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2 Chinese nationals shot at by Pakistani guard in Karachi

KARACHI: Two Chinese nationals were injured on Tuesday when a local security guard opened fire at them following a quarrel in Pakistan's port city of Karachi, police said. The incident reportedly took place at a police station in the Industrial Trading Estate area of Karachi in Sindh province. Deputy Inspector General of Police Azhar Mahesar said they were investigating the incident to find out what had led to the security guard opening fire on his superiors.

EC approves Sanjay Verma's appointment as new Maha DGP

MUMBAI: Sanjay Verma, an IPS officer from the 1990 batch, was on Tuesday appointed as new Director General of Police (DGP) after the Election Commission gave its approval following former DGP Rashmi Shukla being asked to step down on multiple complaints filed by Congress and other opposition parties. IPS Sanjay Verma was leading the list of candidates for the full-time DGP position. Verma is currently serving as Director General of Legal and Technical. He is set to retire in April 2028. Verma, a veteran law enforcement officer currently as DGP (Legal & Technical), heads the state Forensic Sciences Laboratories for crime detection and investigation and is credited with upgrading the forensic infrastructure for the collection and preservation of evidence. Verma succeeds Shukla, who belongs to the 1988 batch.

Stock markets rebound on value buying in banking, steel shares

MUMBAI: Benchmark Sensex recovered its early losses to close sharply higher by 694 points on late buying in banking, steel and oil & gas shares amid firm trends in global equities. Bouncing back from Monday's sharp fall, the BSE Sensex jumped 694.39 points or 0.88 per cent to settle at 79,476.63. During the day, it soared 740.89 points or 0.94 per cent to 79,523.13.

Hry CM approves purchases more than Rs. 2050 cr

CHANDIGARH: Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini on Tuesday presided over the High-Powered Purchase Committee (HPPC), Departmental High-Powered Purchase Committee (DHPPC) and High-Powered Works Purchase Committee (HPWPC) meeting. Notably various contracts and items over Rs. 2050 crore were approved. During the meeting, various water supply and sewerage management projects worth Rs. 729 crore were also approved. Negotiations with various bidders led to a cost savings of approximately Rs. 36 crore. Cabinet ministers, Sh. Mahipal Dhandra, Sh. Vipul Goel, Dr. Arvind Kumar Sharma, Sh. Ranbir Gangwa, and Smt. Shruti Choudhary also remained present in the meeting. A total of 49 agenda items were tabled in the meeting of the Public Health Engineering, Irrigation and Water Resources, GMDA, Public Works (Buildings and Roads), SUGARFED, School Education, and Police Departments.

States not empowered to take over all private properties for public distribution, says SC

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In a majority 7:2 ruling, the Supreme Court on Tuesday held that states are not empowered under the Constitution to take over all privately-owned resources for distribution to serve the "common good".

A nine-judge bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud, however, said states can stake claim over private properties in certain cases.

The majority verdict pronounced by the CJI overruled Justice Krishna Iyer's previous ruling that all privately owned resources can be acquired by the State for distribution under Article 39(b) of the Constitution.

The CJI wrote for himself and six other judges on the bench which decided the vexed legal question on whether private properties can be considered "material resources of the community" under Article 39(b) and taken over by State authorities for distribution to subserve the "common good".

It overturned several verdicts that had adopted the socialist theme and ruled that states can take over all private properties for common good.

Justice BV Nagarathna partially disagreed with the majority judgement penned by the CJI, while Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia dissented on all aspects.

The pronouncement of judgements is underway.

The top court had, in the Minerva



Mills case of 1980, declared two provisions of the 42nd Amendment, which prevented any constitutional amendment from being

"called in question in any court on any ground" and accorded precedence to the Directive Principles of State Policy over the fundamental rights of individuals, as unconstitutional.

Article 31C protects a law made under Articles 39(b) and (c) empowering the State to take over material resources of the community, including private properties, for distribution to subserve the common good. The top court had heard 16 petitions, including the lead petition filed by the Mumbai-based Property Owners' Association (POA) in 1992.

Top court upholds constitutional validity of Madrasa Education Act 2004

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday upheld the constitutional validity of 'Uttar Pradesh Board of Madrasa Education Act 2004'. The top court quashed the Allahabad High Court's March 22 verdict which had struck down the UP Madrasa Act. Madrasahs are institutions where Islamic studies and other education may be pursued by students.

Earlier on October 22, The Supreme Court reserved its judgment on a plea challenging Allahabad High Court's March 22 verdict striking down 'Uttar Pradesh Board of Madrasa Education Act 2004'. The Allahabad High Court in its order had said that the 2004 Act was violative of the principle of secularism enshrined in the Constitution of India. The High Court had further asked the state to take immediate steps so that students pursuing studies in Madaras of Uttar Pradesh are accommodated in other schools. A bench of Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud and Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra reserved the verdict after hearing arguments from all the concerned parties in the case.

Salman Khan gets another death threat from Bishnoi gang

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Mumbai Police have received a threatening message against actor Salman Khan allegedly from the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, police said, the threat message gives the actor two options apologise or pay Rs 5 crore to stay alive.

Mumbai Police traffic control room received a threatening message in the name of gangster Lawrence Bishnoi last night over WhatsApp with the message message saying that if Salman Khan wanted to stay alive "he should go to our temple and apologize or give Rs 5 crore."

"If he does not do so, we will kill him, our gang is still active," the message claiming to be in the name of Lawrence Bishnoi's brother said.

The police said that the message came on Monday and that they have begun an investigation.

The process of registering the case is underway at Worli Police Station and the phone number from which the message originated in is being traced, the Mumbai Police said.

This is the second death threat Salman Khan has re-

ceived in a week.

In the earlier death threat also received by Mumbai Police Traffic Control, a ransom of Rs 2 crore was demanded from the actor.

"On Tuesday, Mumbai Traffic Police Control received a message in which an unknown person threatened,



the message sender demanded 2 crore rupees," the Mumbai Police said on October 30.

Police had further said that the unknown sender has threatened with dire consequences to Salman Khan if the money is not paid to him.

"In the message, the unknown sender said that if he (Salman Khan) does not get the money then he will kill Salman Khan," they added.

India, Australia strategic partnership growing steadily: EAM Jaishankar

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CANBERRA, NOV 5

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Tuesday said that the comprehensive strategic partnership with Australia is growing steadily as he met his Australian counterpart Penny Wong for the 15th India-Australia Foreign Ministers' Framework Dialogue here.

Both the leaders also discussed "respective neighbourhoods, Indo-Pacific, West Asia, Ukraine and the global strategic scenario."

"Concluded the 15th India - Australia Foreign Ministers' Framework Dialogue with FM @SenatorWong in Canberra today. Our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership is growing steadily. Reflected in stronger political ties, ro-

bust defence & security cooperation, expanded trade, greater mobility and deeper educational linkages," Jaishankar posted on X.

"Discussed our respective neighbourhoods, Indo-Pacific, West Asia, Ukraine and the global strategic scenario," his post said.

Taking to X, Wong said, "Australia and India's partnership is central to the peace, stability and prosperity of our shared region. Today, I welcomed my good friend

@DrSJaishankar to Canberra for the 15th Australia-India Foreign Ministers' Framework Dialogue."

Wong also announced that Australia will send a 'First Nations Business Mission' to India for the first time next year. The mission will support new



commercial partnerships for First Nations businesses looking to engage with India and will promote First Nation businesses to new markets overseas.

She further posted, "We're cooper-

Four-day Chhath Puja begins with Nahay Khay

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, NOV 5

The four-day Chhath puja began on Tuesday with Nahay Khay on Day 1 of the festivities.

Nahay Khay, which falls on the Chaturthi Tithi of Kartik Shukla Paksha, is all about cleansing, and prepping for the festival. Nahay Khay is followed by Kharna on Panchami Tithi on day 2, Chhath Puja on Sashti, and

concludes with Usha Arghya on Saptami Tithi. The festivities will conclude on November 8. Chhath Puja is celebrated in Bihar, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh. Devotees across these states and also those in the national capital were seen performing puja rituals on Tuesday morning at Yamuna and Ganga ghats. Chhath Puja is one of the most significant festivals, involving strict rituals.

Punjab CM condemns incident of violence and hatred in Canada

ANIL VERMA
BATHINDA, NOV 5

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Tuesday condemned the incidents of violence in Canada and urged the Government of India to take up this matter with Canadian national government.

The Chief Minister said that Canada is second home of millions of Punjabis who have settled there and carved a niche for themselves. He said that the ties with Canada must remain cordial as Punjabis have gone there and were breadwinners



of their families. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that it is unfortunate that politics of divisiveness and hatred has fastly spread its stinky tentacles in Canada. The Chief Minister said that it is unbelievable that politics of religion and hatred is being pursued on lands like Canada. He said that this action kg hatred and violence is highly condemnable and the Government of India must take up this matter with the Canadian national government for appropriate action. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that Punjabis pray for welfare of all and are votary of peace due to which they are loved across the globe.

India set to harvest record Kharif crops

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NEW DELHI, NOV 5

India is set to produce record Kharif crops this year, as per first advance estimates released by the agriculture ministry on Tuesday.

The total Kharif foodgrain production for 2024-25 is projected at 1,647.05 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) which is higher by 89.37 LMT as compared to previous year and 124.59 LMT higher than average kharif foodgrain production.

These estimates have been primarily prepared on the basis of information received from States.

The foodgrain production is expected to have witnessed record increase due to good production of rice, jowar and maize, the ministry said.

The total production of Kharif rice during 2024-25 is estimated to be 1199.34 LMT which is higher by 66.75 LMT than the previous year and 114.83 LMT higher than average kharif rice production.

The Kharif maize production is estimated at 245.41 LMT and Kharif coarse cereals is estimated



to be 378.18 LMT. Further, the total Kharif pulses production during 2024-25 is estimated to be 69.54 LMT. The total Kharif oilseeds production is estimated to be 257.45 LMT which is higher by 15.83 LMT than the previous year total kharif oilseeds production.

The Kharif Groundnut production for 2024-25 is estimated at 103.60 LMT and Soybean production is estimated at 133.60 LMT.

"The Crop yields estimates are majorly based on trend/normal yield, coupled with other ground level inputs and expecta-

tions. This yield will undergo revision based on receipt of actual yield ascertained through conduct of Crop Cutting Experiments (CCEs) during the time of harvest, which in return would be reflected in the subsequent production estimates," the ministry said in a statement.

Above-normal monsoon rains helped farmers sow more crops this Kharif season.

and it bodes well for the overall agriculture sector, which is the mainstay source of liveli-

hoods for millions of Indians.

Southwest monsoon rains in India hit four years high this season, experiencing about 108 per cent of the long period average at 934.8 mm, data made available by state-run weather bureau India Meteorological Department showed. A rainfall of 868.6 mm is the long period average in India.

The monsoon rains started in June on a weaker note, registering 89 per cent of the long period average that month. The withdrawal of monsoon commenced from west Rajasthan on September 23, with a delay of 6 days from its usual date of September 17.

India's Kharif crop sowing has been quite robust this season, with farmers planting crops about 1,110 lakh hectares.

India has three cropping seasons: Summer, Kharif, and Rabi. Kharif crops, sown during June-July and dependent on monsoon rains, are harvested in October-November. Rabi crops, sown in October-November, are harvested from January, depending on their maturity. Summer crops are produced between the Rabi and Kharif seasons.

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Kurukshetra to be developed from a tourism perspective: Dr. Arvind Sharma

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KURUKSHETRA, NOVEMBER 5

Haryana Heritage and Tourism Minister, Dr. Arvind Kumar Sharma said that historical pilgrimage sites of Mahabharata period in Kurukshetra and the surrounding districts will be developed as key tourism destinations. In this regard, officials from the Union Ministry of Tourism and the Haryana Tourism Department are working together in a well-coordinated manner.

Dr. Sharma informed this after attending the Second Mahabharata Circuit Conference, held in Karnal.

To promote tourism, the Union Ministry of Tourism (Northern Region) organized the conference late on Monday evening to discuss the development of historical and ancient pilgrimage sites related to the Mahabharata in the mythological and religious region of Kurukshetra and its neighboring districts. The conference was held at the Karna Lake Banquet Hall in Karnal, where a familiarization tour was also conducted.

Dr. Arvind Sharma attended the event as the chief guest. During the programme, he engaged in detailed discussions with officials from the Union Ministry of Tourism, the Haryana Tourism Department, and various tourism stakeholders and service providers. Dr. Sharma



also released a book detailing the proceedings of the Second Mahabharata Circuit Conference, which highlights the significance of Kurukshetra.

Dr. Sharma said that just as Vrindavan attracts thousands of devotees and tourists, similar facilities would be developed at Dharmakshetra Kurukshetra to accommodate a larger number of visitors. He also proposed that, alongside Kurukshetra, the towns of Karnal and Kala Amb in Panipat should be included in the Mahabharata Circuit, as these areas also receive a significant influx of tourists.

He further stated that under the leadership of Chief Minister Mr. Nayab Singh Saini, the state government is actively working on the development of major tourist destinations across the state. These efforts are aimed at enhancing infrastructure and providing better amenities to visitors in the coming years.

Regional Director (North) of the Union Ministry of Tourism, Dr. R. K. Suman, remarked that the Ministry is committed to bringing Kurukshetra to the global stage and has already made significant strides in this mission.

BJP's membership campaign strong foundation of organisation: Gurjar



R K KASHYAP
CHHACHHRAULI, NOV 5

Giving information, former Cabinet Minister in Haryana Government Kanwar Pal Gurjar said that under the Bharatiya Janata Party membership campaign, a meeting of Mandal Pratap Nagar of Jagadhri Assembly Constituency of Yamuna Nagar District was organised. Former Cabinet Minister Kanwar Pal Gurjar said that in Jagadhri Assembly Constituency, BJP organisation has to be strengthened from booth executive to state level, therefore, all BJP officers and workers from Mandal Pratap Nagar of Jagadhri Assembly Constituency should participate in this membership campaign to the maximum extent and make maximum number of people members of BJP. BJP workers have to make 250 new members at each booth of Pratap Nagar

Mandal and this membership work has already started.

Former Cabinet Minister Kanwar Pal Gurjar said that one can become a member of BJP by giving a missed call on 8800002024, after that fill in your details on the online form and this work has to be done by BJP workers as much as possible through Namo App. The stronger the party becomes, the more power of Prime Minister Narendra Modi will increase. Our country is moving ahead under the leadership and guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Haryana State Chief Minister Nayab Saini. We have to keep making efforts together for the BJP to continue growing and keep running fast on the path of development. Ideology is of great importance in the organisation of BJP. The organisation of BJP runs on the hard work of BJP workers and the constitution and tradition of the party.

The membership campaign of the party is the foundation of the organisation.

The popularity of the Bharatiya Janata Party is increasing continuously in the entire country including Haryana state. The public has unwavering faith in the BJP. He called upon all the BJP officials and workers to participate enthusiastically in the BJP membership campaign. During this, former Chairman Ramniwas Garg, District Vice President Rampal Singh, Mandal General Secretary Balwinder Singh, Sarpanch Rajan Ballewala, Anil Walia, former Mandal President Kailash Sharma, BJYM District President Nischal Chaudhary, BJP District Media Incharge Kapil Manish Garg, Sarpanch Vijay Mintu, Amit Kohliwala, Mudit Bansal Pratap Nagar, Manoj Mehta and many other BJP officials and workers were present.

GNG College shines at Governor House with good performance



RAJNI SONI
YAMUNANAGAR, NOV 5

Team of Guru Nanak Girls College, Yamunanagar had the honour of performing at the Governor House on the occasion of Haryana Day Celebrations on 4th November. On this occasion five teams from Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan and Haryana gave performances. The talented team of students showcased their exceptional skills in Haryanvi Group Dance. This team had won first prize in State Level Ratnavali Festival as well as in Zonal Youth Festival (Yamunanagar Zone). The event was attended by

Governor of Haryana Bandaru Dattatreya, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, Cabinet Ministers and other distinguished dignitaries. Our students' captivating performance received thunderous applause and praise from the audience.

Director of the college Dr. Varinder Gandhi said that it is a matter of great pride that from all over Haryana our college team was invited for performance at Governor House. Principal Dr Harvinder Kaur congratulated the students and said that we are incredibly proud of our students for their outstanding achievement.

Counsel students like friend: Seva Trust

DAIBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, NOVEMBER 5

Seva Trust UK India organised a camp in the Government Senior Secondary School Bakhli to make children aware about health. More than 300 students participated in the camp. School Principal Ramesh Sangwan was present as the chief guest in the programme. He told everyone about drug abuse, dengue and prevention from diseases occurring in this season, especially about drug abuse that drug abuse brings adverse changes in our mental balance and behaviour. Our ability to differentiate between right and wrong becomes weak and we start doing wrong things. As a result, our studies also suffer and we lag behind other children on every platform, so everyone should stay away from drugs. District General Secretary of Seva Trust UK India, Naresh Sharma said that under the leadership of District Coordinator of Seva Trust Pawan Mittal, they are running awareness campaigns to keep children away from drugs and to prevent dengue.

He said that teachers should keep an eye on the behaviour of students. If there is a change in some-



one's behaviour, then counsel him like a friend. Ensure participation of all students in extra activities like sports, yoga etc. Yoga keeps students away from addiction. Make it a part of the daily routine of students. Wear full-sleeved clothes in this season, do not let water collect anywhere because dengue is spreading its feet, keep your surroundings clean. School professor Pradeep Verma thanked all the volunteers from Seva Trust for coming to school. He also made all the children aware of the diseases that occur in this season,

told about the benefits of doing yoga and also made everyone take an oath to stay away from addiction. District General Secretary of Seva Trust Naresh Sharma and Principal Ramesh Sangwan presented immunity booster kits to everyone on behalf of the organisation's co-sponsor Dabur India Limited. On this occasion, professors Virendra, Sukhdev, Vipul, Anil, Guru Dutt Shastri, Shiv Prasad, Sanjeev Kumar, Sheetal Sharma, Meenakshi, Sandhya, Rajkumar and all the students of the school were present.

Brahmin Khap to organize marriages for 21 underprivileged girls on Makar Sankranti: Ashok Sharma



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Ashok Sharma, President of the Brahmin Khap Haryana, announced that on the upcoming occasion of Makar Sankranti, Brahmin Khap Haryana will arrange marriages for 21 underprivileged girls from disadvantaged families, following Hindu rituals. These weddings will be conducted with the blessings and support of the entire community. Dignitaries from society will be invited to bless the newlyweds, who will also receive essential household items to help them establish their new homes.

Sharma emphasized the need to eradicate various social evils and outdated practices, with Khap standing in support of positive social change. Brahmin Khap aims to unite the Brahmin community on a common platform, fostering a new spirit of togetherness. He stressed that unity within the community is vital for progress, as history has shown that united efforts lead to advancement. Ramphal Sharma and Roshan Lal Sharma were also present at the announcement.

Illegal overcharging sweet shops: Customers charged for box weight along with sweets

MANISH KUMAR

AMBALA: During recent festivals, sweet shops in Ambala saw an influx of customers. However, many customers reported unfair practices, particularly at one of the Sweet shops on Hisar Road. Customers were allegedly being given only 800 grams of sweets for a kilogram's price, as the box weight was included. Several customers claimed they were charged an additional ₹20 to ₹50 for the boxes without prior notice.



One Sweet shop worker informed a customer that a "1 kg mix sweet box" costing ₹300 actually contained only 850 grams of sweets. When questioned, the shop owner justified the charge as a "festival right," asserting that he too needs to celebrate Diwali.

Customers expressed frustration, accusing shops of exploiting the holiday season and urging local authorities to take action. Many appealed to the Ambala administration and Food Supply Department to inspect shops and impose fines to curb these illegal practices. The public criticized the administration for turning a blind eye, as they felt that unfair charges targeted less affluent customers.

Problems of common people being resolved in Samadhan Camps: Anand

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Karnal MLA Jagmohan Anand said that the problems of the common people are being solved in the Samadhan Camp being organised across the state. A large number of common people are reaching these

Samadhan Camps and getting their complaints related to Property ID and Ownership Scheme resolved. MLA Jagmohan Anand said that Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini had started Samadhan Camps recently. Samadhan Camps are being organised in Municipal Corporations, Municipal Councils and BDPO offices from 9 am to 11 am on every working day. People's problems are being solved immediately in Samadhan Camps. He thanked Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini for starting a unique initiative like Samadhan Camp. He said that people are reaching the office to meet him and are praising the Samadhan Camps. People are saying that they had come with a problem related to Property ID, and it was resolved quickly in just a few minutes in the Samadhan Camp. After the solution, people are thanking the Haryana government and Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini.



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, NOVEMBER 5

Anti Corruption Foundation of India and International Corruption Control Bureau organised Top Leaders and New Family Members Meet at Venture Hotel under the chairmanship of National Supremo Narendra Arora and National Chairman Business Cell Pawan Sharma. International President Rajesh Garg, International Director Sandeep Kumar, National Chief Director Harish Wadhawan, State Director Haryana Dr Surendra Nagia and District Chief Director Karnal Surendra Mohan Gaba attended the programme as chief guests. The chief guests were welcomed by giving bouquets and garlands. Narendra Arora said that the Foundation is giving the message of living



life with truth and honesty to the people of entire India through the oath of truthfulness. Top leaders who showed excellent performance in the field of anti-corruption awareness in the third and

last week of October were felicitated with gifts and new members of the foundation's family were honoured with membership awards.

