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Two babies diagnosed with HMPV virus in Bengaluru, no travel history

AGENCY NEW DELHI, JAN 6

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has confirmed the detection of two cases of Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV) in Karnataka, identified through routine surveillance for respiratory viral pathogens.

Ministry of Health in a release has stated that these cases were detected as part of ICMR's ongoing efforts to monitor and control respiratory illnesses across the country.

HMPV is a respiratory virus that is already circulating globally, including in India. It has been associated with respiratory illnesses in various countries, although there has been no unusual surge in cases in India.

The ICMR emphasized that despite the detection of these two cases, there has been no significant increase in Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) or Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI) cases in the country.

One of the affected individuals is a 3-month-old female infant, who was diagnosed with HMPV after being admitted to Baptist Hospital in Bengaluru. She had a history of bronchopneumonia and was discharged after receiving treatment.

The second case involves an 8-month-old male infant, who tested positive for HMPV on January 3, 2025, following his admission to Baptist Hospital in Bengaluru, also with a history of bronchopneumonia.

This infant is currently recovering and is in stable condition. Neither of the infants had any history of international travel, suggesting that the cases are local and not connected to outbreaks outside the country.

The Union Health Ministry continues to monitor the situation through all available surveillance channels. Additionally, the ICMR will keep track of HMPV circulation trends throughout the year. The

adding there is no need to panic as of now. "We should all pay attention to some things in the context of the news that there is a major outbreak of viral fever and pneumonia in China. There are no reports of any viruses that are likely to become a pandemic or spread very quickly to other areas in China at this time," George said. She further said that since Malayalis are in all parts of the world, including China, are coming to our country, we should be "cautious."



World Health Organization (WHO) has been providing regular updates on the situation in China to inform public health measures.

Meanwhile, Following the recent reports of an outbreak of Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV) in China, Kerala Health Minister Veena George on advised the elderly and pregnant women to wear masks,

having genetic mutations that could lead to a pandemic. However, as mentioned earlier, we should be cautious," she added. The Health Minister said that infections, including human metapneumonia virus, are more likely to affect children and the elderly, so they, as well as those with other serious illnesses and people receiving palliative care, should be more cautious.

8 jawans killed after Maoists blow up security vehicle in Chhattisgarh

AGENCY BIJAPUR, JAN 6

Eight jawans and a driver were killed in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district when Maoists used an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) to blow up their vehicle. The nine were returning from an operation when the IED blew up the Scorpio SUV at Kutru in the Bastar region around 2.15 pm.

Earlier today, security forces attacked Maoists in the Abujhmad region of Chhattisgarh and killed five rebels, including two women. Automatic weapons such as AK 47 and Self-Loading Rifles have been recovered. It was this operation that the jawans were returning from when the rebels targeted them.

The eight security personnel belonged to the District Reserve Guard, a specialised police unit set up to tackle Maoism in the state. Visuals showed a massive crater at the spot, suggesting the intensity of the IED blast that killed the jawans.

The Maoist attack comes against the back-



drop of security forces making deep inroads into the Maoist-dominated areas of Chhattisgarh and cornering the rebels. Mahesh Kashyap, BJP MP from Bastar, described the attack as "cowardly". "Our jawans are eliminating Maoists. So they have carried out this unfortunate attack out of desperation. I offer my condolences to the families of the jawans killed in this incident. Our government is committed to clearing Bastar of Maoists by 2026."

NEWS BRIEFS

India condemns Pak airstrikes on Afghanistan

NEW DELHI: India on Monday "unequivocally" condemned Pakistani airstrikes on Afghanistan and said it is Islamabad's old practice to blame its neighbours for its internal failures. Pakistan carried out airstrikes in certain areas in Afghanistan in what it said was aimed at targeting some terrorist hide-outs. "We have noted the media reports on airstrikes on Afghan civilians, including women and children, in which several precious lives have been lost. We unequivocally condemn any attack on innocent civilians," External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said.

Cold conditions persist at many places in Punjab, Haryana

Chandigarh : Cold conditions continued to prevail in several places of Punjab and Haryana on Monday, Saunkhri in Punjab's Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar district was the coldest place, recording a minimum temperature of 6.6 degrees Celsius, the Met office said. Among other places in Punjab, Amritsar recorded a low of 7.9 degrees Celsius, four notches above normal. The minimum temperature in Ludhiana was recorded at 8.6 degrees Celsius, Patiala 8.4 degrees, Pathankot 9.3 degrees, Bathinda 7.4 degrees and Gurdaspur 8.0 degrees.

SC-appointed panel meets Dalawal, urges him to take medical aid

CHANDIGARH: A Supreme Court-appointed high-powered committee Monday met with Jagjit Singh Dalawal, who is on an indefinite fast at the Khanauri border point between Punjab and Haryana. The committee headed by former Punjab and Haryana High Court judge Justice Nawab Singh requested septuagenarian Dalawal to take medical aid. Dalawal, who is the convener of the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (non-political), has been on an indefinite hunger strike since November 26, 2024, over the farmers' various demands, including a legal guarantee on the minimum support price for crops.

No need for panic: Karnataka govt

BENGALURU: Following the detection of two Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV) cases in the state, the Karnataka government on Monday urged people not to panic as the virus is not as transmissible as Covid-19. Emphasising that the respiratory virus primarily affects children, causing infections similar to the common cold, the Directorate of Medical Education (DME) said in a release that hospitals have been instructed to report influenza-like illness (ILI) and severe acute respiratory infection (SARI) cases. To prevent escalation of the spread of the virus, people are advised to cover their mouth and nose while coughing or sneezing, wash hands frequently with soap, avoid public places if symptomatic and close contact with sick persons.

Time not far for first bullet train to run in India: PM



AGENCY NEW DELHI, JAN 6

The time when the first bullet train will run in India is not far, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Monday as he underlined the "rising" demand for high-speed trains from across the country and the sector's "historic transformation" under his government.

Launching a slew of rail projects, including inauguration of the Jammu division, Modi said the Railways had undergone a historic transformation in the past decade.

It has led to a change in India's image and a boost in people's morale, he said in a video address, with the chief ministers of Telangana, Odisha, and Jammu and Kashmir, besides other dignitaries, joining the

programme from their respective states.

People increasingly want to spend less time covering long distances, leading to a rise in the demand for high-speed trains, the prime minister said.

More than 136 Vande Bharat trains are running on over 50 routes, he said, referring to a recent trial run in which the train clocked a speed of 180 kilometres per hour. "The time when the first bullet train will run in India is not far."

With Modi launching a number of infrastructure projects in the past few days, he said India maintained a fast pace in connectivity in the new year. It is a big day in "new-age connectivity" for many parts of the country, he said of the projects launched on Monday.

Canada PM Trudeau likely to resign

AGENCY OTTAWA, JAN 6

Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau signs a book of condolences marking the passing of former U.S. President Jimmy Carter at the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada January 3, 2025. | Photo Credit: Reuters

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is increasingly likely to announce he intends to step down, though he has not made a final decision, a source familiar with Trudeau's thinking said on Sunday (January 5, 2025).

The source spoke to Reuters

after the Globe and Mail reported that Trudeau was expected to announce as early as Monday that he would quit as leader of Canada's ruling Liberal Party after nine years in office.

The source requested anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly.

Mr. Trudeau's departure would leave the party without a permanent head at a time when polls show the Liberals will badly lose to the official opposition Conservatives in an election that must be held by late October.

Sources told the Globe



and Mail that they did not know definitely when Mr. Trudeau would announce his plans to leave but said they

expect it would happen before an emergency meeting of Liberal legislators on Wednesday. An increasing number of Liberal parliamentarians, alarmed by a series of gloomy polls, have publicly urged Mr. Trudeau to quit. The Prime Minister's Office did not immediately respond to a request for comment outside regular business hours. The Prime Minister's regularly published schedule for Monday said he would participate virtually in a cabinet committee meeting on Canada-U.S. relations. It remains unclear whether Mr. Trudeau will leave immediately or stay on as Prime Minister

until a new Liberal leader is selected, the Globe and Mail report added. Mr. Trudeau took over as Liberal leader in 2013 when the party was in deep trouble and had been reduced to third place in the House of Commons for the first time. If he does resign, it would likely spur fresh calls for a quick election to put in place a stable government able to deal with the administration of President-elect Donald Trump for the next four years. The Prime Minister has discussed with Finance Minister Dominic LeBlanc whether he would be willing to step in as interim leader.

Bloodbath in stock markets amid fears of HMPV in India

MUMBAI : The equity benchmarks shed over one and a half per cent in the trading session on Monday, impacted measurably by the global cues, weakness in the Indian rupee, and detection of human metapneumovirus (HMPV) in India.

The Nifty 50 at the National Stock Exchange (NSE) on Monday ended at 23,616.05, down over 388 points, and the BSE Sensex at 77,964.99, declining over 1,258 points.

The indices of all the sectors at NSE remained heavily in the red territory, with PSU Banks trailing about 4 per cent. On BSE, mid-cap and smallcap indices were down 2-3 per cent. Experts believe fears and concerns over

the Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV) outbreak in India, with two reported cases in Karnataka, have led to market jitters. "Monday blues hit the Indian markets due to some continuing issues and fragile sentiment due to the emergence of HMPV cases in India. The continuing issues are the slowing Indian economy, the muted corporate earnings growth, the FPI selling in the secondary markets, and the global pressure due to the strong US dollar and high US yields," stated Ajay Bagga, market and banking expert. Vijay Chopra, a market expert, shares similar insights, adding that markets are spooking because of the fear of the HMP Virus.

ISRO postpones Spadex mission docking to January 9



AGENCY BENGALURU, JAN 6

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has announced the postponement of the docking of its Spadex mission program, initially scheduled for January 7, 2025. The new date for the docking has been set for January 9, 2025. ISRO has not provided any specific reason for the change in schedule.

In a message, ISRO stated, "With reference to the above subject, we would like to inform you that, the Docking of Spadex mission experimental programme has been postponed to Thursday,

09th January 2025. The timings of the programme will be informed later."

ISRO further expressed regret over any inconvenience caused due to the delay, but did not elaborate on the cause of the schedule adjustment. Meanwhile, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Jitendra Singh last week said that the Spadex mission was named as "Bharatiya Docking Technology" because it is purely an indigenous mission and India is carrying out first such experiment related to docking technology.

World-Class Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Memorial to be built soon at Lohgarh in Yamunanagar

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, JAN 6

Union Minister of Power, Housing and Urban Affairs, Sh Manohar Lal and Haryana Chief Minister Sh Nayab Singh Saini jointly chaired the meeting of the Lohgarh Project Development Committee today. The committee was formed to oversee the development of the world-class Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Memorial, which will be built at Lohgarh in Yamunanagar district. It is noteworthy that the Haryana Government has constituted the Lohgarh Project Development Committee to monitor the progress of the Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Memorial at Lohgarh. Union Minister Sh Manohar Lal serves as the



Chief Patron of the Committee, while Chief Minister Sh Nayab Singh Saini act as its Chairman.

During the meeting, Union Minister Sh Manohar Lal directed the officials to accelerate the progress of establishing the world-class heritage memo-

rial, ensuring that the project is completed and dedicated to the public at the earliest.

He said that Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Memorial should primarily focus on the biography of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur, which should reflect

the heroic saga of his bravery and sacrifice. He also suggested that the memorial should also feature a museum dedicated to the battles fought by Baba Banda Singh Bahadur and other Sikh Gurus against the Mughals across the country. The design of the

memorial should aim to educate the public, especially the younger generation, about the history and valiant contributions of Veer Baba Banda Singh Bahadur. Apart from this, he also suggested that the establishment of the memorial should also focus more on promoting the traditional Sikh martial arts that were practiced in the past. It was apprised in the meeting that the project would be completed in two phases. The first phase, which will cost approximately Rs 74 Crore, will focus on restoring and enhancing the fort, constructing the Quilana Wall, building an entrance gate, Nanakshahi coin, landscaping the site, and building the memorial.

Uttarakhand: CM Dhama invites PM Modi to national games

DEHRADUN: Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama made a courtesy call to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi and invited him to the National Games organized in Uttarakhand. The Chief Minister presented a shawl of Malari (Chamoli) and a replica of Narayan Ashram to the Prime Minister. The Chief Minister expressed gratitude on behalf of the people of the state for the leadership, guidance, and cooperation of the Prime Minister in the development of the state. The Chief Minister informed the Prime Minister about the development works being carried out in the state. According to a statement from the CM's office, "Work is going on at a fast pace on the first phase of the Rishikesh-Karnprayag rail project. The survey work of the Tanakpur Bageshwar rail project has been completed. I request the approval of this project and the full financial expenditure of the project to be borne by the Central Government."

Modi Govt is determined to revive the history and cultural heritage of Kashmir: Shah

JAMMU: Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation and BJP supremo Amit Shah, during the release of the book 'Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh Through The Ages: A Visual Narrative of Continuities and Linkages', made it clear that 'For the last 10 years, the Modi Govt is determined to revive the history and cultural heritage of Kashmir.'



At the same time, he also stressed that we will soon regain what we have lost.'

In this country with diverse cultures, religions,

food habits and attire from Kashmir to Kanyakumari and Bengal to Gujarat, for decades, historians have created a myth

that the very idea of India's independence is dishonest. In fact, historians, especially leftist historians, have seen

and written about India from a geopolitical perspective, whereas India is the only country in the world which is a

geo-culture and whose borders are made up of cultures.

This book has minutely proved that the culture, languages, scripts, spiritual thoughts, arts of pilgrimage sites, commerce and trade present in every part of the country were present in Kashmir for thousands of years. Based on references of texts which are about 8 thousand years old, this book has clearly proved that Kashmir was, is and will always be an inseparable part of India.

Local Bodies Minister Dr. Ravjot Singh's third visit to 'Buddha Dariya' site in last few days



Chandigarh/Ludhiana: Local Bodies Minister Dr. Ravjot Singh inspected the ongoing works being taken up by Rajya Sabha MP and environmentalist Sant Balbir Singh Seechewal along with his Kar Sevaks to clean 'Buddha Dariya' near Gurdwara Gaughat Sahib on Monday. MLA Ashok Prashar Pappi, Municipal Corporation Commissioner Aadiya Dachalwal, MC Additional Commissioner Paramdeep Singh

Khaira, Punjab Pollution Control Board officials and sewerage board officials were also present during the inspection. Rajya Sabha member Sant Seechewal said that Dr. Ravjot Singh is the first cabinet minister who has inspected the Buddha Dariya project for the third time in last few days. This shows that he is concerned about the environment of Punjab and he will take serious steps for it.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Gurmail S/o Satbir R/o Village Kithana Sub. Tehsil Rajound Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) Declares That In My Passport Bearing No. P3311001 (valid From 16.08.2016 To 15.08.2026), My Signature In Hindi Language. But Now I Am Doing My Signature In English Language. Now I Have Changed My Signature. All Concerned Please Note.

84451 I, Ashraf S/o Mehar Deen R/o Mohalla Gujran Wala Qila Rehmatgarh Malerkotla (Malerkotla) declare that my son Mohammad Danish (unmarried) is out of my control. So I disown with him from my moveable/immovable property. If anybody dealing with him at his/her own risk.

63372 I Amar Garg S/o Gajjan Ram R/o MCB-Z-5-3383, Gali No.5, Bank Colony, Bathinda do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that my son TejBrahm Garg was fallen in bad company and out of my control. So I evicted above said TejBrahm Garg from all my moveable and immovable property. If any person will deals with above TejBrahm Garg, he will be himself responsible, I, my daughter Shally and his husband Parveen Kumar will not have any concern/relation with that.

63372 I, Harwinder Singh S/o Gamdoor Singh R/o Sullar Teh-Dirba (Sangrur) declare that my daughter-in-law Maninder Kaur W/o Late: Jaspreet Singh is out of my control. So I disown with her from my moveable/immovable property. If anybody dealing with her at his/her own risk.

63372 We, Baldev Singh S/o Arjun Singh, and Kulwant Kaur W/o Baldev Singh, R/o H. No. 880, Village Bulandpur, Post Office Nurpur, Jalandhar, hereby declare that we have disinherited our elder son, Charajit Singh Ghai Alias Ghai, from all our movable and immovable properties as he is out of our control. Whosoever shall deal with him shall be held responsible for any kind of Act, deed & dealings related to him.

63372 I, Najeer Muhammad S/o Ramjan Khan R/o Vill: Bija Teh-Khanna (Ludhiana) my name is by Aadhar Card Najeer Muhammad and by revenue land record my name is Vajir Khan. both name are one person.

63372 I Baljit Kaur W/O Jagdev Singh R/O Village Kartarpur, Tehsil Patran, (Patiala) declare that my brother Lakhwinder Singh Thind S/O Swaran Singh R/O Village Gulzarpur Tharua Tehsil Patran (Patiala). I have no relationship with him, the person having the relationship will be responsible himself.

60017 मैं गौता देवी पत्नी और प्रकाश, निवासिया मकान नम्बर 6565, बाबा रणधीर रोड, वार्ड नम्बर 12, भुना, तस्ली व जिला फतेहगढ़ एनडू द्वारा घोषणा करती हूँ कि मेरा लड़का दिनेश कुमार मेरे कहने सुनने से बाहर है और अपनी सम्पत्ती करते हैं। इसलिए मैं उनसे तमाम संबंध विच्छेद कर उन्हें अपनी सम्पत्ति से बेदखल करती हूँ। वह अपने लेनदेन और कानूनी गैरकानूनी कार्यों के स्वयं जिम्मेदार होंगे।

I, Rajesh Kumar/Rajesh Kumar Garg S/o Sadhu Ram R/o 943 HUDA Sector 19 Part 2, Near DC Residence Kaithal -136027 (Haryana) India have changed my name from Rajesh Kumar/Rajesh Kumar Garg to Rajesh Garg. Concerned Please Note.

84451 I Amarjeet Sharma S/o Arjan Dass R/o W.No. 9, Mallanwala, Tehsil Zira, (Ferozepur) have changed my name from Amarjeet Sharma to Amarjit Sharma.

100070 I, Kulwinder Kaur W/o Kuldeep Singh, R/o Village Manjhan, PO Lander Keema, Kaithal, District Kaithal (Haryana) declare that I have changed my name from Kulwinder Kaur to Kulwinder Kaur. Please Note.

100039 I, Barphi Devi mother of No. 15714382Y Nk Laxman Singh of Unit 17 WEU, C/o 56 APO, presently residing at Vill Ramhet Colony (Bhulwana), Tehsil Hodal, Distt Palwal, State Haryana, Pin-121106 have changed my name from Barphi Devi to Barfi & DOB from 20.11.1960 to 01.01.1952 vide affidavit dt. 06.01.2025 before Notary Public Bathinda

100078 I, Piru Ram Father of Service No 14647477N, Rank HAV, Name - Raj Kumar of Unit 972 Lt AD Regt Wksp, Pin: 906972 C/o 56 APO,Vill/PO- Araksar, Teh- Deedwana-Kuchaman, Dist- Nagaur, State- Rajasthan, Pin- 341519. Declare that in my Son service record my date of birth 01/07/1941 and Name Peeru Ram is mentioned erroneously. My correct date of birth 01/01/1943 and Name Piru Ram as per my Aadhaar Card.

100078 I Sourabh S/o Sh. Om Prakash R/o H. No 158, Near Bhatia Building ,Madanpuri Colony, Yamunanagar that I have changed my name From Sourabh to Sourabh Gouri.

100060 I, Khushboo W/o Amit Sodhi R/O H.No. 140, Anand Vihar Colony, Batala, District Gurdaspur, Pin:143505, Punjab, India have changed my name Khushboo to Khushboo Ohri. Please concerned note.

10005 I Husanpreet Kaur W/o Hardeep Singh Dhaliwal R/o Salabatpura (BTI) Have Changed My Name As Husanpreet Kaur Dhaliwal

50008 I hitherto known as GURPREET SINGH NAHAR S/o CHAMKAUR SINGH R/O VILLAGE RANSIH KALAN DISTT MOGA PIN CODE 142055 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as GURPREET SINGH.

50008 I Anusumeet Kaur D/o Gurpreet Singh Vpo Kirtowal Kalan Tehsil Patti District Tarn Taran Have Changed my name Anusumeet Kaur to Surname as Kaur and my Givenname is Anusumeet please note it.

50008 I, Navjot Kumar Bajaj S/O Satish Kumar R/o Bhagta Bhai (BTI) Have Changed My Name As Navjot Kumar

50008 I, Monika Rani Bajaj W/o Navjot Kumar R/o Bhagta Bhai (BTI) Have Changed My Name As Monika Rani.

50008 I Pooja Goyal W/o Yashpal Goel R/o 105, Punjabi Bagh, Patiala Punjab, have changed my name from Pooja Goyal to Pooja Goel.

I, Monika Dhawan C/o Rajesh Dhawan R/o H.no. 284 Tungbala Abadi Greenfield Amritsar Punjab have change my name to New Monica Dhawan

972737 I Harshdeep Kaur W/o Harpreet Singh resident of Vpo Naushehra Pannuan Distt Tarn Taran Punjab India have changed my name from Harshdeep Kaur to my given name is Harshdeep and my surname is Kaur.

972737 I Ragindra Devi W/o Surinder Kumar R/o Vpo Talwandi Fattu Sbs Nagar Punjab India, Have Changed My Name From Ragindra Devi To Rajindera Devi.

461257 I, Kamla Devi W/o Diwan Chand, Resident Of H.no.364 Ward No 15 Chandan Nagar Kartarpur Jalandhar Punjab India, Have Changed My Name From Kamla Devi To Devi Kamla (devi As Surname) All Please Note.

63372 I, Jaspreet Kaur W/o Jaspal Singh Sidhu R/o Dayalpura Mirza (Bathinda), have changed my name to Jaspal Kaur Sidhu.

63372 I hitherto known as Hardeep Singh S/o Bata Ram R/o Patti Kasso Chauke Pin Code 148109 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Jhandu Ram.

63372 I, Manjit Kaur W/o Parveen Kumar R/o Vpo Bheen Teh-Nawanshahr Distt. SBS Nagar, Punjab, have changed my name from Manjit Kaur to Manjit Kaur Ladhari.

63372 I, Manjit Kaur W/o Parveen Kumar R/o Vpo Bheen Teh-Nawanshahr Distt. SBS Nagar, Punjab, have changed the name of my minor daughter from Drishti Kumari to Drishti Kumari Ladhari.

63372 I, Manjit Kaur W/o Parveen Kumar R/o Vpo Bheen Teh-Nawanshahr Distt. SBS Nagar, Punjab, have changed the name of my minor son from Navpreet Kumar to Navpreet Kumar Ladhari.

63372 I, Manjit Kaur W/o Parveen Kumar R/o Vpo Bheen Teh-Nawanshahr Distt. SBS Nagar, Punjab, have changed the name of my minor daughter from Urvashi Kumari to Urvashi Kumari Ladhari.

63372 I, Manpreet Singh Dhaliwal S/o Sukhmander Singh R/o Patti Bhoju Ki Vpo Rako Kalan Distt. Moga, Punjab-142037, have changed my name to Manpreet Singh.

I, Hardeep Kaur daughter of No. 3341673 Ex-Sep Late Pal Singh, Jalandhar Colony Near Rajindra Public School, Kotkapura Road Moga, Teh & Distt. Moga (Pb) Pin-142001, declare that i have changed my name Hardip Kaur to Hardeep Kaur.

63372 I Yuvraj Vir S/o Sarju R/o Ward No 08 Mahilpur Tehsil Garshankar Distt Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name To Yuvraj Vir (Vir As Surname).

63372 I, Asha Rani W/O Kashmir Singh R/O Vill. Rawal Pindi PO Garshankar, Tehsil Garshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur, have changed my minor daughter name from Ritika to Ritika Rani.

63372 I, Jaswinder S/O Ram Parkash R/O Village Durgapur, Tehsil Nawanshahr, District SBS NAGAR, 144514, Punjab. have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Jaswinder Singh.

63372 I Hitherto Known As Sagar S/O Mangat Rai R/O Village Mannan Distt Hoshiarpur Punjab 146102 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Sagar Badhan.

