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#### BRIEFLY

#### **India logs** 4,282 new Covid-19 cases

NEW DELHI, May 1 (Agencies): India on Monday reported 4,282 coronavirus infections, while the number of active cases dropped by over 1,750 to stand at 47,246, according to the latest Health Ministry data. The death toll has increased to 5,31,547 with 14 more fatalities. which includes six reconciled by Kerala, the data updated at 8 am showed.

On Sunday, India had reported 5.874 coronavirus cases, while the number of active cases was 49,015.

The daily positivity rate recorded on Monday was 4.92 per cent while the weekly positivity was pegged at 4.00 per cent.

The total tally of Covid cases was recorded at 4.49 crore (4,49,49,671)

The active cases now constitute 0.11 per cent of the total infections, while the national COVID-19 recovery rate has been recorded at 98.71 per cent, according to the health ministry website.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease rose to 4,43,70,878 while the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.18 per cent.

According to the ministry's website, 220.66 crore doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the country so far under the nationwide COVID-19 vaccination drive.

#### Widespread rains, snow over higher reaches in **J&K during** next 2 days: **MeT**

SRINAGAR, May 1 (Agencies): Meteorological Department on Monday predicted widespread light to moderate rain in the plains and snow over higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir during the next 48 hours.

Today scattered rain or thunderstorms may occur at many places of Jammu and Kashmir with gradual improvement from afternoon onwards, the MeT

office said However, it said there could be widespread light to moderate rain or thunderstorm with

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# **LG Sinha inaugurates special governance camp at RS Pura for West Pakistani Refugee families**



JAMMU, May 1 (Agencies): Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated the Special Governance Camp for West Pakistani Refugee families, today at Chakroi, RS Pura.

Addressing a large gathering, the Lt Governor said the special Governance Camp aims to resolve griev-

ances, verification of pending cases, awareness about various welfare & self employment schemes and placement drive with focus on eligible candidates from displaced families.

"Article 370 & 35A had denied political rights & other benefits to West Pakistani Refugee families & prevented their scope of progression and upward mobility. Prime Minister Narendra Modi Ji provided them the rights enjoyed by other citizens of the country and they are no longer treated as refugees," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor shared the UT Administration's resolve to extend the benefits of government schemes to their families.

Go to Jantar Mantar, listen to 'mann ki

baat' of protesting women wrestlers:

Kapil Sibal to PM Modi

"The Government is working with dedication & commitment to realise the dreams of the community. It is a fresh dawn, which offers the people limitless possibilities and a new hope to the youth. We will ensure they become architects of J&K's strong and prosperous tomorrow," added the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor also reiterated the government commitment to work for the larger interest of the displaced families

"Governance camp will act as an institutional structure to effectively

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## **Farooq attacks Centre for not** holding G20 meet in Jammu; criticises settlement of non-locals



JAMMU, May 1 (Agencies): National Conference (NC) president Farooq Abdullah on Monday attacked the government, saying it is unfortunate that G20 meetings were scheduled in Ladakh and Kashmir but not in Jammu, and slammed BJP leaders for not rais-

ing the issue. He also opposed the settlement of non-locals in Jammu and claimed that the Dogra identity is

under threat. "It is very unfortunate that G20 meeting can be held in Ladakh and Kashmir but not in Jammu. Is Jammu not important? It is sad that not a single BJP leader, even those who chanted 'Jammu, Jammu, Jammu and Dogra. Dogra, Dogra' raised the issue. They have taken Jammu for granted believing that it is in their pocket," he told reporters on the sidelines of a NC function at its headquarters here.

Asked about the public notice issued by the Jammu and Kashmir Housing Board seeking online applications from people, who have migrated to Jammu temporarily or permanently, for allotment of 336 flats under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) Mission here, he

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#### Two IEDs, grenade launcher seized from terrorist hideout in Ramban

JAMMU, May 1: A terrorist hideout was busted in a remote forest area in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district with the recovery of arms and explosives including two improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and a grenade launcher, police said on Monday.

The hideout was busted on specific information about its location in the farflung hilly and forested area

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**Centre Blocks 14 Messenger Apps** in J&K for spreading terror

NEW DELHI, May 1 (agencies): In a major crackdown the government has blocked 14 messenger mobile applications that were largely used in Jammu and Kashmir for spreading terror, sources said, adding that the decision has been taken by the Ministry of Electronic and Information Technology following intelligence inputs in this regard.

The sources said as per the input received by the Ministry these mobile applications were used by terrorists in Kashmir to communicate with their supporters and Over-Ground-

These applications include Crypviser, Enigma, Safeswiss, Wickrme, Mediafire, Briar, BChat, Nandbox, Conion, IMO, Element, Second line, Zangi, Threema among

workers (OGW).

"The intelligence and security agencies keep tracking different channels used by OGWs and terrorists to communicate among themselves. While tracking down one of the communications they found that the mobile

application does not

have representatives in

India and it is difficult

others, the sources

to track down activities happening on the app," a source said. "Thereafter, with the

help of other intelligence agencies operating in the valley, a list of such apps was prepared that pose a threat to national security and do not follow Indian laws. After getting the list prepared, the Ministry was informed of the request to ban these mobile applications. These apps have been blocked under Section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000," he said.

In official communications to higher-ups, the Turn to page 9

#### **Commercial LPG** cylinder prices slashed by Rs 171.5 per unit

NEW DELHI, May 1: Commercial LPG prices on Monday were cut by Rs 171.5 per kg in line with softening international trend.

A 19-kg commercial LPG cylinder now costs Rs 1,856.5 in Delhi, according to stateowned oil companies. This is the second straight reduction in rates. Prices were cut by Rs 91.5 per 19-kg cylinder on April 1.

#### Wanted drug smuggler among 3 arrested in Baramulla SRINAGAR, May

1: Police on Monday arrested three drug peddlers including a most wanted smuggler and recovered contraband substances from their possession in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district.

Police said a most wanted drug smuggler named Jaleel Ahmad Shah, a resident of Kanispora was arrested during checking near Khushalpora Delina in north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

The accused was coming in a vehicle towards Delina and was intercepted, police said adding that 10 grams of contraband Cocaine and 15 grams of Charas like substances was recovered from him during the searches.

Jaleel was taken into custody immediately and the said vehicle was also seized, police added.

A case under Narcotic Drugs and Psychographic Substances (NDPS) Act was registered in Police Station Baramulla and investigations were set in motion.

In another incident police during checking at Bagat Colony Rohama

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# Four injured in cylinder blast in Poonch

JAMMU, May 1 (Agencies): At least four persons sustained critical injuries in a gas cylinder blast after a fire erupted in a residential house in Qazi Mora in Poonch district this morning, officials said.

The officials said that information was received this morning about the breaking out of fire in a house belonging to one Qamar Din at

"Soon after the receipt of this information police party rushed on the spot during the course of enquiry preliminary it has been found that it was due to leakage of cylinder", the officials said adding in the course of ongoing blaze a gas cylinder exploded causing grievous injuries to four persons.

Identifying the injured persons as. Hasham Mair son of Niaz Mair resident of Bihar, Suraj Patil son of Ram Patil resident of Bihar, Mohd Shaid son of Mohd Sadig resident of Qazi Mora and Javid son of Mohd Ahmed from UP, the officials further said that all the injured persons have been shifted to District Hospital Poonch for treatment.

## UCC, free LPG for BPL families: BJP releases election manifesto ahead of Karnataka polls

BENGALURU, May 1 (Agencies): BJP national president J P Nadda has released the party's vision document or manifesto for the upcoming Karnataka elections on Monday in Bengaluru.

Nadda was flanked by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and former Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa were also present on the occasion.

Targeting households, the BJP promised to provide three free cooking gas cylinders to all BPL families annu-

ally; one each during the months of Yugadi, Ganesh Chaturthi and Deepavali.

There is also a provision for the 'Poshana" scheme through which every BPL household will be provided with 500 ml litre Nandini milk every day and grains through monthly ration

The manifesto also includes the implementation of the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in Karnataka based on the recommendations given

by a high-level committee. It also promises to ease of living conditions of apartment dwellers

in Bengaluru by constituting the Karnataka Residents' Welfare Consultative Committee to reform the Karnataka Apartment Ownership Act, 1972. This will also cover the grievance redressal mechanism.

Other promises in the manifesto include laboratories in every ward, a film city in Mysore to be named after the late actor Puneeth Rajkumar

and Atal Aahaar Kendras to counter Indira Canteen.

Besides, the party also promises to implement the National Register of Citizens (NRC) if it retains power in this Assembly elections. Besides a plan to develop Karnataka into a hub of electric vehicles, the BJP also aims to develop the capital city of Bengaluru.

BJP National President JP Nadda, who spoke at the event, said the plan

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## J&K scaling new heights in tourist count: Abid Rashid Shah

SRINAGAR, May 1 (Agencies): With an increasing footfall of domestic and foreign visitors, tourism in Jammu and Kashmir is scaling new heights, making the Union Territory one of top destinations in the country.

"Year on year and month on month, we have received more tourists this year compared to previous year. We are ensuring that all domestic and international tourists have a memorable stay in Jammu and Kashmir," tourism department secretary Abid Rashid Shah said.

"It is the responsibility of all stakeholders of the tourism industry in Jammu and Kashmir to make it a warm and hospitable destination for all visitors,' he said.

Jammu and Kashmir received 1.88 crore tourists in 2022, a high enough number for any region, but the administration is expecting still that the arrivals will breach the two crore-mark this year.

Tourism Director Fazlul Haseeb said the number of arrivals was high even before the onset of the regular tourism season in the valley.

"Every single month the tourist numbers are increasing. It's almost six lakh in the first four months ... it's breaching records," Haseeb said.

Popular mostly with honeymooners

once, Kashmir is now attracting even long-married couples, who are coming to celebrate their anniversaries here. "Today is our 24th anniversary, the

reason why we booked this trip. I am feeling good," Kavita Katay from Pune

Kavita's husband Govind said it was his idea to celebrate the anniversary in Kashmir.

"It was my plan to celebrate our 24th marriage anniversary in Kashmir. The climate is good here. My friends had been here and they suggested I visit Kashmir. The situation is fine here, not like before," he said.

Vidyadhar from Karnataka found Kashmir safe for tourists and was certain the valley now had peace.

"We have been here for the last four days. The situation is absolutely normal here. I also

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#### Azad expels Haji Abdul Rashid for anti-party activities

JAMMU, May 1 (Agencies): Democratic Progressive Azad Party

(DPAP) chief Ghulam Nabi Azad has expelled Haji Abdul Rashid Ex MLA, from the primary membership of the party, for the anti party activi-

#### 10TH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt. Arti Verma W/o Sh. Rakesh Verma (Sr. X-Ray Tech) R/o W. No. 15 H. No. 138, Shakti Nagar Udhampur on 20-04-2023.

**10th Day** will be performed on Saturday 29-04-2023 at Gandhi Hall, Jagriti Oldage Home, Near Head Post Office Udhampur at 11:30 AM.

Kriya will be performed on Tuesday 02-05-2023 at Devika Ghat.

**GRIEF STRICKEN** Rakesh Verma - Husband

Rudransh & Ayansh - Sons Mother-in-law & Father-in-law Smt. Vijay & SH. B.L. Anand Jethani & Jeth

Smt. Sonika & Sh. Sandeep Anand Nanad & Nandoi

Smt. Anita & Sh. Rajinder Sawhney Smt. Neelam & Sh. Ashwani Abrol Mob.: 9419614258, 9419157422



Smt. Arti Verma

#### **10TH DAY & UTHALA**

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform sad demise of our beloved Smt Bhag Rani Chhibber W/o Bakshi Hari Krishan Lal Chhibber (D/o Mehta Roop Chand Datta) R/o 151/11, Nanak Nagar Jammu, on 25th of April 2023.

10TH DAY shall be performed at our residence on 04-05-2023 at 10 a.m.

UTHALA shall be performed at Laxmi Narayan Mandir, Gandhi Nagar on 05-05-2023 (Friday) from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Grief Stricken:

Daughters-in Law & Sons Shakti & Arvind Chhibber-CE (Retd) PDD Meenakshi & Ashok Chhibber-XEn PDD

Daughters & Sons-in-Law Amita & D. L Sharma CE (Retd) PWD

Jyoti & R. P Sharma XEn (Retd) Hydraulics

Grand Children: Agrita & Gaurav Bali, Brijesh, Ajitesh, Pranav, Ameesh & Poonam, Danish & Diksha and Ashish

Phone No. 9419128211, 9419186550

## 10th Day/Kriya/Uthala

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of Sh Surinder Kumar Sharma S/o Late Sh Ishar Dass R/o H.No. 103 Ext. 1 A Bhagat Pura Channi Himmat Jammu. 10th Day will be performed on Sunday 30-4-2023 time 11 AM at Home

Kriya will be performed on Monday 1-5-2023 at their resi-

Uthala will take place at Panch Mandir Channi Himmat on 3-5-2023 Time 6 PM

Grief Stricken Smt Satya Devi W/o Late Sh Chuni Lal Sharma **-Mother** (Ex. Dy. Chairman Leg. Council)

Renu Sharma -Wife

Sunil & Riya -Son & Daughter-in-law Daughters & Sons-in-law Meenakshi & Parshotam Sharma

Pooja & Jitender Pujari **Brothers & Bhabhis** Smt Shakuntla Devi & Late Sh Darbari Lal Smt Asha Devi & Late Sh Mohinder Sharma

Chander Deep & Poonam Naresh Sharma & Kanchan Rajesh Sharma & Rupali Sisters & Brothers-in-law Vimla Devi & Late Sh Din Dayal Kanchan & Late Sh Subash

Veena & Rajinder Sharma



SMT. BHAG RANI

**CHHIBBER** 

(1938-2023)

Sh Surinder Kumar Sharma

Brother-in-law & Sister-in-law Parshotam Kumar & Jyoti Devi **Grand Children** Utsav, Muskan, Lavanaya, Hiteshwar, 9419182034, 8492912683

## **OBITUARY**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Tatha / Autar Krishen Tiku (Ex Director GSI), S/o Late Pt. Janki Nath Tiku, (Kani Kadal, Srinagar) at 6604, ATS GREEN I Sector 50, Noida on 27th April 2023.

atha was a verv spiritual Ramakrishna Pramahansa. He was also influenced by Bhagwan Gopinath Bub and Swami Laxamjoo during his childhood upbringing in Kashmir. He had a great sense of humor, always full of life and entertaining everyone with his wit. Tatha was a good family man, who had a close bond with his brothers and sisters, a doting father and grandfather, an excellent friend and coleague. He believed in supporting noble charitable causes and was actively involved with numerous social work activities. He is

survived by his wife and 3 daughters. Prayer meeting will be held on 3rd May (Wednesday) at 11am at Autar Krishen Tiku (Tatha) Community Centre, Kendrya Vihar, Sector 51, Noida (UP). Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 6th May 2023 (Saturday)

at 8 am at Murad Nagar (UP). Family Members in Grief:

Smt. Indira Tiku (Wife) Noida

Shashi & Anoop Ganjoo (Daughter and Son in law) NJ

Jvotsna Tiku (Daughter) Noida Karuna & Ashok Kumar (Daughter and Son in law) MI

Smriti Ganjoo, Gitika Kumar, Dhruv Kumar (Grand Children)

Samast Tiku & Kak Parivars, Takoos, Ganjoos, Kumars, Arazbegis, Aimas, Khardoris and extended

#### Contact Nos: 8595105737, 9868613606, 9810422244

#### REMEMBRANCE **FOURTH DEATH ANNIVERSARY**

It is now four years since you have left. You are still a source of inspiration and strength of our family. We miss you. Mr. A.K Pushp (Husband)

Joohee and Rajiv Kaul (Daughter and Son-in-Law) Utsav and Nisha Pushp (Son and Daughter in Law) Kushagra and Kaira (Grand Children)



1938-2023

Reena Pushp (06.06.1953 to 01.05.2019)

#### TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the demise of our beloved Smt. Kanchan Sharma W/o Romesh Chander Khajuria 10th Day will be performed on 2nd May, 2023 Tuesday at 11.00 am

at our residence H.No. 66. Lane No. 4, Preet Nagar, Jammu. Kriya will be performed on 3rd May 2023, Wednesday at 12.00 pm at our residence.

