran's achievement," said Dr. Ramkrishna Yadav, Principal of Meera Public School.

SAD will stage a sit-in in front of electricity office on Monday due to impending problem of electricity

VICKY BHABAT ZIRAKPUR: Due to the severe problem of electricity in Zirakpur, the Shiromani Akali Dal, along with the residents of Zirakpur, will stage a dharna in front of the electricity office and this dharna will continue until the electricity is restored. These words were expressed by former Constituency MLA NK Sharma while addressing the press conference today.

He said that there was no problem with electricity during the Akali Dal government, but the present government is making people feel like hell. There are 24-hour cuts at Zirakpur. Shopkeepers are upset. Children and old people are disturbed at home. Electricity workers do not pick up the phone of any non-government person. He said that due to non-availability of electricity, there has been a problem of drinking water in the houses because the current government has sold about 300 generators installed on tubes during the Akali Dal government.

AGM of UCPMA held, MP assures to help Industry

SHARMA LUDHIANA: Addressing 56th AGM of United Cycles Parts and Manufacturers Association (UCPMA) here on Wednesday, MP (Rajya Sabha) from Ludhiana Sanjeev Arora has made an appeal to the industrialists to have a positive attitude towards the State Government, which has done a lot for the industry since it came to the power. Arora who was the Chief Guest at the event, added that the industrialists must highlight their grievance and problems but at the same time it should also appreciate the works done for the betterment of the industry by the ruling State Government under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann in Punjab. Adding, Arora said many works have either been completed or in progress.

HMEL to provide over 19,000 induction cooktops to widows

ANIL VERMA BATHINDA: In a move to promote smoke-free cooking and support green energy initiatives, HPCL-Mittal Energy Limited (HMEL) has provided 19,320 induction cooktops to the Indian Red Cross Society. This initiative aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 7, aiming to ensure access to affordable and clean energy, thereby enhancing the availability of reliable and sustainable energy for local households. Notably, the technology for the induction cooktops was developed in-house by HMEL's Research and Development team, which later patented the technology before manufacturing the products for distribution to needy women. The campaign commenced in Talwandi Sabo, where 200 cooktops were distributed to widows. Following this, the remaining units will be allocated to widows in Bhatinda, Bhagat Ka, Moud, Nathana, Phool, Rampura, Sangat, and Talwandi Sabo blocks.

Nimrat Khaira new album "Magical" released and liked by audience

TILAK RAJ MOHALI: Nimrat Khaira Releases "Magical" Album, Setting New Records On September 4, 2024, renowned Punjabi singer Nimrat Khaira released her much-anticipated album Magical, presented by Brown Studios and Harwinder Sidhu. The 11-track collection has already made history, propelling Nimrat Khaira to become the first Punjabi female artist to feature in the top albums category—a remarkable achievement in a male-dominated industry. Just 24 hours after its release, Magical skyrocketed to the Top 4 in all genres, making it the fastest chart-topping album by a female artist. Furthermore, it currently holds the top position on the charts in both India and Canada, marking an unprecedented achievement for a Punjabi artist. This groundbreaking success has solidified Nimrat's position as a powerful force in the music industry, where female artists often face significant challenges.

MANJINDER BHATIA NANGAL, SEPT 25

Despite the Punjab government's ongoing efforts to curb corruption in tehsils and stop the exploitation of people, ground-level implementation appears to be lacking. A recent incident in Nangal Tehsil illustrates this problem. A notary public allegedly charged ₹10,000 for document verification.

Following this, Aam Aadmi Party leader and former MLA Amarjeet Singh Sandoa intervened, returning the money to the individual. In response to the incident, the SDM of Nangal issued strict orders that "every deed writer must display a government rate list at their booth and should not overcharge anyone." Previously, there had also been complaints

Secretary and director governance reforms visits Sewa Kendra Mohali

SHASHI PAL JAIN MOHALI, SEPT 25

To review the implementation of the Door Step Delivery of 43 Citizen Centric Services launched by the Punjab Government last December across the state, Principal Secretary, Ajay Sharma along with Director, Girish Dayalan from the Department of Governance Reforms, Punjab, today visited the local Sewa Kendra to know the real-time feedback of the residents appeared for getting various services there.

Principal Secretary Sharma enquired from the residents sitting there about the Dial 1076 (Door Step Delivery Services) and asked them to get the maximum benefit of the scheme launched by the Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann to facilitate the residents without visiting any government office. He said that the applicant has to just dial the toll-free number 1076 to book a slot for getting the service he/she needs notified 43 services. These services include Birth/NAC Cer-



tificate, Addition of Name in Birth Certificate, Multiple Copies of Death Certificate, Correction of Entry in Birth Certificate, Issuance of Death/NAC Certificate, Multiple Copies of Birth Certificate, Delayed Registration Birth Certificate, Delayed Registration Death Certificate and Correction of Entry in Death Certificate (Health), Income Certificate, Affidavit Attestation, Inspection of Revenue Records, Certified Copies of registered & unregistered documents (copying service), Non-Encumbrance Certifi-

cate, Equity Entry of Mortgage, Fard Generation, Countersigning of Documents, Indemnity Bond, Border Area Certificate, Backward Area Certificate, Demarcation of Land, Counter Signing of Documents of NRI, Counter Signing of Police Clearance Certificate and Kandhi Area Certificate (Revenue), Stipend to Children of Beneficiaries, Registration of Construction Worker and Renewal of Construction worker (Labour), Residence Certificate (Personnel), Schedule Caste Certificate and BC Certificate, Gen-

eral Caste Certificate, Other Backward Class Certificate (OBC), Income and Asset Certificate (EWS) and Shagun Scheme (For Sanction of Case) (Social Justice), Pension to Old age citizens, Pension to Widow/Destitute Citizens, Pension to Handicapped citizens, Apply for Disability Certificate UDID card and Pension to Dependent Children (Social Security), Electricity Bill Payment (Power), Registration of Marriage (Compulsory), Registration of (Anand) Marriage (Home) and Rural Area Certificate (Rural).

MLA Lakhbir Singh Rai, DC start planting of heritage forest at village Dhirpur

BIKRAMJEET SAHOTA FATEHGARH SAHIB, SEPT 25

Constituency MLA Advocate Lakhbir Singh Rai and Deputy Commissioner Dr. Sona Thind H.D.F.C With the support of the Bank, a heritage forest plantation of 8500 saplings was started at village Dhirpur under the slogan "Call Fatih, Plant Trees".

During the simple ceremony held on this occasion, Constituency MLA Lakhbir Singh Rai said that the heritage trees i.e. local trees are being planted in this forest. He said that today there is a great need to plant kicker, in today's era we have given up giving. Where kicker is a local tree, its endowment is also very beneficial. We should plant as many native plants as possible. He said that the nations live only which are connected with their heritage.



Our Gurus have also connected us with nature and explained the importance of nature. Today there is a great need to save the environment. He asked the project managers to build a mud house at this place, where people can come and connect with their heritage. Earlier Deputy Commissioner Dr. Sona Thind said that environmental protection is essential for a good life, for which it is necessary to plant more saplings and maintain them.

He said that every human being should plant as many saplings as possible so that the environment can remain clean and prevent diseases. He said that every person must plant at least 05 saplings. The Deputy Commissioner said that today, when the whole world is struggling with environmental problems, the importance of environmental protection increases even more. If the environment is clean then we will be able to breathe clean air and avoid diseases.

1st collaborative short-term skill enhancement course by MCM, PU culminates



RAJIV JAIN CHANDIGARH, SEPT 25

The Skill Development Committee of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, held the valedictory of the first 30-hours' skill enhancement course organised in collaboration with the Centre for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (CSD), Panjab University, Chandigarh.

In this first-of-its-kind collaboration, the college has joined hands with CSD to launch 30-hours' short term skill enhancement courses for its students with a vision to empower them with skills that enhance their employability quotient and promote

self-reliance. The first course in this series- a 6-day workshop on 'Skills of Adorning Fabrics' held under the aegis of Fine Arts and Home Science Departments of the college, culminated here today. Prof. Suveera Gill, Director, CSDE, Panjab University, graced the valedictory as the Chief Guest. Elated to be at her alma mater, Prof. Gill expressed appreciation for the skill development initiatives of the college that provide the students with opportunities to widen their horizons and equip themselves with skills. Introducing the audience to the concept of micro-learning, Prof. Gill reiterated the importance of short-term skill enhancement courses.

Central integrated pest mgt centre organizes two-days human resource development program

PARAMJIT SINGH JALANDHAR, SEPT 25

A Two days Human Resources Development Programme was organized for farmers on September of 24th and 25th, 2024 by the Central Integrated Pest Management Centre, Jalandhar at Nurmahal, Block-Nurmahal, Dist.-Jalandhar. In this training programme farmers were imparted training about pest & diseases of Kharif crops by different experts and by field visits.

Dr. P.C. Bhardwaj, Officer-In-Charge, Central Integrated Pest Management Centre Jalandhar made the farmers aware about concept and need of Integrated Pest Management. He emphasized the need to manage insects-pests of crops by adopting all IPM tools in a compatible manner to avoid environmental pollution and ill effects of pesticide. He



also advised to make need based and judicious use of pesticides. Officers from this Centre, Sh. Pawan Kumar, Plant Protection Officer made farmers aware about Pesticide residue & safe use of pesticides and advised them to use of different wearables i.e., gloves, eye-wear, mask, apron etc and about DO's and DON'T while using pesticides. Sh. Chetan Janwad, Assistant Plant Protection Officer made farmers aware about beneficial fungus i.e. Trichoderma spp, Beauveria bassiana, Metarhizium

spp. etc & their importance in pest management and also asked farmers to treat seed's with Trichoderma spp. and Pseudomonas spp. to avoid the incidence of fungal & bacterial diseases during early stage of the crop and Sh. Chandra Bhan, Assistant Plant Protection Officer made farmers aware about different useful traps i.e., Pheromone, Yellow & Blue sticky, Fruit Fly & different bio-agents like Trichogramma spp., Spiders, Dragon fly, Damsel fly, water striders etc.

Panth, Punjab need personality like Gurcharan Singh Tohra: Gurpreet Maluka



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL, SEPT 25

Even after 28 years of the Shiromani Committee, the president of the Lok Sabha and other high positions, only a personality like Jathedar Gurcharan Singh Tohra could remain unblemished. BJP leader ex-chairman Gurpreet Singh Maluka expressed these words yesterday after participating in the function held on the occasion of birth centenary of Gurcharan Singh Tohra. Gurpreet Maluka said that Jathedar Tohra was the sectarian shield of the Shiromani Akali Dal. After his death, the Akali Dal continued to move

away from the sectarian agenda. His journey as the president of the Shiromani Committee was full of great achievements. The Technical University at Fatehgarh Sahib was also possible due to his efforts. Honesty was his strongest point.

He spent his entire life in his simple ancestral home. During the dark period in Punjab, he saved thousands of innocent youth with his help. He was the foremost leader of the Sikh panth, but he respected every religion. He also gave full respect to his opponents. On the occasion of his birth centenary at Tohra, people themselves have reached Muharra.

Blossoms Convent School mourns demise of Principal Amarjeet Kaur Naaz

JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR): Renowned educationist and principal of Blossoms Convent School Dr. Amarjeet Kaur Naaz passed away yesterday after a long struggle with illness. The management, staff and students of the school have expressed their deep grief on demise of the principal.