63372 I Gurinder Singh S/o Gurdev Singh R/o Village Kakrala Khurd (Ludhiana) have changed the name of my minor daughter from Navneet Kaur Bhatti to Navneet Kaur.

63372 I Gurprit Singh S/o Kuldeep Singh R/o Village Kultham, Tehsil Banga, Distt S.B.S.Nagar Punjab India-144501 have changed my name from Gurprit Singh to Gurpreet Singh.

63372 I Kuldip Singh S/o Gurdev Singh R/o Village Kultham, Tehsil Banga, Distt S.B.S.Nagar Punjab India-144501 have changed my name from Kuldip Singh to Kuldeep Singh.

63372 I, Balraj Singh Tooray S/O Ramjit Singh R/o Vill: Chhappar (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Balraj Singh.

63372 I, Devi Shakti W/o Surinder Pal Singla R/o H.No. 360 W.No. 2 Gali Luna Factory Wali Dabwali Distt. Sirsa, Haryana-125104 have changed my name from Shakti Devi and Anu Singla to Shakti Devi.

63372 I, Surinder Pal Singla S/O Parkash Chand R/o H.No. 360 W.No. 2 Gali Luna Factory Wali Dabwali Distt. Sirsa, Haryana-125104 have changed my name from Surender Pal Agrawal and Surender Singla to Surinder Pal Singla.

I, Seema Rani W/o Ram Pal R/o Barari Teh-Nangal (Rupnagar) Pb, have changed my name to Seema Devi.

63372 I, Rampal Puri S/o Onkar Nath R/o Barari Teh-Nangal (Rupnagar) Pb, have changed my name to Ram Pal.

63372 I, Urvashi D/o Sanjeev Kumar R/o Saloh (Nawanshahr) have changed my name to Urvashi Kumari.

63372 I Sonali W/o Vikas Singla R/O Rampura Phul Distt Bathinda Has Change My Name To Sonali Singla.

63372 I Ranjit Kaur Sandhu D/O Sewak Singh R/O Sandhu Khurd Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Ranjit Kaur.

63372 I Meenu ohri W/o Davinder ohri R/o Mohalla Ohrian NurMahal district Jalandhar have change my name Meenu Duggal To Meenu ohri after marriage.

63372 I Preeti Saluja D/o Gurbhachan Lal Saluja I have changed my name after marriage Preeti Monga W/o Vinay Kumar Monga R/o Dharam Kot (Moga).

63372 I, Bhawna Sharma W/O Mr. Ravinder Sharma H.No 28-29 Pathankot Bye Pass Chowk Road, Bachint Nagar. Near Shiv Karyana Store, Jalandhar, Distt. Jalandhar, (Pb.) India Have Changed Spelling Of My Name Bhawana Sharma To Bhawna Sharma.

63372 I, Om Parkash Mittal S/o Hari Ram R/o Vill: Dhan Singh Khana (Bathinda) have changed my name from Om Parkash Mittal to Om Parkash.

63372 I, Mohd Qasim S/o Ahmed Ali R/o 235 Hathoi Road Abaspura (Malerkotla) have changed my name from Mohd Qasim to Mohammd Qasim.

63372 I Jagjot Singh Rai S/O Gurbaksh Singh Vpo Badhni Kalan Disst Moga Have Changed My Name To Jagjot Singh.

63372 I, Hardeep Kaur W/o No. 2492316K Ex-Hav Jagtar Singh, Vpo. Bir Rauke Teh-Nihal Singh Wala Distt. Moga (Pb) Pin-142037, declare that my correct Date of Birth is 15-10-1979.

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63372 I, Vasan Singh S/O Sajjan Singh R/O St.No.3, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar (Jammu Basti) Abohar, District. Fazilka (Punjab) Has Changed My Name To Wassan Singh.

63372 I, Harminderpal Singh Malhans S/o Lal Singh R/o Vill: Aloona Miana Po. Aloona Pallah Teh-Payal (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Harminderpal Singh.

63372 I, Piratpal Kaur Malhans W/o Harminderpal Singh R/o Vill: Aloona Miana Po. Aloona Pallah Teh-Payal (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Pirtpal Kaur.

63372 I Rahisha Begum W/O Mohd Ashraf R/O Mohalla Kachakot Malerkotla Have Changed My Name To Rahisha.

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63372 I, Deepika Kalra W/O Pushpinder Kumar Singla, R/O House Number 104, Deol City, Dhuri Road, Near Gaushala, Malerkotla Have Changed My Name To Deepika.

63372 I Hameedan W/o Mohammad Faqiria R/o Garib Nagri, Eidgah Road, Malerkotla (R) Tehsil & District Malerkotla (Punjab) Have Changed My Name Hameedan to Hameeda.

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I, Seema Rani W/o Ram Pal R/o Barari Teh-Nangal (Rupnagar) Pb, have changed my name to Seema Devi.

63372 I, Rampal Puri S/o Onkar Nath R/o Barari Teh-Nangal (Rupnagar) Pb, have changed my name to Ram Pal.

63372 I, Urvashi D/o Sanjeev Kumar R/o Saloh (Nawanshahr) have changed my name to Urvashi Kumari.

63372 I Sonali W/o Vikas Singla R/O Rampura Phul Distt Bathinda Has Change My Name To Sonali Singla.

63372 I Ranjit Kaur Sandhu D/O Sewak Singh R/O Sandhu Khurd Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Ranjit Kaur.

63372 I Meenu ohri W/o Davinder ohri R/o Mohalla Ohrian NurMahal district Jalandhar have change my name Meenu Duggal To Meenu ohri after marriage.

63372 I Preeti Saluja D/o Gurbhachan Lal Saluja I have changed my name after marriage Preeti Monga W/o Vinay Kumar Monga R/o Dharam Kot (Moga).

63372 I, Bhawna Sharma W/O Mr. Ravinder Sharma H.No 28-29 Pathankot Bye Pass Chowk Road, Bachint Nagar. Near Shiv Karyana Store, Jalandhar, Distt. Jalandhar, (Pb.) India Have Changed Spelling Of My Name Bhawana Sharma To Bhawna Sharma.

63372 I, Om Parkash Mittal S/o Hari Ram R/o Vill: Dhan Singh Khana (Bathinda) have changed my name from Om Parkash Mittal to Om Parkash.

63372 I, Mohd Qasim S/o Ahmed Ali R/o 235 Hathoi Road Abaspura (Malerkotla) have changed my name from Mohd Qasim to Mohammd Qasim.

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Tiles installed on footpath uprooted, pedestrians face trouble

KALKA (SUBHASH KOHLI): In Kalka, footpaths were made by the PWD department on both sides of the road for the convenience of pedestrians, so that pedestrians walking on the roadside can be saved from the possibility of accidents. But it is seen that the footpaths made for the convenience of the people have become a cause of inconvenience for them. Tiles installed at many places have been uprooted, which is causing trouble for pedestrians. A pedestrian can see during the day, but the uprooted tiles are not visible at night. Due to which a pedestrian can have an accident at any time. Gulshan Rai, State President of the local social organization, Human Rights and Social Justice Organization (Regd.), has appealed to the PWD department in public interest that the problems of pedestrians should be taken seriously and the uprooted tiles should be re-installed soon.



NEWS BRIEF

MLA Neena Mittal distributes cheques to about dozen villages



BHUPINDER KAPOOR RAJPURA: The Punjab government is distributing grants for development works on a large scale with the aim of providing urban facilities to the villages. With which, development works will be carried out on a war footing in Rajpura constituency under the leadership of Punjab Chief Minister Mr. Bhagwant Singh Mann. The above views were expressed by Rajpura constituency MLA Madam Neena Mittal while distributing cheques for development works to about a dozen village gram panchayats. On this occasion, MLA Neena Mittal released a grant of Rs. 10 lakh for water supply in the village on the demand of village Kharajpur. Similarly, the MLA gave a cheque of Rs. 75,000 to village Khlor Panchayat for the Cattle Fair Scheme, Rs. 75,000 to Rampur Khurd, Rs. 75,000 to Gurditpura, Rs. 75,000 to Manoli Surat, Rs. 75,000 to Khaspur, Rs. 75,000 to Chandumajra for the Cattle Fair Scheme. On this occasion, a grant of Rs. 7 lakh was released to Gram Panchayat Gaddo Majra for streets and drains. On this occasion, MLA Madam Neena Mittal called upon all the Panchayats to use these funds with complete honesty and supervision and also pay special attention to the quality of work. She also asked the departmental officers to ensure that the work is completed on time with the funds being released by the Punjab Government so that other funds can also be arranged.

Jarnail Singh Patiala emphasizes time management and revision for exam success

VERMA GURDASPUR: While preparing for exams, students should distance themselves from social media and TV to focus entirely on their studies, advised Jarnail Singh Patiala, Director of the D Shishya School in Pathankot. He emphasized the importance of time management and revision for students to achieve good results. According to Patiala, students should allocate equal time to all subjects to avoid falling behind in any one area. Proper time management helps in organizing study schedules effectively and prevents any subject from being neglected. He also highlighted the challenge of students' attraction to social media and TV, stating that excessive time spent on these platforms can hinder exam preparation. Patiala further suggested incorporating yoga and meditation into daily routines to reduce mental stress during exams.

Pawan Bansal urges VP to name University department of Economics as 'Dr. Manmohan Singh School of Economics'

R N KHERRA CHANDIGARH: In a letter to the Vice President, Bansal said that Dr. Manmohan Singh ji was a student at Panjab University which he later served with distinction as a member of faculty in the department of Economics. Dr. Singh is by far the most distinguished alumnus of the Panjab University who went on to serve the country with rare distinction in various capacities, including as the Chief Economic Advisor, Govt. of India, Finance Secretary, Govt. of India, Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India and Chairman Planning Commission during his illustrious professional career. He also did India proud at the United Nations, Bansal said. In view of the unparalleled contribution of Dr. Manmohan Singh ji to the national life, it will be just and appropriate to convert the P.U. department of Economics and name it as 'Dr. Manmohan Singh School of Economics'. This will be not just a befitting tribute to an illustrious son of India, but an honour to the Panjab University itself as also to all the alumni of this great institution, Bansal added.

KK Mahajan foundation organizes blanket distribution ceremony in memory of Late Keval Krishan Mahajan



VERMA GURDASPUR: In memory of the late Shri Keval Krishan Mahajan, on his 85th birthday, the KK Mahajan Foundation organized the 7th Blanket Distribution Ceremony, which was held under the leadership of Foundation President Jagatpal Mahajan and General Secretary Ritu Mahajan. The event saw participation from social workers and prominent personalities. On this occasion, Amrit Kalshi, brother of MLA Aman Sher Singh Sheri Kalshi, along with his team, attended the ceremony as the chief guest and distributed blankets. During his speech, Amrit Kalshi emphasized the need for social workers who follow in the footsteps of their parents, keeping their memories alive even after their passing. He highlighted that such acts serve as a message to society that one must respect and follow the path laid by their parents.

Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatraya pays homage to Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji on his Parkash Purab

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, JAN 6

Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatraya today paid his homage to the 10th Sikh Guru, Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, on the auspicious occasion of his Parkash Purab, and highlighted the timeless relevance of the teachings of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji and their importance in fostering harmony, courage, and universal brotherhood.

Bandaru Dattatraya emphasized Sri Guru Govind Singh Ji's unparalleled contributions to humanity, particularly his ideals of selflessness, equality, and service.

The Governor urged the citizens of the country to imbibe these teachings in their daily lives for the welfare of society. "Sri Guru Govind Singh Ji's life stands as a beacon of inspiration for generations. His vision of universal well-being, social justice, and unity remains profoundly relevant in today's world. Let us all commit to living by his principles and con-



tribute to building a compassionate and harmonious society," said Shri Dattatraya. The Governor also expressed his admiration for the Sikh community's steadfast commitment to the values of sacrifice, bravery, and selfless service, which were epitomized by the Guru's life and legacy. He called upon the people to

come together to celebrate this auspicious occasion with devotion and a resolve to uphold the values taught by Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji. Governor Sh. Bandaru Dattatraya also extended his best wishes to the people, praying for peace, prosperity, and unity for Haryana and the nation.

Celebrating remarkable achievements of PWS Pathankot Tennis Players at SGFI Soft Tennis Nationals

PATHANKOT (SHARANJEET): Partap World School Pathankot is thrilled to announce the remarkable achievements of our talented tennis players at the prestigious 68th Soft Tennis School Nationals held in Dewas, Madhya Pradesh. These stellar performances have not only brought pride to the school but also to the entire region. In the U-17 Girls category, Mahreen Kaur Saini, representing Punjab, secured an impressive 7th position in India. Her perseverance, skill, and dedication were evident throughout the tournament. Similarly, in the U-19 Boys category, Anhad Singh, also representing Punjab, showcased exceptional talent by achieving an outstanding 4th position in India.

Director Sunny Mahajan and Director Oshin Mahajan expressed his pride, stating, that Mahreen and Anhad have made us immensely proud with their performances. Their success is a testament to the hard work they have put in and the robust training environment we provide at PWS. We are committed to continuing our efforts in fostering sports excellence among students. Principal Subhra Rani said that Mahreen and Anhad's accomplishments are an inspiration for all. We thank the parents, coaches, and staff who have contributed to this proud moment for PWS. "At Partap World School, we believe in nurturing future leaders and champions in every field. Congratulations to Mahreen Kaur Saini and Anhad Singh for their extraordinary achievements."



Punjab Nambardar Association conducts crucial meeting



SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, JAN 6

Punjab Nambardar Association Galib conducted its monthly meeting at the premises of Jagraon official under the guidance of President Harnek Singh Hathoor. A huge number of nambardars participated in the meeting in the presence of union state president Parminder Singh Galib.

In his address, the union president talked in length about the problems faced by Nambardars and said that they are conducting talks with government authorities to solve the issues faced by Nambardars. He further said that a Punjab level meeting shall be conducted soon in Jagraon in the presence of members of union from all across the state. Harnek Singh Hathoor appealed the

union members to participate in the meetings in huge number. At this occasion, Jaswant Singh, Jasveer Singh, Satnam Singh, Boota Singh, Resham Singh, Iqbal Singh, Kartar Singh, Sukhwinder Singh, Mahinder Singh, Preetam Singh, Iqbal Singh, Sohan Singh, Chamkaur Singh, Aatma Singh, Balveer Singh, Mandeep Singh, Hardeep Singh and others were present.

7-day NSS camp commences at Science College



JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR): Under the able guidance of Director Rajiv Kumar Sehgal, the NSS department of Sanmati Government College of Science Education and Research, Jagraon, inaugurated a 7-day NSS camp on campus today. The event began with an inspiring opening speech by Programme Officer Kulwinder Singh, who introduced the objectives of the NSS and highlighted the importance of community service and teamwork in the camp. For the smooth execution of the camp's activities, Prof. Surbhi Gupta, also a Programme Officer, formed various committees comprising student volunteers.

These committees have been assigned specific responsibilities to ensure the efficient functioning of the camp throughout its duration. On the first day, the enthusiastic NSS volunteers actively participated in cleaning the college campus showcasing their dedication to environmental cleanliness and community welfare. Following the cleanliness drive, lunch was arranged by the college for all the participants. Later in the day, the camp schedule for the upcoming week was discussed in detail. The participants were briefed on the activities planned, which include poster, speech and quiz competitions, yoga sessions and interactive workshops aimed at personal and societal development.

Ravinder Talwar elected Chairman of Maharishi Dayanand Public School

RAJIV JAIN
CHANDIGARH, JAN 6

Ravinder Talwar has been elected Chairman of Maharishi Dayanand Public School, MDAV Bhavan, Daria, Chandigarh.

He has been unanimously elected Chairman by the office bearers and members of Maharishi Dayanand Public School Education Society, Registered.

This meeting was presided by Patron NRI Sudarshan Garg. Patron NRI Sudarshan Garg said that his joining will give a new direction to the school. His guidance will take the school to new heights. President of Management Dr. Vinod Sharma said that Ravinder Talwar is multi-talented.

He is associated with education, sports, Arya Samaj, Kendriya Arya Sabha, Scouting and Guiding and various social organizations etc. Presently he is also the



Secretary of DAV College Management Committee, New Delhi. Ever since the formation of Maharishi Dayanand Public School, Talwar has been guiding the school by attending various programs. School manager Anju Modgil also praised Ravinder Talwar and said that his joining will promote quality education.

Brig VS Chauhan takes over as Chandigarh NCC group commander



SUMER GARG
CHANDIGARH, JAN 6

The PRO Defence wing Chandigarh in a Press note said, "Brigadier V S Chauhan has assumed charge as the Group Commander of NCC Group Chandigarh, succeeding Brigadier Harpreet Singh, who retired on December 31, 2024. Brig V S Chauhan was commissioned into the 5th Battalion (Special Forces), the Parachute Regiment and was awarded the coveted Sword of Honour from the Indian Military Academy on commissioning. He is an awardee of the Yudh Seva Medal (YSM)

for his contribution to anti-terrorism operations in J&K. Brig Chauhan brings extensive experience, having commanded 10 Rashtriya Rifles Battalion in Doda District and a Brigade along the Line of Control in the high altitude area. He has also served as Director Threat Assessment & Strategic Operations in CBRN Section at Army HQ and served as Aide-de-Camp (ADC) to two Presidents of India - Dr Shankar Dayal Sharma and Shri KR Narayanan. He is also a distinguished alumnus of the US Army's John F Kennedy Special Warfare Centre.

358th birth anniversary of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji celebrated with devotion

SHARANJEET
PATHANKOT, JAN 6

Gurdwara Damdama Sahib Mirpur Colony Pathankot, the 358th Prakash Purab of Dasham Pita Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji was celebrated with devotion and enthusiasm with the support of the Gurdwara Committee and all the Sangat. First of all, the indulgence of reading Sri Guru Granth Sahib was found. After that Kirtan Durbar was decorated.

In which ragi jathas of Bhai Gurbhraj Singh, Bebe Nanki Istri's Satsang Sabha, Bhai Shubh Karman Singh Amritsar Sahib, Bhai Amarjit Singh Anmol performed Rasabhinna Kirtan and connected the Sangat with Gurbani. Later, Bhai Harpreet Singh, preacher of the panth, informed the congregation about the history of Guru Gobind Singh ji, giving information about his life. On this occasion, Mehreen Kaur, a



little girl, enthralled the congregation by reciting the Jafarnama written by Guru Gobind Singh. Jathedar Gurddeep Singh Gulati, the chief administrator of the Gurdwara Sahib, congratulated the devotees on Gurburab and urged them to connect their children with Bani and Bani.

On this occasion, Surinder Singh Pradhan, Advocate Jagdish Singh, Jathedar Kulwant Singh, Jathedarni Ranjit Kaur, Gursharan Singh, Surinder Kaur Padda, Manmohan Singh Kesar, Jaswinder

Kaur, Bhupinder Kaur Pradhan, Jasbir Kaur, Jaswinder Kaur, Sardul Singh, Paramjit Singh, Sukhwinder Singh, Harwinder Kaur, Jagjit Singh, Harbhajan Kaur, Baljit Singh, Gurmeet Singh, Narinder Kaur, Guljar Singh, Balwinder Singh, Harbir Singh, Surjit Singh, Rajwinder Singh, Harmeet Singh, Hardev Singh, Mahender Singh, Manmohan Kaur, Harpreet Kaur, Swaran Kaur, Amritpal Singh Aman, Inderpal Singh, Tejwinder Singh Khurana, a large number of devotees were present.

Attar Singh honoured with "Louis Braille Award" by Alliance Club

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, JAN 6

On the occasion of the 200th anniversary of Braille Script and the 173rd death anniversary of Dr. Louis Braille (born January 4, 1809, and died January 6, 1852), who developed Braille Script, a program to honor the teachers of Braille was organized by Alliance Club International District 119 at 108 Sant Narayan Das Blind School Bahawal. District Governor Ally. Ramesh Kumar, PDG Ally. Advocate S.P. Rana, Advocate Narinder Kumar Joshi, and Ally. Ashok Puri were specially present on the occasion.

Remembering Dr. Louis Braille on his 173rd death anniversary, discussions were held on his significant contribution to the blind, and it was noted that despite the Braille script being developed 200 years ago, it still needs to reach many blind people. The



principal of this blind school, Mrs. Malti Devi, Braille teacher Chandrabhan, and the institution's president Attar Singh were honoured with the "Louis Braille Award" by the Alliance Club.

On this occasion, Ally. Ashok Puri said that a blind cricket tournament was organized between the teams of Punjab and Delhi on the birth anniversary of Dr. Louis Braille, which is a great achievement. The entire team of Alliance Club appreciated

this effort for the development of the blind by the institution. Ally. Advocate S.P. Rana, Narinder Kumar Joshi, Ally. Ashok Puri, and District Governor Ally. Ramesh Kumar were honoured for the contribution of Ally. Ramesh Kumar and his colleagues in organizing this tournament. After this, the blind students sang the song "Jinke Mahan Kaam Ne Hame Insaan Bana Dia, Parm Pita Parmeshwar Ne Hame Farishta Bana Dia" written by Attar Singh Ji,

Increased use of Solar Energy to play crucial role in solving future power crisis: Naresh Puri

GURDASPUR (VERMA): District Congress President and MLA Mr. Naresh Puri, has praised the Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) for receiving a financial reward of ₹11.39 crore from the central government for adding 60.51 MW of rooftop solar energy capacity during the 2022-23 financial year. He called it a significant achievement for the state's energy sector and stated that this move will provide new guidance for Punjab in the direction of clean and green energy. Puri emphasized that the growing solar energy projects in the state aim not only to reduce the energy crisis but also to make an important contribution towards environmental conservation.

He noted that the Punjab government is installing rooftop solar panels, and people are also making considerable investments in this direction. However, he pointed out a significant issue: there is no system in place to "roll over" the surplus electricity generated from solar panels. He urged the government to take appropriate steps to address this issue. He suggested that the government should formulate a plan to enable the rollover of excess electricity generated from solar panels, so that people can make better use of their surplus energy and turn it into an economic benefit. This suggestion is crucial for long-term energy savings and motivating consumers to invest more in solar panels. Furthermore, Naresh Puri highlighted that the government should reduce the costs imposed on consumers for installing solar panels. Some people are unable to install solar panels because they face high expenses from the concerned departments.



FWC performed last rites of over 1,200 unclaimed bodies in 24 years



FEROZEPUR, JAN 6

Ferozpur Welfare Club, dedicated to the service of humanity, has been performing selfless acts of welfare for the past 24 years. The club specializes in conducting the last rites of unclaimed bodies with full religious customs.

Since its inception, the club has arranged dignified farewells for 1,200 individuals, becoming their family in their final journey. In 2024 alone, the club performed 52 cremations and its members donated 15 units of blood. To honour their noble mission, the club organized a "havan-yagna" and a community feast with the feeling that no

one should leave this world without a dignified goodbye. Sharing the background of the formation of this club, senior member, Prem Nath Sharma said, the idea of Ferozpur Welfare Club was born in 2000, following a tragic incident in Ferozpur Cantt where several impoverished individuals died from consuming illicit liquor. Back then, the deceased were transported in garbage carts, and their cremations lacked dignity and proper rituals. Witnessing this, the then Deputy Commissioner, Kulbir Singh Sidhu, called for an organization to take responsibility for these unclaimed souls, inspiring the registration of the club.



Child killed by stray animals while chasing kites

JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR): A highly unfortunate incident has been reported from village Hasapur where a minor has been killed by stray dogs while he was chasing kites. According to the information, the deceased kid Arjun, son of a migrant labourer was chasing kites when he fell prey to stray dogs who attacked him leading to his terrifying demise.

Father of deceased came from Bihar for work in village Hasapur and has been staying there since then. The family of deceased has been inconsolable and expressed their grief that they had to lose a son due to a kite that does not even cost rupees 10.

CM pays obeisance at Gurdwara Bhatha Sahib, greets people on Parkash Purab of Sri Guru Gobind Singh



DAVINDER SHARMA ROPAR, JAN 6

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Monday renewed his pledge to serve the state with renewed vigor, passion, dedication and commitment while following the footsteps of Dashmesh Pitaah Sri Guru Gobind Singh.