Uthala/Rasam Pagri will be performed at Durga Mandir (Rampura) Jammu from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm 3rd May 2023 Wednesday. **GRIEF STRICKEN** 

Romesh Chander Khajuria

(Retd. Adl. Sec. Legislative Assembly J&K) Khajuria Family (Ramkot)

Rattan Paul Family (Banhor Kathua)

Sangharsh Vidya Kender Maratha Colony, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. M) 7889688185, 7051223268



Late Smt. Kanchan Sharma D.O.B.: 1/4/1959 D.O.D.: 24/4/2023

#### TENTH DAY/KRIYA

We are satiated that you left in peace, And pray to God, you may rest in peace. We pray; You may reach unimaginable height, In Your eternal, heavenly flight.

We pray for you, your heart and soul, And we clearly know that you played your role. We know that you received a Godly Code, That You are welcome to your new abode.

With profound grief and sorrow, our dearest father Sh. Tilak Raj Gupta S/o Late Sh. Krishan Lal Gupta left for the heavenly abode on 21-04-2023. Tenth Day will be held on 29-04-2023 (Saturday) at their residence H.No. 132 Govind Nagar Digiana Ashram near Dumble 88 Gym at 10 am. Kriya will be held on 2-05-2023 at their residence Hno. 132 Govind Nagar Digiana Ashram near Dumble 88 Gym at 12:00 pm.

In Grief Stricken: Late Smt. Sudarshana Gupta- Wife Son and Daughter in-law: Mr Vishal Gupta & Diksha Gupta Daughter: Miss Neeru Gupta

Daughter and Son In-Law: Mr Mahesh Mahajan (Raju)& Rinki Mahajan

Mr Ankush Gupta & Shallu Gupta Grandchildren: Kritika, Antriksh, Krisha, Devyansh, Devang

AND ALL FAMILY MEMBERS (M): 9419191580, 9205004418, 7006225286, 9811672902

## OBITUARY

With profound grief and immense sorrow, I inform untimely demise of my beloved son, Sumit Ganjoo on 27-04-2023 at 10 PM at his residence, Krish

Vatika, Bhiwadi, Raj.

Mourning days will be held at his residence in Bhiwadi, 10th Day, Pooja on 6th May, 2023, 10 AM will be performed at Choti Ganga, Muradnagar. GRIEF STRICKEN

Priyanka Ganju **- Wife** Jawahar Lal Ganju - **Father** Vijay Ganju - Mother

Ashok & Suman Ganju **- Uncle & Aunty** Amit & Shweta Ganju - Brother & Bhabhi

Nirmala Sapru - Mother-in-law

Kotru's, Munshi's, Sapru's, Bazaz's, Vaishnavi's, Matoo's & Kaul's Mob.No: 9971476166, 9811738957, 9818185061

## **BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS**

With deepest grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **S. Amarjit Singh** S/o Late S Ishar Singh, R/o 346/A, Gandhi Nagar(Jammu) on 24 Apr 2023 (Monday). Antim Ardas will be scheduled as per following programme:-Arambh Shri Akhand Path Sahib at our residence 346/A Gandhi Nagar, Jammu at 9 am on 01 -5-2023 (Monday). Bhog Shri Akhand Path Sahib at our residence 346/A Gandhi Nagar, Jammu at 9 am on 03 -5-2023 (Wednesday). Kirtan & Antim Ardas at Gurudwara Fateh Singh Sahib, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu from 10:30 am to 12 noon on 03-5-2023, followed by Guru Ka Langar

In Grief Sdn Mandhir Kaur (Wife)

Daughter-in-Law & Son Sdn Sandeep Kaur (JAEO) & S. Satinder jit Singh (JAEO). Daughters & Son-in-law
Sdn Harminder Kaur & S. Gurpreet Singh. (JE, PCB)

Dr Rupinder Kaur & Dr Paramjeet Singh Seth

Sister-in-Law Sdn Amarjit Kour W/o Late S. Surjit Singh.

Daughter-in-Law & Nephew
Dr Chandpreet Kaur & Col Gurmohinder Singh Niece & Son-in-law
Sdn Harpreet Kaur S. Gurcharan Singh Wazir.

Sdn Gurpreet Kaur & S. Amtej Singh (Canada) Sisters & Brother-in-Law

Sdn Harbans Kaur & W/o Late S Daljeet Singh. (Chandhigarh) Sdn Paramieet Kaur & S. Karnail Singh.

Grand Sons: Navsirjan Singh, Hridaan Singh, Jaywin Singh Sethi, Gurkarman Singh Grand Daughters: Gavya Singh, Manya Singh, Palakdeep Kaur, Eknoor Kaur

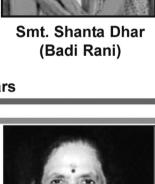
#### **OBITUARY**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of Smt. Shanta Dhar (Badi Rani) W/o Late Sh. Omkar Nath Dhar (Kanthparistan Safa Kadal Srinagar) who left for her heavenly abode on the intervening night of 28th-29th April 2023 in Navi Mumbai.

Tenth Day will be observed on 7th May,

Virender Dhar **- Son** - 9971222134 Renuka Dhar - Daughter-in-law

Rishika Dhar - Grand Daughter Samast Tikku, Pandita & Dhar Pariwars



Smt. Usha Kaul

**Pandita** 

(Kimta Jigir)

Mob - 9971885566,

9650011258, 9971034400,

9650031258

## **TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With extreme grief and sorrow, we inform that our beloved Smt. Usha Kaul, resident of C-258, Kaul Niwas, Sushant Lok- I, Block-C, Gurugram, Haryana (Originally from Natipora, Srinagar, Kashmir), left for her heavenly abode on 25th April 2023.

10th Day Kriya will be performed at Shree Gauri Shankar Mandir, New Palam Vihar, Block T, Sec-109, Gurugram, Haryana, on 4th May 2023 at 08:00 AM. **GRIEF STRICKEN:** 

Sh. Rattan Lal Kaul (Husband) Sons & Daughters-in-Law Navneet Kaul & Sunita Kaul Suneet Kaul & Neha Kaul

Kaul's Smt. Raj Dulari Langar & Sh. M.L. Langar Smt. Kaki Kaul Dembi & Sh. N.J. Dembi Sh. P. N. Kaul & Smt. Pushpa Kaul Sh. B. L Kaul

Smt. Rajni Kaul & Sh. O.P. Kaul Bindru's

Smt. Dulari Bindru, Nancy Bindru, Champa Bindru Grand children- Rishab, Rishaan & family members

#### FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY MAASVAR & VAHARVAER

Sadly missed along life's way... Lovingly remembered everyday... No longer in our life to share

But in our hearts you're always there. We pray to Almighty that we continue to receive blessings that shall guide us to move in right direction.

Maasvar and Vaharvaer of our beloved Late Smt. Parmeshwari Late Smt. Parmeshwari Pandita W/o Sh. Pushkar Nath Pandita R/o Achabal Adda Anantnag will be performed on 1st and 2nd May, 2023 respectively at H.No. 34 Indra Colony,

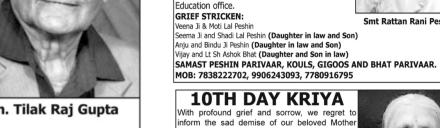
Camp Road Talab Tillo, Jammu. **GRIEF STRICKEN** Sh. Pushkar Nath Pandita & Samast Pandita Family Mob.: 9797476438



**SUMIT GANJOO** 

S. Amarjit Singh

(Retd Research Officer, SIE)



R/o Karshan Gham Kashmir A/p H.No. 95 Om Nagar Udheywala near J&K Bank. 10TH DAY KRIYA shall be held on 4 May 2023 (Thursday) at 8:30 AM at Muthi Ghat near Director Education Son & Daughter-in-law
Sh Bushan Lal Raina & Smt Neelam ji Raina

Smt. Uma Shree Raina W/o Lt. Tika Lal Raina

**OBITUARY/TENTH DAY KRIYA** 

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved mother

Smt Rattan Rani Peshin W/o Lt Soom Nath

Peshin of Wagoora Agar Budgam Kashmir at Present H.No 40 Ekta Vihar Lane 1 Gangyal near

Ambay Printing Press. She left for heavenly about

TENTH DAY KRIYA shall be performed at Muth

Camp Ghat on 3rd May 2023 at 9am near Directo

on 24.04.2023 at 11am.

Smt Jeeta Pandita & Sh Avtar Krishan Pandita

Smt. Uma Shree Smt Basanti Koul & Sh Rajinder Koul Smt Usha Pandita & Sh Shuban Lal Pandita Deeply Remembered By Grand Childrens Shally, Neha, Akshay, Sheeku, Surbhi, Suraj, Ayush, Mehak Mobile No. 9796623756, 9419202231

**TENTH DAY KRIYA** With profound grief we would like to inform the demise of Smt. Sheela Raina W/o Sh. Jawaha Lal Raina resident of 21/1 A Annuradhapurar Sector 1 Barnai presently at 229 B Gaur Gree

Avenue Indrapuram, Ghaziabad.

10th Day Kriya will be performed on May 4 a
Chota Haridwar, Muradnagar, Uttar Pradesh Time: 10 00 AM Sh. Jawahar Lal Raina - Husband Sons & Daughters-in-law
Sh. Rakesh Raina & Smt. Jessy Raina Sh. Ravi Raman Raina & Smt. Dimpy Raina



Smt Rattan Rani Peshin

Smt. Sheela Raina

SMT. PUSHPA DEVI

Daughter & Son-In-law Dr. Ritu Raina Bhatt & Dr. Ravinder Kumar Bhatt Phone Nos: 9871437501, 7006994308, 9810844299

#### TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt. Pushpa Devi Mengi W/o Late Sh. Dev Dutt Pushpa Devi Mengi W/o Late Sh. Dev Dutt Mengi.
TENTH DAY will be performed on 29th April, 2023 (Saturday) at 10:00 AM at her residence 265/5, Channi Himmat, Jammu.
KRIYA will be performed on 2nd May, 2023 (Tuesday) at 12 Noon at her residence 265/5, Channi Himmat, Jammu.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Daughters & Sons in Law
Lt. Smt. Kanta Gandotra & Sh. Pritam Pal Gandotra Smt. Saroj Wahi & Sh. Ashok Wahi
Smt. Vinod Suri & Sh. Ashok Wahi
Smt. Vinod Suri & Sh. Ashok Verma
Sons & Daughter in Law
Sons & Daughter in Law
Sh. Kuldeep Rattan Mengi & Smt. Sunita Mengi
Sh. Someshwar Mengi & Smt. Anju Mengi
Sh. Rameshwar Mengi & Smt. Rita Mengi
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## REMEMBRANCE

Words cannot express our feelings of losing you. We remember you each moment with utmost respect and love in our hearts. Time can never erase your presence in our lives and your noble qualities will always remain with us. Deeply Remembered By:

**Choudhary Family** Mob. No: 9419104461

> **BIRTHDAY** REMEMBRANCE As long as there's love

and memory. You will always be alive in our hearts.

**Deeply Remembered By** 



Sat Pal Choudhary

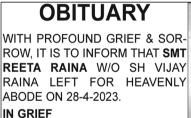
Chanchal, Renu, Purti & Surabhi Sh. Jatinder Sharma

#### MOURNING FROM MALUN SIDE

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Jiga Jee Late Makhan Lal Dhar H/o Smt. Dulari Dhar (Parimoo) R/o Nuner Ganderbal Kashmir at present Greater Noida (U.P) on 28th April, 2023 (Friday).

Grief Stricken Jawahar Lal Parimoo - Brother-in-law Smt. Santosh Parimoo

Smt. Shanta Bhat - Sister-in-law 9149509637, 6005011874, 9419853189





SMT REETA RAINA

Late Makhan Lal Dhar

## HOMAGE

SH VIJAY RAINA -HUSBAND

& OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS

SH VIKRAM RAINA -SON

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Mata Vaishno Shailputri, Gokul Dham Sedhpeth Ashram, Ambika Vihar, Gole Gujra Talab Tillo held a condolence meeting on Sunday to mourn the sad demise of Smt. Gouri Shour Peshin wife of Late Sh. Som Nath Peshin o Wagoora Budgam and a devotee of the Ashrar who left for the heavenly abode recently. The members of the Ashram observed two minutes silence as a mark of respect to departed soul and prayed for her eternal peace and courage to

bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.



#### REMEMBRANCE 9TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY

iline Years have passed since you let us suddenly in deep sorrow but till we feel your absence, everywhere with tears. Your death has creat-d void in our life which can never be filled. The pain of losing you will lever go away and will never be forgotten. Another year without you tut we know that you are looking down on us with your blessed eyes. We pray almighty to bestow eternal peace to your noble soul. **DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY:** 

Bharat Luthra & Shilpa Luthra -Son & Daughter-in-lav Mrs. Puja & Neeraj Gupta (PDD) -Daughter & Son-in-Law Mrs. Shikha & Pankaj Malhotra -Daughter & Son-in-law

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Late Sh Vijay Luthra (PHE)

concluded at RHS

**Pegasus MUN** 

### Khatana urges LG to rescind decision to terminate para-medical staff of DRDO Hospital Jammu

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, May 1: Bharatiya Janata Party MP Rajya Sabha Er. Gulam Ali Khatana has urged LG Manoj Sinha to rescind the decision to terminate para-medical staff of DRDO Hospital, Jammu till the completion of their tenure period and recruitment of new staff on regular

A delegation of Paramedical staff engaged during Covid pandemic for DRDO care Hospital, Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu besides a number of concerned citizens have approached the undersigned regarding the arbitrary termination of services of the paramedical staff who, after closure of DRDO Covid Hospital, were now rendering services in the Govt. Hospital Gandhi Nagar and associated Hospitals of Govt. Medi-

cal College, Jammu.

communique to LG Manoj Sinha said that the representation of the para-medical staff

is very heart touching as Covid warriors have been rendered jobless while the Principal Govt. Medical College & Hospital, Jammu in Minutes of the Meeting vide No. GMC/22/Min of Meet/844 dtd. 24-12-2022 recommended the extension of service of para-medical staff, which has rendered service during the peak of Covid 19 and are well trained and experienced to handle any such

emergency. Principal, The GMCH, Jammu vide its letter No. AHJ/N/S/ DRDO/2022/5004-07 dtd. 22-12-2022, once again reiterated the continuation/extension of the services of the para-medical staff in view of the heavy rush of patients in GMCH, Jammu and associated hospitals of GMC,

But the administrative department, Health and Medical Education department has terminated the services of the para-medical staff leading to disruption of services in Govt Hospital Gandhi Nagar, newly built cancer Institute and associated hospitals.

