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CHANDIGARH, SUNDAY DECEMBER 22, 2024

NEWS BRIEFS

52 kg gold, Rs 10 crore cash recovered from abandoned car in Bhopal jungle

BHOPAL: The Income

Tax Department has recovered 52 kg of gold and Rs 10 crore cash from an abandoned car in Bhopal following hour-long searches in connection with a disproportionate assets case linked to former RTO Constable Saurabh Sharma, an official said on Friday.

The searches were conducted on the premises associated with Sharma, who ventured into the real estate business after taking voluntary retirement from the Transport Department of the state government.

Sources said the car was found abandoned in the jungle of Mendori village, which is located near a dense forest area and Kaliasot Dam, around 15-20 km from Sharma's residence in Arera Colony, where the raid was conducted on Thursday. The raid was conducted jointly by Madhya Pradesh Lokayukta's Special Police Establishment (SPE) and Income Tax Department at the residence of Sharma and his associate, Chandan Gaur.

In open letter, **Jagmeet Singh says** NDP will vote to topple Trudeau's govt in Canada

TORONTO: Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on Friday looked set to lose power early next year after a key ally said he would move to bring down the minority Liberal government and trigger an election. New Democratic Party leader Jagmeet Singh, who has been helping keep Trudeau in office, said he would present a formal motion of no-confidence after the House of Commons elected chamber returns from a winter break on Jan. 27. If all the opposition parties back the motion, Trudeau will be out of office after more than nine years as prime minister and an election will take place. A string of polls over the last hs show the Liberals, suffering from voter fatigue and anger over high prices and a housing crisis, would be badly defeated by the official opposition rightof-center Conservatives

Kuwait: PM Modi receives grand welcome from Indian diaspora

AGENCY KUWAIT CITY, DECEMBER 21

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, arrived in Kuwait with a rousing welcome, as members of the Indian diaspora received him with greetings and cultural performances on Saturday.

Prime Minister Modi interacted with members of the Indian diaspora at the hotel in Kuwait City. He also watched a cultural performance by artists. PM Modi is on a two-day visit to the Gulf nation of Kuwait at the invitation of Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Amir of the State of Kuwait. This is the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Kuwait in 43 years

Following his arrival, PM Modi also met 101-year-old ex-IFS officer Mangal Sain Handa. "This is an ex-perience of a lifetime. PM Modi said he especially came here to meet him (Mangal Sain Handa). We are grateful to Prime Minister Modi," said the son of the ex-IFS officer, Dilip

His son, Pradeep Handa recalled that PM Modi had sent a letter of congratulations to the ex-IFS officer on his 100th birthday.

"I have been in Kuwait for almost 40 years. I am the General Manager of one of the largest banks in Kuwait- The National Bank of Kuwait... It is very exciting, I got a call from the Ambassador that PM Modi



wants to meet your father. On my father's 100th birthday, the Prime Minister had sent a letter of congratulations to him as well," he said

"We are overwhelmed to wel-come Prime Minister Narendra Modi here. He is a visionary leader," said a member of the Indian

An artist who performed at the arrival of PM Modi at the hotel said that it was a proud moment for her entire team and a "big achieve-ment." "Prime Minister Narendra Modi saw our performance. It is a very proud moment. It is a big achievement for us. On behalf of

our entire team, we are thankful to Prime Minister Modi. He asked us our names... We are very happy," said the artist, who was also a member of the Indian diaspora

J&K police cyber cell recover 30 smartphones

KULGAM: As many as 30 smartphones were recovered by the cyber cell of the Jammu and Kashmir police in Kulgam. The operation was carried out after receiving multiple applications and reports about the missing and stolen mobile phones from the general public, said police.

Moreover, Cyber Cell Kulgam solved huge online financial fraud cases in which an amount of Rs 11,09,565 was recovered and has been refunded to the victim's account after completing all legal formalities and the amount of Rs 21,88,715 was put on hold on receipt of various complaints, said police.

Cyber Cell of Kulgam Police has requested the general public to use their mobile phones and other electronic gadgets with precaution to safeguard themselves from cyber-related frauds and crimes. If anyone becomes a victim of Cyber Crime/Fraud, he/she should immediately register a complaint on the Online Portal cybercrime.gov.in and report the matter at Cyber Cell Kulgam immediately, said po-

Moreover, the citizens are requested to adopt precautions to safeguard themselves from cyber-related frauds and crimes. The Cyber cell has further requested to limit personal information on social media and not share Adhaar, Pan Card or any other finance-related OTP with anyone, added the statement.

Violence mars civic



bricks and stones at each other after a clash during Punjab Municipal Corporation Election in Patiala.

mani Akali Dal (SAD) alleged casting of fake votes at the behest of the Aam Aadmi Party at many places in Patiala, a charge denied by the ruling party.

Singh Aujla, Ludhiana MLA Ashok Prashar and Jaland Cantt MLA Pargat Singh.

action against them. BJP candidate from Ward No. 34 in Patiala, Sushil

Nayyar, threatened to self-immolate after alleging that fake votes were being cast at a polling booth.

After Patiala Senior Superintendent of Police Nanak Singh reached the spot, Kaur and BJP support ers were seen arguing with the officer, claiming that some people were being allowed to enter polling booths without proper verification and they were casting fake

"Nobody was stopping them. And who is responsible for it," asked a BJP supporter.

Opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Shiro-

There were also reports of scuffles and heated exchanges between AAP and BJP supporters in Patiala.

Among political leaders who exercised their fran-

BJP leader Jai Inder Kaur alleged that some outsiders were roaming around in Patiala, demanding police

body polls; AAP, SAD, BJP workers lock horns in Patiala

PATIALA: Supporters of the AAP and the BJP throwing

Sporadic incidents of violence marred elections to five municipal corporations and 44 municipal councils and nagar panchayats in Punjab on Saturday.

chise were BJP's Tarun Chugh, Congress MP Gurjeet

Former Haryana CM O P Chautala cremated with state honours



AGENCY SIRSA, DEC 21

Former Haryana Chief Minister Om Prakash Chautala was cremated on Saturday with full state honours in Teja Khera village in his native Sirsa district. Chautala, who was a five-time chief minister, died in Gurugram on Friday. He was 89.

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, Shiromani Akali Dal leader Sukhbir Singh Badal reached Teja Khera to attend the last rites of the departed leader.

Many Haryana ministers, state Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan, former Union minister Venod Sharma, SAD leader Bikram Singh Majithia, BJP's Manpreet Badal and Manjinder Singh Sirsa and several other leaders also reached Teia Khera to pay their last respects.

Political leaders cutting across parties laid floral wreaths to pay their last respects to

the departed leader. Earlier, Chautala's mortal remains were Saturday kept at the family's Teja Khera farmhouse here for people to pay their last respects to the departed Indian National Lok

Dal chief. His body was wrapped in the Indian Tricolour and decked with garlands.

An INLD spokesperson said Chautala was rushed to a hospital after his health worsened on Friday. Om Prakash Chautala's younger son Abhay Singh Chautala, an INLD leader, elder son Ajay Singh Chautala, who heads the JJP party, and other family mem-bers, including former deputy chief minister Dushyant Chautala, ex-CM Chautala's brother Ranjit Chautala, were present in Teja Khera. The funeral pyre was lit amid chants of Vedic hymns by priests. Congress leaders Randeep Singh Surjewala and Kumari Selja had reached the Chautala farmhouse in the morning to pay their last respects to the fivetime chief minister.

Common people also gathered in the village in large numbers to attend the cremation. The Haryana government declared a three-day state mourning on Friday. It has also declared Saturday a public holiday in all its offices as a mark of respect. Shortly after laying a wreath, Dhankhar, who was seated next to Chautala's younger son Abhay Chautala and SAD leader Sukhbir Badal, said, 'Yesterday I got the news (of the demise) Five days back, I spoke to Chaudhary sahib and he was inquiring about my health.

Income Tax Department brings VIVAD SE VISHWAS SCHEME 2024

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Punjab Police, BSF Advance to Finals in G.S. Bains All India Hockey Tournament

NABHA: 47th Two semifinal matches were played on the sixth day of G.S.Bains Liberals All India Hockey Tournament. On this occasion, the Chief Guest Harchand Singh Burst, Chairman of Punjab State Mandi Board and Jassi Sohianwala, Chairman



Dist Planning Board, kamals. The first semi-final of Patiala, inaugurated the tournament was played tournament with their kar between Hockey Chandigarh

and Punjab Police Jalandhar. The match was very exciting and tight, with neither team able to score a goal till the end of the match. This match was decided through a shoot out, in which the Punjab Police Jalandhar team emerged victorious with 2-1 goals and reached the final.

NEWS BRIEF

Applications invited for Sushma **Swaraj Award until December 27**

RANVIR PARASHAR KAITHAL: The Department of Women and Child Development has invited applications from eligible women for the Sushma Swaraj Award. This prestigious award will be presented on International Women's Day, March 8, 2025, to honor women who have made significant contributions nationally or internationally across various fields. Program Officer Gurjeet Kaur stated that the award includes a cash prize of ?5 lakh, a citation, and a shawl. Applicants must be Haryana born, actively working for women's welfare, and alive at the time of nomination. Application guidelines are available on the www.wcdhry.gov.in. For further information, interested women can also contact their nearest Women and Child Development Department office.

Village Topra Kalan's Paras Nehra Secures 4th rank in **ISRO** recruitment

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR: Paras Nehra grandson of Jai Singh Nehra from Topra Kalan village in Radaur block, Yamunanagar, has achieved a remarkable milestone by securing 4th rank in the ISRO Centralized Recruitment Board 2023 examination. Paras, son of Suresh Nehra, shared his academic journey. He completed

his 12th in

division in



B.Tech in Mechanical Engineering from Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak, in 2020, graduating with first division and a university gold medal. Despite multiple job offers through campus placements, Paras chose to continue his studies, supported by his family. He completed his M.Tech in Fluid and Thermal Sciences from IIT Guwahati in 2022 and further earned another M.Tech in Mechanical Design from IIT Delhi in 2024, graduating with first division

Arvind Kejriwal announces Dr Ambedkar scholarship for Dalit students

AGENCY NEW DELHI, DEC 21

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday announced the Dr Ambedkar Scholarship for the higher education of Dalit students.

Kejriwal stated that under this scholarship scheme, the Delhi government will cover the expenses of Dalit students after they gain admission to top universities across the world. Government employees from the Dalit community can also avail of this scholar-

Addressing a public event, AAP national convenor Arvind Kejriwal said, "I want to ensure that no person from the Dalit community is de-



prived of higher education, for this, I am announcing the Dr Ambedkar Scholarship. Now any student from the Dalit community who wants to study in top universities across the world, the Delhi government will bear their expenses after the admission

ship will also be applicable to government employees from the Dalit community.

He added that this scholarship is a response to BJP and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who disrespected Dr BR Ambedkar.

"We are giving an answer to BJP and Union Home Minspected Dr BR Ambedkar by announcing the Dr Ambedkar Scholarship," he said.

On Wednesday, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, in his address in the Rajya Sabha, reportedly said, "If they (opposition) had taken the name of God so many times instead of Ambedkar, they would have gotten heaven for seven lives. Meanwhile,

Bahujan Ambedkar row, Samaj Party Chief Mayawati on Saturday called for a nationwide protest on December 24 against Union Home Minister Amit Shah's remarks on Babasaheb Ambedkar.

In a series of posts on X, Mayawati said "Ambedkarite BSP has demanded him to

take back his statement and repent, which has not been implemented till now. In such a situation, if the demand is not met, then BSP has talked about raising voice across the country. That is why now the party has decided to hold a nationwide movement on December 24 in support of this demand. On that day, a completely peaceful dharna demonstration will be held at

all the district headquarters of

the country."
On Thursday, Rahul
Gandhi and other MPs from the INDIA alliance led protests in the Parliament complex, demanding an apology and resignation of the Union Home Minister for his remarks on former law minister BR Ambedkar.

Poisonous food and water causes serious diseases: Patanjali incharge

SUMER GARG SUNAM, DEC 21

Mahotsav organized by Patanjali Yoga Samiti at local Chiranji Shah Dharamshala here. which was inaugurated by Patanjali central incharge Mr. Rakesh Kumar; Punjab Incharge, Rajinder Singari and district incharge, Prabhat Jindal. On the occasion, Rakesh Kumar, said that doing and teaching Yoga is an ultimate part of religion. He further said that in these days, around 200 crore people are following yoga in the country. "Hindus, Sikhs, Muslims and Christians, all are engaged in yoga in 200 countries, yoga has reached more than 2 lakh villages in the country", he added. Mr. Rakesh Kumar said that the

earned



education board run by Patanjali has received approval from 19 states While talking to reporters, Mr Rakesh Kumar said that the aim of Patanjali is not to open a clinic, we want that if a person has to take Ayurvedic medicine, it should be taken only in an emergency.