They paid a tribute to departed soul and described her as their ideal and constant support. "She is loved dearly by her students as well as the staff and the loss is irreparable for us," said the management members including Chairman Harbhajan Singh Johal and President Manpreet Singh Brar. They further said that her contributions towards the field of education shall always be remembered. They prayed for peace of the department soul.

The last rites shall be performed on 26 September at model town association shamshan ghat.



Kharar Council president starts work of installation of new tubewell in ward 18

SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, SEPT 25

Jaspreet Kaur Longia, President of Kharar Municipal Council, today started the work of a new tubewell in Khoomimajra Ward No. 18 of Kharar Municipal Council.

On this occasion, she said that about 42 lakh rupees will be spent on this tube well and the work of installing this tube well will be completed within this week. She said that the Municipal Council had passed resolutions regarding the installation of 15



new tubewells in the city and this is the fifth tube well of which the installation work has been started today. She

said that the work of installing the remaining tube wells will also be started soon.

Industry area factory association expresses gratitude to punjab govt, MLA Sherry Kalsi for releasing funds for development work

GURDASPUR (VERMA): A meeting of the Industry Area Factory Association Batala was held under the leadership of President Paramjit Singh Gill, with key members including General Secretary Ravindra Handa, Randhir Singh, Mahesh Aggarwal, Subhash Goyal (Patron), Sahil Gill, Rajat Sareen, Harjeet Singh, Subhash Aggarwal (Vice President), Pawan Aggarwal (Treasurer), Rachhpal Singh (Secretary), Balwant Singh, Balvinder Singh, Surinder Singh, Amit Sekhri, Mohit Aggarwal, Anil Kumar, Rajat Sareen, Raman Goyal, Harjeet Singh, Vinesh Shukla, and Gurpreet Singh participating. While speaking to the media on this occasion, Association President Paramjit Singh Gill



mentioned that last year, a meeting was held between industrialists and Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, where the industrialists discussed the development needs of industrial areas. At that time, CM Mann had promised that the government would release grants for the development of these areas to ensure their growth. Gill further stated that, as part of this promise, the Punjab government has now released Rs. 2 crores 21 lakh 30 thousand for the development of the Batala industrial area.

BJP Local Body Cell in Punjab commemorates Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya's birth anniversary



RADHE SHYAM SHARMA MORINDA, SEPT 25

On the occasion of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya's birth anniversary, the Secretary of the BJP Local Body Cell in Punjab, Sanjeev Sood, along with party workers, paid tribute to him.

They remembered his contributions and offered heartfelt condolences. Dur-

ing the event, Harsh Kohli emphasized the significant role Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya played in establishing the Bharatiya Janata Party, stating that his contributions cannot be forgotten.

The gathering was attended by several BJP workers, including Kapil Bhardwaj, Puneet Mittal, Kishan Lal Mehta, Bhag Singh, Sudhir Sharma, and Sukhpreet Singh Chaddha.

Akal University's faculty listed among world's top 2% scientists

ISHWER GARG TALWANDI SABO, SEPT 25

Dr. Bubun Banerjee (Assistant Professor & Coordinator, Centre for Green Chemistry, Akal University, Talwandi Sabo) has been featured among the World's Top 2% Scientists List in 2024. The list was published on 16th September 2024 by Stanford University, USA.



This is the 4th consecutive year that Dr. Banerjee's name has been included in this prestigious list for his year-wise research contributions. For the second time, Dr. Banerjee's name has also been featured in the career-wise list as he has already published 130 research/review articles on the field of Green and Sustainable developments in different Scopus/SCI Index Jour-

nals. Additionally, he has also published 20 book chapters. Very recently he has co-edited 16 books published by De Gruyter, Germany. Prof. Gurmail Singh, Vice-Chancellor of Akal University, offered his congratulations and mentioned that the recognition received by Dr. Banerjee has made the entire Akal family proud. Now, Akal University is on the global map of science and this has brought great pride to the institution. Scientists are classified into 22 scientific fields and 174 sub-fields according to the standard Science-Matrix classification.

The selection is based on the top 100,000 scientists by c-score (with and without self-citations) or a percentile rank of 2% or above in the sub-field.

SSP Daljinder Singh Dhillon honored with Pride of Pathankot Award



PATHANKOT (BUREAU): The Annual General Meeting of Pathankot Vapur mandal was held at the local Venice Republic Resort under the chairmanship of President Maninder Singh Lucky, Founder SS Bawa and Chairman Anil Mahajan. SSP Pathankot Daljinder Dhillon was present as the Chief Guest. Meanwhile, first of all, the annual meeting was started under the leadership of Pathankot Chamber of Commerce President Maninder Singh Lucky by calling him on the stage. At the same time, the group of businessmen present supported working in the interest of businessmen with President Maninder Singh.

After this, the main problems of the traders, their issues and the problems faced by the people of the city were discussed in the meeting. In which the traders expressed concern over serious issues like traffic problem, thefts in shops and people's houses in the past, increasing drug addiction among the youth and also gave their suggestions for their solution. Meanwhile, President Maninder Singh Lucky presented his views to the SSP and said that Pathankot is a peaceful city, where the business class is always involved in social activities as well as doing their business within the scope of rules.



PREETI SAINI
SADHAURA : DAV College, Sadhaura observed National Deworming Day under the supervision of Assistant Professor of English, Dr. Yogesh Singh Mohan, and Librarian, Dr. Rajendra Kumar. Dr. Rajendra Kumar informed that they had been assigned the task of distributing 100 Albendazole tablets, provided by the CHC (Community Health Center) Sadhaura, which was successfully completed during the event. Dr. Yogesh Singh Mohan raised awareness among students about maintaining good health, the importance of deworming, and the possible side effects of the Albendazole medication. He assured that no adverse effects were reported among the students after the distribution. Principal Tejveer Singh congratulated the organizers and their team for the successful execution of National Deworming Day at the college.

Junior Chess Championship proved to be an important platform for talents: Sahil



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL : Junior National Chess Championship proved to be an important platform for junior chess talents, Chess Championship 2024 (Open and Women's Category) Junior National Chess Championship 2024 concluded amid enthusiasm and competition, in which participants from all over country displayed their intelligence and skills. Players in both Open and Women's category performed excellently and secured top positions in their respective categories. Adireddy Arjun (Telangana) won gold medal, Saurabh Biswas (West Bengal) silver medal, Javir Mahendru (Maharashtra) bronze medal in Open category. Similarly, in women's category, Mitika Malik (West Bengal) won gold medal and Velapula Sarayu (Telangana) silver medal and Sneha Halder (West Bengal) bronze medal. Sahil Sukhija Pradhan Karan Nagari Chess Association, organizer of this championship, while giving information said that this championship proved to be important platform for junior chess talents in India, in which players impressed audience and organizers by demonstrating excellent playing skills. This event not only enhanced ability of players but also set new standards of excellent performance in chess for future. He said that this competition was highly inspiring for chess lovers and will inspire young chess players of the country to make their mark at international level. Players were awarded by Nitin Narang, President of All India Chess Federation and Dharmendra Kumar, Treasurer of All India Chess Federation and Sahil Sukhija Pradhan Karan Nagari Chess Association.

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: Elections to 1299 wards of 175 panchayats of district Barnala will be held in district Barnala, for which reservation lists have been prepared and sent to the government. Giving information in this regard,



District Election Officer Mrs. Punamdeep Kaur said that votes will be cast in these elections through ballot

paper. The building for conducting these elections will be arranged by the concerned Sub-Divisional Magistrate.

Apart from this, she directed the police to strictly control the law and order situation during the election and counting of votes.

J&K Cong chief slams govt intention behind bringing diplomats to Kashmir

AGENCY
SRINAGAR, SEP 25

J&K Pradesh Congress Committee President Tariq Hameed Karra on Wednesday said that the foreign diplomats' visit to Kashmir to see polling in the Union Territory is aimed to "sell" the "deceptive" work of Government of India.

Karra, whose fate will be decided in Wednesday's voting, made these remarks in reply to a question about the visit of foreign diplomats.

"There are two aspects of their visit. One of them is that Jammu and Kashmir has already been a centre point and next thing may be by their visit, clarity will emerge about what the people want from these elections," Karra told media persons in Srinagar.

He said the foreign



delegations were often visiting Kashmir and "it can be possible that the government of India is willing to show them the good atmosphere and participation of people to sell their "deceptive" work around the world".

Karra said that Congress

is the lone party which is fighting against the divisive, communal and anti-sectoral policies of Bharatiya Janata Party in the country.

He said people have understood the Congress party's importance and "if we will compare it on the state and national level, Congress

Health check-up camp at Janki Devi Women's College: 150 patients examined

DAULAT CHAUHAN
NEW DELHI, SEPT 25

A health checkup camp and CPR training program were organized at Janki Devi Women's College, Rajendra Nagar, by Om Health Foundation and Chetna Sanstha. The medical team, comprising senior heart specialist Dr. Kavita Tyagi from Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, onco-gynecologist Dr. Renuka Gupta from SK Birla Hospital, Dr. Anshul from Sharp Sight Eye Hospital, dentist Dr. Tanisha, Dr. Ajay Sangwan, and Dr. Jaideep Chahal, conducted health checkups for around 150 students and staff members. Out of these, 50 patients underwent computerized eye testing, and free lipid profile and sugar tests were conducted for those in need. Sunny Sahani trained the college



students on CPR techniques through a demonstration. During the event, Dr. Renuka Gupta, an onco-gynecologist, provided detailed information about the symptoms of cervical cancer, breast cancer, and ovarian cancer. She emphasized the importance of early detection in cancer treatment, stating that timely intervention could save lives and lead to a healthy future.

Dr. Kavita Tyagi, an interventional cardiologist from Sir Ganga Ram

Hospital, raised awareness about heart diseases, particularly in women. She pointed out that women who smoke are six times more likely to suffer from heart diseases compared to men. She also dispelled the misconception that heart diseases are less common in women, revealing that 63% of female deaths are caused by heart conditions. She urged women to be extra vigilant about heart disease symptoms, which tend to be milder in women.

'Viksit Bharat' is mass movement created only through public participation: Anurag Thakur

PUNE, SEPT 25

Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) Shri Anurag Singh Thakur asserted that no power in the world can stop Indian youth, who are poised to build a Developed India or Viksit Bharat. He was speaking at the 'Viksit Bharat Ambassador - Yuva Connect' event at Fergusson College in Pune today, where he was present as the Chief Guest, Shri Thakur emphasized that youth participation will shape the future of the nation.

During his keynote address, Shri Anurag Thakur highlighted that Fergusson College is not only a center of knowledge but has also produced patriots, intellectuals, leaders, social reformers and two Prime Ministers of the nation! He recognized the present students are heirs to this



legacy, as also the current and future makers of the nation. In his presentation, Shri Anurag Thakur explained various government schemes introduced since 2014, as well as plans and activities set for the coming years. He informed students about initiatives like the Lakhpati Didi Yojana, aimed at providing economic independence and self-confidence to women, and

other ongoing efforts to integrate tribals into the mainstream of society. He stated that the Government's priority is to make farmers self-reliant and improve infrastructure in health, transportation and other sectors.

Shri Anurag Thakur also discussed Jan Dhan Yojana, which has enabled all Indians to open bank accounts and receive Direct Benefit Transfers from the

government. He noted increased digital financial transactions showcase the success of Digital India scheme. The return of fake ration cards and voluntarily giving up of LPG concessions show the success of the Government's initiatives. He reiterated that the provision of electricity, tap water connection, health facilities and gas connections signify that common citizens are a top priority for the Central Government.