The delegation of concerned citizens has told me that the patient care has suffered immensely due to this arbitrary decision of dis-engaging the para-medical staff. The new staff for Cancer Hospital and associated hospitals has not bee sanctioned/recruited as

It is, therefore, requested that the decision to terminate para-medical staff of DRDO Hospital, Jammu may please be put on hold till the completion of their tenure period and recruitment of new staff on regular

#### **Top News Report** JAMMU, May 1: An

impressive closing ceremony was conducted at Rich Harvest School. The three days mega event was organising by Pegasus MUN founded by Former Rich Harvest Head Boy Abhijay Singh Charak.

His hard work, dedication, devotion, communication and leadership skills made the event a grand success.

The Principal Anita

Bhatia on behalf of Managing Director Gambhir Dev and Director Ruchi Charak welcomed the Chief Guest- Kavinder Gupta- Former deputy Chief Minister of J&K, Special Guest D.C Raina- Advocate General J&K UT, Presiding officer Th. Gulchain Singh Charak a staunch Dogra leader, Former Minister of R&B and Higher Education and Chairman Dogra Educational Trust and Founder SG Dogra Foundation, Surekha Charak- Chairperson SG Dogra Foun-

Uma Katal Founder Rich Harvest School and Vice Chairperson SG Dogra Foundation, Samar Dev Singh -Secretary Dogra Educational Trust and Bela Thakur - Principal Dogra Degree College.

The students of Rich Harvest captivated the audience with an energetic urban Punjabi Dance.

Gupta Kavinder opined that events like Pegasus MUN are an

excellent platform for preparing much needed future leaders.

D.C Raina while congratulating the participants advised them to give their best as the legacy created by them will be recorded for posterity.

Th. Gulchain Singh Charak praised the MUN team and their leader Abhijay Singh Charak for a job well done. He applauded the depth of knowledge and awareness displayed by the speakers after he made a surprise visit to the different committee rooms

Ruchi Charak Director RHS advised students to debate amicably and utter soothing words to maintain the dignity of democracy.

The distinguished guests gave away the Best Delegate prizes and cash rewards to Svdaksh Raina of G.D Goenka as delegate from Syria -UNHRC Committee, Khushi of K.C International as delegate of Iran -UNCSW committee, Aviral Kapoor of Jodhamal as delegate from Tiwan-UNSC Committee, Pradhanya as Asaduddin Owaisi -AIPPM committee, Medhaj Pathania of KC Public as Amit Shah- Lok Sabha Committee and Ayushi Sharma for IP Committee.

Secretary General Abhijay Singh Charak declared the conference closed with nostalgia in the air.

## Fearing defeat, BJP not conducting assembly elections in J&K: Vijay

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, May 1: Congress Seva Dal President Vijay Sharma Babbi has said that due to the absence of an elected government in Jammu and Kashmir, people are facing huge problems.

He said that the Bharatiya Janata Party is not conducting elections due to the fear of a defeat in the elections. There is no government in Jammu and Kashmir for the last almost 4 years. Everything has been left to the bureaucracy. People's issues are not being resolved and they do not see any hope from anywhere. He

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, May 1: Kai-

lash Pati Sharma Vice

President Schneider

electric who is son of

soil has been nominated

as the Co-Chairperson

of ASSOCHAM National

Council on Electronics &

Components for India in

Kailash Pati Sharma

has been serving the

nation by building the

best business models

and bringing Quality and

Customer satisfaction in

the country which have

propelled the Indus-

try Image and Make In

He has worked in Dell

Computers, LG, Onida,

Schneider Electric and

he has contributed

hugely in Make in India

and Digital India initia-

tives. He has brought

about 10000 plus jobs

in India in Multi- Capac-

ity by working in differ-

ent roles. Kailash Pati

Sharma is also Chair-

man in Automation I

Skills council and Senior

member in 4 govts skill

council in India. He has

been supporting JK

also on many Industrial

efforts and he has also

Addressing the media,

he said that he is from

Jammu and Kashmir

and he will do all efforts

to bring Industry to JK

so that manufacturing of

electronics and electri-

cal appliances and com-

ponents can go high and

as result JK can become

self-dependent on these

products and which will

industry cluster in JK.

New Delhi.

India story.



said that the representatives of the elected government are accountable to their people and work for their welfare, but the government has deprived Jammu and Kashmir of its rights in an undemocratic manner. The government should clarify what is the reason behind not conducting elections for such a long time. He said that even while

**KP Sharma nominated as Co-Chairperson** 

bring huge jobs for our

Youths in Jammu Kash-

mir and Ladakh. He said

that his vision is to set

up the best Industry for

solar, LED and renew-

able factories in Jammu

and Kashmir which

can become a show-

case and path finder

for others. He disclosed

that he is in process of

creating a solar experi-

ence centre in JK which

will be dedicated to the

Govt later. He said that

he has vision along-

with Japanese govt

and Daiki axis for water

sewerage plants for dal

lake, Vaishno devi and

AIIMS. He said that in

future discussions and

suggestion to Govt will

be done so that 80%

of wastewater can be

As the Chamber con-

tinues to enhance its

activities to support this

national endeavour,

key focus areas for me

would be to strengthen

the Chamber's efforts

in facilitating the Indian

MSME sector and help-

ing create an ecosystem

for start-ups. Kailash

also focussed that he

will work with Jammu

and Kashmir Assocham

Body under leadership

of Mr Manik Batra for

reused

of ASSOCHAM National Council

making Jammu and Kashmir a Union Territory, it was promised that when the situation normalises, the statehood would be restored and elections would be held.

Now, when the government is claiming that the situation in the valley has changed and everything is normal, then why is there a delay in holding the assembly elections.

Vijay Sharma said that the government should conduct assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir as soon as possible so that people can elect their favorite candidates and form the government.

working and stepping up

# Govt Polytechnic Jammu celebrates Labour Day

#### **Top News Report**

MP Gulam Ali in a

JAMMU, May 1: NSS Wing of Government Polytechnic, Bikram Chowk Jammu celebrated the World Labour's Day in the college

The Chief Guest of the function was Er. Arun Bangotra, Principal Govt. Polytechnic Jammu who in his inaugural speech appreciated the efforts of all Class IV and Labour class for their sincere efforts in performing their duties with full dedication and their contribution towards the society.

He further said that to achieve a common goal everyone from bottom management to higher level should be involved and work hard in one direc-

Er .P. K. Angral Lecturer-I Electrical Engg, Programme Officer of NSS

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 1: Quoting

Mahatma Gandhi "Live as

if you were to die tomor-

row, learn as if you were to

live forever" while address-

ing the curtain raiser, Prof

Umesh Rai, Vice Chancel-

lor, University of Jammu

said while recognizing the

experiential learning, rig-

orous training of the army

personnel and their contri-

bution for the country that

University is taking a land-

mark initiative by starting

certificate, diploma, under-

graduate and postgraduate

courses in Mountain craft

and disaster management

and Snow craft and disas-

ter management for the

The Vice-Chancellor was

flanked by Prof Rajni Kant,

Dean Research Studies,

Prof Arvind Jasrotia, Reg-

istrar, Prof Pankaj Srivas-

tava, Convenor, JKSET,

Prof Sundeep Pandita,

Director, Disaster Manage-

ment Centre, Prof A.S Jas-

rotia and Dr Vinay Thusoo,

Three skill-based certifi-

cate courses in collabora-

tion with HAWS in disaster

management with a focus

on Search, rescue and sur-

vival, Snow craft and ava-

lanche rescue, Rock craft

and mountain rescue shall

Incharge Media Cell.

jawans and officers



motive to organize this program was to aware the importance of Labour people in achieving any target. Er. Kuldeep Singh HOD Mechanical Engg, is motivated the staff to work for the betterment of the college with full dedication.

all the labours were facilitate with a momento as a

Courses for army personnel

be jointly conducted by

the Disaster Management

Centre of Geology Depart-

ment and High Altitude

Warfare School Gulmarg,

said Prof Rai and further

stated that the skills impart-

ed under the exchange

programme shall make the

students trained in rock

craft and snow craft which

will help them in develop-

ing adventure sports in the

Union Territory of Jammu

Prof Rai further exhort-

ed that these skills shall

help in the generation of

employment and increase

While responding to the

query by a media person,

he said that the Univer-

sity is also formulating

undergraduate degree and

post-graduate degree pro-

grammes, especially for the

Army personnel in Disaster

Management giving due

weightage to their experi-

Vice-Chancellor further

illustrated that these path-

breaking initiatives are

been taken under the MOU

between the University of

Jammu and HAWS which

shall be formally launched

on 3rd May at HAWS train-

It is noteworthy to men-

tion that the MoU records

mutual intent for academic

and research collaboration

between the University

of Jammu and HAWS for

academic and technical

ing centre Sonmarg.

ential learning.

the potential of tourism.

and Kashmir.



on the importance of the Labour Day

token of appreciation.

He said that the main

At the end of the program

ed by Tahir Amin Wani, HOD Arch. Assistantship. Er. Sanjay Koul HOD Computer Engg, Er. Rajesh Gupta HOD Automobile Engg, Amit Kumar Sharma Lecturer-I. T&T. Er. Amit. Gupta, Demonstrator (Civil Engg.), Er. Rishab Sharma, Demonstrator (Civil Engg.), Er. Mohd. Arshad Ranja Demonstrator (Civil Engg.) and Er. Akash Dusgotra Workshop Instructor and all the staff of college and

NSS Volunteers students.

advancement and progres-

sion of Army personnel and

University students and

faculty specifically in the

discipline of high altitude

studies and disaster man-

agement in mountainous

Prof Pankai Srivastava.

Convenor, State Eligibility

Test in his address said that

the University of Jammu, a

nodal agency for the con-

duct of the State Eligibility

Test for the UT of J&K and

UT of Ladakh, is going to

start the application pro-

cess for the JKSET/LASET

- 2023 from May 5th, 2023

onward. The candidate can

apply online mode till June

5th 2023. On the popular

demands of the students

from J & K, this year a new

subject "Tourism Manage-

ment and Administration'

is added to the JKSET

examination. The exami-

nation shall be held on 1st

October 2023 at 10 differ-

ent cities of UT of J&K and

UT of Ladakh, said Prof

Prof. S. K. Pandita while

elaborating on the details

said that the certificate

courses shall enhance the

capability of the participat-

ing students in managing

disasters, particularly in

mountainous, high altitude

and glaciated regions. The

theory and basic training

component of these cer-

tificate courses shall be

conducted by the Disaster

Management Centre of the

University of Jammu and

advance practical training

part shall be conducted by

Among others, Prof

Seema Langar, Dean,

Faculty of Sciences, Prof

Savita Navyar, m faculty

members of the Geol-

ogy Department were also

present on the occasion.

the HAWS.

Srivastava

regions

# Mann ki Baat episode

#### **Top News Report**

Refreshments and cash prizes provided by President, Hindustan Scouts and Guides NGO were also distributed to the participants. After the mini

marathon event live Telecast of 100th episode of Mann Ki Baat was organized in a lecture Hall Students listened thoughts shared by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. NSS coordinators Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Kamaldeep, BSA President, Dr. Parvez Salathia and other faculty and staff members including Dr. Indu Bhushan, Dr. Amit Sinha, Dr. Neeraj Tripathi, Dr. Vikram Singh, Avdhesh Gupta, Gauray, Sanjeev Vadawan, Sumit Sharma

K. Sinha congratulated all participants for attending the celebration events on the historic occasion.

# JU to launch Disaster Management | SMVDU celebrates 100th

KATRA, May 1: SMVDU Katra organized mini marathon against drug abuse to celebrate 100th episode of Mann ki Baat. NSS unit and Board for Sports Activities organized the mini marathon in University prem-

Around 100 participants participated in the event enthusiastically. NSS volunteers Awanish and Mehak also shared their thoughts on drug abuse.

# were also present during Vice chancellor Prof. R.

#### G20 mega international event to be a big boon for J&K's Tourism sector: Danish

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, May 1: Danish Mishra, Vice President, BJYM, Jammu and Kashmir, has asserted that the prestigious G20 event being held in Jammu and Kashmir has the full potential of promoting this Union Territory as an attractive global tourism destination

In a statement issued to media here today, the BJYM leader said, "It is an acknowledged fact that Tourism is the backbone of Jammu and Kashmir's economy with the maximum share of the Union territory's GDP coming from Danish said that the third

G20 tourism group is going to be held in Kashmir in the last week of May with the delegates from across the world being given a warm welcome. He asserted that this is a great opportunity also for us to showcase Jammu and Kashmir and various tourism products of J&K to a global audience. He said that it provides an opportunity to present J&K as one

the topmost tourist destinations across the world.

The BJYM leader said that significant issues related to tourism will be deliberated and discussed at the G20 Summi in J&K. Some of these include tourism in general and sustainable tourism in particular, women in tourism and effective promotion of tourism. He said that this major event in Jammu and Kashmir is undoubtedly going to open new avenues for the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Danish said that the delegates attending the summit after conceiving a new perception about J&K will prove to be the ambassadors of J&K's tourism promotion as they will be disseminating the novelties of hospitality and enormous tourism potential of J&K on the return to their respective nations across the globe. He reiterated that there is no doubt about it that this mega event is going to be a big boon for the tourism sector of this Union Territory



#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, May 1: Live For Others-Being Helpful Foundation (NGO) is going to host 1st ever National Youth Exchange Programme (NYEP) in J&K U.T on theme "Role of Youth in Fight Against Drugs Menance" & National Youth Excellence Award-2023 which is scheduled to take place from May 5-7 which is Powered by Talla Jewellers.

While briefing media persons, Vivek Parihar (Director & CEO) said that, in this programme we are going to honour 25 social workers from all over the nation for their continuous and tireless efforts for making this world a better place for every living being

The programme is going to held for three days in which Poster Making Competition and Symposium Competition is going to be conducted on 5th of May under the theme "Role of Youth in Nation Building By Raising Voice Against Drugs Menance" in which various students from different institution is going to take part.

On 6th of May, an awareness rally on theme "Role of Youth in Fight Against Drugs Menance" in collaboration with J&K Police is

efforts for MSME including Fee Lean training to MSME and supporting the QCI Initiatives for making JK and Ladakh MSME More productive. He also stressed that huge efforts will be put into sharing technology and processes with MSME and even some of the MSME can be exposed to industry outside JK including visiting Schneider electric, LG, Samsung, Luminous, ABB etc and discussions are on for that. He said that efforts will also go to set up some MSME who can supply parts to big MNCs from

Jammu and Kashmir ASSOCHAM was created with the vision of supporting nationbuilding and value creation for the industry in 1920. ASSOCHAM has been focused on the four growth pillars of Sustainability, Empowerment, Entrepreneurship and Digitalisation. There have been significant successes that the Chamber achieved in these areas Now the theme 'Enabling global competitiveness for India through a sustainable and equitable growth roadmap'.

