

SUNRISE
FRIDAY 5.17 AM



MAHARAJA AGRASEN UNIVERSITY

NAAC Accredited | NIRF Ranked

9KMS
KALKA

11KMS
PINJORE

27KMS
CHANDIGARH



ADMISSIONS 2024

Scholarship as Fee-Waiver in Tuition Fee & Security

+2 MARKS 90% Free

80 : 50%
65 : 30%
FOR FULL COURSE

B.TECH

CSE | ME | CE | EEE | ECE | LEET

AICTE APPROVED

with

M.TECH

Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Data Science, Automobile, Mechatronics, Nanotechnology, Material Science and Communication System

Fee Waiver 30%

10+ 2 Marks%	B.Com B.Com (H) B.Sc Med. & Non-Med.	B.Sc. Hotel Mgmt & Admin. M.Sc. Physics Maths Zoology Microbiology Environmental Sciences	BA, LLB (H) B.Com LLB
95%	Nil	Nil	Nil
90%	12000	15000	17000
80%	13000	17000	20000
60%	14000	18000	22000

10+2 Marks **90%** in All Courses
50% Fee-Waiver

M.Sc Bio-Tech, Chemistry
Pharmaceutical Chem.

LLB BCI Approved

LLM

BCA | MCA | M.Com | BBA | MA English

MBA HR | Marketing | Finance
Health Care & Hospital Management

PHARMACY PCI APPROVED

D.Pharm | B.Pharm | M.Pharm
LEET
Pharmaceutics,
Pharmaceutical Chem.

95% FREE | 90:25% | 65:15%

Required Faculties in All Subjects at All Level, CV should be send to: vc@mau.ac.in

Admission Helpline: **093180 29217, 18, 45**

registrar@mau.ac.in | www.mau.ac.in Follow us: 

Pinjore-Nalagarh Highway Nanakpur, Atal Shiksha Kunj, Kalujhanda, Barotiwal, Baddi Distt. Solan-HP

*T & C apply



ABVP and (right) SFI activists stage protests against the alleged NEET-UG fraud outside the office of the Deputy Commissioner in Shimla on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTOS: LALIT KUMAR



ABVP, SFI, NSUI on same page over NEET-UG ‘scam’

Three main student parties stage protests | Conduct exam again, NSUI demands

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, JUNE 12 The state committees of the Students’ Federation of India (SFI) and the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) here today staged protests outside the premises of Deputy Commissioner’s Office while the National Students’ Union of India (NSUI) staged a protest at Himachal Pradesh University (HPU), Shimla, against the alleged irregularities in NEET-UG exams conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA), demanding an investigation into the matter.

During the protest, SFI state committee secretary Upendra said the NTA, in a statement, admitted to the irregularities in this year’s results, claiming that there was also a provision for grace marking.

However, no mention of this grace marking scheme was made in the guidelines published by the NTA before the



NSUI activists protest the alleged irregularities in the NEET-UG exam, at HPU. TRIBUNE PHOTO: LALIT KUMAR

exam. The Central Government had failed so far to take any action against the alleged scam, despite the continuous increase in unemployment across the country and the rising cases of paper leaks, which had been betraying lakhs of youngsters, he added. “Moreover, complaints have surfaced regarding the allocation of equal marks to

consecutive roll numbers from the same centre in NEET exams, resulting in candidates being forced to seek admission in private colleges, which is directly attributable to the policies of the NTA, such as the significant reductions in the syllabus,” he said. The SFI urged students from across the country to unite

against the centralisation of education through the NTA. ABVP leader Akash Negi, during the protest of the student body, demanded an investigation by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) into the alleged scam and said the incompetence and corruption of the NTA had come to light through the NEET-UG (2024) examina-

tion and its results.

Negi also questioned the announcement of NEET-UG results on the day of the Lok Sabha election results and said that this raised suspicions over the NTA potentially attempting to hide some information.

The ABVP warned of launching a mass movement against the government if it failed to take action in pertinence to the matter.

NSUI, during its protest, demanded that the NEET exam be conducted again. A delegation of the NSUI submitted a memorandum of its demands to the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of HPU.

NSUI president (Department of Laws, HPU) Navishek said many students had been affected due to the issue, while the government had remained silent. Since the NTA was facing allegations about discrepancies in the NEET-UG exam, the matter should be probed thoroughly, he added.

‘Drug peddler’ Cobra to be with cops 2 more months

RAJIV MAHAJAN

NURPUR, JUNE 12 The State Advisory Board headed by a serving justice of the High Court yesterday confirmed an additional two-month detention against alleged drug peddler Neeraj Kumar, alias Cobra, a resident of Golwan village in Fatehpur subdivision under the Nurpur police district.