Top leaders and new members of the family were

welcomed with garlands. On this occasion, new members like Rajinder Singh Grewal, Kamal Goyal, Ramesh Bansal, Dr. Nisha Gupta, Harjeet Singh Saluja, Ajit Rahi, Mahesh Hasija, Raghu Singh, Avtar Singh Tari, Pradeep Tyagi, Vivek Singla, Vijay Pal Bhatia, Rakesh Kumar Bansal, Ravi Kumar, RK Sharma, Arjun Dev, Anil Kumar Girdhar, Roopa, Rakesh Kumar, KP Agarwal, Sunil Kumar Garg, Satish Kumar, Ramesh Atreja, Rajan Chhibber, Ratan Lal, Jagbir Singh, Pawan Kumar, Rajinder Miglani, Sukhbir Malik, Ramesh Kumar, Vinod Kumar, Jitendra Bharti, Bhupendra Goyal, Dr. Captain Singh, Gaurav etc. were felicitated with mementoes with Top Leader Award.

Due to smog, health of aged at risk of diseases: Dr Netrapal

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, NOVEMBER 5

The smoke rising continuously from the fireworks being used on Diwali and the burning of stubble, the changing weather is posing a threat to the health of the people. Country's renowned physician Dr. Netrapal has advised the elderly and children not to go for a walk in the early morning and late night. Do not go out of the house. Due to the changing weather, other diseases along with wild fever are spreading. There is a crowd of patients in the hospitals. Due to pollution, the elderly and children are falling prey to chest infections. While talking exclusively about the changing weather and the accumulation of pollution in the atmosphere, renowned physician Dr. Netrapal said that due to winter, polluted



gases accumulate in the atmosphere. While going out in the morning, chest infection can occur due to polluted air. It has an adverse effect on the lungs. He said that elderly people along with those suffering from diabetes and heart disease should walk after 9 am when the sun

comes out. If walking is necessary, then walking can be done indoors as well. He said that early morning walks should be avoided from November to January. He said that viral fever infection is also increasing due to change in weather. He said that one should wear a mask while walking in the morning and evening. Market food should be avoided. As much water as possible should be drunk. He said that in this season, infection spreads quickly because the immunity power is low. Juicy fruits should be consumed more. During this time, due to smog, people may have trouble breathing in the morning.

Shandilya pays homage to Sudhir Suri

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

AMBALA: Anti Terrorist Front India and Vishwa Hindu Takht chief Veeresh Shandilya reached Amritsar with the officials of his organisation on the second anniversary of Sudhir Suri who was martyred by Khalistanis and fundamentalists and paid tribute to him by offering flowers on his picture. Shandilya inaugurated an ambulance in the name of martyr Sudhir Suri in the presence of many Hindu leaders. Harvinder Soni of Shiv Sena Bala Thackeray, head of Shiv Sena Bal Thackeray (Sinde Group) Harish Singla, Hindu leader Sandeep Pathak, National President of Bhagwa Sena Pankh, Shivam Kumar Sunil Bhasin, Vipin Nayyar, Sunny, Hardeep Sharma, Saleel Billa, Vikram Gangotra, Sachin Bahl, Sunny Mehta, Surendra Pal KK, Goldie Pahwa and a large number of people associated with Sanatan Dharma Samaj were present. On this occasion, Sudhir Suri's younger brother Brij Mohan Suri and his nephew Saryans Suri welcomed all the Hindu leaders on their arrival in Amritsar.

On this occasion, a huge police force including senior officials of Punjab Police was present. There was a tight security cordon around Sudhir Suri's residence. Vireish Shandilya said that Punjab Police is the same which created peace in the state sacrificing its life.



MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi pays homage at ancient Shambhu Temple



KAMAL SHARMA

TARAORI: A special havan and community feast were organized at the ancient Shambhu Temple in the village of Sambhi on the auspicious Monday of the Kartik month. Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi, the MLA of the region, visited the temple, offered prayers to Lord Shiva, and received blessings from the temple's head priest. Many residents from nearby villages gathered in large numbers to attend the event. The head priest highlighted the significance of the third Monday in the Kartik month, stating that this day holds special importance for worshipping Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati with traditional rituals. It is believed that Lord Shiva fulfills the wishes of devotees who perform the havan and community feast on this day, a tradition mentioned in ancient scriptures. All attendees participated in the feast, received prasad, and sought the blessings of Lord Shiva. Also present at the event were BJP District Vice President Jai Bhagwan Sekri, Devendra Kamra, Neelokhedhi Mandal President Balbir Maratha, Taraori Mandal President Praveen Gupta, and Ranjeet Bhardwaj.

Akali Dal stages protest against state, central govt over farmers' plight



BAHADURJEET SINGH RUPNAGAR: Rupnagar unit of Shiromani Akali Dal today. Under the leadership of former minister Daljit Singh Cheema, staged a protest dharna against the state and central governments over the plight of farmers. Addressing this protest, Dr. Daljit Singh Cheema said that the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government of Punjab and the central government have caused misery to the farmers in the mandis. He said that the central government was taking revenge for the farmers' movement. He said that the farmers are being forced to sell their produce at a lower rate than the MSP and a cut of Rs.300 to Rs.500 per quintal is being imposed. He said that all this is part of a calculated conspiracy. He said that the Shiromani Akali Dal has always stood firmly with the farmers and would continue to do so. He said that Punjab, especially the Sikh community, is being deliberately targeted today. He said that this is part of a very deep and thought out conspiracy.

Surprised checking of shops, warehouses of fertiliser sellers by Agri dept



GILL JAITU: On the orders of Deputy Commissioner Mr. Vineet Kumar, Agriculture for the purpose of providing required fertilizers to the farmers for the cultivation of rubber crops. And under the special campaign conducted by the Farmers Welfare Department in District Faridkot today, various teams in Block Faridkot The shops and warehouses related to the business of fertilizer sellers were checked unannounced. Which is led by Agriculture Officer Faridkot Dr. done by Gurpreet Singh and Dr. in addition to others in the team. Ramandeep Singh Agriculture Development Officer Dr. Jatinder Pal Singh Agriculture Development Officer Enforcement was involved.Giving information in this regard, Dr. Amrik Singh Chief The Agriculture Officer said that phosphorus is required for wheat growth, for which DAP fertilizer is used by the farmers during sowing. Manure , single super phosphate and other phosphatic fertilizers can also be used. He said that triple sulfur phosphate has 46% phosphorus content like DAP and its price is Rs.1250/- per bag while the price of DAP is Rs.1350/- per bag. He said that Kisan Khad (12:32:16) can also be used as a substitute for DAP. He said that apart from this, other phosphatic fertilizers available in the market can also be used. He instructed the fertilizer sellers to close the stock of solid fertilizer in POS machines and to ensure that the stock of unsold fertilizer in POS machines and shops is consistent so that DAP fertilizer can be obtained from the Government of India as required.

Campaigning in favour of Ranjit Kumar



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR: Former MLA Ghanaur Madan Lal along with his team met prominent people of the area in the favor of Congress candidate Advocate Balbir Singh Fuglana and his colleagues motivated people of Bhugarni, Mehtiana, Mona Kalan, Bham, Mukhlana etc. villages to vote in favour of Congress candidate Advocate Ranjit Kumar.On this Occasion Balbir Singh Fuglana and his colleagues motivated people of Bhugarni, Amritpal Singh Zila Parishad member, Makhanjit Singh, Karamjit Singh, Satnam Singh, Davinder Singh, Paramjit Singh, Balwinder Singh, Jasvir Singh, Satnam Singh, Mahinder Singh, Sarabjit Singh, Manjit Singh, Jagjit Singh and Ashwani Sharma were present.

DAV Student shines in Inter-District Badminton Tournament



SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON: D.A.V. School, Jagraon student, Manpreet Kaur made the school proud by winning a gold medal in Under-17 category of 68th Punjab School Inter-District Badminton Tournament, held from October 25 to 29, 2024, in Hoshiarpur. School principal Ved Vrat Phala giving detailed information about this, stated that this tournament was a prestigious event for the region. "Manpreet's remarkable performance not only brought laurels to the school but to the entire city also," he added. Phala congratulated the students and encouraged her to keep making the city proud of her. The school principal and the entire staff gave her a warm welcome on reaching school.

Police nabs four persons in petrol bomb attacks on Shiv Sena leaders

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, NOV 5

In a major breakthrough amidst the ongoing drive to make Punjab a safe and secure state, Punjab Counter Intelligence and Ludhiana Commissionerate Police in a joint operation have solved the petrol bomb incidents targeting Shiv Sena leaders with the arrest of four members of Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) module being operated by foreign-based individuals Harjit Singh alias Laddi and Sabi, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Tuesday.

Those arrested have been identified as Jaswinder Singh alias Binder, a resident of Boothgarh in Ludhiana; Ravinder Pal Singh alias Ravi (38), Manish Sahid alias Sanju (30) and Anil Kumar alias Honey (27), trio residents of Rahon in Nawanshahr. Police teams have also recovered two mobile phones and impounded the red coloured TVS Raider motorcycle (PB 32 AC 3770) used to commit the crimes. "This operation has successfully solved the petrol bomb incidents targeting



Shiv Sena leaders, including the October 16, 2024, attack on Yogesh Bakshi's residence and the recent November 2, 2024, incident at Harkirat Singh Khurana's home in Model Town Extension, Ludhiana," informed DGP Gaurav Yadav in a post on his X handle (formerly Twitter).

As per the information, three unknown persons hurled a petrol bomb on the house of Shiv Sena leader Yogesh Bakshi located at New Chander Nagar in Haibowal, Ludhiana at around 9.40pm on October 16. A little over a fortnight after a similar petrol bomb attack took

place on the house Shiv Sena Leader Harkirat Singh located in Model Town Extension on the intervening night of Saturday. The DGP said that foreign-based handler Harjit Singh alias Laddi is also an accused wanted in the murder of Vikas Prabhakar in Nangal, Punjab, and carries a bounty of Rs 10 Lakhs as announced by National Investigation Agency (NIA). Further investigations are ongoing to establish backward and forward linkages in this case and more arrests are expected in coming days, he added. Sharing operation details during an in-

teraction with media, Commissioner of Police (CP) Ludhiana Kuldeep Singh Chahal said that acting promptly to trace both the cases, various teams of Ludhiana Commissionerate Police and Counter Intelligence (CI) were formed under the supervision of DCP Investigation Shubham Aggarwal. The CI team was led by AIG Simratpal Singh Dhindsa, while, ADCP Investigation Ludhiana Amandeep Singh Brar, ADCP Zone-3 Ludhiana Ramandeep Singh Bhullar, ACP Civil Lines Ludhiana Akarshi Jain and ACP West Ludhiana Gurdev Singh

were leading different teams, he added. He said that the meticulous investigations including following the trail of CCTV footages and gathering of technical evidences led the the arrest of four members of BKI module involved in executing both the crimes. The CP said that the police teams have recovered the red coloured motorcycle used by accused persons in both the crimes. Accused persons Anil alias Honey and Ravinder alias Ravi were found present in both the incidents, while, arrested accused Jaswinder alias Binder had accompanied them in Haibowal area, he said. "We have also identified the third person involved in hurling petrol bomb at a house located in Model Town Extension and police teams are on manhunt to nab him," said the CP.

In this regard, two separate cases including FIR no 147 dated 21-10-2024 u/s 125, 285, 324 BNS, later 113(2) BNS added, at Police Station Haibowal, Ludhiana and FIR No 14 dated 02-11-2024 u/s 125, 285, 324, 3(5) BNS, later 113(2) BNS added, at PS Model Town, Ludhiana were already registered.

Nodal officers, Cluster officers visit villages to prevent incidents of stubble burning



GILL JAITU, NOV 5

Chief Minister Punjab. The awareness campaign launched by the Punjab government led by Bhagwant Singh Maan to not burn stubble in the state is getting full response in the district and the nodal and cluster officers posted by the district administration have made the farmers aware of burning stubble day and night, is being done Deputy Commissioner Mr. Vineet Kumar made this statement at a meeting with all SDMs, cluster officials. The Deputy Commissioner said

that 82 places have been spotted by the Punjab Remote Censoring Center Ludhiana so far in the district, out of which nodal and cluster officers checked 43 cases of no fire and 39 places were found to be on fire.

He said that an FIR has been registered against 39 persons and a red entry has been made in their revenue records after challaning them on the spot. The Deputy Commissioner appealed to the farmers and said that the paddy stubble should not be set on fire but other available methods should be used for its disposal.

AAP criticizes centre for rejecting Punjab's Rs 1200 crore demand for stubble management

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, NOV 5

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) strongly criticized the BJP-led central government for rejecting Punjab's demand for Rs 1200 crore to prevent stubble burning, and has accused the Centre of discriminating against Punjab.

In a press conference at the party office in Chandigarh on Tuesday, AAP MP and senior spokesperson Malwinder Singh Kang said that the Modi government has been consistently discriminating against Punjab. It has already withheld several funds from Punjab, such as the Rural Development Fund, Mandi Development Fund, and the National Health Mission Fund, amounting to nearly Rs 10,000 crore. Issues were deliberately created in the lifting of paddy. Now, they are also refusing to pro-



vide the incentives needed to prevent stubble burning. This is highly condemnable.

Kang said that the Mann government is continuously raising awareness and providing support to farmers to prevent stubble burning. Thanks to the efforts of the Mann government over the past two and a half years, the number of stubble burning incidents has seen a significant reduction in Punjab. Kang further stated that the BJP frequently claims to stand with Punjab's farm-

ers, but when it comes to actually helping them, the party shirks its responsibility or creates obstacles. The Centre's attitude towards Punjab is discriminatory and vindictive, and it weakens the country's federal structure. He added that the central government should realize that the farmers of Punjab and Haryana feed the entire nation with their hard work, and treating them in this manner is shameful. The Aam Aadmi Party strongly condemns this. The Punjab government had written to the Centre in 2022, informing them about their plan to provide Rs 2500 per acre to farmers. Last year, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal also announced that the Delhi government would contribute funds to this scheme, as stubble smoke during October-November severely increases air pollution in Delhi.

Cheema assures life insurance coverage for AIDS Control Society employees



CHANDIGARH: Punjab Finance, Planning, Excise and Taxation Minister Advocate Harpal Singh Cheema on Tuesday assured the representatives of the Punjab AIDS Control Employees Welfare Association that adequate life insurance coverage will be provided to the employees of the society after consultations with various banks. This assurance was given during meetings with the Punjab State Karamchari Dal, Computer Teachers Unions, and Punjab AIDS Control Employees Welfare Association at his office.

Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema expressed his appreciation for the services rendered by the AIDS Control Society and assured the representatives that their other demands would be considered sympathetically. The association's representatives thanked the Finance Minister and affirmed their commitment to diligently controlling the spread of HIV in the state. They also pledged to complete any programs offered by the state government with dedicated spirit. Earlier in the meeting with the leaders of the Punjab State Karamchari Dal, the memorandum presented by them was discussed in detail. Finance Minister Cheema instructed the finance department officials to assess the financial implications of certain demands related to employees and pensioners.

Govt reaffirms commitment to promote Punjabi language: Dr. Balbir Singh



RAKESH JINDAL
PATIALA, NOV 5

The Punjabi Month celebrations, organized by the Language Department Punjab to promote the Punjabi language, commenced today with an impressive event at Bhasha Bhawan, Patiala. Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Balbir Singh attended as the chief guest, while the Director of the Language Department, Punjab, S. Jaswant Singh Zafar, presided over the function.

Chief guest Dr. Balbir Singh highlighted Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann's

personal interest in promoting the Punjabi language, ensuring that the government continues to support these efforts. He expressed his belief that, despite advancements in digital technology, books will always remain a fundamental part of human life and culture. Encouraging parents to foster a love for reading in their children, Dr. Balbir Singh also pledged to address the department's staffing and technical issues promptly. Additionally, he announced the relocation of the NCC office from the Language Department building to a new site.

T-shirt presented to DC by Sachdeva Stocks Cyclothon, Club



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, NOV 5

Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal, who was the first to register for the Sachdeva Stocks Cyclothon Season-4 being organized by Fit Biker Club Hoshiarpur on 10 November 2024, was presented a t-shirt by the club members under the leadership of President Paramjit Singh Sachdeva.

All the residents of the district were appealed to be a part of this cyclothon and the club members were assured that the district administration would provide full support for the success of this cy-

cloth. At this time, Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal told the club members that a meeting of officials of various departments has been called on November 6 in which guidelines will be issued regarding the arrangements for the Cyclothon, on this occasion District Development Fellow Joya Siddiqui was also present.

T-shirt was given. Club president Paramjit Sachdeva said that the theme of this cyclothon is Drug Free Punjab and Plastic Free Punjab and famous Punjabi artist Gurpreet Ghuggi will also be a part of this cyclothon.

AWWA to Present Abhivyakti 2024 at Chandimandir

SUMER GARG
CHANDIGARH, NOV 5

The Press Information Bureau (defence wing) in a Press note said, "The Army Wives Welfare Association (AWWA) will organise the 'Abhivyakti' Literature Festival, a three-day celebration of literature and creativity, from November 8 to 10, 2024, at the Khetarpal Officers' Mess and Institute, Headquarters Western Command, Chandimandir Military Station.

The Festival aims to bring together acclaimed authors, storytellers, journalists, celebrities, influencers, and reading enthusiasts under one roof, providing an excellent opportunity for the people to fully engage with this vibrant celebration. The three-day event is open to all, inviting the community to immerse themselves in the world of books and ideas".



The AWWA, with its guiding principle of "We Care and We Share," is dedicated to the holistic development and well-being of Army families and Veer Naris. Since its inception in 2021, the Abhivyakti Literature Festival has aimed to harness the diverse talents within the AWWA community, fostering a love for literature and encouraging writing skills among its members. The Abhivyakti Literature Festival is not just an event; it is a celebration of community, creativity and the transformative power of literature.

This year's theme, "Explore, Express and Experience", promises an en-

thralling literary journey. Attendees will have the opportunity to explore the works of accomplished writers, engage with thought-provoking ideas and enrich themselves through the experiences shared by literary connoisseurs. The festival will feature a variety of sessions covering themes such as women writers, motherhood, pride in uniform, finances, publishing, storytelling, and the habit of reading.

Keynote speakers include the esteemed Mr. Boman Irani and Dr. Radhakrishnan Pillai, with the closing address by Ms. Jyoti Malhotra.

Free driving classes for girls started in Hoshiarpur



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, NOV 5

Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal flagged off free driving classes for needy girls on Tuesday under the 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' campaign. On this occasion, Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal said that the aim of these free driving classes is to make girls self-reliant so that they can take their own decisions. She informed that in this financial year, a total of 120 girls will be given driving training in three groups, in which the first two

groups will have 45-45 girls and one group will have 30 girls.

Komal Mittal appealed to the girls receiving training to take advantage of this opportunity and become empowered by increasing their confidence. District Program Officer Hardeep Kaur, CDPO Hoshiarpur-1 Ravinder Kaur, CDPO were present on the occasion. Hoshiarpur-2 Daya Rani and CDPO-cum-District Social Security Officer Manpreet Singh along with the girl students attending the driving classes were also present.

Survey conducted in rural and urban areas by health department

KULWINDER KARWAL
SARDULGARH, NOV 5

Under the guidelines of Civil Surgeon Mansa Dr Ranjit Singh Roy and under the leadership of Senior Medical Officer Dr Ved Prakash Sandhu, dengue larvae are being examined by different teams in Sardulgarh city and rural areas. Along with this, people are being made aware by going door to door to prevent dengue fever.

On this occasion, Dr. Sandhu said that spraying is being done in the houses of people who are affected by fever. Today, the team conducted a survey in the area behind the power house of ward number three. On this occasion, Block Educator Tirlok Singh said that the main purpose of this campaign is to protect people from the spread of dengue disease. In



the city, teams are going door-to-door to check dengue larvae, if larvae are found, they are destroyed on the spot.

He said that stagnant water in old tires lying unused on rooftops, broken utensils and other places breed dengue mosquitoes, which causes the spread of dengue. He appealed not to allow water to accumulate in coolers,

boxes, pots, rooftops and surrounding areas of homes and offices. He further said that If a person has symptoms like high fever, vomiting, pain in eyes and back, pain in joints and bones, then he should go to the nearest health institution and get checked. To prevent mosquito bites, one should wear clothes covering the entire body and use mosquito repellent cream and mosquito net while sleeping. Health Inspector Nirmal Singh Fatta Maloka, Health Workers Jeevan Singh Sahota, Sandeep Kumar and Breeding Checker were present on this occasion.

Khudian urges farmers to test soil for judicious use of fertilisers

SUMER GARG
CHANDIGARH, NOV 5

With an aim to curb over fertilisation by promoting a soil test based approach and balanced fertilizer use for higher yields at lower cost, the Punjab agriculture and farmers welfare department has collected over one lakh soil samples and reports were given to concerned farmers at free-of-cost to assist them in improving their crop yields through sustainable farming practices.

While sharing this information today, Mr Khudian mentioned that the Punjab government, led by Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann has set a target to collect and test at least 2.50 lakh soil samples during this fi-

nancial year. The department has successfully collected and tested 1,16,117 samples so far. Notably, there are 58 soil testing labs across the state. Khudian while urging state farmers to get the soil tested before sowing the next crops, he emphasised that soil testing is essential for determining the nutrients present in the soil, including nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium and micronutrients. This knowledge enables farmers to apply fertilisers more judiciously and effectively, ensuring optimal crop growth. Regular testing can also help monitor soil health over time, identifying issues such as salinity, contamination, or degradation, and understanding whether the soil is acidic, neutral, or alkaline, which can influence crop selection.



PARAMJIT SINGH
JALANDHAR, NOV 5

With a view to develop Burlton Park as a sports hub of the city, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Himanshu Aggarwal has directed the Jalandhar Municipal Corporation, PWD, Horticulture Department to carry out comprehensive development projects to further evolve this sports centre.