ASSOCHAM has a long history of being the voice of Indian industry for policymakers, and the ASSOCHAM secretariat and I will facilitate all councils to foster in a new age of innovation, and sustainability, to empower the country.

## **Live for Others-Being Helpful Foundation to host National Youth Exchange Programme**

going to be conducted and the rally is going to inaugurated by SSP Jammu, Chandan Kohli. On 7th May, Valedictory

function is going to be conducted where felicitation of Awardees, Winners of various competitions will be done. This programme serves

as a platform for youth from all over the country to come together and engage in discussions, workshops and activities that promote inclusivity and diversity.

The NYEP aims to foster cross-cultural exchange and provide a space for young people to share their experiences and ideas. Through its interactive sessions, it promotes social harmony, and encourages personal and professional growth, making it an important event for the youth of the country.

The highlight of the programme is the Inter-Cultural Evening, where participants showcase their culture and traditions through performances, decoration

These programmes shall

#### be conducted for the students of JU in collaboration with HAWS.

# **EDITORIAL**

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

he term 'sustainable development' was first used by the 'Word Conservation Strategy' which was presented by the 'International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources' in 1980.

According to the Brundtland Report, sustainable development means meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising on the needs of future generations.

Therefore, the meaning of sus-

tainable development is that development which should continue continuously. It is the creation of a sustainable improvement in the quality of life of all people that can be achieved through increases in per capita real income, improvements in education, improvements in health and general quality of life, and improvements in the quality of natural environmental resources. In other words, it is a situation in which economic growth does not decrease with time. It can be modified as a path of development in which the choices of future generations are not compromised by the path taken by the present generation.

Sustainable development is development that continues. It contributes to the quality of life by improving the natural environment. In turn, it satisfies the satisfaction of the individuals, provides inputs and services to the economic process which supports human life.

However, in the words of Peirce and Barford- "Sustainable development is a process in which the natural resource base is not allowed to deplete. It emphasizes the hitherto unappreciated role of environmental quality and environmental inputs in the process of increasing real income and quality of life."

The World Development Report 2000 emphasizes the creation of sustainable improvements in the quality of life for all people as a key goal of development policy.

Measuring sustainable development is often difficult. This involves assessing the environmental damage and comparing it with the cost of preventing it. It has to face many problems such as measurement of capital stock, accounting of natural resources and application of appropriate discount rates to maintain an alternative balance between conservation and use of natural resources. However, here we will discuss the conditions for achieving sustainable development.

A prerequisite for sustainable development is that natural capital reserves must be conserved and improved. This means that the natural capital stock must remain at least in a constant state.

# Return of class in India's caste-obsessed politics

By: Sanjaya Baru

mart, articulate young people, who have been brought up within the cultural and linguistic milieu of metropolitan India, often find it difficult to easily pronounce a long name like Panchapakesan or even a short one like Kanimozhi, but they are quick to tell us their caste and even sub-caste. Political journalists who may not have been aware till recently of their own caste identity, or even aware of what a "sub-caste" is, have completely internalised caste consciousness. So much so that almost all political reporting in the run-up to an election is focused on caste. One may not know how to pronounce Vokkaliga or Lingayat, nor even know their place within the caste hierarchy, but we are now all aware that the forthcoming Assembly elections in Karnataka are all about them.

Why blame the young reporters? The last time when Prime Minister Narendra Modi reconstituted the Union council of ministers, the Prime Minister's Office even briefed the media specifying the Cabinet's caste composition. The council has a "record 27 OBCs as ministers", the media was informed, including Yadavs, Gurjars, Jats, Thakurs, Lodhs, and so on. The 12 Scheduled Caste ministers included a Chamar-Ramdassia, a Khatik, a Pasi, a Kori, a Madiga, a Mahar, a Arundathiyar, a Meghwal, a

Rajbonshi, a Matua-Namashudra, a Dhangar and a Dusadh. The media was given a crash course in sociology and politics. Against this background, it was

refreshing to read political scien-

tist and political activist Yogendra Yadav's recent column in The Print drawing attention to a survey conducted across Karnataka that underscores the importance of what may be described as the "class factors" in the ensuing elections. Conducted by a civil society group, Eedina, the survey was canvassed across 41,169 respondents, by a thousand "citizen journalists" who covered 204 of the 224 Assembly constituencies.

While the survey shows the Congress Party returning to power in Karnataka with a comfortable majority, the point of analytical interest that Mr Yadav draws our attention to is the socio-economic basis of the forecast. To quote, "The BJP enjoys a 13-point lead over the Congress among the upper class, which shrinks to one point among the middle class. The position flips as we go downwards: The Congress has a three-point lead among the lower middle class, which expands to 14 points among the poor and a 20-point lead among the very poor. What tilts the balance decisively for the Congress is, of course, the relative size of these classes. The top three classes, where the BJP can trump or match the Congress, account for 40 per cent of the population, while the bottom two categories, where the Congress has a massive lead, add up to 60 per cent of the population."

Hence, concludes Mr Yadav, "class matters in the Karnataka elections". Those overwhelmed by the obsessive focus of the mass media on caste may be surprised by this assertion, but any analyst familiar with recent trends in the economy would not be. Even as the traditional

Left Front parties have experienced an atrophy in their support base across the country, three factors have contributed to the rise of class consciousness in recent months.

First and foremost, the post-Covid loss of livelihood and employment; second, the rising and visible economic inequality; and, third, persistent high inflation that has exacerbated the effect of employment loss and rising inequality.

Taken together, these three factors have revived class consciousness both within the poor and the lower middle classes. The data on the social effects of rising inequality are all too evident. The sales of high-end automobiles have been rising while those of low-cost entry level cars has declined. Spending on foreign travel has increased but the demand for bicycles has declined. The market holds a mirror to society.

The rich are better off, the lower middle class find themselves slipping back into their erstwhile lower levels of existence.

Economists dispute this with surveys and statistical models, but the "in-your-face" consumerism of the new rich, the new power elite, stares one in the face from every TV station, every front-page advertisement. As one prescient observer recently observed, there was a time in the 1950s and 1960s when the poor were represented in cinema. Raj Kapoor's Charlie Chaplin epitomised their presence. For some time now, not only have the poor been banished from Bollywood, but Bollywood has become the stage for the overseas Indian to strut around.

It is not as if the political parties are not aware of this reality. The rising expenditure on what are called "freebies", the provision of free food, free electricity and so on, bankrupting the exchequer, shows that politicians in power know that the unhappy poor need to be assuaged. A mix of populism, social welfare, middle castes' appeasement and communalised authoritarianism constitute the new cocktail of upper-class dominance, as I have argued in my recent book, India's Power Elite: Class, Caste and a Cultural Revolution (Penguin Viking, 2021).

It would be unfair to blame the Bharatiya Janata Party alone for such politics. Every regional political party represents a regional elite desperate to either share power with a national party or position itself in opposition to a national party to increase its political leverage. All regional parties are today dominated by the upper class and upper caste elements. Some of the richest members of Parliament hail from the more developed states and are members of the regional parties. For many of them the BJP is a natural ally and Prime Minister Narendra Modi knows this. From Naveen Patnaik to Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, from N. Chandrababu Naidu to K. Chandrashekar Rao, from Sharad Pawar to M.K. Stalin, every upper caste regional leader is a potential BJP ally.

With the Left parties still in disarray and most regional parties dominated by regional elites, it remains to be seen whether Rahul Gandhi's strategy of positioning the Congress, with a Dalit as party president and raising issues relating to livelihood security and economic opportunity, will re-assert the role of class in national politics, as we have recently seen in Brazil, or whether the new national and regional ruling elites will be cleverer, and will continue to divide and rule.

# Sinn Finn to grace coronation party! Boris still making waves after his exit

By: Kishwar Desai

ay Day! May Day!' is supposed to be a distress signal at sea. May Day falling on the first of the month is also an international holiday. But for Londoners it is a bank holiday which gives us a long weekend. And this year it means we will have an extra day to prepare for the coronation.

Right now we have news of nothing but the splendour and the details of the coronation. It is billed as the most racially diverse gathering to reflect the way the country changed in its post imperial days. So instead of just the Anglican Church ceremony, we have many religions represented - Hindu, Sikh, Muslim, Jewish. Each person representing a religion will carry something symbolic in the procession. This is very much reflective of the new King's desire to be inclusive.

This is also the first time women are getting more prominence. Holding the queen consort Camilla's rod will be Baroness Helena Kennedy who is well known as a formidable human rights lawyer and as a Labour peer. A surprising participant as will be Floella Benjamin who was popular as a presenter in the children's favourite TV

programmes. As a prominent Black member of the Liberal Democratic Party, Baroness Benjamin will carry Camilla's sceptre with dove. The ceremonial sword of offering will be carried for the first time by a woman army officer Amy Taylor.

In a gesture of solidarity, even the Republican Catholic Sinn Fein Party is participating with their leader Michelle O'Neill in the Northern Ireland Assembly joining in. Sinn Fein has thus far not let its MPs sit in the House of Commons even after winning their seats because MPs have to swear an oath (or affirm if you are not religious) to serve the monarch. They never acknowledge the primacy of the English monarch over Ireland. This is the first time in 200 years they are participating.

During the reign of Queen Elizabeth, the four regions of United Kingdom have become semi-independent. Scotland now has, of course, a leader in its parliament — a Muslim of Pakistani parentage. But even here the normal rivalries between Scotland and England are suspended as a large and historic stone weighing several kilos will be brought in for the occasion. The stone of Scone (pronounced scoon) has been part of the ceremony

of the coronation of the English king since the early 14th century. Back in the 1950s the stone was stolen away by Scottish nationalists since the separate identity of Scotland was not granted. Now Scotland has its own parliament — and somehow peace and sweet friendship will prevail.

As a gesture of celebration, someone has made a statue of King Charles the Third from a variety of chocolates. The likeness is uncanny but shows that a chocolate sculpture can be beautiful. How long it will last past the ceremony is anyone's guess. There are also statues of the queen consort at Madame Tussaud's ready for exhibition. A statue of Charles has been there for ages but Camilla becomes a proper royal now. It is rare for a divorcee and a second wife to be queen. But we live in enlightened times.

Even so, Charles's troubles are not over. The Guardian has just revealed that his grandmother Queen Elizabeth (the Queen Mother as used to be) came from a family which had owned slaves in the 17th century. This was not even in Britain. The original slave owners were in Virginia before the US became independent. Then the family returned to Britain in 1721. Even so, sins of the great-

great-grandfathers are about to hit Charles (probably postcoronation if he is lucky) and no doubt the Republicans will be agog with indignation. But then they also need some consolation when everyone else is celebrating the new king.

As to the non-royal news, we continue to have strikes - of NHS, teachers and even head teachers, transport workers. Ministers keep getting into trouble. Dominic Raab who was Deputy Prime Minister and used to be foreign secretary has had to resign because he had upset some civil servants in his department and they complained about his rudeness. But at least Rishi Sunak himself has lasted more than six months as Prime Minister, though some of his ministers have not been as fortunate.

Now the chairman of the BBC has resigned. The charge against him is somewhat subtle. He was appointed, of course, by Boris Johnson. He was also during the past someone Rishi Sunak had worked with during his stint at Goldman Sachs. His only fault was that he had been a guarantor for a loan someone had given to Boris but not revealed this fact voluntarily during his interview. Being a guarantor was not wrong but not telling about it was. So Boris goes on making waves even after his departure.

# **J&K BJP celebrates 6th foundation of Nanaji Deshmukh Library**

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**Top News Report** 

May 1: JAMMU, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir celebrated 6th foundation of Nanaji Deshmukh Library & **Documentation Depart**ment at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

The programme was organized by Department Incharge Prof. Kulbhushan Mohtra along with team.

MP (Rajya Sabha) Ghulam Ali Khatana, former Dy. CM Kavinder Gupta, former MP (Rajya Sabha) Shamsher Singh Manhas

Padam Shree Shiv Kumar Nirmohi and Padam Shree Mohan Singh Salathia, Dr. Neelam Sareen, Bharat Bhushan Sharma, Dr. Sushma Kumari, Brig. Anil Gupta, Major Gen Govardhan Singh Jamwal, Raj Rahi, CS Katal, Inderjeet Kesar, Randheer Singh Raj-

CS Katal and Randhir puria, Rajeshwar Singh Raju and others were

the attraction of the programme, who were felicitated on the occa-Vice-President Sham Lal Sharma, Dy. Mayor

Baldev Singh Billawaria, Secretary Veenu Khanna, Office Secretary Tilak Raj Gupta, BJP Mahila Morcha President Sanjita Dogra, Media Secretary Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, District President Rekha Mahajan, Ashu Mahajan, Zoravar Singh, Dil Bahadur Singh, Shailja Gupta, Mookherjee Sharma, Govind Sareen and other senior leaders

Singh Rajpuria also mesmerized the audience with their exceptional vocal and oratory skills in poems and "Karak" of Baba Jitto. they also recited poems based upon achievements of PM Modi.

Ghulam Ali Khatana said that the BJP's library hosts ocean of books and asked the public to use its ser-

Kavinder Gupta said that even in today's time of internet, the books hold their relevance and all must make a habit of reading books.

Shamsher singh said that a person should tics to religion and many other subjects, many of which may be not accessible at any other place.

He thanked all those intellectuals and social workers whose works form a part of this Library.

Mohan Singh called for the promotion of Dogri language in his address

Prof Nirmohi said that more such libraries must be opened in every place.

Prof. Nirmohi donated a whole set of books to Library. ST leader Chouhan presented Shree Quran Sharief to the Library. Many other participants also donated various books in the collection of the library on the occasion.

Pallavi Gupta conducted proceedings of the programme.

Ramesh Katoch concluded the programme with presentation of vote of thanks.

## Rajesh Gupta appeals EC to hold assembly elections at the earliest in J&K

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, May 1: National Democratic Party Indian (NDPI) J&K UT Chief Rajesh Gupta on Monday said, "The delimitation exercise has been completed and the boundaries of the electoral constituencies have been redrawn. Now we want democratic processes to be restored and appealed the election commission to announce the polls at the earliest in J&K."

NDPI leader said, due to lack of restoration of Democratic government in Jammu and Kashmir, issues of common masses are being ignored. The bureaucracy is dominated in Jammu and Kashmir and the public is not being heard.

Top officials of government departments are not even giving time to listen to public problems and meet them. Gupta said that the public will have to become aware



and now the NDPI will get every legitimate right of the people.

The NDPI president said that NDPI is a party that believes in democratic values and will ensure that various pro-people initiatives are launched to benefit the weaker sections of people in our society.NDPI ensures he said while addressing a workers meeting at Jammu.

The NDPI leader declared that party would strengthen its units in J&K right from Panchayat level up to top and it is all set to provide an honest and viable alternative to the people of J&K in coming elections. He dropped hint that party would gear up activities to contest coming elections.

Gupta asked his Party functionaries to shoulder responsibilities for protection of J&K's unique cultural and

political identity. He said that peace and progress is the mission of Modi Government at the Centre.

The NDPI president also said that people of J-K should continue to pose undaunted faith in the leadership of PM

Gupta further added that the PM is likely to take some revolutionary steps in J-K including early Assembly polls to ensure that golden days, that used to be the characteristics of the erstwhile J&K State, are back

Senior NDPI leaders Umesh Manhas, S. Kuljeet Singh, Tilakraj, Sandeep Anand, Rajiv Luthra and others also spoke on the occasion.