Thakur also remarked that India has rejected a slavery mentality in favor of a developed mindset, exemplified by initiatives like 'Gati Shakti' in space and infrastructure sectors. He expressed confidence that India is not only developing its own defence equipment, but is also preparing to export it.

Kiratpur Sahib gets Rs.12.28 crore development boost



CHANNA
SRI KIRATPUR SAHIB, SEPT 25

In a major infrastructure upgrade, Cabinet Minister Harjot Singh Bains today launched development projects worth Rs. 12.28 crore in Kiratpur Sahib. The projects include the School of Eminence, to be developed at a cost of Rs. 10.61 crore, and a health center at Rs. 1.67

crore. Local dignitaries jointly laid the foundation stone, marking a significant milestone in the city's development journey. The School of Eminence will undergo major renovations, including two new blocks, a multipurpose hall, laboratory, library, classrooms, toilet block, and lift. The health center will be equipped with 5 AC blocks, an AC vaccination

room, generator station, new sewer line, and general repairs. Prominent figures present at the ceremony included Minister Harjot Bains' mother Mrs. Balwinder Kaur Bains, Kamikar Singh Dadhi, Manish Bawa, Deepak Soni, Tarlochan Singh Lochi, Madam Parkash Kaur, Kulwant Singh, Axion Vivek Dureja, Surinderpal Singh, and Sharanjit Singh.

Objective of Pb govt is to provide benefits of govt schemes to people: Dr. Ravjot

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHARPUR, SEPT 25

The newly appointed cabinet minister of the Punjab government Dr. Ravjot Singh was given a dignified welcome by the district administration on his arrival in Hoshiarpur. On his arrival, he was given a guard of honour by the Punjab Police contingent at the Public Works Department Rest House. On this occasion, Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal, SSP Surendra Lamba, Forest Officer North Circle Hoshiarpur Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Tiwari, Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) Rahul Chaba and Commissioner Municipal Corporation Dr. Amandeep Kaur, SDM Sanjeev Kumar and District President of Aam Aadmi Party Gurwinder Singh Pabla were also



present. After this, the Cabinet Minister discussed various issues of development of the district with the administrative officials.

During this, he reviewed the progress of the development schemes going on in the district and obtained detailed information from the officials. He stressed that all the projects should be completed in a timely manner so that the public can get benefits as soon as possible. He instructed the administrative officials to

work honestly and settle the complaints of the people on priority basis. He said that the main objective of the Punjab Government is to provide the benefits of every government scheme to the people at the grassroots level. He said that it is his priority to develop Hoshiarpur district as an ideal district and for this the government will provide all possible resources. He also expected the administration to solve the problems of the public on priority basis and expedite the development works.

Awareness activities under Ayushman Bharat Abhiyan in Health Block Mahal Kalan



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, SEPT 25

Under the directions of Civil Surgeon Dr. Tapinderjot Kaushal and under the leadership of SMO Dr. Gurtejinder Kaur, awareness activities were organized in various villages of Health Block Mahal Kalan under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Abhiyan.

Giving information in this regard, BEE Shivani said that under this special campaign being run under Ayushman at your doorstep, people are being motivated to make cards and Aabha ID by making them aware through Ayushman Chaupal, Ayushman Sabha, Asha and Anganwadi centers through the village sarpanch. She appealed that under this campaign, more and more people should join the Ayushman Abhiyan, make cards and IDs for themselves and their family members. On this occasion, Health Supervisor Balwinder Kaur, CHO Prabhjot Kaur, Mandeep, Baljinder Singh and Asha worker Ramandeep were present.

143 NDPS cases registered in last 9 months in Barnala, 247 accused held



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: 143 NDPS cases have been registered in last nine months in District Barnala, 247 accused have been arrested and 163 challans have been presented in the court. The arrested accused include 215 males and 32 females. Rs 2.20 cr worth property of accused has been forfeited under chapter 68 of NDPS Act. DC shared the information while addressing the district level task force of NCORD (National Narcotics Coordination Portal) held today. SSP Barnala Sandeep Malik accompanied her. SSP Sandeep Malik added that acting against the drug peddlers, police have confiscated large amounts of intoxicant tablets, capsules, poppy husk, heroin, opium syrups and recovered Rs 20000 as drug money and recovered 11 vehicles. DC said that the civil and police administration were working on multi pronged strategy of strict policing, making students and general public aware about ill-effects of drugs and working with addicts on de-addiction. The district police have identified seven hotspots including Sainsi Basti Barnala, Qila Patti Handianga, Bazigar Basti Tapa, Sarkari Vehda Sehna, Nanaksar Road Jgi Basti Bhadaur, Sainsi Vehda Pandori and Sainsi Vehda Wajidke Khurd.

Families leave Akali Dal for Congress in Village Rose, Dera Baba Nanak, under Randhawa's leadership

VERMA
GURDASPUR, SEPT 24

Today, due to the efforts of Sarpanch Prabhsharan Singh, former Sarpanch of Rose, and Gurdial Singh Ladi, several families bid farewell to the Akali Dal and joined the Congress Party in the village of Rose, Dera Baba Nanak Constituency, under the esteemed and capable leadership of Sardar Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, from Gurdaspur, and General Secretary In-charge of Rajasthan Congress, as well as the former Deputy Chief Minister of Punjab.

Among those who joined the Congress were former



Sarpanch Shamsher Singh from Chaura Kalan, Dilbagh Singh Bagga, Hira Singh, Harpreet Singh Happy, Sarbas and Sabba, Gurmeet Singh, Balraj Singh, Gurjeet Singh, Sardool Singh, Lakhwinder Singh, and Vishal. Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa warmly welcomed all the workers who joined the Congress and assured them that they would be given full respect and honor

within the party. The workers who left Akali Dal and joined Congress assured Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa that they would fully support the Congress Party in the upcoming by-elections for the Dera Baba Nanak Assembly constituency and work towards ensuring a significant victory for the Congress candidate, further elevating the stature of Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa.

Unprecedented development under BJP Govt: Yogendra Rana

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BJP candidate Yogendra Rana stated that the remarkable development achieved during the past ten years under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership far surpasses the progress made during the opposition's fifty-year rule. Speaking during his election campaign in the villages of Risalwa, Munpura, Balla, Assandh, Munka, Hathlana, Dadupur, Jundla, and Assandh, he urged voters to support the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Addressing a teacher's seminar at Minerva Public School, Rana emphasized



his need for support from his community, declaring, "I have come to my family today, and I need your votes and support."

He highlighted that he is part of a party dedicated to uniting the country and enhancing India's global stature. Rana urged the public to cast their votes for

the BJP on October 5, reminding them of their responsibility to contribute to the nation's progress and glory. He stated, "The BJP is the only party that has brought pride to India on the world stage, and it is essential for you all to step forward for the advancement of our country."

Editorial

Mirror speaks

A working paper on the relative economic performance of Indian states between 1960-61 and 2023-24 has reaffirmed a fact that the Mamata Banerjee government must take note of. Authored by Sanjeev Sanyal, member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, the paper has contended that while maritime states have outperformed other states, West Bengal, despite having a significant head start at the beginning of the study period, has been an exception. The first metric considered was Bengal's share in India's gross domestic product, calculated by dividing the gross state domestic product of Bengal by the sum of GSDP of all states.

The states' relative per capita incomes were also examined. If a state's per capita income was the same as that of the country, it had 100% per capita income relative to the national average. The time series data on these two metrics thrown up by the study revealed that Bengal experienced a continuous decline in its relative economic performance over several decades. Although Bengal's share was 10.5% to the national GDP in 1960-61, which made it the third-largest contributor, it dwindled to 5.6% by 2023-24, much below other states like Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh. The slide in terms of per capita income has been equally stark: from a relative income of 127.5% in 1960-61, it plummeted to 83.7% in 2023-24, falling below that of even traditionally laggard states like Rajasthan and Odisha.

These numbers drill holes into the claims that Amit Mitra — he steered Bengal's economy for a decade and is now a chief adviser to Ms Banerjee — has been making about Bengal's stellar show under the Trinamool Congress regime. They also highlight that Bengal has a lot to learn from the southern states, which outperformed others after the economic liberalisation of 1991, and collectively accounted for 30% of India's GDP. The working paper did not delve deep to analyse the reasons behind Bengal's fall from a position of pre-eminence. It did not offer any solutions for laggards like Punjab, another state characterised by a steady decline over years, either. The attempt was probably to hold a mirror to policy-makers in the states, especially those at the bottom, to prod them to ponder what went wrong and how a new beginning can be planned. The working paper reconfirmed another known fact; that states like Maharashtra and Gujarat have consistently been the powerhouse of the Indian economy.

India's role in combating synthetic drug threats

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar highlighted India's role as co-chair of Working Group 1 in global efforts to combat the illicit manufacture and trafficking of synthetic drugs.

He was addressing the Summit for the Global Coalition to Address Synthetic Drug Threats on Tuesday (local time).

Taking to social media platform X, Jaishankar stated that India had faced a lot of challenges due to the nexus between terrorist organisations, narco-trafficking and cross-border rackets. "India's role as co-chair of Working Group 1, focused on preventing the illicit manufacture and trafficking of synthetic drugs, showcases our proactive stance. India has long been affected by the nexus between terrorist groups and narco-trafficking. Cross-border rackets smuggle drugs into our territory, with proceeds supporting terrorism," he said.

To bolster its efforts in enhancing co-operation in combating drug-related issues, the Foreign Minister said that India had signed 45 bilateral agreements and had established a regulatory framework for 27 precursor chemicals.

He also reiterated the India-US partnership has deepened in recent years on this issue and said that the recent conclusion of the bilateral Drug Framework and Memorandum of Understanding in Wilmington was a significant step in collaborative efforts between both countries.

"The deepening partnership between India and the United States must be recognised. Our Counter Narcotics Working Group has met four times, and the



conclusion recently of the bilateral Drug Framework and MoU at Wilmington is a notable step," Jaishankar said.

He further called for increased operational cooperation, intelligence sharing and enhanced law enforcement collaboration among nations to effectively address

the synthetic drug trade.

Jaishankar was joined by US President Joe Biden and US State Secretary Antony Blinken at the summit on the sidelines of the 79th United Nations General Assembly in New York. Following his address, Jaishankar held bilateral talks with

Spanish Foreign Minister Jose Manuel Albares and discussed on bilateral cooperation as well as on Ukraine and West Asia.

He also met Bolivian Foreign Minister Celinda Sosa Lunda as well as EU Commissioner Wopke Hoekstra.

Literature & Health

US reaffirms commitment to Taiwan's self-defence amid rising tensions with China

The US has reiterated its commitment to Taiwan's defence, pledging to continue supplying the island with essential military equipment and services to bolster its self-defence capabilities.

This assurance was reaffirmed at the annual US-Taiwan Defence Industry Conference, which commenced in Philadelphia on Sunday, showcasing the depth of defence cooperation between the two democracies, VOA News reported.

The conference, organised by the US-Taiwan Business Council (USTBC), comes at a critical time as Taiwan faces increasing threats from China, which views the self-governing island as a breakaway province.

The US State Department, citing the Taiwan Relations Act, emphasised that ensuring Taiwan's defence is crucial for maintaining peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait.