The suspect is currently facing a 3-month detention after the issuance of a detention order against him by the state Home Secretary in March this year.

As per information, the Home Secretary-cum-Detention Authority, Shimla, issued the detention order under Section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance (PIT-NDPS) Act, 1988.

Under the order, the police can put repeat offenders under a three-month detention, which can further be extended to an year.

Authorities can also seize properties amassed by offenders through drug trafficking.

Advisory board extends detention of repeat offender



Neeraj Kumar, alias Cobra. FILE

This is the second such case across the state.

Earlier, Nurpur district police had procured a six-month detention from the State Advisory Board for another repeat offender, identified as Puneet Mahajan, in a drug-related case. Nurpur SP

Ashok Ratan told *The Tribune* that Cobra, the alleged peddler, had been arrested with 50.46 gm heroin (chitta) at Atahara on October 26 last year, and with 38.40 gm chitta on April 19 last year.

On March 23, 2021, he was arrested with 112.89 gm charas (cannabis) by the police. Ratan said the proposal for obtaining a detention order against the suspect was submitted on November 18 last year to the Home Secretary, who had confirmed a three-month detention order against the suspect.

After the case was presented before the advisory board, the board confirmed an additional two-month detention for the alleged repeat offender.

Information gathered by *The Tribune* revealed that all SPs across the state had been empowered to submit proposals of repeat offenders in drug trafficking cases to the three-member Advisory Committee headed by a justice of the state High Court. Nurpur is the first police district to submit two proposals and obtain requisite detention orders against alleged repeat drug peddlers.

Programme on hematological disorders at IGMC

SHIMLA, JUNE 12

The Department of Radiotherapy and Oncology at the Indira Gandhi Medical College (IGMC) recently hosted a continuing medical education (CME) event focused on recent advancements in hematological disorders.

Dr Rajeev Sandal, clinical hemato-oncologist at the IGMC, emphasised the importance of updating medical professionals on the evolving treatment protocols for hematological disorders. The event highlighted the significant burden of hematological malignancies in the state. — TNS

Shimla pupils shine in NEET

SHIMLA, JUNE 12

More than 30 students of Vidyapeeth Academy scored over 600 marks, while over 50 pupils scored more than 560 marks in the NEET-UG examination conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA).

Vedant Bekta of Vidyapeeth Coaching Institute, Shimla, scored 686 marks in the examination. Krish, Giriraj, Ayush Sharma, Pratyush Raj, Akanksha Sharma, Adarsh Verma, Nishant Bohra, Sparsh Sharma, Aashna Gupta, Bhavya Sharma, Ankit Sharma, Rituraj Bhardwaj, Kesar Singh Mehta, Rudra Chauhan, Priyansh, Nandini Gupta, Manisha Thakur, Tushar Chandel, Prashan Thakur



Vedant Bekta

and Ayush Mukamia scored high in the examination.

The Shimla director of the institute, Ravindra Awasthi, and Dr Ramesh Sharma congratulated the students who had cleared the NEET exam, and their parents, wishing for a bright future for the students. — TNS

IPL’s Mayank Dagar inaugurates cricket facilities at Shimla school

SHIMLA, JUNE 12

Cricketer Mayank Dagar, who has played in the Indian Premier League (IPL), here today visited Bishop Cotton School, Shimla, inaugurating cricket facilities at the school.

He also coached students and played with the boys, even hitting one of the balls right out of the cricket pitch, and the school!

The 27-year-old cricketer was honoured by the entire school, with his address to the students being met with a rousing applause. As an alumni of the school, Dagar talked him his days on campus, where he learnt cricket. “BCS holds a very special place in my heart



Mayank Dagar welcomed at BCS on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

and my journey started here when I joined the school in Class VII. I never thought I’d make it to professional cricket; however, I always tried to work hard, and played matches

here,” said Dagar.

“I am really happy to see some of my old teachers here, and it is always a special feeling visit the school. I am looking forward to spending

some time with you all today,” he added.

BCS director Simon Weale awarded him with a special ‘Spartan Club’ tie and badge.

“A BCS person founded the IPL, and Mayank is the first Cottonian to play in the IPL. We are very proud of him, and grateful to him for spending time in the school with our boys today,” he said. Mayank plays for Himachal Pradesh in domestic cricket and Royal Challengers Bengaluru in the Indian Premier League. He is a right-handed batsman and slow left-arm orthodox bowler. He was part of India’s squad for the 2016 Under-19 Cricket World Cup. — TNS

Ghumarwin students excel in medical entrance exam



Minerva students after the announcement of the NEET-UG results.