The Chief Minister, who paid obeisance at Gurdwara Bhatha Sahib, greeted people on the sacred occasion of Parkash Purb of Tenth Sikh Master Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji. He said that the great Sikh guru had taught us to fight against tyranny, injustice and oppression.

Bhagwant Singh Mann said that on this sacred day all of us must should take pledge to discharge our duty with utmost sincerity, dedication and commitment to serve the people.

The Chief Minister said that the life and philosophy of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji was a binding force to unite the entire country. He said that Guru Gobind Singh Ji's universal message of peace, humanism, love and brotherhood has a lot of relevance in the current times. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the state government is following the path shown by Sri Guru

Gobind Singh Ji to ensure the well being of every section of society. The Chief Minister paid obeisance at Gurdwara Sahib and prayed to almighty for the peace, progress and prosperity in the state. He also prayed that the ethos of communal harmony, peace and brotherhood are strengthened in the state with every passing day and Punjab leads the country in every sphere. Bhagwant Singh Mann exhorted people to celebrate this sacred occasion with utmost devotion and dedication rising above the parochial considerations of caste, colour, creed and religion.

Sond inaugurates pilot project to make Punjab garbage-free from Khanna

SHASHI PAL JAIN CHANDIGARH, JAN 6

In a bid to make Punjab garbage free, Cabinet Minister Punjab Mr. Tarunpreet Singh Sond today inaugurated the first pilot project of door-to-door collection and segregation plant in Khanna city.

Cabinet Minister Mr. Tarunpreet Singh Sond said that this pilot project with a cost Rs. 4 crore would continue for a year. After the success of this pilot project, it will be started in other areas of Punjab as well.

Giving more information, the Cabinet Minister said that the Punjab government led by Chief Minister Mr. Bhagwant Singh Mann is striving to make the state garbage-free and to fulfill this goal, first pilot project of the state has been started from Khanna city.

He said that wet and dry garbage/solid waste will be collected separately from every household of every ward of Khanna city. Sond said that with the start of this project, garbage will not be dumped at



any other point of Khanna city, due to which garbage will be eliminated from all the wards of Khanna.

He said that under this project, all the residential/commercial/street vendors of Khanna will be issued a unique identification number which would be linked to an app. A nominal bill for garbage collection will be sent to each user on their mobile through a message. Tarunpreet Singh Sond

informed that the city residents can pay the user charges both online and offline. The Minister said that a complaint cell has also been set up in this regard, the toll free number of which is 1800-121-5721. He said that any complaint regarding garbage received on this toll free number will be processed within 60 minutes. He also said that there will be GPS tracking of all the vehicles collecting garbage in Khanna

city. The details of all these vehicles will be displayed live on the screen of the established control room. The Cabinet Minister said that his dream was to make Khanna city clean and beautiful, so this effort is being made for the fulfilment of this goal. He also thanked the Chief Minister Punjab, Mr. Bhagwant Singh Mann and cabinet colleagues for their immense contribution for this noble work.

Nagar Kirtan dedicated to birth anniversary of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji organized at Bajkhana



JAITTU (JS GILL): A grand Nagar Kirtan dedicated to the Parkash Purab of Sri Guru Granth Sahib was organized at the town bajkhana with the help of devotees under the leadership of the devotees. The Nagar Kirtan started with the Ardas from the Gurudwara Sri Anandgarh Sahib of the village. The holy form of Sri Guru Granth Sahib was carried in a very large palanquin. Which was led by the devotees and the devotees in large numbers were going behind and behind while chanting 'Satnam-Waheguru'.

The mourners were entertained by a kirtan in a convoy of tractor-trolleys and a dhadi jatha, which was connected with the life of Guru Sahib and the history of the Sikh community. Flags were placed at different places in the city to welcome the Nagar Kirtan. This Nagar Kirtan took a long way through the different streets of Bajkhana and ended at the Gurudwara Sri Anandgarh Sahib in the late evening. At this stage, the gatka party entertained the mourners by showing their talents. On this occasion, Kar Seva Wale Baba Karaj Singh Ji, Gurudwara Prabhadhak Committee Manager Jatinder Pritham Singh, Master Satwit Singh Babla, Jarnail Singh, Kalvir Singh Dhill, former Sarpach, Bhai Amritpal Singh, Bhai Harbas Singh etc.

Jalandhar rural police arrest shooter of Balachoria and Kaushal gang extortion ring

JALANDHAR, JAN 6

In a significant breakthrough against organized crime, the Jalandhar Rural Police arrested a main shooter of the Balachoria and Kaushal gang extortion ring. The accused was found to be instrumental in a plot to target a crusher owner in Himachal Pradesh and was being used by the gang as a front to make extortion calls.

The accused, identified as Manjot Singh alias Mani, son of Kulwinder Singh and resident of Moranwani, Police Station Garhshankar, District Hoshiarpur, was apprehended by a team led by Sub-Inspector Amandeep Verma, in charge of the Crime Branch Jalandhar Rural. The arrest occurred during a naka operation at Adda Noorpur near GT Road under Maksudan Police Station on



January 4, 2025. During questioning, the accused disclosed the location of another illegal weapon, resulting in the recovery of a second 32-bore pistol from Una, Himachal Pradesh. Investigations revealed that Manjot Singh was a wanted criminal in an Arms Act case registered in Hoshiarpur and a key operative of the Ravi Bala-

choria gang. It was further revealed that the gang was using Manjot Singh as a front to make extortion calls to targets, including a prominent crusher owner in Himachal Pradesh. He, along with his accomplice Jaskaran Singh alias Kari, had been actively conspiring to intimidate and extort money from victims on behalf of the gang.

2.58 cr people underwent treatment in 881 AAP clinics: MLA Sherry Kalsi

GURDASPUR (VERMA): The state government under the leadership of Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann is continuously making efforts to provide world-class health services to the people by making revolutionary reforms in the health sector. The Aam Aadmi Clinics started by the Mann government in the state under the Health Revolution have proved to be a boon for the common people and people are availing the benefits of free health services near their homes.

Referring to the health services provided to the people by Aam Aadmi Clinics last year, MLA from Batala assembly constituency and State Working President of Aam Aadmi Party Mr. Aman Sher Singh Sherry Kalsi said that during the year 2024, 2.58 crore (1.08 crore first-time patients/1.5 crore repeat patients) people have availed the facility of free treatment from Aam Aadmi Clinics.

Working President Mr. Sherry Kalsi said that Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann had dedicated 75 Aam Aadmi Clinics to the people of the state on the occasion of 75th Independence Day, taking the total number of these clinics to 881 now. Out of these 881 Aam Aadmi Clinics, 316 are located in urban areas while 565 clinics are located in rural areas. He said that out of 881 Aam Aadmi Clinics, 62 Aam Aadmi Clinics in the border district of Gurdaspur are providing health services to the people near their homes.

Mr. Sherry Kalsi said that 80 types of medicines and 38 types of diagnostic tests are available free of cost to the patients at the Aam Aadmi Clinics.



NEWS BRIEF

Dev Raj Sharma dedicated to social services

ISHWER GARG TALWANDI SABO: Of course, it has been 17 years since Dev Raj Sharma of village Natheha of Talwandi Sabo passed away from this mortal world and lived in his Sachkhand, yet the

family members continue to contribute to the social service by following the path shown by them. He was born in

village Natheha to Gyanogji Pandit Barman Nand. Being the eldest in the family, he contributed a lot in setting up the tribalism of his entire family. Performed well in which his three sons-two daughters By following the path mentioned by you, you are leaving no stone unturned to fulfill your remaining tasks in the society by serving the people wholeheartedly. While his three sons Luckwinder Sharma, Kulwinder Natheha, Manwinder Sharma are teachers, electricity department and cooperative department are serving the society while grandsons Kamalpreet Singh, Jasmeet Singh, Lovepreet Insan and Ratanvirar

Sarma are also contributing to social service along with education. are putting. Refreshing his memories today, on his eighteenth birthday, family members are planting plants for the cleanliness of the environment by conducting a program to serve Paramarthi.

Free RFT, LFT, Lipid Profile and blood sugar camp organized by Manav Seva Uttam Seva Sanstha Nabha



RAKESH JINDAL NABHA: RFT, LFT, Lipid Profile and Free Blood Sugar Camp was organized at Singla Medicos Mehs Gate under the leadership of Chief

Sevak Vikas Mittal of Manav Seva Uttam Seva Raji Blood Donation State Awardee Organization Nabha. 50 patients were tested free of cost in this camp. On this occasion, Chief Sevak Vikas Mittal talked to selected journalists and said that millions of people around the world are suffering from the problem of diabetes. Other parts of the body are also affected due to this disease. Sugar is also known as silent killer. He said that the blood sugar level is increasing. If the condition becomes serious, it can prove fatal for the person. He said that therefore every person should pay attention to health and diabetes symptoms on time. The symptoms of this disease are also seen on the feet. In fact, when the blood sugar level increases, the risk of foot injury increases. He said that due to diabetes, the blood flow to the feet decreases, due to which the feet become numb and many other problems occur. Ankur Singla, Ravinder Singh, Sunil Gupta, Varun Singla, Deepak Kumar, Kamal Goyal, Vinod Kumar, Baldev Kumar etc were present on this occasion.

Britain's Wild Bean café opens doors for coffee lovers



SANJEEV TEJPAL MORINDA: The prestigious Wild Bean Café, a renowned Britain-based brand, was officially inaugurated at the Reliance petrol pump near Kajoli village. The inauguration ceremony was presided over by Dr. Charanjit Singh, M.L.A. of the Sri Chamkaur Sahib constituency, and facilitated by youth leader Gurwinder Singh Doomechri. The event was further enriched by the presence of former

Jathedar of Sri Akal Takht Sahib, Singh Sahib Giani Ranjit Singh Ji, and youth leader Parminder Singh Doomechri. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Charanjit Singh extended his congratulations to Gurwinder Singh Doomechri for bringing a world-class brand to the region. He emphasized that the new outlet would offer high-quality food and beverages to travelers and customers refueling at the petrol pump. He also highlighted the Punjab Government's initiatives to attract foreign investments, which have resulted in the establishment of companies by Tata and other German and British businesses near Morinda. These ventures have provided employment opportunities for 35% to 50% of the youth in the constituency and have contributed to a significant rise in land values in the area.

Dr. Charanjit Singh expressed optimism about the potential expansion of the Wild Bean Café across the Sri Chamkaur Sahib constituency. He envisioned the establishment of additional outlets, particularly to serve devotees visiting the sacred site, ensuring access to premium coffee and other refreshments. The ceremony was attended by a distinguished list of dignitaries, including Akali Dal constituency in-charge Mr. Karan Singh DTO, former member of the Shiromani Committee Jathedar Pritham Singh Salomajra, former councillor Jagpal Singh Jolly, Jathedar Tejpal Singh Kurali, Councillor Amritpal Singh Khattara, Harchand Singh Doomechri, Sarpanch Davinder Singh Majhail Doomechri, Pralhad Singh, Jagtar Singh Sahedi (Block President).

Modern veterinary hospital to be ready soon in Dhanaula: Meet Hayer



BALWINDER AZAD BARNALA DEHATI, JAN 6

Development works worth crores of rupees have brought a storm of development in Dhanaula from all sides, due to which while every street of Dhanaula is being paved, the promise made earlier to build a veterinary hospital in Dhanaula will also be fulfilled soon. This hospital will be equipped with modern facilities, which will greatly benefit the animal husbandry of the area. These works were expressed by Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer, Member of Parliament from Lok Sabha con-

stituency Sangrur, after reaching the residence of Municipal Council President Bibi Ranjit Kaur in Dhanaula. He said that the honest government of Aam Aadmi Party of Punjab, while giving priority to pro-people works, is doing people's work on a priority basis everywhere, while leaving no gap in Punjab in terms of development. He said that the promises made by the Aam Aadmi Party before the formation of the government are being fulfilled, many promises have been fulfilled since the formation of the government, including free electricity, water, free travel for women in buses, etc.

Sole purpose of Guru Gobind Singh Ji's teaching is to protect humanity: Gill

VERMA GURDASPUR, JAN 6

Paramjit Singh Gill, National Vice President of the Himalaya Family Organization and senior leader of the Lok Sabha constituency of Gurdaspur, stated that Guru Gobind Singh Ji, a personality with a multi-dimensional legacy, was a great revolutionary warrior who established the armed Khalsa Panth.

The Sikh community worldwide is today celebrating the birth anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh Ji with immense reverence. He highlighted that Guru Gobind Singh Ji, who sacrificed his entire family for the welfare of humanity, established the Khalsa Panth. Although he spent much of his life fighting tyranny in Punjab, his early years were spent in Patna Sahib, Bihar. Gill mentioned



that Sahib-e-Kamal, the rider of the blue horse, the Kalgi Dhar, the tenth Guru of the Sikhs, and the founder of the Khalsa Panth, was born in Patna to Mata Gujri. He also mentioned that Guru Gobind Singh Ji was a master in the art of weaponry and warfare. The Guru was not only proficient in martial skills but also well-versed in Persian and Sanskrit. Guru Gobind Singh Ji wrote Gurbanis in Punjabi, Hindi, Sanskrit.

Installation of high-mast lights in Pathankot: A step towards enhancing safety and beautification

VERMA GURDASPUR, JAN 6

Under the supervision of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Vibhuti Sharma, an important step has been taken to eliminate darkness and enhance the beautification of the city. High-mast lights have been installed in various parts of the city, which will not only help in illuminating the dark areas but also enhance the aesthetic appeal of Pathankot.

This project has been implemented specifically in the parks of Ward Number 21 and 13, as well as the road leading from Symbol Chowk to Tiger Chowk. With the installation of these lights, safety will be increased at night, and citizens will feel more comfortable. Vibhuti Sharma stated, "We are committed to making the city better."



The installation of high-mast lights is a crucial step in eliminating darkness and providing better lighting for the people at night. Under this initiative, the main roads and intersections of the city will be illuminated, and lights will be placed at various locations to ensure convenience and safety for commuters. Sharma also emphasized that this plan is not only about eliminating darkness but is also part of the beautification process. Enhancing the city's attractiveness and safety is his priority. Additional lighting will be provided at the city's major intersections and parks. Furthermore, from a security perspective, the proper lighting at night will help control criminal activities. This initiative has been appreciated by the local residents, who believe that this is an important step towards the development of the city.

Pranjali Bansal brings laurels by winning 2 bronze medals in 67th National shooting championship: Arvind Khanna



VIKAS VERMA DHURI, JAN 6

Pranjali Bansal, daughter of Gaurav Bansal, has brought laurels to the Sangrur region by winning two bronze medals in shooting during the 67th National Shooting Championship held in Bhopal.

Mr. Arvind Khanna reached his house in Mann

Colony Sangrur to congratulate his daughter Pranjali Bansal and family on this great success. Congratulations to Pranjali Bansal for this great achievement. Gaurav Bansal, Indu Bansal, Bhavya Bansal, Prof. Arunjit Singh, Pardhaman Sharma, Sarabjit Singh, Gurwinder Singh Khangura and Sandeep Raju were specially present on this occasion.

Police install reflectors on vehicles to prevent accidents

SUMER GARG SANGRUR, JAN 6

Under the direction of the SSP, Mr. Sartaj Singh Chahal, the district traffic Police Sangrur today conducted a special operation at different places and installed reflectors behind the vehicles. While giving information in this regard, District Traffic Police in-charge, Pawan Kumar Sharma said that for the last several days, dense fog has been falling across the state and road accidents often occur due to fog.

He said that as a precaution, a campaign is being carried out to install reflectors at the back sides of the vehicles, so that when the vehicles are moving on the roads, the drivers coming behind can guess about it and prevent accidents from happening. Pawan Ku-



mar also urged the motorists to take full precautions while driving and drive the vehicles slowly. Besides others, ASI, Balwinder Singh, Sarwan

Singh, Ram Pratap, Holdar Parhat Singh and PHC Manjit Singh were also present at the time of installation of reflectors on the vehicles.

Farmers have to protest for their rights and legitimate demands: Nambardar Sahib Singh



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, JAN 6

Farmers of villages Gandawal, Jeevan Pur and Jassowal of district Hoshiarpur gathered under the leadership of Nambardar Sahib Singh Gandawal to tell their problems through press, in which they told the representatives of print and electronic media that electricity department is installing poles in the middle of their fields, while the farmers owners of the concerned land do not know anything about this. When some farmers talked to the JE of electricity department who had come to install the poles, he

said that the department has taken permission for this, while the farmers are completely unaware of this. The affected farmers told that about 4 to 5 marlas of their land will get damaged due to installation of poles. They will suffer a lot of loss and their white poplar trees will also be cut down which will cause a lot of loss to the farmers. The farmers told that on one hand the department is harassing them and on the other hand when they demanded to show the letter given by the government or the department on behalf of the farmers, the department official said that the letter is confidential.

SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI: A meeting was held in Baddi to finalize the preparations for the upcoming Sub-Divisional Republic Day celebrations in Solan district's Baddi subdivision. The meeting, chaired by Sub-Divisional

Officer (SDO) Vivek Mahajan, took place in the Baddi Municipal Corporation's conference hall. Vivek Mahajan issued instructions to officials from various departments to ensure all necessary arrangements are completed on time. He

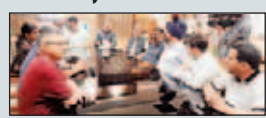
announced that the celebration would feature cultural programs and a march past, emphasizing the need for adequate seating arrangements, cleanliness, drinking water supply, and other logistical preparations at the venue.

NEWS BRIEF

Advanced saplings for Horticulture now available

JOGINDER DEV ARYA BANGANA: The Bangana Horticulture Department has started providing advanced saplings to farmers and horticulturists in the region, including varieties of apple, persimmon, plum, peach, pomegranate, and pear. Horticulture Development Officer Virendra Bhardwaj shared this information, emphasizing the department's aim to promote horticultural activities in the area. He encouraged farmers interested in obtaining these saplings to contact the Bangana Horticulture Department promptly, as the availability is limited. The department is committed to empowering the horticulture sector and enhancing farmers' incomes through such initiatives. Farmers are advised to act quickly to take advantage of this opportunity.

HP Assembly's Estimates Committee visits Kerala for study tour



DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA: The Estimates Committee of the Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly has embarked on a nine-day study tour and has reached the Kerala Legislative Assembly. Under the chairmanship of Speaker Rakesh Kalra, the committee held a meeting with Kerala Assembly officials to engage in constructive discussions on procedural aspects and functioning of committee systems in both states. The committee also interacted with officials from the Kerala Legislative Assembly Secretariat to gain insights into Kerala's transfer policy. The visit aims to facilitate meaningful exchanges of ideas and best practices between the two states. The Himachal Pradesh Assembly representatives informed Kerala counterparts about the adoption of the National e-Vidhan (NeVA) system by the Himachal Pradesh Assembly at Tapovan on December 18, 2024. Apart from Speaker Rakesh Kalra, committee members Satpal Singh Satti, Pawan Kojal, Rakesh Jamwal, Neeraj Nayyar, Kuldeep Singh Rathore, Hardeep Singh Bawa, and Ajay Solanki were also present during the discussions.

CM emphasizes on strengthening tourism infrastructure in State

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, JAN 6

While reviewing projects of the Tourism Department, Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that the tourism sector was the mainstay of economy of the State and the present State Government was prioritizing the early completion of ongoing projects to facilitate the tourists visiting the State. He said that the State Government was going to invest Rs. 2415 crore in the tourism sector to create and strengthen and tourism infrastructure in the State in the coming times.

The Chief Minister said that development of Shiv Dham in Mandi district would be undertaken with an outlay of Rs. 150.27 crore while beautification of Baba Balak Nath Temple in Hamirpur district would be done at a cost of Rs. 51.70 crore, beautification of Nagrorra Bagwan and Palampur town in Kangra district would be done by spending Rs. 78.09 crore. He said that wellness centres would



be developed at Nadaun in Hamirpur district, Nagrota Bagwan in Kangra district, Kullu and Manali in Kullu district with a total cost of Rs. 280.39 crore. He said that the State Government would allocate Rs. 8.64 crore for the conservation and restoration of Naggar Castle in Kullu district.

Sh. Sukhu said that the State government was also promoting adventure tourism in the State and rafting complex would be constructed at Nadaun while ice skating and roller skating rinks would be established in Manali,

Dharamsala and Shimla with an estimated cost of Rs. 163.50 crore to benefit the tourists as well as people of the area. The Chief Minister said that to offer better air connectivity, the State Government was also setting up heliports in the State and directed to expedite the work on these projects. He also directed tourism department to procure operational authorization from DGCA for hassle-free operations of the helicopter services in the existing heliports including, Sanjauli and Rampur of Shimla district, Kangani Dhar in

Mandi district and Baddi heliport in Solan district. He further said that the State Government was also contemplating to set up drone stations in various parts of the state. He also instructed to ensure seven days flight on Dharamsala-Shimla route. Sh. Sukhu said that tourism and power generation sector was the priority sector for the State Government and it would leave no stone unturned to tap the potential to yield maximum benefits. He said that due to the earnest efforts of the present State Government, the tourists influx has been increased thereby contributing immensely in the economy of the State. Chairman HPTDC Rughvir Singh Bali also gave valuable suggestions for the improvement in tourism sector.

Principal Secretary Tourism Devesh Kumar, Secretary to Chief Minister Rakesh Kanwar, Director Tourism Vivek Bhatia, OSD to Chief Minister Gopal Sharma and other senior officer of the Tourism Department attended the meeting.

Rajesh Kaka unanimously elected BJP District President of Nurpur



SANJEEV MAHAJAN NURPUR, JAN 6

Rajesh Kaka has been unanimously chosen as the BJP District President for Nurpur organizational district. The election process was conducted under the supervision of BJP Kangra-Chamba in-charge Vipin Parmar, MP Dr. Rajeev Bhardwaj, and other senior BJP leaders. The announcement was made at the BJP office in Jasur, Nurpur. Prominent leaders, including Nurpur MLA Ranveer Singh Nikka, former minister Rakesh Pathania, and BJP representatives from Jawali and Indora, were present. Vipin Parmar officially declared Rajesh Kaka's election. Vipin Parmar highlighted the success of the BJP's membership drive, with over 16.5 lakh new members in Himachal Pradesh and more than 12.5 crore members across India. In Nurpur, over

85,000 primary members and 2,000 active members were enrolled, with 100% booth committee formation achieved. He added that while four candidates showed interest in the district president position, Rajesh Kaka was unanimously selected. MP Dr. Rajeev Bhardwaj praised the transparent election process and congratulated Rajesh Kaka, acknowledging his dedication and hard work. He expressed gratitude to leaders from all four constituencies for their unity and support in the decision-making process. Rajesh Kaka, in his first statement as district president, expressed gratitude to the party leadership for entrusting him with this responsibility. He vowed to serve with dedication, honesty, and diligence. Kaka also thanked former district president Ramesh Rana, acknowledging his valuable guidance, which he promised to uphold in the future.

Install CCTV cameras to check waste management: DC to MC officials

BALKRISHAN PRASHAR CHAMBA, JAN 6

Deputy Commissioner Mukesh Repaswal has directed the officials of municipal council Chamba to install CCTV cameras and railings at the most sensitive (hotspot) places under various wards for better solid waste management at the district headquarter town of Chamba. While presiding over a review meeting of the District Environment Plan here recently, DC took strict cognizance of the lack of proper arrangements at construction and demolition sites in all the local bodies of Chamba district and directed the concerned officials to take necessary steps in a timely manner. Emphasizing the need for making the works related to waste management more effective, DC directed the



officials of Pollution Control Board to conduct a joint inspection with the staff of municipal council Chamba to maintain the proper system of drain soak at the famous Manjari Garden and various other places. He also directed that the garbage collected from the houses of the people, especially in Hardaspur, Mugla, Sultanpur and Obdi mohallas, should not be left lying on the streets and lanes.