He issued necessary directions to complete the construction of pavilion, locker rooms, changing rooms, and washrooms at cricket stadium by January 2025. During a site visit on Monday, accompanied by Municipal Commissioner Gautam Jain, Dr. Aggarwal reviewed the ongoing Rs. 65 lakh development project and instructed the contractor to meet the deadline, stressing that any delays would be unacceptable. He assured that he would closely monitor the

project's progress on a daily basis. He underscored the need for giving this biggest sports complex feel and vibe of being a sports hub of the city. Dr. Aggarwal also instructed the municipal authority to draft a proposal for floodlights at the practice nets, enabling players to train at night. He mentioned that these lights will help players to train more and excel in this sport. Engaging with young female cricketers on site, he encouraged them to work hard and aspire to represent the nation.

During his inspection, Dr. Aggarwal noticed a garbage dump near the stadium and instructed the Municipal Corporation to clear it immediately. He also issued directives to maintain cleanliness, manage greenery, remove overgrown bushes, install proper lighting, maintain roads, and complete boundary walls within the park.

Deputy CM on three-day visit to Una District

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA : Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri will be on a three-day visit to Una District from November 6 to November 8, as confirmed by a government spokesperson. During his visit, Agnihotri will inspect various ongoing development projects on November 6. On November 7, he will hold meetings with officials from the Water Resources Department and the Public Works Department. Following these discussions, he will serve as the chief guest at the closing ceremony of the 35th Grand Wrestling Competition in Jakhwal (Beetan) at 5:30 p.m. He will spend the night at Gondpur Jaichand. On November 8, the Deputy CM will attend the annual award ceremony at the Government Degree College, Khad, as the chief guest at 11 a.m. Later in the evening, at 7 p.m., he will participate in the 11th Grand Sai Evening event at the Shri Ram Leela Ground in Una, organized by the Youth Sai Committee in memory of the late social worker and academician, Prof. Simmi Agnihotri. Agnihotri will again spend the night at Gondpur Jaichand.

Seven-day NSS camp inaugurated at Govt Sr Sec School, Ladodi



SANJEEV MAHAJAN
NURPUR : A seven-day National Service Scheme (NSS) camp was inaugurated at the Government Senior Secondary School, Ladodi, with a focus on instilling social and civic responsibility among students. Principal Anil Thakur of Arya Degree Government College, Nurpur, addressed the students at the opening ceremony, emphasizing the NSS mission to develop a sense of social and civic duty, understand community needs, and find solutions to local issues. Throughout the week-long camp, NSS volunteers will engage in various daily activities and gain insights on different topics from guest speakers invited from various organizations. NSS Program Officer Rakesh Chauhan expressed gratitude to Principal Thakur for his support and encouraged students to take an active role in community service, from morning till evening, including cleaning local sites as part of their field activities.

SBI Life Insurance to fill four manager positions

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA : SBI Life Insurance Private Limited, located in Amb, has announced the availability of four manager positions. The interviews for these positions will be held on November 8 at 10 AM at the Sub Employment Office in Amb. District Employment Officer Una, Akshay Sharma, stated that candidates must hold a bachelor's degree in any stream and have relevant experience to qualify for the manager role. Preference will be given to candidates with experience in sales and marketing. Additionally, candidates should be between 18 and 45 years of age, with a monthly salary set at Rs. 25,000. Sharma informed that eligible and interested candidates should attend the interview with their qualification certificates, date of birth proof, employment office registration card, Aadhaar card number, two passport-sized photographs, and original documents. For more information, candidates can contact 98170-36225.

BJP's Rakesh Jamwal launches sharp attack on Cong Govt's failures

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA : BJP's chief spokesperson Rakesh Jamwal has responded to allegations made by Jagat Singh Negi, the state's horticulture and revenue minister, against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and former Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur. Jamwal raised serious questions regarding the policies and functioning of the Congress government, claiming it has failed in developmental activities in the state and is now resorting to misleading statements to cover its failures. He remarked, "In the opposition, we hold 'belee sitting' duties, but the Sukhu government has kept its ministers 'belee sitting' even after coming to power." According to Jamwal, while ministers are engaged in "lunch diplomacy" in Shimla and Bilaspur, the issues faced by the public are being ignored.

Exhibition of models made by students on various subjects organised



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: An exhibition of models made by students on various subjects was organised in PS International School Maidi on Tuesday. State President of Fencing Association Shadi Lal Goswami arrived as the chief guest and inspected the models made by the children in the exhibition and encouraged them. The model of water purification was the best in this competition. Apart from this, models of salty and normal water, electricity production, regenerative braking system, how day and night are made were displayed. The students who performed well were honoured by the school management. On this occasion, Principal of PS International School Ichchha Dadwal, Principal of Modern ITI Onkar Singh, Vice President of PS Group Amit Thakur, MD Atul Thakur, Pradhan of Gram Panchayat Maidikhas Reena Thakur, Science teacher Ankush Vashisht and the entire school staff were present.

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has expressed grief over the death of Hawaldar Sukhdev Singh who attained martyrdom in a battle field. He was resident of Jamsai

village in Sarkaghat of district Mandi and was stationed in Leh-Ladakh.

The Chief Minister in his condolence message said that the nation would always be indebted for his valour. Hawaldar Sukhdev Singh's

contribution and his supreme sacrifice will always be remembered, he said. The Chief Minister prayed to the almighty to grant peace to the departed soul and strength to the family members to bear this irreparable loss.

Government taking all steps to ensure public welfare: CM

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, NOV 5

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today presided over 'Sarkar Gaon Ke Dwar' programme at Putriyal village in Nadaun assembly constituency of Hamirpur district today where 147 public grievances were received. Chief Minister directed the concerned officers to redress these grievances on priority. He said that all Ministers had also been asked to participate in this initiative so that public grievances could be addressed in time-time-bound manner.

The Chief Minister announced several development projects for Putriyal, including the construction of a new building for Putriyal School and a Health Sub-Center with adequate staff. He said that efforts are afoot to construct the Lalu-Dhaniyara road and a new road from Putriyal to Talai. The state government will also prioritize the development of a park and a playground for the area, he added.



Shri Sukhu said that all roads in Hamirpur district, as well as roads across the State, are being upgraded to double lanes. He said that efforts would be made to provide high-quality water to enhance living standards. "To secure a better future for the people, the State Government is making bold decisions, even if challenges arise, for the benefit of 75 lakh citizens. I am

committed to doing whatever it takes to ensure their well-being," he added. Criticising the previous BJP government for financial mismanagement, the Chief Minister said that it offered free electricity, water, and bus travel solely to allure the voters. He said that previous Government opened and upgraded over 900 institutions just before the

election announcement without making any budgetary provisions, compromising quality in education and health sectors. He said that they prioritized politics over providing quality services to the people, which caused harm to the state's resources. He said that the present State Government was establishing Rajiv Gandhi Day Boarding Schools to improve the education system. The state government has also initiated steps to strengthen the rural economy, implementing necessary changes.

Expressing his commitment to his constituency, the Chief Minister said, "Nadaun has been my 'Karambhoomi', and I have served people of the area for more than 20 years. Thanks to the blessings of Congress leaders Sh. Rahul Gandhi, Smt Sonia Gandhi, and Sh. Mallikarjun Kharge, I have been entrusted with the office of Chief Minister, and I will spare no effort in serving the people of the State with dedication and devotion."

Addressing public grievances on top priority: CM



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, NOV 5

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that addressing public grievances is the top priority for the present State Government. As part of this commitment, the Government has launched the "Sarkar Gaon Ke Dwar" initiative, which began from the remote Dodra Kwar area of the Shimla district recently. This program facilitates direct interaction between the government and the public, ensuring quicker resolution of problems while also incorporating public suggestions to support regional development. The Chief

Minister made these remarks at the Sera Rest House in the Nadaun Assembly segment of Hamirpur district today, where he spent approximately one and a half hours listening to people's problems and instructed officers to address them on priority. MLA Dehra Kamlesh Thakur, Chairman Kangra Cooperative Primary, Agriculture and Rural Development Bank Ram Chander Pathania, Congress Leader Surender Mankotia, Congress Nadaun Block President Captain Prithi Chand, Deputy Commissioner Amarjeet Singh, Superintendent of Police Hamirpur Bhagat Singh and other dignitaries were also present amongst others.

Electro homeopathy medicines are beneficial for women and children: Sanjeev Sharma

SANAJY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, NOV 5

Dr Sanjeev Sharma, Chairman of Robinson Institute of Electro Homeopathy Education and Research Foundation, said that allopathy medicines are beneficial for women and children. Services will be provided for them at the centre. He said that the organisation has established such modern facility centres across the country, where high level treatment is being provided to lakhs of hopeless patients after examining them with electro homeopathy medicines. Apart from normal patients, complex and hopeless patients are also treated without surgery. He said that electro homeopathy treatment can be taken by



people of every class and age, which does not cause any side effects. Electro homeopathy is very effective. At present, the patients have increased faith in these medicines. Only the disease for which the person is taking electro homeopathic medicine will be cured. The medicines do not affect other things. He said that electrophathy treatment is different from other medical

systems prevalent in the country. In the free camp organized by HEDA, women, girls and children were examined. Dr Satya Prakash, Dr Praveen Kumar Kondal, Dr Dinesh Pathania, Dr Neha Sharma, Dr Sanam Sharma and Dr Manish Kumar and Dr BK Malhotra from Punjab participated under the leadership of State President Dr Uttam Chand Kondal.

DC calls for coordinated action against fake alcohol sales and drug trafficking

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA:

Deputy Commissioner Jatin Lal has emphasized the need for a strict and coordinated approach among all relevant agencies to combat the sale of fake alcohol and drug trafficking in Una district. Presiding over a district-level coordination committee meeting, he reviewed the effective implementation of the Himachal Pradesh Excise Act and the NDPS Act. He instructed agencies to enhance collaboration and work under an organized strategy to curb the spread of illicit alcohol and narcotics. During the meeting, the committee assessed the actions taken under the Himachal Pradesh Excise Act of 2011, the NDPS Act of 1985, and the Himachal Pradesh NDPS Rules of 1989. The Deputy Commissioner stated that a comprehensive and effective



strategy is necessary to eliminate the trade in fake alcohol and illegal substances. He directed departments to regularly share information and conduct joint raids as needed. Additionally, he mandated that the district-level coordination committee meet quarterly to ensure effective inter-departmental cooperation and operations against narcotics.

Jatin Lal stressed the importance of community safety, strict compliance with laws, and active monitoring. He also called for the

involvement of local communities in this campaign to completely curb the trafficking of illegal alcohol and drugs. During the meeting, Deputy Excise Commissioner Tikam Ram provided details on actions taken in the last six months, revealing that a total of 39,485.017 bulk liters of alcohol and intoxicating beverages have been seized since April 1, 2024. This operation included the confiscation of country-made and foreign liquor, beer, and Extra Neutral Alcohol (ENA).

Self-defense training camp enhances students' mental and physical growth: Rajneesh Rangra

RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR, NOV 5

A 10-day self-defense training camp is underway at Government Senior Secondary School, Tauni Devi, Himachal Pradesh, organized with support from the Child Development Department to emphasize the importance of self-defense. Satish Rana, a black belt holder in Shito-Ryu Karate



and a dedicated school staff member, is leading the camp, training both girls and boys in self-defense techniques. School Principal Rajneesh

Rangra praised the initiative, highlighting that such camps boost students' confidence and represent a unique opportunity for the school, especially with

a skilled trainer like Satish Rana on staff. Rangra noted that self-defense training not only teaches practical skills but also contributes significantly to students' mental and physical development. The purpose of the camp is to raise awareness about self-defense among students and emphasize that every child should possess such knowledge for personal safety.

Extract of the Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and Half Year ended 30 th September, 2024 (Rs. in Lakh)											
S. No.	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated						
		Quarter ended	Half Year ended	Year ended	Quarter ended	Half Year ended	Year ended	Quarter ended	Half Year ended	Year ended	
		30.09.2024 (Unaudited)	30.09.2023 (Unaudited)	30.09.2024 (Unaudited)	30.09.2023 (Unaudited)	30.09.2024 (Unaudited)	30.09.2023 (Unaudited)	30.09.2024 (Unaudited)	30.09.2023 (Unaudited)	30.09.2024 (Unaudited)	
1.	Total Income from Operations	99,451	87,074	1,82,624	1,53,536	2,53,359	1,02,625	87,836	1,89,662	1,55,315	2,57,937
2.	Profit before exceptional items and tax	61,106	55,540	1,06,128	93,558	1,09,523	58,057	55,457	1,06,355	93,740	1,10,440
3.	Profit before tax	61,106	55,540	1,06,128	93,558	1,17,408	58,057	55,457	1,06,355	93,740	1,18,325
4.	Net Profit after tax for the period	47,306	44,135	80,021	71,155	90,840	43,990	43,964	79,699	71,139	91,144
5.	Total Comprehensive Income after tax	47,192	44,084	79,793	71,054	90,389	43,877	43,913	79,472	71,038	90,689
6.	Paid-up equity share capital (Face value of share ₹ 10/- each)	3,92,980	3,92,980	3,92,980	3,92,980	3,92,980	3,92,980	3,92,980	3,92,980	3,92,980	3,92,980
7.	Other Equity excluding Revaluation Reserve	10,64,297	10,35,906	10,64,297	10,35,906	10,10,048	10,68,157	10,39,647	10,68,157	10,39,647	10,14,105
8.	Net Worth	14,57,277	14,28,886	14,57,277	14,28,886	14,03,028	14,61,137	14,32,627	14,61,137	14,32,627	14,07,085
9.	Paid up Debt Capital	10,51,779	8,28,335	10,51,779	8,28,335	9,66,534	23,83,980	17,02,791	23,83,980	17,02,791	20,35,072
10.	Earnings Per Share for continuing operations (before net movement in regulatory deferral account balance) (of ₹10/- each) (not annualised) (in ₹)										
	- Basic & Diluted	1.19	1.08	2.07	1.82	2.34	1.10	1.08	2.06	1.82	2.34
11.	Earnings Per Share for continuing operations (after net movement in regulatory deferral account balance) (of ₹10/- each) (not annualised) (in ₹)										
	- Basic & Diluted	1.21	1.12	2.04	1.81	2.31	1.12	1.12	2.03	1.81	2.32
12.	Debt Equity Ratio	0.72	0.58	0.72	0.58	0.69	1.63	1.19	1.63	1.19	1.45
13.	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	3.41	3.89	3.06	3.50	2.30	3.04	3.97	2.98	3.58	2.33
14.	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	6.41	7.09	5.71	6.53	4.72	5.11	7.38	5.23	6.81	4.77

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Pendu sports fair, folk arts to be held at Akal University

ISHWER GARG TALWANDI SABO: Akal University announced the dates for its grand annual event, 'Pendus Sports Fair and Folk Arts 2024', to foster a deeper connection between students and their rich heritage of sports and folk arts. A plethora of traditional and Indigenous games will be organised in the Akal University Campus at Talwandi Sabo on the 7th and 8th of November 2024. The two-day-long heritage games are intended to promote communal harmony and provide competitive exposure to the students. Traditional games reviving childhood memories like Skipping Rope, Pot Race, Game of Five Stones, Lame Lion, Back Race etc. promote sharpened fine and gross motor skills, enhanced hand-eye coordination, increased spatial awareness and improved social skills.

Mandeep Jangra creates history, first time Indian boxer wins world title



RN KHERA CHANDIGARH: Indian boxer Mandeep Jangra has created history in pro-boxing. He won the WBF super featherweight title in the USA. He is the first Indian to become a world champion in any category. In the fight held in the Cayman Islands, Mandeep defeated British boxer Conor McIntosh. In the fight played for the WBF World title, the British boxer had no answer to Mandeep's punch. He hit strong punches from the beginning and his stamina remained till the end. Conor tried to make a comeback, but Mandeep Jangra had the upper hand in most rounds. Mandeep said that this is one of the biggest victories of my career. I am thankful to my sponsor Nash Built Construction, Chief Coach Roy Jones, Assistant Coach Asa Beard and Angel. If they were not there, I would not have won this title for the country. Indian boxer Mandeep said that I am happy that I am the first Indian to win the world title. I have worked hard for years to achieve this. It is a matter of pride for me that I could bring glory to the country. I think this title will open the way for other boxers of the country and they will also decide to make a career in professional boxing. Our boxers are good and there is no dearth of talent in them. If they get good promoters and managers, they can also become world champions.

Ambuja Cements relocates SEDI centre to Bathinda

CHANDIGARH: Ambuja Cements, the cement and building material company of the diversified Adani Portfolio, announced the move of its Skill & Entrepreneurship Development Institute (SEDI) Centre from Gonia to Bathinda. This state-of-the-art facility expands its overall outreach to 100 villages, significantly increasing access to skill development and entrepreneurial opportunities for rural communities. This SEDI Centre was previously located at Gonia and has been relocated near the bus stand in Bathinda to cater to a wider youth audience through easier access.

Burning stubble damages soil fertility: CAO

KULJIT SINGH JANDIALA GURU: Under the guidelines of Deputy Commissioner Madam Sakshi Sahni regarding planting wheat without setting fire to stubble and using fertilizers, the local agriculture and farmer welfare department is continuously educating the farmers at the grassroots level so that the natural resources are conserved. can be saved. Chief Agriculture Officer Mr. Tajinder Singh appealed to the farmers and said that burning the stubble is burning the fertility of the land. Farmer brothers should not do this. He said that if wheat is planted by absorbing the stubble in the field, then the carbon content in the soil increases and the strength of the soil increases. Dr. Sukhchain Singh Agriculture Officer DAP widely used in wheat crop. Giving information about the use of alternative sources instead of fertilizer, he said that DAP in wheat crop.

MCM holds anti cracker campaign



CHANDIGARH: The Eco Club 'Parivesh' and NSS Units of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, in collaboration with Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBBS) Club, and under the directions of Department of Environment, Chandigarh Administration, organised an Anti-Cracker Campaign. The objective was to promote an eco-friendly and pollution-free festive season. Under this campaign, a plethora of activities were conducted that raised awareness about the harmful effects of firecrackers and encouraged sustainable practices. The program commenced with a thought-provoking nakkad natak performance by NSS volunteers where they highlighted the impact of burning crackers on environment and society as a whole. It was followed by an oath taking ceremony where faculty members joined the volunteers in taking a pledge for cracker free festivities.

Hoarding, overcharging or tagging of additional agri inputs will not be allowed, DC to fertilizer dealers

SHASHI PAL JAIN MOHALI, NOV 5

Taking a serious view of the Hoarding, overcharging or tagging of other agricultural inputs with DAP fertilizer, the Deputy Commissioner, Mrs Aashika Jain has directed the Chief Agricultural Officer of the district to inspect the stocks of the agriculture input dealers in SAS Nagar district. Taking a review meeting with the ADC Sonam Chaudhary, Chief Agricultural Officer (CAO), Dr Gurmail Singh and Deputy Registrar (DR) Cooperative Societies, Gurbir Singh Dhillon, today morning at the DC office, Deputy Commissioner Mrs Aashika Jain asked the CAO and DR to make it mandatory to display the stock of fertilizers available with the dealers and co-operative societies on notice board daily. Besides, the farmers should not be overcharged for the sale of DAP or tagging of other inputs with the sale of DAP. She said the Agriculture Officials to make teams with district administrative officials for the inspection of the fertilizer dealers. The Deputy Commissioner said



that the SAS Nagar District has an alternate fertilizers stock of 3033 MT and the farmers need not worry. They can use the alternate of DAP such as NPK (12:32:16, 15:15:15, 20:20:0:13, 16:16:16), SSP (Single Super Phosphate), TSP (Triple Super Phosphate) available with the district. She said that per the advisory of the soil scientists of the Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, DAP contains a mixture of 46 per cent Phosphorus and 18 Percent Nitrogen. He said that Single Su-

perphosphate contains 16% phosphorus. Farmers can use three bags of this fertilizer in place of one bag of DAP. Additionally, it provides extra sulphur. Similarly, NPK 12:32:16 contains 32% phosphorus. The one-and-a-half bags of NPK 12:32:16 are equivalent to one bag of DAP. This offers the added advantage of potash, which is not present in DAP. She further said that as per the advisory, Triple Superphosphate contains 46% phosphorus and

can be used in equal quantity to DAP, providing additional sulfur benefits, while NPK 10:26:26 contains 26% of total phosphorus and can also fulfil crops' phosphorus requirements. This also offers the added advantage of potash, which is not present in DAP. The Deputy Commissioner reassured the farmers not to worry about the alleged DAP "shortage", emphasizing that these effective and readily available alternatives can be used successfully.

Farmers front protests against paddy crop deductions by commission agents in Morinda grain market

SANJEEV TEJPAL MORINDA, NOV 5

The United Farmers' Front has issued a strong warning to the district administration regarding the unjust deductions imposed by commission agents and rice mill owners during paddy procurement at Morinda's grain market. The Front has alleged collusion among the agents, rice mill owners, and administrative authorities, demanding the immediate return of deducted amounts to farmers within 24 hours. Failure to comply will result in an escalation of protests.

During a press conference, key leaders of the United Farmers' Front, including Parminder Singh Chalaki, Jathedar Risham Singh Badali, Gurcharn Singh dholarmazra and Charan Singh Mundian, condemned these arbitrary deductions.



They highlighted that while the commission agents and rice mill owners claim to be allies of farmers, they exploit this relationship by deducting between 8 to 10 kilograms per quintal of paddy. This exploitation is allegedly facilitated by collusion with market committee officials, procurement agencies, and administrative officers, which the Front deems unacceptable. The press conference featured testimony from over half a dozen affected farmers, who provided evidence of withheld payments after selling their paddy. Harpal Singh, a farmer from Kalaran

village, disclosed that he sold 295 quintals and 12.5 kilograms of paddy to a commission agent in Morinda, amounting to a total payment of ₹684,890. However, his account received only Rs 635,100, leaving a shortfall of Rs 49,590.