Statistics, optimization and data science panacea for modern world: VC KUK

of the students...This scholar-

DALBIR MALIK **KURUKSHETRA, DEC 21**

During the inaugural session of International Conference on "Innovative Trends in Statistics, Optimization, and Data Science" organised by Department of Statistics and Operational Research, Kurukshetra University in conjunction with 44th Annual Convention of Indian Society for Probability and Statistics (ISPS) and 8th Convention of Indian Association for Reliability and Statistics (IARS), the Chief Guest, Vice Chancellor, Kurukshetra University, Prof Som Nath Sachdeva, in his presidential address, underscored the significance of intersection of statistics, optimization and data driven decision making which help tackle numerous challenges. Prof Sachdeva further said that data is the fuel for future to allocate resources. Guest of Honour, Prof Kunio Shimizu from Japan emphasized the research area of directional statistics. The keynote speaker, Prof A.K. Verma from Norway talked about technological revolution shaping today's world with AI and machine learning. President, ISPS and IARS Prof SC Malik elucidated the role and objectives of these two associations. Prof M.S. Kadyan welcomed the dignitaries and presented the objectives of this conference.



Deputy Director, PRO, KUK, Dr Jimmv Sharma informed that IARS announced Life Time Achievement Awards to Prof Ajit Kumar Verma (Norway) for his contribution in the fields of Technological safety and Artificial Intelligence, Prof TES Raghavan (USA) in the field of Linear and Non Linear Theory, Prof Yogendra Yogendra P. Chaubey (Canada) in the field of estimation theory, Prof Shesh N Rai (USA) in the field of survival analysis and clinical trials, Prof Neeraj Mishra (IIT Kanpur) in the field of Applied Probability, Prof. P. C. Jha (DU Delhi) in the field of optimization and ISPS announced Distinguished Statistician Award to Prof Somesh Kumar (IIT Kharagpur) in the field of statistical inference and Dr Sharma added that the souvenir of the conference was also released during this session. Conference Organizing Secretary, Dr Jitender Kumar proposed vote of thanks.

Amit Mehra's message: Let go of past mistakes and embrace the New Year with hope and enthusiasm

GURDASPUR: Social worker and youth leader Amit Mehra, associated with the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Sarna, recently shared an important message for the upcoming New Year. He said, "Let go of all past mistakes with the setting December and start a new life in 2025. Who knows, when December comes again, this opportu-

nity may never come." His statement emphasizes positivity, selfreflection, and the importance of embracing the new year with renewed hope and energy. Amit Mehra urged people to leave behind anger, bitterness, and grief as the year comes to a close. He emphasized that by forgiving past mistakes and letting go of any hatred, we can begin the new year with a lighter and more peaceful mindset. According to him, it is essential for individuals to reflect on their actions over the past year, learn from their mistakes, and identify areas in their life that need improvement.Looking ahead to the start of 2025, Amit Mehra suggested that every new year should be seen as an opportunity for a fresh beginning. The new year offers us a chance to reset our mindset, alter our perspective, and realign our life's direction. By leaving behind the struggles, difficulties, and burdens of the past year, we can begin the new year with a renewed sense of enthusiasm and motivation. He also pointed out that personal growth is essential for societal change. If we learn from our past mistakes and work towards improving ourselves, it will not only lead to positive changes in our own lives but also contribute to a better and more positive environment in society.

Parliamentary panel proposes key reforms for farmers' welfare, MSP guarantee



DHURI: Under the leadership of Charanjit Singh Channi leading

the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture, Farmers' Welfare, Agricultural Research, Fisheries, Dairy, Animal Husbandry, Food Processing, and Cooperation, presented six important reports in the Parliament for the welfare and development of farmers and farm workers. After 14 meetings with consesus of 30 Members of Parliament, with assistance of Smit Singh Mann, Vidhan Sabha Constituency In-Charge of Amargarh, played a pivotal role as the Principal Advisor to the Chairman of the Committee. The report puts forth several critical recommendations to address the challenges faced by the agricultural sector. These include providing a legal guarantee for Minimum Support Price (MSP), increasing the annual financial assistance under the Pradhan Mantri-Kisan Scheme from Rs 6,000 to Rs. 12,000, and renaming the Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare to the Department of Agriculture, Farmers, and Farm Labour Welfare to prioritize the well-being of farm labourers. Other key proposals include introducing a comprehensive loan waiver scheme for farmers and agricultural workers, implementing universal crop insurance for small farmers, establishing a National Commission to ensure minimum living wages for agricultural labourers.

Women to receive loans up to Rs. 5 lakh for selfemployment: Jagjit Singh

RANVIR PARASHAR

KAITHAL: Jagjit Singh, District Manager of the Haryana Women Development Corporation, announced that the Haryana Government has launched the Matrushakti Udyamita Yojana to empower women and improve their economic and social status. Under this scheme, women can avail of loans of up to ?5 lakh through banks. The initiative, implemented by the Haryana Women Development Corporation, aims to benefit 40 women in Kaithal district during the 2024-25 financial year. Jagjit Singh elaborated that the scheme enables women to purchase auto-rickshaws, three-wheelers, erickshaws, and other vehicles or start small businesses such as salons, tailoring units, boutiques, photocopy shops, food stalls, and production units for items like pickles, papads, biscuits, and clay utensils.

Women can also engage in tiffin services, ice cream production, and handicrafts like handloom bags. Eligibility criteria for the scheme include an annual family income of less than Rs. 5 lakh, permanent residency in Haryana, and an age range of 18 to 60 years. Applicants must not have defaulted on any prior loans. Additionally, the Haryana Government will provide a 7% interest subsidy for up to three years for timely repayment through the Women Development Corporation. To apply, eligible women need to submit documents such as an application form, ration card, family ID, Aadhaar card, two passport-size photographs, residential proof, project report, training certificate, and experience certificate.

Special cleanliness campaign to be launched in DC issues advisory for public safety Haryana for public spaces and govt offices: DC

YAMUNANAGAR, DEC 21

In accordance with the directives of the Haryana Government, a special cleanliness campaign will be launched under the 'Swachh Haryana Mission' to promote cleanliness in rural areas, urban local bodies, Panchayati Raj institutions, public spaces, and government offices. The campaign will run until January 31, 2025. This was announced by DC Captain

Manoj Kumar.
The DC explained that after a virtual meeting between Haryana's Chief Secretary Dr. Vivek Joshi and V. Srinivasan, Secretary of the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, the campaign will be conducted in two phases. As part of this



initiative. Panchavati Rai institutions and urban local bodies will create activity calendars ensure continuous cleaning, waste management, sustainability efforts.

The primary objective of this special campaign is to improve cleanliness in all government offices, including those under the jurisdiction of administrative departments, regional and district offices, and public enterprises. The focus will be on offices with public interaction to enhance

experiences for both officials and the public. The preparation phase of the campaign will continue until December 31, 2024, and it will include on-ground work at the departmental level. During this phase, nodal officers will be appointed in district offices and public sector units to lead activities related to the campaign. These officers will mobilize staff, identify sites for cleaning, and assess unnecessary materials for disposal, including through e-auction.

amid severe cold wave in Karnal

KARNAL, DEC 21

Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh has issued a special advisory to ensure public safety amidst the ongoing cold wave in the district. Following government directives, he appealed to residents to take necessary precautions to avoid the adverse effects of extreme

winter conditions. Highlighting the severe cold wave, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized that careful preparation and preventive measures can mitigate its impact. He urged citizens to stay informed through weather forecasts on television, radio, newspapers to anticipate upcoming cold waves. He recommended stocking adequate winter clothing, sealing doors and windows to block cold air, and seeking



medical advice for common winter ailments such as flu or nasal congestion.

He advised minimizing outdoor travel and exposure to cold air, rain, or snow. Residents were encouraged to wear warm and loose-fitting clothes, avoid getting wet, and keep their bodies warm by covering extremities like the head, neck, hands, and feet. Consumption of healthy foods, especially vitamin Crich fruits and vegetables, as well as warm beverages, was also emphasized.

Deputy Commissioner

vulnerable groups like the elderly, infants, and children. He also urged checking in on neighbors, particularly senior citizens living alone. Advising against alcohol consumption, he warned that it lowers body warmth and increases the risk of hypothermia. Caution was issued regarding the use of room heaters and coal burning indoors, which could lead to dangerous carbon

monoxide poisoning if ventilation is inadequate. To support the needy and homeless during the winter, Uttam Singh instructed officials, including the Additional Deputy Commissioner, SDMs, and health department officials, to inspect public places such as bus stands, railway stations, and hospitals, ensuring that aid is provided.

YSP Sports Awards ceremony: Scholar Arushi Kaur felicitated

BALWINDER AZAD BARNALA DEHATI, DEC 21

The YS public school, one of the top 50 schools in India, organized a felicitation ceremony Chauhanke Khurd to celebrate the achievements of its talented students. highlight of the event was to honor S. Gurjant Singh's daughter Aarushi Kaur for her dedication to the game, who has brought glory to the school and the village by winning a gold medal at the state level in netball. In the presence of the entire village, his parents Sarpanch Rajinder Kaur Dhaliwal, Mr. Jarnail Singh Dhaliwal and Y.S. Public School Principal Dr. Anjita Dahiya and all the staff presented the award to Arushi



Kaur and appreciated her hard dedication On this sportsmanship. occasion, village panch Gurpreet Kaur, Gurmeet Kaur, Amarjit Kaur, Veer Singh, Jaswant Singh and Kewal Singh, retired Subedar Balwinder Singh Dhaliwal, Komaljit Singh Nambardar and Arushi Kaur's grandfather. Sukhchain Singh, and grandmother Surjit Kaur former Panch, father Gurjant

Kaur were present. The event was organized to unite the school community and the villagers to celebrate the achievements of the students. The program reinforced the vision of promoting excellence, students striving for greatness and inspiring others to pursue their goals with determination. The YS public school is committed to providing a platform for students to excel and celebrate Singh, mother Shaganpreet their achievements.

Identify any disease by looking at pulse of patient: Dr Vishal

DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, DEC 21

During a special conversation with senior journalist Daljeet Ajnoha, Dr. Vishal Sharma, a specialist of Homeopathy Hospital located on Jalandhar Road, Hoshiarpur, told that whatever patients come to him for treatment, he identifies their disease by looking at the pulse of the patient and treats according to the symptoms of the disease which match the tests done by him. He told that of course treatment with homeopathy method takes a little more time but there is no side effect of homeopathy medicine and before starting his medicine, he gets the necessary laboratory tests done

according to the disease of the



when the patient gets cured, he suffering from any disease and gets the laboratory test done coming to him for treatment, again. He told that cancer he goes back completely patients have also been cured cured, for which he thanks Lord Bhrigu ji very much. He in his hospital and it is important for them. At what told that he always tells the stage is the disease and he told patients to take the medicine that if any poor patient comes given by him in the prescribed to him for treatment, then his quantity and on time, they will treatment is done for free, only definitely get relief and also the money for medicines is take full care of their food, taken. He told that it is God's there is no such disease which grace that since he has opened cannot be cured.