Repaswal instructed the concerned departmental officers to prepare an action plan to ensure collection of garbage

from the shops in Chamba main market; adding that the segregated samples from houses in the municipal area should be collected. He asked the district officials of the Pollution Control Board to conduct a survey in any two wards of the municipal council to review the percentage of garbage. Various works under plastic management, electronic waste management, biomedical waste management, domestic wastewater management, mining management plan were also reviewed in the meeting.

Governor stresses upon role of youth in strengthening national unity

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, JAN 6

Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla presides over the Border Area Youth Exchange Programme held at the Raj Bhavan today. He commended the efforts of the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) for its consistent endeavours in empowering the youth and fostering the spirit of national unity.

Shiv Pratap Shukla said that the youth were the backbone of any nation. Their energy, ideas and enthusiasm shapes the future of the country. This Programme was a remarkable platform that not only brings the youth of



border areas together but also bridges the cultural gaps and fosters a sense of unity and national pride.

The Governor said that Himachal Pradesh Known as Devbhoomi and being a border State holds immense importance. The brave soldiers and the resilient people of our border areas

have always made unparalleled contributions towards the security of our nation. He said that such initiatives provide people an opportunity to acknowledge the sacrifices of soldiers besides understanding their challenges and expressing solidarity with them.

Sh. Shukla emphasized

that the exchange programme as an exceptional opportunity for the participating youth from various states to engage in discussions, share experiences and learn from one another. He urged the participants to embrace this experience and build friendships that transcend boundaries and further strengthen the spirit of 'unity in diversity' of the country.

The Governor encourage the youth to draw inspiration from this programme and become ambassadors of peace, harmony, and progress. He also called upon the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan to continue their commendable efforts in empowering youth and instilling a sense of patriotism among them.

Villagers threaten road blockade over broken pipeline in Tauni Devi



RAJNEESH SHARMA HAMIRPUR: Residents of Tapre Gram Panchayat in Hamirpur's Tauni Devi area staged a protest on Monday, demanding the repair of a broken water pipeline that has left several villages without drinking water for over a month. The pipeline was damaged during ongoing NH construction, causing a severe water crisis for nearly half a dozen villages in the region. Frustrated by the lack of action despite repeated appeals, villagers took to the streets, forcing authorities to respond. A team from the Tauni Devi Police Post was present to monitor the situation. Former Tapre Panchayat Pradhan Rajneesh Kumari Chauhan warned that if the broken pipelines are not repaired by the NH construction company and the Jal Shakti Department within 24 hours, the villagers would block the roads on Tuesday. She accused the construction company of negligence and highlighted additional grievances, including the obstruction of a cremation ground road with debris, which has not been cleared despite repeated requests. Chauhan also hinted at filing an FIR if immediate action is not taken. During the protest, key participants included Vikram Singh, Om Prakash, Jaswant Singh, Vijay, Trilok Singh, and members of the Tapre Mahila Mandal, including Kamla, Manorama, and Anita Devi.

BJP is a political party based on principles and ideals: Trilok Kapoor

SANAJY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, JAN 6

Himachal Pradesh BJP General Secretary and District Kangra Organizational Election Incharge Trilok Kapoor has said that BJP is a political party based on principles and ideals. BJP believes in working on an all-encompassing and all-pervasive path. From the organizational point of view, the way the Mandal and District organizational elections have been held within the state today, it has been contemplated upon that every section of the society should get representation and platform. If we look at Kangra administrative district, then there are four organizational districts of



BJP party in it. OBC from Dehra, women from Palampur, Brahmin class from Dharamshala and Scheduled Caste from Nurpur and Rajput from Chamba have been given representation. He said that BJP believes in fulfilling what it says. Trilok Kapoor said that BJP is a party of workers. In BJP, any worker can reach any high position by working hard. Through the internal elections of BJP

organization, capable and active BJP workers have got important responsibilities. The way the state president of the party in Himachal Pradesh, Dr. Rajiv Bindal, has worked to take every party worker forward according to their ability without any discrimination, sends a strong message. For the past time, Himachal has been praised and patted on the back at the national level in every function of the organization, not only the president but every worker of the state has received this honor. He said that if we talk about the recently held Lok Sabha elections, then the BJP party has registered a historic victory in all the four Lok Sabha seats. In the organizational elections, BJP has given representation to every section.

Hotel Association puts demands before MP to promote tourism

SANAJY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, JAN 6

Hotel Association Dharamshala met Kangra-Chamba MP Dr. Rajiv Bhardwaj at Dharamshala and handed over a memorandum to him with some demands. The memorandum raised issues of centrally funded projects like extension of Vande Bharat train to Kangra, broad gauge of Kangra-Pathankot-Joginder Nagar railway line, initiatives under Swadesh Darshan 2 scheme and Prasad scheme of Government of India. The MP addressed all the executive members present and interacted with them and assured us that he has already raised the railway issues with the Railway Minister in the Parliament as well. He will raise Swadesh Darshan and Prasad scheme with the state government and the concerned



Union Ministers. Association President Ashwani Bamba said that Kangra remains inaccessible to a large section of tourists due to lack of railway connectivity and absence of railway system. Limited access to glacial peaks Despite being home to majestic glacial peaks, there is inadequate infrastructure to allow tourists to experience these natural wonders. Inadequate infrastructure Essential facilities such as parking, roads and tourist amenities require significant upgradation, he said. Poor

publicity Kangra's rich heritage, culture and natural beauty have not been adequately marketed at the national or global level. Extension of Vande Bharat Express to Kangra Extending the existing Vande Bharat train service from Amb to Kangra will significantly improve connectivity and attract tourists from across the country. The ropeway will provide a seamless and scenic access to the snow-clad majestic Dhauladhar ranges for tourists of all ages and adventure enthusiasts.

State Government Champions Inclusivity: Minister Rajesh Dharmani distributes assistive devices at Ghumarwin camp

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY BILASPUR, JAN 6

In a remarkable step towards empowering the differently-abled, the District Red Cross Society, Social Justice and Empowerment Department, Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO), and District Administration Bilaspur jointly organized a one-day free assistive devices camp at Ghumarwin. The event, presided over by Urban Planning and Technical Education Minister Rajesh Dharmani, saw the distribution of assistive devices to 140 eligible beneficiaries from Ghumarwin and Jhanduta subdivisions under the



Assistance to Disabled Persons (ADIP) and National Vayoshri Yojana. The distributed devices included wheelchairs, hearing aids, and specially designed mobile phones, reflecting the state government's commitment to integrating Divyangjans into the mainstream and enhancing

their quality of life. Addressing the gathering, Minister Dharmani said, "The state government is steadfast in its resolve to make Divyangjans self-reliant. Through initiatives like Chief Minister Sukhshray Yojana, we are ensuring holistic development for the underprivileged, including

orphan children adopted by the state." He further announced plans to expand the scope of assessment camps to sub-division and gram panchayat levels, ensuring no eligible Divyangjan is left unidentified or unsupported. "These efforts will ensure assistance reaches every corner of the state, enabling better accessibility for Divyangjans," he added.

Highlighting his initiative to give up electricity subsidies voluntarily, the minister pledged to discuss legal and budgetary measures with Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu to improve home accessibility for differently-abled individuals.

CMO flags off vehicles for 100-Day Tuberculosis-Free campaign



KISHORI LAL BAINS

UNA: In an effort to make the state tuberculosis-free, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Sanjeev Verma flagged off Nikshay vehicles and two-wheelers for the Una District Hospital campus as part of a 100-day TB-free campaign. Dr. Verma emphasized that the initiative aims to identify and treat TB cases through door-to-door visits conducted by ASHA workers, who will collect sputum samples from suspected patients for testing. Additionally, Nikshay camps will be organized in every village with the participation of Panchayati Raj and other departments. Dr. Verma explained that the campaign, launched under state government directives, will use specially designated vehicles to raise awareness about TB symptoms, such as persistent cough, evening fever, sputum production, blood in sputum, breathlessness, and chest pain. Suspected individuals will be screened, and confirmed TB patients will receive prompt treatment.

Yashwant Singh appointed BJP Kinnaur District President



DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA:

Yashwant Singh has been unanimously elected as the BJP District President for Kinnaur as part of the party's Sangathan Parv (Organizational Festival). The announcement was made at Field Hall, Bhabanagar, by BJP state media in-charge Karn Nanda, who officiated the election process. Surat Negi, a BJP leader and candidate, was also chosen as the delegate for the Pradesh Parishad. Present at the event were state co-media in-charge Pyar Singh Kanwar, Kinnaur BJP candidate Surat Negi, and other party members. Addressing the gathering, Karn Nanda congratulated Kinnaur's BJP workers for their exemplary efforts in enrolling 11,051 primary members and 595 active members. He highlighted that the number of BJP organizational divisions in Kinnaur has increased from three to five, significantly strengthening the party's grassroots network. Nanda emphasized Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of ensuring dignified living conditions for rural Indians, stating that initiatives to guarantee basic facilities in every village are transforming rural areas into vibrant hubs of development.

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Recruitment of Agniveer men and women (military police) will be held in Ambala Cantt from February 4 to 11

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL : Second phase of Agniveer recruitment process, physical and medical will be organized at Khadga Sports Stadium, Ambala Cantt from February 4 to 8. Those male candidates of Ambala, Kaitthal, Kurukshetra, Karnal, Yamunanagar, Panchkula of Haryana and Union Territory Chandigarh who have been shortlisted in first phase computer based online common examination can participate. A government spokesperson said that admit cards of all selected candidates of first phase have been issued on December 20. All such candidates can download their admit card from candidate login ID on website of Indian Army www.joinindianarmy.nic.in. From February 9 to 10, second phase of recruitment process for Agniveer women (military police) candidates of Delhi, Haryana.

CM pays tribute at Nada Sahib Gurudwara on 358th Birth Anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh

BUREAU PANCHKULA, JAN 6

Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini, extended his greetings to the people of the state on the occasion of 358th Prakash Utsav (birth anniversary) of Guru Gobind Singh Ji. He expressed immense pride in the supreme sacrifice made by Guru Gobind Singh Ji's Sahibzadas (sons), who gave their lives in service to society and religion.

The Chief Minister today visited Nada Sahib Gurudwara to pay tribute on the occasion of Guru Gobind Singh Ji's 358th Prakash Utsav. He bowed in reverence before Guru Granth Sahib Ji and participated in the Akhand Path. Subsequently, he also paid his respects to the Nishan Sahib and prayed for the well-being and prosperity of the people of Haryana. While replying to media



queries, the Chief Minister emphasized Guru Gobind Singh Ji's monumental contributions in establishing the Khalsa Panth and his personal sacrifices for the welfare of society and the nation. He said that the people of Haryana had again

villages every month to directly listen to people's concerns and resolve them on-site.

When asked about the Laharu incident, the Chief Minister said that before initiating a CBI investigation, the agencies of Haryana are actively working on the matter. He said that the government is functioning in a transparent manner and is committed to ensuring that the citizens of the state live a happy and fear-free life. He assured that no crime would be tolerated and strict action would be taken against the culprits. The Chief Minister also highlighted that free education is being provided to girls in both government and private colleges across the state.

On this occasion, the Jathedar of Nada Sahib Gurudwara, Sh. Baljeet Singh, welcomed the Chief Minister and presented him with a Saropa.

Jan Sahayog Sanstha is playing a leading role in social service

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, JAN 6

It is a matter of great pride to say that Jan Sahayog Sanstha is actually doing excellent work of social service in Kurukshetra. Jan Sahayog Sanstha is a non-political organization. All kinds of people cooperate in this organization. Social service organization distributes Khichdi in LNJP Hospital every day. It distributes free tea and if any needy person needs clothes, then Jan Sahayog Sanstha also provides clothes. Organization continuously works to save lives by organizing blood donation camps. Founder is Master Jitendra Jeetu who is ready to serve people 24 hours a day.

Due to his efforts, this organization is moving ahead in social service works day by day. Main objective of this organi-

sils to needy patients from time to time. It also provides free physiotherapy to patients suffering from cervical. Jan Sahayog social service organisation is always engaged in doing various charitable works. Workers who are working in association with this organisation deserve congratulations. On behalf of Jan Seva Sahayog Sanstha Kurukshetra, an appeal is made to all that whoever is capable should definitely join organisation and provide necessary support for serving the needy. Jan Sahayog Sanstha also arranges marriages of needy, helpless and



zation is to provide wheelchairs to handicapped. Organization also provides uten-

PM Vishwakarma Yojana is giving new recognition to skills of artisans and craftsmen: DC

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KAITHAL, JAN 6

DC Preeti said that craftsmen and craftsmen give their valuable contribution in reconstruction of society. Giving respect to skills of craftsmen and artisans, PM Vishwakarma Yojana is being run by Centre due to which their skills are getting recognition. DC said that PM Vishwakarma Yojana is helpful in keeping traditional art and craftsmanship of India alive and

strengthening economic condition of artisans and craftsmen of country. Main point of PM Vishwakarma Yojana is to improve access as well as quality of products and services of artisans and craftsmen. Along with this to ensure that they are integrated with domestic and global value chains. This scheme provides assistance to

artisans and craftsmen from all over rural and urban areas. He informed that 18 different types of traditional occupations have been included under the scheme, which include boat making, weapon maker, blacksmith, hammer and iron tool making, lock making, goldsmith, potter, sculptor, cobbler, mason, basket carpenter, mat making, doll.



Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji sacrificed his whole life for protection of religion: Harvinder

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA GHARAUNDA/KARNAL, JAN 6

Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji's Prakash Utsav was celebrated with great joy at Shri Teg Bahadur Singh Sabha Gurudwara, Langar was also organized on Guru Parv. On Guru Parv, Haryana Assembly Speaker and MLA Harvinder Kalyan reached Gurudwara and bowed down and received blessings. He wished everyone a Happy Guru Parv and was honored by making him wear a saropa on behalf of the Gurudwara manager. He said that Shri Guru Gobind Singh was a symbol of devotion and power. Sri Guru Gobind Singh sacrificed his entire life for protection of religion, he even sacrificed his Sahibzadas, this cannot be forgotten in humani-

ty and history. He said that we all should follow path shown by him. Speaker said that along with protection of religion and culture, Sri Guru Gobind Singh thinking was



that neither should one be afraid of anyone nor should anyone be frightened, but one should fulfill his responsibility for religion, culture and nation honestly and it is also necessary to serve humanity and society.

Indri MLA Ramkumar Kashyap listens to the problems of people in public hearing program

MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI, JAN 6

Indri MLA and Government Chief Whip Ramkumar Kashyap listened to the problems of the common people every Monday at the Irrigation Department's Rest House and directed the officers of the concerned department to solve the problem soon. Indri MLA and Government Chief Whip Ramkumar Kashyap said that he tried to solve the problems of the public by organizing a public hearing program every Monday of the month. Most of the problems raised in the public hearing program were resolved on the spot and the problems which were related to the administration necessary guidelines were given to the concerned officers. He said that he was always ready to solve the problems of the people, solving the problems of the people for the prosperity of the constituency was his first priority. He gave strict instructions to the officers to take interest in the problems of the public and solve these in the shortest possible



time so that the public did not have to visit government offices again and again.

Mr Ramkumar Kashyap said that in the public hearing program, people of the constituency brought before him various problems pertained to electricity, water, lanes-drains, employment, transfer, construction of permanent houses, making ration cards were taken up and resolved. In Monday camp most of the demands in the public hearing program were relat-

ed to Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. The officers of the concerned department have been instructed to conduct a survey and provide the benefits of this scheme to the eligible persons. He said that the Centre and State poor people were getting the benefit of the combined welfare schemes of the government

Mr Kashyap said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini, the government was working in action mode for development works. He said that the state government was determined for the upliftment of every section. During its tenure, BJP has won all the assembly constituencies. Development work will also be done without discrimination and in future also on priority basis. On this occasion Rajbir Panjokhra, Neeru Kashyap, Krishna Kashyap, Sarpanch Association President Pratap Singh, Soni Kashyap, Sumer Chand Byana were with him.

Riviera's efforts give new life to newborn



RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR : A newborn received a new lease on life due to the efforts of Rotary Yamunanagar Riviera. The child, born to Deepak and Sunita from Azad Nagar, faced serious health complications just two days after birth. Concerned, the family rushed the baby to the Civil Hospital in Yamunanagar, where the infant's condition worsened. The hospital referred the baby to a higher facility due to the critical condition. Upon learning about the case, Rotary Riviera President Sanjeev Sethi immediately took action and informed the board. The baby was admitted to the care of preterm baby specialists, Dr. Sumit Bhatia and Dr. Namrata. Thanks to the doctors' dedicated efforts, the newborn survived and is now healthy. Riviera also covered the hospital expenses. President Sethi expressed that such noble work brings peace of mind, calling it true service, which the Rotarians perform from the heart. He affirmed that this kind of community service would continue in the future. The event was attended by Rajeev Gupta, Harsh Nagpal, Brij Kishore Bhatia, and others.

Sukanya Samridhi Yojana is effective for golden future of daughters: DC

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KAITHAL, DC

Preeti said that daughters are pride of society and government is vigilantly fulfilling its responsibility in providing better educational and safe environment to daughters. Many ambitious schemes have been implemented by central and state government under Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao national program. Sukanya Samridhi Yojana is a boon for safe future of daughters. She said that amount deposited in this scheme is proving to be financially helpful in providing higher education to daughters in future and in their marriage. All eligible persons should open their daughter's account under this scheme. Sukanya Samridhi Account Scheme is a part of Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao campaign. This is also a good initiative of government for domestic savings. She said that Sukanya Samridhi Account can be transferred from one post office to another free of cost. Interest on the deposit amount is completely tax free and is also exempted under Section 80C of Income Tax Act. DC said that under Sukanya Samridhi Yojana, parents or legal guardians can open this account for 2 girls. Sukanya Samridhi Account can be opened from birth of daughter till age of 10 years. This account can be opened only in name of girl. Depositor will be one of parents (guardian) who will deposit money on behalf of minor girl. He said that an account can be opened with just Rs 250 but at least Rs 1,000 should be deposited in every account in a year, a maximum of Rs 1,50,000 can be deposited in a year. Money can be deposited any number of times in a financial year through cash, cheque or draft. He said that interest on deposit amount in Sukanya Samridhi Account Yojana is calculated annually. Parents can deposit money in this account only for 14 years and this account will mature in 21 years.

Government's target is proper development of state: Kabirpanthi

KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI, JANUARY 6

The constituency's MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi said that the state government's target is proper development of the state. The development of Nilokheri constituency will be done without any discrimination. He said that record-breaking development works will be done in the entire constituency. The BJP government of the state has no shortage of grants for development. Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi was addressing the city residents after laying the foundation stone for development works on Anjanthali Road. MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi laid the foundation stone for the construction work of the drain to be built on Anjan-



thali Road. Apart from this, a grant of lakhs of rupees was also given for the repair of the community centre. He also laid the foundation stone for the construction work for the repair of the community center in ward number 5 of Taraori city. He said that apart from the construction of the drain, repair of the

community, a grant of Rs. 2.5 crore has been given by the municipality for the solution of problems.

Ward 15 councillor Sardarni Salindra Kaur and representative Lakhwinder Dhillon, who were present on the occasion, thanked MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi at the foundation stone laying ceremony of

the drain construction work to be completed at a cost of Rs. 35 lakh. Kabirpanthi said that the BJP government will get so many development works done in every area during its tenure that the opposition will be left with no issue regarding development works. On this occasion, Municipal Chairman Virendra Bansal, Punjabi Sabha President Rajiv Narang, Councillor Omprakash Malhotra, Councillor Sardarni Salindra Kaur, Councillor Naresh Gaba, representative Lakhwinder Dhillon, Devendra Kamra, Mandal President Praveen Gupta, Ranjeet Bhardwaj, Balkishan Shamgarh, Rakesh Garg, Rajneesh Shamgarh, Subhash Garg, Balkar Saini, Municipal Secretary Ravindra Kumar and many other dignitaries were present.

Drug addiction is not a disease but an epidemic: BEO

MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI

Block Education Officer Dr. Gurnam Singh attended 7-day National Service Scheme Camp being held at PM Shri Government Senior Secondary School, Gadhi Birbal as Chief Guest on 5th day. Volunteers like Kanika, Khushi, Mehak, Sheetal, Suhani, Payal, Shivani, Shivam, Prince, Rohit, Vansh, Krish welcomed Block Education Officer by showering flowers and offering sweets. He told about work and achievements done by him as a volunteer during his student life. He gave message to volunteers to stay away from drugs. He said that problem of drug addiction is standing in front of us, financial condition of family in which problem of drug addiction enters, becomes very weak. He said that doing drug business is a crime by law. Drug addiction pushes a person towards crime due to which whole family is ruined. He said that children who escape from evils like drug addiction move ahead by studying and bring glory to their family. He said that drug addiction is not a disease but an epidemic. A drug addict ruins himself and his family by getting involved in criminal activities.



Every policy of BJP govt is in public interest, says Subhash Chandra

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, JANUARY 6

To make people aware about cleanliness and to give them information about the public welfare schemes of the Central and State Government, Executive Vice Chairman of Swachh Bharat Mission Haryana Subhash Chandra discussed with the people in Shaktipuram of the city today. In this programme organised at the residence of senior advocate Ashok Kurlan, he said that realizing the dream of Swachh Bharat is one of the ambitious schemes of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. BJP workers are continuously working to bring the Prime Minister's thinking to the ground. We are committed to take the foundation of Swachh Bharat to the people of the state, which



has been laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Under this campaign, the message of Swachh Haryana is being taken to the people. Subhash Chandra said that along with the government, cleanliness is our responsibility too. It is very important for the development of our

health, our environment, and our society. In such a situation, we have to work continuously to make our city clean and beautiful. He said that the previous governments had a narrow thinking about cleanliness and toilets, but since the Modi government has come to power, toi-

lets have been built in the homes of crores of people and our mothers and sisters have got the right to live a respectable life.

He said that every policy of the BJP government is public-friendly. The Modi government of the state and the Center has made many such public welfare schemes whose direct benefit is being received by the public. He said that the BJP government has done the work of changing the system. People are being given the benefits of schemes online. The effort of the state government has been that the benefits of the schemes of the Center and the State reach the person sitting at the last end. Ayushman Bharat is a very big scheme and crores of people in the country are taking advantage of it.

Pushpinder, Akash, Ravindra Kashyap become booth presidents

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, JANUARY 6

In order to strengthen the party from an organisational point of view, booth elections are being held in the party. In this series, booth presidents were unanimously elected for booth number 33, 34, 35 of ward 12 of Karnal BJP Karna Mandal. In which booth president Pushpinder was elected for booth number 33, Akash Arora was elected as the president of booth number 34 and Ravindra Kashyap was elected as the president of booth number 35. Karan Mandal President Sahil Madan, Mandal Election In-charge former Senior Deputy Mayor Krishna Garg, former councillor and election in-charge Rajni Procha, Shakti Kendra Palak and BJP District Media Incharge former coun-



cillor Ashok Kumar, Karan Mandal Vice President and Shakti Kendra Chief Satish Kashyap, Co-Chief Nand Lal were present. On this occasion, election in-charge former senior deputy mayor Krishna Garg said that in order to strengthen the party from an

organisational point of view, BJP has started a campaign to conduct organization elections these days. Organization elections are being conducted by the party in a democratic and transparent manner. He described the role of workers in the organization as especially

important and said that the success of BJP has been possible only due to their dedication and hard work. Former councillor and election in-charge Rajni Procha congratulated all the newly appointed booth presidents and gave proper instructions regarding the creation of the booth and provided information about the structure of the booth. Senior BJP leaders Pramod Ahuja, Ashok Dhingra, Ramanjit Singh, Amar Jeet Singh, Om Prakash, Gaurav Kashyap, Kamal Kashyap, Bittu Bharti, Balraj Sharma, Prem Sanduja, Ashok Virmani, Atma Wadhwa, Mohit, Ashok Verma, Pankaj Jawa, Sanjeev Pahwa, Satpal and other workers were present.



famous Bengali writer Sharat Chandra Chattopadhyay into Punjabi to establish standard values of life among Punjabi

readers. This includes his novel 'Devdas'. On this occasion, Mr. Sidhu said that he has not come into the field of translation for any immediate benefit, but has come to try to raise the level of study of the readers and make the foundation of mutual community sensitive and cordial. On this occasion, Punjabi writers Tejinder Chandhok and Malvinder Shayer also presented their views on Sidhu and translation in Punjabi.

KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA: Denmark resident Jagmel Sidhu's newly translated novel 'Datta' was released by Buta Singh Chauhan, Governing Council Member of Indian Sahitya Academy Delhi, at the local Chitu Park. After the release ceremony, Chauhan said about the book that Sidhu has been active in the field of translation for the last three-four years. He has translated many novels of

NEWS BRIEF

Scorpio driver hits bus in drunken state

AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: A Himachal Road Transport Corporation bus was hit by a Scorpio driver in a drunken state on National Highway 3 in front of the Sub Divisional Officer's office gate. The bus driver averted a major accident by his presence of mind. People gathered at the spot scolded the Scorpio driver. The Scorpio driver saved his life by apologizing and promised not to drive in a drunken state in future.

Arrest of BHU students attack on freedom of expression: Revolutionary Centre



KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA: The Revolutionary Center Punjab has strongly condemned the arrest of student activists of Shaheed Bhagat Singh Vidyarthi Morcha under false charges, who had gathered at Banaras Hindu University to discuss Manu Smriti recently, and has strongly demanded the immediate unconditional release of the students and the arrest of the culprits. Revolutionary Centre Punjab State President Narayan Dutt and State General Secretary Kanwaljit Khanna termed this fascist act as a major attack on freedom of expression and said that during a discussion on Manu Smriti Day organized by Banaras Hindu University-based Bhagat Singh Vidyarthi Morcha (BSM) in the Arts Faculty of BHU, the BHU Proctoral Board guards and police beat up the students and forcibly put them in a police van and sent them to 14-day judicial custody after registering an FIR under non-bailable sections against 13 members. The leaders said that this is a direct violation of the guidelines of the Supreme Court and the Human Rights Commission and the right to freedom of expression and life under Articles 19 and 21 of the Constitution.

Delhi polls: Congress announces 'Pyari Didi Yojana', promises Rs 2,500 to women

AGENCY NEW DELHI, JAN 6

Ahead of the Delhi assembly elections, Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar announced the first of Congress' guarantees in the national capital, the "Pyari Didi" scheme, which will provide Rs 2,500 to women there. Addressing a joint press conference with Delhi Congress president Devender Yadav, Karnataka Deputy CM Shivakumar said, "Today, I am here to launch the 'Pyari Didi' scheme. I am confident that Congress will form the govt in Delhi and we will provide Rs 2,500 to women, and it will be decided in the very first meeting of cabinet - on the same model that we



implemented in Karnataka." Shivakumar also said that whatever the party had promised they have delivered. "Whatever we have promised Congress has delivered. Congress' strength is country's strength, Congress history is country's history," Shivakumar said. Delhi Congress president Devender Yadav stated that his party has fulfilled all its promises, leading to an increase in people's faith in the party. "Be it Karnataka, Telangana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Rajasthan or Chattisgarh, whatever promises we made, we have fulfilled them and somewhere because of this people's faith in Congress is increasing," Yadav said. Yadav also took a veiled dig at Aam Aadmi Party national convener Arvind Kejriwal, saying that all the dreams he promised for the national capital are now

falling apart. "Sapno Ka Saudagar (merchant of dreams)... is continuously showing dreams to people. However, after 11 years, the situation in the city is deteriorating. All the dreams that he showed for Delhi are now falling apart. In 11 years, be it the education model, free electricity, free water, ending corruption, Arvind Kejriwal has completely failed on all these aspects," Yadav said. The assembly elections in Delhi are likely to be held in February. Congress, which was in power in Delhi for 15 successive years, has performed poorly in the past two assembly polls, failing to win any seat. AAP won 62 out of the 70 seats in the 2020 assembly elections and BJP secured eight seats.

Kejriwal came to power on corruption, now out on bail: Anil Vij

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA AMBALA, JAN 6



Haryana's Energy, Transport and Labor Minister Sh. Anil Vij today took a jibe at Delhi's former Chief Minister, Arvind Kejriwal, saying that Kejriwal came to power on the name of "corruption" and today, he is out on bail in a "corruption" case itself. Vij was speaking to media persons regarding the statement by Delhi's former Chief Minister, Arvind Kejriwal, that "the BJP has done nothing for Delhi." He said that although Kejriwal is out of jail, the corruption case is still ongoing. Kejriwal has been

granted bail, not acquitted, and thus has no right to speak in any manner. Regarding the case of admitting farmer leader Dallewal to the hospital, Cabinet Minister Anil Vij said that this is a Punjab matter. He questioned the intent of the Punjab government in this case and said that the honorable Supreme Court had formed a

committee regarding the issue. The Punjab government is not complying with the Hon'ble Supreme Court's directive, possibly waiting for a day when the situation in Punjab worsens. Commenting on Karnataka Deputy CM DK Shivakumar's statement that Congress will launch the Pyari Didi scheme if it forms a government in Delhi, Cabinet Minister Anil Vij quipped, "na nau man tel hoga, na raadha naachege." Mocking Congress, he said they know they won't form a government, so they are making announcements freely, as they carry no accountability.

Sachin Sharma given command of Kangra BJP District President for second time

SANAJY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, JAN 6

In the organizational elections held on Monday in Dharamshala, Sachin Sharma was given the command of Kangra BJP District President for the second time. State BJP General Secretary and Election Officer Trilok Kapoor announced the name of Sachin Sharma for the post of Kangra BJP Organizational District President. In Dharamshala, the party leaders unanimously decided Sachin's name and after that Sachin Sharma filed nomination papers for the post of District President. On Sachin being made District President for the second time, it is being told that Sachin Sharma was appointed to the post of District President in July 2023 and till now he has completed only about one and a half years of tenure. Whereas according to the



party constitution, a tenure of three years is prescribed. In the by-election held on Dharamshala assembly seat, BJP Mandal President Dr. Vishal Nehariya along with the team of District President Sachin Sharma played an important role in making BJP candidate Sudhir Sharma victorious. Sudhir Sharma's path to victory in the election became easy due to the party organization. Due to BJP's victory in the Assembly by-election, Dr. Vishal Nehariya has also got the command of Mandal President for the second time in Dharamshala Mandal yesterday. Hardatt Sharma, who was the district president of Palampur, Sanjeev Sharma, who was the president of Dehra and Ramesh Rana, who was the district president of Nurpur, have completed two terms i.e. six years each as the president of the BJP organizational district. For this reason, the party high command has considered the name of Sachin for the second time. On becoming the president for the second time, Secretary Sharma said that he had lived up to his responsibilities earlier as well and once again he will work diligently to strengthen the party.

Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria pays obeisance at Takht Sri Kesgarh Sahib

MANJINDER BHATIA SRI KIRATPUR SAHIB, JAN 6



I extend my heartfelt greetings to the entire Sikh community on the Prakash Purab of Sahib-e-Kamaal, Sarbansdani, and the creator of Khalsa, Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji. Today, on the occasion of the birth anniversary of the Dasmesh Pita, I had the privilege of paying obeisance at the birthplace of the Khalsa, Takht Sri Kesgarh Sahib, Sri Anandpur Sahib. Listening to the divine Kirtan brought peace to my soul, and my entire family feels truly blessed, said Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria during his visit to Takht Sri Kesgarh Sahib today. Accompanied by his wife Anita Kataria, the Governor offered prayers at Takht Sri Kesgarh Sahib and held discussion with Singh Sahib Giani Sultan Singh,

Jathedar of Takht Sri Kesgarh Sahib, to learn more about Guru Sahib's life and legacy. Speaking to the media, Governor Kataria remarked, "Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, in 1699, established the Khalsa Panth by initiating the Panj Pyare with Amrit. At the tender age of 9, Guru Sahib sacrificed his father, Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji, for the welfare of humanity. The martyrdom of his father commands reverence across the world. Guru Sahib's four sons made the supreme sacrifice for the sake of

upholding humanitarian principles and righteousness—two of whom attained martyrdom in battle, while the other two were bricked alive. Such unparalleled sacrifices are unique in the annals of not only Indian but world history. Guru Sahib transformed Sikhs into Singhs and bestowed the gift of the Five Ks (Kakaars). "Today, I feel fortunate to have visited Sri Anandpur Sahib, a sacred and historic land that we bow our heads to, with utmost reverence," he added. The Governor, along with his family, also visited the Virasat-e-Khalsa Museum. He expressed admiration for the preservation and grandeur of this heritage site. "The honor and recognition received by Virasat-e-Khalsa globally speak volumes about its significance. The museum provides an exceptional insight into Punjab's history, culture, and the legacy of the Ten Guru Sahibans. It was truly an enlightening experience," he shared. Earlier, at Kisan Haveli in Sri Anandpur Sahib, the Governor was accorded a Guard of Honor. He was accompanied by Rupnagar Deputy Commissioner Himanshu Jain (IAS), SSP Gulneet Singh Khurana (IPS), Additional Deputy Commissioner Pooja Syal, DRO Badal Deen, DSP Ajay Singh, and Tehsildar Amritbir Singh.

Man killed with sharp weapons



HARRY PHILLAUR: A case of brutal murder of a man with sharp weapons by some unidentified persons has come to light in village Akalpur under Phillaur police station last night. The deceased has been identified as Jagtar Singh son of Jasvir Singh, resident of Akalpur. According to the information received, some persons called Jagtar Singh and called him out of his house. When Jagtar reached the said place, 5-6 unidentified assailants present at the spot attacked him with sharp weapons. Jagtar was seriously injured during the incident. Hearing the sound of gunshots, the villagers and family members reached the spot, but the assailants had fled. Jagtar Singh was immediately taken to Civil Hospital Phillaur. Since his condition was serious, after initial treatment he was sent to Ludhiana Hospital, where Jagtar succumbed to his injuries. DSP on the spot Phillaur Mr. Sarwan Singh Bal and Police Station Chief Inspector Sanjeev Kapoor reached with a heavy police party and started investigation into the incident. Different teams have been deployed to catch the killers. Police officials claimed that the killers will be arrested soon. Jagtar Singh has left behind a wife and two innocent children.

Haryana CM Saini unveils KU New Year 2025 Calendar

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, JAN 6

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini released the annual calendar of Kurukshetra University and the table calendar of Dharohar Haryana Museum today in Chandigarh. On this occasion, Vice Chancellor of Kurukshetra University Prof. Som Nath Sachdeva was present and CM Saini wished new year greetings to Prof Sachdeva and all the employees and students of the university and further wished for the prosperity of Kurukshetra University. Prof. Sachdeva informed that these calendars provide glimpses of all the prominent activities of the University like the visits of Vice President of India, Governor and CM. Deputy Director PRO KUK Dr Jimmy Sharma informed that these calendars were released today at Haryana CM's residence in Chandigarh. Dr Sharma further informed that the year-long activities of the University and Dharohar Haryana Museum have been included and in the table calendar, the month of January showcases visit of Haryana Pavilion by Vice President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar, in the month of February, inauguration of Swami Vivekananda Statue by Haryana CM Nayab Singh Saini, in the month of March, cultural activities are highlighted, in the



month of April, prize distribution of Goyal Award winners held in KU is displayed, Foundation Day of Dharohar Haryana Museum in the presence of Vice Chancellor in the month of May, Indo Pacific International Seminar in the month of June, North Zone Inter University Sports Competition in the month of July, inspection of 26 January Parade in the month of August, organization of Teachers' Day and At Home Program at Vice Chancellor's residence in the month of September, organization of Maha Kumbh Ratnavali Cultural Festival in the month of October, organization of Independence Day in the month of November and International Gita Mahotsav Conference in the month of December have been released.

Haryana Media Wellbeing Association will organize state level program in Karnal on Jan 11

VIJAY KAUSHIK LADWA, JAN 6

Kailash Goyal, Chief Member of Advisory Committee of Haryana Media Wellbeing Association, said that the association will be organizing a state level program on January 11 at 10:00 am at Karna Lake in Karnal. In which Haryana Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan will attend as the chief guest while the program will be presided over by Haryana Social and Empowerment Minister Krishna Kumar Bedi. Karnal MLA Jagmohan Anand will attend the program as a special guest while as the guest of honor Former media secretary of Haryana Chief Minister Praveen Atre, former vice chancellor and senior journalist Dr. Chatar Singh will also be present. Kailash Goyal said that in this state



level conference, journalists who played an important role in the media world of the state will be awarded Patrakarita Alankar. These included senior journalist Vinod Jindal of Kurukshetra, Ranjit Gupta of Shabbad Markanda and the young journalist Nitin Walia of Bhiwani. He said that the association every year awarded the fellow journalists who have made a significant contribution in the field of journalism for their

remarkable services. He told that apart from this the association also honored social personalities who did out-of-the-box work in the social sector. He told that from time to time the association helped people in any kind of disaster. He was not behind in helping the journalists who have come here financially. So far financial help of about Rs 20 lakh has been given to many journalist colleagues and their families from the state including other states. He told that on this occasion also 251 journalists were given financial help. Free term and accidental insurance policies will be distributed by the organization. He told that till now the organization has distributed free term insurance and accidental policies to 1300 journalists of North India and 780 journalists of Haryana.

BKU Ugrahan launches day-night protest at DC Office seeking justice for women martyred and injured in accident

KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA, JAN 6

A day-night protest has been started in front of the DC office in Barnala demanding justice for the three women who were martyred and all the injured in the bus accident near Barnala, which was full of BKU Ekta Ugrahan activists who were going to attend the Tohana Mahapanchayat of the United Kisan Morcha. Which has also been supported by BKU Dakunda Dhaner. The speakers included District President Chamkaur Singh Nainawal, General Secretary Jarnail Singh Badra, Vice President Bukhan Singh Sadawal, Darshan Singh Bhaini, BKU Dakounda Dhaner District General Secretary Sahib Singh Badbar, Nanak Singh Amala Singh



Wala, Block Barnala President Balour Singh Chhanna and District Women Convener Kamaljit Kaur Barnala said that the government is not ready to give any compensation to the victim families of the three farmer women who died in the accident. The leaders said that cases like giving forced leave to seriously injured people by describing them as minor injuries have also come to light. The speakers strongly

Security coordination meeting held at Indian Oil Terminal, Pekhubela

KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA, JAN 6

A security coordination meeting was held on Monday at the Indian Oil Corporation Limited's Una Terminal under the chairmanship of SDM Una, Vishwamohan Dev Chauhan. The meeting aimed to evaluate the terminal's security measures and discuss steps to further enhance them. SDM Chauhan emphasized the need for strong coordination between the district administration and terminal management in implementing security protocols. He directed that measures be taken to safeguard the Una Terminal against drone activity by



coordinating with relevant authorities, installing signage, and raising awareness among the local population. He also announced that the Indian Oil Terminal would be jointly inspected by local administration and terminal officials, with another review meeting scheduled in three months. SDM Chauhan further instructed the timely submission of required documents to the Deputy Commissioner for the formation of a security

Annual Jor Mela at Dhanaula at Gurdwara Shaheed Baba Natha Singh Ji begins from today

BALWINDER AZAD BARNALA DEHATI: Remembering the memory of Baba Rajwant Singh, a resident of Sachkhand, the famous religious site of Malwa, Gurdwara Shaheed Baba Natha Singh Ji, the penance place, and dedicated to the arrival of the blessed Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, the son of a martyred father, the father of martyred sons, the giver of Sahib-e-Kamal Amrit, this year too, like every year, is being celebrated with full devotion and spirit with the support of the Sangats from home and abroad and the residents of the area. Giving information in this regard, the chief servant of this place, Advocate Sant Baba Ajay Naunihal Singh, said that during the religious ceremony, 91 Sri Akhand Path Sahib Ji will be offered and along with three Dhadi Darbar Kathawachak and the verses related to Guru Gobind Singh Sahib Ji, along with the divine holy Bani of the Satgurus, the devotees who have strayed from the Guru Ghar will be inspired to follow the path of the Satgurus by connecting them with the Bani. He further said that in this 3-day Jor Mela, along with the devotees from all over the state and region, a large number of devotees from the country and abroad participate in this Jor Mela every year and this time too, along with the devotees from all over the state, religious, political and social personalities will participate and bow down before Sahib Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji Maharaj and make their lives successful.



Editorial

Study time

The vision of the National Education Policy 2020 regarding schools has some way to go before being achieved. The Unified District Information System for Education Plus, under the Union education ministry, has provided data indicating that schools are yet to become standardised in technology. Only 57.2% of schools have functional computers and 53.9% have internet access. This picture is bleak when put in the contemporary context, and it means a divide between computer and internet-savvy young people and those unfamiliar with both. The situation is better in the case of infrastructure although not ideal: 90% of schools have electricity and gender-specific toilets but only 52.3% have ramps with handrails. The last is typical of a society insensitive towards differently-abled persons. But it is also difficult to imagine learning lessons in schools lacking electricity; naturally, children there would have no acquaintance with computers or even advanced teaching tools.

There is also uncomfortable news on the enrolment and drop-out fronts. In 2023-24, the total enrolment dropped by a crore compared to recent years; it decreased by 37 lakh from the previous year. While enrolment at the preparatory and middle levels is good, it drops sharply at the foundational level and again at the secondary level. It varies regionally. Bihar, for example, has seen a striking decrease, as have Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra. Tellingly, the number of schools with zero enrolment has increased by 2,660, from 10,294 in 2022-23 to 12,954 in 2023-24. The UDISE Plus data offer space for intensive inquiry into reasons for these decreases and, therefore, their correction. The drop in enrolment is larger in the case of boys than that of girls; why are boys not being enrolled? The noticeable drops are among other backward classes and minority communities; fewer children from scheduled castes and scheduled tribes too are being enrolled. Analysis suggests that the documentation for admission makes enrolment difficult for these groups. Equally discouraging are the hurdles in getting scholarships for students from underprivileged groups; the Union government has not been forthcoming with these. The inequalities in society are a condition that must be considered for admission and scholarships; administrative help is indispensable if all children are to join school and continue there. That drop-out rates increase as the classes get higher is another facet of the same problem. Children from marginal or underprivileged backgrounds need both intellectual succour — lessons must be accessible — and financial support to complete their school education.

Taiwan considers ban on ownership of 955 animals

Taiwan's Ministry of Agriculture announced plans to ban the ownership and importation of 955 animal species, including raccoons and alligator snapping turtles, as part of its effort to address public safety and animal welfare concerns, Taipei Times reported.

The proposed additions aim to expand the ministry's list of animals banned from being owned, imported, or exported.

The Department of Animal Welfare discussed the amendments during a meeting on Friday, emphasising three main criteria for the new additions. The first criterion prioritises species not included in the Schedule of Protected Species under Article 4 of the Act on Wildlife Conservation.

Second, animals regulated in other countries but without formal import records to Taiwan were pre-emptively listed. Third, species considered dangerous due to venom, potential to cause serious injuries, or other public safety risks were included.

Species identified for prohibition include the spectacled caiman, members of the Dasypodidae family, the Castor genus, and all Canidae family members except domestic dogs. Ownership bans extend to eight animal categories, such as Burmese pythons, raccoons, and all



Cheledridae species. The Taiwan Amphibian and Reptile Association criticised the ministry's approach, pointing out in a Facebook post on Saturday that the Industrial Technology Research Institute, rather than a wildlife-focused

agency, was tasked with evaluating the banned species list, reported Taipei Times. "An agricultural policy formulated by an agricultural agency was entrusted to an industrial research institute for evaluation... This approach is

unacceptable," it said. The association also raised concerns about enforcement, noting that local governments lack sufficient staff to monitor the listed species and accommodate confiscated animals.

National Taiwan Normal University professor Lin Si-min acknowledged the risks posed by the listed species but highlighted the need for risk management and owner education.

"Keeping cats or dogs as pets also involves risks. The point is to manage the risks and educate the owners," he said. Lin warned that an overly broad prohibition could drive pet ownership underground, leaving issues unaddressed.

Department of Animal Welfare Director Chiang Wen-chuan clarified that the implementation date and list are still under discussion. He assured that not all 955 species would be banned immediately and emphasised the importance of reaching consensus through meetings and dialogue, Taipei Times reported.

"The final decision on pet ownership bans would be based on the greatest possible common ground," he said.

The Ministry's proposed policy reflects growing attention to public safety and animal welfare, with officials and stakeholders debating the most effective and balanced approach to implementation.

Literature & Health

Bangladesh cancels training sessions of judicial officials in India

Bangladesh has cancelled the participation of its judicial officials in training sessions scheduled to be held at the National Judicial Academy in Bhopal and a state judicial academy in India in February, Dhaka Tribune reported.

Bangladesh's Ministry of Law, Justice, and Parliamentary Affairs announced the decision in a circular released on Sunday. The cancellation of the earlier approval for judicial officials to participate in the training program from February 10-20 came in compliance with the directives issued by the Supreme Court, according to the circular, according to the Dhaka Tribune report.

Earlier on December 30, a notification was issued which granted permission to 50 officials to attend the training. The nominated officials comprised Assistant Judges, Senior Assistant Judges, Joint District and Sessions Judges, Additional District and Sessions Judges, District and Sessions Judges, and other equivalent-level officers, Dhaka Tribune reported. According to the circular, the Indian government had to pay for all the expenses for the training, with no financial involve-



ment from the government of Bangladesh. The cancelled program was part of a bilateral understanding signed during Bangladesh's then-PM Sheikh Hasina's visit to India in April 2017. According to the agreement, judicial training was to be given to enhance the capacity and expertise of Bangladeshi judicial officials at India's National Judicial Academy and other institutions. Earlier on January 3, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) reaffirmed India's support for a "democratic, stable, peaceful, progressive and inclusive Bangladesh" and called people of two nations as the main stakeholders in the ties between New Delhi and Dhaka.

North Korea fires ballistic missile ahead of US talks with South Korea and Japan

North Korea launched a ballistic missile toward the Sea of Japan, the Kyodo news citing the South Korean military reported.

The report, citing an official, further stated that Japan's Defence Ministry later confirmed the missile had likely landed outside Japan's exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

This launch occurred just two weeks before US President-elect Donald Trump's inauguration on January 20 and marked North Korea's first missile activity since firing multiple short-range ballistic missiles on November 5, the report confirmed.

The launch also coincided with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken's vis-



it to South Korea, Japan, and France from January 4-9.

Earlier in the week, the US Department of State, in an official statement, said, "The Secretary will discuss how the United States and the ROK can strengthen key efforts to promote a free, open, and prosperous Indo-Pacific, as well as tri-

lateral efforts with Japan."

"In Japan, Secretary Blinken will meet with senior Japanese government officials to review the tremendous progress the US-Japan alliance has made over the past few years. Secretary Blinken will reaffirm the importance of the alliance in addressing a range of bilateral, regional, and global issues and continue to build on the momentum of US-Japan-ROK trilateral cooperation," the statement added.

Meanwhile, on October 31, Japan's Defence Ministry had reported that North Korea launched at least one ballistic missile, suspected to be an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM)-class weapon.

POEM

Lady Clare

IT was the time when lilies blow, And clouds are highest up in air, Lord Ronald brought a lily-white doe To give his cousin, Lady Clare.

I trow they did not part in scorn- Lovers long-betroth'd were they:

They too will wed the morrow morn:

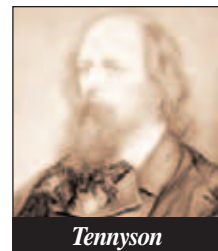
God's blessing on the day!

He does not love me for my birth,

Nor for my lands so broad and fair;

He loves me for my own true worth,

And that is well,' said Lady Clare.



Tennyson

In there came old Alice the nurse, Said, 'Who was this that went from thee?'

'It was my cousin,' said Lady Clare,

'To-morrow he weds with me.'