In light of these grievances, the United Farmers' Front has called upon the Punjab Government to take immediate and stringent action against the exploitative practices of these commission agents and ensure that all deducted amounts are returned to the farmers without delay.

SAD leaders support protesting farmers, condemn government



SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON, NOV 5

The farmers in Punjab are facing huge troubles due to shortage of DAP fertilizer and issues in lifting of paddy. Both state and central government are being held responsible for the inconvenience caused.

Shiromani Akali Dal leader and former MLA SR Kaler extended support to the farmers and staged a protest in front of SDM office along with the supports as well as farmers. SAD workers under the guidance of Balwinder Singh

Free medical, dental check-up camp at Citimed Hospital on Nov 10

KHARAR (SHASHI PAL JAIN): A free medical and dental checkup camp is being organized on November 10 at the newly opened Citimed Hospital and Sterling Smiles Dental Clinic in City Heart Market, Kharar.

Giving information in this regard, Dr. Priyanka Singla said that the camp will be held from 10 am to 1 pm and free medical consultation and various other tests will be conducted free of cost.



The Punjab Governor and Administrator, UT, Chandigarh, Gulab Chand Kataria with Baba Gurinder Singh Dhillon Ji and Jasdeep Singh Gill Ji, nominated Head Dera Beas at Punjab Raj Bhavan, Chandigarh.

Former District Governor of Rotary Club Manmohan Singh receives PhD degree



SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, NOV 5

Manmohan Singh, a resident of Kharar and former District Governor of Rotary Club, has been awarded the PhD degree by Thapar Institute. This degree has been awarded to him yesterday by Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology, Patiala in the convocation held there yesterday. He has received this degree for the research

done in the field of waste management. It is worth mentioning that Manmohan Singh is the elder brother of former Chief Minister of Punjab Charanjit Singh Channi and he has obtained degrees in many fields before. He has 44 years of experience in infra structure development and has retired from the post of Engineer - in-Chief from the Local Self Department of Punjab Government.

District Akali Jatha Pathankot stages dharna outside office of DC regarding lack of DAP, lifting



BUREAU PATHANKOT, NOV 5

Shiromani Akali Dal District Pathankot led by District Pathankot President Surinder Singh Kanwar Mintu protested against the shortage of DAP fertilizer and delay in procurement of paddy outside the office of Deputy Commissioner Pathankot.

On this occasion, president Surinder Singh Kanwar Mintu and a group of officials handed over a demand letter to Additional Deputy Commissioner Pathankot (H) Hardeep Singh in the name of Governor Punjab.

State General Secretary of Akali Dal, former MLA Ashok Sharma and in-charge of Bhoo Constituency Ravi Mohan was specially present in the protest. On this occasion, former MLA Ashok Sharma, mandal president Harpreet Singh Raja, Sheela Lamini, district youth president Gurpreet Singh Guru, Himanshu office secretary, Ravi Mohan Constituency Incharge Bhoo, Gurmeet Singh, Balwinder Singh Khalsa, Pritam Singh Secretary, Sourav Mehra, Gursaran Singh, Dr. Dara Singh, Surjit Singh Chamma, Balkar Singh, Harish Kumar, Rajan Singh, Mohan Singh etc.

Led by Ranjit Singh Gill SAD workers protest against poor arrangements for paddy procurement, shortage of DAP

SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, NOV 5

Under the leadership of Halqa Incharge of Sromani Akali Dal, Ranjit Singh Gill, SAD staged a dharna today against the Punjab Government and the Central Government over issues related to bad arrangements regarding the purchase of paddy and black market of DAP fertilizer.

Apart from others in this dharna, Dal's rural president and SGPC member Charanjit Singh Channa and SGPC members Ajmer Singh Khera, Parminder Singh Longia, Randhir Singh Dhillon, Youth Akali leader Ravinder Singh, Khera Sahib Singh Badali, Harjinder Singh Mundho, Sarabjit Singh Kadi Majra, Samser Singh Wadali, Sandeep Rana Jhanjedi, Harpreet Singh Swara,



Amarinder Singh Am, Major Singh former chairman, Balwinder Singh Rakoli, Harpreet Singh Gujral and Amarjit Singh Minut Khanpur etc. were present. They have also given a demand letter to Kharar SDM Gurmander Singh.

Speaking on this occasion, various speakers said that a big crisis was created in the purchase of paddy across Punjab under the col-

lusion and deep planning of the BJP of the Center and the present government of Punjab. They said that the poor condition of farmers today has never happened before.

In 70 years, Punjab has never seen such bad and restrictive arrangements, which are seen today. They said that the Center and the Punjab government are taking revenge from the farmers.

Roof of garbha griha construction starts at Sri Ram Mandir, Kharar

BUREAU KHARAR, NOV 5

The work of putting concrete in the roof of Garbha Grah of Sri Ram Mandir under construction started here today. This Mandir his being constructed here along with the Maharaja Aaj Sarovar, which is related to the name of Lord Ram Chandraj's grandfather at Kharar. The work was started this morning with Vidhi Vidhan and ladoos were distributed.

On this occasion, pieces of stone brought from the famous religious shrines were also put in the lantern. Garbha Griha is the place where the idols of Sri Ram Chandraj and his family will be installed.

It is to be mentioned that the construction work of this temple was started on October 19 last year and has been



going on continuously till now. Today, when the work of pouring the concrete of the lantern started, at that time Mr. Kulwant Chaudhary, Dr. MS Sandhu, Anand Bansal, Nitin Garg, Vijay Gupta and contractor Goyal were present. On this occasion, laddus were distributed by the members of Sarovar Vikas Samiti

and the work was started. It is the plan of the Samiti to install the idol here on the auspicious day of Ram Naomi next year.

The committee appealed to the people of the area to donate cash or cement gravel, sand etc. in this work so that the temple can be completed as soon as possible.

Winning team will rise above group competition, work for interests of all employees: Ramandeep Gill



MOHALI (TILAK RAJ): On this occasion of pledge ceremony all the speakers congratulated Ramandeep Kaur Gill who became the president for the first time and all the women employees and emphasized on the unity of the education board employees. Election Commission Ajit Pal Singh, Gurdeep Singh, Gulab Chand and Surinder Ram introduced the winning group of Ramandeep Kaur Gill. All the employees congratulated the winning group by showering them with garlands of flowers. At this time the general secretary of the winning group Sukhchain Singh Saini, president Ramandeep Kaur Ginal thanked all the employees and assured them that they will do their best to protect the interests of all the employees and will not discriminate against any employee. He appealed to the group that had lost the election to respect every decision of the organization. Parvinder Singh Khangura, the president of the group that lost the election, congratulated the team of the winning team and praised the shortcomings left in it.

Lions Club Mohali celebrates 30th Charter Night, inauguration ceremony of joint Lions Clubs



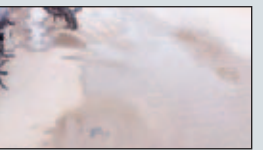
MOHALI (TILAK RAJ): Lions Club Mohali S.A.S. Nagar celebrated 30th Charter Night and Foundation Ceremony with the 1st Charter Night of Lions Club Mohali Disha and Leo Club Mohali Smiling. The event was attended by eminent personalities. The spirit and dedication of Lions and Leos is demonstrated in the shared mission of service. Lions were felicitated in the ceremony in the presence of MJF Lion Ravinder Sagar, District Governor. After this they released the souvenir for 2024-25. His inspiring words set the tone for commitment to social service. Other chief guests included MJF Lion Ajay Goyal (Vdg-2), MJF Lion Nakesh Garg (PMCC MD-321), MJF Lion Jatinder Verma (DCS), MJF Lion Gautam Sen (DST), MJF Lion S.K. Rana (District Leo Chairperson), and MJF Lion Krishna Pal Sharma (Region Chairperson) joined in, whose guidance and vision were greatly appreciated by all.

Lions Club Mohali SAS Nagar Reg: Zonal Chairperson MJF Lion Amandeep Singh Gulati, Lions Club President MJF Lion Amit Narula, Leo Club Advisor MJF Lion Jaswinder Singh, Lion Harinder Pal Singh Harry Lion Quest Club Chairman, Lions Club Disha President Lion Tejinder Kaur Leo Club Mohali Smiling President Leo Jafir was specially honored for his steadfast support.



RAKESH JINDAL NABHA : PPS Nabha is hosting the 59th All India IPSC (U-19 Boys & Girls) Athletics Meet from November 5-7, 2024. 341 athletes from 18 prestigious schools of the country are taking part. Headmaster Dr DC Sharma declared the meet open. Speaking on the occasion, he said sports form an integral part of holistic education. He appealed to the athletes to compete with their own selves to set better standards.

Water leakage in main street of Mohalla Prem Nagar nuisance to people



PREETI SAINI SADHAURA: The main street of Mohalla Prem Nagar of Sadhaura, goes towards the main market, near Prem Nagar Mosque. The water line in the middle of the street has been leaking for about one and a half months, due to which water flows in the street in the morning and evening. The leakage is a big nuisance to the passers-by and local shopkeepers because due to the movement of vehicles, dirty water often splashes on the people walking on the road and on the shops. Shopkeepers say that the department is not paying any attention to this wastage. Apart from this, they also complained about this problem to the Nagar Palika Councilor, but this problem was not solved. People demand that this problem should be solved as soon as possible.

CM Nayab Saini to visit Chhalondi during 'Thank-You Tour'



VIJAY KAUSHIK LADWA: Haryana Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini will visit the village of Chhalondi in Ladwa block on November 6 as part of his thank-you tour. Former Ladwa Block Committee Chairman's representative Rahul Sharma informed journalists about the visit, highlighting that Saini's leadership has been a source of pride for the region, as he is the first Chief Minister elected from North Haryana. Rahul Sharma praised the BJP's commitment to inclusive development, stating that Naib Saini's humble nature has earned him admiration across the country. He credited Saini's efforts and the hard work of party members for the BJP's third consecutive term in Haryana. He emphasized the need for unity to transform Ladwa into a hub of development.

Maha polls: 4140 candidates in fray for 288 assembly seats

AGENCY MUMBAI, NOV 5

The Maharashtra Assembly elections are set to begin after 2938 candidates withdrew from 288 constituencies, with 4,140 candidates competing for 288 seats after the deadline for nomination withdrawal ended on Monday.

A total of 9,70,25,119 voters in the state will decide their fate on November 20. The counting of votes will take place on November 23.

Eight thousand candidates had filed applications for the 1 Legislative Assembly election. The nomination



papers of 7 thousand 78 candidates were found valid, a senior election official said.

The deadline for withdrawal of nomination forms ended on Monday. Out of them, 2938

candidates have withdrawn their applications, leaving 4,140 in the fray.

Therefore, finally 4,140 candidates have remained in the election arena, informed the office of the Chief Election Officer late last

Mobile medical unit to provide health services in Chhapra and Jogi Majra on Nov 6

VIJAY KAUSHIK LADWA: Dharamvir Singh, in charge of MP Naveen Jindal's parliamentary office, announced that the Naveen Jindal Foundation's Mobile Medical Unit will visit the villages of Chhapra and Jogi

Majra on November 6 as part of the Swasth Kurukshetra initiative. Health services will be provided in Chhapra from 9 am to 1 pm and in Jogi Majra from 2 pm to 5 pm. The Mobile Medical Unit is one of three units run

by the Naveen Jindal Foundation to ensure healthcare access for the people of the Kurukshetra parliamentary constituency. Villagers in both areas are encouraged to take advantage of these services.



Media workshop on Drug Abuse held in Jalandhar



JS SODHI JALANDHAR: Vartalap or Media Workshop on the theme of Drug Abuse has been held in Jalandhar, Punjab today, 5th November, 2024, by the Press Information Bureau, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India. The Vartalap has been organized by PIB with the aim of generating a meaningful dialogue and fruitful exchange of ideas between the government and the fourth estate, on various dimensions of combating the menace of drug abuse and addiction. The Vartalap was

inaugurated by the Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar, Dr. Himanshu Aggarwal. Addressing the media, the Deputy Commissioner said that the issue of drug abuse is one which afflicts society as a whole and is not particular to any region or state. The DC said that after the enforcement machinery, the third line of defence is the civil society, which should be very strong and supportive to the first two lines of defence. Out of enforcement, deaddiction and prevention, the DC said that prevention is the most important pillar.

Serving mother cow is most important religion: Pramod Bansal

KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI, NOV 5

G.V. Rice Exports Pvt. Ltd. Taraori's CMD Pramod Bansal said that serving mother cow is the biggest service. This service is the most important religion. We all need to come forward for cow service. He said that by serving the mother cow, Lakshmi resides in the house and happiness and peace prevails. Dedication of all people towards the service of mother cow is necessary. G.V. Rice Exports Pvt. Ltd. Tarawari's CMD Pramod Bansal was talking to journalists. He said that every person of the country should take a pledge of cow service and cow protection. Mother cow is a symbol of Indian culture. We have to make every possible effort for cow protection and promotion. He said that the mother cow is a



symbol of the country's culture. For its protection and promotion, it is necessary that all of us become aware and responsible towards it. Although cow rearing is not possible in every house, if we cooperate for cow service in cow shelters, then our resolution of cow protection can be fulfilled.

He said that we all need to take a resolution of cow service together, because cows are a symbol of Indian culture. By doing cow

service, wealth, health, and many other comforts are obtained. To do cow service, we should make every possible effort for cow protection and promotion. He said that in Hindu culture, cows have been given the status of mother. It is believed that 36 crore gods and goddesses reside in it. On this occasion, many people including Vineet Bansal, Chuneet Bansal, Ashish Bansal, Charu Bansal were present.

Knowledge incomplete without Guru: Dr. Munish Rana



KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI: Director of Saraswati Public School Pakhana, Dr. Munish Parvez Rana said that knowledge is incomplete without Guru. Life is not possible without knowledge. He said that Guru is the guide of the true path. Guru is very important in our life. Guru is considered more important than God for disciples, because Guru teaches us to live this life in the right way by giving us education. Director of Saraswati Public School Pakhana, Dr. Munish Parvez Rana was talking to journalists in village Pakhana. On this occasion, Principal of Saraswati Public School Taraori, Rakesh Bhatia was also present. Dr. Munish Parvez Rana said that the relationship between Guru and disciple has been unbroken since ancient times. The love of a Guru and his disciple is as selfless as that of a parent. Guru is the only medium through which a disciple can reach the door of success. Dr. Munish Parvez Rana said that Guru is not an ordinary person. Guru is the only medium, by following whose footsteps the most difficult goals can be achieved. That is why I always respect the Guru completely. The Guru's orders should be followed. A Guru teaches us to make our mark in society.

BJP has set a target of 10 crore members: Gupta

KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI: BJP Mandal Taraori President Praveen Gupta said that Bharatiya Janata Party is the biggest and strongest party in the world. The party has now set a target of making more than 10 crore members. Which will be completed soon. He said that everyone wants to become a



member of the BJP after being influenced by the policies and working style of BJP. He said that the economy of India has become stronger during the tenure of the country's Prime Minister Narendra Modi. BJP Mandal Taraori President Praveen Gupta was talking to journalists in Taraori. BJP Mandal Taraori President Praveen Gupta said that the country has progressed during the tenure of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said that BJP has set a target of making more than 10 crore members. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has become the fastest growing startup economy in the world. Under the leadership of Narendra Modi, the country is moving ahead on the path of development. He said that new policies have been implemented in every field during the tenure of the BJP. He said that under the leadership of Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Saini and Cabinet Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, Haryana state will also develop in all aspects. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Saini, the MLA of the constituency Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi will also bring many big projects for Nilokheri constituency.

Heart Awareness Camp and CPR training held at Kalindi College

DAULAT CHAUHAN NEW DELHI: Kalindi College in East Patel Nagar organized a one-day Heart Awareness Camp and CPR Training session today, sponsored by Om Help Foundation. At the event, Dr. Kavita Tyagi, a senior cardiologist from Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, shared insights with students on heart disease prevention using a multimedia presentation. She emphasized that a healthy heart is essential for a healthy life. Dr. Tyagi provided detailed guidance on CPR techniques for heart attack emergencies, with CPR trainer Sunny Sahni offering a live demonstration. Dr. Tyagi highlighted the increasing cases of heart attacks among young people due to unhealthy diets, stress, substance abuse, and lack of physical exercise. She noted that women may experience symptoms like shortness of breath, sudden weakness, or fatigue without chest pain and advised regular blood pressure and blood sugar checks. The college staff and students also received health check-ups, and ECG tests were conducted for those in need. Principal Prof. Meena Charanda thanked Dr. Tyagi for her valuable information. Faculty members from the Zoology Department, including Dr. Varsha Singh, Dr. Saurabh Kumar Jha, Dr. Priyanka, Dr. Rozina, and Gulshan, played an instrumental role in making the event successful.



Stubble management campaign gains momentum in Bhawanigarh Villages

SUMER GARG BHAWANIGARH, NOV 5

Under the direction of Deputy Commissioner (DC), Sandeep Rishi, the campaign with the aim of making farmers aware of the management of stubble in the villages of Sub Division Bhawanigarh has been continued vigorously for the past several weeks. The Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Ravinder Bansal; DSP, Rahul Kaushal along with the administration & police officials are daily visiting different villages to give information to the farmers about stubble management in the fields or in common areas, so that the environment can be protected.

SDM, Ravinder Bansal said that in the village Balad Kalan, Balial and Gharachon,



while running this campaign of the administration with enthusiasm, the farmers have been urged to not burn stubble.

He said that the employees of the agriculture and cooperative departments are organizing awareness camps in the villages and during this the farmers are being told about the benefits of mixing crop residues in

the soil. Meanwhile, DSP Rahul Kaushal said that the policemen are constantly keeping vigilance in the villages and when there is an incident like burning of stubble in any village, the fire is extinguished on the spot in coordination with the administrative officials and legal action is taken against those, who burn the stubble.

Fertilizer use awareness camps promoting sustainable agriculture

RAKESH JINDAL PATIALA, NOV 5

The Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare is organizing village-level awareness camps to educate farmers on the proper use of fertilizers for the rabi crops. In this regard, the department has set up camps in villages such as Lalochi, Rajgarh, and Kutbanpur, covering almost every block in the district.

The Additional Deputy Commissioner (Rural Development) of the district, Anuprita Johal, also joined agricultural experts at these camps to discuss with farmers. During the camp, the ADC urged farmers to use fertilizers only as advised by agricultural experts to avoid economic losses caused by unnecessary fertilizer use. She mentioned



that excessive fertilizers and sprays can negatively impact crop quality, and sometimes make grains unsuitable for consumption. Therefore, it is essential to use fertilizers only as per the experts' guidance and as needed.

Agriculture Officer Ajay Pal Singh Brar encouraged farmers to use fertilizers based on the soil's requirements. He explained that DAP (Di-Ammonium Phosphate) fertilizer is primarily used in wheat

crops to fulfill the phosphorus requirement, containing 46% phosphorus and 18% nitrogen. He added that other fertilizers can also be used as alternatives, but their required quantities may differ from DAP. An example of such a fertilizer is NPK (12:32:16), which contains 32% phosphorus, 12% nitrogen, and 16% potassium. One bag of DAP can be replaced by 1.5 bags of NPK (12:32:16).

Una to get Model Solar Village under PM Free Electricity Scheme

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affordable and eco-friendly electricity to residents. This model village will not only generate sufficient solar energy for local consumption but also enable villagers to sell excess power back to the grid for economic benefits.

As per scheme guidelines, a village with a population exceeding 2,000 will be selected. According to the

2011 census, Una district has 32 such villages, and local authorities have requested the inclusion of gram panchayats to broaden the program's reach. The model solar village will feature a community solar plant, rooftop solar panels, solar-powered pumps, solar lighting for homes, and streetlights throughout the village. In a recent meeting, officials discussed progress and strategies for implementing the scheme at the district level. Under the scheme, domestic users are eligible for subsidies on grid-connected solar power plants up to 3 kilowatts. A subsidy of Rs. 33,000 per kilowatt for up to 2 kilowatts, and Rs. 19,800 for the additional 1 kilowatt, will be available.

Kurukshetra University to organize two-day National Conference on Nano- Electronics

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Department of Electronic Science, Kurukshetra University is going to organize two day National conference on "Emerging Micro/Nano- Electronics" (EMNE-2024) on 07 & 08 November 2024 in collaboration with Gurugram University. While speaking about this conference, Vice Chancellor Kurukshetra University Kurukshetra, Prof Som Nath Sachdeva said that in modern times, the demand for electronic products is growing rapidly in India due to the adoption of digital technologies, increasing urbanization, and rising income packages. This leads to strong domestic demand



for electronics, making India an attractive destination for manufacturing operations. Prof Sachdeva further said that this initiative of Electronic Science Department aligns with India's strategic goals to strengthen its position in the global semiconductor market, leveraging government initiatives to boost domestic manufacturing. Prof. Mukesh Kumar, Chairperson, Department of Electronic Science said that this

conference will serve as a platform for scientists and experts to discuss the issues and challenges faced by industry in the semiconductor device design and manufacturing. Deputy Director Public Relations Department Dr Jimmy Sharma informed that Prof. Navkant Bhatt, a renowned academician and scientist from Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore will be the keynote speaker of the inaugural session.