SHIMLA, JUNE 12

As many as 43 students of Minerva Educational and Coaching Institute, Ghumarwin, Bilaspur district scored more than 600 out of total 720 marks in the NEET-UG (2024) exam, while 78 students scored more than 550 marks. Institute topper Rahul Chandel scored 681 marks, followed by Sakshi,

who scored 680 marks. Founder and convener of Minerva Institutes Parvesh Chandel and Rakesh Chandel congratulated all the students as well as their parents and guardians, and thanked the teachers and staff members of the institute and all the stakeholders for their contribution to the students’ success. — TNS

WHAT OUR READERS SAY

Is a civic issue bothering you? Are you agitated over the lack of concern? Is there something heartening that you feel needs to be highlighted? Or a picture which in your opinion ought to be seen by many, and not just you?

The Tribune

invites its readers to have their say. Please email at: hpreadersfeedback@tribuneindia.com

CIGARETTE BUTTS, LIQUOR BOTTLES LITTERED IN PARK

MANY miscreants drink liquor and smoke in parks near the Forest Department’s building in Khalini during the night and throw liquor bottles and cigarettes there, making them extremely dirty. The garbage thrown at the parks has made taking a stroll a very unpleasant experience. The authorities concerned should keep an eye on the defaulters and take action against them.

VINAY, SHIMLA

OVERCROWDED TAXIS AT SUMMER HILL

TAXIS plying on the roads of Shimla’s Summer Hill are overcrowded most of the time. Due to this, the passengers have to face a lot of problems. It is very uncomfortable to travel in such taxis. The government should provide more taxi services on this route so that taxis are not occupied beyond capacity.

ANKITA, SHIMLA



DRAINS UNCOVERED, COMMUTERS IN PERIL

IRON plates installed to cover drainage systems along a road in the Sanyard ward under the jurisdiction of the Mandi Municipal Corporation have been removed. These plates need to be reinstalled since the lack of these covers can cause a mishap. It may become the cause of accidents for pedestrians as well as motorists during the nights. The Public Works Department authorities should take cognisance of this issue and do the needful without any delay. RAJ KUMAR, MANDI