By Alfred, Lord Tennyson

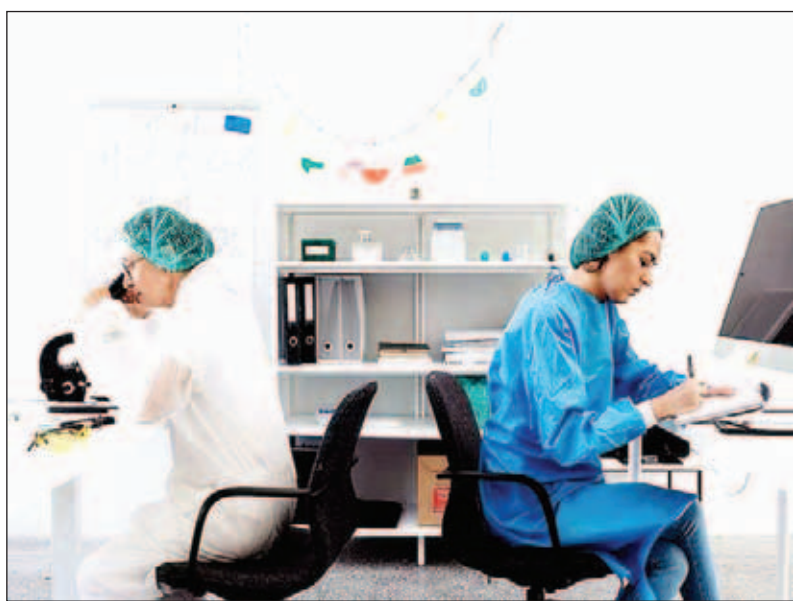
New study on water molecules contradicts textbook models

A team of researchers discovered that water molecules on the top of salt water are organised differently than previously assumed.

Many key reactions linked to climatic and environmental processes occur when water molecules interact with air. For example, the evaporation of ocean water is significant in atmospheric chemistry and climate research. Understanding these responses is critical to attempts to reduce human impact on our world.

The distribution of ions at the air-water interface can influence atmospheric processes. However, a clear understanding of the microscopic events at these critical surfaces has thus far been hotly contested.

In a paper published in the journal Nature Chemistry, researchers from the University of Cambridge and the Max Planck Institute for Polymer Research in Germany show that ions and



water molecules at the surface of most salt-water solutions, known as electrolyte solutions, are organised in a completely different way than tradi-

tionally understood. This could lead to better atmospheric chemistry models and other applications.

The researchers set out to study how water molecules are affected by the distribution of ions at the exact point where air and water meet. Traditionally, this has been done with a technique called vibrational sum-frequency generation (VSFG).

With this laser radiation technique, it is possible to measure molecular vibrations directly at these key interfaces.

However, although the strength of the signals can be measured, the technique does not measure whether the signals are positive or negative, which has made it difficult to interpret findings in the past.

Additionally, using experimental data alone can give ambiguous results.

The team overcame these challenges by utilising a more sophisticated

form of VSFG, called heterodyne-detected (HD)-VSFG, to study different electrolyte solutions. They then developed advanced computer models to simulate the interfaces in different scenarios.

The combined results showed that both positively charged ions, called cations, and negatively charged ions, called anions, are depleted from the water/air interface. The cations and anions of simple electrolytes orient water molecules in both up- and down-orientation. This is a reversal of textbook models, which teach that ions form an electrical double layer and orient water molecules in only one direction.

Co-first author Dr. Yair Litman, from the Yusuf Hamied Department of Chemistry, said, "Our work demonstrates that the surface of simple electrolyte solutions has a different ion distribution than previously thought and

that the ion-enriched subsurface determines how the interface is organised: at the very top there are a few layers of pure water, then an ion-rich layer, then finally the bulk salt solution."

Co-first author Dr. Kuo-Yang Chiang of the Max Planck Institute said, "This paper shows that combining high-level HD-VSFG with simulations is an invaluable tool that will contribute to the molecular-level understanding of liquid interfaces."

Professor Mischa Bonn, who heads the Molecular Spectroscopy department of the Max Planck Institute, added, "These types of interfaces occur everywhere on the planet, so studying them not only helps our fundamental understanding but can also lead to better devices and technologies. We are applying these same methods to study solid-liquid interfaces, which could have potential applications in batteries and energy storage."

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR: Chief Legal Aid Counselor of Legal Aid Raksha Council, Ashwani Kumar Batra, said that for January 2025 the Council has appointed advocates to provide legal assistance before and at the time of arrest in the district. They would provide legal assistance

to the accused before and at the time of arrest. He informed that Deputy Counselor of Legal Aid, Sabar Ali Chauhan was posted at Police Station Sector-17 HUDA and Budia, Assistant LADC Nikhil Sharma was posted at Police Station City Yamuna Nagar, Mahila Thana and Cyber Police Station, Assistant LADC

Deepak Kumar was posted at Police Station GRP/RPF Sadar Yamuna Nagar and in Jathlana, Assistant LADC Jaskirat Singh Sandhu has been appointed in Police Station Sadar Jagadhri and City Jagadhri, Assistant LADC Muktesh Salwan has been appointed in Police Station Gandhi Nagar, Farkpur and

Radaur, Additional LADC Virendra Kumar has been appointed for Police Station Chhappar. He said that LADC would visit police stations from time to time and can provide legal aid to the accused by visiting any police station or by telephone depending on the seriousness of the case.

NEWS BRIEF

Police recover body of newborn child



PREETI SAINI SADHAURA: A case that shattered relationships came to light in Sadhaura Nakti River where the body of a newborn baby was recovered by Sadhaura Police. According to the information, someone had informed Sadhaura police that the body of an unknown child is buried in a pit in Sadhaura Nakti river. People present nearby in a sack here, which was buried in the pit by the children themselves so that the child is not hurt by dogs or any other animal and later Sadhaura police was informed about it. Reaching the spot, Sadhaura police with the help of people took the child out of the pit and admitted him to Sadhaura hospital, from where the doctors declared him dead and referred him to Jagadhri for post-mortem. Giving information, Sadhaura police station in-charge Amit Kumar said that in this regard he had received information that the body of an unknown newborn child is buried in a pit in Sadhaura Nakti river.

Pandit Shriram Sharma's sacrifice will never be forgotten: Cabinet Minister Arvind Sharma



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA GOHANA, JAN 6

Himachal Pradesh's Cooperation, Jail, and Tourism Minister Arvind Sharma stated that Pandit Shriram Sharma was not only a great freedom fighter but also a scholar and historian. He fought against British tyranny and oppression before India's independence, and his sacrifice will never be forgotten.

On Monday, a delegation from the Pandit Shriram Sharma Vichar Manch, led

by President Dr. Ashok Dixit, met with Cabinet Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma. Later, the delegation invited Chief Minister Nayab Saini to the unveiling of a life-size statue of Pandit Shriram Sharma on 15 January. The Chief Minister graciously accepted the invitation, expressing his honor in unveiling the statue. Cabinet Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma will preside over the event, while BJP State President Mohan Lal Badoli will be a special guest. Dr. Ashok Dixit, President of the Vichar Manch, mentioned

Pradeep Gupta becomes district head of Manav Utthan Seva Samiti

KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI: CMD of Shri Hans Rice and General Mills Taraori, Pradeep Gupta became the district head of Manav Utthan Seva Samiti. He was given this responsibility in a meeting of Manav Utthan Seva Samiti. In the meeting, all the members unanimously made Pradeep Gupta the district head of Manav Utthan Seva Samiti in view of his service-oriented works. On getting another responsibility in the works of social welfare, District



Head Pradeep Gupta expressed his gratitude to all the members of Manav Utthan Seva Samiti. Shri Hans Rice and General Mills Taraori CMD Pradeep Gupta's father Late Khusrim Gupta was earlier the district head of Manav Utthan Seva Samiti. After his death, this post was vacant.

that the statue of Pandit Shriram Sharma has been installed at the Pandit Shriram Sharma Park, located near the Old Jail and New Bus Stand in Rohtak. The

delegation present included Dr. Ashok Dixit, Gyaniram, Pyare Lal Kataria, Randhir Bhardwaj, Sombeer Dixit, Ramesh Thekedar, Satish Pehrawar, among others.

KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI, JAN 6

The Tarawadi Rice Millers and Dealers Association honored Neelokheri constituency MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi during an event at the Vivaan Hotel on the Delhi-Chandigarh National Highway. The association highlighted key issues faced by rice millers in the region, which is renowned for exporting its high-quality rice globally. During the program, association president Naresh Bansal and general secretary Rakesh Hans emphasized the global fame of Tarawadi's rice, often referred to as the "Rice Bowl." They noted that the industry is crucial to the city's identity and raised concerns such as obtaining Change of Land Use (CLU) permissions for rebuilding old rice mills, connecting all rice mills to OTP plants, and



repairing the dilapidated roads leading to rice mills. Responding to these concerns, MLA Kabirpanthi assured traders that all issues would be addressed under the leadership of Chief Minister Nayab Saini. He promised to widen roads under the rice mills' jurisdiction and ensure they are pothole-free. Kabirpanthi also pledged to prioritize solutions for all problems raised by rice millers. The

event began with a warm welcome for MLA Kabirpanthi by vice presidents Pradeep Gupta and Mukesh Garg, who presented him with a bouquet. Prominent attendees included Pramod Bansal, Vineet Bansal, Tilakraj Makkar, Shishpal Gupta, Brijbhushan Goyal, Rakesh Garg, Naresh Gupta, Devendra Singla, Rajeev Narang, Anuj Gupta, Vijay Singla, Chunit Bansal, Ajay Goyal, and Naresh Garg.

Safe City team makes girl students aware about crime

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR, JAN 6

The Safe City Team made the girl students in Hartron Jagadhri aware about crime against women, provisions of POCSO Act, Durga Shakti App, good touch and bad touch, dial 112, traffic rules and cyber crime. Giving information, the police spokesperson said that as per the instructions of Superintendent of Police Rajiv Deswal, on Monday, the Safe City Team went to Hartron Jagadhri and made the girl students aware about crime against women, provisions of POCSO Act, Durga Shakti App, good touch and bad touch, traffic rules and cyber crime. ASI Neelam and Pinky



of Mahila Thana provided very good information to the girl students regarding their safety. Under the Safe City program, ASI Neelam and Pinky went to Hartron Jagadhri and during the awareness program, all the children were told about the provisions and punishment of POCSO Act. They told the girls about the Durga Shakti App. He gave many examples of good touch and bad touch to

the students and told them that they need not fear their relatives, family members or any person living in the neighbourhood, irrespective of their age. If any person tries to touch them with wrong intentions or says wrong words, they should complain against them without any fear or hesitation so that the person remains afraid and becomes cautious before doing any wrong thing.

Haryana Shramjeevi Patrakar Sangh organises journalist felicitation ceremony

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, JAN 6

District unit of Shramjeevi Patrakar Sangh Haryana, Karnal organised district level journalist felicitation ceremony in Panchayat Bhawan of Karnal. In this conference, journalists gave the message of 'not me but we'. On this occasion, the guests appreciated this sentiment of all the journalists. The chief guest in this program was MLA Jagmohan Anand. The program was presided over by former Mayor Renu Bala Gupta and Shramjeevi Patrakar Sangh Haryana Indu Bansal. Special guests included Yogendra Rana (MLA Assandh), (former Mayor Karnal), Pravesh Gawa (prominent



social worker), Bharat Singh (retired Indian Air Force officer), Chairman of Swachh Bharat Mission Subhash Chandra, Haryana President of All India Environment Control and Environment Conservation Board Ashok Kamboj, (prominent social worker), Harish Kumar and Pradeep Jaikdar (retired Haryana Police officers), Badri Prasad Bhagwat, Ramavatar (Delhi Doordarshan and Akashvani),

Vimal Verma (writer, critic and national poet), Rajveer Malik (ACP, Delhi Police). Giving information, State Vice President of Bharti Yashramjeevi Patrakar Sangh Rajendra Kaim, Joint Secretary Shailendra Jain, District President Rajesh Jindal said that on this occasion, journalists of Karnal district were also honoured, who did commendable work in journalism.

Guru Gobind Singh Ji Maharaj's Prakash Parv celebrated



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL:

On the occasion of the Prakash Parv of the tenth Guru of the Sikh sect and the founder of the Khalsa sect, Sarvansh Daani Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji Maharaj, the Guru Parv Pravadhank Committee celebrated it with great pomp in Dera Kar Seva under the guidance of Panth Pracharak Baba Sukha Singh. Thousands of devotees reached the Gurudwara in the morning amidst the harsh cold and dense fog. They bowed their heads in front of the Guru there. Unbroken langar was served from morning itself. In the Gurmat Samagam held in the Gurudwara, from 9 am onwards, the Ragi Dhaadi groups praised the glory of the Guru. Among the Ragis, Dhadis and Pracharak Jathas who reached there were Huzuri Ragi Bhai Mandeep Singh Ji from Sri Darbar Sahib, Sri Amritsar Sahib, Ragi Jatha Bhai Gursewak Singh Ji Patiala Wale, Dhadi Jatha Bhai Sukhjinder Singh Ji Noor, Bhai Amritpal Singh Ji (Head Granthi) Gurudwara Manji Sahib Pehli, Karnal sang the glory of the Guru.

Self-defence training workshop organised in Govt College, Chammu Kalan



YAGYADUTT SHASTRI PEHOWA:

On the second day of the five-day self-defence training workshop organized by the Women's Cell at Government College Chammu Kalan, the girl students were trained in various self-defence techniques. After the success of the first day of the workshop, the girl students participated with enthusiasm on the second day as well and learnt various aspects of self-defence. The students were taught how to maintain balance, establish a strong base and defend themselves effectively. Apart from this, warm-up exercises, stretching and basic tips were given to improve strength, flexibility and agility through fitness exercises. During the training, the correct way of punching, kicking, elbowing and kneeling was explained and the students were encouraged to focus on proper form, power generation and target selection. In the workshop, Prof. Mamtaesh and Prof. Rajat led and encouraged the students.

Construction work of Kathgarh Road hangs in balance and pedestrians face problems



YAGYADUTT SHASTRI PEHOWA:

The road construction work near village Tangipur on Kathgarh Road has once again stopped due to which the pedestrians and the people of the area have been facing a lot of trouble. The construction work of Kathgarh Road started about two years ago. In which blocks were made in the city after the blockade was to be put up from village Tangipur to Bansal Rice Mill. Passersby Mandeep Singh, Pradeep, Rakesh, Pankaj, Mayank said that due to the contractor repeatedly starting and stopping the work, the general public had to face a lot of trouble. The contractor has blocked one side of the road till the canal and stopped the work. Due to this, one side of the road closed due to which the pedestrians were facing a lot of trouble. During fog and rain, the pedestrians have to face a lot of problems. It was very difficult to get out of the road. Due to one side being blocked and the road being high and in dense fog, two-wheeler riders were falling and getting injured but the administration was not paying any attention to this.

Blood Donation Camp held in memory of Late Krishna Lal Gumber



RADHESHYAM SHARMA MORINDA:

Bharat Vikas Parishad, Morinda, organized a blood donation camp at Khalsa Girls College in memory of Late Krishna Lal Gumber. Chief guest Vijay Kumar Sharma (Tinku), former chairman of the District Planning Board, inaugurated the camp by cutting the ribbon. Addressing the gathering, Sharma emphasized that blood donation is a noble deed that can save countless lives and offers health benefits to the donor as well. He urged everyone to make blood donation a regular practice. Jitendra Gumber shared that a team from PGI collected 63 units of blood during the camp. All donors were honored with tokens of appreciation for their contribution. Senior BJP leader Amanpreet Rai was also present as a special guest. Prominent attendees included Vijay Kumar Agnihotri, Ravinder Singh, Master Hakam Singh, Harvinder Sood Jolly, Councillor Rajesh Kumar, Sanjeev Sood, Suresh Dora, Tek Chand, Kapil Bhardwaj, and Rahul Sharma.

Thieves again target junk shop in Ashoka Market



SHALU PARMAR KALAYAT:

The series of thefts in junk shops in the city of Kalayat is not stopping. Last night, a junk shop located in Ashoka Market near the bus stand was targeted. The thieves broke the lock of the shop shutter and fled with valuable brass and copper items. The shopkeeper has said that the value of the items is around Rs 70,000. Angry with the theft, the junk dealers protested against the police administration and demanded that the thieves be arrested soon. The police are investigating the matter. Shop owner Mahendra Prajapat said that he had locked his shop and gone home at around 7:00 pm on Sunday night. When he reached the shop on Monday morning, the lock of the shutter was broken and the shutter was closed. When we went inside, sacks full of brass and copper items worth about Rs 70,000 were missing. The bulb under the CCTV camera was also broken by the thieves. About a dozen other junk shops were also targeted by the thieves: Shopkeepers Ramesh, Surajmal, Sonu, Rinku, Randhir, Vicky, Ramesh Prajapat etc. running junk shops in Kalayat told that in the last few weeks, thieves have stolen expensive PVC wire, aluminium and brass items from their shops several times.

In view of dense fog reflector tapes put on the back of vehicles at toll tax



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL:

In the midst of increasing accidents and fog in Karnal, Dinesh Chandra R Agarwal Infracan Private Limited, the company that operates Bastara Toll Tax, has installed reflector tapes on the front and back of vehicles passing through the toll tax so that vehicles plying on the road during fog can be identified. Giving information, Plaza Manager Jaldeep Singh Kajal said that in view of the increasing number of accidents in dense fog these days, instructions have been given by the company that reflector tapes should be installed on every vehicle so that it can help in preventing accidents. Traffic Highway Inspector Suresh Kumar said that his team and the toll tax team were installing these reflector tapes on tractor trolleys, trucks, dumpers and other vehicles passing through the toll tax plaza. This will obviously reduce the increasing road accidents. On this occasion, APM Mukesh Sharma, Dinesh Kumar and Traffic Highway staff of Toll Plaza were also present, those made drivers aware about driving vehicles alertly in dense fog by applying reflector tapes on vehicles passing through the toll plaza.

Executive of women's wing of Agarwal Sabha formed



VIJAY KAUSHIK LADWA:

The newly appointed head of the women's wing of Shri Agrawal Sabha Ladwa, Veena Bansal, has formed the executive of the women's wing with the help of the advisory committee for the coming year. The executive comprises of there are three vice presidents, three joint secretaries, one secretary. Along with the appointment of the General Secretary and the Cashier, the work of assigning other responsibilities has also been completed. Women wing chief Veena Bansal said that the tenure of the women wing would be of one year. Every year elections will be held for new executive. She said that this time also elections were held in the presence of all the women members at the end of last year. In which Veena Bansal was appointed as the head and the responsibility of forming the rest of the executive was also given to her. On which, on the advice of the advisory committee, three vice-presidents were appointed - Suman Singhal, Mrs. Rakesh Garg, Monica Agarwal. Poonam Singhal was made the secretary, Ruchi Goyal was made the cashier, Rekha Garg has been made the press spokesperson, three joint secretaries are Shruti Garg, Kavita Goyal and Sakshi Singal. Ranjana Goyal, Neela Garg, Krishna Goyal, Anju Goyal and Usha Goyal have been included in the advisory committee. She said that the management of cultural programs will be taken care of. The responsibility has been handed over to Deepti Garg, Preeti Goyal and Sonia Goyal.

Globe Heritage School shines in Northwest National Karate Championships



VIJAY KAUSHIK LADWA:

The students of Globe Heritage International School have won laurels in the North West National Karate Championship. Giving information, Sanjay Kumar, teacher of the sports department of the school, said that the three-day North West National Karate Championship was organized at Yoga Bhavan, Kurukshetra. The competition was organized in which five students of Globe Heritage International School participated and won a total of five medals including one gold, three silver and one bronze medal. Among the medal winning players are Amritpal Singh won the gold medal while Keshav Rana, Ramneet and Kunal won the silver medal and Bhagat Ram won the bronze medal while Amritpal Singh was selected for the international competition to be held in England. The winners were welcomed on reaching the school. After welcoming the winners, Principal Ritu Singla congratulated the players. While extending her best wishes, she said that all the students who participated in this national championship deserved congratulations because representing the region in the national competition was important in itself and winning a medal was like icing on the cake.

Bhim Kaushik appointed Kaithal district president of NIFAA



RANVIR PARASHAR KAITHAL:

Under the guidance of NIFA (National Integrated Forum Artists and Activists) Chairman Pritpal Singh Pannu, Haryana State Branch President Shrawan Kumar appointed Bhim Kaushik to the post of District Kaithal President. Bhim Kaushik has been engaged in social service for a long time and has been playing an important role. Keep his ability, he has been selected as the head and Amit Kumar has been selected as the district coordinator. Bhim Kaushik thanked the NIFA organization and its entire team for their important contribution. Bhim Kaushik said that he will continue to play a role in the future as well. State President Shrawan Sharma said that NIFA has been working in the social welfare for the last 25 years. Giving information, Shrawan Sharma said that the organization has seven world records registered in its name and the organization was providing its services in 28 states. He said that about 7000 members were associated with the organization and their efforts will continue in the future as well. On this occasion Hitesh Gupta, Harjinder Nambardar, Balkar Singh, Sarpanch Paramjit Singh, Sher Singh Chakko, Rinkal Singla, Batti Sharma, Sagar Bhardwaj, Gurdeep Antal, Dilu Sarpanch, Coach Satnam Singh, Happy Seeda, Surjeet, Gurpreet Singh were present.

Accel raises new \$650 million fund for India

CHANDIGARH/JALANDHAR: Accel, a leading global venture capital firm, today announced that it has raised a \$650 million early-stage fund dedicated to supporting bold founders in India and Southeast Asia. Accel's latest fund, its eighth in India and SEA, will build on its commitment to partnering with early-stage founders to build disruptive, category-defining businesses that create meaningful impact. "India is at an inflection point. Over the next decade, we are poised to add more to our GDP than we have in our economic history. The surface area of the opportunity for Indian founders to build and scale businesses that deliver large-scale impact is huge," said Prayank Swaroop, Partner at Accel. According to Shekhar Kirani, Partner at Accel, "India's startup ecosystem is increasingly becoming the driving force behind the nation's economic progress, with VC-backed companies surpassing \$50 billion in public market capitalization."

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Bartronics India Ltd. Board to Meet on January 08

CHANDIGARH: Bartronics India Ltd. (BSE: 532694, NSE: ASMS), a leader in transformative IT solutions, has announced that its board will meet on January 08, 2025 interalia to consider & approve entering into a Memorandum of Undertaking (MOU) with TPW Global Singapore based Semiconductor solutions Company. Earlier, the company acquired stake 6.47% stake in Ampivo Smart Technologies Pvt Ltd. Ampivo is a new age digital health-tech based out of Hyderabad, Telangana with focus on providing innovative solutions which make deep social impact. The company was incorporated on May 11, 2022 and valued at Rs. 75.76 Crores. Objective of the investment is to diversify the business, and enter into the health care technology. Over 24 years, Bartronics has pioneered transformative IT solutions, bridging innovation and expertise to empower businesses in the digital age. Bartronics revolutionizes healthcare using AI and machine learning techniques as one of India's premier Data as a Service (DaS) providers.

Sonalika clocks 18 percent growth in overall tractors' market share

CHANDIGARH: The Sonalika Tractors has set a new benchmark by recording its highest-ever monthly overall market share of 18% in December 2024. This impressive feat was driven by an extraordinary 10,639 overall tractor sales, a robust 33% growth over 7,999 tractors sold in Dec-23 and surpassing industry growth by an est. 24X. Sonalika has continued its strong momentum in FY25 with impressive YTD sales of 1,19,369 overall tractor sales in Apr-Dec '24 that underlines Sonalika's commitment to drive innovation and provide customised heavy duty tractor solutions for every farmer. Sharing his thoughts on this unprecedented achievement, Raman Mittal, Joint Managing Director of International Tractors Limited, "In this exciting journey, our greatest reward lies in spearheading farmers toward a brighter and more prosperous tomorrow. With our robust portfolio of heavy duty tractors, we are poised to seize every new opportunity in the New Year 2025 and are committed to delivering on farmer expectations and driving agricultural prosperity."