St. Warriors School's participates in clean and green drive



GURDASPUR: St. Warriors School's participation in the Clean and Green Drive made a significant impact. Students' engaging skit inspired the community to embrace ecofriendly practices. Assistant Commissioner Gurdaspur, Aditya Gupta, and nodal officer Parminder Singh Saini honored the school's contribution to a cleaner and greener environment. Chief Guest Aditya Gupta emphasized the importance of planting trees, urging everyone to plant at least five trees in their lifetime to combat global warming. He highlighted the detrimental effects of deforestation on our planet's health. School Director Sarwan Singh announced an upcoming celebration of Punjabi Language Day in collaboration with Jagat Punjab Sabha and the district administration. Sarbjit Singh, President of the Ministerial Union Punjab, also attended the event.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

Harvana

Free checkup camp for bone and joint patients today at Virk Hospital

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: With the help of Karnal's leading social service organization Sukh Dukh Ke Saathi, Virk Hospital is organizing a free health camp on Sunday, 22 December. IMC will play the role of support in this. Sukh Dukh Sanstha's partner Pravesh Gaba gave this information and said that the camp will run from 10 am to 2 pm. In this camp, tests will be done for knee and hip pain and medicines for diseases related to spine and nerves. On this occasion, patients will be examined by bone and

joint specialist Dr. Balbir Singh Virk, Dr. Daksh Sharma, neuro and spine specialist Dr. Anuj Chhabra. Gaba said that in this camp, those who have complaints of back pain, pain in legs, tingling in hands, stiffness in neck and back, spinal cord, back tumor, TB lump, disc problem, regular pain and swelling in knee joints, weakness of nerves, regular intake of painkillers, can avail the services of doctors in the camp. Patients coming to the camp will be given concession in MRI, X-ray and labo-

NEWS BRIEFS

Veer Bal Diwas to be celebrated on a grand scale in Haryana on **December 26**

CHANDIGARH: Haryana Chief Minister, Mr. Nayab Singh Saini said that the state will observe Veer Bal Diwas on a grand scale on December 26, in alignment with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call to commemorate the sacrifice of the Sahibzadas of Guru Gobind Singh Ji. The state government has finalized an extensive plan to mark the occasion. Divulging further details, Dr. Prabhleen Singh, Officer on Special Duty (OSD) to the Chief Minister, said that the main event will be a state-level programme at Gurdwara Chhevin Patshahi in Kurukshetra on December 26, coinciding with Children's Day. The Chief Minister will attend the event and pay tribute to the Sahibzadas. Additionally, seminars focused on the Sahibzadas' sacrifice will be organized in all government universities across the state. Schools, both government and private will hold essay writing, speech, and painting competitions, aimed at educating the youth and future generations about the historical significance of their sacrifice, added Dr. Prabhleen Singh. In a unique and first-ofits-kind initiative, flex banners will be displayed at petrol stations along Haryana's National Highways, featuring an image of Chief Minister paying tribute to the Sahibzadas. Moreover, the Chief Minister's message, emphasizing the importance of the Sahibzadas' sacrifice, will be broadcast across government buildings, malls, and public spaces. This large-scale observance of Veer Bal Diwas is the first of its kind in the country. Haryana's initiative has been

Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini pays tribute to former Chief Minister Chaudhary Om Prakash Chautala State funeral held at Teja Khera Farm, Sirsa



CHANDIGARH: Former Haryana Chief Minister, Chaudhary Om Prakash Chautala was cremated with state honours on Saturday at Teja Khera Farm in Sirsa district. Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini also visited Teja Khera Farm to pay his last respects and tribute to the departed soul. During the last rites, several prominent leaders and dignitaries, including Haryana Vidhan Sabha Speaker, Sh. Harvinder Kalyan, Cabinet Ministers, Sh. Krishan Lal Panwar, Sh. Mahipal Dhanda, Dr. Arvind Sharma, Sh. Shyam Singh Rana, Sh. Ranbir Gangwa, BJP State President Sh. Mohan Lal Badoli, MP, Sh. Kartik Sharma, among others, paid their last respects to the departed soul. State funeral of Chaudhary Om Prakash Chautala held at Teja Khera Farm, district Sirsa. His mortal remains were wrapped in the tricolor. Before the last rites, the Haryana Police contingent presented a guard of honor. Family members, including Sh. Ranjit Singh Chautala, Sh. Abhay Chautala, Sh. Ajay Chautala, Sh. Dushyant Chautala, Sh. Digvijay Chautala, Sh. Karan Chautala and Sh. Arjun Chautala paid their last respects to the departed soul

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and other eminent leaders pay tribute to Om Prakash Chautala

CHANDIGARH: Vice President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, along with his wife Dr. Sudesh Dhankhar, visited Teja Kheda Farm in Chautala, Sirsa district, on Saturday to attend the last rites of former Haryana Chief Minister, Chaudhary Om Prakash Chautala. The couple paid their respects to the late leader's mortal remains.

During the ceremony, Vice President Shri Dhankhar fondly reflected on his personal relationship with Chaudhary Om Prakash Chautala. "I had spoken to Chaudhary Sahab only five days

ago. He expressed concern about my health, which deeply touched me," he said. He continued, "It was 29 years ago, with the blessings of Tau Devi Lal, that Chaudhary sahab took me under his wing, helped me get elected to the 9th Lok Sabha, and appointed me as a Minister. I will never forget his support. I always sought his blessings, especially when I became Governor.

Recalling a personal memory, Shri Dhankhar shared how Chaudhary Om Prakash Chautala, despite his prominent political career, always remained

dedicated to the welfare of farmers and rural development. "Chaudhary Sahab's legacy is not defined by his political titles, but by his unwavering commitment to farmers and villages. He believed that the country's progress and peace are inherently tied to rural development and agriculture," Shri Dhankhar said.

The Vice President further reflected on Chaudhary Om Prakash Chautala's kindness, remembering how, during a visit after his appointment as Governor, the late leader insisted on providing special laddus to soothe his

"His concern for others was extraordinary," Shri Dhankhar recalled. Praising the late leader's unwavering dedication to rural welfare, Dhankhar highlighted his fearless, strong character and steadfast commitment to his ideals. "Chaudhary Sahab was a man of strong convictions, always focused on rural development. The challenges he faced and the philosophical approach he adopted remain highly relevant even today," said Vice President Shri Dhankhar.

VHCA Hair Clinic launches Multi Peptide hair growth serum

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Minister Mr. Nayab Singh

nationwide celebration of

KARNAL: VHCA Director Anuradha Agarwal while launching VHCA Multi Peptide Hair Growth Serum at Corporate Office Gharaunda said that due to increasing stress, pollution, smoking and wrong

lifestyle, the problem of hair fall and thinning by day. Keeping this in mind. VHCA Hair Clinic has prepared this serum, which is made completely from organic herbs. Bhringraj, Punarnava Green Tea Leaf, Aloe Vera, Hibix, Polycuterin 7, Copper Peptides etc. have been

used in it. If VHCA Multi Peptide Hair Growth Serum is used regularly with some herbal medicines keeping in mind the diet and non-diet, then it nourishes the roots of the hair and gives them new life. This serum is available on all online platforms as well as all

Haryana Police, Narcotics Bureau seek 1-Year detention for 9 drug smugglers

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA PANCHKULA/AMBALA,

Under the guidance of Haryana Director General of Police Shri Shatrujeet Kapoor and under the leadership of Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau Chief Shri O. P. Singh. IPS. Director General of Police, taking action under the special campaign being run against drug smugglers in entire Haryana, a list of 9 habitual drug smugglers from different districts of Haryana State has been prepared and sent to the State Government so that they can be detained for the next 1 year to curb drug abuse. Today, a meeting was organized in Haryana Police Housing Corporation, Panchkula regarding this. Which was chaired by Shri O P Singh, Chief/Director General of Po-



lice, HSNCB himself. Deputy Superintendent of Police Mr. Gajendra Kumar, District Advocate Mr. Mahipal Singh and employees of Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau participated in this meeting. Apart from this, Mr. Hameed Akhtar, Deputy Inspector General of Police (Crime), Superintendent of Police Mrs. Pankhu ri Kumar and police officers from the concerned district including Faridabad, Dabwali, Nuh, Panipat and Kaithal joined Karnal through video

Let us tell you that from the beginning of the year 2024, the initiative to curb drug abuse and make the society drug-free was taken by the Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau. In these, at the beginning of the year 2024, 5 from District Yamunanagar, 6 from Police District Dabwali, 4 from District Fatehabad, 1 from District Karnal, 4 from District Sirsa, 1

from District Ambala, 1 from District Panipat were already put inside. Apart from this, in this episode, 9 cases will soon be sent to the state government today and action will be taken against all of them and they will be put behind the bars of the jail. Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau spokesperson Sub Inspector Dinesh Kumar said that earlier Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau has issued detention orders against 63 habitual drug smugglers under PIT NDPS and has put them behind the bars. Harvana Police is determined to make Haryana free of drugs and fear. Apart from this, while appealing to the general public, he said that if you see drugs being sold anywhere, then you can fearlessly inform Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau on toll free number

BIC Cello curated gifts for holiday gifting

CHANDIGARH: The year is ending, bringing in a spirit of celebration and gratitude. From corporate gatherings to cozy family get-togethers, there's al ways an occasion to show appreciation for those around us. BIC Cello's carefully curated gifts are perfect for holiday gift ing, end-of-year festivities, and thoughtful gestures for colleagues, friends, family and kids. Make your office gift ex-



change special with BIC Cello's Metal Pen range. These premium pens, like the Signature & Select collections, combine elegance and functionality, creating a thoughtful and practical gift for coworkers. With their sleek design and exceptional writing performance, BIC Cello Metal Pens are a meaningful choice for a gift, adding a touch of sophistication to everyday work routines. The premium range of pens designed to elevate any occasion, be it a standalone pen or in a stylish gift set, this range brings elegance and purpose to every writing experience. Signature pens start at INR 125, with gift sets ranging from INR 350 to INR 1200, offering options for any budget.

Governor of Uttarakhand honours anti-Corruption Foundation of India

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, DEC 21

branches of VHCA Hair Clinic

The Anti-Corruption Foundation of India was honored by the Governor of Uttarakhand, Lieutenant General Gurmeet Singh, at a spe cial awards ceremony held in Dehradun. The foundation was recognized with the Times Power Brand award for its outstanding work in raising awareness about corruption eradication and integrity.

During the ceremony, the Governor presented awards and certificates to the National Supreme of the Anti-Corruption Foundation India, Narendra Arora, International Chairman Pawan Sharma, and National President of the Political Wing Gaurav Gaba. Lieutenant General Gurmeet Singh commended the foundation's efforts, stating that raising awareness about the elimination of corruption is crucial to realizing the vision of a devel-

The event, organized by the Times of India Group, also honored notable personalities from various fields across different states of

the country. On receiving the special honor, the foun-



dation's officials and members expressed their joy. Narendra Arora dedicated the award to the entire team of the Anti-Corruption Foundation of India. He emphasized that the foundation has been working for seven years to spread awareness about corruption eradication. In addition to awareness campaigns, the foundation also conducts charity projects. Arora stated that the foundation is working nationwide to create awareness against corruption through initiatives such as speeches, slogans, drawing, and essay competitions under the Corruption-Free India campaign in educa-

Being Human Clothing Brings Flat 50% Off from 25th to 27th December

December, Being Human Clothing invites fans and fashion enthusiasts to join the grandest celebration of the vear - 'Bhai ka Budday: Weightlifting Toh Banta Hai.'! As Salman Khan. the beloved face of Being Human Clothing, celebrates his birthday, the brand is making it extra special with an exclusive Flat 50% Off offer on all collections from 25th to 27th December. Adding more fragrance to the festivities, Being Human Clothing is proud to introduce 4 brand-new perfume sprays this season. Inspired by Salman Khan's charismatic personal ity and timeless appeal, these fragrances are designed to cater to every fan's style. Perfect for gifting or adding a touch of freshness to your wardrobe, these perfumes will be available in stores and online during the campaign. Ayaan Agnihotri, Exec-

FLAT 50% OFF DECEMBER 25-27

utive Director, Being Human Clothing, said, "This campaign is more than just a sale - it's a way for us to connect with Salman Mamu's supporters and thank them for their unwavering support. Making it the perfect day to launch our brand new perfume body sprays, a range of fragrances that truly reflects "Bhai's" timeless charisma

Innovating for a Sustainable Future: Appliances Business of Godrej Partners with AICTE for Smart India Hackathon 2024



CHANDIGARH: The Appliances Business of Godrej Enterprises Group, partnered with the AICTE for the 7th edition of the Smart India Hackathon (SIH) 2024. The event was conducted at multiple institutions all over India, where 1,350 finalist teams presented their ideas to tackle 254 problem statements that covered diverse themes like sustainability and environment consciousness in industry practices, blockchain, smart auto-

mation and many more. During a virtual ceremony, the Chief Guest, Hon'ble Minister of Education Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, inau-



gurated the event, and the Hon'ble Minister of State for Education, Dr. Sukanta Majumdar, graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour. Dr. Abhav Jere, Vice Chairman of AICTE and Chief Innovation Officer of the Innovation Cell, Ministry of Education, and Mr. Sant Ranian, AVP and Head of Innovation (R&D) at the Appliances Business of Godrej Enterprises Group participated amongst other dignitaries. With the increasing strain on global resources, finding innovative ways to conserve them has be come crucial. Reports suggest

that India's demand for elec-



tricity for running household appliances is estimated to expand nine-fold by 2050. Thus, for SIH 2024, Godrej picked the theme - "Innovating for Sustainability: Driving Resource Conservation in Large Appliances" as a challenge for the students. Speaking about the success of the event, Dr. Abhay Jere, Vice Chairman, AICTE, said, "SIH 2024 has been a testament to the power of innovation and collaboration in solving real world challenges. Our partnership with Godrej exemplifies how collaboration between private enterprises and government institutions.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

Shakuntala Devi

Editorial

Indian democracy faces its darkest day in history

Tt was one of the darkest days in the history of In-dia's Parliament as the elected representatives of the people pushed and shoved, jostled and scuffled on the premises of the temple of democracy. Two camps of MPs, diametrically opposed in their politics, were holding their respective protests in the premises of Par-liament on December 19 when a faceoff triggered ugly scenes on the threshold of Parliament where the cramping of MPs led to injuries being sustained, some of the grievous kind.

Of course, the camps blamed each other though, truth to tell, they have together been guilty of progressively sullying the atmosphere of Indian democracy with their acrimony descending in most recent times to a rabid hate for each other. They have also destroyed the ambience of the Houses of Parliament by behaving like ruffians in a crush of MPs.