CLICK BOOK PAY

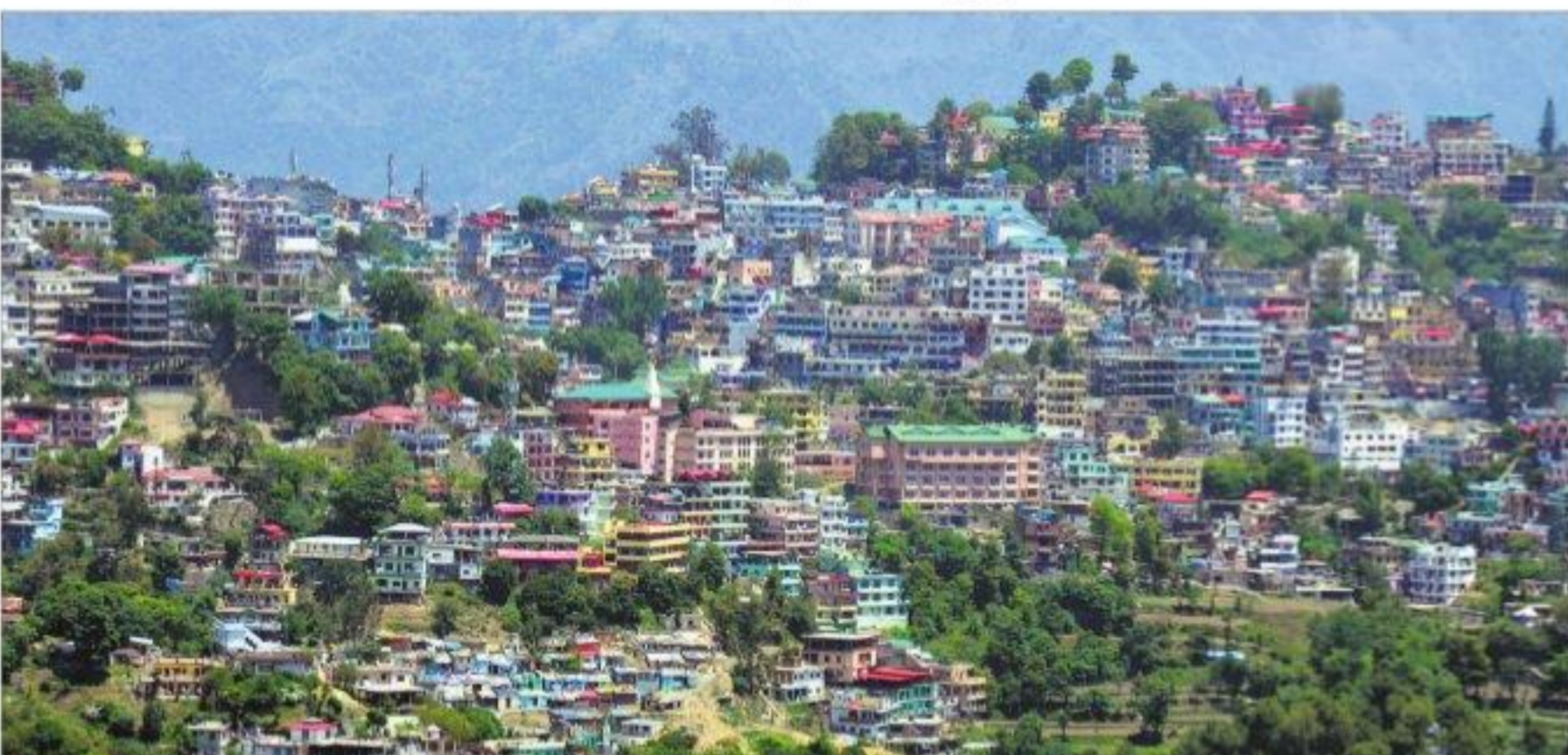


or log on to <https://classified.tribuneindia.com>

Sans authorised site, illegal dumping of construction waste plagues Solan

AMBIKA SHARMA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SOLAN, JUNE 12
Due to the lack of an authorised site for dumping construction and demolition waste (CDW) in Solan city, those undertaking excavation for construction works have no place to dump the waste in. Residents have to spend heavily on transporting this waste to sites outside the city limits. Not only does this adversely affect residents' pockets it also robs the municipal corporation of revenue. Mostly, this waste can be found dumped at illegal sites on various link roads as there is no authorised site within the civic body's limit. Being among one of the fastest developing cities in the state, large-scale construction of commercial and housing colonies is underway in and around the city. The civic authority itself requires a dedicated site to dump CDW that is generated while undertaking developmental works such as construction of parking lots, sports complexes, commercial centres, etc. Earlier, a site was approved for dumping CDW by the district administration at Kather Bypass on the Solan-Shimla National Highway. The municipal



With the town chock-a-block with buildings, a site was approved for dumping CDW at Kather Bypass on the Solan-Shimla highway.

corporation was looking after the site but they failed to maintain it as per the norms, following which it was taken back by the administration. Taking note of the large-scale dumping of CDW the State Pollution Control Board had also served a notice to the Agriculture Produce Marketing Committee for violating various norms, though the committee later said the site did not belong to them. Tonnes of waste was dumped at the site and the civic body could not stream-

MC TO GET KATHER SITE BACK

“We are in the process of returning the CDW site at Kather to the Solan Municipal Corporation. The Forest Department has, however, staked claim to this site and they have been asked to produce revenue records in support of their claim within seven days.”

— Ajay Yadav, ADDITIONAL DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

line the process. The site overlooks a nullah and there were concerns the mound of debris could erode with heavy rain and hinder the natural flow of water in the nullah. It was also approved as an authorised CDW dumping site for some years and the waste generated during the four-laning work was dumped there. Additional Deputy Commissioner Ajay Yadav said,

“We are in the process of returning the CDW site at Kather to the Solan Municipal Corporation, who are completing the due formalities.” “The Forest Department has, however, staked claim to this site and they have been asked to produce revenue records in support of their claim within seven days. If they can prove their ownership, the land will be transferred to them else it will be given to the civic body for creating a CDW site,” added Yadav.

Rains on the way, state reviews steps to combat emergencies

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Mock drill to be held across state on June 14

SHIMLA, JUNE 12
The State Disaster Management Authority, in collaboration with the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), conducted a tabletop exercise on disaster management here today. The aim of the exercise was to simulate emergency situations and exercise the roles and responsibilities of key disaster managers, while learning from domain experts about the latest trends in disaster relief. The scope encompassed contemporary disaster issues in the state, including flood, landslides and glacial lake outburst flood (GLOF).