Invitation letter for fourth festival given to social worker Ram Krishn Bhalla

RAKESH JINDAL

NABHA: Shri Shyam Parivar Sangh is organizing the fourth Shri Balaji and Shyam Mahotsav on 12th November from 7 pm till Prabhu Ichha at the Old High Court Ground in which world famous bhajan singer Hemant Brijwasi, winner of all Gamma Pa and Rising Star 2, will be present from Vrindavan. And praise of bhajans from Gauri Sakshi AgraTo commemorate the festival, a huge Shobha Yatra is also being taken out on 11th November which will start from Shri Shiv Mandir Dera Motipura at 3 pm and will pass through various markets of the city and end at the Old High Court Ground. Invitation letter to famous social worker Ram Krishna Bhalla. After taking the invitation letter, Ram Krishna Bhalla thanked the organization and also requested all the city residents to participate in the Shobha Yatra and Mahotsav along with their families. On this occasion, Sumit Goyal Shanti, Gaurav Jindal, Saurav Jindal, Yogesh Gupta, Sunil Maleri etc. members were present.



Editorial

Wider echoes

Today is election day in the United States of America. Americans will choose between two presidential candidates. On the Republican side is the former president, Donald Trump, a man whose closest advisers have said would ideally rule as a fascist dictator, a man who has proven that he is easily manipulated by flattery from other strongmen, and who has promised to punish and silence his critics. For the Democrats, it is the vice-president, Kamala Harris, a former prosecutor born to Indian and Jamaican immigrant parents, who, unlike her opponent, will work to maintain the core features of a 21st-century democracy.

Americans are unique voters. Decisions that impact the lives of millions thousands of miles away rest on their shoulders in every presidential election. And yet, foreign policy has been long considered the broccoli on the plate of Americans, both in terms of news consumption and voting issues.

Although America is the most powerful nation on earth, both economically and militarily, millions of Americans struggle to make ends meet day to day. Nearly 12% of Americans live below the poverty line, according to 2022 census statistics, while another one-third of the country, some 95-100 million Americans, live in a state of chronic economic precarity. It only makes sense that domestic concerns are top of mind for these voters.

The first election I was eligible to vote in, I did so from abroad as a student living in Paris in 2008. I was travelling in Morocco when the results came in and at the bakery where I was picking up breakfast, the baker excitedly gave me and my friends bread for free, smiling and cheering for "Obama!" When I returned to Paris, there were revellers on the streets celebrating the historic day on which a black man had been elected president of the US. Today I am headed towards Kyiv, being rocked to sleep by the churning of the night train from the Polish border headed into Ukraine. It is an unsettling fact that the decision of a handful of voters in just a few swing states may spell the difference between survival and annihilation for Ukraine.

The US has given \$113 billion in total aid to Ukraine since the full-scale Russian invasion began in February 2022. If the vice-president, Kamala Harris, is elected, that aid will likely continue, at least to some degree. If Donald Trump wins this election, Ukraine is unlikely to receive much, if any, aid going forward. Trump has repeatedly sidestepped questions about aid to Ukraine and his vice-presidential running mate, J.D. Vance, laid out a peace plan that sounded a lot like the one proposed by the Russian president, Vladimir Putin, earlier this year, saying that Ukraine would need to forfeit territory gained by Russia as well as its plans to join NATO.

Donald Trump very narrow favourite

As the race for the White House remains extremely tight even hours before the start of the vote, prominent American political scientist Ian Bremmer has said that no result would surprise him in this close contest, though he views Trump as the "very narrow favourite."

He further highlighted that some polls have shown Trump "surprisingly weak" in Republican-leaning states, adding that the minds of undecided voters and turnout operations by the two parties might eventually play the deciding role in the results.

Ian Bremmer is the president and founder of Eurasia Group, a geopolitical risk advisory firm, and GZERO Media, a company providing intelligent and engaging coverage of international affairs.

In an email interview with ANI, Bremmer said, "We view Trump as the very narrow favorite in this race, but this is a low-conviction view, reflecting the closeness of polling and polls over the weekend that showed him surprisingly weak in Republican-leaning states."

"No outcome would surprise me. Deciding factors will be: how undecided voters break in the final days and which party has the more effective turnout operation," he added.

In a major prediction, Bremmer said that the winner of the Electoral College might not win the popular vote, while highlighting how Trump defeated former First Lady Hillary Clinton in 2016 in the Electoral College, despite lagging behind by around 28 lakh votes. "If Trump wins the Electoral College, there is a roughly 50 per cent chance (potentially higher) that he loses the popular vote. Trump lost the popular vote while winning the 2016 election and nearly did the same in 2020. If Trump wins the popular



vote, he will very likely win the Electoral College," he said.

In the 2016 elections, Donald Trump beat Hillary Clinton by 304 electoral votes to 227, despite lagging behind the former First Lady in popular votes by over 2 percentage points and 28 lakh votes.

But in 2020, Trump was defeated by Joe Biden, 306 to 232, and he lagged behind by over 7 lakh votes.

Trump continues to deny the election results to date. His allegations sparked widespread protests by his supporters eventually leading to the January 6 Capitol Riots.

Further, being asked how much impact the foreign policy issues and domestic issues play in the poll outcomes, the political scientist said the election is about the economy and domestic issues, adding that the two



conflicts in Ukraine and Gaza matter only to a "marginal portion" of the US electorate.

"He (Trump) has claimed that he would be able to bring them to a more rapid conclusion, and claimed that they would not have occurred under his watch, but they are by no means the center of his campaign message—the economy is," Bremmer said.

He added, "This election is about the economy, and about domestic issues, far more than it is about foreign policy. The war in Ukraine and the crisis in Gaza matter to a marginal portion of the US electorate, and neither is likely to be the deciding factor in this race." The Eurasia Group president further said that both Trump and Harris are expected to favour "increasingly close ties" to India given New Delhi's global position today, though the former president has a "bet-

ter personal relationship" with the Indian leadership.

"Both candidates are likely to favor increasingly close ties to India given its crucial position as a regional counterweight to China and potential host for manufacturing, and as a crucial defense partner for the US in the coming decades. Trump has a better personal relationship with Indian leadership, but under either Harris or Trump the relationship is set to deepen," he said.

Referring to the Indian-American community, Bremmer said, "The Indian-American community has not appeared to shift its political alignment in the run up to this race, making direct appeals a less pressing issue for each party. Harris has highlighted her diverse background in an effort to appeal to a wide range of voters."

The political scientist also termed immigration and abortion as important poll issues. He stated that the voters disapprove of the Biden administration's handling of the illegal immigration issue and most female voters support Harris, especially due to her stand on abortion.

"Immigration has been a very significant issue in this election, as has abortion. Immigration has been a headwind for the Harris campaign, with voters disapproving of the Biden campaign's handling of the issue over the last several years. Abortion is a headwind for Trump, as most voters favor Harris and female voters especially are motivated to support her in response to court rulings limiting abortion access," Bremmer further said. Being asked if the multiple criminal cases against the former president and the two assassination attempts against him, will have an impact on the elections, the political scientist said that both events had "very limited impact".

Literature & Health

North Korea launches short-range ballistic missiles

Just a few hours ahead of the presidential polls in the United States, North Korea fired multiple short-range ballistic missiles toward the East Sea on Tuesday, military of both South Korea and Japan confirmed as per local media.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) said it detected the launches at about 7:30 am from the Sariwon area in the western province of North Hwanghae just south of the capital Pyongyang, Yonhap news agency reported.

The missiles reportedly flew 400 km after lifting off from Sariwon.

"While strengthening our military's monitoring and vigilance in preparation for additional launches, we are maintaining full readiness while closely sharing North Korean ballistic missile data with US and Japanese authorities," the JCS said in a text message, the Seoul-based news outlet reported.

Meanwhile, the Japanese Defence Ministry said that North Korea launched what could be a ballistic missile and it appears to have already fallen, state media Kyodo reported. The launch of the North Korean missiles took place just hours before America headed to the polls to vote between Democratic presiden-



tial candidate Kamala Harris and her Republican rival Donald Trump. On October 31, Pyongyang launched its new Hwasong-19 intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM), which in theory is capable of reaching the US mainland - into the East Sea.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un "expressed great satisfaction" at the test-firing of the "ultimate version" of an ICBM stating that his country's "hegemonic position" in the development of means for nuclear delivery is "absolutely irreversible," according to the official Korean Central News Agency.

Special prayers held in Kamala Harris' ancestral village in Madurai

With just a few hours to go before the US Presidential elections, special prayers were held for Vice President and Democrat candidate Kamala Harris's victory in the polls at her ancestral village in Tamil Nadu.

The prayers were organised by Anushanath's Anukragni organisation, at the Shri Dharmasastha Temple in the Thulasendrapuram' village in Madurai, Tamil Nadu on Tuesday.

The organisation's founder, Ballu, affirmed hope that Vice President Harris will win the upcoming elections.

"Kamala Harris is going to contest the US Presidential elections. She will definitely win the elections. We have organised a special puja for her victory. If she wins the polls, it will be a very happy occasion for the whole state," he said.

Thulasendrapuram village happens to be the birthplace of Harris' maternal grandfather, PV Gopalan. The US elections will be held on Tuesday (local time). Vice President Harris is up against former President and Republican candidate Donald Trump.

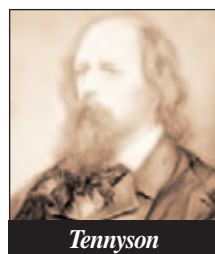


Trump is aiming to make a comeback to the White House, while Harris is aiming to create history by becoming the first woman president of the US. All polls have predicted a very tight race between the two candidates. Born in California to Donald Harris and Shyamala Gopalan, Kamala progressed through the political hierarchy. Vice President Kamala Harris has her roots in India. Her mother was Indian and her father was Jamaican; both immigrated to the United States.

POEM

The Charge of the Light Brigade

Half a league, half a league,
Half a league onward, All
in the valley of Death



Rode the six hundred. "Forward,
the Light Brigade!
Charge for the guns!" he said. Into
the valley of Death
Rode the six hundred. "Forward, the Light
Brigade!" Was there a man dismayed?
Not though the soldier knew
Someone had blundered.

Alfred, Lord Tennyson

"Natural and man-made disasters versus national law"

Since the inception of the human civilization, human races have been facing the ire of nature in the form of natural disasters in almost every century. It is law of the nature that it keeps a balance of its ecology. It also makes available the basic necessities of life such as food and shelter to the animals, flora and fauna and the humanity living in the vicinity of its sacred lap. In this way, the phenomenon of nature is the surest way for the so-called model of sustainable development. But ironically, in the modern era, the natural disasters along with the man-made disasters have tended to aggravate the strains of human tragedy.

So far as the Indian subcontinent is concerned, there are evidences that the region is one of the most disaster-prone regions of the world. Due to its geographical area, size of population and geological reasons, the region is much prone to natural disasters such as floods, cyclones, droughts, landslides and earthquakes etc. Out of 35 states and union territories of the country, 25 states and union territories are prone to one or other kind of disasters. As a result, there is an average human loss of around 3600 people per year in the country. In addition, more than 1.42 million hectares of crop area and 2.36 million hectares are destroyed every year. Further, 40 million hectares of land area is subjected to floods and 68 percent of the area is under the effect of severe drought conditions at various times.

The country has suffered a huge economic and human loss in the past. The disaster incidents such as tsunami of 2004, Badrinath/Kedarnath floods of 2016 and the devastating floods of Himachal Pradesh in 2023 are few examples. These disasters have brought human-induced factors into focus. The various states, especially those lie in the hilly regions of the country, have flouted the norms

by tampering with the ecology. Their only motive is to develop the tourism sector for boosting their economic development. Now it is certain that the forth coming generations will have to bear the brunt of this practice in future. There was a dire need of long-term developmental approach to manage the natural and the man-made disasters in the country. Earlier, the focus of disaster management was on post-disaster relief measures such as rehabilitation of the victims. Now its emphasis is on striking a balance between the disaster management and its impact and also to mitigating the impact of the disasters. The economic and human loss had forced the rulers and the civil society intelligentsia of the country to think over the issue of disaster management. Their constructive deliberations had led to the enactment of a legislation called the National Disaster Management Act, 2005.

Indian Constitution and the National Disaster Management Act 2005:

There is no explicit provision in the constitution on the subject of disaster management. It does not figure in any of the three Lists (Central List, State List and Concurrent List) of the constitution. Legislatively, this subject covers under the Residuary Powers as per article 248 of the constitution. Under this the union government has exclusive power to make the laws on the subjects left out of three lists.

If we look into the history before 2005, it appears the state governments were primarily responsible for disaster management activities in the country. The Government of India used to provide material and financial support to the state governments at the time of disasters.

To overcome the hurdles in the way of disaster management, the Indian parliament passed the National Disaster Management Act, 2005. The preamble of the Act states the purpose of the Act is to

provide effective management for the disasters and to deal with the issues and matters related thereof. In fact, through this legislation, the work of disaster management has been regulated and been given a legal garb in the country. As per Act, a disaster means a major accident, crisis or dire situation occurring in an area, usually caused by natural or human activities or negligence, resulting in major loss of life or property or the environment. It is of such a nature that it is beyond the bearing capacity of the communities in the affected areas.

Further, disaster management refers to the process of planning, regularization and coordination of effective steps to be taken to reduce the risk of disasters by avoiding potential hazards and building adequate capacity and prepare for disasters and finally building the rehabilitation to get citizens' lives back on track. It can be said the natural and the man-made disasters bring about a serious disruption in the daily life and thereby cause damage to the environment. These affect the resilience and the capacity of the communities to a large extent. For example, COVID-19 was declared as national disaster in which 5,33,570 people were died in India alone. A nationwide lockdown was imposed to prevent the spread of corona virus. At the end, the country suffered a huge economic loss which could not be recovered till date.

The Act provides for the formation of strong institutional mechanism at three levels of governance. The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has been constituted under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister. It formulates a country-wide National Plan to oversee the implementation of the National Policy on Disaster Management. The plan includes measures to prevent and mitigate disasters; integration of risk reduction measures into development plans; capacity build-

ing and preparedness for effective response to disaster risk situations etc. The Act further provides for the establishment of the State Disaster Management Authority and District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) at the state and local level respectively.

This mechanism is not based on the principle of decentralization of powers. It is only for the implementation of the National Plan and for the convenience of the states under the direct supervision of the union government. As NDMA is under the direct control of the Prime Minister, therefore, almost all the state governments seem to be at the mercy of the union government for financial resources. In such scenario, political affiliations are taken into consideration by the union government while allocating funds at the time of disasters which is embarrassing for a democratic country like ours.

The District Disaster Management Authority has the duty to implement the Act at the local level. The less inclusion of people's representatives in it hampers the effective implementation of disaster management. Although the Act provides for a top-down model for disaster management, but in reality, the powers of lower-level authorities have been reduced to a large extent. District authorities should have a proactive approach during disasters so that effective measures could be taken at the earliest. The concerned deputy commissioner should have knowledge about geographic and environmental concerns of the district. The efficiency and effectiveness of the district-level authorities can be enhanced through the cooperation of the local communities, religious bodies and the NGOs.

A major flaw in the Act is that there is no mandatory provision regarding coordination between the activities of the District Authority and local communities. In the year 2014, the National Dis-

aster Management Committee issued guidelines to the state governments, the local authorities and the event managers' for regulating the gatherings so that an integrated approach be implemented for the efficient management of man-made disasters. However, administrative and political hurdles can be seen everywhere in implementing these instructions at ground level. These guidelines provide that the man-made disasters like stampede can be prevented with the help of trained professionals and flawless execution of the instructions. But this is often not the case, as the event organizers, instead of following the instructions issued by the administration, invite devotees in excess for making the religious event a successful 'bonanza'. Recently, such an incident happened in Hathras, a city in the state of UP, where lakhs of devotee gathered to attend a religious function. Meanwhile, more than 121 pilgrims, who were in hurry to see a glimpse of their religious guru, died in the stampede.

The important aspect of this Act is to provide for the penalties and punishments for the violators. Astonishingly, the offences mentioned in the Act are not cognizable. The courts can take action only when a complaint is being filed by the aggrieved party. Therefore, it is need of the hour that all the offences fall under the Act must be made cognizable and the cases registered under the Act must be disposed of in a time-bound manner.

Conclusion:
The National Disaster Management Act, 2005 is a landmark legislation for the prevention and the management of the natural and the man-made disasters in the country. Before this enactment, the state governments had the sole responsibility for themanagement and for providing relief to the victims' during the catastrophic situations. Though the Act has regulated the work of disaster manage-

ment by establishing various authorities, yet no provision has been made for declaring or classifying disasters as national disasters. For example, in the north-eastern states of the country, a large-scale destruction occurs due to floods during monsoon. But floods have not yet been explicitly declared as national disasters by the union government. Therefore, it is high time that the government of the day must include such provisions in the Act for declaring catastrophes as national calamities. Moreover, the scope of the Act must also be enlarged by including industrial and chemical disasters in it.

Overlapping should be prevented by reviewing the powers and functions of the authorities. The authorities should have independent financial powers and other resources for providing timely relief to the victims of the disasters. They should have separate accounts and audit so that transparency could be maintained at every level. The provisions of severe penalties should be included in the Act for the offenders who seek opportunities and violate the provisions of the Act during disasters. Moreover, the provisions regarding strict action and punishment against responsible administrative officials, event organizers and so-called religious gurus must be included in the Act.

Finally, the dispensation should reflect a strong political will during disaster management and emphasize on helping the victims of disasters without any discrimination. The rehabilitation and psychological support to the victims and rebuilding of the basic infrastructure should be the priority of the administration immediately after the disasters.

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Samsung Tops India's Smartphone Market with 23% Value Share in Q3

CHANDIGARH: Samsung was the number 1 smartphone brand by value in India for the third straight quarter in 2024, according to data released by Counterpoint Research. In Q3 2024, the Indian smartphone market achieved its highest- ever value led by Samsung which accounted for 23% market share, the research agency said. "The market is increasingly shifting toward value growth fuelled by a premiumization trend supported by aggressive EMI offers, and trade-ins. Samsung currently leads the market by value with a 23% share, maintaining its position by prioritizing its flagship Galaxy S series and enhancing its value-driven portfolio.

Hyatt set to expand Brand Presence in Nepal with Hyatt Regency

CHANDIGARH: Hyatt Hotels Corporation (NYSE: H) today announced that a Hyatt affiliate has entered into a management agreement with Veda Hospitality Private Limited, a part of the Golyan Group Limited, for Hyatt Regency Lumbari. The property will be the fourth Hyatt branded hotel in Nepal, reaffirming the significance of the market in Hyatt's ambitious growth plans for SouthWest Asia. Revered as the birthplace of Lord Buddha, the serene and spiritually significant town of Lumbari stands as an unparalleled destination for tourists as it draws travelers from across the world to the sacred site. It also boasts an UNESCO World Heritage status, with Lumbari's vast gardens featuring historical treasures, including the Ashoka Pillar, diverse monasteries and international temples reflecting global Buddhist traditions and fostering cultural exchange.

Turkish Technic and SunExpress Sign Component Pool Support and Landing Gear Overhaul Agreements

CHANDIGARH: Turkish Technic, a leading provider of maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) services, has recently signed two significant agreements with SunExpress Airlines, a joint venture of Turkish Airlines and Lufthansa. The first agreement encompasses comprehensive Component Pool support, granting SunExpress access to Turkish Technic's extensive inventory and tailored component solutions. This service will cover both the Boeing 737NG and Boeing 737MAX fleets, ensuring optimal component availability and minimizing aircraft downtime. Additionally, a second agreement will cover the complete landing gear overhaul and spare operations for SunExpress' Boeing 737NG fleet. Together with these comprehensive agreements, Turkish Technic supports the operational continuity and fleet readiness of SunExpress, while SunExpress further reinforces its ability to deliver punctual and reliable services to its customers.

Deloitte India opens entries for Enterprise Growth Awards 2024

SHIMLA: Deloitte India has launched the first edition of the Enterprise Growth Awards 2024 (EGA 2024), an initiative to recognise the contributions of exceptional family-owned businesses, unicorns and soonicorns in North, South, East and West India. These regional awards, now open for participation, will celebrate companies that demonstrate outstanding leadership, vision and growth and make significant contributions to the development of their local communities. The awards process will carefully evaluate companies based on key criteria such as financial performance, innovation and social impact. One of the criteria for family businesses to participate is having a sales turnover between INR1, 000 crore and INRS,000 crore, with significant promoter ownership (over 26 percent). Start-ups with a valuation of between US \$ 500 million and US \$1 billion are also invited to apply.

Samsung Opens Its Largest Experience Store in Gurugram at DLF CyberHub

HARYANA : Samsung, India's leading consumer electronics brand, has announced the launch of its largest Experience Store in Gurugram, located at DLF CyberHub—a centre known for its diverse mix of entertainment, lifestyle, and commerce. This sprawling 3,000 sq. ft. space is where consumers can immerse themselves in Samsung's most advanced mobile and connected technology offerings. Located in one of Gurugram's busiest and most accessible areas, the store is designed to cater to the city's tech-savvy and innovation-driven community. Visitors can experience hands-on interaction with Samsung's flagship smartphones, wearables, audio devices, and the SmartThings ecosystem in thoughtfully curated immersive zones. In addition, the store emphasizes personalized customer engagement, with dedicated experts available to guide visitors through Samsung's latest products, helping them discover tailored solutions that meet their lifestyle needs. "Our new Experience Store at DLF CyberHub marks a significant step in Samsung's journey to bring innovative, seamlessly-integrated technology closer to consumers. This store is more than a retail space, it offers a glimpse into the future of connected living, where our SmartThings ecosystem and mobile experiences converge to improve everyday life.