SUD Life Launches Its ANOTHER UNIT LINKED Fund: SUD Life MidCap Momentum Index Fund

CHANDIGARH: Star Union Dai-ichi Life Insurance Co. Ltd. (SUD Life) proudly announces the launch of the SUD Life MidCap Momentum Index Fund this new year, presenting policyholders with an exciting opportunity to harness the growth potential of India's vibrant mid-cap market. For those unfamiliar, midcap companies are those that have a proven business model, are primed for high growth, and which are under-owned by equity markets. While mid-cap indices may exhibit higher volatility, they often deliver superior returns over the long term compared to large-cap indices, making them a compelling choice for growth-oriented investors. Momentum investing, on the other hand, carries less risk. SUD Life MidCap Momentum Index Fund, with its 6-monthly rebalancing, highlights the best-performing stocks while systematically removing weaker ones. This rebalancing methodology not only focuses on strong returns but also rewards stocks exhibiting lower volatility. This fund tracks the Nifty MidCap 150 Momentum 50 Index, which combines two powerful investment strategies: mid-cap growth potential and momentum, identifying the top-performing mid-cap stocks based on their price momentum over a defined period, ensuring a focused portfolio of companies demonstrating consistent performance and growth trends. The fund curates a low-cost, diversified portfolio of midcap stocks, helping investors capture the growth cycle across various stocks in the midcap universe.

RGICRC Teams up to Counter Cancer Threat in Amritsar; Advancements and Breast Cancer in Focus

Amritsar: Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute & Research Centre (RGICRC), a leading institution in cancer care and research, has joined hands with Nayar Hospital in its efforts to deal with the growing cancer burden by organizing a Continuing Medical Education (CME) program in Amritsar. Aimed at educating the healthcare professionals, Dr. Jaskaran Singh Sethi, Dr. Narendra Agrawal, and Dr. K.M.M. Vishwak Chantihar from RGICRC shared insights on advancements in radiation oncology, key aspects of chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL), and the importance of breast cancer awareness and early detection, respectively. Sharing advancements in radiation oncology, including the benefits of CyberKnife technology, Dr. Jaskaran Singh Sethi, Sr. Consultant & Chief of GI, HPB & Pediatric Radiation Oncology Services, RGICRC, said, "CyberKnife can deliver radiation from 360 degrees, offers precision in delivering high doses of radiation non-invasively, thereby avoiding the need for physical surgery. It can effectively address non-malignant tumors and conditions such as trigeminal neuralgia, known for causing intense facial pain, providing significant relief. Additionally, this advanced technology has become increasingly accessible, improving treatment options for a wider range of patients."

The Power of Iodine in Salt Improving Lives: Tata Salt's Pioneering Role

Jalandhar/Amritsar: India has made significant strides in addressing the health issues caused by iodine deficiency. Iodine, a critical micronutrient, plays an essential role in thyroid function, and its deficiency can lead to iodine deficiency disorders (IDD). These disorders affect people of all ages and can have severe consequences, especially for children and pregnant women. One of the most concerning conditions linked to iodine deficiency is hypothyroidism, where the thyroid fails to produce enough hormones. If untreated, this condition can be life-threatening, causing symptoms like fatigue, weight gain, dry skin, and sensitivity to cold. In children, iodine deficiency can impair mental development, and for pregnant women, it increases the risk of stillbirth, miscarriage, and developmental issues in the fetus, including cretinism. Fortunately, iodine deficiency is avoidable through one of the simpler ways - iodized salt. Iodized salt is an easy addition to everyday cooking and can provide a part of daily iodine intake to help control iodine deficiency.

Oppo Reno 13 5G series price in India tipped ahead of January 9 launch

Oppo Reno 13 5G series is set to launch in India on January 9. The lineup will include the Oppo Reno 13 and the Reno 13 Pro. They will be equipped with MediaTek Dimensity 8350 SoCs alongside Oppo's SignalBoost X1 chips. The company has revealed the design, colour options as well as RAM and storage configurations of the upcoming smartphones. Ahead of the launch, pricing of each of the variants have leaked. Notably, the handsets were unveiled in China in November 2024.

Oppo Reno 13 5G Series Price in India (Expected)

The price of the base Oppo Reno 13 5G could start in India at Rs. 37,999 for the 8GB + 128GB option, while the 256GB variant could be marked at Rs. 39,999, according to an X post by user ANLeaks (@LeaksAn1). The Oppo Reno 13 Pro 5G with 12GB RAM will likely be priced at Rs. 49,999 and Rs. 54,999 for its 256GB and 512GB variants, respectively.

Notably, the preceding Oppo Reno 12 5G launched in India in July 2024 at Rs.



32,999 for the 8GB + 256GB option, while the Oppo Reno 12 Pro 5G started at Rs. 36,999 for the 12GB + 256GB configuration.

Oppo Reno 13 5G Series Features

Both Oppo Reno 13 5G and Reno 13 Pro 5G will be powered by MediaTek Dimensity 8350 chipsets and will carry the in-house SignalBoost X1 chips as

well. They are claimed to meet IP68 and IP69 ratings for dust and water resistance. The base and Pro variants will get 5,600mAh and 5,800mAh batteries, respectively, alongside support for 80W wired SuperVOOC charging.

The Oppo Reno 13 Pro 5G will be equipped with a 50-megapixel periscope

telephoto shooter with 3.5x optical zoom and up to 120x digital zoom. The handset is confirmed to come in Graphite Grey and Mist Lavender shades, while the vanilla option will be offered in Ivory White and Luminous Blue colourways. They will be available for purchase in the country via Flipkart and the Oppo India e-store.

Huawei Nova 13i With 108-Megapixel Rear Camera, 5,000mAh Battery Launched

Huawei Nova 13 and Nova 13 Pro were launched in China in October 2024 and were introduced in select global markets in December. The Huawei Nova 13i now joins the Nova 13 series of smartphones as it has been quietly unveiled in select regions globally. It comes with a 108-megapixel rear camera sensor and a Snapdragon 680 chipset. The phone is backed by a 5,000mAh battery with support for 40W wired fast charging. The Nova 13i runs on Huawei's Android-based EMUI 14.2 out-of-the-box.



Huawei Nova 13i Price, Availability

Huawei Nova 13i price is set at MXN 5,999 (roughly Rs. 25,200) or MYR 1,299 (roughly Rs. 24,700) for its 8GB + 256GB option. The price of the 128GB variant has not yet been revealed. The handset is currently available for purchase in Mexico and Myanmar via the company's respective regional websites. The phone is offered in Blue and White colour options. Huawei Nova 13i Specifications, Features The Huawei Nova 13i sports a 6.7-inch full-HD+ (1,080 x 2,388 pixels) LCD screen with up to 90Hz refresh rate, and Always-On Display support. The phone is powered by a Snapdragon 680 chipset paired with 8GB of RAM and up to 256GB of onboard storage. It ships with Android-based EMUI 14.2.

In the camera department, the Huawei Nova 13i carries a 108-megapixel primary rear sensor with f/1.9 aperture alongside a 2-megapixel depth sensor with f/2.4 aperture. The front camera has an 8-megapixel sensor with f/2.0 aperture. Huawei Nova 13i packs a 5,000mAh battery with 40W wired fast charging support, which is claimed to charge the phone from zero to 62 percent in 30 minutes. For security, it has a side-mounted fingerprint sensor. Connectivity options include dual 4G, Wi-Fi, GPS, NFC, Bluetooth 5.0 and a USB Type-C port. The handset measures 163.3 x 74.7 x 8.4mm in size and weighs 199g.

American Oncology Institute, Jalandhar, Successfully Treats Advanced Stage 4 Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma

Jalandhar: American Oncology Institute (AOI), Jalandhar, has successfully treated Mr. Rakesh Kumar (name change), a patient diagnosed with Stage 4 Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma, demonstrating the expertise in delivering cutting-edge Cancer Care.

Mr. Kumar presented with a significant swelling involving the entire right side of his face and neck, which severely impacted his ability to eat, speak, and engage in daily activities. To manage the visible discomfort, he had to cover the swelling with a handkerchief. Following an evaluation and a biopsy, he was diagnosed with Stage 4 Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma, a type of cancer that affects the body's immune system. Under the care of Dr. Navdeep Singh, a comprehensive treatment plan was initiated, including chemotherapy. After just three cycles of treatment, Mr. Kumar showed remarkable improvement. The swelling reduced significantly, and a follow-up PET CT scan confirmed that the cancer had decreased noticeably in all affected areas.

Harish Trivedi, CEO, CTSI-South Asia, commended the team at AOI Jalandhar for their exceptional work, stating, "At American Oncology Institute, we are committed to providing world-class Cancer Care tailored to each patient's unique needs. Mr. Kumar's recovery is a testament to the advanced technology and compassionate care that define our approach. We are proud to empower patients with hope and effective treatment options, even in the most challenging cases." Reflecting on the case, Dr. Navdeep Singh, Medical Oncologist, AOI Jalandhar said, "Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma, particularly in advanced stages, can be physically and emotionally debilitating for patients. However, with timely diagnosis and a well-structured chemotherapy plan, this disease is often curable. Mr. Kumar's journey underscores the importance of multidisciplinary care and the potential for recovery, even in Stage 4 cases. It is immensely gratifying to witness his progress and improved quality of life."

Adding to the significance of this achievement, Dr. Neeraj Bishnoi, RCOO, AOI North Region, remarked, "The successful treatment of Mr. Kumar reinforces our dedication to making advanced cancer care accessible in Jalandhar and beyond. AOI's integrated approach, combining medical expertise, advanced diagnostics, and personalized care, ensures that patients receive the best possible outcomes. This case serves as an inspiration for those battling similar conditions."

Rahul Bassi and KP Singh Honor the Teachings and Legacy of the Great Sikh Leader

On the auspicious occasion of Guru Gobind Singh Ji Jayanti, Zee Punjabi stars Rahul Bassi and KP Singh expressed their deep reverence and admiration for the 10th Sikh Guru, who embodied courage, sacrifice, and unwavering faith.

Rahul Bassi, who plays the lead role of Reehan in "Mannat - Ik Sanjha Parivar", said: "Guru Gobind Singh Ji's life inspires us to stand for justice and truth. His teachings of equality, compassion, and the spirit of selfless service are a guiding light for humanity. On this special day, let us pledge to follow his path and work toward creating a united and harmonious society." KP Singh, the beloved DJ from "Heer Tey Tedhi Kheer", shared his sentiments: "Guru Gobind Singh Ji's leg-

acy teaches us resilience and the power of collective strength. He instilled in us the value of protecting the oppressed and embracing diversity. His words continue to inspire me both as an artist and as an individual."

The actors encouraged everyone to reflect on Guru Gobind Singh Ji's teachings and practice his principles in daily life. Through their powerful performances on Zee Punjabi, Rahul Bassi and KP Singh strive to convey stories that resonate with the Guru's values of unity, courage, and service. Zee Punjabi extends warm wishes to its viewers on this sacred day, celebrating the birth anniversary of the great spiritual leader who continues to illuminate the path for millions.



Noise Air Buds 6 With 12.4mm Drivers, Up to 50 Hours of Total Battery Life Launched in India



Noise Air Buds 6 was launched in India on Monday. The company claims that the TWS headset comes with personalisation features developed in collaboration with German technology firm Bragi, via the Noise BudsLink companion app. Each earphone is equipped with a 12.4mm driver and the headset supports up to 32dB active noise cancellation (ANC). It is said to offer a total usage time of up to 50 hours, which includes the charging case. The headset supports multipoint connectivity and up to 50ms low latency. Noise Air Buds 6 price in India is set at Rs. 2,999 and will be available for purchase via Amazon, Flipkart and the GoNoise e-store starting January 7. The TWS headset is currently available for pre-orders via the company's website. Interested buyers can pre-order the headset by paying Rs. 399. The pre-order pass will be available for 14 days from the launch date. It is offered in three colourways - Charcoal Black, Pebble Grey, and Sage Blue. The Noise Air Buds 6 has a traditional in-ear design with rounded stems. Each earphone is equipped with a 12.4mm driver and a quad-mic unit that enables support for environmental noise cancellation (ENC). The TWS earphones also support up to 32dB ANC, as well as a transparency mode. A 50ms low latency mode aimed at gamers is also available on the headset. This TWS headset offers Google Fast Pair support and multipoint connectivity. It allows users to pair the Noise Air Buds 6 headsets with more than one Bluetooth device simultaneously. The earphones have an in-ear detection feature and have an IPX5 rating for splash resistance. They are compatible with the Noise BudsLink App, which allows users to customise EQ settings and touch control gestures.

Vishwa Hindu Takht distributes quilts on Guru Gobind Singh's birth anniversary



AMBALA (SHIV KUMAR SHARMA): On the occasion of the birthday of the tenth Guru Gobind Singh, Vishwa Hindu Takht and Anti Terrorist Front India chief Virendra Shandilya remembered Guru Gobind Singh by distributing quilts to hundreds of needy women in Palika Vihar, paid tribute to him and bowed in front of his picture. On this occasion, Anti Terrorist Front India's national secretary Surendra Pal KK, Vishwa Hindu Takht's secretary Navratna Garg, Ajay Sheegal, Council of Naryatra president High Court advocate Vasu

Xiaomi India Unveils Redmi 14C 5G and Celebrates 1000 Crore Milestone for Redmi Note 14 5G Series

CHANDIGARH: Xiaomi India, the country's most trusted Smartphone X AIoT brand, today announced the global debut of the Redmi 14C 5G, redefining innovation in the budget smartphone segment. Designed to deliver cutting-edge features, seamless performance, and blazing-fast 5G connectivity, the Redmi 14C 5G is poised to meet the evolving needs of Indian consumers. The launch of the Redmi 14C 5G is complemented by the remarkable success of the Redmi Note 14 5G Series, which achieved an incredible milestone of ₹1000 crore in revenue within just two weeks in India—a testament to the unwavering trust and love from the customers.

The Redmi 14C 5G seamlessly blends elegance with innovation. It features a 17.5cm (6.88-inch) HD+ Dot Drop display with a peak brightness of 600 nits, offering vibrant and immersive visuals whether streaming, gaming, or browsing. Powered by the Snapdragon 4 Gen 2 5G processor, built on a 4nm architecture, the Redmi 14C 5G offers 12GB RAM (6GB + 6GB extended) and 128GB UFS 2.2 storage, it handles multitasking, gaming, and app navigation with ease. Additionally, its microSD card slot supports up to 1TB expandable storage, providing ample space for your needs.

The Redmi 14C 5G's 50MP AI dual-camera system lets users capture vibrant, detailed photos in any lighting condition, while its 5160mAh battery with 18W fast charging ensures uninterrupted usage throughout the day. Running on Xiaomi HyperOS, based on Android 14, the device delivers a clean, intuitive user interface with the promise of two years of Android updates and four years of security updates, ensuring long-term reliability.

Apple Vision Pro production halted amid weak demand: Report

Washington: Apple's first-generation Vision Pro headset has reportedly ceased production, according to MacRumors, an American website, that reports Apple-related news.

The device, which debuted earlier this year as Apple's most ambitious mixed-reality venture, has faced production cuts and dwindling demand, leading to speculation that its manufacturing has ended.

Reports obtained by MacRumors indicate that Apple began scaling back production in early summer, with its assembler Luxshare producing only 1,000 units daily by October, a 50 per cent reduction from peak production levels. By November, Apple reportedly instructed Luxshare to wind down production altogether.

The company is believed to have accumulated enough inventory, estimated between 500,000 to 600,000 units to meet the expected demand through

Hi-Tech Pipes Ltd. Achieves Highest Ever Sales Volume

CHANDIGARH: Hi-Tech Pipes Ltd. (NSE: HITECH, BSE: 543411), a leading manufacturer of steel tubes and pipes in India, is delighted to announce its exceptional sales performance for the third quarter and nine months ended FY25. The company has achieved an ever highest sales volume of 1,24,233 MT for Q3 FY25, reflecting an impressive 26.10% year-on-year (YoY) growth. For the nine months ended FY25, sales volumes surged to 3,69,415 MT, representing a stellar 30.33% YoY increase. A significant contributor to this growth was the company's solar torque tubes, which played a pivotal role in driving sales volumes. These high-quality products are increasingly in demand due to the rapid expansion of the solar energy sector in India. Known for their durability, precision, and compliance with stringent industry standards, Hi-Tech Pipes' solar torque tubes have become a preferred choice for large-scale solar power projects.

Hyatt Centric Soalteamode Kathmandu Officially Debuts in Nepal

CHANDIGARH: Hyatt Hotels Corporation (NYSE: H) and City Hotel Limited announced today the transformation of Hyatt Place Kathmandu to Hyatt Centric Soalteamode Kathmandu, which marks the opening of the first Hyatt Centric branded hotel in Nepal. The hotel is ideally located in the heart of the city, blending modern comfort with Kathmandu's rich cultural heritage.

Hyatt Centric Soalteamode Kathmandu is a destination that invites modern travelers to discover the essence of Nepal's capital city, promising a vibrant blend of contemporary design, vibrant art, culinary excellence and innovative experiences that inspire exploration. It embodies the local culture through dynamic social spaces, local collaborations, and shareworthy experiences that are light hearted, adventurous, and in-the-know.

However, even within this niche, demand has been tepid, prompting Apple to reevaluate its strategy for the mixed-reality space. In light of the Vision Pro's challenges, Apple is reportedly shifting focus to developing a more affordable mixed-reality headset. Suppliers have been asked to prepare for the production of up to four million units of this lower-cost device throughout its lifecycle, half the original Vision Pro's target.

Gleneagles BGS Hospital Sets New Benchmark in Thoracic Care with Complex Bilateral Lung Transplantation

Haryana - Gleneagles BGS Hospital, Bengaluru, proudly announces the successful discharge of Mrs. Vinoda M, a 44-year-old patient, following complex bilateral lung transplantation. This remarkable achievement underscores the hospital's dedication to advanced thoracic care and innovative surgical excellence. Mrs. Vinoda, diagnosed with end-stage interstitial lung disease, had been experiencing severe breathlessness and persistent cough for over eight months, requiring high-flow oxygen therapy at home. With her condition progressively worsening, she was evaluated and registered for a bilateral lung transplant with Karnataka SOTTO (JSK). On November 13, 2024, she underwent a bilateral sequential lung transplant after a size-matched, blood group-compatible deceased donor was identified. The procedure, performed on veno-arterial ECMO support, was led by Dr. Balasubramani Govini, Director and HOD of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery, and Heart Lung Transplant. Commenting on the procedure, Dr. Govini said, "This case highlights the intricate planning and precision required for such high-risk transplants. The successful outcome is a testament to our team's expertise and commitment to world-class care." Post-operatively, Mrs. Vinoda faced challenges, including respiratory muscle weakness and infections. Under the guidance of Dr. Apar Jindal, HOD Pulmonology & Lung Transplant Programme, a multidisciplinary team ensured comprehensive care, including tracheostomy management, targeted antibiotic and antifungal therapy, and intensive rehabilitation. Reflecting on the case, Dr. Jindal stated, "This success illustrates the importance of a collaborative approach and the unparalleled dedication of our team to achieving positive outcomes for our patients." Dr. Sharanya Kumar, Senior Consultant Transplant Anaesthetist, played a pivotal role in managing the perioperative and intraoperative complexities of this high-risk procedure. Speaking about the case, Dr. Kumar remarked, "Anaesthesia in lung transplantation requires meticulous coordination and precise management to ensure patient stability throughout the surgery. I am proud to have been part of this incredible journey and witness the resilience of our team and the patient." Dr. Manjunath P.H, Consultant Pulmonologist, who played a vital role in Mrs. Vinoda's recovery, remarked, "The journey of this patient from dependency on high-flow oxygen to her current condition is a testament to the strength of integrated pulmonary and transplant care."



Seagram's Royal Stag Packaged Drinking Water Partners with Global Sensation Netflix's Squid Game Season 2 for an Iconic Collaboration

GURUGRAM: Seagram's Royal Stag has collaborated with Netflix's record-breaking series 'Squid Game' for its second season. The collaboration seamlessly integrates Royal Stag's 'Live It Large' philosophy, offering audience a larger-than-life experience to be part of the global cultural phenomenon that has captivated millions worldwide. K-dramas have high affinity with the younger generation. Hence, this association allows the brand to play up on culturally relevant youth passion point, dialing up relevance & aspiration. Speaking on the collaboration, Joydeep Basu, General Manager - Marketing at Pernod Ricard India shared, "Royal Stag's association with Netflix's Squid Game allows the brand to tap into the young generation's craze for K-culture, driving up emotional connect & the brand's youth culture moment. Royal Stag brand has always stood for those who dream large and lead their life with passion & purpose, similar to the show's premise. This partnership with 'Squid Game' season 2 allows us to offer a live-it-large experience & tan-



From Myths to Facts: Busting Common Misconceptions About IUI

CHANDIGARH: Intrauterine Insemination (IUI) is one of the most common fertility treatments used to assist couples struggling with conception. However, despite its widespread use, several myths and misconceptions about IUI persist, which can cause confusion and hesitation among individuals considering the procedure. As Dr. Rakhi Goyal, IVF Specialist, explains, "From myths to facts, it's essential to debunk common misconceptions about Intrauterine Insemination (IUI). One widespread myth is that IUI guarantees pregnancy, but success rates vary based on factors like age and underlying fertility issues. Another misconception is that IUI is painful or invasive, but it is generally a simple, minimally discomforting procedure. IUI is also sometimes seen as a last resort, when in fact it can be an effective early intervention for various fertility challenges. Understanding the facts about IUI empowers individuals and couples to make informed decisions, fostering a clearer, more confident path toward parenthood." One of the most common misconceptions is that IUI guarantees pregnancy. In reality, success rates for IUI vary based on several factors, including the age of the woman, the quality of sperm, and any underlying fertility issues. While IUI can significantly increase the chances of conception, it is not a guarantee.

Michael Vaughan feels Team India was "blown away" after Perth Test at BGT 2024-25



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NEW DELHI: Former England cricketer Michael Vaughan shared his insight on the recently concluded Border-Gavaskar Trophy 2024-25 between Australia and India, and said that 'Men in Blue' were "blown away" after their triumph at the Perth Test.

India, who began the series with a historic win in Perth, failed to sustain their momentum and lost the series by 1-3. This marked Australia's first Border-Gavaskar Trophy triumph in a decade, their last win came in 2014-15.

Kohli, one of India's senior players, was among the biggest disappointments, managing just 190 runs at an average of 23.75 in eight innings, with Scott Boland dismissing him four times.

Speaking to Club Prairie Fire Podcast, Vaughan said that there has been brilliant cricket at the BGT 2024-25 series. He added that Australia managed to get the upper hand in the last three matches of the series.

"India win the first game in Perth, played great. Since then, they've been blown away, really... You've got to say this series, as much as it's been brilliant cricket, a lot of it, particularly the last three games, has been very one-sided. Australia has managed to get the upper hand and play some great cricket and India have not been able to find a way of kind of throwing a punch back. They've thrown a shoulder barge back, but they haven't been able to throw a punch back," Vaughan said.

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Coming to the last Sydney Test, India won the toss and elected to bat first. Once again India displayed a disappointing performance with the bat. The Aussies dominated the game from the very first moment, with the help of Scott Boland's fiery spells and debutant Beau Webster's classic knuck.

On Day 03, Australia needed to make 162 runs to win the game, which they successfully chased and clinched a six-wicket victory in the Sydney Test.

Harmanpreet, Renuka rested, Smriti set to lead, as India for three ODIs against Ireland



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MUMBAI : The women's selection committee announced the 15-player squad for India's upcoming three-match ODI series against Ireland on Monday, the BCCI informed.

The three ODIs will all take place at the Niranjan Shah Stadium in Rajkot. Captain Harmanpreet Kaur and star pacer Renuka Singh Thakur have been rested for the series. In Harmanpreet's absence, Smriti Mandhana will lead the side, and Deepti Sharma will act as the southpaw's deputy in the series.

"The Women's Selection Committee has picked India's 15-member squad for the upcoming three-match

IDFC FIRST Bank ODI home series against Ireland women. The Three ODIs will take place at the Niranjan Shah Stadium in Rajkot," BCCI said in a statement.

Mandhana will look to continue to build on her stunning form after enjoying a remarkable run against the West Indies in both T20Is and the ODIs last month.