Chief Secretary Prabodh Saxena said the exercise was held to prepare and check standard operating procedures (SOP) to meet various exigencies during disaster. He said the preparedness and response in case of a disaster needed to be properly coordinated and the entire exercise must be drilled to the lowest level. “This mock exercise will help us in getting to know of the efficacy of incident response plan (IRS) at the ground level,” he said. He further said the tabletop exercise was a landmark event for exchanging knowledge, capacity-building and strategic planning in disaster

management. It would provide a valuable platform for stakeholders to collaborate, share knowledge and enhance their preparedness for effective disaster management in the state. Saxena said a mock drill would be conducted on June 14 under the guidance of consultants and observers of the NDMA, Army and ITBP. The exercise would help in drawing an effective disaster and IRS plan and target any shortcomings, he said. NDMA Senior Consultant Major General (retd) Sudhir Behl conducted the exercise through a video-conference in which senior officers of the NDRE, Army, ITBP and state government, besides all DCs and senior district-level officers participated. He gave a detailed presentation on conducting mock drills. The multi-stakeholder exercise brought together central ministries, disaster management institutes, early warning agencies and disaster management organisations. As key stakeholders in disaster management, the NDMA, SDMAs, and the Indian Army recognised the importance of learning from

past experiences. Revenue and Disaster Management Special Secretary DC Rana said hypothetical scenarios based on floods, landslides, GLOF etc. would be created for the mock drills that are to be held across the state, in which all districts will participate. The exercise will be conducted in coordination with the NDMA, Army and para military forces personnel.

Tribal district checks preparedness for disaster Kinnaur: Dr Amit Kumar Sharma, Chairman of District Disaster Management Authority and Deputy Commissioner of Kinnaur, held a meeting today at the DC office to discuss disaster preparedness in light of the upcoming monsoon. He instructed officials of the ITBP, Army, Police, Home Guards and Health Departments to remain vigilant during the monsoon and directed all departments to prepare disaster plans to ensure rescue and relief operations can be conducted whenever needed, especially in case of cloudbursts and landslides in the tribal district. The DC directed GREF, NHAI and PWD to deploy adequate machinery and labourers at sensitive locations to enable immediate relief operations in the event of a landslide. — OC

Over 1K children to get ₹4,000 under Vatsalya Scheme in Una

OUR CORRESPONDENT

UNA, JUNE 12
Under the sponsorship programme of Mission Vatsalya Scheme, 1,210 eligible children up to the age of 18 in Una district will be provided a monthly financial assistance of Rs 4,000. Presiding over a district-level review meeting of District Child Welfare Committee, Additional Deputy Commissioner Mahender Pal Gurjar said these children were presently, beneficiaries of Mother Teresa Asahay Matri Sambal Yojana, in which they were being given a stipend of Rs 500 per month by the government. Gurjar said Mission Vatsalya Scheme covered those children whose mothers were

either widowed, divorced or abandoned by their families or if the children were orphans living with their extended families. The benefit of the scheme would also be extended to children whose parents were suffering from a life-threatening or serious illness, rendering them incapacitated or financially and physically incapable of taking care of the children. The ADC said that as per the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015, children in need of care and protection, such as those victims of natural disaster, child labour, child marriage, child trafficking, those homeless, HIV or AIDS affected, disabled, missing, runaways, beggars, tortured or exploited and in need of assistance and reha-

bilitation and those covered under the PM Cares for Children Scheme were also eligible to be beneficiaries of this scheme. Gurjar said the purpose of Mission Vatsalya was to ensure a healthy and happy childhood for every child, providing them opportunities to explore their potential and supporting their all-round development, besides establishing a sensitive ecosystem for their integrated development. He urged people to bring it to the notice of District Child Protection Officer Kamaldeep Singh if any eligible child had not been covered under the scheme. Kamaldeep can be contacted on 8219604768 or at the office telephone number 01975-225850.

Trust celebrates 12 years of holistic wellness

OUR CORRESPONDENT

CHAMBA, JUNE 12
The Yog Manav Vikas Trust (YMYT) has successfully completed 12 years of conducting transformative health, wellness and meditation camps at its antarnirman complex near Banikhet. The camps steer participants towards self-realisation by teaching them to consider their day-to-day chores as a form of therapy. Chairperson Kiran Dodeja highlighted the unique octagonal structure of the antarnirman complex, crowned as the state's largest dome. The complex features spiritual art galleries centred on the theme ‘Who am I. It also houses ‘yog manav kaya arogya dham’, offering panchkarma



Participants perform asanas during a camp at Yog Manav Vikas Trust.