Despite China's repeated objections, the United States has maintained that its arms sales to Taiwan are guided by the



Taiwan Relations Act and other US laws, not by Beijing's pressure. "We will continue to work with industry to support Taiwan's self-defence in line with our long-standing policies," a US State Department spokesperson said, underscoring that Washington's "One China" policy has not changed but is based on peaceful resolution. Adding to the tensions, China recently announced sanctions against nine US firms in retaliation for Washington's defence support to Taiwan, including a USD 228 million package of spare parts for Taiwan's air force.

India, Australia strategically aligned as Quad partners

The India-Australia Quad partnership is strategically aligned as Quad partners in their aim to create an open and free Indo-Pacific region, the Australian High Commissioner to India, Philip Green, said on Tuesday.

In an interview with ANI, Green said that the Indo-Pacific region has a great dynamic and that the Quad countries stand with the region to have free trade and also to have sovereignty, which is free from any state.

"Australia and India are Quad partners, who are strategically aligned. We want Indo-Pacific open and free. There are great dynamics in our regions but some things hold us back. We want the region where states



have free trade and what they want in their sovereignty in their own way, which is free from state, can make choices that suit the peoples of each of their countries," he said. Green said that the Quad countries have agreed to work in maritime domain security and also to work in the removal of cervical cancer via vaccines in this region. "We agreed on new

work in maritime domain security; we all understand what is happening in our maritime domain, and secondly, we work harder and try to remove cervical cancer via vaccines. Australian PM Anthony Albanese visited India and met Prime Minister Modi and we talked about good things that include many things," he added.

POEMS

Playthings

Child, how happy you are sitting in the dust, playing with a broken twig all the morning. I smile at your play with that little bit of a broken twig. I am busy with my accounts, adding up figures by the hour. Perhaps you glance at me and think, "What a stupid game to spoil your morning with!" Child, I have forgotten the art of being absorbed in sticks and mud-pies. I seek out costly playthings, and gather lumps of gold and silver. With whatever you find you create your glad games, I spend both my time and my strength over things I never can obtain.

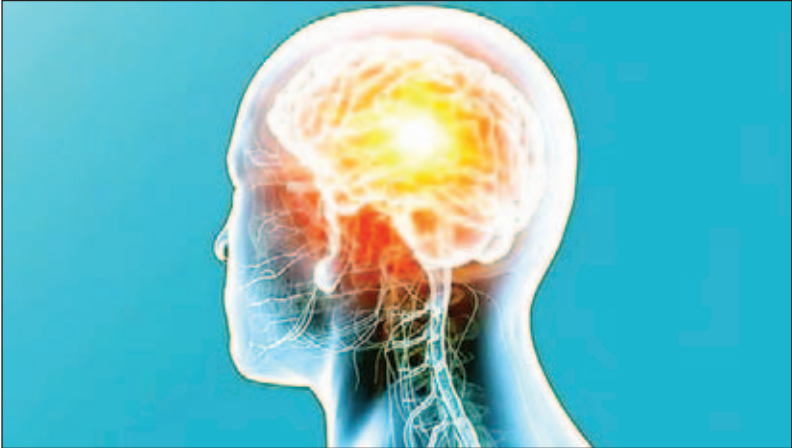
Rabindranath Tagore

Study finds how antidepressants have potential for treating brain tumours

Glioblastoma is an extremely aggressive brain tumour that is currently incurable. Cancer doctors can increase their patients' life expectancy with surgeries, radiation, chemotherapy, or surgical procedures. Nonetheless, half of patients die within a year of diagnosis.

Medications that are effective against brain tumours are challenging to find since many cancer medications are unable to cross the blood-brain barrier and enter the brain. This reduces the number of available treatments. Neuro-oncologists have thus been working hard for some years to identify better medications that can reach the brain and eradicate the tumour.

Researchers led by ETH Zurich Professor Berend Snijder have discovered a chemical that, at least in vitro, successfully combats glioblastomas: vortioxetine, an antidepressant. Scientists understand that this affordable medicine, which has already Snijder's postdoc and



lead author of the study, Sohyon Lee found it using pharmacoscopy, a special screening platform that the researchers have developed at ETH Zurich over the past years. The study findings were recently published in the journal Nature

Medicine. In this study, the ETH Zurich researchers worked closely with colleagues from various hospitals, in particular with the group under neurologists Michael Weller and Tobias Weiss at the University Hospital Zurich (USZ). With

pharmacoscopy, ETH Zurich researchers can simultaneously test hundreds of active substances on living cells from human cancer tissue. Their study focused primarily on neuroactive substances that cross the blood-brain barrier, such as antidepressants, Parkinson's medication and antipsychotics.

In total, the research team tested up to 130 different agents on tumour tissue from 40 patients. To determine which substances, have an effect on the cancer cells, the researchers used imaging techniques and computer analysis. Previously, Snijder and his team had used the pharmacoscopy platform only to analyse blood cancer (see ETH News) and derived treatment options from this. Glioblastomas are the first solid tumours that they have systematically investigated using this method with a view to use existing drugs for new purposes. For the screening, Lee analysed fresh cancer tissue from patients who had recently undergone surgery at the University Hospi-

tal Zurich. The ETH Zurich researchers then processed this tissue in the laboratory and screened it on the pharmacoscopy platform. Two days later, the researchers obtained results showing which agents worked on the cancer cells and which did not.

The results made it clear that some, but not all, of the antidepressants tested were unexpectedly effective against the tumour cells. These drugs worked particularly well when they quickly triggered a signalling cascade, which is important for neuronal progenitor cells, but also suppresses cell division. Vortioxetine proved to be the most effective antidepressant. The ETH Zurich researchers also used a computer model to test over a million substances for their effectiveness against glioblastomas. They discovered that the joint signalling cascade of neurons and cancer cells plays a decisive role and explains why some neuroactive drugs work while others don't. In the last step, researchers at the University Hospi-

pital Zurich tested vortioxetine on mice with a glioblastoma. The drug also showed good efficacy in these trials, especially in combination with the current standard treatment. The group of ETH Zurich and USZ researchers is now preparing two clinical trials. In one, glioblastoma patients will be treated with vortioxetine in addition to standard treatment (surgery, chemotherapy, radiation). In the other, patients will receive a personalised drug selection, which the researchers will determine for each individual using the pharmacoscopy platform. "The advantage of vortioxetine is that it is safe and very cost-effective," says Michael Weller, Professor at the University Hospital Zurich, Director of the Department of Neurology and co-author of the study published in Nature Medicine. "As the drug has already been approved, it doesn't have to undergo a complex approval procedure and could soon supplement the standard therapy for this deadly brain tumour."

KALP Studio Celebrates Successful Launch of BUILD

CHANDIGARH: KALP Studio today unveiled its global initiative, BUILD, aimed at enriching and consolidating the global Blockchain and Web3.0 communities. The BUILD Business Summit brought together over 300 participants from premier institutions such as IIT Jammu, IIT Ropar, NIT Jalandhar, PEC, Panjab University, and Chitkara University. The week-long event, held from 18th to 24th September, marked a significant milestone in fostering collaboration and innovation within the global blockchain and Web3.0 communities.

PBPartners amplifies their presence in North India with the inauguration of its 17th Experience Center in Ludhiana

LUDHIANA:—PBPartners, the PoSP arm of Policybazaar, recently inaugurated its 17th Experience Center in Ludhiana. The inauguration was a notable event, graced by the presence of Mr. Dhruv Sarin, Co-founder of PBPartners, Mr. Amit Bhadoria, National Sales Head of the Motor Insurance BU and Mr. Neeraj Adhana, National Sales Head of the Health Insurance BU. They were also joined by the agent partners, the Ludhiana sales team, and various insurers inaugurating the initiative together with a ribbon-cutting and lamp-lighting ceremony. "We've proudly added a new chapter to our journey with the opening of our 17th Experience Center in Ludhiana. Our goal is to create a unified environment where clients can explore various insurance products by interacting with our highly skilled agent partners, and experience our innovative solutions firsthand. Our core mission is to extend insurance accessibility to every corner of the country."

Air India Elevates Global Travel with A350, Offering a New Era of Premium Air Travel

LUDHIANA/AMRITSAR: Air India has recently enhanced its service on the Delhi-London route with the introduction of the state-of-the-art Airbus A350. The airline plans to expand this service to the US and other international destinations. This marks a significant step in the airline's ongoing transformation under the Vhan-Air initiative, aimed at elevating the passenger experience on all long-haul routes. The Air India's flagship carrier A350 includes a fresh three-class configuration offering 28 private suites with full-flat beds in Business, 24 seats in a dedicated Premium Economy cabin offering extra legroom and other enhancements, and 264 latest generation seats in Economy. All seats on the A350 come with the latest-generation Panasonic eX30 in-flight entertainment system and HD screens that offer more than 3000 hours of entertainment content from around the world in 13 international and 8 Indian regional languages with a specific category for 100+ hours of content for kids, which will shortly be complemented by

Amazon Goes All-In for Amazon Great Indian Festival

SIMLA/DHARAMSHALA: Amazon, in today announced a significant increase in Standard Commission Income Rates for key categories within its network of over 50,000 influencers engaged with Amazon, providing a timely boost ahead of the highly anticipated Amazon Great Indian Festival (AGIF). Starting September 27, 2024, Prime members will enjoy a 24-hour early access to exclusive deals and discounts. "At Amazon India, we're dedicated to supporting the creator community and empowering them to achieve success," said Zahid Khan, Director of Shopping Initiatives for India and Emerging Markets, Amazon. "By significantly increasing commission rates across key categories and offering additional resources through programs like Creator University and Creator Connect, we're providing creators with the tools and incentives they need to thrive during the festive season and beyond. We believe this enhanced support system will not only benefit creators but also translate into a more.

Samsung's Biggest Festive Sale 'Fab Grab Fest' is back

CHANDIGARH: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today announced its biggest festive sale 'Fab Grab Fest' starting 28th September, offering exciting deals and cashback on Galaxy smartphones, tablets, laptops, accessories, wearables, smart televisions, digital appliances and smart monitors. These never-before offers will be available on Samsung.com, Samsung Shop App and Samsung Exclusive Stores. At heart of this festive sale will be Buy More Save More, where customers can avail an additional up to 5% discount when purchasing two or more products.

Hero MotoCorp & Thums up introduce a special Edition Mavrick440 Thunderwheels

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: In a ground breaking collaboration, Hero MotoCorp, the world's largest manufacturer of motorcycles and scooters and Thums Up, India's biggest homegrown beverage brand under The Coca-Cola Company have teamed up, to present the Mavrick 440 Thunderwheels, a limited-edition version of Hero MotoCorp's flagship motorcycle, the Mavrick 440. This exclusive series of motorcycles, meticulously crafted in partnership with Hero MotoCorp embodies Thums Up's core values of adventure & thrill combined with Hero's technological prowess and engineering excellence. Both the brands' are collaborating to provide their young consumers with a best-in-class 'tootani experience.

Celcor Gadgets Ltd. Expands Home Appliances Portfolio

CHANDIGARH: Celcor Gadgets Limited (NSE: CELCOR), a pioneer name in the consumer electronics industry, is pleased to announce its latest additions to the home appliance market. In line with its mission to enhance everyday life through innovative and reliable products, Celcor is launching a new series of refrigerators, geysers, and room heaters this October, diversifying its portfolio with modern and efficient solutions that cater to household needs.