It would be pointless to seek a cause-and-effect sequencing in such a bizarre happening. The fact remains that far more serious injuries were sustained by two or three members of the ruling party who could only have been victims of the physical strength of their opponents. Ruling party members, including the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, may have been pushed to the ground or manhandled as they claimed.

Such scenes represent an unprecedented event in Parliament though physical violence and the weaponisation of handy objects like microphones and chairs and tables have been known to take place in state Assemblies. Why, even pepper sprays have been carried to cause harm to opponents in India's political dramas of the worst kind as legislators frequently display immaturity in the face of having to coexist when enclosed with their political rivals. The irony is not complete in the fact that MPs were the ones who traded accusations after having been guilty of dragging Indian politics to a low in which those opposed to their chosen points of view are seen as enemies and not fellow lawmakers. The image of the Indian politician is already low enough as they are seen as influence peddlers who are prone to aggrandising power and pelf at the cost of the very people who chose them as MPs. Consider how ironic these events are as they come at a time when the best parliamentary values are supposed to have been imbibed in the 75 years since the writing of the Constitution. Its celebratory diamond jubilee will now be remembered for all the wrong reasons even as one of the most rancorous sessions came to an inglorious close after days of sound and fury and hotly contested divergent points of view, dragging in historical figures, ranging from the first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru to the main architect of the Constitution Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar.

Air gets too toxic to breathe: Whose problem is it really?

elhi's Central Pollution Board, the Committee for Air Quality Manage-ment (CAQM) for the National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas and the Central government's Air Quality Early Warning System in Delhi have got into action as the national capital's Air Quality Index (AQI) moved into the "severe" category when it crossed the 400 mark -- it was 433 on Tuesday -- and invoked Stage 4 of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), shuffling from GRAP-3 to GRAP-4, which placed greater restrictions on construction and traffic movement of vehicles, especially those running on old petrol and diesel cars. Schools have been closed except for students in Class 10 and Class 12, and the hybrid mode -- attending classes from home through the Internet -- has been adopted.

Doctors from Delhi's various hospitals have issued advisories to people about taking morning walks -- they have been prohibited -- and what kind of medicines those with hypertension should be taking. The other medical experts have warned about the long-term effects, how even healthy people could become sick, and the rising cases of cancer because of pollution. It just is not about old people, people with co-morbidities, the very young, it is about healthy people of all age groups who are impacted by the air pollution

The days of severe AQI going into dangerous territory is supposed to be lasting from a few days to a fortnight, and the emergency conditions are supposed to recede. That it recurs every winter is recalled only at the time of the next winter.

The Delhi-NCR area's 33 million-plus people are supposed to be going through the thickening fog of pollution like zombies even as various government organisations



take the necessary emergency measures till the summer arrives, and winter is left far behind. But it may be time to take special measures to find out how people are being affected and what can be done. The argument that people are helpless and that they are struggling to earn their livelihoods and can barely survive in this stressful atmosphere is true enough and cannot be dismissed. But there are sections of people, the more informed ones, the relatively better-off ones, to sit up and think of the issue, and what lies behind air pollution, cold waves, heat waves, and floods --climate change -and make it the matter of public concern it

is, and how collective action through wider public consultations and people's involvement is, to use the cliché, the need of the hour. Can there be people's initiatives, starting from mohallas or neighbourhoods, where simple things like improving the tree cover could be done, parks are tended and protected, and vehicular traffic through the neighbourhood is regulated? These may seem inadequate and token measures but if groups of people in every neighbourhood were to undertake some of these things, the cumulative impact would be much larger.

Organisations like the United Nations agencies and national governments spent

huge amounts of money to spread AIDS awareness through the 1990s and the first decade of this century, and rightly so. Is there not a need for a climate change awareness campaign at various levels? Do we not need a Greta Thunberg, the precocious Swedish schoolgirl with support from her parents, who became a vociferous spokesperson on the dangers of climate change. Climate-change denier and now US President-elect Donald Trump had dismissed her presence with his characteristic rude remarks. But what the world perhaps needs is a Greta Thunberg in every country and in every city.

Literature & Health

Magician of Numbers: Great Mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan National Mathematics Day

uring British rule in India, when Indian society grappled with its superstitious beliefs and modern notion of logic, a mathematical prodigy was born into an orthodox Tamil brahmin family. As it is said that a child's traits are evident early on, Ramanujan's childhood also reflected his genius. During his schooling at an early age of ics teacher explained that if a number is divided by itself, the answer is one, Ramanujan curiously questioned him whether

zero itself. This confused the teacher and just to avoid Ramanujan's question, he replied that zero has no value and thus cannot be divided by itself. The answer did not satisfy Ramanujan and he argued that zero definitely has a value and if zero is added to one, it becomes ten and if another zero is added, it becomes hundred and therefore it is completely wrong to

say that zero has no value. Many such

the same is the case if zero is divided by

anecdotes from Ramanujan's school are quite famous. During his schooling, this talented child used to help undergraduate college students in mathematics. Ramanujan was an erudite mathematician with an impeccable knowledge

of mathematical concepts. SrinivasaIyengarRamanujan was born on 22 December 1887 in the city of Erode, Tamil worked as a clerk in a cloth shop and his mother was a housewife. Ramanujan received his primary education from the

local school and his inclination towards mathematics was evident from a very young age. During his school studies, he was a brilliant student but when he reached college, his love for mathematics proved to be detrimental. In an attempt to master mathematics, he could not pass in the other subjects and had to leave the college.

Er. Jasbir Singh **Govt Polytechnic College**

Virus causing gut infections could play role in development of Alzheimer's: Study

virus that can cause infection in the gut and from there travel to the brain, could be important in the development of Alzheimer's disease, according to a study.

Existing antiviral drugs may then be looked at for treating or preventing this form of including those at the Arizona State University, US, said. Most humans are thought to have been exposed to cytomegalovirus (HCMV), one of the nine viruses known to cause herpes (painful blisters on the skin), during the first few decades of their lives. The virus is usually transmitted through bodily fluids and spreads only when it is active. Published in Alzheimer's and Dementia: The Journal of the Alzheimer's Association, the study found that in some people, the herpes-causing virus may re-



main active in the gut, from where it can travel to the brain via the vagus nerve, which connects the gut and the brain. Once in the brain, the virus can alter the immune system and contribute to changes in cells associated with Alzheimer's disease, the researchers explained.

The researchers noted that the herpes-causing virus is recognized by immune cells in the brain, called microglia, which activate a specific gene called 'CD83.

The virus could then contribute to biological changes in the brain, which are known to be involved in the development of Alzheimer's disease — a neurodegenerative disorder that progressively deteriorates brain function, such as memory and cognitive abilities, as one ages.

POEMS

Flower

luck this little flower and take it, delay not! I fear lest it droop and drop into the dust. I may not find a place in thy garland, but honour it with a touch of pain from thy hand and pluck it. I fear lest the day end before I am

aware, and the time of offering go

Though its colour be not deep and its smell be faint, use this flower in thy service and pluck it while there is time.

Rabindranath Tagore

Christmas seems to come earlier every year amid the spirit of giving

"Shah Jahan was obsessed with his

Is the Taj a monument to her life Or just to her death?

-- A bitter life's breath

And an icon to the poor worker's

Yes, they come to admire the Taj For every tourist it is, by and large, The best monument

The tour guides present To the history-seeking entourage." From Monkey Bath, by Bachchoo

n Britain in recent years, Christmas comes earlier and earlier. This isn't the consequence of the discovery of a new gospel proving that Jesus was not born on the 25th of December but rather on the 13th of November or thereabouts. No, it's the retail trade cashing in on the sacred Christian observance of the birth of the saviour to

sell, sell, sell! Though one is entitled to sneer at whole populations being induced to



buy Christmas trees at uncompetitive prices, to avail of false "bargains" and to hoard soon-redundant presents, one must appreciate the fact that the consumerist celebration kills off the Scrooge in millions of people and turns them into generous gifting fairies. Then also there is the "plus" of

people generously moved to donate to charities at Christmas -- and that not only on or around December 25, but for weeks and months before.

Of course, retailers, small and large, have not only expanded Christmas like the folded flexible bellows of an accordion, through the first weeks of December, but have stretched it into November and, in one article I read, written by an Anglican priest, a wedding party celebrated their October nuptials by singing Christmas carols.

Retailers have also invented "Days". Valentine's Day has its origin in Roman and Christian myth or history, But Mother's Day? Or Father's Day? Sister's, Brother's... Uncle's? There is no doubt that dog, cat and budgerigar-food manufacturers and retailers will soon invent Dog's Day (Isn't there one already?

--Ed? Er... yes sir, it marks the rise of Sirius the "Dog Star", known to us Parsis as "Tir! -- your humble savant, fd) "Cat Day" and "Twitter Day?" (Isn't it called X now? --Ed)

But why blame the opportunist retailers? We colonials in India, millions of non-Christians, celebrate Christmas

with gifts and stockings, chicken if not turkey, and we even sing the carols. I attribute that to our multi-religious nation celebrating each other's festivals --Christmas, Diwali, Id, Holi, Dussehra... come one, come all. Any excuse!

The only New Year, belonging to my minority Parsi community, popularly if mistakenly known as "Papayti", hasn't spread to the others. In my childhood the only Maratha Hindu individual who pretended to adopt the festival was a neighbourhood beggar who would accost Parsis in their finery going to the fire temple with "aamchi popety, aamchi popety"! A plea for a celebratory handout.

So, in celebration of Christmas, gentle reader, here's a short Christmas

story:
PIGEONS' PICNIC I I was two years old; my sister was three In the last year of the colonial Raj I remember our Quetta house as large And rambling -- though it probably Was just an

army cantonment bungalow. They say that early memories distort The size of things. I suppose David thought Goliath was a mighty mountain though He dropped him with a pebble from a sling. That's another story, this one's about A Christmas memory. I have no doubt It has been subject to the distorting Influences that a repeated tale Is subject to -- distortion will prevail.

My mum said for that Christmas she would bake Zareen and me each a gingerbread man.

We promised, and in the kitchen, began To knead the mixture and proceed to make Two identical ginger-biscuit men With black currant eyes and an icing grin They looked enticing on the baking tin. We were told we had to be patient when They went into the oven. In a while Mum pulled the baking tin out from the rack And noticed that one of them had a crack Oh horrors! Now she'd have to reconcile One of us to accept imperfection By persuading one of us the confection.

NEWS BRIEF

CM releases calendar

Agriculture and Rural

Development Bank

DINESH AGARWAL

SHIMLA: Chief Minister Thakur

Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu unveiled

Co-operative Primary Agriculture

and Rural Development Bank in

Dharamshala today. Chairman of

the Bank, Ram Chander Pathania

and other dignitaries were also

present on the occasion

Land Transfer Bill

Vivek Katoch

RAJNEESH SHARMA

HAMIRPUR: The Himachal

Pradesh Assembly, under the

leadership of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, passed

an amendment to the Land Transfer Bill to honor the sentiments of millions of Radhasoami followers,

said Congress leader Vivek Katoch. He congratulated the Chief Minister

and the Congress legislative team

Satsang Beas Charitable Hospital

and support its ongoing charitable

standards have been exposed. He

pointed out that BJP leaders, who

earlier incited protests against the

government on this issue, failed to

support the bill when it was tabled

in the Assembly. Specifically, he

accused BJP MLAs Inder Dutt

Lakhanpal (Barsar) and Ashish

Sharma (Hamirpur) of opposing the

proceedings, thereby revealing their

contradictory stance. Vivek Katoch

commended the Chief Minister for

people of Himachal Pradesh to the

Congress government for facilitating this charitable initiative.

prioritizing public welfare and expressed gratitude on behalf of the

bill by remaining silent during the

work. Criticizing the BJP, Katoch

alleged that the party's double

in Bhota. The move will ensure smoother operations of the hospital

for this landmark decision, which facilitates the

transfer of 30 acres of land to the Radha Soami

passed in honour of

Radhasoami followers:

of Kangra Co-

operative Primary

Balh Khalsa Panchayat Election annulled after four years

BANGANA: The election for the position of Pradhan in Balh Khalsa Panchayat, Bangana subdivision of Himachal Pradesh, has been annulled after four years. SDM Bangana Sonu Goyal announced the decision following a detailed investigation. In the 2020 panchayat elections, two female candidates contested for the Pradhan position. However, irregularities were found in the nomination papers of one

candidate, leading the election officer to disqualify her. As a result, the other candidate, Leela Devi, was declared Pradhan unopposed. The disqualified candidate, Harminder Kaur, filed a complaint with the SDM and election commission officials, demanding an investigation into the election process. After a prolonged inquiry, SDM Sonu Goyal declared Leela Devi's election unconstitutional and

ruled in favor of Harminder Kaur. **CM launches environmental calendar** and 50 Year's Golden Jubilee logo

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, DEC 21

Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu released the commemorative environmental calendar at Dharamshala in Kangra today, marking 50 activities to be undertaken during the Golden Jubilee Year of the Himachal Pradesh State Pollution Control Board (HPPCB). He also launched the official 50 Year's Golden Jubilee Logo. The Chief Minister congratulated the HP State Pollution Control Board on its 50th anniversary and appreciated their efforts to preserve the

environment. The environmental calendar outlines 50 key activities to celebrate 50 environmentally significant days between December, 2024 and 21st December 2025. These activities were aimed at raising awareness and promoting environmental

conservation among the people across the State. The newly launched

Golden Jubilee Logo would be prominently displayed on all official correspondence of the HPPCB. Regional offices and laboratories of the Board would also commemorate the day by organizing cleanliness drives on 21st December, 2024. A special commemorative event would be organized in the last fortnight of January, 2025 or the first fortnight of February, 2025 to mark the Golden Jubilee Year. During the event, retired employees

of the Board would be felicitated in the presence of dignitaries. Education

Rohit Thakur, Deputy Speaker Vinay Kumar, Deputy Chief Whip Kewal Singh Pathania, MLAs Sanjay Rattan, Sanjay Awasthy, Suresh Kumar, Sudarshan Babloo, Vivek Sharma, Malender Rajan, Hardeep Singh Bawa, Neeraj Nayyar, Additional Chief Secretary Onkar Chand Sharma, Member Secretary of HPPCB Anil Joshi and other senior officers were

also present on the occasion.