therapies for holistic healing. Over the past 12 years, more than 150 camps have been organised, which have attracted over 5,000 participants

from across the country. Dodeja emphasised the nation's significant expenditure on healthcare through government and private insti-

tutions. While doctors focus on the physical aspects of human anatomy and health, YMYT focuses on inner engineering, encompassing phys-

ical, mental and energy bodies, said Dodeja, adding that through theoretical and practical sessions, the camps promoted a lifestyle not dependent on modern medicine. Currently, a group of 50 participants from Ludhiana, Bathinda, Vadodara, Dehradun, Bhopal, Khandwa and Delhi are attending a five-day camp from June 10. The retreat covers practices such as yoga, yog nidra, naadi shodhan, sudarshan kriya and different types of meditation, along with a sattvik food based diet and ayurvedic lifestyle therapies, including panchkarma and acupressure. YMYT has also organised over 250 training programmes and camps to address health-related issues.

Exhibition on GI tag products inaugurated



Chief Secretary Prabodh Saxena inaugurates the exhibition in Shimla on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

SHIMLA, JUNE 12
An exhibition featuring registered and potential Geographical Indication (GI) products of the state was inaugurated by Chief Secretary Prabodh Saxena today. The event is being organised by the Patent Information Centre of the State Council for Science, Technology and would continue till June 16. It showcases nearly 15 registered and potential GI products, including Kullu shawl and Kullu logo, Kangra tea, Chamba rumal, Kinnauri shawl, Kangra painting, Himachali kala jeera, chulli oil, Chamba chappal, and Lahuli socks and gloves. Additionally, potential GI products identified for registration include Chamba metal craft, Kinnauri jewellery, Spiti

chharma, Bharmour rajma, Pangki ki thangi, Chamba chukh, red rice, dasangru and Sirmauri loia, Karsog kulthi, Himachali dham, Himachali musical instruments, Kinnauri apple, and sepu badi. Saxena, while emphasising the importance of GI tags, said these tags were given to products with a specific geographical origin, such as Chamba rumal and Kangra tea. He said the registration of GI products provided legal protection, enhancing the export potential of the product and promoted economic prosperity of producers in specific geographical areas. The exhibition offers an opportunity for both locals and tourists to learn about GI products and purchase them, he added. — TNS

Man held for co-worker's murder in Una

UNA, JUNE 12
The Una police on Wednesday claimed to have solved the murder case of a 40-year-old man whose body was found near the old Hoshiarpur road at Lalsingi village here on Monday. The victim was identified as Harjinder Singh.

Addressing mediapersons, SP Rakesh Singh said a resident of Lalsingi had found a mutilated body near a temple. He said on the basis of the CCTV footage and statements given by eyewitnesses, the registration number of the suspect's motorcycle was traced. The accused has been identified as Manjeet (34) of Daulat Khan village in Hoshiarpur. According to the SP, the accused held the victim responsible for misplacing his cellphone. On June 9, the victim received Rs 15,000 from his employer. The SP said Manjeet was asking Harjinder for money to buy a new cellphone and since both of them were inebriated, their argument turned into a brawl. Manjeet hit Harjinder on his head with a rock and smashed his face to hide his identity. Thereafter, he left the scene. — TNS

FROM PAGE 1
Manuj had played an important role in convincing them to return home. Bhaloli, known by its more popular name ‘The Mystic Village’, with its picturesque landscape and rich cultural heritage, provides an ideal setting for tourists seeking more than the usual attractions. By opening their homes to tourists, the villagers also offer them an opportunity to experience traditional cuisines, customs and culture of the village. While Manuj, who along with his family lives in Chamba, turned his ancestral house into a homestay, other villagers also spared rooms for tourists as per the availability. Five houses in the village have emerged ideal homestays near Khajjiar for peace-loving tourists. Guests staying in Bhaloli's homestays get a chance to learn about the traditions that define the village life, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation for the local culture. They also participate in daily activities of villagers. This homestay model not only enriches the visitors' experience but also strengthens the community by promoting collaboration and mutual benefit, says Manuj. “The initiative is exclusive-