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Don't starve: Instead do these 10 things to lose weight

Weight loss does not need to be a rough ride. Fitting into your favourite dress should not be a daunting experience for you. Unfortunately, many of us take a faulty route and hope for quick results, and starvation is one of those routes. Crash diets often encourage you to stay hungry for long hours, which leads to temporary weight loss but permanent body damage. Before you hop on the 'no food' bandwagon, here are ten simple ways which can help you lose weight faster and in a more sustainable manner.

1. Eat breakfast like a king: Eating proper breakfast every day cuts down your chances of hogging on unhealthy snacks through the day. This is the time our body needs maximum fuel for the day and skipping breakfast will lead to gaining weight more than anything else.

2. Snacks: The key to a consistent weight loss are healthy snacks which keep you satiated for a longer time. A handful of peanuts, a tablespoon of sunflower



seeds, 10-12 almonds during your peak hunger times can make you lose weight quicker than you think.

3. Avoid the 'three Ws': The 'three Ws' mean white rice, wheat and white sugar. Not that these three hurt your body massively, but our Indian diet is extremely rich in these and can harm our weight loss. Do not starve yourself off the three Ws all of a sudden, rather reduce their quantity.

4. Weights: Lifting weights can increase your metabolism and consequently lead to weight loss. A sustainable weight loss is what your ultimate goal should be.

5. Mindful eating: Practicing mindful eating is an art. Controlling your temptation of foods which made you gain weight in the first place should be the first thing on your checklist.

6. Cheat meal: As much

as healthy food and exercise is important, so are cheat meals. Cheat meals help break the monotony of your diet and make you lose weight in the process. But, remember to keep portion size in control.

7. Low carb: Even though this is not a permanent practice, but beginning with a low carb diet can help you lose weight faster. Once you have stabilised your weight, then get back to proper carbs if you wish to.

8. No soda: Fizzy drinks with excess sugar are the biggest barrier in your weight loss. Not eating food but drinking carbonated drinks to fill your tummy? DON'T. Staying off fizzy drinks can help you a great deal.

9. Eat fats: To cut bad fat in the body, eat good fats. You can include nuts, dried fruits, cheeses in your diet to make the most of it.

10. Jog: Jogs are high cardiovascular activity sessions which lead to quick weight loss. Not only does it increase your heart rate but also your metabolism and leads to vigorous calorie burn.

World Polio Day: Uniting to Prevent Preventable Disease Through Vaccination

Chandigarh, November, 5 :- On this World Polio Day, it's crucial to acknowledge the ongoing threat of poliomyelitis, especially in the wake of recent polio outbreaks in our neighbouring countries Afghanistan and Pakistan. Polio, a highly infectious viral disease, primarily spreads through faecal-oral transmission, and mostly affects children under five, potentially causing irreversible paralysis and even death. Despite India's polio-free status, the disease remains a global health risk, making it essential for nations like India to stay vigilant.

ties from this dangerous disease," says Dr Sudhanshu Grover, Consultant Neonatologist & Pediatrician, Cloud Nine Hospital, Chandigarh. India's 12-year polio-free status is a significant public health achievement, made possible by large-scale immunization campaigns. According to WHO, approximately 1 billion doses of polio vaccine were administered annually to 172 million children in the four years leading up to the last recorded case. However, recent global polio outbreaks highlight the need for continued vigilance.

Dr Grover stresses, "Polio vaccination is crucial for global eradication efforts, providing strong protection against paralysis and other severe complications. Every vaccination gets us closer to a world where future generations are free from polio."

PBPartners integrates AI and digital tools for seamless service

Chandigarh: The insurance sector is undergoing a significant transformation, blending traditional human-driven services with digital innovation. PBPartners, a brand under Policybazaar Insurance Brokers, is at the forefront of this approach. While the role of agent partners remains central to providing personalized support and guidance to customers, technology has made their work significantly easier and more efficient. With digital tools acting as enablers, PBPartners ensures that agent partners can maintain their crucial human touch while benefiting from enhanced efficiency and improved service delivery. The digital transformation in the insurance sector is not just about optimizing internal processes—it has significantly improved the user experience as well. This change is particularly evident in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities, where individuals often conduct their initial research

online but still seek guidance from a physical intermediary before making a decision. PBPartners bridges this gap by offering a perfect blend of digital tools and personal interaction. Talking about the digital shift, Mr. Shwetabh Walter, Chief Product Technology Officer, PBPartners, said, "With the help of technology, like mobile apps, and AI-driven processes, we have been able to offer personalized solutions, simplify claims processes, and expand financial inclusion by overcoming geographical and infrastructure challenges." PBPartners has embraced AI in processes like Inspection and Pre-insurance Verification Calls (PIVC), where it quickly conducts remote inspections, and reduces verification errors. Additionally, AI automates many documentation-heavy tasks like claims filing, policy issuance, and KYC verifications, allowing agents to focus on providing personalized customer service.



Hero MotoCorp Surges Ahead During the Festive Season

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Hero MotoCorp, the world's largest manufacturer of motorcycles and scooters, achieved its highest-ever retail sales during the recent 32-day festive period, starting from Navratri. With sales of over 15.98 lakh (1.6 million) units, the company registered an impressive 13% growth compared to the festive season of 2023. The robust demand for Hero MotoCorp's products was evident across both urban and rural India. The 125cc motorcycle segment, with Xtreme 125R, emerged as a key growth driver, while the 100cc segment also contributed positively to the company's strong sales performance. VIDA, Hero MotoCorp's electric vehicle brand, crossed a significant milestone by achieving 11,600 retail sales during the same period. VIDA network's ongoing expansion, leveraging Hero Premia and Hero 2.0 outlets, in conjunction with a heightened emphasis on the Top 30 towns, is yielding positive results. The upcoming portfolio expansion is set to infuse the brand with further impetus.

Veranda Learning Solutions Ltd aims to achieve revenue target of Rs. 600 crore in FY25

CHANDIGARH - Education technology company, Veranda Learning Solutions Limited, a listed enterprise offering end-to-end solutions in the education space is aiming to achieve a revenue target of Rs. 600 crore in FY25. Founded in 2018 by the Kalpalathi AGS Group, holds around 55% in the company. Company has expanded rapidly through acquisitions. In May 2023, it acquired seven companies valued at Rs. 400 crore. At the 6th Annual General Meeting on September 27, 2024, the company approved an increased borrowing limit of up to Rs. 1,000 crores through the issuance of non-

convertible debentures, bonds, or other instruments to fund its growth and expansion plans. Mr. Suresh Kalpalathi, Executive Director and Chairman, Veranda Learning Solutions said, "Company has continued to maintain robust operational and financial performance in Q1FY25 capitalising on the exciting growth opportunities. The spectacular growth in Q1 was despite it being a traditionally off-season period. This substantial increase highlights the company's enhanced operational efficiency and effective execution of its strategies. We are steadfast in our goal to achieve a

revenue target of Rs 600 crore in FY25, a milestone that reflects our commitment to excellence and our confidence in the sector's potential." Company has continued to maintain robust operational and financial performance in Q1FY25 capitalising on the exciting growth opportunities. During Q1FY25, operating revenue of the company was reported at Rs. 118.99 crores, a growth of 72.89% from Rs. 68.90 crores in the same period last year. EBITDA of the company during Q1FY25 rise 5 fold to Rs. 27.61 crores, significantly up from Rs. 5.64 crores reported in the same quarter last year.

IDFC FIRST Bank leads the way in revolutionising real-time tracking of money sent abroad through Swift GPI

Chandigarh : IDFC FIRST Bank has become the first Indian bank to offer a real-time tracking service, in association with Swift, for money sent abroad. This is available on the bank's award winning Mobile Application and Internet Banking platforms. This marks a significant milestone in the Indian banking industry, demonstrating the Bank's commitment to delivering seamless and efficient banking solutions, reiterating its "Customer First" approach. Customers in India are used to digital payments through UPI or IMPS with real-time status updates and traceability on digital platforms. However, the same has been missing when it comes to money sent abroad.

With customers expecting end to end tracking of their food delivery or even a parcel, IDFC FIRST Bank has pioneered in providing the same for a critical service like cross-border payments. Speaking about this integration, Mr. Chinmay Dhole, Head Retail Liabilities & Branch Banking, said, "The introduction of Swift GPI services is a reflection of our dedication to embracing advanced technologies and transforming the banking industry. With real-time tracking, we are empowering our customers to have complete visibility of their cross-border transactions, ensuring enhanced convenience and satisfaction." Mr. Kiran Shetty, Chief Executive

Officer and Regional Head at Swift said, "We congratulate IDFC FIRST Bank for becoming the first Indian bank to go live on GPI over APIs in South Asia with zero-footprint API connectivity. With this, the bank will now be able to provide near real-time tracking of payments to its customers. We launched GPI in 2017 to improve customer experience in cross-border payments by increasing speed and transparency, while providing end-to-end traceability of cross-border payments. By providing the full functionalities of the GPI tracker to its customers via APIs, IDFC Bank will bring a brand-new customer experience to its mobile and internet banking clients."

Sports Minister Gaurav Gautam inaugurated Balamji Das Tandon Cricket Tournament



Chandigarh, The fourth edition of Under 16 Balamji Das Tandon Multi Days Tournament formally began on Tuesday at the 'Tau Devi Stadium in Panchkula. Haryana Govt's Sports Minister Gaurav Gautam and former Speaker of Haryana Legislative Assembly Gian Chand Gupta unveiled the tournament trophy in the presence of organizer UTCA President Sanjay Tandon. Apart from Chandigarh's two teams A and B, teams from J&K, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Delhi, Tripura and Mizoram are participating in the tournament. The final of the tournament will be held on 16-17 November. In his welcome address, UTCA President Sanjay Tandon stressed upon promoting cricket from the grassroots level. He said with this vision, Gully Cricket tournament was started two years ago which is getting widespread support and enthusiasm across the region. On this occasion, Sports Minister Gaurav Gautam praised the efforts of UTCA and Tandon and said that they have played a vital role in giving a new dimension to cricket in Chandigarh. He advised the young players to get addicted to the game so that they can enhance their supporting career. He also announced a sum of Rs 5 lakh for the promotion of the tournament. On this occasion, SDM Gaurav Chauhan, DSO Panchkula Neelkamal, former MLA and Director Sahitya Academy Harpal Singh Cheeka along with other dignitaries and cricket lovers were present.

All-New Dzire set to revolutionise the sedan segment; Pre-bookings now open



GURUGRAM: Maruti Suzuki India Limited (MSIL), India's leading passenger vehicle manufacturer, today commenced bookings for its highly anticipated 4th Generation Dzire. India's highest-selling compact sedan", the All-New Dzire is set to revolutionise the segment with its progressive design, segment first features and unparalleled value proposition. Building on the remarkable legacy of the Dzire brand, this new generation model represents a significant leap forward in Maruti Suzuki's commitment to offer exceptional vehicles to the Indian market. Commenting on the announcement, Mr. Partho Banerjee, Senior Executive Officer, Marketing & Sales, Maruti Suzuki India Limited, said, "The Dzire's extraordinary journey since 2008 has made it India's favourite sedan, winning the trust of over 27 Lakh customers. With the All-New Dzire, we have crafted something that's not just the best in its segment but goes beyond conventional expectations.

Bandhan Group Enters Tech Space, Acquires Genisys Group

Chandigarh : Bandhan Group (Bandhan Financial Services Ltd) today announced its acquisition of Genisys Group, a global information technology and business process services company. This marks Bandhan Group's strategic entry into the technology sector. The acquisition allows Bandhan Group to expand its global footprint with new offices in the U.S., UK, and India, significantly enhancing its presence in these markets. By integrating Genisys Group's offerings, Bandhan Group will add to its portfolio an integrated portfolio of solutions, including digital transformation, data analytics, cloud services, digital media operations, and smart business process solutions across various industries worldwide. Commenting on the acquisition, Arvind Agrawal, Managing Director of Bandhan Financial Services, stated, "The ongoing global disruptions driven by digital transformation—via hyper-automation, artificial intelligence, cloud computing, and other emerging technologies—are reshaping the IT industry. We recognized an opportunity to acquire Genisys Group, bringing its balanced portfolio and decades of experience in the global market. The potential for IT-driven solutions to address business challenges, especially in the BFSI sector, is enormous, and we anticipate significant growth in this area."

Swiggy Limited's initial public offering to open today

GURUGRAM : Swiggy Limited, India's pioneering on-demand convenience platform (the "Company"), proposes to open its initial public offering ("Offer") on Wednesday, November 06, 2024. Bid/ Offer Closing Date will be Friday, November 08, 2024. Anchor Investor Bidding Date is one Working Day prior to Bid/Offer Opening

million (the "Fresh Issue") and an offer for sale of up to 175,087,863 equity shares (the "Offer for Sale") by the Selling Shareholders. . The Offer includes a reservation of up to 750,000 equity shares of face value of ₹1 each, aggregating up to ₹[] million, for subscription by eligible employees not exceeding 5% of our post-offer paid-up equity share capital (the "Employee Reservation Portion"). The Offer less the Employee Reservation Portion is herein-after referred to as the Net Offer. The Equity Shares offered through the Red Herring Prospectus are proposed to be listed on BSE Limited ("BSE") and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE"). This is an Offer in terms of Rule 19(2)(b) of the SCRR read with Regulation 31 of the SEBI ICDR Regulations. This Offer is being made through the Book Building Process in compliance with Regulation 6(2) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations wherein not less than 75% of the Net Offer shall

Date, that is, Tuesday, November 05, 2024. The Price Band of the Offer has been fixed from ₹ 371 per Equity Share to ₹ 390 per Equity Share. Bids can be made for a minimum of 38 Equity Shares and in multiples of 38 Equity Shares thereafter. The Offer comprises of a Fresh Issue of Equity Shares aggregating up to ₹ 44,990

Nestlé India and SM Sehgal Foundation celebrate 5years of Project Vriddhi



SHIMLA: Nestlé India and SM Sehgal Foundation celebrated the successful completion of five years of Project Vriddhi in Nuh district. The project was launched in 2019 in Rohira village to strengthen community-led rural development. Since its inception, the Project has positively impacted the lives of 18,000 beneficiaries across 14 villages. This milestone was marked by an event in the Kaliyacha village, attended by school authorities, panchayat and community members from villages who have been positively impacted by the project. Suresh Narayanan, Chairman and Managing Director, Nestlé India said, "At Nestlé India we strongly believe in business as a Force for Good. As part of our commitment to build a better society, Project Vriddhi was launched focussing on rural development. The project has created long-lasting change in these villages, through interventions across water and sanitation, raising nutrition awareness, enhancing farm productivity, and setting up of digital learning centres. The transformation journey of these villages has witnessed a multiplier effect on several development indicators empowering local communities to drive their progress."

Experts at Fortis Hospital Ludhiana share essential first aid tips to manage breathing difficulties

Ludhiana : Diwali, the festival of lights, is celebrated with immense joy and enthusiasm across the country and is often marked by the bursting of firecrackers. This contributes to air pollution, which can trigger breathing difficulties for many individuals. To help manage these risks, experts from Fortis Hospital Ludhiana shared essential preventive measures and first aid tips for managing respiratory issues during this festive season. Fireworks release various air pollutants, including particulate matter, sulphur dioxide (SO2), nitrogen dioxide (NO2), and carbon monoxide (CO). Dr Sushil Gupta, Additional Director - Pulmonology/Chest & Sleep Medicine, Fortis Hospital Ludhiana explained, "These pollutants can significantly impact the respiratory system, particularly for those with pre-existing conditions, like asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). The smoke and fine particles from fireworks can irritate the airways, causing difficulty in breathing, induce coughing and wheezing. Additionally, fine particulate matter can penetrate deep into the lungs, potentially leading to long-term health complications."

Tips for Managing Breathing Difficulties:

To assist individuals experiencing breathing difficulties during Diwali celebrations, Dr. Kaur recommends the following first aid measures:

Move to a place with clean air. Immediately relocate the affected person to an area with fresh, unpolluted air. This could mean moving indoors or distancing them from the source of pollution. Avoid open windows or balconies

Use a mask: Offer a mask or cloth to cover the person's nose and mouth. This helps filter out some pollutants, making it easier for the person to breathe

Use inhalers or medications: For individuals with respiratory conditions like asthma, having extra inhalers handy is a must. Assist them in using their prescribed inhalers or medications. Prompt action can prevent symptoms from escalating

Stay calm and practise deep breathing: Anxiety can worsen breathing issues.



MG Windsor becomes India's highest-selling Electric Car in Oct 2024 JSW MG Motor sells 3116 units of Windsor



Chandigarh: JSW MG Motor India recorded remarkable sales for its recently launched MG Windsor, India's 1st Intelligent CUV, in October 2024. The company sold 3116 units of the CUV, contributing nearly 30% of total Passenger Electric Car sales in October. The company witnessed a 31% YoY growth, selling 7045* units in October 2024, the highest sales figure achieved since the company's inception. The carmaker's sharp focus on sustainable mobility solutions for a cleaner tomorrow is yielding encouraging results, with its NEV portfolio significantly contributing to sales growth, M-o-M. In October, NEVs contributed 70% of the total sales of JSW MG Motor India, reflecting the rapid increase in popularity of the company's electric vehicle portfolio among customers.

Shortage of DAP fertiliser govt failure: Vishal Gurjar

RK KASHYAP
CHHACHHRAULI: Bahujan Samaj Party's state in-charge Haryana Vishal Gurjar said that BJP pretended to be farmer friendly but the truth was that BJP has always been anti-farmer. It was very unfortunate that farmers have to sell their crops at prices lower than MSP.



and fertilizers, seeds and medicines have to be bought in black. As soon as the Rabi season begins, an artificial shortage of DAP fertilizer has been deliberately created to harass the farmers. Vishal Gurjar said that BJP was making every possible effort to harass farmers, make

them stand in queues, prevented them from going to their farms and caused economic loss to farmers. People were selling DAP bags in black under government protection and the government has been issuing statements that there was no shortage in the availability of DAP fertilizer.

All languages are ours, all have big contribution in promotion of Indian culture: Madhav Kaushik

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
PANCHKULA, NOV 5

Discussion on the topic "Interrelationship among Indian languages" was organized in the conference hall of Indradhanush Auditorium on the stage of the Third Panchkula Book Fair in collaboration with Sahitya Akademi, Government of India. On this occasion, Madhav Kaushik, President, Sahitya Akademi, Government of India said that all languages are ours and are a medium of Indian promotion in some way or the other. At present, it is necessary that we try to learn other languages along with our mother tongue so that our scope of thinking increases.

Expressing his views, the guide of the discussion, P K Das said that literature is created by those who think and wish to bring about



change. To understand this literature, readers will also have to make efforts from their side. He said that to expand the horizon of literature, it is necessary that the reader breaks the outer layer to connect with literature. Presiding over the function, eminent litterateur Chandra Trikha said that it is necessary for us to know that languages are like bricks, your good thoughts will take the shape of a good house only when you have bricks in the form of words.

In his keynote address, Professor Dev Shankar Navin ji, who came from

Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, said that English has been a symbol of colonial and imperialist forces in India. Participating in the seminar, eminent litterateur Dinesh Dadhichi said that if there is an opportunity to learn something new from other languages, then we should not lose it but we should give more importance to our language. In the discussion, Bhupinder Aziz Parihar said that languages are a reflection of thoughts and are connected to each other. On this occasion, Ankit Narwal, Dr. Mahasingh Punia, Manmohan, Punjabi

poet, Vishal Khullar, Sarabjit Sohail, Ashwani Shadilya, Chandrabhan Khayal discussed in detail the subject of interrelationship among Indian languages. While conducting the discussion, Shams Tabreji said that creation always happens in the mother tongue, dreams never come in a borrowed language. A large group of teachers of the language department of education had special participation in the successful organization of the discussion. Odia dance was presented as part of the cultural program in the auditorium of Indradhanush Auditorium. Odia dance was presented by Sanchari Foundation Nrityanjali Creation. The program was conducted under the aegis of Vidushi Guru Kavita Dwivedi and with the cooperation of Vidushi Guru Pushpanjali Mohanti.

Illegal mining goes on unabated in Jatonwala despite complaint

RK KASHYAP
CHHACHHRAULI, NOV 5

Illegal mining was going on unabated in village Jatonwala of Jagadhari assembly constituency. Mining mafia was active even after complaint. The courage of mining mafia was so high that they did not stop even after complaint. Mining mafia has started mining business on forest department land near village Jatonwala. Complaints have been made about this earlier as well. Illegal mining was in full swing in Jatonwala village and its surrounding areas. When the Jatonwala area was inspected, it was found that there was collusion on a large scale. Due to this illegal mining was being done and their terror was so great that no one was ready to complain against them. Illegal mining was in full swing but despite this the administration was silent. The villagers, on the condition of anonymity,



said that the illegal mining mafia was forcefully digging their lands day and night along with government and forest lands, but due to fear people were not able to open their mouth on this.

The state government and the district administration should take strict cognizance and take strict action against illegal mining and should stop illegal mining taking place on private lands along with the lands of government departments and forests.

Village Sarpanch Ishtak said that as soon as he got information about illegal mining on the village panchayat land, he immediately informed the

higher officials of the Panchayat. Village Secretary Anand said that the Sarpanch informed about illegal mining through photos. Information has been given. He said that earlier also in the month of August, information about illegal mining was received on which a letter has been written to the mining department to take legal action. In this regard, Forest Officer Chhachhrauli Dinesh Poonia said that he had earlier also informed BDPO Chhachhrauli about the illegal mining in the Panchayat land near the Forest Department land and now again he has written a letter to BDPO for action.