Bhubu Jot tunnel receives strategic importance clearance: CM Sukhu

SHIMLA, DEC 21

The path for the construction of the much-awaited Bhubu Jot Tunnel in Himachal Pradesh has been cleared, following concerted efforts by Chief Minister Thakur Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu. The Ministry of Defence has officially recommended to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) that the Bhubu Jot Tunnel, along with the Ghatasani-Shilha-Bhubu Jot-Kullu National Highway, be designated as a project of strategic importance.

In its communication the Ministry of Defence highlighted the critical role this highway and tunnel would play as an alternative route to Leh-Ladakh, significantly enhancing the operational readiness of the armed forces in forward areas. Apart from



its strategic significance, the tunnel was expected to bring substantial socio-economic benefits to the region and budgetary provisions for the project will now be made accordingly

Sh. Sukhu reaffirmed the state government's unwavering commitment to the Bhubu Jot Tunnel project. "I personally met the Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on 25th October, 2024 to request prioritization of this project while considering its strategic

importance. The issue was also raised with Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari. The construction of this tunnel would be a milestone for the development of the State." he said. The proposed Bhubu Jot Tunnel would reduce the distance between Kangra and Kullu by over 50 kilometers and will deliver immense benefits to the local population and boosting tourism in the region thereby strengthening the

economy of the people. The

prioritizing tunnel construction to enhance road connectivity, promote sustainable development and minimize environmental impact. "The construction of the Bhubu Jot Tunnel would be a transformative step for the development of Himachal Pradesh. This project would not only strengthen strategic infrastructure but also catalyze socio-economic growth in the region," the Chief Minister

Cold wave grips Himachal – Western disturbance to bring rain and snowfall to various parts of state

AGENCY SHIMLA, DEC 21

Himachal Pradesh anticipating a shift in weather as a western disturbance is set to bring rain and snowfall to various parts of the state. The Meteorological Center in Shimla reports that this disturbance will affect the region on December 22 and 27, with precipitation expected on December 23-24 and December 27. Clear weather is forecasted for December 25 and 26.

Meanwhile, the cold wave gripping the state will continue to impact the lower hilly and plain areas for the next four days. Dense fog is also predicted in the Bhakra reservoir area in Bilaspur and parts of Balh Valley in Mandi during the



mornings and evenings on December 24 and 25, causing low visibility challenges for residents. An orange-yellow alert has been issued for cold wave conditions in Bilaspur, December

Hamirpur, Chamba, Kangra, Kullu, and Mandi districts Temperatures have dropped significantly, with sub-zero minimums recorded in ten locations across the state. Shimla reported a minimum

temperature of 5.0°C, Una

0.0°C, Manali -1.0°C, and Reckong Peo -0.8°C, among

The Meteorological Department predicts no significant change temperatures over the next two days, followed by a potential drop of 2-3°C in some areas. Residents are advised to prepare for the fluctuating weather and take necessarv precautions, particularly in fog-prone and freezing regions.

Workshop on Litigation Mgmt System Software concludes



BALKRISHAN PRASHAR

CHAMBA: A six-day training workshop organised in the auditorium of the Deputy Commissioner's office regarding information related to Litigation Management System Software concluded today. Giving information about the workshop, E-District Manager (EDM) Manjeet Patial said that during the six-day training workshop, detailed information regarding the use of Litigation Management System Software was provided to the officers and employees of various departments. He said that information regarding obtaining information from the Litigation Management System software of departmental cases registered in various courts and the necessary work to be done at the office level was shared with various departmental officers and employees during the six-

Mathematics Day celebration at Tauni Devi: A platform for students' talent



RAJNEESH SHARMA

HAMIRPUR: Every year, December 22 is celebrated a National Mathematics Day in honor of the birthday of the great mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan. This day is dedicated not only to paying tribute to his invaluable contributions to mathematics but also to promoting the importance of mathematics among the general public. Ramanujan, who worked wonders in mathematics without formal training, is still a subject of research and study. The mathematical formulas and theorems he discovered opened new avenues for understanding the mysteries of numbers. His brilliance earned him the title of 'Magician of Mathematics,' and his life is a testament to how talent and hard work can overcome any obstacle. In this context, the students of the Ramanujan Club at Rajkiya Uchchit Senior Secondary School, Tauni Devi, organized a grand Mathematics Day celebration.

Electricity consumers educated about their rights and schemes



RAJNEESH SHARMA

HAMIRPUR: Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Limited organized an awareness program under the "Consumer Awareness Campaign" and "Prashasan Gaon Ki Aur" initiative at the Kakker electricity sub-division on Friday. The event was presided over by Superintending Engineer Ashish Kapoor and attended by Senior Executive Engineer Narendra Pal Abrol, Assistant Engineer Ankaj Gupta, and other officials. During the program, the officials informed local consumers about their rights and provided detailed information about various government schemes. Consumer grievances were also addressed on the spot. Superintending Engineer Ashish Kapoor highlighted the benefits of the "Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Yojana," encouraging people to install solar power systems on their rooftops and take advantage of the initiative. Many consumers raised their concerns during the event, and the board officials assured swift action for their resolution. Several issues were resolved immediately. The officials also clarified doubts related to different schemes. The event saw participation from the local panchayat head, deputy head, other public representatives, and a large number of consumers.

Naihariyan ITI celebrated **first World Meditation Day**

AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB, DEC 21

The first World Meditation Day was celebrated on Saturday at the Government Industrial Training Institute, Naihariyan. The purpose of celebrating this day is to raise awareness about the benefits of meditation around the world. The Principal of the institute, Engineer Prayesh Sharma, said that today it is very important for all of us to be completely healthy physically, mentally and socially. He said that the United Nations Assembly has decided to celebrate this first day as "inner peace global harmony". On this occasion, meditation instructor Satvir Singh of Amb subdivision of Art of Living organization important many meditations and messages to the trainees present to stay healthy. He explained in detail



about the importance of Nadi Shodhan, Pranayam and Panchkosh meditation as well as the importance of chanting Om. He said that today mental health related problems are the biggest challenge facing the world. According to an estimate, one suicide occurs every 45 seconds in the world due to mental problems. The most effective way to deal with this problem is meditation. The whole world is now recognizing the

importance of this heritage based on ancient Vedic knowledge. The United knowledge. Nations has declared 21 December as 'World Meditation Day'. An important contribution in this is of Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, who has been trying to make meditation popular at the global level for many years. He spread meditation in more than 180 countries and connected more than 80 crore people during

BJP protests against Congress over Dr. Ambedkar's legacy

SHIMLA, DEC 21

The BJP Shimla district organized a protest rally focusing on the issue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's legacy, where party leaders launched a strong attack on the Congress party. The protest was led by District President Prem Thakur, with senior BJP leaders including Suresh Bhardwaj, Sanjay Sood, Karn Nanda, Ganesh Dutt, Sanjay Thakur, and Kamaljeet Sood in attendance. The main speakers at the event were Suhail Kadsholi, the State Vice President of the Youth Morcha, and Rakesh Dogra, the State President of the Scheduled Caste Morcha.

Suhail Kadsholi, addressing the workers, said that the Congress had repeatedly insulted Baba Saheb Dr. Ambedkar and was now using his name for vote

closure of more than one

thousand primary schools is

false. He accused the Chief

Minister of lying in the



bank politics. He stated that the deep animosity that Jawaharlal Nehru towards Dr. Ambedkar was well-known. Nehru had defeated Dr. Ambedkar in elections twice and blocked his entry into Parliament. At that time, Nehru proudly wrote letters to foreigners, expressing joy over Dr. Ambedkar no longer being a part of the Cabinet. Kadsholi also pointed out that the Congress had done nothing to build a memorial at 26 Alipur Road, a place of great

significance Ambedkar, while the BJP-led NDA government had transformed it into an iconic memorial. He also noted that the Congress had made hollow promises to build a memorial at Chaityabhoomi in Mumbai, but no concrete steps were taken. It was only in 2015, under the BJP government, that the land for the memorial was acquired, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the site twice in recent years to pay his respects

Seven-day NSS camp inaugurated at Govt **Excellence College Daulatpur Chowk**



AVINASH CHAUHAN

AMB: Seven day NSS camp was inaugurated on Saturday at Government Utkrisht Mahavidyalaya, Daulatpur Chowk. On this occasion, retired Principal Raman Bhardwaj of the college participated as the chief guest. The volunteers started the program by presenting Saraswati Vandana. On this occasion, the Vice Principal of the college Dr. Leena Sharma, Program Officer Professor Ramdutt and Women's Program Officer Dr. Priyanka honored the chief guest by presenting a memento. In his address, the chief guest urged the volunteers to maintain discipline, stay away from drugs and work with dedication for the country. He wished for the successful organization of this seven day camp. During this camp, the college's vice principal Dr. Leena Sharma advised the volunteers to develop discipline and social dedication in their lives.

Annual sports competition organized in school



AVINASH CHAUHAN

AMB: Annual sports competition was organized in Shivalik Hill Public Senior Secondary School Amb. Chief guest in this competition was President of Nagar Panchayat Amb Indu Dhiman. She gave the message to the students to stay away from drugs and motivated them to participate enthusiastically in the sports competition. In this competition, competitions like Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Volleyball, Boxing, Judo, Badminton, 100 meter race, 200 m Punjabi meter race etc. were organized. The chief guest distributed prizes to the winning players. School Principal Sushma Dadwal and Manager Anil Parmar thanked everyone.

Opposition sloganeering, walkout against closure of institutions

SANAJY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, DEC 21

this period.

On the last day of the winter session of the Vidhan Sabha, the opposition walked out of the House shouting slogans against the closure of institutions opened during the previous BJP the previous BJP government. Unsatisfied with the answer given by the Chief Minister on the question of closure of 1865 institutions in the state, the opposition walked out of the House shouting slogans. During the discussion, the Chief Minister said that the closed institutions will be reopened as per the requirement. However, the opposition questioned this



and asked what is the criteria of "need base". Leader of "Children have Opposition Jairam Thakur alleged that the BJP closing these schools. government has closed all taken in the spirit of revenge. He also said that former Chief Minister the institutions opened under political motives. He said that the figure given of

House. Jairam Thakur said, deprived of education by This decision has been

Virbhadra Singh never did this. He said Virbhadra Singh had once said in the House that not a single child

of the state will remain uneducated. Even if he has to open institutions for this. he will do so, but the current Chief Minister is working only under political motives and the work of closing educational institutions is being done by the state government.

He said that it is not that there are no children there. the children have sat at home You have deprived the children of the right to education. You have been the Chief Minister before as well. You think logically. Children have been deprived of school education. Jairam said - We are not against your in-laws. It is the case of Chamba, Pangi, everywhere.

Only where people follow Dharma can they live happily: Amit Shah

Sutra how only the nations which follow dharma (as duty) can live in peace and happiness. Clarifying that the Chanakya Sutra talks about dharma as a duty, he said, "Chanakya sutra says - only those states and nations can live in happiness and peace where people follow Dharma - which here means duty and not religion... He further says that of which nation, people can follow duty - the nations which are prosperous." Shah was addressing the North East Bankers Conclave 2.0 in Agartala, Tripura. State's Chief Minister Manik Saha also attended the event. "Till we do not fulfil the economic needs of the 140 crores of people, till then we cannot become a developed nation. A developed nation's imagination is that itself, that every person is successful in raising their families, each person to have basic needs met, contributes to the nation's development, Shah said in the Conclave. In a post on X, Shah also highlighted how a "robust ecosystem" for commerce and industries is being built in the north east, while highlighting a broadcast of his speech.