This homestay model not only enriches the visitors' experience but also strengthens the community. PHOTOS: MANI VERMA

ly looked after by the local community. The earnings are equally distributed among the stakeholders,” he said. About the lack of several facilities such as a road, Anoop said, “A road means

more visitors, more pollution and garbage. The charm of village life is what we want to showcase to the visitors and it may be lost with the construction of a road.” “The number of visitors

coming to the village is enough for villagers to host them. Yes, water and erratic power supply is a bit of concern, which we want the government to address,” he added. The success of Bhaloli's community homestay initiative is a testament to the resilience and innovative spirit of its residents. Faced with adversity, they have leveraged their natural surroundings and cultural heritage to create a sustainable tourism model that resonates with those seeking genuine and meaningful travel experiences. The village got a global recognition when it was awarded a Silver Medal in the Indian Responsible Tourism category by Outlook Traveller earlier this year. Bhaloli's journey from adversity to prosperity through this initiative serves as an exemplary model for sustainable tourism development. By blending tradition, innovation and collaboration, the village has set a benchmark for responsible and immersive tourism in the Himalayan region. The thriving tourism model not only boosts the local economy but also preserves the cultural and natural heritage of the village, ensuring its legacy for future generations.

Head constable 'goes' missing...

FROM PAGE 1
office within half an hour, forcing him to drive to Nahan at a high speed. Jasbir Saini, a resident of Nawada in Paonta Sahib, has been posted at the Kala Amb police station for approximately one and a half years. According to reports, Saini left his phone and the car in Kala Amb before allegedly disappearing. In the videos, Saini questioned how Section 307 could be added to a less severe case and accused his superiors of coercing him to press the charge. He said the victims were not cooperating with the police. Sources said thorough search is on to trace him. SP Raman Kumar Meena said the allegations levelled by Head Constable Jasvir are irresponsible and false. He said the district police deny the allegations. The SP said some youths travelling in a vehicle with a Punjab number plate had beaten up some locals, after which a case was registered at the Kala Amb police station. The complainant was unhappy with the investigation and behaviour of Jasvir, the SP added. Thereafter, the complainant approached senior police officers and when the case file was checked, many irregularities were found in it, the SP said. Thereafter, Jasvir was directed to carry out a fair investigation.

DILJIT'S 'GUEST' APPEARANCE



Diljit Dosanjh is set to reach another milestone in his music career. The actor-singer, known for promoting Punjabi music worldwide, will be a guest on Jimmy Fallon's *The Tonight Show*. Diljit on Wednesday, took to Instagram account and read, "Punjabi Aagye Oye. This Week's Guest."

Tribune Life Style

HIMACHAL | THURSDAY | 13 JUNE 2024

Gratitude!

Fardeen Khan shared a note as his film *Dev* completed 20 years. It read, "20 Years of Dev. It was my third film with Kareena Kapoor Khan. She who recommended me for the role, and I will always be grateful."



Gippy Grewal's decision to cast his son Shinda in *Shinda Shinda No Papa* was rooted in their shared experiences

Father, son & filmi spirit

GURNAAZ

SHINDA *Shinda No Papa*, Punjabi cinema's recent offering, has captured the hearts of audiences with its honest exploration of parenthood, generational gaps, familial dynamics, and the bonds that keep us together. At its helm is the versatile Gippy Grewal, whose vision and personal experiences led to this film that has made waves at the box office.

The actor opens up about the journey of creating *Shinda Shinda*... and the impact it has had on him as both a filmmaker and a parent. At the heart of the narrative is Gippy's son, Shinda, whose on-screen portrayal also reflects their real-life relationship.

This isn't Shinda's debut; he has already won many a heart with his charm and screen presence before, to which Gippy says, "I feel really proud about it, but I had no such plan to make him an actor. He hasn't taken any training or attended workshops; he is a natural." The decision to cast his son wasn't planned but rather an organic choice, rooted in their shared experiences. Gippy feels Shinda brings with him a sense of

authenticity and innocence that resonates with audiences. "As an actor, this is the first time we are working together," Gippy says. "But I've seen how he connects with everyone. During the final promotions of *Shinda Shinda*, he entered the stage doing cartwheels, shook hands with people, took photos. I was impressed by his confidence."

But does Shinda want to pursue acting as he grows up? That doesn't even come to this kid's mind. He is doing it as the responsibility of being Gippy Grewal's son. "When I ask him what he wants to become, he always says 'I'll be a basketball player'. As a parent, I am supportive of whatever he wants," Gippy talks about his upbringing and that of children in today's time. So, which one scores better? "Both are the right ways. The difference is how our parents brought us up was according to the times they were living in, and how we are bringing our children up is shaped by the needs of today. As kids, our parents would seldom explain things in detail. In fact, they would often just shoo us away and we dared not say a word. But you can't do that to a kid now. Children have so many questions these days, and you are supposed to answer them with wisdom and patience."