She ended the T20Is as the leading run-scorer, amassing 193 runs to her name at an average of 64.33 while striking at 159.50. In the ODIs, she was the second-highest run-scorer after her compatriot Harleen Deol. He garnered 148 runs at an average of 49.33 with a strike rate of 88.10.

Harleen, who returned to the India squad after almost a year, will look to continue her fiery form. She marked her return on a high note and slammed her maiden ODI hundred against the West Indies.

India's recent form in the 50-over format has been sensational. In their previous outing in the format, the Indian women's team emerged victorious against the West Indies, sweeping the series with a 3-0 win in late December.

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Manchester United manager Ruben Amorim drops massive hint about Zirkzee's future

Liverpool: Manchester United head coach Ruben Amorim admitted that there is a possibility of Dutch striker Joshua Zirkzee leaving the club in the January transfer window, Sky Sports reported.

Zirkzee was signed by Amorim's predecessor, Erik Ten Hag, in the summer transfer window. The Dutch striker secured a move to Old Trafford with a price tag of £36.5m from Bologna. Six months since his arrival, Zirkzee has struggled to adapt to the challenges.

Since making his debut against Fulham with a banging goal, Zirkzee has slowly faded away. He has gone through a tumultuous first six months at Old Trafford since he arrived from Italy.

In 20 Premier League matches, the 23-year-old has just three goal contributions to his name, including three goals and one assist.

Amorim opened up about the young forward's future and conceded there is a chance of him leaving the club in the ongoing winter transfer window and said, as quoted from Sky Sports, "I want to keep Josh because he gives everything. He's lying in training, but we don't know, the window's open." "We will see what happens. We just need to focus on training and take this for the next game. So it's just one point."

"Was hard to come back after surgery": Rashid Khan reflects on heroic Test performance

Bulawayo: Rashid Khan marked his triumphant return to Test cricket with a "Player of the Match" performance, guiding Afghanistan to a 72-run victory over Zimbabwe in the second and final Test at Queens Sports Club on Monday. The leg-spinner's exceptional bowling figures, 4/94 in the first innings and 7/66 in the second played a pivotal role in sealing the series win.

Reflecting on the match, Rashid expressed gratitude for the team's effort and determination.

"After three years, back in Test cricket, it was hard for me to come back from back surgery and play the longest format. It is a team effort, the way they [the batters] delivered with the bat in the second innings - that got us back [in the game]," he said, as quoted by ESPNcricinfo.

Rashid highlighted the significant contributions of Rahmat Shah and debutant Izmattullah, who overcame challenging conditions to anchor Afghanistan's second innings.

"When there is team effort, you have more chances of winning. The way Rahmat and Izmatt batted, it was not easy, especially for Izmatt getting out [on zero] on debut. The way he came back, got hit, but stood there - it was a great example of him wanting to be there at the end and bat for the country. He wants to take all the pressure on himself and he set the example," Rashid added.

The duo's partnership not only stabilized Afghanistan's innings but also set up a platform for Rashid to weave his magic with the ball.

Harbhajan Singh raises concern over India's recent form



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NEW DELHI: Former cricketer Harbhajan Singh believes it is time for India to move ahead of the "star culture" and raised questions about the team's sudden downfall after the T20 World Cup success, in a video posted on his YouTube Channel.

Everything seems to have fallen apart for the Indian team since the ICC trophy drought ended when Rohit Sharma led India to T20 World Cup glory in Barbados last year. Rahul Dravid and his staff made way for Gautam Gambhir and his regime to take the Indian team forward after his contract expired. India held its swagger in the T20 format but lost its charm in the ODI and Test formats.

After suffering a historic 2-0 ODI series defeat in Sri Lanka, India bounced back with a 2-0 Test series whitewash over Bangladesh. However, India has struggled to maintain consistency in red-ball cricket.

In the past eight Tests, India lost six, drew and won one each. India's past struggles include suffering from a historic home Test series whitewash against New Zealand.

Salt was rubbed on India's wound when Australia reclaimed the Border-Gavaskar Trophy for the first time in a decade with a 3-1 series win.

India's turmoil isn't just limited to the field; it goes beyond the realm of events that unfold on the crease. Since India were humbled by Australia at the MCG, various reports have suggested a rift among the players and the management.

"In the past six months, we lost to Sri Lanka, a series whitewash against New Zealand and now a 3-1 defeat in Australia. Everything was fine till Rahul Dravid was there. India won the World Cup, and everything was fine. But what happened suddenly?" Harbhajan Singh said on his YouTube channel.

After the BGT ended on a bitter note and no WTC final to play for, India have time to think about its next move with the tour of England just seven months away.

The Test tour will become a tricky affair, considering the form that India's senior players exhibited in Australia. With the likes of Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma walking in the twilight phase of their career, their involvement in the tour remains a matter to be speculated.

Harbhajan, who closely monitored the performance of Indian players, urged the management to move ahead of the superstar attitude and select players based on performance.

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Vastu Housing Finance Corporation Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred to him under section 13 (12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice calling upon the borrowers mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the respective notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on me under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said rules on the date mentioned below. The borrower and guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Vastu Housing Finance Corporation Limited Branch for an amount mentioned as below and interest thereon, costs etc.

S/N	Name of Borrower, Co-Borrower and LAN No.	Date & Amount of Demand Notice	Description of Property	Date & Type of Possession
1	Sukhwinder Kaur, Kulwinder Singh, Jaswinder Kaur HL0000000106242	30-Sep-24 Rs.5697531 as on 16-Sep-24	Land Measuring 00 Bigha 03 Biswas, Which is 181/1920 Share of Land Measuring 01 Bigha 12 Biswas, Comprised In Khasee No. 450/2 (1-12, Khewal/Khatalu No. 239/321 and land measuring 01 Bigha 16 Biswas, Comprised in Khasee No. 464/4(1)(0-14), 465/2(1-2), Khewal/Khatalu No. 240/32, as per Jamabandi for the year 2014-2015, Situated Within The Revenue Limits of Village Kalodi, Tehsil And District Sangrur/Punjab, 148001, Area of Property: 2250 Sq.Yard.	Symbolic Possession Taken on 02-Jan-25

Date: 07.01.2025
Place: Sangrur
Authorised officer
Vastu Housing Finance Corporation Ltd

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer HPPWD Division Nurpur Distt Kangra HP on behalf of Governor of HP invites the percentage based bid in electronic tendering system from the eligible Class of Contractors registered in HPPWD for the works as detailed in the table.

Sr.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Starting Date for downloading bid	Earnest Money	Deadline for submission of bid	Time limit	Cost of Tender	Class	Eligible contractor
1	Special repair for Existing Excise building at Nurpur Distt Kangra H.P. (SH: Providing and fixing 60mm thick interlocking cement concrete block in Court Yard) (Deposit Work)	337470/-	10.01.2025 11.00 AM	6800/-	17.01.2025 2.00 PM	One Month	350/-	Class D&C	
2	Construction of Primary Health Centre, Sadwan in Tehsil Nurpur (SH: Construction of boundary wall, Gate, Parking shed and fencing in Court Yard) (Deposit Work)	471966/-	-/-	9500/-	-/-	One Month	350/-	Class D&C	
3	Special repair for Existing Excise Office building at Nurpur Distt Kangra H.P. (SH: Providing and fixing prepared steel sheet in Porch, boundary wall) (Deposit Work)	360777/-	-/-	7500/-	-/-	One Month	350/-	Class D&C	
4	Construction of link road to Village Satiyara (SH: Construction of Both side edge wall near house of Joginder Kuhlpal, Reshamber at RD 0/100 to 0/133) (Deposit work)	196181/-	-/-	4000/-	-/-	One Month	350/-	Class D&C	
5	Construction of road from Gurjan Ka Talab towards Amar Singh etc. house ward No. 7 in Tehsil Nurpur Distt Kangra H.P. (SH: P/L, Interlocking paver block 0/755 to 0/800) (Deposit work)	204369/-	-/-	4000/-	-/-	One Month	350/-	Class D&C	
6	Construction of Ladori to Ghuloun road Km 0/00 to 1/750 (SH: providing and laying interlocking paver block at RD 0/810 to 0/870) (MNP)	295660/-	-/-	6000/-	-/-	One Month	350/-	Class D&C	
7	Construction of link road from Malera to Tandi KM 0/00 to 1/500 (SH: Providing and laying GSB and G-III at RD 1/100 to 1/400) (MNP)	333469/-	-/-	7000/-	-/-	One Month	350/-	Class D&C	
8	Construction of Baghi Badri road KM 0/00 to 4/900 (SH: Cement concrete pavement at RD 0/550 to 0/810)	347840/-	-/-	7000/-	-/-	One Month	350/-	Class D&C	
9	Construction of link road Hanjan Basti Mehar Kar road (SH: C/O V-Shape drain with Edge wall at RD 0/150 to 0/350) Length= 200.00 Mtr.Ht. 1.20 Mtr (SCDP)	842204/-	-/-	12900/-	-/-	One Month	350/-	Class D&C	
10	Construction of link road Chougan to Gudi road (SH: providing and laying G-II and CC Pavement at RD 1/866 to 2/166 (length = 300.00 Mtr) (MNP)	1370775/-	-/-	27500/-	-/-	One Month	350/-	Class D&C	
11	Construction of link road Bhola Ka Talu via Kuldoh road (SH: providing and laying G-III and 20mm thick premix carpet with seal coat at RD 0/00 to 0/200) Length = 200.00 Mtr (MNP)	328560/-	-/-	6600/-	-/-	One Month	350/-	Class D&C	
12	Construction of Bhalakh bridge to Bhola Ka Talu via Tanihar road Km 0/00 to 1/500 (SH: C/O U-Shape drain with edge wall at RD 0/998 to 1/065 Length = 67.00 Mtr) (MNP)	478409/-	-/-	9600/-	-/-	One Month	350/-	Class D&C	
13	C/O Jeepable link road from Tikka Nagrola to Kalangan ward No. 5 Tehsil Nurpur Distt Kangra H.P. (SH: P/L Interlocking paver block RD 0/100 to 0/133.50) (Deposit work)	149702/-	-/-	3000/-	-/-	One Month	350/-	Class D&C	
14	A/R & M/O various Residential / Non Residential building Under Nurpur Section (SH: Painting, Distemper, Providing and fixing wire Guage Shutters for door and window, vitrified floor tiles and Providing and Fixing 2mm (two Millimeters) thick PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride) plain paneling on wall)	154999/-	-/-	3000/-	-/-	One Month	350/-	Class D&C	
15	C/O Gurjan Ka Talab road KM 0/00 to 0/800 (SH: C/O 3/00 Mtr Span RCC slab Culvert at RD 0/300)	785438/-	-/-	15500/-	-/-	One Month	350/-	Class D&C	
16	C/O Khawara to Galla Odder road Km 0/00 to 0/700 (SH: C/O 3.00 Mtr span slab culvert at RD 0/350)	768601/-	-/-	15500/-	-/-	One Month	350/-	Class D&C	
17	C/O Link road to Hanjan Basti Kohla Dhalyara KM 0/00 to 1/100 (SH: C/O 4.00 Mtr span slab type culvert at RD 0/340) SCDP	767559/-	-/-	15500/-	-/-	One Month	350/-	Class D&C	

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in.
Date of opening of technical bid 19.01.2025 (11.00 AM)

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Nurpur Division, HPPWD, Nurpur
Telephone No. 01893-220033 e-mail- ee-nur-hp@nic.in
(On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh).

DPNR-HP-4357/2024-2025

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

The Deputy Chief Engineer/Const-I, Northern Railway, Chandigarh, for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-tender under Single Packet System for the under noted work: -

1. Mode of Tender	E- Tender (Single stage Single Packet System)
2. Tender Notice No.	2-W/C/290/CDG-I Dated 04.01.2025
3. Full Name of work	Addition alterations and improvement of railway staff quarters and service buildings including other misc. repairs and allied works in Chandigarh & Ludhiana and balance work of CPM/C/CDG's building at Chandigarh.
4. Completion period of the work	12 (Twelve) months
5. Approx cost of work	Rs. 2,98,41,199/- (Rs. Two Crore Ninety Six Lakh Forty One Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Nine only)
6. Earnest Money amount to be deposited online	Rs. 2,98,200/- (Rs. Two Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand and Two Hundred only)
7. Date & Time for Submission of E-tender and opening of tender	Tenders may be uploaded upto 11.30 hrs on 29.01.2025 on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in The bidders can participate in the e-tender, which will be opened at 11.30 hrs. on 29.01.2025.
8. Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document	The detailed e-tender notice and tender document is available on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 08.01.2025 to 29.01.2025 upto 11:30 hrs. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tender is given in tender document. The detailed tender notice can also be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.

Tender Notice No. 2-W/C/290/CDG-I Dated: 04.01.2025

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Golden Globe AWARDS

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SEBASTIAN STAN BAGS BEST ACTOR AWARD FOR 'A DIFFERENT MAN'

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Sebastian Stan took home the prestigious Golden Globe for Best Male Actor in a Motion Picture - Musical or Comedy for his role in 'A Different Man'. The award was announced at the 82nd Golden Globe Awards held at The Beverly Hilton, Los Angeles, on Sunday (early Monday morning in India). Stan emerged victorious in a competitive category, beating nominees Jesse Eisenberg (A Real Pain), Hugh Grant (Heretic), Gabriel LaBelle (Saturday Night), Jesse Plemons (Kinds of Kindness), and Glen Powell (Hit Man). The actor delivered an emotionally charged acceptance speech, dedicating the award to his family. "This is for my mom, who left Romania in search of a better life and gave me everything. And for my stepfather, Tony, who took on a single mom and a grown-up kid—thank you for being a real man," he said. Stan also gave a heartfelt shoutout to his partner, Annabelle Wallis, saying, "Annabelle, I love you." He took the moment to reflect on the film's themes, advocating for inclusivity and awareness. "Our ignorance and discomfort around disability and disfigurement has to end now. We need to normalize it and encourage acceptance," he said in his acceptance speech. Stan turned heads on the red carpet in a sophisticated tailcoat, exuding timeless charm. The ceremony, broadcasting live on CBS and Paramount+, featured appearances by some of Hollywood's biggest names, including Angelina Jolie, Cate Blanchett, and Dwayne Johnson, among others. In India, the ceremony is streaming live on Lionsgate Play. This year's Golden Globes also honoured Viola Davis and Ted Danson with the Cecil B. DeMille and Carol Burnett Awards, respectively, for their exceptional contributions to the entertainment industry.



'The Brutalist' wins top movie honour

'The Brutalist' turned out to be the jury's favourite at the 82nd edition of the Golden Globe Awards. The film picked up a trio of honours, including best drama, best actor for Adrien Brody, and best director for Brady Corbet. While accepting the award, writer-director Brady Corbet pushed for more autonomy for filmmakers, as per The Hollywood Reporter. "I'm incredibly moved," said Corbet, who also won for best film director earlier in Sunday's ceremony. He then quipped, "I prepared one speech, not two." As it turned out, Corbet still had plenty on his mind. "I just wanted to leave everyone with something to think about: Final-cut tiebreak goes to the director," he told the crowd. "It's sort of a controversial statement. It shouldn't be. It shouldn't be controversial at all. I was told that this film was un-distributable. I was told that no one would come out and see it. I was told the film wouldn't work." Corbet continued, "I don't resent that, but I want to use this as an opportunity to lift up filmmakers -- not just my fellow nominees but all of the extraordinary directors in this room."



WINNERS LIST

- Best film – musical or comedy**
Anora
Challengers
Emilia Pérez – WINNER
A Real Pain
The Substance
Wicked
- Best film – drama**
The Brutalist – WINNER
A Complete Unknown
Conclave
Dune: Part Two
Nickel Boys
September 5
- Best male actor in a film – drama**
Adrien Brody, The Brutalist – WINNER
Timothée Chalamet, A Complete Unknown
Daniel Craig, Queer
Colman Domingo, Sing Sing
Ralph Fiennes, Conclave
Sebastian Stan, The Apprentice
- Best female actor in a film – drama**
Pamela Anderson, The Last Showgirl
Angelina Jolie, Maria
Nicole Kidman, Babygirl
Tilda Swinton, The Room Next Door
Fernanda Torres, I'm Still Here – WINNER
Kate Winslet, Lee
- Best television series – drama**
The Day of the Jackal
The Diplomat
Mr and Mrs Smith
Shōgun – WINNER
Slow Horses
Squid Game
- Best female actor in a television series – drama**
Kathy Bates, Matlock
Emma D'Arcy, House of the Dragon
Maya Erskine, Mr and Mrs Smith
Keira Knightley, Black Doves
Keri Russell, The Diplomat
Anna Sawai, Shōgun – WINNER
- Best television series – musical or comedy**
Abbott Elementary
The Bear
The Gentlemen
Hacks – WINNER
Nobody Wants This
Only Murders in the Building
- Best television limited series, anthology series or television film**
Baby Reindeer – WINNER
Disclaimer
Monsters: The Lyle and Erik Menendez Story
The Penguin
Ripley
True Detective: Night Country
- Cinematic and box office achievement**
Alien: Romulus
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice
Deadpool & Wolverine
Gladiator II
Inside Out 2
Twisters
Wicked – WINNER
The Wild Robot
- Best original song – film**
Beautiful That Way, The Last Showgirl
Compress/Repress, Challengers
El Mal, Emilia Pérez – WINNER
Forbidden Road, Better Man
Kiss the Sky, The Wild Robot
Mi Camino, Emilia Pérez
- Best original score – film**
The Brutalist
Challengers – WINNER
Conclave
Dune: Part Two
Emilia Pérez
The Wild Robot
- Best director – film**
Jacques Audiard, Emilia Pérez
Sean Baker, Anora
Edward Berger, Conclave
Brady Corbet, The Brutalist – WINNER
Coralie Fargeat, The Substance
Payal Kapadia, All We Imagine As Light
- Best film – animated**
Flow – WINNER
Inside Out 2
Memoir of a Snail
Moana 2
Wallace & Gromit: Vengeance Most Fowl
The Wild Robot
- Best female actor in a film – musical or comedy**
Amy Adams, Nightbitch
Cynthia Erivo, Wicked
Karla Sofía Gascón, Emilia Pérez
Mikéi Madison, Anora
Demetri Moore, The Substance – WINNER
Zendaya, Challengers
- Best female actor in a television limited series, anthology series or television film**
Cate Blanchett, Disclaimer
Jodie Foster, True Detective: Night Country – WINNER
Cristin Milioti, The Penguin

Sofía Vergara, Griselda
Naomi Watts, Feud: Capote vs the Swans
Kate Winslet, The Regime

Best male actor in television limited series, anthology series or television film
Colin Farrell, The Penguin – WINNER
Richard Gadd, Baby Reindeer
Kevin Kline, Disclaimer
Cooper Koch, Monsters: The Lyle and Erik Menendez Story
Ewan McGregor, A Gentleman in Moscow
Andrew Scott, Ripley

Best film – non-English language
All We Imagine As Light
Emilia Pérez – WINNER
The Girl With the Needle
I'm Still Here
The Seed of the Sacred Fig
Vermiglio

Best screenplay – film
Jacques Audiard, Emilia Pérez
Sean Baker, Anora
Brady Corbet, Mona Fastvold, The Brutalist
Jesse Eisenberg, A Real Pain
Coralie Fargeat, The Substance
Peter Straughan, Conclave – WINNER

Best male actor in a television series – musical or comedy
Adam Brody, Nobody Wants This
Ted Danson, A Man on the Inside
Steve Martin, Only Murders in the Building
Jason Segel, Shrinking
Martin Short, Only Murders in the Building
Jeremy Allen White, The Bear – WINNER

Best supporting male actor on television
Tadanobu Asano, Shōgun – WINNER
Javier Bardem, Monsters: The Lyle and Erik Menendez Story
Harrison Ford, Shrinking
Jack Lowden, Slow Horses
Diego Luna, La Máquina
Ebon Moss-Bachrach, The Bear

Payal Kapadia loses Best Director award to Brady Corbet

Golden Globes 2025 ended on a disappointing note for Indian fans as India's 'All We Imagine As Light' lost both the awards they were nominated for. Payal Kapadia, who created 'All We Imagine As Light' lost to Brady Corbet of 'The Brutalist' fame in the Best Director category at the 82nd edition of Golden Globes. She faced tough competition from Jacques Audiard (Emilia Perez), Sean Baker (Anora), Edward Berger (Conclave), Corbet (The Brutalist), and Coralie Fargeat (The Substance). Payal's All We Imagine As Light was also nominated for Best Non-English Language Motion Picture. However, it failed to bag the trophy in that category as well. Emilia Perez won the Best Non-English Language Motion Picture category. Despite the loss, Payal Kapadia was spotted cheering for other winners with a smile on her face. She attended the awards ceremony wearing an ensemble from Payal Khandwala. She opted for a handwoven silk black jumpsuit with a pop of red. Her film stars Kani Kusruti, Divya Prabha, Chhaya Kadam, Anand Sami, and Hridhu Haroon in the lead roles. It is currently streaming on Disney + Hotstar.

Jessica Gunning wins her first Golden Globe for 'Baby Reindeer'

The 82nd Annual Golden Globe Awards marked a night of glamour and excitement as Hollywood's brightest stars gathered at the Beverly Hilton to celebrate the best in film and television. Among the night's standout winners was Jessica Gunning, who bagged her first Golden Globe for best performance by a female actor in a supporting role for her powerful performance in the Netflix series 'Baby Reindeer'. Jessica Gunning, known for her captivating role as Martha, a stalker in 'Baby Reindeer', emerged victorious in this highly competitive category. Gunning faced stiff competition from a talented group of nominees, including Liza Colon-Zayas (The Bear), Hannah Einbinder (Hacks), Dakota Fanning (Ripley), Allison Janney (The Diplomat), and Kali Reis (True Detective: Night Country). The actress, who is making a major splash in Hollywood, graced the red carpet in a dramatic blue velvet gown that captured the essence of elegance. The gown featured striking ruffle detailing, and she completed the look with dazzling diamond earrings, opting out of a necklace for a more refined appearance.

Selena Gomez's film Emilia Perez wins Best Foreign Language Film award

Jacques Audiard's directorial venture 'Emilia Perez' was declared the Best Motion Picture in the Non-English Language category at the 82nd Golden Globes. Jacques Audiard attended the ceremony and appeared extremely overwhelmed while receiving the prestigious award. Audiard not only directed the film but also co-wrote the screenplay with his frequent collaborator, Thomas Bidegain. In addition to Zoe Saldana and Karla Sofia Gascon, the Spanish musical also stars Selena Gomez as Jessi, Edgar Ramirez as Gustavo Brun, Adriana Paz as Epifania, Mark Ivanir as Wasserman, Eduardo Aladro as Berlinger, and Emiliano Hasan as Gabriel Mendoza, among others. The story is based on director Jacques Audiard's opera of the same name, which was loosely inspired by the novel Ecoute by Boris Razon. In the novel, the characters were male. At the awards ceremony, Zoe Saldana also won a trophy for her performance. She was recognized for her portrayal of a lawyer who assists a drug kingpin's transition in Jacques Audiard's dramatic opera, released by Netflix.

Zoe Saldana wins her first Golden Globe for 'Emilia Perez'

The 82nd Annual Golden Globe Awards, marked the official start of the 2025 awards season on Sunday evening (early Monday morning in India). Hosted by comedian Nikki Glaser, the event attracted a host of A-list stars from both the film and television industries, culminating in moments of triumph and celebration. Among the evening's standout moments was the historic win by actress Zoe Saldana, who took home her first-ever Golden Globe Award. The award, presented for Best Performance by a Female Actor in a Supporting Role in Any Motion Picture, went to Saldana for her role as Rita Moro Castro in 'Emilia Perez'. This was a monumental achievement for Saldana, who has long been recognized for her roles in blockbuster franchises. The announcement of her win was met with applause as Saldana joined a strong field of nominees, including Selena Gomez for 'Emilia Perez', Ariana Grande for 'Wicked', Felicity Jones for 'The Brutalist', Margaret Qualley for 'The Substance'.

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