NEWS BRIEF

Rayat Bahra University Organized **Career Counseling Session for school**

L K BANSAL MOHALI: Rayat Bahra University organized a

young minds towards informed career decisions. The session was hosted by the RBU 10+2 School Wing Principal, Mrs. Meena Verma. It brought together students, parents and education professionals to explore caree opportunities in today's rapidly changing job

Recognizing the challenges faced by students and parents after Class X in selecting the right stream for Class XI, the university took the was to equip students with the tools and informed career choices.

counseling and education management, was trends, in-demand skills, and the importance o aligning career goals with individual strengths and interests. Around 300 students from nearby high schools participated in the session and gained valuable insights into their future plans The session concluded with an interactive Q&A segment, leaving students motivated and better prepared to navigate their career paths.
Participants appreciated the university's commitment to supporting students through such initiatives, making the event a resounding success, RBU Chancellor Gurvinder Singh appreciated the initiative in organizing the

Deputy Commissioner Conducted Inspection of Polling Booths

JALANDHAR(J S SODHI): Deputy Commissioner Dr. Himanshu Aggarwal inspected various polling booths to review th voting and counting process. During his visit, gratitude for peacefully casting their vote.

Additionally, he encouraged and motivated the

election staff. Dr. Himanshu Aggarwal stated that elections were held for a total of 137 wards, including 85 wards of Municipal Corporation Jalandhar, 13 of Municipal Council Bhogpur, 13 of Municipal Council Goraya, 1 of Municipal Council Phillaur, 11 of Nagar Panchayat Bilga, 13 of Nagar Panchayat Shahkot, and 1 ward of Nagar Panchayat Mehatpur. He mentioned that in 2 wards (Ward No. 1 and 3) of Nagar

Wyndham Research Reveals Shift in Indian Wedding Trends

MUMBAI: Both world renowned and rising destinations like Goa and Udaipur take centre stage as the grand Indian wedding makes a comeback India, December 20th, 2024: A new report commissioned by Wyndham Hotels & Resorts has uncovered a notable shift in the preferences of Indian couples when it comes to wedding planning. The research, surveying 1,000 recently engaged or married individuals across India, reveals that while Goa Udaipur and Jaipur continue to be the top priority of couples, unique and scenic Mussoorie and Dehradun are gaining popularit exclusivity. This trend reflects a broader desire tradition, with couples seeking more meaningful The findings also highlight a resurgence of creating lasting memories with family and Z, are increasingly balancing luxury with budget-conscious choices, embracing a more collaborative, hands-on approach to wedding planning. This evolving landscape shows a celebrations that incorporate modern trends like time-honoured traditions. With approximately 60 hotels across India, situated in some of the most romantic destinations.

Om Prakash Chautala will be remembered as a pillar of politics: Shripal Jain

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER BARARA: The demise of former Haryana Chief Minister Om Prakash Chautala has created a significant void in the political landscape, and he will always be remembered as a towering figure in Indian Expressing his condolences, Shripal Jain

said that Chautala's life was dedicated to the development of Haryana and its political progress. He consistently upheld the respect and dignity of his party workers and loyal leaders. Jain shared his personal memories of working with Chautala highlighting his commitment to public welfare initiatives and the protection of the interests of his supporters. He praised the Haryana's development and governance, integral part of the state's history. Offering that Om Prakash Chautala's role in shaping Haryana will be cherished for generations to

AGENCY DEHRADUN: Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Saturday participated in the Gangadhara-Vicharon Ka Aviral Pravah program organized at Doon University, Dehradun and said that such events nourish our culture and traditions as well as bring

positive change in the society.

Wishing the organizers the best for the program, CM Dhami said, "Such events nourish our culture and traditions as well as bring positive change in the society. Just as the flow of Ganga is uninterrupted, the flow of our thoughts also remains dynamic. The flow of thoughts inspires us to move forward in life."

He said that the exchange of ideas has always been a part of our tradition. In our ancient Gurukuls also, dialogue and discussion have



"Our thoughts inspires us to move forward

along with the carrying

capacity of the Himalayan

regions will also be discussed.

All the subjects are important

for the welfare of our state as

well as the entire Himalayan

that under the leadership of

Prime Minister Narendra

Modi. India is working

The Chief Minister said

region"

been considered the basis of education.

The Chief Minister said that in this program we will get the guidance of revered Swami Avdheshanand Giri Ji Maharaj on Indian culture.

"During this two-day lecture series, topics like migration, education, culture, and environment promotion of rich cultural The dream of self-reliant

India is being realized through Local for Vocal, Make in India, Made in India and Startup India," he said.

The Chief Minister said that the state government is working with full commitment to promote cultural traditions in the state and for overall development. "The state government is

going to establish the Centre for Hindu Studies in Doon University. Where in-depth study and research work will be done on Hindu civilization, philosophy, history and principles. The all-round development of the state is being taken forward with the coordination of economy and ecology. Uttarakhand is the only state where an attempt has been made to measure

GEP along with GDP," he added.

CM Dhami said that Uttarakhand ranked first in the country in the list of Sustainable Development Goals released by NITI Aayog.

"The state government is strengthening the local economy through many schemes like State Millet Mission, Apple Mission, New Tourism Policy, New Film Policy,"hesaid.

He also reiterated that the state government's Uniform Civil Code will be implemented from January

"The Uttarakhand government was the first in the country to work on the Uniform Civil Code. This will be implemented by January 2025. Many provisions of the Uniform Civil Code are being simplified. An application is also being prepared to understand it." he said.

Punjab police arrests two members of Gangster module, 2 glock pistols recovered

PATHANKOT: In a major breakthrough amidst the ongoing drive to make Puniab a safe and secure state, Punjab Police's Counter Intelligence (CI) Pathankot has busted a gangster module with the arrest of its two members

Sunil alias Ashu has a criminal history with case under NDPS act registered against him. He was released on bail from Gurdaspur Jail on February 27, 2024.

DGP Gaurav Yadav said that preliminary



leading to the recovery of two sophisticated 9MM Glock pistols along with four magazines and 14 cartridges from their possession, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav

here on Saturday. Those arrested have been identified as Sunil Kumar alias Ashu, a resident of Rauwal in Batala and Dilpreet Singh alias Dil, a resident of

weapons from Ajnala area of Amritsar following directions of their handlers and were instructed to deliver it further to an unknown investigations are

the source of the weapons and identification of more suspects involved in the network, he added.

Sharing operation details, AIG CI Pathankot Sukhminder Singh Mann said that a secret information was received that accused Sunil Kumar and Dilpreet Singh are in touch with some unknown gangsters and recently they have received a consignment

Hon'ble government urged to provide facilities like cities to villages: MLA Rai

FATEHGARH SAHIB, (BIKRAMJEET SAHOTA): The Punjab government is working to provide all kinds of facilities to the people of Punjab in the best way. Under this series, road repair work is also being done so that there is no problem in coming and going. This was revealed by MLA Advocate Lakhbir



PUBLIC NOTICE

Court of The Assistant Collector

First Class (Naib Tehsildar), Ghanau

This is to inform all general and

special persons that in the court of

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of Shamsher Singh resident of

House No. 4. Near Dispensary

Ward No. 8, Village Bhabat, Distric

SAS Nagar (Mohali) Sub Tehsil

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he may appear before the court of the

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counsel or by post. Any objection received after 07/01/2025 will no

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Singh Rai of Fatehgarh Sahib while starting the repair work of the road from village Reuna Niwan to Mulepur, Jakhwali. He said that all possible efforts are being made by the government to

provide facilities like cities to the villages. Where good playgrounds are being built in the villages, parks are also being built. With playgrounds, the youth can be encouraged to play sports by protecting them from evils like drugs, and with the construction of parks, it will be easier for the elderly to walk. He said that the previous governments did nothing but smalljug Punjab. Sarpanch Paramjit Singh Rivana, Nirmal Singh Rivana, Hermes Kumar, Amrik Singh, Kesar Singh, Jagrup Singh, Gurdeep Singh, Kaldeep Bawa, Avtar Singh, Baljinder Singh, Gurmeet Singh etc. were present on this

Small Wonders School celebrates Annual Musical 'Musical Munchkins' with Plastic Free Zero Waste



MOHALI: Small Wonders School, Phase 7 celebrated their annual music day musical munchkins with a theme, 'Symphony of Seasons' which depicts the bridge that unites different seasons, each with its own rhythm, colors and beauty. The tiny tots performed with zeal and confidence presenting a variety of songs in English, Hindi and Punjabi, ranging from

prayers, rhymes and concluding with famous Christmas carols and ushering in the New Year. Principal Herdip K Nama, believing in taking steady and strong steps towards making a positive impact in this world by promoting a healthy lifestyle and nature, organized this event, plastic free and zero waste and emphasized on Curbing paper usage, plastic bottles and

NORTHERN RAILWAY

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

Chief Electrical Engineer/Project, Ambala Cantt for & on behalf of the President of India invites OPEN E-TENDER on website www.ireps.gov.in for the following works. Tenderer may submit their original/revised offer up to prescribed closing time 8 date. No tender will be accepted manually

Tender No.: NR-Proj-UMB-25003. Name of work: "Design, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of feeder work for Upgradation of existing 1x25 kV Electric Traction System into 2x25 kV Electric Traction System in between Jalandhar Cantt Jammu Tawi Section of Firozpur Division of Northern Railway (213 RKM/426 TKM)*.

App. Cost	Bid Security	Completion Period	Cost of Tender	Date of	Date of	Pre-bid
(Rs.)	(Rs.)	(Months)	document (Rs.)	Closing	Opening	conference
109.18 Cr.	56,09,200/-	24	Nil	31.01.2025 at 15:00 Hrs	31.01.2025 at 15:30 Hrs	Yes
Bidding	Bidding	Auto Elimination	Initial Cooling off	Minimum	Subsequent Cooling of	
System	Type	Rule Applicable	period (HH:MM)	Decrement (%)	Period (HH:MM)	
Two Packet System	Two Stage Reverse Auction	Yes	04:00	0.2	00:20	

Similar nature of work: "Design, supply, erection, testing and commissioning of 50 Hz, single phase 25 KV AC OHE or 2X25

Tender documents are available on Railway website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in and the same can be downloaded from there Earnest Money deposit (EMD) and Tender document cost (TDC) in respect of e-tendering will only be accepted through net banking and payment gateway only. Details of bank account number and technical details have been provided for in the software (IREPS) to which prospective registered tenderers will have access at the time of tendering

Note:- Technical and Financial Eligibility and all other terms & conditions, may be seen in Tender document and downloaded from Railway website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

Tender Notice No: NR/Proj/UMB/Advt./02 Dated: 20.12.2024

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HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT E-Procurement Notice

NOTICE INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

1. The Executive Engineer HPPWD Arki Distt. Solan H.P on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the online bids on item rate, in electronic tendering system in 2 cover System for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/Firms registered with HPPWD Department.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	EMD	Cost of tender	Eligible class of contractor	Time
1	Improvement of black spot on Kandar Beral near Dawariu Dharas road (SH:-C/o R/wall in km. 8/331 to 8/355.		10,000/-	350/-	Class D	2 Months
2	Improvement of black spot on Kunihar Bainj Ki Hatti Shelly Brampukhar road km. 0/0 to 56/200 (SH:- Providing and erecting crash barrier in bewen km. 35/200 to 35/310.	2,64,187/-	5300/-	350/-	Class D	2 Months
3	C/o link road Bag to Bakhalag (Harizenbasti) Km. 0/0 to 1/0(SH:-P/L Cement concrete in Patches km. 0/0 to 0/600)Deposit.	2,10,308/-	4300/-	350/-	Class D	1 Months
4	Improvement of black spot on Gamberpul Banoh Sarli Dhaini road km. 0/0 to 6/500 (SH:- C/o R/wall in km. 4/415 to 4/450 and Providing/erecting crash barrier in km. 4/440 to 4/520.	3,450,350,000,000	28900/-	500/-	Class D	2 Months

2. Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission: The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted online on website http://hptenders.gov.in

Bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD may obtain the same from the website: http://hptenders.gov.in Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can

3. Key Dates

DPR-HP-4060/2024-2025

200	VARIATION CONTRACTOR C		
1.	Date of Online Publication	26.12.2024 10.00 HRS	
2	Documents Download Start and End date	27.12.2024 10.30HRS upto 02.01.2025 18 HRS	
3.	Bid Submission Start and End Date	27.12.2024 10.30HRS upto 02.01.2025 18 HRS	
4.	Physical Submission of EMD and Cost of tender Documents	03.01.2025 up to 10.30 HRS	
5.	Date of Technical Bid opening ,Evaluation of Technical Bid followed by Opening of Financial Bid	03.01.2025 11.00 HRS	

The tender documents shall be uploaded online in 2 cover;

i) Cover I shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Documents/Eligibility information" ii) Cover 2 shall contain BOQ/Financial Bid where contractor will quote his offer for each item

. Submission of Original Documents: The bidders are required to submit(a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid documents and(b) original bid security/Earnest Money Deposit(EMD) and other Technical Documents in o/o the Executive Engineer, HP,PWD, Arki Divn. HP as specified in Key dates at Sr.No.4 on Tender Opening Date 2., failing which the bids will be declared non responsive,

 BID OPENING DETAILS: The bids shall be opened on 03.01.2025 at 11.00HRS in the office of Executive Engineer, HP, PWD, Arki divn./Superintending Engineer, 3rd Circle, HP,PWD, Solan HP by the authorized officer. In their interest the tenderer are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 40 days after the deadline date for bid submission.

8. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the

> **Executive Engineer** HPPWD Division Arki

on behalf ofGovernor of Himachal Pradesh

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that our client intends to enter into a transaction in respect of lands admeasuring approx. 6.1438 acres situated at Village: Kheri Dhaiya, Hadbast No. 189, Tehsil: Kharkhoda, District: Sonipat, Haryana (hereinafter referred to as the "Said Land"). The description and current ownership of Said Land is detailed in

Any entity / person having or claiming any right, title, claim, benefit, demand possession or interest of any nature in and over with respect to the Said Land or having any objection to the intended transaction or if any entity / person has any knowledge of or is party to any sale, agreement, exchange, assignment, charge, gift, license, tenancy, inheritance, lien, mortgage, hypothecation, encumbrance, pending litigation, possession, contract/agreement, development rights, partnership, family arrangement/ settlement. decree or order of any Court, acquisition by Government or any other entity, prohibition or any other impediment with respect to the Said Land, then such entity / person should inform us in writing with documentary proof on the address mentioned below within a period of 7 (Seven) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which it shall be deemed and presumed that no adverse right, title, interest, share, claim or demand of any nature whatsoever exists in or upon or in respect of the Said Land.

Schedule-A

SI. No.	Village	Khewat bearing No.	Khatauni bearing No.	Rect. No.	Kila No.	Area In		Name of Registered	
						K	М	Current Owner	
1	Kheri Dahiya	2//2	2	17	20	8	0	Shrimati Anita wife of Shri Surendra Singh	
					26	0	4	Shri Surendra Singh son of Shri Ram Singh	
2	Kheri Dahiya	15//15	24	17	21	7	16	Shri Surendra Singh son o Shri Ram Singh	
				18	24	6	16		
					25	7	11		
	1000000		52	18	14/2	3	12	Shri Surendra Singh son o Shri Ram Singh	
3	Kheri Dahiya				16	8	0		
					17	7	4		
Total Area					49	3			
Total Area in Acre					6.1	438			
	Total Area in Square Meter					248€	2.90	3	

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Name: Kartik Madaar Contact No.: +91 9649254253 Address: Samagra Law, 2nd floor, Plot No. 38, Okhla Phase-III, New Delhi- 110 020.

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amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Montgagor(s)/ Guarantor(s) and the Public in General that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 18th day of December 2024. The Borrower(s) Co-Borrower (s) Mortgagorist/ Guarantor(s) above said in particular and the Public in General is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the Axis Bank Ltd., for an amount of Rs. 98,67,782/- (Rupees Ninety Eight Lacs

Skry Seven Lacs Seven Hundred And Eighty Two Only) due as on 12 06,2024 together with further interest thereon at the contractual rate of interest till the date of payment & expenses thereon. The Borrower(s)/Mo-Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s)'s attention is invited to provisions of subsection (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY PROPERTY NUMBER 1: All that part and parcel of Residential cum Commercical property total area 65 sq yards of which 1/2 share has been transferred i.e 32.5 sq yds pertaing to House no. 2309/10 situated at

96/2017. Boundaries as under: East: Property of Other, West: Bazar Katra Charat Singh, North Property of Prem Kumar, South: Property of Fakir chand. PROPERTY NUMBER 2: All that part and parcel of Residential cum Commercial property total area 69.12 sq yards having lenghth 40ft 4 inch width 15ft 4 inch has been transferred perlaing to House no 106/6 or no. 5-10/125 situated at Tunda Talab Amritsar, Khana Shumariwakia bazar Jangi Shivala Amritsar as per Sale deed no. 2020-21/89/1/8360 dt. 12/3/2021. Boundaries as under: East: Main Jangi

Wakia Katra Charhat Singh, Amritsar, 1476/7 Khanashumari, Amritsar as per Transfer deed no. 3518 dt.

Shiavala Bazar, West: House of Raj Kumar, North: Khola number 105, South: House Prem Kumar.

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DEO, SSP thanks voters for peaceful elections

SANGRUR (SUMER GARG): District Election Officer-cum-Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Sandeep Rishi has informed that a total of 74.35% voters have cast their votes in the general elections and by-elections of Sunam ward held today in Municipal Councils and Nagar Panchayats of District Sangrur. Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner Sandeep Rishi and SSP Sartaj Singh Chahal have thanked the voters of district Sangrur for voting in a peaceful and cooperative manner.

While giving more information in this regard, Additional District Electoral Officer-cum-ADC (D), Sukhchain Singh Papra said that today 61.53% in ward number 1 to 29 of Sangrur Municipal Council; 78.5 percent in Nagar Panchayat Dirba; 83.1 percent in Nagar Panchayat Cheema; 68 percent in Sunam by-election; 85 in Nagar Panchayat Moonak; 39 % and 82.40 % votes cast in Khanauri nagar panchayat.

NEWS BRIEF

AAP winner in **Handiya Nagar Panchayat Elections**

BALWINDER AZAD BARNALA DEHATI: The Nagar Panchavat Handiava election was held today, the results of which have come. In these election results, Aam Aadmi Party has registered a resounding victory. Aam Aadmi Party



candidates have managed to win Aam Aadmi Party candidate Gurmeet Singh Bawa, who won in Ward No. 6, congratulated all the residents of Handiaya on this wonderful victory. He said that while he has won his own victory, the party has also won in a good way this time This victory is the victory of commor people. This victory has sealed the work done by the Aam Aadmi Party in Punjab. He said that during this tenure of Aam Aadmi Party, complete development work will be done in Handiava. It is to be mentioned that Gurmeet Singh Bawa got a total of 204 votes and the second ranked candidate got 145 votes.

AAP wins Nagar **Panchayat Handiaya**



KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA: The final results of Nagar Panchayat Handiaya are out, huge success. Out of the 13 seats the Aam Aadmi Party candidate had already won on one seat, because the papers of the Congress candidate were rejected. Aam Aadmi Party has won in the elections held on 12 seats. While Kuldeep Tajpuria of Congress has won on one seat by one vote. Independent candidates have won on the remaining two seats. Ward number one (Independent) Veerpal Kaur won, Ward number 2 Rupi Kaur (AAP) won, Ward number three Manju Rani (Independent) won, Ward number four Charan Kaur (AAP) won, Ward number five Reshma (AAP) won, (AAP) won, AAP has already won from Ward number seven as the papers of Congress were rejected, Ward number 8 Kuldeep Tajpuria (Congress) won, Ward number 9 Basawa Singh (AAP) won.

Pinky Kaur wins Ward No. 9 by-election with 552 votes



SANJEEV TEJPAL candidate Pinky Kaur emerged No. 9 (Women) of the Nagar Council Morinda, securing 552 votes. She defeated her nearest rival. independent candidate Jagjit Kaur, by a significant margin of 368 votes The by-election, necessitated due to the sudden demise of former councilor Jarnail Kaur in July 2024, witnessed a high voter turnout and peaceful proceedings.
According to SDM Morinda-cum-Returning Officer Sukhpal Singh five women candidates contested the election, which was conducted by the Punjab State Election Commission. Out of the 1,428 registered voters in the ward, 949 cast their votes, marking a commendable participation rate

Guru Sahib's sacrifices will always teach us to live with self-respect: ETO



KULJIT SINGH JANDIALA GURU: Cabinet Ministe S. Harbhajan Singh ETO while addressing the function organized by Sangat at the local Gurdwara Baba Jeevan Singh in memory of the four Sahibzades of Guru Gobino Singh Ji, Mata Gujar Kaur and Baba Jeevan Singh Ji said that the sacrifices of Guru Gobind Singh Ji will always be remembered by us. The test of living with self-respect will continue to teach. He said that Guru Sahib taught the dying nation to fight oppression. They guarded the right and truth and became the shield of the poor and oppressed. They sacrificed their lives for the country and today when we read their life or organize events, we also feel the urge to stand against oppression. He said that Guru Sahib's life will continue to be a source of inspiration for us and our future generations.

He said that today when we look at the history of India, this picture emerges that if Guru Sahib had not made sacrifices, the history of India would have been different. He said that let us all take inspiration from Guru Sahib's life and learn to stand with the poor and oppressed. On this occasion, Mr. Satinder Singh Sarabjit Dimpy, Mr. Naresh Pathak Sunaina Randhawa and other dignitaries were present in large

Jagdeep Dhankhar addresses 5th Global Alumni meet at Panjab University

SHASHI PAL JAIN CHANDIGARH, DEC 21

The Vice-President of India and Chancellor of Panjab University (PU), Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, today urged PU alumni to actively contribute to the growth and development of their alma mater.

A large number of PU alumni, including the Governor of Gujarat, Acharya Devvrat; former Governor and Commissioner of Police of Delhi, Mr K.K. Paul; former Director General of the National Disaster Response Force, Mr Atul Karwal; Padma Bhushan awardee and Editor-in-Chief of The Print, Mr Shekhar Gupta; former Secretary to the President of India, Ms Omita Paul; Chairman & CEO of Nova Asset Management, USA, Dr Arun Verma; Global Senior Director at Jaguar Land Rover, North America, Dr Amandeep S. Bhullar; and International Strategic Advisor to the Hinduja Group, Mr Sunil Chadha, were present on the occasion. The Alumni Meet was organised on the theme of "Promoting Collaboration for Excellence & Sustainability.



Addressing the 5th Global Alumni Meet of PU at the packed PU Law Auditorium, Shri Dhankhar emphasised the vital role that alumni can play in shaping the future of both the university and the

Calling upon the alumni to give back to Panjab University by leveraging its resources and uplifting the institution to new heights, Shri Dhankhar stressed the significance of alumni involvement in areas such as curriculum governance development,

mechanisms, and fostering critical thinking and innovation within the university. "It is institutions that are crucibles of innovation and research. They catalyse big change, they create concepts. he noted, emphasising that universities like Panjab University can play a key role in driving progress and transformation.

Shri Dhankhar also highlighted the immense power that alumni can unlock by coming together in a structured and organised manner.

"Just imagine the power of the alumni of institutions if they act in a structured man-If they nurture their alma mater, the results will not be geometrical, they will be incremental!" He encouraged the alumni to actively participate in the university's growth by contributing time,

expertise, and resources. Shri Dhankhar infused his speech with both humour and deep reflection, urging the alumni to come together and form a Confederation of Alumni Associations.

Annual function "Darohar" celebrates at Anees School Kharar



SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, DEC 21

The annual function "Darohar" for Grades 6 to 8 was celebrated with grandeur at Anees School on December 21, 2024. The event, infused with cultural vibrance, showcased the immense talent and creativity of the students.

The main attractions of the day were the powerful

Shiv Tandav act and the vibrant Natti dance, both of which left the audience mesmerized. Various cultural dances performed by the students added to the charm of the day, mesmerizing parents and $\underline{g}uests$ alike.

The school's Chairman Sh. Aneet Goel, while addressing the gathering, spoke about the institution's future endeavours and its commitment to fostering holistic de velopment among students He encouraged students to excel academically and embrace cultural values.

"Darohar" truly stood as a testament to the school's dedication to celebrate tradition and nurture young talent and reflecting the pride and joy of parents, teachers, and students. The program concluded with vote of thanks.

Maharishi Dayanand Public School's annual function concluded

GAURAV GOEL CHANDIGARH, DEC 21

Maharishi Dayanand Public School's annual festival concluded with great pomp. The program was inaugurated by NRI Sudarshan Garg, Anita Garg and Babita Kalia from Chicago, USA by lighting the lamp. DAV College Managing Committee New Delhi's Secretary Ravinder Talwar was present as the chief The program was presided

over by Former Deputy Mayor Anil Dubey, Benu Rao, and Amit Garg were present as guests of honour. Nikhar Anand Midda and Payal from NA Cultural Society and Anita Midda, Sarvani, Usha Sharma and Nisha from Inner Wheel Chandigarh City Beautiful were special invitees. While presenting the drama on social media, the children told that along with social media, we



should also pay attention to our studies and health. Manikarnika dance was very beautiful. While presenting the drama on child labour, the students gave the message that childhood is for studies and not for earning livelihood. Through Qawwali, the children made the annual function charming. Bam-Bam Bhole dance forced everyone to dance.