#### **MRM organises International "Eid** Milan Samaroh" at New Delhi

were amongst.

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, May 1: "Muslim Rashtriya Manch" (MRM) organised an "International Eid Milan Samaroh at Satyagraha Mandap Gandhi Smriti Rajghat New Delhi on Sunday.

Dr.Indresh Kumar Member Rashtriya Karyakarini(RSS) and Margdarshan Muslim Rashyriya Manch(MRM) and Haji Mohammad Afzal All India Convener (MRM) were the Chief guests on the occasion.

"International Eid Milan Samaroh" is an event that celebrates the coordination and unity among the members of the Muslim Rashtriya Manch, a sociocultural organization affiliated with India's ruling party, Bharatiya Janata Party," Indresh Kumar Said.

"The Samaroh is organized annually on Eid ul-Fitr to mark the end of Ramadan and promote brotherhood and harmony among different communities. It is a symbol of how social organizations can help bridge divides and promote peaceful coexistence among diverse groups," Kumar further added.

sion included steps to be taken such as the recent verdict of Hon'ble Supreme court regarding Live in relationship is against the moral ethics in keeping with the Indian culture, traditions and morality in the Vedic and Puranic contexts,"



he observed.

The event was attended by several National and International dignitaries from various walks of life who came together to celebrate the end of Ramadan in a festive manner.

Lectures and discussions were also conducted as part of this celebrated event. Overall, International Eid Milan Samaroh of MRM held at New Delhi stands as an integral component of cultural diversity promotion, strengthening social bonding for universal human

Prominent among those who were present on the occasion included Mii Nazir Ahmed(J&K & Ladakh UT's Convenor), Gulshan Kumar( J&K and Ladakh UT's Organiser), Dr. Shamshul Hag, Shakeel Ahmed Shal, Gh.Nabi Shah, Riyaz Ahmed Mir, Hassan Sardar and others.

### Mendhar youth gets appreciation letter from PM Modi

**Top News Report** 

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He said that the

Library aims to devel-

op the personality of a

political worker along

with other wisdom

seekers. He said that

the Nanaji Deshmukh

Library is open to any-

body whether a student,

scholar or any common

person who is in quest

for knowledge. He said

that the Library house

many rare books rang-

ing from history to poli-

that very person.

Shah ji.

JAMMU, May 1: It's not every day that you a get a letter from the Prime Minister. But then, not every Prime Minister is a people's person like Narendra Modi. J&K based social worker, Nazakat Choudhary from Mendhar, Poonch, who participated in the 'Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat Yuva Sangam' initiative of the PM is unlikely to forget both these experiences. The PM has responded to his letter lauding this initiative which gave him the opportunity to travel to Assam and experience it's diversity and culture.

A brainchild of Ministry of Education, YuvaSangam' Youth Exchange program under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat aims to strengthen people-to-people connections, especially between youth of different states and introduce

to them the culture and values of India. The idea northeast India.

of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat was conceptualized and structured by the Hon'ble Prime Minster Sh. Narendra Modi Ji to create a cultural connect between the various states of India. It also aims to expose

youth who embody not iust immense talent, global knowledge, spirit of creativity and innovation but also revisit cultural values that reflect the country's humane philosophy. This initiative was launched in February this year and the first phase of Yuva-Sangamhad an overwhelming participation of 1200 youngsters, with

the first batch visiting

While appreciating that Nazakat enjoyed his trip to Assam, the PM expressed his hope that he would continue undertaking more such journeys in the future. In his letter PM Modi said, "The success of any important initiative is measured by its impact upon people. The greatest sense of satisfaction is experienced by a public servant when people write to convey that a particular event has transformed their life. This vigour and enthusiasm of young people like yourself, to explore different regions of our country and to keep yourself open to new experiences is truly commendable. Your journey from the land of Tawi to the land of Brahmaputra has clearly brought two regions of the nation closer." The letter added,

"India is home to many cultures, cuisines, customs and lifestyles, where people belonging to different communities, practising different faiths, speaking different languages, observing different rituals not only coexist but also celebrate each other's diverse way of life. It is this aspect of our nation that has drawn the world towards us."

While expressing his desire to make the northeast region an economic powerhouse the PM added, "During the last few years, we have worked to ensure that our beautiful Northeastern region is 'Na Dil Se Duur, Na Dilli Se Duur'. As a result, you

may have observed that an unprecedented transformation is taking place across sectors. Be it culture or agriculture, commerce or connectivity, the region is becoming a growth engine of India.'

The letter also said. "The state of Assam is one of India's most beautiful regions in terms of both nature and culture. Witnessing the multi-hued cultural splendour of Assam during the festival of Bihu, marvelling at the massive Brahmaputra river, learning about great personalities such as Veer Lachit Borphukan, Srimanta Sankaradeva, as well as. enjoying unique products like Muga silk, Tezpur litchi, Joha rice, Bakachaul and KajiNemu is truly an incredible experience. I have a particularly special

# **GDC Billawar organizes Science Exhibition**

**Top News Report** 

KATHUA, May 1: Department of Zoology in collaboration with IIC Government Degree College Billawar organised Science Exhibition under the overall supervision of Principal of the college Dr. Alka sharma.

programme The was conducted by Dr. Ambika sharma, More than 100 students participated in science exhibition with full zeal and enthusiasm.

Dr. Alka sharma said Science generates solutions for everyday life and helps us to answer the great mysteries of the universe.

In other words, science is one of the most important channels of knowledge.

Dr. Shamim Ahmed Banday said Science exhibition is an excellent tool that involves students in discovering new facts and discoveries with a zeal of inter-



est. A science exhibition is an opportunity for students to apply the scien-

tific method to conduct an independent analy-

Judges of the event were Prof Parshuram, Prof Nisar wani, Dr Kulbir singh, Dr Rajni, Dr Suram and Dr Kirpal. Ist, 2nd, 3rd & two consolation prizes were also given to partici-

pants. At the end of the event vote of thanks was presented by Dr Mageem. Other faculty members who were present are Dr Rakesh, Mr Ravi kumar, Dr Anil verma, Dr khajuria, Dr Sunil, Dr Shakeeb and Dr Umar wani.

## JKBS grieves demise of Shubham Bhardwaj

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, May 1: To mourn the unfortunate demise of Shubham Bhardwaj (27) the only son of Shri Gulshan Bhardwaj, who hailed from Shahzadpur and died in an accident at Maira Mandlik yesterday night, the Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha (JKBS) held a condolence meet,



today While speaking, the JKBS members termed

Shubham Bhardwaj

as the most kind, considerate and energetic person.

liking for the Gamosa

from Assam."

They said that whole of the Batwal Biradari stands shoulder to shoulder with the bereaved family at this difficult time.

All present prayed to God to grant eternal peace to the noble soul and give family the forbearance to bear this imeasurable loss.

## NC accords warm farewell to DC Kritika Jyotsna

**Top News Report** 

UDHAMPUR, May 1: J&K National Conference, District Unit, Udhampur today honoured the Deputy Commissioner, Kritika Jyotsna, IAS, for her transfer from the district.

In this regard, a delegation of NC leaders headed by Sunil Verma, District President, Udhampur, JKNC visited the DC Office and honoured Kritika Jyotsna for her services towards the people of the district.

Verma appreciated the tenure of Kritika Jyotsna as DC Udhampur and praised her dedication and hardwork for her services she rendered during her tenure.

He lauded the contribution of Deputy Commissioner in improvina public services in the

district. He also extended best wishes to outgoing DC for the new assignment. Kritika Jyotsna also expressed her gratitude to the NC leaders for recognizing her services and also thanked them for their support and cooperation during her tenure.

She also expressed her gratitude to the people of Udhampur for the respect and love showered by them on

She assured that she will continue to work for the betterment of common people.

#### Minor kidnapped girl recovered, accused Arrested **Top News Report**

KISHTWAR, May 1: Kishtwar Police recovered a minor kidnapped girl within days and arrested the accused persons involved in the commission of crime.

On April 27, 2023 a written complaint was lodged by one complainant name (withheld) stating therein that his daughter had been kidnapped by one Sajad Hussain, son of Farooq Ahmed R/o Dachhan.

Accordingly, case FIR NO 06/2023 under relevant sections of law



got registered in PS Dachhan and investigation was initiated and search for the minor kid-

napped girl got started. On this information

SSP Kishtwar Khalil Poswal-JKPS constitut-

ed special team led by SHO PS Dachhan Insp Zaheer Iqbal under the supervision of SDPO Devindar Marwah Singh-JKPS, the special acting swiftly and generating leads about the minor missing girl and was able to recover the kidnapped girl within days and arrest the accused person from the forest areas of Dachhan.

The accused person has been identified as Sajid Ahmed, son of Farooq Ahmed, resident of Dachhan District kishtwar

Thereafter the said minor girl was produced before the CWC kishtwar and after all medico-legal formalities, the girl has been handed over to her legal heirs.

SSP Kishtwar Poswal requested to the general Public to cooperate with police in curbing social crimes in their neighbourhood.

They can share information pertaining to social crimes with police. We reassure the community members that our efforts in curbing social crimes shall continues.

# 'Country is in safe hands': Kangana Ranaut reacts to Salman Khan receiving death threat

Actor Kangana Ranaut on Sunday reacted to Salman Khan receiving death threats, saying that the country is in the safe hands of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah and therefore there is nothing to fear about security.

She said, "We are actors. Salman Khan has been provided with security by the Centre. He is getting protection from Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, then there is nothing to fear." "When I was threatened, I was also given security by the government, today the country is in safe hands. We have nothing to worry about," she added.

Ranaut visited Haridwar on Sunday and performed Ganga Aarti. She would also be visiting Kedarnath Dham after this.

The actor said, "I always wanted to visit Kedarnath Dham and finally that is happening." Salman Khan has been provided with Y+ category security by the Mumbai Police amid the death threat.

On Saturday, Salman shared his experience and how he is dealing with it at India TV's show 'Aap ki Adalat' that, "Security is better than insecu-



rity. Yes security is there. Now it is not possible to ride a bicycle on the road and go alone anywhere. And more than that, now I have this problem that when I am in traffic, then there is so much security, vehicles creating inconvenience to other people. They also give me a look. And my poor fans. There is a serious threat that's why there is security." He added, "I am doing whatever I have been told. There is a dialogue 'Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan' 'they have to be lucky 100 times, I have to be lucky once'. So, I got to be very careful." Salman continued, "I am going everywhere with full security. I know whatever is going to happen will happen no matter what you do. I believe that (points towards god) that he

is there. It is not that I will start roaming freely, it is not like that. Now there are so many Shera's around me, so many guns are going around with me that I am

myself scared these days."
Following the death threat, a few days ago, a minor was arrested by the Mumbai Police for allegedly threatening to kill Salman.

Mumbai Police said that a threat call was made to the Mumbai Police control room on April 10. The caller, who identified himself as Rockey Bhai from Jodhpur in Rajasthan, said he was a Gau Rakshak (cowvigilante). The caller threatened to "eliminate" Salman Khan on April 30.

Mumbai Police added revealed the caller was found to

be a minor. "As of now, we don't think the call should be taken seriously. But we are probing why the minor behaved in such a way," an officer said.

On March 26, one person identified as Dhakad Ram, a resident of Luni in Rajasthan's Jodhpur district, was arrested for sending a threat mail to Salman. He was apprehended and taken into custody.

A case was registered at Bandra police station. The accused, in his mail, alleged that the superstar will meet the same fate as "Sidhu Moosewala." "A case has registered at Bandra police station with regard to emailed threats to kill Salman Khan. In a joint operation, Mumbai Police and Luni police teams caught the accused, Dhakad Ram, a resident of Luni in Jodhpur district," Ishwar Chand Pareek, an officer at Luni police station of Jodhpur told agency earlier.

Khan has been provided with Y+ category security by the Mumbai police after assessing threat perceptions. The Maharashtra government assigned security escorts to the superstar after the actor received a threat letter from the Lawrence Bishnoi gang.

# Sunny Leone struggles with dancing on the spot, but learns her steps



Recently, Bollywood star Sunny Leone reflected on the impact of dance on her life and career.

Leone, who is widely known for her dance performances in songs like Desi Look, Baby Doll, and more, opened up about her struggles with impromptu dance.

Leone said, "Dancing on the spot is something that doesn't really come to me.

I try to be a good student and learn my steps properly. I rehearse and practice a lot until I feel it looks nice."

"Dancing has changed my life.

Before I came to Bollywood, I never really danced. Then I started dancing and realised I really enjoyed the music more.

It allowed me to come out of my shell," she added.

## My love stories will go with me to the grave, says Salman Khan

Bollywood superstar Salman Khan recently admitted that he has been 'unlucky in love', probably because of his own faults.

On the chat show Aap Ki Adalat, when asked whether he intended to write an autobiography on his love affairs, he replied: "My love stories will go with me to the grave." About his marriage, he replied: "Jab aisi koi aayegi, toh ho jayega, sir (when somebody will come, it will happen). Actually, sabhi achhe hain (all my previous girlfriends were good), the fault lies in me. When the first one left, it could have been her fault, when the second one and then the third one left. there could be faults with them, but with the fourth one, doubt creeps in whether fault lies with them or me. In the fifth case, it could have been 60:40. But when more left, it was then confirmed that it was my fault. None of them had any fault. It is only my fault. Probably



a kind of fear in their mind that I may not be able to give them happiness in life. I am sure they are all happy wherever they are."

The host asked again: "The whole world wants to know when you will marry?" And Salman replied: "Jab upar wala chahega, sir (When God Almighty wills so). Two individuals are needed for marriage. In the first case, marriage did not happen. When I said yes, somebody said, no. When somebody

said yes, I said no. Now there is 'no' from both sides. When both sides say 'yes', the marriage will take place. There is still time. I am 57. I want this time to be the first and last. Matlab ek biwi honi chahiye."

And how many children does he want? Salman replied: "As many as possible. Many. If I have one, and another after 5-6 years, I can play with them for 20-25 years. This is called dedication, consistency, persistence."

## In Chandigarh, famous singer-actor Diljit Dosanjh says despite his busy schedule, he is committed to doing one Punjabi film a year

Singer-actor Diljit Dosanjh has made the nation proud by becoming the first Indian artiste to perform at Coachella, the world's biggest music festival held in California last weekend. And the busiest star of Punjab arrives in Chandigarh via Mumbai to promote his upcoming film Jodi with Nimrat Khaira.

He shares, "My producers have themselves arrived from Canada and I have come from Coachella to tell that Jodi is finally releasing on May 5. The film was offered to me 2018, but due to Covid it got delaved." Whether the film would repeat the magic for Pollywood like Pathaan did for Bollywood, Diljit is no mood to make comparisons. But one thing he assures — despite his busy schedule, he is committed to doing one Punjabi film a year.

Flavour of the land Jodi, a period film



about the times when musical akharas were famous in Punjab, it also reminds of another project that Diljit is part of, Chamkila, a biopic by Imtiaz Ali that is in the making. While one compares, Diljit differentiates, "One is a fictional story and the other is a biopic. So not just the character's look but also the subject is different, but from the same times of course.'