Upcoming Haryana Assembly sessions to commence on Nov 13

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KURUKSHETRA:

The upcoming meetings of the 15th Haryana Legislative Assembly's first session will commence on November 13. In this regard, the Haryana Assembly Secretariat has issued a notification under Rule 16 of the Procedure and Conduct of Business Rules' Second Appendix. Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan announced that preparations are underway for the upcoming meetings. He confirmed that the sessions will begin on Wednesday at 11 AM. Prior to this, a meeting of the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) will be convened to discuss the business to be conducted during the session. The duration of the session will also be determined in the BAC meeting, with a notification regarding the formation of the BAC to be issued shortly. Kalyan expressed confidence that this session will be significantly effective in terms of productivity. He urged all legislators to participate fully in the session, emphasizing that positive discussions are essential for the progress of the state. It is noteworthy that Speaker Harvinder Kalyan had adjourned the Assembly indefinitely on October 25, after all legislators took their oaths and unanimously elected the Speaker and Deputy Speaker.



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, NOV 5

The police spokesperson while giving information said that special campaigns were being continuously run against illegal drug smugglers to curb illegal drug smuggling in Yamunanagar district. Under these campaigns, action was being taken against those who bought and sold any kind of illegal narcotics. Taking strict action, the police registered a case under the NDPS Act and started further action.

Anti Narcotics Cell In charge Jaswinder informed that the police team, which was led by SI Rishipal, was present at Palaka Mod Jagudi Road area Police Station Radaur while performing duty in connection

Anti Narcotics Cell team arrests two accused with 10 grams of heroin



with narcotics, when the team received secret information that Rajan Kumar resident of village Khajuri used to sell Heroin and even on Tuesday he will go to his village Khajuri from Yamuna Nagar on motorbike No HR 92A-4141 via village Dhaundag to Khajuri kutchra road with Heroin. Based on the

information the team immediately arrested the person near Goyal brick kiln.

During the blockade, after about 10/15 minutes, a person riding a motorcycle was seen coming from the village Dhaundag through a road, who was stopped and controlled with the help of colleagues.

Road works worth Rs 1.24 cr approved by Kanwar Pal Gurjar inaugurated: Vipul Garg

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: BJP

Jagadhari Mandal President Vipul Garg informed that before the assembly elections, former cabinet minister Kanwarpal Gurjar had approved a road worth 25 lakhs from DD Agarwal School to Sharma Tent in Jagadhari city and a road from the recently completed Gaurishankar

Temple to Dharamshala at a cost of 99 lakhs, but due to the implementation of the code of conduct for the assembly elections, this work could not be started at that time, but now after the elections, today he inaugurated the work of both the above roads by breaking a coconut. BJP Mandal President Vipul Garg said that former cabinet minister Kanwarpal Gurjar has done record breaking development works in Jagadhari city and this pace of development works will continue in the future as well. BJYM District President Nischal Chaudhary, BJP District Yamunanagar Media Incharge Kapil Manish Garg, Manoj Gupta, Parduman Many BJP officials and workers including Singh Laddi, Sandeep Kumar, Shubham Garg, Ankit Sharma were present.



Gurveen Dhillon goes door to door for election campaign of Kuldeep Singh Kala from Barnala



KARANPREET KARAN

BARNALA: The election campaign of Congress candidate Kuldeep Singh Kala Dhillon from the Vidhan Sabha constituency Barnala has reached its peak. While Kala Dhillon himself is holding meetings with the people, his family members have also joined the election campaign. Similarly, regarding the election campaign of Kala Dhillon, his daughter Gurveen Kaur Dhillon went door to door in Patel Nagar of Barnala, where the beloved and well-respected daughter of Gurveen Dhillon was honored by the women of the house. Gurveen Dhillon, talking to the media based on the survey conducted with different wards of the city, said that there is a lot of excitement among the Saharis about the victory of Papa Kuldeep Kala Dhillon. Votes in favor of their father were sought from house to house. Gurbin Dhillon said that wherever there was a clash with the people in the city, my father Kuldeep Singh Kala Dhillon stood by the people and always stood by his people.

Dayalu Yojana: Govt will give benefits to poor from April last year

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh said that the Haryana government has implemented the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Antyodaya Parivar Suraksha Yojana (Dayalu). Under the scheme in case of death of a person between the age of 6 to 60 years in the poor families of the state or financial help will be given in case of disability. Families with an income of up to Rs 1.80 lakh will come under the scope of this scheme. If someone in such families has died or has become 100 per cent disabled since April 1, 2023, then that family will be eligible to take benefit under this scheme. It is necessary for the family to have PPP. A portal will be created for calling of application. If someone in the family has died in an accident or natural death, then his death certificate will have to be submitted. If someone has become disabled in an accident, then his disability certificate, Hospital discharge documents and copy of FIR were required. Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh said that under the Dayalu Scheme, Rs 1 lakh will be given in case of death or 100 per cent disability of a child between 6 to 12 years of poor families. Similarly, Rs 2 lakh will be given in case of age between 12 to 18 years and Rs 1 lakh in case of age between 18 to 25 years. A provision of Rs 3 lakh till the age of 25, Rs 5 lakh from 25 to 45 years and then Rs 3 lakh till the age of 60 years has been made.



2 complaints resolved in Samadhan camp: ADC



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Additional Corporation Commissioner Dheeraj Kumar said that Samadhan Camps are being organized in Municipal Corporation office to resolve complaints of general public. Complaints of citizens who came to camp were heard with respect and were resolved. He informed that a total of 2 complaints were received in Samadhan Camp on Tuesday, which were resolved on the spot by officials of concerned branch. He said that instructions were already issued to the corporation officials and employees that every complaint coming to the Samadhan Camp should be taken seriously. The common man coming to camp should be given a quick solution. He has also ordered all branch in-charges that the complaint received in the Samadhan Camp should be resolved as soon as possible. If a complaint cannot be resolved on the spot, then it should be ensured that it is resolved within a fixed time period.

21 NCC cadets leave for training camp



RANVIR PARASHAR

KAITHAL: 21 NCC cadets of Government Senior Secondary School Khedi Ghulam Ali leaves for training camp under leadership of NCC Officer Sachin Dhiman. Principal Harpal Singh sent off students by giving them green signal. Under aegis of 10 Haryana Battalion NCC Kurukshetra, Combined Annual Training Camp is being organized at Arunay Pehowa from November 5 to 14. Camp Commandant of this training camp will be Lieutenant Colonel Nitish Kumar, Commanding Officer of 10 Haryana Battalion and Subedar Major Vinod Kumar, Deputy Camp Commandant. While congratulating the students in his address, the Principal said that in the training camp, all the NCC cadets will learn new things about discipline as well as cooperation, enthusiasm, zeal and cultural exchange. All staff members of school were also present on this occasion.

BJP has welcomed shoemaker as new member: Sunil Vats



MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI: As part of the membership drive, Sunil Vats, the State General Secretary of the BJP Kisan Morcha, visited the private office of Master Narendra Gorsri in Vasant Vihar today. During this event, Sunil Vats welcomed shoemaker Vipin Paul into the BJP, presenting him with a shawl as a gesture of honor. Vats emphasized that the BJP's third consecutive government will work for the welfare of the poor, oppressed, and marginalized sections of society. He highlighted that the government is dedicated to the "Non-Stop Haryana" initiative, which aims to bring development and support to the state. As part of the membership campaign, the BJP Kisan Morcha plans to add 250 new members at each booth to realize the vision of "One India, Great India." Vats expressed confidence that every young person will feel proud of the government they have chosen, as it will resonate with strong and powerful commitments to nation-building. Also present at the event were Dinesh Pujara, the district in-charge for Karnal, and media coordinator Namita Tawar.

Blood donation camp held on Haryana Day

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: On the occasion of Haryana Day, a blood donation camp was organised by the National Integrated Forum of Artists and Activists (NIFAA) today at Karnal Manav Seva Sangh. In the camp organised in collaboration with Haryana Roadways Driving School, HDFC Bank, Karnal Manav Seva Sangh, District Red Cross Society, the team of Civil Hospital Blood Bank conducted blood transfusion under the leadership of Dr. Sanjay Verma. The camp was inaugurated by Swami Prem Murti, Red Cross Secretary Kulbir Malik, NIFA Founder President Preetpal Singh Pannu, Roadways Driving School Officer Devinder Kumar, HDFC Bank Manager Sanjeev Uppal, Vinod Kumar, social worker Bhagat Ram, NIFAA Patron Satinder Mohan Kumar, Life Member Pahwa, State President Shrawan Sharma, Shataka Veer blood donor Dinesh Bakshi, social worker Rajneesh Chopra, Mahinder Narwal, Suresh Juneja etc. by putting badges on them and also honoured all the blood donors by giving them certificates. A total of 48 youth donated blood in the camp. Giving information about the camp, NIFA founder Preetpal Singh Pannu congratulated the people of Haryana on Haryana Day and Chhath festival and said that today's camp is on the occasion of the foundation day of the state. He said that this year is the silver jubilee year of the establishment of NIFAA and this year the aim of the organisation is to donate 250000 (two and a half lakh) units of blood to government blood banks across the country. The branches of the organisation across the country are organising blood donation camps at different places. Swami Prem Murti described blood donation as a humanitarian act and appealed to everyone to donate blood, calling it a great donation.

Vedic Sanskar fortnight concludes



RAHUL KOHLI

YAMUNANAGAR: Vedic Sanskar Pakhwada was celebrated in JN Kapoor DAV Dental College under the aegis of Arya Provincial Representative Upasabha Haryana, in which havan was performed daily in the college premises. Under this, a blood donation camp was also organized in which the students and staff of the college participated enthusiastically. The chief guest of this program was Mr. Sanjay Pahuja. While giving information about Arya Samaj, he said that one should keep doing good deeds in the society and keep thanking God daily. The whole event was conducted under the chairmanship of Principal Dr. I.K. Pandit. Dr. Pandit said that blood donation was a great donation and it gave the message of brotherhood to the entire society. He said that despite the examinations of the students in the college, the students showed great enthusiasm towards blood donation. Fifty units of blood were collected in this camp.

Awareness campaign on stubble management launched at Sanjay Gandhi Memorial School



VIJAY KAUSHIK

LADWA: An awareness campaign on stubble management was organized at Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Senior Secondary Public School by the Agriculture Department of Ladwa, in collaboration with the Kurukshetra District Administration and the Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare. Dr. Pramod and Dr. Vipul informed students about the harmful effects of burning stubble, which causes environmental damage and respiratory problems, and depletes soil fertility. They encouraged the use of modern agricultural equipment like super-seeders, straw cutters, reversible plows, and zero-tilling machines to incorporate stubble into the soil, which enhances its fertility. To promote stubble management, the government is offering compensation of ₹1,000 per acre, and farmers can register on the Agriculture Department's portal at www.agriharyana.gov.in. Dr. Pramod and Dr. Vipul distributed study materials to students and urged them to spread awareness among farmers about stubble management. School Principal Dharmendra Kheda and Vice-Principal Narendra Sharma thanked the officials and emphasized that stubble can serve as a natural fertilizer, enhancing crop yields.

India makes formal bid to host Olympics 2036: MYAS Source

New delhi: India officially made the bid to host the 2036 edition of the Olympics and Paralympics Games in the nation. The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) on October 1 formally sent a Letter of Intent to the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Future Host Commission expressing India's interest in hosting the Olympics and Paralympics Games in 2036, according to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. India ended its campaign at the recently concluded Paris Olympics with six medals, including five bronze and a silver. Earlier in September, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that India is putting in all possible efforts to host the 2036 edition of the Olympic Games. Addressing the Indian diaspora at Nassau Coliseum in New York, PM Modi said that people will witness the Summer Olympics taking place in India as well. "Only a few days ago, the Paris Olympics concluded. Very soon, you will witness the Olympics in India too. We are putting in all possible efforts to host the 2036 Olympics," PM Modi said in New York. Last year, PM Modi said that India will make efforts to host these big sporting events. Speaking to the para-athlete's contingent in Delhi following a successful Para Asian Games in Hangzhou, PM Modi said the approach of the government is "athlete-centric".

India head coach Manolo Marquez names 26 probables for Malaysia friendly

New delhi: The Indian senior men's team head coach Manolo Marquez on Tuesday announced 26 probables for the upcoming FIFA International Friendly against Malaysia to be played on November 18 at the GMC Balayogi Gachibowli Stadium in Hyderabad. The team will assemble in Hyderabad for the training camp on November 11. Earlier in October, the Blue Tigers faced Vietnam in a friendly match where they ended the game after a 1-1 draw. Farukh Choudhary was the lone scorer for India against Vietnam. Recently, The Indian national football team have failed to display a promising performance on the field. The Blue Tigers have failed to clinch a win in their previous 11 matches. India's last win came against Kuwait on November 16, 2023, in the FIFA World Cup Qualifiers when they defeated their opponents by 1-0. Following that they have been struggling to win a game. In the upcoming match, the Blue Tigers will be hoping to clinch a win and their winless streak. India head coach Manolo Marquez has named three experienced goalkeepers in the squad. Sandesh Jhingan Anwar Ali and Rahul Bhake were also added to the squad to strengthen their backline. Anirudh Thapa, Brandon Fernandes, Jeakson Singh Thounaojam, and Jithin MS have also been named in the squad for the Blue Tigers' upcoming friendly clash.

Basit Ali lauds Pakistan batter Babar Azam's "top-class" batting against Australia in 1st ODI

New Delhi: Former cricketer Basit Ali heaped praise on Pakistani cricketer Babar Azam for his display against Australia in the 1st ODI match and said that the 30-year-old was "top-class" at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. After stepping down as Pakistan white-ball skipper, Babar Azam scored 37 runs from 44 balls at a strike rate of 84.09 in the first ODI match against the Aussies on Monday. The former Pakistan skipper's knock came to an end in the 18th over when Aussie spinner Adam Zampa removed him from the crease. Speaking on his official YouTube channel, Basit Ali said that Babar was in "good form" in the first ODI match in Melbourne. The former cricketer added that Babar's performance showed that he is hungry for runs. "Babar Azam looked in good form. His way of playing was top-class. Unfortunately, he played Adam Zampa off the back foot on a ball that he should have played on the front foot. His feet movement and how hungry he was for runs were good signs. It was something that he had been lacking across formats. After many years, I felt Babar Azam did top-class batting," Basit said.

Sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik creates 5ft high sculpture to celebrate Virat Kohli's birthday

Puri: Renowned sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik created a sand sculpture on the occasion of Indian batter Virat Kohli's birthday at Puri Beach in Odisha on Tuesday. On Tuesday, Virat Kohli turned 36. Sudarsan created a 5-foot-high sand sculpture of Virat Kohli using about 4 tons of sand. Students of his sand art institution joined in to complete the sculpture. The sand artist wished the ace cricketer on his 36th birthday. "Today is Virat Kohli's 36th birthday and for which we have created a special sand sculpture to wish him. As an artist, we celebrated his birthday through the sand sculpture," Pattnaik said. With a stellar career spanning over 15 years, Virat Kohli has cemented his position as one of the greatest cricketers of all time. His impressive records and numerous awards are a testament to his dedication and hard work. From the days of being a young, spike-haired prodigy who led India to an iconic ICC U19 World Cup title win at Kuala Lumpur to 2008, Virat has proven himself to be the epitome of consistency, hard work, top-level fitness, dedication, aggression and various other traits a top-class sportsperson should have.

"Haven't seen that same Virat since...": Labuschagne recalls his first memory of India stalwart



AGENCY NEW DELHI : Australia's dependable batter, Marnus Labuschagne, recalled his first memory of Indian cricket icon Virat Kohli ahead of the much-anticipated Border Gavaskar Trophy (BGT). The outcome of the World Test Championship final, set to be held next year in London, may hinge on the five upcoming Tests between the two top teams of the current cycle. Labuschagne, known for his ability to score runs, especially against India, reminisced about the first time he saw Kohli don

India's Test colours in the 2018 series. Reflecting on his encounters with Kohli, Labuschagne noted that Kohli was "quite intense" in his on-field demeanour, expressing a level of intensity he hasn't observed since that series. "My first memory of Virat was probably, from a playing perspective, the 2018 series. He was captain at that time, I think, and he was quite intense. When I watched the series, it was a very intense series. I probably haven't seen that same Virat since then, you know, the start of that series.

Kaur back in top 10 of ICC Women's ODI Player Rankings

DUBAI, NOV 5 (UNI) India captain Harmanpreet Kaur has moved back into the top 10 of the ICC Women's ODI Player Rankings after playing an important part in her team's six-wicket victory over New Zealand in the final match of their ICC Women's Championship series in Ahmedabad.

Kaur, who had slipped three slots after the first two matches, notched 59 not out off 63 balls to grab the joint-ninth spot even as opener Smriti Mandhana and all-rounder Deepti Sharma gained important rating points after their fine efforts in the day-night match helped India clinch the series 2-1.

Sharma, who had already attained a career-high 687 rating points last week while consolidating her second place among bowlers, added 16 more to reach 703 rating points after her haul of three for 39. England's left-arm spinner Sophie Ecclestone though enjoys a huge lead at the top with 770 rating points.



Left-hander Mandhana, who won the Player of the Match award for her 100, has added 23 rating points and reached a tally of 728, just five less than Sri Lanka's Chamari Athapaththu in the list led by Natalie Sciver. Brunt of England with 760 rating points.

India's wicketkeeper Yastika Bhatia is another player to move up in the batting rankings, from 48th to 45th after chipping in with 35 runs, while for New Zealand, Brooke Halliday's knock of 86 has lifted her 12 spots to 24th position and Georgia Plimmer's 39 runs have

taken her from 85th to 74th position.

In the bowling rankings, Renuka Singh (up four places to 32nd), Saima Thakor (up 20 places to joint-77th) and Priya Mishra (up six places to 83rd) have all progressed.

India are placed in third position in the ICC

Women's Championship standings after the series win over New Zealand. India are on 25 points from 15 matches while New Zealand are sixth with 20 from 21. Australia and England are at the top with 28 points each, from 18 and 21 matches, respectively.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that Bank of Baroda branch Khanna, Ludhiana intends to accept the under mentioned property in loan account of M/S & K Engineers registered office Village Bulepur HB no 222 Tehsil Khanna Ludhiana as a security for loan / credit facility requested. Properties which are presently mortgaged with Bank of Baroda, Khanna branch. In case anyone has got any right /title/interest/claims over the under mentioned property, they are advised to approach the bank within 10 days along with necessary proof of sub stainable their claim. if no response is received within 10 days, it is presumed that the property is free of any charge/claim/encumbrance and bank shall proceed with the mortgage.

Details of property

Total Land measuring 4K-4M comprised in Khewat no 127, Khatauni no. 134 Rect no. 20 Killa No 6(8-0) as per jamabandi for the years 2018-19 situated in revenue estate of Village - Bulepur HB no222 Tehsil Khanna Dist. Ludhiana

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Branch head
Khanna, Ludhiana
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Advocate Detail- Adv Paramjit Singh
Chamber no 47, Civil Courts,
Khanna Ludhiana

Kiran George, sole Indian to participate in Korea Masters 2024

IKSAN : Star shuttler Kiran George will be the only Indian to take part in the Korea Masters 2024, which will kick off on Tuesday in the Republic of Korea's Iksan City.

According to Olympics.com, at first, three Indian shuttlers - Kiran George and Ayush Shetty in men's singles and Imad Farooqui Samiya in women's singles - were named

in the entry list for the South Korea meet. However, Shetty pulled himself out of the competition after he made it into the semi-finals at the Hylo Open in Germany.

Government of Himachal Pradesh
Jal Shakti Department
"Notice Inviting Tender (Offline)"

The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Vibhag Division Nalagarh invites short terms offline tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following work (s) through offline process:-

S/ No	Description of work	E/Cost	E/ Money	Cost of tender forms	Stipulated Time period
1	Restoration of Rain Damages of various T/Well / LIS of JSV Section Manjoli under JSV Sub Division Nalagarh in Tehsil Nalagarh Distt. Solan (HP) (SH:- Extension of HDPE pipe Of 160 mm dia PN-4 PE 80 and construction of outlets)	498663/-	9973/-	250/-	One Month
2	Restoration of Rain Damages of various T/Well / LIS of JSV Section Joghon under JSV Sub Division Nalagarh in Tehsil Nalagarh Distt. Solan (HP) (SH:- Extension of HDPE pipe Of 160 mm dia PN-4 PE 80 and construction of outlets)	497745/-	9955/-	250/-	One Month
3	Restoration of Rain Damages of various T/Well / LIS of JSV Section Nalagarh under JSV Sub Division Nalagarh in Tehsil Nalagarh Distt. Solan (HP) (SH:- Extension of HDPE pipe Of 160 mm dia PN-4 PE 80 and construction of outlets)	499532/-	9991/-	250/-	One Month
4	Retrofitting and improvement of LWSS Dharamana in JSV Section Nand in Tehsil Ramshehar Distt. Solan HP (SH:- Laying jointing & testing of GMS pipe 15 mm dia & prov. & fixing 64 Nos. house connection under JS Section Nand) Under JJM.	499980/-	9999/-	250/-	Three Month
5	Retrofitting and improvement of various LWSS under JS Section Nalagarh in Tehsil Nalagarh Distt. Solan HP (SH:- Laying jointing & testing of GMS pipe 15 mm dia & prov. & fixing 64 Nos. house connection under Section Nalagarh) Under JJM.	499756/-	9995/-	250/-	Three Month
6	Retrofitting & improvement of LWSS under JS Section Panjehra in Tehsil Nalagarh Distt Solan (HP) (SH:- Laying jointing and testing of GMS pipe 15 mm dia and prov. & fixing 62 Nos. house connection under JS Section Panjehra) Under JJM.	499300/-	9986/-	250/-	Three Month
7	Retrofitting and improvement of LWSS in Joghon Section in Tehsil Nalagarh Distt. Solan (HP) (SH:- Laying jointing and testing of GMS pipe 15 mm dia and providing and fixing 63 Nos. house connection under JS Section Joghon) Under JJM.	499984/-	9999/-	250/-	Three Month

1. Last date of submission of tender: 13-11-2024 upto 11:00 AM.
2. Last date of sale the tender from division office: 12-11-2024 upto 4:00 PM. The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be from office of above Executive Engineer upto date specified above.