PC Jewellers Ltd. Board to Consider Stock Split on September 30

CHANDIGARH: PC Jeweller Ltd. announced that its board will meet on September 30, to consider the sub-division / split of existing equity shares having face value of Rs.10/- each, as may be determined by the Board of Directors and consequent alteration of Memorandum of Association of the Company. Recently, the company announced that Kolak Mahindra Bank Ltd. has conveyed its approval to the One Time Settlement (OTS) proposal submitted by the Company. The Company had opted for OTS to settle the outstanding dues. The terms and conditions of approved OTS include cash and equity components payable under settlement, release of securities and mortgaged properties etc. Further, the company reported that a refund of Rs 67.54 crores from the Income Tax Department, was credited to its account on September 06th, 2024. Earlier, company reported a stellar turnaround story for Q1FY25. The company has started regaining its customer trust and goodwill which has resulted in an exponential growth in its topline and profitability. State Bank of India (Lead Bank) had also filed an application for withdrawal of its petition filed before Hon'ble NCLT, Delhi seeking initiation of Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process under section 7 of IBC against the company.

Home remedies for ringworm: ways to treat

As we gear up to burn it out this summer, it's time to stock up on all essentials to ward off sweat-related health issues. While perspiration is a natural and important phenomenon, it is absolutely annoying, especially when it can bring along issues like ringworms, skin rashes, and others; not to forget the itching. What Is Ringworm? If your nails are affected by ringworm, they may become thicker or discolored or begin to crack. If your scalp is affected by ringworm, the hair around it may break or fall off, and bald patches may develop.

1. Soap And Water You must keep the infected area as clean as possible when you have ringworm. This helps prevent the rash from spreading further and helps to keep the infected area under control.
2. Coconut Oil There are both antifungal and microbial properties in coconut oil that can help cure ringworm infection. It's an effective home remedy for ringworm and infections with other fungi. Coconut oil could be an ideal treatment for scalp ringworms as it's easy to apply to the scalp and an effective hair conditioner.
3. Apple Cider Vinegar Apple cider vinegar has strong antifungal properties, so it can help treat ringworm when applied to the infected area.
4. Turmeric



Turmeric has various health benefits, including anti-inflammatory and antibacterial properties. It's also an effective antifungal that prevents growth.

6. Tea Tree Oil Earlier tea tree oil was used as an antifungal and antibacterial, and even today it's used for the same purposes. It can be very effective in treating fungal skin infections.
7. Powdered Licorice Licorice or Liquorice has significant antimicrobial properties, and research has shown that liquorice extracts could be used to treat fungal infections in an altered manner.
8. Antifungal Shampoo Sometimes, ringworm develops on the scalp. Symptoms of scalp infection may include patches of hair loss, severe dandruff, severe itching and scalp boils.
9. Aloe Vera Aloe vera has long been used both for bacterial and fungal infections.

Amazon Goes All-In for Amazon Great Indian Festival: Increased Commissions, Live Shopping & More

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categories, including popular choices like fashion, beauty & personal care appliances, home, kitchen, toys, books for active creators working with Amazon. This empowers creators to earn more during the peak shopping season and capitalize on the increased consumer demand during AGIF. At Amazon India, we're dedicated to supporting the creator community and empowering them to achieve success," said Zahid Khan, Director of Shopping Initiatives for India and Emerging Markets, Amazon. "By significantly increasing commission rates

across key categories and offering additional resources through programs like Creator University and Creator Connect, we're providing creators with the tools and incentives they need to thrive during the festive season and beyond. We believe this enhanced support system will not only benefit creators but also translate into a more engaging and rewarding shopping experience for our customers." This increased commission rate from Amazon.in for the Great Indian Festival is a massive win for creators like myself!

Nothing Announces lowest ever prices with discounts of more than 50% on Nothing and CMF Product Lineup for Flipkart Big Billion Days

CHANDIGARH : London-based consumer tech brand, Nothing, the fastest-growing smartphone brand in the country with 567% growth in H1 2024, announced incredible discounts on the latest and most sought-after Nothing and CMF products, for upcoming Flipkart Big



Billions Days. The Phone (2a) features the Dimensity 7200 Pro processor and a 5,000 mAh battery with 45W Fast Charging. It has 50 MP + 50 MP rear cameras, a 32 MP front camera, and a 6.7" AMOLED display with 1,300 nits peak brightness and a 120 Hz refresh rate. Running on Nothing OS 2.6 with Android 14, it offers enhanced widgets and AI features. The Phone (2a) Plus is a bestseller and sold 60k units in 60 minutes on launch day. For the Big Billion Days 2024 sale, Phone (2a) will be available at

₹18,999 (including a bank discount of ₹1,000). Additionally, customers can get the Power 65W for just ₹1999 with the Phone (2a), available at Flipkart or select retail stores. The Phone (2a) Plus, powered by the MediaTek Dimensity 7350 Pro 5G processor, triple 50 MP camera system, a first for Nothing smartphones. The front camera will now capture 4K video at 30 FPS, an upgrade from the previous model. All three sensors support direct 50 MP photo output, HDR photo capture, and 4K video recording. Phone (2a) Plus features 6.7" FHD+ AMOLED display with 1300 nits peak brightness and a 120 Hz

Complaint lodged with Election Commission against Arvind Kejriwal

CHANDIGARH: Kulbhushan Sharma, President of National Independent Schools Alliance and Federation of Private Schools, Haryana held a press conference in Sector 17, Chandigarh against Aam Aadmi Party Haryana and AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal for making irre-



sponsible statement of hooliganism against private schools. Talking to reporters, President Kulbhushan Sharma said that he has today lodged a complaint with the Election Commission against AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal for making objectionable statement about private schools. He said that on September 20, during the election campaign in Jagadhari constituency of Yamunanagar, AAP supremo

Arvind Kejriwal had accused private schools of Haryana state of indulging in hooliganism, which has caused resentment and anger among private school operators. The Federation of Private Schools has termed this statement as derogatory and inappropriate and has lodged a complaint with the Haryana State Election Commissioner and requested for action. He said that by making such a statement, the Chief Minister of Delhi has ridiculed and insulted the temples of education. His complaint includes taking appropriate action against Arvind Kejriwal for violating the Model Code of Conduct and banning him from further election campaigning in the state of Haryana. He said that during the election campaign, Kejriwal made derogatory remarks against the Education Minister of Haryana and said that private schools in the state of Haryana are involved in hooliganism.

Vodafone Idea concludes mega \$3.6 bn deal with three global network partners

LUDHIANA : Vodafone Idea has concluded a mega -USD 3.6 billion (~Rs. 300 billion) deal with Nokia, Ericsson and Samsung, for supply of network equipment over a period of three years. The deal marks the first step towards the rollout of the company's transformative three-year capex plan of -USD 6.6 billion (Rs. 550 billion). The capex programme is directed towards expanding the 4G population coverage from 1.03 billion to 1.2 billion, launching 5G in key markets and capacity expansion in line with data growth. The Company has continued with its existing long-term partners Nokia and Ericsson and also onboarded Samsung as a new partner. Akshaya Moondra, CEO, Vodafone Idea Limited, said "We are committed to invest in emerging network technologies to provide a best-in-class experience to our customers. We have kickstarted the investment cycle. We are on our journey of VIL 2.0 and from hereon, VIL will stage a smart turnaround to effectively participate in the industry growth opportunities. Nokia and Ericsson have been our partners since our inception and this marks another milestone in that continuing partnership. We are pleased to start our new partnership with Samsung."

MG Windsor, India's 1st Intelligent CUV, starts from INR 13,49,800

CHANDIGARH (R N KHERA): JSW MG Motor India today announced the prices for the recently launched MG Windsor, starting at INR 13,49,800 (Ex-Showroom). India's 1st Intelligent CUV combines the comfort of a sedan and the expense of an SUV offering a luxurious business-class experience to customers. The CUV is offered with futuristic aerodynamic design, spacious and opulent interiors, reassuring safety, smart connectivity, driving comfort, and many hi-tech features. In addition, customers are ensured complete peace of mind through various initiatives such as a lifetime warranty on the battery for the first owner, assured 60% buyback after three years, and one-year free charging at



public chargers using the eHUB by MG app. The Windsor will be available in four colour options: Starburst Black, Pearl White, Clay Beige, and Turquoise Green, said Commercial Officer, JSW MG Motor India to media in his office at Elanta Mall. Speaking at this occasion, Satinder Singh Bajwa, Chief Commercial Officer, JSW MG Motor India, said, "The MG Windsor will enable

customers to upgrade to an EV lifestyle through its attractive packaging and pricing. We are confident that this will incentivize more potential customers to adopt electric vehicles, powering the transition to a greener future." The Windsor features an AeroGlide design language, which is futuristic and transcends the concept of traditional segmentation.

CT Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences Celebrates World Pharmacists Day with UPAS

JALANDHAR (J S SODHI) CT Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, in collaboration with the United Pharmacist Alliance Society (UPAS), celebrated World Pharmacists Day with great enthusiasm. The event saw active participation from students and faculty, aiming to highlight the essential role pharmacists play in healthcare. The celebration featured various engaging activities, including a quiz competition, organic rangoli making, declamation contests, a "create out of waste" challenge, and a thought-provoking skit. These events not only encouraged creativity and knowledge sharing but also fostered a sense of community among future pharmacists. Distinguished professionals from UPAS shared their insights, emphasizing the importance of upholding the dignity and integrity of the pharmacy profession. Dr. Daisy Sharma, Vice Principal of CT Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, along with Heads of Departments Dr. Abhinav Anand and Ms. Diksha Bhatt, praised the students for their enthusiasm and participation, commending their commitment to the profession.



Airtel cracks down on SPAM, launches India's first AI-powered network solution for SPAM detection

In a pioneering move to curb the country's spam menace, Bharti Airtel ("Airtel"), today, launched India's first network-based, AI-powered spam detection solution that will significantly solve the issue of spam calls and messages for its customers. A first-of-its-kind solution by a telecom service provider in the country, the tool will alert customers in real-time to all suspected spam calls and SMSes. The solution is free of cost and will get auto-activated for all Airtel customers without them having to raise a service request or download an app. Gopal Vittal, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Bharti Airtel said, "Spam has become a menace for customers. We have spent the last twelve months to solve this comprehensively. Today marks a milestone as we launch the country's first AI-powered spam free network that will shield our customers from the

continuous onslaught of intrusive and unwanted communications". "Designed as a dual-layer protection, the solution has two filters – one at the network layer and the second at the IT systems layer. Every call and SMS passes through this dual-layered AI shield. In 2 milliseconds our solution processes 1.5 billion messages and 2.5 billion calls every day. This is equivalent to processing 1 trillion records on a real time basis using the power of AI. Our solution has been able to successfully identify 100 million potential spam calls and 3 million spam SMSes originating every day. For us, keeping our customers secure is a burning priority." Vittal added. Developed in-house by Airtel's data scientists, the AI-powered solution uses a proprietary algorithm to identify and classify calls and SMSes as "Suspected SPAM". The network powered by state-of-the-art AI algorithm.

IIFL Finance to Offer Gold Loan at 1% Interest Rate Per Month From September 25 to September 28

GURGAON: Through this Gold Loan Mela, IIFL Finance aims to extend affordable credit to individuals in need of immediate financial support, helping them access gold loans at reduced costs. With branches across India and a seamless online platform, IIFL Finance is ready to process and service loan requests efficiently, ensuring customers can benefit from this limited-time offer. Mr. Saurabh Kumar, Head of Gold Loans at IIFL Finance, said, "We understand that financial needs can arise unexpectedly, and we are here to support our customers during these times. This Gold Loan Mela reflects our ongoing commitment to providing accessible financial solutions. Our teams are ready to assist customers with their needs, ensuring that they have the resources to navigate their financial journeys with confidence and ease." IIFL Finance continues to offer competitive loan-to-value (LTV) ratios, quick loan processing, and easy digital payment options. The company remains focused on maintaining its service standards while ensuring that its customers receive timely support. Customers interested in availing of the 1% per month gold loan offer can apply on IIFL Finance's branches across India or apply online through the company's website. Terms and conditions, as well as further details on eligibility, can be found on the website.