As to whether acting was always a plan, the Udta Punjab actor says,

"I was never interested in studying, but my sister was. But when I was seven or eight years old, my teacher used to write poems and made me recite those. Soon, I became known as a

kalakaar in school."
Changing times
Diljit hails technological advancements, as

any artiste today is able to post content online and achieve success. "When I started in 2002, you needed people who could help you become an artiste. Punjabi

artistes also woke up late to the concept of royalty. I was also amazed when a music company owner informed how he was earning royalties of Chamkila's songs. Before that I thought we release songs and when they are a hit, we earn from live performances."

Singer or actor... Is another question that Diljit used to think a lot about earlier, but now he says, "I have stopped judging myself. I earlier used to think of myself as a singer, but then many people gave me good feedback on acting."

Diljit's dressing sense has also become one of the talking points in the fashion world and he admits to being his own stylist. When it comes to Bollywood and to be taken as a serious 'turbaned' actor, Diljit says, "It a huge accomplishment."

He credits both Punjab 1984 and Udta Punjab for helping his cause as an actor. Diljit shares, "My first Punjabi film was a flop and the producer told me that it was because of the turban. And I humbly accepted that feedback, but by then I had already shot for Jinhe Mera Dil Luteya, which worked at the box-office and broke records in those times. So had the second film not worked, I wouldn't have been an actor."

Meet the leading lady

"Jodi was offered to me when I was working on Lahoriye by the same director, Amberdeep Singh. It was an opportunity you don't think twice about. But of course we have waited for long for the release. Diljit is a senior actor and getting a chance to work with him has been a phenomenal experience. Also. I always wanted to sing something that has a recall value of old duet songs and it feels great to transform that wish into reality." — Nimrat Khaira, singer-actor.

# **Katy Perry to perform at King Charles' coronation concert**



Singer Katy Perry is expected to be temporarily replaced on American Idol by a 'big-time' star. The 38-year-old singer and her American Idol co-star Lionel Richie are both scheduled to perform at King Charles' coronation

concert, and Luke Bryan has told fans to expect some big-name replacements on the show.

show.
Katy and Lionel will both perform at the much-anticipated concert on the grounds of Windsor Castle. And

Katy recently revealed that she's 'so grateful' to have been invited to sing at the upcoming event. The pop star is already an ambassador for one of the monarch's charities, and she's now looking forward to the concert.

Speaking about her invite, Katy said, "I am so grateful to get the honour because actually I am an ambassador for the British Asian Trust, which primarily focuses on ending child trafficking, which is a huge issue of our time and it just aligned with all my values."

Meanwhile, Orlando Bloom thinks it's 'cool'. The 46-year-old actor, who has Daisy, two, with the popstar, said, "My girl's gonna be singing, that's fun. I'm not gonna make it there, sadly, but she's representing, which is cool. She does those big, historical things. It's wonderful. She sang for the president too. She does that."

# Ayushi Khurana's fitness tips



Ayushi Khurana, who plays the lead role in Star Bharat's Ajooni, shared some tips to stay hydrated and maintain health during the summer.

She said, "While shooting in the summer, we need to keep ourselves hydrated. As a solution, I consume a lot of fluid throughout the day, like buttermilk, lassi, fruit juice, and coconut water. Apart from this, I avoid doing heavy workouts and prefer walking or swimming." Ayushi also advised her fans to avoid eating fried, spicy or outside food.

## Stebin Ben released his first single Pyaar Mein

Artiste Stebin Ben has teamed up for his very first single, titled Pyaar Mein, with T-Series. Featuring Stebin and Malvika Raaj, the romantic song, produced by Bhushan Kumar, is a heartwarming narrative about a couple in love. The music has been composed by Bharat Goel and Rajesh Roshan, with lyrics by Javed Akhtar. Marking their first song together, the

Marking their first song together, the music video showcases the chemistry between Stebin Ben and Malvika Raaj. It has been directed by Navjit Buttar. Pyaar Mein is a sweet story of love from a small town, whose happy ending will sure put a smile on your face.

Stebin Ben said, "Pyaar Mein is a beautiful love song. This is also the first time Malvika Raaj and I have worked together, and it is such a pleasure. I hope audi-



ences appreciate how the track is contemporary and made relevant for our current times."

Malvika Raaj added, "It was a great experience sharing the screen with Stebin. Beauty in sim-

plicity and in love's small moments best describe this track, and I look forward to the reaction of audiences."

Pyaar Mein has been released on T-Series' YouTube channel.

# BJP promises to implement uniform civil code in poll-bound Karnataka

Promises to provide 3 free cooking gas cylinders to BPL families, annually

BENGALURU, May 1 (Agencies): The ruling BJP promised to implement the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in Karnataka, in its election manifesto for the May 10 Assembly polls, released on Monday.

"We will implement the UCC in Karnataka based on the recommendations given by a highlevel committee which is to be constituted for the purpose," according to the manifesto

"The Constitution (of India) allows us to move in the direction of Uniform Civil Code. 'Justice to all; appeasement to none'

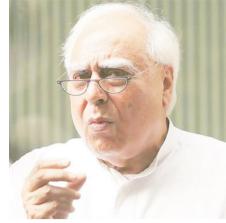


is our policy," BJP president JP Nadda, who was among those present at the release programme, said. The BJP said it would provide three free cooking gas cylinders to all BPL families annually -one each during the months of 'Yugadi', 'Ganesh Chaturthi' and 'Deepavali'.

"We will set up an 'Atal Aahara Kendra' in every ward of every municipal corporation in the state to provide affordable, quality and healthy food across the state," the party said in its manifesto.

It also promised to launch the 'Poshane' scheme through which every BPL household will be provided with half litre 'Nandini' milk every day.

## Go to Jantar Mantar, listen to 'mann ki baat' of protesting women wrestlers: Kapil Sibal to PM Modi



NEW DELHI, May 1 (Agencies): Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal on Monday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to go to Jantar Mantar and listen to the "mann

ki baat" of protesting women wrestlers, saying that such a step would show that the PM is willing to understand their

Sibal, a senior advocate, has represented the wrestlers in the Supreme

Court. His remarks come a day after the 100th episode of Modi's "Mann ki Baat" radio programme was broadcast.

In a tweet, Sibal said, "Congratulations Modi ji: For your 100th 'Mann ki Baat'. If you have time Modi ji please go to Jantar Mantar and listen to the protesting women wrestlers 'mann ki

"That will show that our Prime Minister is willing to understand their pain!"

## Nigerian national arrested in Navi Mumbai for possessing drugs worth Rs 12 lakh

THANE, May 1 (Agencies): Police have arrested a Nigerian national and seized the banned drug methagualone worth Rs 11.6 lakh from his possession in Navi Mumbai township, an official said on Monday.

Acting on a tip-off, the Navi Mumbai police's Anti-Narcotics Cell raided a flat in Taloja area on Saturday.

They nabbed the accused, Boniface Emenike (45), hailing from Awkuzu in Nigeria, and seized 116 grams of methaqualone from his possession, the police said in a release.

During questioning, it came to light that the accused did not possess any visa or passport for travel and stay in India, it said.

The accused was booked under relevant provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, the Passports Act and the Foreigners Act, the release said

The police were trying to find out from where the accused procured the contraband and to whom he planned to

## Supreme Court can grant divorce on grounds of 'irretrievable breakdown of marriage'

NEW DELHI, May 1 (Agencies): The Supreme Court can grant a decree of divorce on the grounds of "irretrievable breakdown of marriage" invoking its powers under Article 142 of the Constitution, a five-judge Constitution Bench ruled on Monday.

The Constitution Bench led by Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul held that the mandatory six-month waiting period for divorce by mutual consent under the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, can be dispensed with.



Article 142 empowers the top court to pass decrees and orders which are necessary for "doing complete justice" in any cause or matter pending before

The ruling came on petitions raising the issue of the use of plenary powers by the Supreme Court to dissolve a marriage between consenting parties without referral to family courts to wait for the mandatory period prescribed under Section 13-B of the Hindu Marriage Act.

The matter was referred to a five-judge Constitution Bench in 2016 by a division Bench led by Justice Shiva Kirti Singh.

## **Trinamool Leader's Custody In Cattle Smuggling** Case Extended Till May 4

NEW DELHI, May 1 (Agencies): The Delhi Court today extended the judicial custody of Trinamool Congress (TMC) leader Anubrata Mondal till May 4 in connection with the cattle smuggling case.

Meanwhile, the arguments on his application seeking his transfer from Delhi to Asansol Correctional Home (West Bengal) are underway.

In March, the TMC's Birbhum district president moved an application in Delhi's Rouse Avenue Court seeking his transfer to Asansol Correctional Home (West Bengal).

Earlier, on Monday, the TMC leader was produced in Delhi's Rouse Avenue Court at the expiry of his judicial custody.

Earlier, on April 27, the Rouse Avenue Court granted three days' custody of Sukanya Mondal, Anubrata's daughter, to **Enforcement Directorate** (ED) to interrogate her in the cattle smuggling

She was arrested on the previous day by the

Special judge



Raghubeer Singh granted three days' custody after hearing the submission of the special public prosecutor (SPP) Nitesh Rana

and defence counsels. The court, however,

allowed the counsels to meet the accused during ED custody. It also directed the ED to get the accused medically examined in every 48 hours.

ED sought three days'

remand to trace the proceeds of the crime, trace the money trail and iden-

tify the modus operandi. She was also to be sat along her father and TMC strongman Anubarata and questioned in connection with the case.

The SPP submitted that Sukanya Mondal was arrested on April 26 evening.

A close aide of West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, Anubrata was arrested by the CBI in connection with the cattle smuggling case in July last year.

# Fire breaks out at food court of university in Noida



NOIDA, May 1 (Agencies): A fire broke out inside the food court of a private university in Greater Noida early on Monday, officials said. No one was injured

This election is not about you, Rahul Gandhi

reported from the Galgotias University at 3.24 am, Chief Fire Officer Pradeep Kumar Choubey said.

in the fire that was

"Upon receiving infor-

mation, three water tenders along with firefighters were rushed to the spot. The fire had broken out in the food court located outside the main campus building," Choubey said.

While the fire was doused in some time, there was no injury to any individual, he added.

The exact reason behind the fire and the extent of damage caused by it is yet to be ascertained, the officer

## 21-year-old man dies after falling into rasam vessel in TN, case lodged

TIRUVALLUR, May 1 (Agencies): A 21-yearold college student died after he accidentally fell into a vessel of piping hot rasam in Tamil Nadu's Tiruvallur district, according to

The victim was doing a part-time job in a catering firm. He was serving food to guests present at a marriage function when he fell into the cauldron having boiling



rasam, which was to be served to the guests, police told news agency on Monday.

The man suffered serious burns and was admitted to a govern-

ment hospital in the city. But he died on April 30 without regaining consciousness. Police said a case has been registered and a probe into

the matter is underway.



about him. Asking the Prime Minister to speak about the BJP government's work and future programmes for Karnataka, instead of talking about himself, the former AICC presi-

nataka election was not



dent took a dig at Modi's statement about the verbal abuses hurled at "You (Modi) come to

campaign in Karnataka for elections, but don't speak about Karnataka.

You speak about yourself. You have to say what you did in Karnataka for the past three years. You also have to speak in your speeches about what you will be doing in the next five years, what will you do for the youth, education, health and to fight cor-

ruption," Gandhi said. Addressing a public meeting here in Tumakuru district, Gandhi said, "This election is not about you, it is about Karnataka's people

and its future. You say Congress abused you 91 times, but you never speak about what you did for Karnataka. In your next speech, you speak about what you did and what you will do in the next five years."

Modi on Saturday targeted the Congress over its party president M Mallikarjun Kharge's 'venomous snake' barb at him and said till now the party and its leaders had hurled various abuses at him 91 times.

# Chhattisgarh Tribal Leader Nand Kumar Sai Joins Congress After Quitting BJP

RAIPUR, May 1 (Agencies): Former Bharatiya Janata Party leader Nand Kumar Sai today joined Congress in Chhattisgarh's Raipur and said that quitting the BJP was a tough call for him, while also adding that he liked the works of the Bhupesh Baghel government in the state. Minister

Bhupesh Baghel was also present on the occasion and welcomed him to the party. Speaking on the occa-

sion, Mr Sai said, "This was a tough decision for me. I have been associated with the BJP since the time of Jana

Sangh. I worked under the leadership of Atal ji, and other prominent leaders. I always follow them. I reviewed the work of the Congress government here under the leadership of CM Baghel. I liked the concept of Narwa Garwa Ghurwa Badi (a flagship scheme for farmers)."

Mr Baghel welcomed him into the party and said that the tribal leader always worked for the welfare of the commu-

"Sai always works in the interest of the tribal community and openly praised the work of Congress government



because he is a true tribal leader," he said.

"Joined hand in hand, got your support Continuing with confidence, the matter of tribal interest Welcome and congratulations Dr Nand Kumar Sai ji," Mr Baghel tweeted in Hindi.

Former Rajya Sabha MP and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader from Chhattisgarh Nand Kumar Sai

bership and all posts of

quit the party on Sunday.

In his resignation letter, Sai said he resigned from the primary memBJP.

He said his image was being tarnished and there were conspiracies against him in BJP.

Mr Sai, a prominent tribal face in BJP, held several key positions. He served as the former chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes. He was the Chhattisgarh BJP chief between 2003-2005. He was also the Madhya Pradesh (undivided) state party president

from 1997-2000. His resignation comes months ahead the upcoming Chhattisgarh Assembly polls.

## 1 killed, 4 injured as minor learning to drive hits e-rickshaw with school kids in Kanpur



KANPUR, May 1 (Agencies): A student was killed and four others were injured after a minor learning to drive a car rammed into an e-rickshaw carrying school children in Uttar Pradesh's Kanpur on Monday. The accident took place in the Kohna area of Kanpur. According to eyewitnesses, the car was being driven by a minor when it collided with an e-rickshaw, causing a violent collision. All the injured children were immediately rushed to the hospital, where one of them studying in Class 4 succumbed to injuries.

The driver of the car was caught by the public at the scene of the accident. The car was being supervised by a person who was sitting beside the driver on the passenger seat.

The car involved in the accident belonged to a man named Bharat. Speaking on the incident, DCP Pramod Kumar said that the car collided with an e-rickshaw when the minor was learning to drive. He assured legal action against the accused.

## Biden, Harris meet top donors, Indian-American entrepreneur to raise funds for 2024 election campaign

WASHINGTON, May 1 (Agencies): US President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris over the weekend met top 150 donors, including an Indian-American entrepreneur, to develop a successful strategy to raise funds for their 2024 re-election campaign, participants of the meeting said.

During the event, Biden highlighted the importance of donors and their contribution to preserving democracy. while lambasting former president Donald Trump-led "MAGA Republicans" and emphasising abortion rights.

Although the reception was not a fundraiser, it marked a new effort to bring in untapped donors into the fold, participants of the meeting said.

Leading Indian-American fundraiser, Ajay Jain Bhutoria, who is the Democratic Party deputy national finance chair, was among the 150 major Democratic donors to attend the meeting in Washington DC.

It is understood that the campaign has set a target of raising US\$ 2 billion for the 2024 reelection campaign

The event marked the first in-person donor conference of Biden's 2024 re-election campaign, where Democratic Party officials presented their campaign strategy and began their fundraising efforts to reach the goal of USD 2 billion -- double the USD 1 billion raised during



the previous election cycle.