On the evolving dynamics within families, Gippy quotes a scene from the movie to explain his point. "In a scene, Shinda asks his grandfather when he would spank my father, did he go to the police? And the grandfather tells him, no, he didn't feel the need to go to the police because he had so many family members to go to, your uncle or your grandmother would become police for him." The actor continues, "Today, we have nuclear families, so with whom does he share his complaint. Every child wants that kind of support system to feel heard and understood, which is missing among families these days." Looking ahead, Gippy remains committed to storytelling. "I am working on many projects but coming soon is *Ardaas Sarbat De Bhale Di*. Its story, screenplay, and dialogues are written by me, and I am also the director."

'It gives butterflies in my stomach'

Kiran Bedi's journey as first woman IPS officer to be captured in biopic

A biopic on Kiran Bedi, the first woman IPS officer of India, has been announced. It is titled *Bedi: The Name You Know. The Story You Don't*.

Dream Slate Pictures made the announcement about the biopic in Delhi. This film chronicles the life of Kiran Bedi, India's first and indomitable woman IPS officer, written and directed by Kushaal Chawla. In an interview, Kiran Bedi expressed her excitement about her upcoming biopic. "It gives butterflies in my stomach."

Bedi: The Name You Know. The Story You Don't promises to delve deeper into Bedi's life, "revealing the untold incidents, personal and professional challenges and unwavering determination that shaped her extraordinary career in policing," according to a statement from Dream Slate Pictures.

The writer-director for the film, Kushaal Chawla also expressed that how his personality has been inspired and shaped seeing the work of Kiran Bedi.

"It is an honour and privilege to write and direct a film about Dr Kiran Bedi. She has been a tremendous inspiration to me, and having her trust to direct this film is truly a blessing. In this feature film, I explore heart-warming transformations, unseen triumphs, and the extraordinary personal and professional journey of Dr Bedi as she navigated her path as the first woman in the male-dominated world of policing. I believe the audience will truly get to know the woman behind the khaki, and be inspired by her unwavering dedication," he added. — ANI



Richie Mehta, Alphonse Roy, others to take masterclasses at 18th MIFF

Class act

The 18th edition of the Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) will feature interesting panel discussions with filmmaker Richie Mehta, Nemil Shah, Alphonse Roy and Georges Schwizgebel.

The biennial film festival organised by the NFDC, which focuses on short films, documentaries and animation films, will also see several interesting masterclasses and panel discussions addressing a wide range of conversations around diverse filmmaking techniques and formats. MIFF is all set to take place from June 15 to 21 at the



RICHIE MEHTA



JACKKY BHAGNANI



KETAN MEHTA

National Museum of Indian Cinema (NMIC) in Mumbai.

Among those scheduled at the 18th MIFF are Nemil Shah, a 28-year-old filmmaker who won a Nation Award for his short film *Dal Bhat*. He will conduct a masterclass with Alphonse Roy, the

wildlife cinematographer celebrated for his exceptional work on documentaries such as *Treasure Seekers: Tibet's Hidden Kingdom* and *Man Eaters of India* among others.

Award-winning animation film director Georges Schwizgebel will take masterclasses

on animation and documentary filmmaking. The festival will also see Richie Mehta in conversation with veteran filmmaker Ketan Mehta, Emmy nominated animation filmmaker Vaibhav Kumaresh and actor-producer Jackky Bhagnani. — ANI

The K3G kid is ready for Ishq

For Jibraan Khan, the journey from *K3G* to *Ishq Vishk Rebound* is filled with 'just love, no pressure'

Jibraan Khan, the actor who captured hearts as the endearing son of Shah Rukh Khan and Kajol in *Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham*, looks back at the "privilege" bestowed upon him at a tender age.

Portraying the child of two Bollywood legends is indeed a rare opportunity, one that Jibraan cherishes with humility and gratitude. He said, "It's a privilege and an honour to

play Shah Rukh Khan and Kajol's child in a movie at such a young age, and I feel that the amount of love, which has transcended over the years, is unconditional. Even today, people give me the same love and I just hope it continues with *Ishq Vishk Rebound*, and god willing, whatever happens next in life. So, there is no pressure, just too much love, and nothing

else, just too much love" added Jibraan.

Directed by Nipun Avinash Dharmadhikari, *Ishq Vishk Rebound* features an ensemble cast including Rohit Saraf, Pashmina Roshan, Naila Grewal, Kusha Kapila, and Supriya Pilgaonkar.

Produced by Ramesh Taurani and Jaya Taurani *Ishq Vishk Rebound* is set to release on June 21. — IANS



Jibraan Khan, Pashmina Roshan, Rohit Saraf and Naila Grewal