Dr Niraj Thapar brings attention to increased risk of flu during erratic monsoon, children need flu vaccination

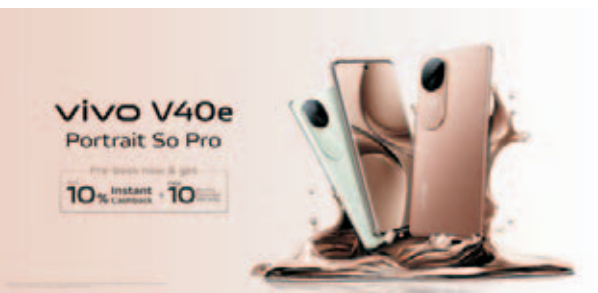
LUDHIANA- The monsoon season brings relief from the scorching summer heat but also creates favourable conditions for seasonal influenza to thrive. This season sees an increase in flu infections, as the humidity and temperature fluctuations promote the transmission of flu viruses. The erratic nature of this year's monsoon can amplify the spread of flu infections. In regions facing drought-like conditions, air pollution rises, which can weaken the immune defenses of children, making them more susceptible to flu infections. Areas prone to waterlogging see an increased growth of mold and fungi, impacting the lung health of children and increasing the risk of flu. Crowding in homes and other indoor spaces due to heavy rainfall and floods can also lead to the rapid spread of infection and can even large-scale flu outbreaks. In children, flu can lead to serious complications such as pneumonia and exacerbate pre-existing conditions such as asthma. The Indian Academy of Paediatrics (IAP) recommends that children between the ages of 6 months and 5 years receive a flu vaccination every year after completion of primary influenza immunisation to prevent complications. Vaccination can also help reduce the severity of illness if flu is contracted. Dr Niraj Thapar, Child Specialist, Ludhiana discusses the importance of proactive healthcare measures during the Monsoons, saying, "With the rise in flu cases we have witnessed during the monsoon season, it is essential that children receive flu vaccination. Children under the age of five are still in the development stages of their immunity system which makes them vulnerable to complications of flu such as pneumonia and bronchitis. 4-in-1 annual flu vaccination is an effective measure against flu which helps prevent the infection or reduces the symptom severity and illness duration. I strongly advise parents to consult their doctors for more information on flu vaccination to protect their children against flu".

Sony India launches BRAVIA Theatre U for wearable cinematic experience

LUDHIANA : Sony India is proud to announce the launch of the highly anticipated BRAVIA Theatre U, a state-of-the-art home entertainment solution designed to deliver an immersive cinematic experience in the comfort of your living room. Thence wireless neckband speaker delivers immersive sound that surrounds your ears for open-air yet personal listening. The BRAVIA Theatre U offers an immersive cinema experience at a high volume without having to worry about the surroundings. Enjoy a thrilling Dolby Atmos® experience and make movies incredibly immersive by combining BRAVIA Theatre U with a compatible BRAVIA. The360 Spatial Sound creates your own spatial sound field for atmospheric listening when paired with Sony's compatible BRAVIA TVs . The X-Balanced Speaker Unit enhances movies and dramas with cinema-quality audio, so every word spoken by the actors is clear and precise. Connect two BRAVIA Theatre U speakers to a single TV or other devices using the Speaker Add function.

vivo expands its V-series lineup with the launch of the V40e

CHANDIGARH: vivo, the innovative global smartphone brand, today launched the latest addition to its successful V40 series-the all-new vivo V40e, India's slimmest smartphone in the 5500mAh battery category. Embodying a luxurious design and packed with best-in-class features, the vivo V40e is an exquisite offering in its segment. Continuing the V-series' legacy of providing a segment-leading portrait experience, the V40e offers a capable dual camera setup with leading portrait abilities which is further empowered by vivo's exclusive Studio Quality Aura Light and an enhanced AI Portrait Suite. Inspired by a royal and modern aesthetic, the V40e will be available in two color variants - Royal Bronze and Mint Green. It will be priced at INR 28,999 (inclusive of taxes) for the 8GB+128GB variant and INR 30,999 (inclusive of taxes) for the 8GB+256GB variant. Consumers can



pre-book the smartphone starting today, and purchase the smartphone starting October 2, 2024, across vivo India e-store, Flipkart, and all partner retail stores. To make the purchase even more exciting, consumers can avail any of the below offers: Commenting on the launch, Geetaj Channana, Head of Corporate Strategy at vivo India, said that we are glad to be introducing the new vivo V40e. With the festive season around the corner, we want to offer the best of

our technology to our consumers and believe that the V40e is a compelling package. With the new vivo V40e, we bring the goodness of the V40 series at a more approachable price point for our consumers. The new V40e blends a slim, luxurious design paired with a powerful camera setup and long-lasting performance. We are confident that the phone will be well received by our consumers and we continue to delight every moment for them!

JSW MG Motor India launches Special Editions of its STORM Series

CHANDIGARH JSW MG Motor India today announced the launch of the 'SNOWSTORM', a special edition of MG Hector, India's first Internet SUV and 'BLACKSTORM 2024 Limited Edition' of Astor- India's Most Advanced SUV in its class. With its captivating exteriors and luxurious interiors, The Hector SNOWSTORM becomes the perfect choice for SUV enthusiasts who desire a tech-rich vehicle with a striking, robust character. The Black-themed exterior of Astor BLACKSTORM with premium interiors offers a compelling choice to customers who are looking for a bold, sophisticated, and stylish SUV. Available in 5, 6, and 7-seater configurations, the MG Hector SNOWSTORM range starts at INR 21,52,800/- Lakh (ex-showroom) and Astor BLACKSTORM 2024 Limited Edition comes at INR 13,44,800/- Lakh (ex-showroom). Commenting on the launch, Satinder Singh Bajwa, Chief Commercial Officer, JSW MG Motor India, said, "We are excited to introduce Hector SNOWSTORM and Astor BLACKSTORM edition today. These special editions reflect our commitment to deliver on market insights and customers' preferences by offering them exciting and innovative products with multiple choices. The SNOWSTORM edition signifies Hector's five years of successful journey in India."



X Series from McDowell's & Co, a premium new range of Vodka, Rum and Gin hits the market

SIMLA, 25, September, 2024, 2024 There is an increasing desire for better drinking experiences with focus beyond traditional whisky, and the rise of cocktail culture also attests to the same, with consumers, young and old, getting more experimental. Repertoire is the current calling. So, what better time for one of India's most iconic and legendary brands, McDowell's & Co., a 125-year-old powerhouse, to reinvent itself with a metamorphosis that puts the consumer at the center of its portfolio. With seven different distilleries spread across the

length and breadth of the country, sourcing raw materials and ingredients from across the nation and the world, the X Series by McDowell's & Co. is reimagining the way consumers will now experience a portfolio of beautiful liquids, ranging all the way from vodka and gin to a vibrant new citron rum and a delicious dark rum. Combining the best of Indian ingredients with globally exotic flavours, the X Series by McDowell's & Co. presents a distinct new portfolio, the likes of which have not been seen before in India – with honest ingredients, unique recipes and vibrant new packaging, with the purpose of delivering an unparalleled palate experience.



Little alertness can save one from cyber crime: SP

MANISH KUMAR
AMBALA: Cyber criminals are adopting new methods to commit cyber crimes. Common people can avoid falling prey to cyber criminals with a little understanding and caution. This was what Superintendent of Police Ambala Surendra Singh Bhoria said. Ambala Police was taking



strict measures against cyber crimes. Advisory has been issued to make common people aware. Superintendent of Police said that police was running campaigns from time to time to make common people aware about cyber crimes. It was important for common people to be alert to avoid cyber crimes. He said that

awareness was the biggest weapon to avoid cyber crime. He said that if any person became a victim of cyber crime, then immediately call the cyber crime helpline number 1930 issued by the Government of India. If for some reason the number 1930 was not available in that case one can also register their complaints by dialling 112.

BJP candidate Jagmohan Anand visits number of villages under public relation campaign

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, SEPT 25

BJP candidate from Karnal, Jagmohan Anand started his public relations campaign from Sector-13 Park Enclave on Wednesday participated in the program organized by Veer Vikram and Shashi Pandey extended their support to the BJP and assured that Jagmohan Anand will make the lotus bloom in Karnal. They will be sent to Chandigarh. BJP candidate Jagmohan Anand expressed his gratitude to the people of Karnal for giving so much love, affection and support and said that receiving the victory blessings from all of them was no less than a good fortune for him.

He said that the prosperity of Haryana and for development, the public



should make BJP win with a huge majority for the third time and make it a hat-trick so that new dimensions of development can be initiated in the state at a faster pace. On this occasion, through the platform, he talked about the progress of Karnal and Haryana on October 5.

He appealed to vote for the progress of the society. After this, he reached the

office this morning and paid his respects on the birth anniversary of the pioneer of Antyodaya, great thinker and nation builder Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay ji. He said that the thoughts and principles of Pandit Deedal Upadhyay Ji still inspired them to follow the path of public welfare. During a program organized by Naseeb Singh in village Dabri, he had a meaningful

dialogue with of Karnal Vidhan Sabha. He appealed to the people to vote in large numbers in favour of the election symbol-lotus flower and blessed jo..

Apart from this, Jagmohan Anand also visited Ganapati Market Association Purani Sabzi Mandi, Sadar Bazar, Purani Sabzi Mandi, Chhoti Mangalpur Colony ITI Karnal, Ashoka Campaigned for the elections in Nursery, Rai Farm Kachhwa Gurudwara, Haqiqatnagar, Bhagwan Valmiki Mandir Dhakkha Basti Hansi Road, Ramnagar, Rishi Nagar Jundla Gate and Model Town Karnal and appealed to the people to vote for the election symbol lotus. He also visited the old vegetable market program organized by and interacted with local traders and residents.

People of Haryana say Congress is coming and BJP going: Hooda

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER
BARARA, SEPT 25

Public meeting was organized in support of Congress candidate Pooja Chaudhary from Mullana assembly. While spirits of Congressmen are high seeing crowd of thousands of people who came in support of Congress candidate Pooja Chaudhary in grain market, former Haryana Chief Minister Chaudhary Bhupendra Singh Hooda also assured that huge crowd coming in support of Congress at various places in Haryana has proved that people of state have only one voice at this time that Congress is coming and BJP is going. MP Varun Chaudhary, Congress candidate from Ambala city Nirmal Singh, Mullana candidate Pooja Chaudhary along with hundreds of officials and workers were present with him. Former Chief Minister Bhupendra



Singh Hooda said that every section of society has been affected in last 10 years of BJP. He said that by lathi-charging and torturing farmers, employees, teachers, Panchs-Sarpanches and even youths for fighting for their rights, this government has proved its misrule. He said that you have to compare resolution of BJP's Jumlas and the firm promises of Congress's new intentions. Congress candidate Pooja Chaudhary and MP Varun Chaudhary welcomed former Chief Minister Chaudhary

Bhupendra Singh Hooda by putting a turban on him. Thanking all people of the constituency who came to the huge public meeting, she said that Mullana Vidhan Sabha is our family and every citizen here is our family member and today I have come among you all to seek votes not for myself but for the future of all of you. She said that in 2009, Haryana was number one in per capita income, law and order, employment and sports. Now it is number one in unemployment and inflation.