Participants of the meeting, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said that both Biden and Harris along with their strategists appeared confident of winning the 2024 election cycle based on their accomplishments so far. But they are not taking any chances, one of the participants said.

Also, in attendance were Governor of California Gavin Newsom, Governor of New Jersey Phil Murphy, Governor of Maryland Wes Moore, and various members of the Congress and Senate.

During the meetings, Bhutoria praised the Biden administration's accomplishments, including groundbreaking legislations such as the Inflation Reduction Act, the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, the CHIPS and

Bhutoria's attendance at the event and being one of the 150 people nationwide highlights the growing influence and representation of the Indian-American community in national politics, and their support for the Democratic Party and its candidates.

Science Act, the Respect for

Marriage Act, and the Infrastruc-

ture Investment and Jobs Act.

His role as the Democratic Party deputy national finance chair also emphasises the importance of fundraising efforts and the role of donors in shaping the future of American politics.

Bhutoria has been a long-time supporter of Biden and played a crucial role in securing his victory in the 2020 election. He raised a significant amount of money for the campaign and rallied millions of grassroots South Asian voters who proved to be the deciding factor in several battleground states.

"We have done a lot, but there's so much more to do. And with your help, I know we can do it. I really do. Just like we did in 2020, remember 2020, when everyone had written us off? But you folks -- you folks in this room, you know we could do it, and we did. You raised significant amounts of money to allow us to compete," Biden said in an address to his donors.

"And remember 2022, the midterm elections, when we were supposed to get our clock clean and swamped? "The red wave is coming." Give me a break. Because of your help, it never happened, and we met the moment again and a broad coalition with all of you. And we're going to do it again in 2024 together. And, folks, as we enter this reelection campaign, hear this: We wouldn't be here without you. That is not -- that's not an exaggeration. And I couldn't be more grateful," Biden said.

Vice President Harris personally spoke with all the top donors one-on-one.

"Harris has also been out pushing the Biden agenda, having recently delivered remarks about abortion rights in a speech at Howard University. She talked about her work on abortion issues, insulin and broadband access in her remarks," News reported.

## In flight from Sudan, refugees in Chad give birth alone without shelter



KOUFROUN, (CHAD) May 1 (Agencies): At a refugee camp in remote eastern Chad, Amné Moustapha is close to giving birth

Her contractions are dizzying and her feet swell in the baking heat. Her husband is building a shack from sticks and string to shelter their coming newborn.

Moustapha, 28, fled her village of Tibelti in neighbouring Sudan eight days ago, one of thousands of people to pour from the north African country since fighting between rival factions began two weeks ago.

But many of the countries hosting new arrivals, including Chad, face their own problems including food shortages, drought and high prices, creating a humanitarian crisis beyond Sudan's borders that international agencies are struggling

to contain.

"I don't know what to do. I hear that there are midwives but since we took refuge here several women have given birth without medical assistance. I am waiting for my turn," said Moustapha, her belly protruding beneath her blue robe as she sat in the shade of a tree, her only shelter from the daytime heat and the nightly winds.

Moustapha is not alone. Her husband said that eight other women had given birth without help in the camp in Koufroun, where temperatures soar to 45 degrees Celsius (113 degrees Fahrenheit). The World Food Program is providing rations but officials say more funding is needed.

"We are getting food to the field but we will need a lot more." said Pierre Honnorat, WFP's director in Chad. "We really need massive help.

The conflict between Sudan's army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces started in the capital Khartoum, where residents are trapped in their homes under bombardment and fighters roam the streets. It has since spread into other regions including Moustapha's Darfur where a two-decade-old conflict and simmering violence has been re-ignited by the latest fighting.

Around 10,000 to 20.000 Sudanese have already crossed the border into Chad, WFP says.

"Several women have given birth here but have no shelter," said Moustapha's husband Khamis Asseid Ahmat Haron beside the unfinished stick frame of their new home. "Even to build this simple shelter, this is not accessible to everyone."

## **Ukraine Says Air Defences** Shot Down 15 Of 18 Missiles **Launched At Night**

KYIV, May 1 (Agen-Ukrainian cies): air defence crews destroyed 15 out of 18 missiles launched by Russian forces in the early hours of Monday morning, the military said, as Moscow intensified attacks on its neighbour in recent days.

"Around 2:30 am (1130 GMT), the Russian invaders attacked Ukraine from strategic aviation planes," a post on the Telegram channel of Valeriy Zaluzhnyi, the commander-in chief of Ukraine's armed forces, read.

It added that 15 out of the 18 missiles launched had been destroyed.

Kyiv's city officials wrote on the Telegram messaging app that all missiles directed at the capital were destroyed in what they said was the second attack on the city in three days.

"According to (preliminary information), no casualties among the civilian population and no destruction of residential facilities or infrastructure have



been recorded," the city

Air defence systems were also called into action to shield the Kyiv region, which is a separate administrative entity from the city, from Russian missiles, officials said.

Russia has also launched missiles at other Ukrainian regions overnight, including on Dnipropetrovsk, Mykola Lukashuk, the head of the Dnipro region council, said. Air defence crews shot down seven missiles, but 25 people sought medical help.

The eastern Ukrainian city of Pavlohrad was struck twice overnight, and an industrial enter-

prise, 19 apartment administration said. buildings and 25 private buildings, among others, were damaged

> emergency services are at work," Lukashuk said. Vladimir Rogov, an official in the Russianbacked administration of the Zaporizhzhia region, posted late on Sunday what he said were pictures and videos of fires in Pavlohrad and said that Russian forces struck at military targets there. Russia says some

or destroyed, he added.

"There were also fires,

recent strikes are designed to hamper Kyiv's plans for a longplanned counteroffensive in the east.

# British PM Sunak to read from biblical book at King Charles III's Coronation

LONDON, May 1 (Agencies): Rishi Sunak will read from the biblical book of Colossians at the Coronation of King Charles III in keeping with the recent tradition of British Prime Ministers giving readings at State occasions, the office of the Archbishop of Canterbury revealed as part of the official Liturgy for the religious ceremony at Westminster Abbey here on May

Sunak, Britain's first Prime Minister of Indian heritage and a practicing Hindu, reading from a biblical book will resonate with the multi-faith theme being struck for the Christian ceremony.

Lambeth Palace, the office of the Archbishop of Canterbury - Reverend Justin Welby, said that members of other faith traditions will play an active role in the service for the first time.

"The Archbishop of Canterbury has selected a new Epistle for this Coronation, which will be Colossians 1:9-17. This passage has been chosen to reflect the theme of service to others, and the loving rule of Christ over all people and all things,



which runs through this Coronation Liturgy," Lambeth Palace said.

"Following recent tradition of British Prime Ministers giving readings at State occasions, as Head of the host Nation's government, this will be read by Prime Minister Rishi Sunak," it said.

By longstanding tradition, the Archbishop of Canterbury authorises a new Liturgy or the form according to which a public religious worship takes place for every Coronation.

The three oaths the King at the heart of the service remain unchanged, including the promise to maintain "the Protestant Reformed Religion".

The overall theme of the Liturgy is "Called to

Serve", which is intended to reflect the commitment that the King will make to serve God and the people of the United

"I am delighted that the service will recognise and celebrate tradition, speaking to the great history of our nation, our customs, and those who came before us. At the same time, the service contains new elements that reflect the diversity of our contemporary society," said Welby.

Kingdom.

His office said the service has been designed to reflect the changes in the UK since Charles' mother Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation in 1953, the character of Britain as it is today, and the Church of England's role in contemporary society. As one of the newer elements, the 74-yearold monarch will pray aloud in the Abbey using words specially written for the occasion that reflect the "duty and privilege of the Sovereign to serve all communities" Lambeth Palace con-

firmed that the Presentation of the Regalia will be made by Members of the House of Lords and for the first time, some of the items which have no Christian meaning or symbolism will be presented by peers who belong to different faith traditions: Judaism. Islam, Hinduism and Sikhism.

Buckingham Palace had previously confirmed that Lord Narendra Babubhai Patel, 84, will represent the Hindu faith and hand over the Sovereign's Ring to Charles.

While Lord Indraiit Singh, 90, will represent the Sikh faith and present the Coronation Glove, Lord Syed Kamall, 56, of Indo-Guyanese heritage, will represent the Muslim faith and present the Armills or a pair of bracelets.

"At the end of the procession at the close of the service, before His Majesty proceeds to the Gold State Coach, the King will receive and acknowledge a spoken greeting delivered in unison by Representatives from Jewish, Hindu, Sikh, Muslim and Buddhist communities," Lambeth Palace said.

The thousands congregated at the Abbey and millions expected to be watching on screens as the ceremony is telecast live will be invited to say the words: "I swear that I will pay true allegiance to Your Majesty, and to your heirs and succes sors according to law so help me God".

The five elements of the historic "English Coronation Rite" will take place in their traditional order: The Recognition: The Oath: The Anointing; The Investiture and Crowning; and The Enthronement and Homage.

These elements will take place within the traditional structure of a service of Holy Communion, including prayers and Bible readings, and King Charles and Queen Camilla will receive Holy Communion during the

## MasterChef Australia Judge, Jock Zonfrillo, Dies At 46

BRISBANE, May 1 (Agencies): Jock Zonfrillo, award-winning chef and a judge on MasterChef Australia, has died at the age of 46. Mr Zonfrillo's family confirmed his death on Monday, calling him "our irreplaceable husband, father, brother, son and friend" in a statement, as per The Guardian. No cause of death has been given but the Victoria Police said it was not being treated as suspicious, the outlet further said. The police also said that a report on Mr Zonfrillo's death will be prepared by the coroner's office.

MasterChef Australia's new season was cancelled after the death of Mr Zonfrillo, Network 10 confirmed to The Guardian. "With completely shat-

tered hearts and without knowing how we can possibly move through life without him, we are devastated to share that Jock passed away yesterday," the chef's family said in a statement.

"So many words can describe him, so many stories can be told, but at this time we're too overwhelmed to put them into words. For those who crossed his path, became his mate,



or were lucky enough to be his family, keep this proud Scot in your hearts when you have your next whisky," the statement further said. Mr Zonfrillo is survived by his wife and four children.

The BBC said that he was born in Glasgow in 1976 and started working in kitchens at the age of 12. When he turned

15, Mr Zonfrillo joined luxury Scottish resort, The Turnberry Hotel, becoming its youngestever apprentice.

Two years later, he started working for Michelin-starred British chef Marco Pierre White.

As his career grew, Mr

Zonfrillo became addicted to heroin, something he wrote about in his 2021 memoir, The Last Shot. His life changed after moving to Australia in the 1990s where Mr Zonfrillo opened several restaurants, including his most successful eatery Orana, in 2013.

## **Chinese Billionaire Jack Ma Takes Up Professor Role At Tokyo College**



TOKYO, May 1 (Agencies): Alibaba Group founder Jack Ma has been invited to be a visiting professor at Tokyo College, a new organisation run by the University of Tokyo, the university said on Monday.

The appointment term for China's best-known entrepreneur finishes at the end of October, but the contract is renewable on an annual basis, the university said.

At the college, Jack Ma will be engaged in areas including advising on important research themes and giving lectures on management and business start-ups.

The announcement came after Jack Ma returned to China in March, ending a stay overseas of more than a year that industry viewed as reflecting the sober mood of the country's private businesses after a tough two-year regulatory crackdown.

The Tokyo College was founded in 2019 to serve as an interface between the University of Tokyo and overseas researchers and research institutions.

#### Lt Governor pays tributes to legendary poet & freedom fighter Shri Sarwanand Koul Premi on his death anniversary

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, May 1: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha paid tributes to legendary poet and freedom fighter Shri Sarwanand Koul Premi Ji on his death anniversary, today.

On May 01, 1990, Shri Sarwanand Koul Premi was killed by terrorists.

Remembering Sarwanand Koul Premi, the Lt Governor said Sarwanand Ji was a towering man of ideas and ideals. He was undoubtedly one of the greatest writers of his time with deep commitment for upliftment of downtrodden & weaker sections of society, the Lt Governor added.

"Sarwanand ji made great contribution to freedom struggle and infused new life in the bonds of our national unity. Throughout his life, he followed the universal and eternal values of peace, co-existence and cooperation," said the Lt

Jammu Kashmir is called the heaven on earth, not only because of its scenic beauty, but the great personalities like Sarwanand ii who dedicated his life to serve the others, observed the Lt Governor.

"Sarwanand ji was not only a famous writer but also a well known teacher in Kashmir valley who became the medium of divinity for many and inspired the masses to follow the ideals enshrined in our ageless culture and selflessly served the society," said the Lt Governor.

His life and teachings will continue to be relevant in the 21st century. I would urge the social and literary organizations to come together to spread his teachings to the people across the country, added the Lt Governor.

"J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages to promote the literary work of Sarwanand Koul Premi by publication and translation of his books so that the coming generations could take benefits of the rich literary heritage of J&K. This

should be taken on priority There will be no shortage of funds," the Lt Governor

Sarwanand Koul Premi was conferred with lifetime achievement award posthumously, by J&K Government in 2022. A Higher Secondary School in his village Sof-Shali (Saft-Shaleshwar), Anantnag, was also named after him in 2022.

His name was also included in the list of Unsung Heroes of the freedom movement under Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav. A special postal cover and postal stamp on him was released by the Ministry of Communication in 2021.

Sh Rajinder Premi, son of Shri Sarwanand Koul Premi expressed gratitude to the J&K Administration and JKAACL for promoting the literary work of his late

Sh Bharat Singh Manhas, Secretary JKAACL, senior officials and eminent literary personalities were

#### **Army organises plantation** drive at Lower Gund

#### **Top News Report**

BANIHAL, May 1: A tree plantation drive was organised by Army at Govt High School, Tethar, Ramban district with voluntary participation of local populace, forest department and students, wherein 30 saplings were planted with an aim to expand the green cover in newly constructed school premise.

The importance of tree plantation in shaping the clean environment and its dividends in reducing soil erosion and global warming were discussed with the gathering under the motto 'Plant Trees, Save Life'. The event saw active and enthusiastic participation by the residents of Lower Gund and students.

The local population appreciated the efforts of Indian Army to conduct such an event to maintain the ecosystem.

#### Army, Al-huda Public School Kupwara organise programme on teachings of Prophet Mohammad



KUPWARA, May 1: towards the religious organised a programme Mohammad at Hayen

The motive of organizing this programme was to spread the message of peace, prosperity and brotherhood among the people. The event saw an active participation of about 20 students including boys and girls highlighting the good qualities and teachings of Mohammad.How honestly Profit Mohammad have spent his life inspite of facing hard

The event was chaired the chief guest this programme was attended 80 students of nearby

The people and students highly appreciated Indian Army for conducting such event to eradicate the misconceptions among the people regarding any

## Nissan registers wholesales of 3249 units in Apr 2023



#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU / GURUGRAM, May 1: Nissan Motor India Pvt. Ltd. (NMIPL) has announced wholesales of 3249 units for the month of April 2023. Domestic wholesales stood at 2617 units, while export wholesales stood at 632 units.