Sd/-
HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPARK

Executive Engineer,
JSV Divn. Nalagarh, Distt. Solan (HP).

DPR-HP-3067/2024-2025

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PUBLICATION OF NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

Notice is hereby given that the under mentioned borrower(s)/ guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) who have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the Credit/Loan facilities obtained by them from the Bank and whose loan accounts have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (SARFAESI Act) on their last known addresses.

Sl. No.	Name and Address of the Borrower, Co-Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagor	Loan Account No. and Loan Amount	Details of Properties/ Address of Secured Assets to be Enforced	Date of Notice Amount Due in Rs.
1	Jagjeet Singh Sodhi S/o Sohan Singh (Prop. M/s Simran Medical Agencies) House No. 5820, Sector- 38 West, Chandigarh, Sector-14, Chandigarh-160014.	809002 569849, 569818, 809002 833506	Property No. 1: House cum Plot No. 323-B, M.C. No. B-35-7/323-B, Property Measuring 250 Sq. Yds., Kharsa No. 44/17 - 44/18/1, Khatta no. 244/302 - 1340/1459 as per Jamabandi for the year 1991-92, situated at Sunet Locality known as Bhai Randhir Singh Nagar, Tehsil and District Ludhiana, Ludhiana and Bounded as under: East: 30' Plot No. 302 B, West: 30' Road 30' Wide, North: 75' Plot No. 322 B, South: 75' Plot no. 324 B	29.10.2024 Rs.2,88,51,234.24/- (Rupees Two Crore Eighty Eight Lacs Fifty One Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Four and Paise Twenty Four Only) together with interest at contractual rate, (till complete payment) and incidental expenses thereon.
5	M/s Simran Pharma (Through its Proprietor /Authorised Signatory Jagjeet Singh Sodhi) SCO-323-B, Bhai Randhir Singh Nagar, Ludhiana Punjab- 141002		Property No. 2: House No. 5820, Sector-38 West, Chandigarh.	

The above borrowers and/or their guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) (whenever applicable) are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of said 60 days under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of SARFAESI Act.

Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available Bank against the borrower(s) /guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) of the said loan/facility under the law. You are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained /prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above secured asset or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the above secured asset, without our prior written consent.

PLACE: PUNJAB
Date : 04.11.2024

Authorised Officer
RBL Bank Ltd.

Williamson celebrates New Zealand's historic series win over India



AGENCY NEW DELHI: Following New Zealand's (NZ) stupendous 3-0 series win over India, New Zealand cricketer Kane Williamson heaped praise on the Kiwis and expressed his delight after their emphatic series victory.

In the third match of the Test series against New Zealand, Ajaz Patel and Glenn Phillips unleashed a spin web on Indian batters, as Kiwis beat India by 25 runs and become the first visiting side to whitewash India in India in a series of three or more matches.

India started the series on a disappointing note after the hosts conceded an eight-wicket defeat against New Zealand in Bengaluru. In the Pune Test, Rohit Sharma-led India tried to make a comeback in the three-match series, however, the hosts ended up losing against New Zealand by 113 runs.

Posting on his handle, Williamson celebrated the team's achievement with the words, "History from the brothers! Incredible few weeks."

Kane Williamson who could not play this series due to a groin injury, but was happy with the achievements made by the Kiwis in India and UAE, where the women's team clinched their first T20 World Cup.

The series saw New Zealand dominate India, showcasing their prowess and teamwork in a comprehensive sweep. Williamson's post reflects the pride

and excitement shared by the team and their supporters as they marked this significant milestone in New Zealand cricket history.

Coming to the third Test match, chasing a target of 147 runs in the Mumbai Test, India was five down at 29 runs. However, a fighting half-century by Rishabh Pant (64 in 57 balls, with nine fours and a six) kept India in the game. After his dismissal, India once again lost their footing in the game and was bundled out for 121 runs.

Ajaz (6/57) took a memorable six-wicket haul. Also, Phillips (3/42) was fine with the ball, taking timely and crucial wickets.

Earlier, Kiwis were bundled out for 174, thanks to a five-wicket haul from Jadeja (5/55) and some fine bowling from Ravichandran Ashwin (3/62). A fighting half-century from Will Young (51 in 100 balls, with two fours and a six) was the NZ innings' highlight. Kiwis took a 146-run lead over India, who made 263 in their first innings while replying to NZ's first innings total of 235 runs.

In their first innings, India had taken a 28-run lead over New Zealand. India was 84/4 at one point, but a 96-run stand between Shubman Gill and Rishabh Pant (60 in 59 balls, with eight fours and two sixes) helped India recover. Gill played a memorable knock of 90 in 146 balls, with seven fours and a six. A fine knock of Washington Sundar (38* in 36 balls).

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(Advt. No. CU/PB/24-25/009 Dated 05.11.2024)

Online applications are invited from prospective & eligible candidates for following Teaching & Non-teaching Positions on Regular Basis/Deputation:

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E-AUCTION NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Ambala Cantt, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites bid through E-Auction for which detail is as under:-

S N	Category & Details	E-Catalogue No.	Date & Time for E-auction
1	Contract for commercial advertisement in Out of Home area of Saharanpur, Ambala City, Kalka, Shimla & Bathinda Railway station through Hoardings/ Unipoles.	UMB-Advt.-05-2024	20.11.2024 at 10:00 Hrs.
2	Contract for commercial advertisement of digital media above UTS Hall at Saharanpur Railway station	UMB-Advt.-05-2024	20.11.2024 at 10:00 Hrs.

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DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

The below mentioned borrowers availed various credit facilities from Indian Overseas Bank. As borrowers have failed to maintain the financial discipline, the loan account has been classified as non-performing assets (NPA) by Indian Overseas Bank on 30.09.2017 in accordance with the guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India. Indian Bank vide Assignment Agreement dated 30.03.2022 assigned the financial assets of following borrowers along with all its right, title and interest together with all underlying security interests in favor of Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company Limited trustee of RARC OGB Trust.

Pursuant to said assignment the undersigned authorized officer in exercise of powers conferred u/s 13(2) of the said Act r/w Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 had sent the demand notices dated 03.10.2024 through registered post, thereby calling upon the borrowers to repay the entire outstanding mentioned in said notices with further interest thereon within a period of 60 days from the date of Notice. However, as demand notices could not be served some of the parties mentioned below, the same is hereby served upon the borrowers by way of alternative mode of service. Details are as follows:-

Name & Add of Borrower/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors etc.
1. M/s Varun Enterprises - Borrower At. Shop No. 250, Sector 3-C Loha Bazaar, Mandi Gobindgarh-147301 (Punjab)
2) Sh. Varun Bansal S/o Sh. Ramesh Kumar Bansal (Guarantor & proprietor) At. House No. 155, Sector-4-B, Shastri Nagar, Mandi Gobindgarh-147301 (Punjab)
3) Sh. Ramesh Kumar Bansal, S/o Sh. Ram Gopal Bansal - (Guarantor & Mortgagor) At. House No. 155, Sector-4-B, Shastri Nagar, Mandi Gobindgarh-147301 (Punjab)
Outstanding Amount (in Rs) - Rs. 5,99,83,788.19 (Rupees Five Crore Ninety-Nine Lakhs Eighty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Eight and Paise Nineteen Only) As on 31.08.2024 duly payable by you.
Details of Secured Movable/Immovable Properties:- Property No 01.- All that part and parcel of the plot No. 71, Basoni Vihar, Mandi Gobindgarh, measuring 4 Biswa i.e. 80/2980 share in total land of 7 Bigha 9 Biswa 0 Biswasi comprised in Khata No. 41/87 Kharsa No. 278/7-9, as per jamabandi for the year 2007-08 situated in the revenue estate of village Nasrali, Tehsil Amloh, District Fatehgarh Sahib and owned by Sh. Ramesh Kumar Bansal s/o Sh. Ram Gopal Bansal. Property No. 02:- Property measuring 3 Bigha 16 Biswasi comprising Khatta No.22143 Kharsa No.442(6-3) 682min(4-15) 684(2-3) 910/683min(4-0) 935/441min(3-10) 937/443min(1-17) & Khatauni No.44 Kharsa No.909/683(0-14) & Khatauni No.45 Kharsa No.934/441(0-3) 936/443(1-4) & Khatauni No.46 Kharsa No.935/441min(2-5) 682min(2-8) 910/683min(2-10) 937/443min(2-8) i.e 33 Bigha 19 Biswa to the extent of 1216/13580 share i.e 3 Bigha 16 Biswasi as per the Jamabandi for the year 2008-2009 situated in the revenue estate of village Ladpur Tehsil Amloh Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib.

In case of failure to repay the aforesaid entire outstanding amount within a period of 60 days, the undersigned shall be constrained to enforce the above secured assets under the provisions of SARFAESI Act.

Please note that as per Section 13 (13) of the said Act, you are restrained from dealing with or transferring any of the secured assets referred to herewith, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise. Any contravention of this provision is an offence and punishable under SARFAESI Act.

Place: - Fatehgarh Sahib
Date: - 06.11.2024

Sd/-
Authorised Officer

Sonali Bendre remembers Rohit Bal as her co-star in their unreleased film ‘Love You Humesha’



In fond memory of late designer Rohit Bal, actor Sonali Bendre on Monday paid a heart-touching tribute to him. Taking to Instagram Story, Sonali revealed that Rohit once shared screen space with her as an actor in the film ‘Love You Humesha’, which never released in the theatres. “Gudda, known to everyone as a fantastic designer, but to me, he was also a co-actor in our film, Love You Humesha. He was a natural in front of the camera, and his energy was always fantastic. Though the movie never saw the light of day, it gave me beautiful memories and relationships that have lasted a lifetime- connections I still cherish today,” she wrote. Sonali also shared an adorable picture with Rohit Bal. Bal, who was 63 at the time of his demise, had been struggling with a heart ailment for some time and was hospitalized shortly before his death. He left for his heavenly abode on November 1. Earlier former Miss Universe Sushmita Sen shared a nostalgic photo from a collaborative fashion show, stating, “An indomitable spirit and what a pioneer. Rest in peace #RohitBal.” Actor Anil Kapoor also expressed his sorrow, noting, “Heartbroken to hear about Rohit Bal’s passing. A true artist and visionary... His legacy will live on. Rest in peace.” Veteran actor Anupam Kher remembered Bal’s vibrant personality, writing on Instagram, “He was vibrant, colourful, funny, genius, compassionate...



KIRTI KULHARI ANNOUNCES 21-DAY BREAK FROM SOCIAL MEDIA

Actor Kirti Kulhari, best known for her role in Four More Shots Please!, has announced that she is taking a break from social media. The actress shared that she will be logging off for 21 days as part of a social media detox. Taking to her Instagram account on Monday evening, the actress informed her followers about the decision. In her post, she wrote, “Going on a 21-day social media detox. See you all on the other side,” along with a read heart emoji. However, Kirti did not explain the reason behind her decision. Her announcement received mixed reactions from fans. While some supported her decision, others were curious to know more. One fan commented, “Superb!” Another wrote, “A perfect decision, have fun.” Other fans shared their best wishes, with one saying, “It’s an easy process, go ahead!”

“Just like with my sister, I’ll always be there for Sehaj”: Bharat Ahlawat on his bond with on-screen sister Sehaj Rajput in Zee TV’s Jaane Anjaane Hum Mile

CHANDIGARH:Zee TV is all set to unveil its new show Jaane Anjaane Hum Mile, anchored around the intriguing Aata Saata marriage custom still prevalent across parts of Gujarat, Rajasthan, and Madhya Pradesh, this bold narrative takes an unconventional dive into the complex dynamics of relationships, driven by the love for family. The show introduces two modern, headstrong protagonists—fiercely independent and sharp-witted Reporter Reet (played by Ayushi Khurana) and a temperamental man-child with a tough exterior that masks a wounded soul Raghav (played by Bharat Ahlawat), where Reet makes a startling choice to marry not for love, but as a ‘guarantee’ for her sibling’s happiness. The show explores whether love can flourish in a marriage born out of familial obligation.

For an actor, creating on-



screen chemistry can be a rewarding experience, especially when working with a co-star who feels so naturally relatable that every scene flows effortlessly. This has been exactly the case for Bharat Ahlawat, who plays the protective older brother to Sehaj Rajput’s character, Unnati, in the show. Bharat shared that portraying this sibling bond with Sehaj feels natural because he himself has a younger sister, making the connection even more authentic. In fact, Bharat and Sehaj have already developed a sibling-like rapport that shines both on-screen and off.

Bharat said, “When I first met Sehaj, there was an in-

stant spark of friendship between us. It’s so natural for me to look out for her on set, just like I do for my sister at home. From her quirks to her sense of humour, to her way of troubling me on the set, it’s like working with my own sister. Even when we are shooting the sibling bond moments, we don’t have to put in a lot of effort, it just comes out naturally. When the cameras roll, we end up having so much fun on set, and when not shooting we laugh together, eat together, go get coffees during our breaks, and make the most of that time. Just like with my sister, I’ll always be there for Sehaj, and I hope our friendship continues to grow with the show.”

While the actors have already started bonding, it will be interesting for the viewers to watch the same chemistry on-screen.

Stay tuned to Zee TV for the premiere of Jaane Anjaane Hum Mile, starting on November 11, 2024!

Saanand Verma expresses his deep affection for Chhath Puja

CHANDIGARH: Saanand Verma, renowned for his versatile and humorous portrayal of Anokhelal Saxena in &TV’s Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai, holds a profound reverence for Chhath Puja, a festival that resonates deeply with him. Originating from Bihar, Saanand views Chhath Puja not merely as a religious observance, but as a celebration of devotion, purity, and cultural heritage. Growing up within a strong family tradition, he believes the festival fortifies connections with both individuals and the community. In a recent conversation, the actor shared his heartfelt emotions and how he observes Chhath Puja.

What emotions do you associate with Chhath Puja?

During Chhath Puja, everything transforms—cities and towns take on a fresh, clean appearance. The entire community unites, contributing in various ways to enhance the festival’s significance. People feed the less fortunate, help clean the streets, and even participate in cleaning the Ganga River. The atmosphere becomes overwhelmingly positive, dispelling all negativity. Whenever I hear Chhathi Maiya’s songs, tears flow down my eyes. Eating the prasad of Chhathi Maiya feels like savoring nectar. I truly experience purity during Chhath Puja.

Does anyone in your family celebrate Chhath Puja?

Yes, my relatives observe Chhath Puja.



My mother wished to perform it, but it’s a demanding festival that requires immense effort and devotion. As she has aged and given our home circumstances, I haven’t taken on that responsibility. Therefore, I have always celebrated it with my relatives.

How different is Chhath Puja celebrations in Mumbai compared to UP and Bihar?

While the celebrations in Mumbai differ from those in Bihar or Uttar Pradesh, the devotion and sincerity here are palpable. There’s significant awareness of Chhath Puja among Mumbai residents, with celebrations organized at places like Juhu Beach. I’ve received numerous invitations to partake in Chhath Puja at Juhu.

Chhath Puja prasad is unique. What is your favorite?

My favorite prasad from Chhath Puja is definitely Thekua. This delightful traditional offering, made from wheat flour, jaggery, and ghee, is deep-fried to a perfect golden hue. Thekua holds a special significance in the festival and boasts a rich, sweet flavor that’s irresistible. Not only is it delicious, but it also embodies the devotion and love that goes into its preparation. For me, Chhath Puja would feel incomplete without enjoying this special prasad.

Watch your favourite artist Saanand Verma in Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai at 10:30 pm, airing every Monday to Friday, only on &TV!

COLORS’ ‘Durga’ shifts to 8:30 PM! Here’s what you can expect



CHANDIGARH: After winning hearts across households within a few months, COLORS’ beloved show ‘Durga: Atoot Prem Kahani’ is set to deliver a fresh dose of drama at a new time! Starring Pranali Rathod as Durga and Aashay Mishra as Anurag, the fan-favorite romance will now air at 8:30 pm daily starting on the 6th of November. With this time shift, fans of Durga and Anurag’s impossible love story can expect a new chapter packed with new twists and turns. Not the one to shy away from speaking her mind, Pranali is not only moving viewers with her powerful portrayal but also harnessing the show to address a pressing issue. As her character Durga navigates the escalating abuse by her husband Rajesh, Pranali takes a strong stand on domestic violence, underlining that no one should have to endure such mistreatment. For her, this storyline represents more than enlivening a story—it’s a message of empowerment and resilience, encouraging women to stand up against abuse. Sharing her thoughts about the show moving to a new slot, Pranali Rathod says, “I am deeply grateful for the love and acceptance the audience has shown towards my character, Durga. As we move to our new time slot every evening at 8:30 PM on COLORS, I trust that viewers will continue to support Durga’s journey. There are many challenges ahead, along with heartfelt moments and the enduring power of love that lies at the heart of our story. I’m excited to meet you all at our new time and can’t wait for you to experience the next chapter. This story emphasizes that women should feel empowered to stand against injustice, even when it means facing difficult choices. Often, it’s in the hardest moments that we rediscover our strength. Durga’s journey is about resilience, and I hope viewers will be captivated by her fight for dignity and self-worth.”

Feel the Soul-Stirring Power of Love in Aparshakti Khurana’s Latest Release, ‘Enna Pyar’

CHANDIGARH: Actor-singer Aparshakti Khurana is set to melt hearts with the release of his latest track, Enna Pyar, a soul-stirring song capturing the tender highs and haunting lows of love. Following the success of his recent hit, Zaroor, Aparshakti’s Enna Pyar delivers a melody that speaks directly to the heart, touching on unspoken emotions many of us know too well.

With rawness that’s both refreshing and real, Enna Pyar showcases Aparshakti’s signature vocal style with a maturity and depth that promises to resonate with listeners. The track features heartfelt lyrics and composition by the talented Sakshi Ratti, coupled with soulful production by Hiten, who adds an emotional edge to the song.

Commenting on the release of the Enna Pyar, Aparshakti Khurana shares, “This song is a feeling and a part of my journey. Enna Pyar holds a special place in my heart as it speaks to those emotions, we often leave unspoken. Sakshi Ratti’s melody and words capture this sentiment beautifully, and Hiten’s soundscape brings it to life in a way that is both powerful and delicate. I hope this track resonates with everyone who has loved and lost, or even just loved deeply.” Set to become your playlist staple, Enna Pyar showcases Aparshakti’s versatility as a musician who goes beyond melodies to tell heartfelt stories. With a natural gift for evoking emotion, Aparshakti brings Enna Pyar to life with his unique style.

Listen to “Enna Pyar” by Aparshakti Khurana here-http://SMLink.to/EnnaPyar

Aasif reveals real story behind ‘What a Joke’ in Shahrukh – Salman starrer Karan Arjun!

CHANDIGARH: Aasif Sheikh has graced the screen in over eighty films across a prolific forty-year career, with each character leaving an impression. His portrayal of Vibhuti Narayan Mishra in &TV’s Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai has garnered immense appreciation from audiences, especially for his signature line, ‘I am sorry’. Another memorable line from his career, “What a joke,” delivered as Suraj Singh in the Shahrukh Khan and Salman Khan starrer Karan Arjun, resonates with fans till date. Recounting his experience as Suraj Singh in the movie, Aasif shared an intriguing behind-the-scenes detail. He said, “When Karan Arjun’s director, Rakesh Roshan, first introduced me to the role, he stressed that ‘What a joke’ wasn’t just a line but the core of Suraj’s character. He wanted it to be Suraj’s reaction to everything, bringing an unexpected, engaging twist to the character. From day one, I infused ‘What a joke’ into every scene, experimenting with different tones to bring out the humour and unpredictability that the film’s director envisioned.” Aasif also revealed a surprising fact that he wasn’t the first choice for the role, “Initially, Gulshan Grover was cast as Suraj Singh. He had even filmed several scenes and delivered the iconic line multiple times. But, for reasons I’m still not entirely sure of, I ended up bagging the role. It was a twist of fate, and maybe a testament to my perseverance, which allowed me to make ‘What a joke’ a memorable part of Bollywood history, something I’m incredibly proud of.” Watch Aasif Sheikh as Vibhuti Narayan Mishra in Bhabiji Ghar Hai, airing every Monday to Friday at 10:30 pm only on &TV!

Luv and Kush discover the heartbreaking truth about Lord Ram and Sita’s divine separation in Sony SAB’s ‘Shrimad Ramayan’

CHANDIGARH : Sony SAB’s Shrimad Ramayan tells the epic story of Lord Ram (Sujay Reu) and Sita (Prachi Bansal). In recent episodes, Luv (Shourya Mandoriya) and Kush (Atharva Sharma) prepare for their journey to Ayodhya to participate in the highly anticipated Ashvamedha Yagya and meet their idols Ram and Sita. On their journey to Ayodhya, Luv and Kush help a blind couple by rescuing their child from demons and, in gratitude, receive Sarasvati Maa’s divine veena. As they near Ayodhya, Lord Ram’s chosen horse for the Ashvamedh Yagya ritual escapes and reaches the brothers. Inspired, Luv and Kush inscribe “Sita Ram” on the horse, marking a powerful moment of faith. When they finally reach Ayodhya, they are barred from entering the palace. To catch everyone’s attention, the brothers sing and narrate the Ramayan with the divine veena. Hanuman (Nirbhay Wadhwa) moved by their celestial performance, shares their story with Lord Ram, revealing the arrival of two remarkable young sages.



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