Abhey Oswal Township rights transferred to Anil Khanna

KARANPREET KARAN

BARNALA: The management of Abhey Oswal Township has officially transferred all rights to Mr. Anil Khanna, Vice President of the township. This decision was confirmed by Mr. Vipin Viz, Chief Financial Officer of Oswal Township, and is in accordance with recent directives. Residents of Barnala and all concerned parties are informed that former project manager and staff, including drivers, are no longer associated with Messrs. Oswal Greentech Limited or the Abhey Oswal Township project. Henceforth, all plot buyers, investors, and individuals involved in commercial transactions within the township are instructed to contact Mr. Anil Khanna directly for any inquiries, purchases, sales of plots, or related issues. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Anil Khanna reassured investors that Abhey Oswal Township will continue to uphold its responsibilities with the same diligence as before. He emphasized that the township will always be available to resolve any issues faced by investors. He further stated that Oswal Greentech Limited, under Real Estate Regulatory Authority Punjab (RERA) approval number BNL 06/pro 874, has developed more than 400 plots over 58 acres with all necessary government approvals in place.



Public should make right choice by supporting BJP for third time: Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi

SAHIL MEHTA
NILOKHERI, SEPT 25

BJP candidate from Nilokheri, Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi, conducted a public outreach campaign in several villages including Thakana Colony, Nadana, Bhaini Kalan, Bhaini Khurd, Saunkra, Aebila, Aebli, Dabarthala, Ramana, Padwala, Shamgarh, Tarawadi, Dodwa, and Dhanak Society in Nilokheri. During this campaign, he appealed to the public to vote for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). While addressing the villagers, Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi emphasized that elections are a significant event that comes once every five years, giving the people a chance to choose the right leader. He urged the citizens to make a wise decision, as a correct choice would ensure good governance for five years, while a wrong one could lead to regret for the same period. He highlighted the various welfare schemes introduced by the BJP government that have proven to be beneficial for the people. Kabirpanthi further mentioned key promises



from the BJP's manifesto, such as providing Rs. 2,100 per month to all women under the Lado Lakshmi scheme, free treatment of up to Rs. 10 lakh for every family under the Chirayu-Ayushman Yojana, and an additional Rs. 5 lakh in healthcare for senior citizens above 70. Other pledges included purchasing 24 crops at the declared minimum support price, building 10 industrial cities on the model of IMT Kharkhoda, offering 50,000 jobs per city to local youth, providing two lakh permanent government jobs without favoritism.

Cong treated Yamunanagar step-motherly, BJP brought record-breaking development: Ghanshyam Das Arora



RAHUL KOHLI

YAMUNANAGAR: BJP candidate from Yamunanagar assembly constituency Ghanshyam Das Arora today conducted door-to-door and public relations campaign at Rani Laxmibai Park, Tilak Nagar, Shahzadpur, Dayalgarh, Boodia, Geeta Bhawan to New Market, Ratauli, Main Bazaar Camp, Raja Ram Gali, Vishnu Nagar, Ram Park, Tirth Nagar, Roop Nagar and other places. Public meetings were also organised at many places. People welcomed MLA Arora with a garland. He asked the city residents to give their support and cooperation to BJP candidate Ghanshyam Das Arora. BJP candidate Arora said that in last 10 years, record-breaking development has taken place in Yamunanagar constituency. Earlier, Congress government led by Bhupendra Singh Hooda treated Yamunanagar step-motherly. Due to neglect for ten years by the Congress government, condition of Yamunanagar had become bad. But after BJP government came to power in 2014, Yamunanagar was not ignored.

As long as PM Modi is here, we will not let anyone touch Dalit, OBC and SC reservation, says Kanwar Pal



RAHUL KOHLI

JAGADHARI: BJP candidate from Jagadhari constituency Kanwarpal Gurjar appealed to citizens of villages Hasanpur, Lohriwala, Khadri, Jaydhar, Madho-Moda, Nandgarh, Rampur Khadar, Bhilpura Jaydhar, Pipli Majra and Sawan Puri, Garhi Banjara, Sawan Puri, Basant Nagar, Vishwakarma Colony, Ashok Vihar, Jagadhari Chhoti Line in Jagadhari city to vote, support and bless BJP and said that the Congress party calls itself a Dalit-friendly party and Congress party leader Rahul Gandhi gives speech in English in America that country has developed and will end reservation, on other hand, our BJP Chief Minister Naib Saini is talking about giving reservation by increasing limit of creamy layer, this is difference between BJP's national interest being paramount and Congress. As long as Prime Minister Narendra Modi is here and Bharatiya Janata Party is in power, we will not let anyone touch reservation of Dalits, OBCs and SC-STs.

My aim is to take Nilokheri to new heights of development: Gaurav Bakshi



KAMAL SHARMA

TAROURI: Gaurav Bakshi, candidate from Rashtriya Janlok Party from Nilokheri assembly constituency, said that his first aim was to take Nilokheri constituency to the heights of development. He said that employment centres would be set up for the youth in the constituency. Not only this, various schemes will be started for women to benefit them. He said this while he was talking to journalists at Tarawadi grain market. Before this Gaurav Bakshi had announced the candidature of Rashtriya Janlok Party. Roadshows were conducted with supreme Sher Singh Rana at several places including Tarawadi grain market, city, Anjanathali road, railway flyover, GT road, Takhana, Padhana and Nilokheri.

Gaurav Bakshi took out a road show participating hundreds of vehicles. On his visit, he did public relations with the people along with the convoy. During this time, commission agents in Tarawadi grain market and shopkeepers in the market welcomed Gaurav Bakshi with flowers and garlands.

Eight companies of paramilitary arrive to keep law and order during election



RAHUL KOHLI

YAMUNANAGAR: Effective arrangements are being made by the District Police to conduct the entire process of assembly elections in a free, fair and peaceful manner. Keeping this objective in mind, till now eight companies of CISF have reached the district with their arrival blockade and flag march action were being taken so that the common people can exercise their franchise freely and without fear. A total of thirty-two places were blocked in the district even today. It is noteworthy that three companies of paramilitary had arrived in August and five companies have arrived now. The District Superintendent of Police addressed the actions taken by these companies before and on the day of voting and was encouraged to work as a team and conduct the elections successfully. Inter-state checkpoints were already installed at six places in the district. Apart from this, 36 flying squads and 12 static surveillance teams are working in the district and searching suspicious vehicles so that no one can make any attempt to lure or threaten the voters illegally.

Director of Ayush Department reviews Ladwa Grain Market ahead of paddy procurement



VIJAY KAUSHIK

LADWA: Ahead of the paddy procurement starting on October 1, Ayush Department Director Anshaj Singh visited Ladwa Grain Market on Wednesday to inspect preparations. He met with officers to ensure that all necessary arrangements were in place for the smooth functioning of the procurement process. Singh was accompanied by SDM Pankaj Setia, Market Committee Secretary Sanj Kumar, and representatives from the relevant procurement agencies. Anshaj Singh emphasized the importance of providing farmers with all the necessary facilities in the market so they can sell their crops without any inconvenience. He mentioned that farmers can apply for the e-digital gate pass via their mobile phones, and once registered, their gate passes will be generated. Singh also urged farmers to bring their crops to the market only after October 1, ensuring that their paddy contains no more than 17% moisture. During his visit, Singh met with traders and association members to discuss any issues they were facing. Officials from Hafed and DFSC informed the director about the preparations and arrangements being made for the smooth procurement of paddy, ensuring that everything would be ready on time for the start of the procurement process on October 1.

Kevat episode and King Dashrath's demise staged at Ramleela



VIJAY KAUSHIK

LADWA: On the sixth day of the Ramleela organized by Shri Ram Hanuman Ramleela Committee, the episodes of Kevat ferrying Lord Ram and the demise of King Dashrath were performed. Stage manager Rakesh Garg Babli shared that Narendra Singhal, former chairman of the municipality, and social worker Aman Chopra were the chief guests. They began the event by performing the aarti of Lord Ram, Sita, and Lakshman. The committee honored the guests with ceremonial scarves and mementos. Narendra Singhal, in his address, emphasized the deeper spiritual meaning behind the Kevat episode, where Kevat washes Ram's feet before ferrying him across the Ganga. He stated that this scene is not just a religious play but a life lesson, highlighting the essence of selfless devotion. Aman Chopra extended his best wishes to the performers for their excellent enactment. The audience was deeply moved by the emotional scenes, especially as Ram, Sita, and Lakshman bid farewell to Ayodhya's citizens. The portrayal of Ram and Lakshman's transformation by applying banyan sap to their hair, and the wails of Minister Sumanth, left a lasting impression.

Grass root level program for panel advocates and Anganwadi workers organized



DR ASHOK KUMAR

KARNAL: As per the orders of District and Sessions Judge and Chairman of District Legal Services Authority DLSA, Chandrashekhar and Halsa, Panchkula, Chief Judicial Magistrate and Secretary of District Legal Services Authority, Iram Hasan, organized grassroots work for panel advocates, PLVs and Anganwadi workers in the District ADR Centre. Level program were organized. Panel advocate Mukesh Kumar informed the present panel advocates, PLVs and Anganwadi workers about the Motor Accident Act. Iram Hasan inspired the present panel advocates, PLVs and Anganwadi workers to plant saplings for environmental protection. He distributed saplings to everyone and urged them to plant saplings themselves and also inspired the people they come in contact with to plant saplings. Deputy Legal Aid Defense Council Mahindra Kumar was also present on this occasion. Chief Judicial Magistrate and Secretary of District Legal Services Authority Iram Hasan talked to all the panel advocates and PLVs and also gave solutions to their problems.

346 Saplings planted in Sector-12 Park to celebrate students' achievements



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: In an inspiring and unique initiative, the Karnal branch of Aakash Educational Services organized a tree plantation drive to celebrate the remarkable achievements of its students in NEET, JEE Main, JEE Advanced, and various Olympiads in 2024. As part of this campaign, the branch planted 346 saplings in City Park, Sector-12, Karnal, representing the number of students who successfully cleared these prestigious exams. The event saw active participation from Aakash Karnal's students, teachers, staff, and prominent guests, including Chief Guest Sudesh Kumari (DEO, Karnal) and District Science Expert Deepak Verma (Karnal). While appreciating the efforts of Aakash Educational Services, Chief Guest Sudesh Kumari said, "This initiative is a wonderful example of how educational institutions can play a crucial role not only in shaping the future of students but also in nurturing the future of our environment. By planting these saplings, Aakash has shown that both knowledge and trees are essential for the well-being of society."

Jennifer Lopez sends special gift to Nikki Glaser

Singer and songwriter Jennifer Lopez, who filed for divorce from Ben Affleck last month, sent a special gift to comedian Nikki Glaser after he supported her from online criticism back in June, reported E! News.

"Maybe someone knows that I love her and sent this to me," Nikki said in a July 18 TikTok. "And someone does. And it's J. Lo."

Along with the gift, there is a note that read, "I heard your interview. I know it's easy to go along with the crowd, and I appreciate you speaking your truth. I respect your strength and humor. Here's a little something for your feet." Nikki said, "She knows I have bunions, too probably." Jennifer's note continued, "Wishing you the best, always, Jennifer."