Highlighting the importance of parents, the students presented the role of parents in a commendable Kashmiri dance showed the diversity of India. Through the drama Anandibai Joshi,

emphasis was laid on the ed-

ucation of girls. Chief guest

Ravinder Talwar praised the

performance of the students. He said that the program shows that the school is paying full attention to the allround development of the students. He suggested the students, parents and school staff to continue working hard in future as well. While presenting

the annual report, the school Principal Dr. Vinod Sharma told that this school is providing quality education in the rural area. School's Vice Principal Anju Modgil expressed her gratitude the dignitaries

Nagar panchayat polls : Above 77.00 percent polling recorded in Bhikhi and Sardulgarh



NARESH GOYAL MANSA, DEC 21

Over 77.00 percent polling was recorded in nagar pan-chayat elections in Bhikhi and Sardulgarh towns in dist

According to deputy commissioner cum district election officer (DEO) Kulwant Singh, whole process polling passed off peacefully and great enthusiasm was seen among voters, especially

the elders in both the towns. As per figures provided by election office, polling in Bhikhi remained 77.81 while in Sardulgarh 77.41 percent polling was recorded.

There are 13 wards in Bhikhi nagar panchayat whereas Sardulgarh comprises 15 wards, where polling was held today. As many as 93 candidates are trying out their luck in the nagar panchayat elections at both the

Allegations of manipulation in Nagar Panchayat Elections, Akali Dal claims AAP rejected their candidates' nominations

GURDASPUR, DEC 21

In the ongoing Nagar Panchayat elections, the Akali Dal has accused the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) of

deliberately rejecting the nomination papers of their candidates in Narot Jamal Singh. The party's con-

stituency in-charge, Bhoa Ravi Mohan, expressed outrage over

the issue, claiming that the rejection of the nominations of Smile Singh and Pooja Devi, candidates from Ward 4 and Ward 9, respectively, was a clear violation of democrat ic principles. Mohan accused AAP of rejecting these nominations as a desperate measure to avoid a certain defeat in the elections. He argued

that the candidates were poised for victory by a significant margin, and the rejec tion was an attempt to pre vent their inevitable success He further criticized AAP for undermining the dem

ocratic process in a bid to secure the victory of their own candidates Mohan emphasized that AAP's actions were unfair and a direct challenge to the democratic election

process. He pointed out that the party was trying to manipulate the outcome by denying the Akali Dal candi dates the chance to contest The Akali leader also high lighted the achievements made during the Akali Dal's tenure, such as development projects, welfare schemes like Shagun Yojna, free bicy

cles for schoolgirls

Spl event dedicated to the martyrdom of four Sahibzades at Sri Guru **Harkrishan Public School**



SHARANJEET PATHANKOT, DEC 21

Lions Club Pathankot, taking a step towards social interest as well as religious interest. dedicated to the martyrdom of four Sahibzades Nikkian Zindan Vadde Sake special event organized under the supervision of club president Dr.ML Attri and school principal Rachna Ahuja at Sri Guru Harkrishan Public School Pathankot. In which the students of the school participated enthusiastically. On this occasion, the students of the school participated in poetry, words, speech and group singing competition dedicated to the martyrdom of the four Sahibzades. On this occasion, the students who won the competition were honored by the club with a memento. President Dr. ML Atri, Secretary CS Lyalpuri and Cashier Vijay Pasi jointly appreciated the program organized by the school in memory of Chhota

Frequent party-hopping by politicians should be checked: Radheshyam Sharma

RADHESHYAM SHARMA MORINDA, DEC 21

We often read in the newspapers that a leader of one party has defected to join another. These opportunistic leaders harm the sentiments and trust of the people, deceiving

the public.

The Election Commission and the Supreme Court should take strict action against such individuals.

As elections approach, many leaders, after being denied a party ticket, join other parties, as if obtaining a party ticket is their birthright. Despite the anti-defection law, no action seems to be

The Anti-Defection Law was passed in 1985 with the main objective of curbing the harmful practice of party switching in Indian politics. Former Councillor Jagpal



Singh Jolly stated that many leaders criticize a party and its leaders, disparaging them, and then, ironically,

join the same party. Such actions hurt the sentiments and trust of the millions who voted for them. It is crucial to rein in these turncoat politicians to maintain the trust of the people in



Indian politics.

Councillor Rajesh Kumar added that while onetime party switching can be understood, those who frequently change parties based on the prevailing winds can be termed as opportunists. The Election Commission must seriously consider this

Rotary Club Kharar organized dental health care camp in village Bhajauli



KHARAR (SHASHI PAL JAIN): Rotary Club Kharar today or ganised a camp at both primary and middle school at Village Bhajauli. Dr. Neetu Goel MDS and her team were the visiting

Almost 130 pupils of the school were examined and were also given a brief lecture on the oral care by the doctors. President of the Club, Gurpreet Singh said that various other ac tivities will be done by the club very soon in these schools. He promised the schools to repair and maintain the volleyball ground of the school. Oral Health Care Kits were distributed among the school students. The principal of the school thanked the members of Rotary Club for their constant support. On this occasion, Neelam Tangri, Baljinder Singh Bhajauli, PreetiPal Singh, Himmat Singh, and others were present.

International Human Unity seminar organized at Mata Gujri Public Senior Secondary School

BARNALA DEHATI (BALWINDER AZAD): A one-day seminar on International Human Solidarity was organized at Mata Gujri Public Senior Secondary School under the leadership of

Chairman Bikramjit Singh Walia. The aim of this seminar was to spread human unity and harmony at the global level.

Students and teachers of the school participated and expressed their views in the seminar. The seminar started with a welcome speech by the principal of the school, Varundeep Kaur Walia, in which she emphasized the importance of human unity. Students and teachers were sensitized with the message of human rights, equality and community through various multimedia presentations and group discussions.



The director of the school said, "We strive to not only impart academic knowledge to the students, but also give them an understanding of the common issues of the world."At the end of the seminar, various talents were felicitated during the ceremony. On this occasion students were inspired to work for truth and unity with the message of being our future leaders. This seminar proved to be an important step towards advancing humanity and opening new avenues of social cohesion.

MCM celebrates World Meditation Day



CHANDIGARH, DEC 21

Marking the celebration of World Meditation Day, the NSS Units and Department of Philosophy at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, under the aegis of IQAC organised a session on meditation

Ms. Paulomi Mukheriee. Regional Director, Government Programs, Art of Living was the resource person for this session. The event aimed to highlight the significance of meditation as a pathway to a joyful and fulfilling life. The session commenced with an

engaging discussion by Ms. Mukherjee on the meaning and essence of meditation. She emphasised the role of meditation as a key to achieving happiness and inner peace. Mr. Rahul from Art of Living engaged the participants in interesting mind games and exercises that created a relaxed and participatory atmosphere. setting the stage for the main meditation practice. Mukherjee then conducted a guided meditation session, providing an opportunity for attendees to experience the calming and restorative effects

of meditation firsthand

Punjab working towards goal to reduce reliance on fossil fuels: Arora SUMER GARG

CHANDIGARH, DEC 21

Aman Arora, Punjab new renewable sources minister, while citing the wise words of First Sikh Guru Nanak Dev Ji, "Pavan Guru Pani Pita, Mata Dharat Mahat" (The air is the teacher, the water is the father and the earth is the great mother) said, "In a bid to achieve a sustainable future, Punjab has been working on a strategy to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and transition to green energy.

While addressing an event organised by Punjab **Energy Development Agency** (PEDA) to celebrate state energy conservation day in association with Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Power, here at a hotel Mr Arora said that hundreds of



years back our Guru has given the status of Guru to the Air. "I am happy that the world is finally waking up to the harsh reality of climate change and it is imperative that we acknowledge the gravity of this crisis and work collectively to protect the planet earth."

He said that the Punjab Government has successfully shifted 6800 MW to renewable energy by making over 1000 government buildings including schools energy efficient. Another project is underway to shift 6200 MW more to renewable energy Apart from this, 2.16 Lakhs energy efficient BEE 4 star rated agriculture pump-sets installed in the State. More than 750 buildings are ECBO compliant in the State. He also urged the people of the state that the government needs their support to transform Punjab into an energy efficient state.

Mega pre-release event of Ram Charan starrer Game **Changer to held in Dallas**

Charan's 'Game Changer' will be having its grand prerelease event at Curtis Culwell Center, Dallas, USA, on Saturday The overseas bookings for the film have already started.

After a wait of three years. Ram Charan's highly anticipated return to silver screens in a lead role will be concluded with the release of the film 'Game Changer.

The film is slated to release in the theatres on January 10, 2025. It is directed by S Shankar and stars Kiara Advani, SJ Survah, Nassar, Sunil Prakash Raj and Jayaram in prominent roles.

The makers and Ram Charan have started the promotion of the film through song and poster releases and pre-release

Taking to his social media. Ram Charan announced the date and venue of the Pre-release event in Dallas, USA. Solidifying his status as a Global Star, Ram Charan is set to become the first Indian actor who has hosted a pre-release event in the United

In the video, Ram Charan donned a white shirt and jacket and paired it with black pants and sunglasses. He announced that the event will be held at Curtis Culwell Center in Dallas on December 21.

In the United States, the buzz around Game Changer is just as intense, with fans eagerly anticipating Ram Charan's arrival. With his larger-than-life presence and a good track record in films like the Oscar-winning RRR, Game Changer is expected to create a massive uproar at the global

The teaser of the film was lauched in Lucknow at a grand event attended by the team of the 'Game Changer' including Kiara and director S Shankar.

Notably, Ram Charan attended the teaser launch event of 'Game Changer' barefoot in Lucknow. He was spotted wearing an all-black ethnic outfit kurta, pyjama and stole. The over-one-minute-long 'Game Changer' teaser shows Ram Charan going from academia to action. In the clip, he can be seen fighting goons and even romancing Kiara Advani. Reportedly, the film is set in the world of politics and centres around the story of an Indian

Administrative Service (IAS)

officer who takes on corrupt pol-

iticians and fights for fair elec-

"The film stays with you for...": RajKummar Rao lauds Richa Chadha, Ali Fazal's 'Girls Will Be Girls'

Will Be Girls', backed by actors Richa Chadha and Ali Fazal. which recently premiered on Prime Video after screening at several international film festivals, continues to receive love from fans and celebs alike After accolades from Priyanka Chopra Hrithik Roshan, and Dia Mirza, actor RajKummar Rao has now praised the film, calling it "beautiful, Taking to Instagram, the 'Stree 2' actor shared a poster of the film on his stories and wrote, "This is such a beautiful, coming-of-age film produced by our very own Richa Chadha and Ali Fazal. More power to you both, doston. The film stays with you for a long time. Congratulations #SuchiTalati on Girls Will Be Girls and Kani Kusruti, Preeti

CHANDIGARH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

Panigrahi, and Kesav Binoy Kiran--such fine performances by you all." 'Girls Will Be Girls' premiered at the 2024 Sundance Film Festival, earning two awards and widespread acclaim. The film also sweeped multiple awards at the MAMI Mumbai Film Festival this It is an Indo-French collaboration, that

stars newcomers Preeti Panigrahi and Kesav Binoy Kiron alongside Kani Kusruti. It is produced by Richa Chadha and Ali Fazal's Pushing Buttons Studios, in collaboration with French production houses Dolce Vita Films and Crawling Angel Films. Directed by Shuchi Talati, the film is a compelling story set in a boarding school in a small Himalavan hill town in northern India. It follows the journey of Mira, a 16-year-old girl whose rebellious awakening is intertwined with her mother's unfulfilled coming-of-age

'Anaconda' starring Jack Black, Paul Rudd set for Christmas 2025

omedy superstars Jack Black and

Paul Rudd are teaming up for a Christmas treat with their upcoming film Anaconda, a blend of horror and comedy, set to hit theatres during the festive season of 2025. The duo took to Instagram to announce the release date, accompanied by a humorous video featuring Black and Rudd exchanging hugs and cracking

"Hey, what's up, people? We're making a movie! Paul Rudd and Jack Black star in The Anaconda. There's gonna be a big fu**ing snake, and it's gonna rip!" Jack said in the video.

Paul Rudd added with his trademark humour, "You wanna get scared. You wanna laugh. You wanna celebrate with your friends. Or maybe you're alone, feeling sad, but just want to forget about that. The Anaconda is coming out on Christmas 2025." Check out the fun video:

The film will be directed by Tom Gormican, best known for The Unbearable Weight of Massive Talent. Gormican is also co-writing the script with Kevin Etten. While plot details remain under wraps, early reports suggest the story will follow a group of friends facing mid-life crises as they attempt to remake their favourite childhood movie. However, their jungle adventure takes an unexpected and terrifying turn, according to Variety. Though it shares the title Anaconda, the movie is unrelated to the 1997 cult thriller starring Jennifer Lopez, Ice Cube, and Jon Voight. Instead, it promises a fresh, meta take, combining comedy and horror in a style reminiscent

of Gormican's previous work.





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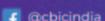
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