"I will love you forever, and not just because of this," Nikki added, "but this is just like a testament to how cool you are. I love you. You're awesome. Thank you so much."

Nikki received a gift shortly after a June interview, in which she explained that she used to think Jennifer was "phony" and that she was jealous of the "Let's Get Loud" singer's talent. She became obsessed with Jennifer, especially as the internet was filled with speculation about her relationship with Ben following her solo appearance at the 2024 Met Gala in May, as reported by E! News.

"I saw The Greatest Love Story Never Told," Nikki shared on the Zach Sang Show, adding, "and I watched it, to like, feed my feeling that I already had about her, but it dismantled it." She added, "I'm like, so team J.Lo. I'm sad her tour is canceled. It was so funny, my boyfriend sent me the news that her tour is canceled 'cause he knew what a J.Lo head I'd become overnight—literally overnight."

Akshay shares pic with his Housefull 5 squad Jacqueline, Riteish, Abhishek



Akshay Kumar, who is busy shooting for his upcoming much-anticipated comedy film 'Housefull 5', shared a picture of his squad featuring Jacqueline Fernandez, Abhishek Bachchan, Riteish Deshmukh, and Dino Morea.

Akshay on Tuesday took to his Instagram handle and treated fans with a glimpse of the Housefull team.

All of them posed in style and swag for the camera.

The picture captures Dino, Akshay, Riteish and Abhishek in their casual look while Jacqueline looked stunning in an all-black outfit.

Along with the post, he wrote, "Just another day with this incredible cast. Housefull of actors, one cruise, and endless stories to tell!"

As soon as post was shared, fans chimed in the comment section.

One of the users wrote, "can't wait to witness full of madness."

Another user commented, "Five time more funn just can't wait for #Housefull5."

"Housefull 5 excitement," another comment read.

A while ago, Johnny Lever shared behind-the-scenes pictures from the sets of 'Housefull 5'.

Johnny Lever treated fans with a BTS photo on his Instagram featuring himself, Akshay Kumar

and Ranjeet.

Sharing the picture, he wrote, "It's full house or HOUSEFULL?"

Earlier this month, makers announced the exciting lineup of leading ladies. The film will feature Jacqueline Fernandez, Nargis Fakhri, Sonam Bajwa, Chitrangda Singh, and Soundarya Sharma.

In July, Sajid announced that superstar Sanjay Dutt would be joining the ensemble cast of the eagerly awaited 'Housefull 5.' Nadiadwala expressed immense joy at collaborating once again with Dutt, a long-time friend and colleague.

"Sajid Nadiadwala has been like family from the beginning of my journey. I'm thrilled to be

working with him again on Housefull 5 and look forward to many more collaborations in the future," shared Sanjay Dutt, reflecting on his deep bond with the renowned producer.

Directed by Tarun Mansukhani, 'Housefull 5', set entirely aboard a cruise ship, is slated to be a landmark installment in the Housefull franchise. This setting marks a first for Hindi cinema franchises, aiming to elevate the comedic and camaraderie-filled essence that the series is celebrated for.

Mark your calendar as the film is to release on June 6, 2025, to deliver laughter, love, and timeless entertainment to audiences worldwide.

Shilpa Shetty, Suniel Shetty reunite at event, fans demand 'Dhadkan 2'



Bollywood stars Shilpa Shetty and Suniel Shetty were captured bumping into each other at an event in Mumbai.

In visuals captured by the paparazzi, both Shilpa and Suniel could be seen exchanging pleasantries as soon as they saw each other. The duo even posed together for pictures. Shilpa could not stop laughing when shutterbugs started screaming "Anjali". The reunion of Shilpa and Suniel was enough to leave fans nostalgic. In no time, netizens flooded social media with their heartfelt reactions, urging the stars to make 'Dhadkan 2'.

Reacting to the latest pictures of Suniel and Shilpa, a fan commented, "Nostalgic...please do Dhadkan 2".

"We would love to see you guys together in a film," a social media user wrote. Shilpa looked stunning in an ivory saree that she paired with a pearl-embellished statement blouse and statement mang tika. Suniel looked dapper in a grey-coloured notch lapel blazer and pants.

In 2000, Shilpa and Suniel shared screen space in 'Dhadkan', which also featured Akshay Kumar in the lead role. The chemistry between Shilpa and Suniel was quite appreciated by the audience.

Speaking of their upcoming projects, Shilpa will be seen in Kannada film KD: The Devil. The film also stars Dhruva Sarja, V Ravichandran, Ramesh Aravind, Sanjay Dutt, Jisshu Sengupta and Nora Fatehi in lead roles.

Directed by Prem, 'KD-The Devil', the Pan-India multilingual is set to release in Tamil, Kannada, Telugu, Malayalam, and Hindi. It is a period action entertainer based on true events from 1970s Bangalore.

Aishwarya returns to Mumbai after making grand appearance at Paris Fashion Week

After stealing everyone's attention with her magical presence at the Paris Fashion Week, Bollywood diva Aishwarya Rai Bachchan along with her daughter returned to Mumbai on Tuesday night.

In the visuals captured by the paps, Aishwarya and Aaradhya could be seen exiting the airport with big smiles on their faces. The mother-daughter jodi was twinning in black. Aishwarya opted for a black sweatshirt and matching trousers, layered with a stylish trench coat. Her daughter looked adorable in a cute panda sweatshirt and matching black trousers.

Speaking of her look at Paris Fashion Week, the 'Jodha Akbar' star walked the ramp in a red outfit with a billowing silhouette, from the shelves of Mossi. Her walk became more special when she greeted the French audience with 'namaste'. She was one of the showstoppers as a L'Oreal Paris brand ambassador and she truly stole the show, showcasing her timeless elegance and poise.



Alia, who recently joined the L'Oreal family, also walked the runway at the Paris Fashion Week. Alia wore a bespoke corset featuring a swan's head and the body of a serpent, curated by designer Gaurav Gupta. She paired the silver bustier with black sharara trousers.

Stars like Andie MacDowell, model Kendall Jenner, Brazilian top model Luma Grothe, Ethiopian actress and top model Liya Kebede also turned showstoppers for L'Oreal show. Neetu Kapoor attended the show as a part of the audience to cheer for her daughter-in-law Alia. Neetu Kapoor posted a video clip on her Instagram stories, featuring Alia and Andie MacDowell owning the runway. In her caption, Neetu proudly wrote, "We screamed the loudest." Alia walked the ramp alongside stars like Andie MacDowell, Kendall Jenner, Brazilian model Luma Grothe, and Ethiopian actress-model Liya Kebede. On Tuesday, Alia shared a series of pictures featuring Aishwarya Rai, Kendall Jenner, Simone Ashley and others from the gala night. She wrote, "a night to uplift, embrace & inspire; because we're all #WorthIt." While Aishwarya returned to India last night, Alia is still there in Paris.

"I was getting electric shocks" reveals Amitabh Bachchan as he reminiscences about the song 'Sara Zamana' on Kaun Banega Crorepati Season 16

CHANDIGARH : Sony Entertainment Television's quiz show Kaun Banega Crorepati Season 16, hosted by the legendary Amitabh Bachchan, continues to captivate audiences with its heartwarming stories and thrilling gameplay. Delving into his treasure trove of memories as he engaged with contestant Swapn Chaturvedi from Madhya Pradesh, Big B delighted the audience with lesser-known stories of one of his most iconic performances of all time, reminiscing about his iconic song 'Sara Zamana' from the film 'Yaarana'. Contestant Swapn expressed his admiration for the film, 'Yaarana' sharing that it's one of his favourite films, a movie he could watch over and over again. He asked Mr. Bachchan about his versatility as an actor, exploring various genres throughout his career. In a lighthearted response, Amitabh Bachchan quipped, "Hum toh naukri ke chakkar mein hote hain, bas naukri mein jaye!" (I'm just trying to get a job!). He then fondly recalled the famous song 'Sara Zamana', revealing that it was his suggestion to shoot the song in a stadium. He also shared a humorous anecdote about his iconic costume, the "bijli wala jacket" (the electric jacket). Technology was not advanced at the time, and the lights on his jacket were controlled by a wire connected to electricity. Bachchan wore the entire string of lights around his body, with the wire trailing from his leg and plugged into the main switchboard. "The moment the electricity flowed, I started dancing—not because I wanted to, but because I was getting electric shocks!" shared Big B. Don't miss the legendary Amitabh Bachchan sharing nostalgia, humour, and unforgettable moments on Kaun Banega Crorepati Season 16 at 9 PM, only on Sony Entertainment Television.



Myntra's Big Fashion Festival kicks off on 26th September, with approximately 3.4 million trend-first festive fashion styles



CHANDIGARH : Myntra unveiled the highly anticipated dates of its Big Fashion Festival (BFF). Set to commence on 26th September 2024, this edition sees BoAt as its title sponsor. The festival will feature a whopping approx 3.4 million styles, marking a 47% increase from its previous edition. The event will see participation from more than 9700+ leading brands across domestic, international and homegrown; customers will be spoilt for choices with an array of products across categories. Myntra Insiders, members of Myntra's loyalty program will get Early Access to the Big Fashion festival 24 hours in advance, on the 25th of September.

This year's festival is filled with innovative deals that will provide great value to customers. Additionally, the Big Fashion Festival will have 'Brand Of The Day' with special deals, allowing customers to access selections from their favorite brands at never-before value. One of the most value-driven deals is 'Buy 1 Get 4', an unparalleled opportunity for customers to shop to their heart's content and refresh their wardrobes for the festive season. Customers have plenty to be excited about this festive season with incredible deals across categories, offering a wide range of products. Whether one is searching for trendy outfits, timeless classics, or statement pieces, Myntra will offer a vast array of options across categories, including men's occasion and casual wear, & women's ethnic and western wear, beauty and personal care, home, footwear, jewelry, watches and wearables. To delight the customers with enhanced offerings, Myntra has added a whopping 3700 new brands from the last festive season. Myntra will also feature unique hero collections during the BFF.

Varun Dhawan, Janhvi Kapoor wrap up Udaipur schedule of 'Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari'

Varun Dhawan and Janhvi Kapoor have wrapped up the Udaipur schedule of their upcoming film 'Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari'. Maniesh Paul took to his Instagram handle on Tuesday and shared a group picture featuring the Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari team. The selfie captures Maniesh, Janhvi Kapoor, Varun Dhawan, Rohit Saraf, Sanya Malhotra, and Manini Chadha flaunting big smiles.



"And that's a schedule wrap for udaipur!!!#ssktk," he captioned the post.

Sanya Malhotra also posted a series of pictures and videos from the sets.

One of the videos that caught attention was Sanya and Maniesh grooving to Tamannaah Bhatia's song 'Aaj Ki Raat' from 'Stree 2'.

Earlier this month, Varun Dhawan, who is busy shooting for Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari shared some fun moments from breakfast time with Janhvi Kapoor and other co-stars.

Taking to his Instagram account on Saturday, Varun shared a glimpse of his time with the cast and crew of the film.

In the first picture, Varun can be seen sitting at a dining table with Janhvi Kapoor.

Varun, shirtless and wearing white sunglasses, posed for the camera, while Janhvi, dressed casually in a white t-shirt, smiled at him while enjoying her meal.

In the second picture, the 'Bhediya' actor can be seen having breakfast with Sanya Malhotra, Maniesh Paul, and others from the team, giving fans a sneak peek into their off-screen fun.

Varun captioned the post, "Breakfast club #SSKT (sun and herb emoji)."

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