Nissan Motor India had recently announced YTD sales growth of 23% for FY 2022-23, with YOY March growth of 8% for domestic sales and now 24% in April 2023 with the growth momentum continuing into the next fiscal year 2023-24.

Rakesh Srivastava, Managing Director, Nissan Motor India, commented, "The positive momentum continues on the strength of the game changing Big, Bold, Beautiful Nissan Magnite, which has garnered over

1 lakh customer bookings. Our focus continues to be the domestic market while continuously expanding our global footprint of exports to more than 15 countries. Going forward we see customer sentiment to remain positive on account of GDP growth and normal monsoon, with industry projections of high single digit growth for the

FY2023-24 period."

Nissan operates on a PHYGITAL distribution approach to meet the evolving needs of customers, by providing a hassle-free, onestop solution for all their needs. The approach offers a seamless and convenient experience with an integrated offlineonline payment option, which can be accessed at the customer's preferred showroom.

Consequently, Nissan recently increased its customer touchpoints in April with the addition of two showrooms and workshops in Karnal (Haryana) and Khammam (Telangana) in April 2023. With the addition of these new touchpoints, Nissan's network has now expanded to 267 touchpoints across the country which is a major contributing factor of Nissan's continuing growth in India The Big, Bold and

Beautiful Nissan Magnite is exported to 15 global markets, with its most recent launches in Seychelles, Bangladesh, Uganda and Brunei. In recent years, Nissan India has shifted its primary export market from Europe to Middle Eastern countries such as Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain, and Kuwait. Ahead of the BS6 Stage 2 emission norms kicking in on April 1, 2023, Nissan introduced a BS6 Stage 2 RDE-compliant version of Magnite in February & March. The Nissan Magnite has GNCAP 4.0 rating with best-in-class safety features as standard across all variants.

# **GDC Chatroo Observes International Labour Day**



#### **Top News Report**

KISHTWAR, May 1: Labour Day is observed to commemorate the struggles and sacrifices of the workers' and labours' movement.

On the occasion of International Labour day, NSS Unit of Govt. Degree College Chatroo organized an extension lecture.

The whole event was organised under the supervision of the principal GDC Chatroo Dr Ved Kumar.

The main aim of the event was to create awareness among college students about the struggles and sacrifices of the workers' and

labours' movement. The event started with brief introduction about the programme by Dr. Mudassir Nazar. Mr. Mohd. Nasir Mir lecturer political science was the keynote speaker on the occasion. He

stressed upon solidarity on international labour's standards and labour laws. On this occasion certificates were also distributed among students who participated in symposium on 20th April. Dr. Ved Kumar Principal of college applauded the efforts of NSS programme officer

Prof. Chander Prakash

for taking this initiative

for organising such pro-

grammes in college.

#### **Top News Report**

In a special gesture equality Indian Army's Kupwara Terriers in collaboration with Al-Huda Public School Kupwara on teachings of Profit Kupwara on Monday.

circumstances.

#### by rep of Indian Army's Kupwara Terriers along with Ab Rahid a retired principal from education department. Besides by about 30 parents and

The message conveyed with the thanking words from Army officer emphasizing the duty of religious preachers to keep our children on right path, parents need to ensure and monitor the routine life style of their children.

area.

particular religion.

## Rajesh Virdhy selected for **NRAI Judges course**

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, May 1: Rajesh Virdhy of J&K selected for NRAI Judges course up scheduled to be held at Dr Karni Singh Shooting Ranges New Delhi from 7th to 10th May 2023. The course is being organized by National Rifle Association of India under the aegis of International Shooting Sports Federation.

Started his shooting carrier in 2007 was the first ever shooter participated for J&K in national shooting competitions. He is a qualified Shoot-



ing Trainer of National Rifle Association of India and qualified shooting instructor form Punjab Police Academy Phillour. Under his guidance the shooters of J&K have got many medals across the country and international

The outstanding sports person Rajesh Virdhy is S. Rangil Singh State awardee for his zeal dedication in shooting sports is Chairman Techinical Commitee in J&K Rifle Association.

Chairman JKRA Kuldeep Singh Jamwal, President JKRA S.S.Sodhi, General Secretary JKRA Amjad Parvez Mirza and CEO JKRA Sharat Chander Singh congratulated him for he his selection and wished him very best for future endeavors in the field of shooting sports.

#### **LG Sinha inaugurates** special governance camp at RS Pura for West Pakistani Refugee fami-

lies resolve all the pending cases within a time frame and mitigate the problems of

economic & social development, social justice & equality," observed the Lt Governor. Ownership rights of lands to West Pakistani Refugees will be ensured by the UT administration on the directions of the Central Government, the Lt Governor added.

farmers. Our thrust will be on measures for

The Lt Governor further assured every possible support and assistance from the government to the youth of West Pakistani refugee families in their entrepreneurial & business ventures. He also said all the opportunities for skill development and sports will be provided to the youth.

Youth must come forward and avail the benefits of all schemes and programmes

of Mission Youth, he added. The Lt Governor distributed sanction letters to the beneficiaries of different Government Schemes. He also interacted with the representative of West Pakistan Refugees and assured appropriate redressal of their

issues and demands. The Camps for employment generation & grievance redressal will be organized at different districts till 10th May 2023. Earlier, the UT Administration has organized Special Governance Camps for Kashmiri Migrants and Displaced Persons of PoJK to ensure saturation of social security schemes, self-employment and skilling.

Bharat Bhushan, Chairperson DDC Jammu: Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Labba Ram Gandhi, President WPR Association; members of West Pakistani Refugee families, Senior Officers of UT administration were present on the occasion.

#### **Faroog attacks Centre for** not holding G20 meet in **Jammu: criticises settle-**

#### ment of non-locals

said, "It shows what we have been saying all the time that demographic change is being brought about." "Jammu is going to lose its identity, the Dogra identity is going to disappear and that is what Maharaja (Hari Singh – the last Dogra ruler) fought against. It was not (NC founder) Sheikh Abdullah or our party that brought that (state subject) law in 1927 for job and land protection. He (Maharaja) wanted his culture and identity to remain intact, Abdullah

He said if outsiders are settled here, where will the locals go. "They want to vanish this (Dogra) identity and it is very surprising that not a single BJP leader speaks about it. The people from outside will settle here and take our land and jobs slowly," the NC leader said On the April 20 terrorist attack on an army truck in Poonch district that left five soldiers dead, Abdullah said contrary to the BJP's claims, terrorism

is still alive in Jammu and Kashmir. "Has terrorism been ever finished? They were claiming that terrorism is finished with the abrogation of Article 370 (in 2019). There is no Article 370 (now) but terrorism is still there," the former chief minister said, adding that "terrorism had heightened in

the region" In 2019, the Centre had abrogated Article 370 that granted special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir and bifurcated it into Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

He said the killing of the five soldiers is a "shame for us and we regret the loss". Supporting casual and need-based workers seeking regularisation, the NC leader said "the world is celebrating labour day and they (the administration) should think about the plight of these workers and how they are running the affairs of their families in the present times of high inflation".

#### **Centre Blocks 14 Mes**senger Apps in J&K for spreading terror

intelligence agencies informed that these apps are spreading terror propaganda in

the Valley. The crackdown on mobile applications threatening the country's security is not new, as the government has banned several of the Chinese apps in the past.

#### In the last few years, the government of India has imposed bans on around 250 Chinese apps citing them to be "prejudicial to the sovereignty and integrity of India, defence of India, security of the state and public order".

Since June 2020, the government has banned over 200 Chinese apps, including popular applications like TikTok. Shareit. WeChat, Helo, Likee, UC News, Bigo Live, UC Browser, Xender, Camscanner, popular mobile games like PUBG Mobile and Garena Free Fire.

#### Two IEDs, grenade launcher seized from terrorist hideout in Ramban

Burzalla in Khari tehsil, a police spokes-

The recoveries made from the hideout included an Under Barrel Grenade launcher (UBGL), two rifle grenades, a wireless set with an antenna, two IEDs with wire, a detonator, 17 rounds of AK-47 rifle, seven rounds of 9 mm pistol, one bottle containing some liquid, a 'Khakhi' jacket and a pair of black leather shoes, the spokesperson

No one was arrested during the search operation, he said, adding police have registered a case under relevant sections of law and further investigation is on.

#### **Wanted drug smuggler** among 3 arrested in Baramulla

Rafiabad apprehended two suspected persons and during search 113 grams of charas like substance was recovered from their possession, police said

The duo were identified as Muhammad Lateef Lone and Aadil Ahamd Lone, both the residents of Naidhal Rafiabad.

A case under relevant sections of law stands registered at Police Station Panzla and investigation has been taken up, police

**J&K scaling new heights** 

#### in tourist count: Abid **Kasnid Shah**

feel Kashmir is a safe place for travellers and there are a lot of tourists here. The people, and their hospitality, are amazing," she said.

Vishwanath, another tourist from Karnataka, was just happy to escape the scorching heat of the plains and be with the mist shrouded mountains of Kashmir.

"Back where I come from, the temperature is hovering at 40 to 45 degree Celsius. Here it is three to 10 degree Celsius. We felt very good ... those who have not visited Kashmir, we suggest they should," he said. Abhilasha from Nagpur has been visiting

Kashmir once every 10 years. "This is my third trip to Kashmir. My first visit was in 2004 and then again in 2013. Today. I am here with my whole family. Kashmir is really a beautiful place, people are very nice. That is the reason we visited so many times here," she said.

### **UCC. free LPG for BPL** families: BJP releases **election** manifesto ahead of Karnataka polls

was to develop Bengaluru for the next generation by designating it as the 'State Capital Region'. This will involve executing a comprehensive, technology-led city development programme that is centred around ease of life. Cohesive transportation networks and enabling ecosystems to make Bengaluru a Global Hub of Digital Innovation are also on the cards, he added.

"The manifesto for Karnataka has not been formulated sitting in an AC room, rather a due exercise has been done," said BJP national president JP Nadda. He added that creating the manifesto involved a great amount of toil and perseverance by party workers who visited every corner of the state.

Nadda also took a dig at the Congress manifesto which he said "talks about guarantees, which has got an outdated warranty."

"Our manifesto contains a realistic, achievable promise which will fulfil the aspirations of Karnataka's vouth, farmers women, labours, middle class, SC/ST and all sections of the society," he said, adding that the manifesto is centred around six

#### **Widespread rains.** snow over higher reaches in J&K during next 2 days: MeT

hailstorm coupled with gusty winds at few places and snow over higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir during May 2-3.

Brief spell of Rain and thunderstorm at scattered places may occur during the evening from May 4-7, the MeT office said and added that the weather is very likely to remain erratic during the first week of May in Jammu and Kashmir.

Srinagar recorded a low of 11.3 degree Celsius against 10.5 degree Celsius the previous night and it was 1.6 degree Celsius above normal for the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir. Srinagar also received 0.4mm of rainfall during the past 24 hours till 0830 hours today.

Qazigund settled at 7.8 degree Celsius for the second consecutive day on Monday and it was 0.7 degree Celsius below normal for the gateway of Kashmir.

Tourist hot spot of Pahalgam recorded a low of 4.7 degree Celsius against 2.2 degree Celsius a day ago and it was 0.7 degree below normal for the valley of

shepherds in south Kashmir. Kokernag recorded a low of 7.7 degree Celsius against 8.8 degree Celsius on the previous night and it was 0.7 below normal

for the picnic spot of south Kashmir. Gulmarg recorded a low of 4.0 degree Celsius against 1.0 degree Celsius on previous night and it was 0.3 degree Celsius below normal for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district. It also received 0.4mm of rainfall

during the past 24 hours. Kupwara recorded a low of 8.7 degree Celsius against 8.8 degree Celsius on the previous night and it was 0.3 degree Celsius above normal for the north Kashmir area the MeT office said

## Regulators seize First Republic Bank, sell to JPMorgan Chase

San Francisco-based First Republic is the third midsize bank to fail in two months

NEW YORK, May 1 (Agencies): Regulators seized troubled First Republic Bank and sold all of its deposits and most of its assets to JPMorgan Chase Bank in a bid to head off further banking turmoil in the US.

San Francisco-based First Republic is the third midsize bank to fail in two months. It has struggled since the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank and investors and depositors had grown increasingly worried it might not survive because of its high amount of uninsured deposits and exposure to low interest rate loans.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation said early



on Monday that First Republic Bank's 84 branches in eight states will reopen on Monday as branches of JPMorgan Chase Bank.

Regulators worked through

the weekend to find a way forward before US stock markets opened. Markets in many parts of the world were closed for May 1 holidays on Monday.

As of April 13, First Republic

had approximately USD 229 billion in total assets and USD 104 billion in total deposits, the FDIC said. At the end of last year, the Federal Reserve ranked it 14th in size among US commercial

Before Silicon Valley Bank failed, First Republic had a banking franchise that was the envy of most of the industry. Its clients — mostly the rich and powerful — rarely defaulted on their loans. The 72-branch bank has made much of its money-making low-cost loans to the wealthy, which reportedly included Meta Platforms CEO Mark Zuckerberg.

### Mcap of nine of top-10 most valued firms jumps Rs 1.84 lakh crore; **Reliance Industries, SBI shine**

NEW DELHI, May 1 (Agencies): Nine of the top-10 most valued firms together added Rs 1,84,225.43 crore in market valuation last week, with Reliance Industries Limited and State Bank of India emerging as the biggest gainers, in an overall bullish equity market trend.

Last week, the BSE benchmark jumped 1,457.38 points or 2.44 per cent. Hindustan Unilever Limited was the only laggard from the top-10 pack. The market valuation of Reliance

Industries zoomed Rs 48,238.78 crore to Rs 16,37,408.27 crore. State Bank of India's market capitalisation (mcap) jumped Rs 31,325.39

crore to Rs 5,15,887.19 crore.

The mcap of ICICI Bank rallied Rs 23,472.25 crore to Rs 6,40,949.71 crore and that of ITC climbed Rs 21,003.35 crore to Rs 5,28,377.17 crore. The valuation of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) advanced Rs 19,886.94 crore to Rs 11,76,750.92 crore and that of Bharti Airtel gained Rs 18,874.22

crore to Rs 4,45,509.68 crore. Infosys added Rs 10,447.1 crore taking its market valuation to Rs 5,19,662.10 crore. HDFC Bank's valuation surged Rs 8,115.33 crore to Rs 9,42,052.68 crore and that of HDFC climbed Rs

2,862.07 crore to Rs 5,09,126.31 crore. However, the market valuation of Hindustan Unilever declined Rs 10,244.22 crore to Rs 5,76,683.68 crore.

The top-10 firms include Reliance Industries, TCS, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Hindustan Unilever Limited, ITC, Infosys, State Bank of India, HDFC and Bharti Airtel.

### Top CEOs received 9% pay rise in 2022, employees took 3% pay cut

NEW DELHI, May 1 (Agencies): Top CEOs globally, including India, received a real-term 9 per cent pay rise in 2022. while workers worldwide took a 3 per cent pay cut during the same period, a report showed on Monday.

Around 150 of the top-paid executives in India received \$1 million on average last year, a real-term pay rise of 2 per cent since 2021.

A single Indian executive makes in just four hours more than an average worker earns in a year.

Employees on average worked six days "for free" last year because their wages lagged behind inflation -- while real pay for top executives in India, the UK, the US and South Africa jumped 9 per cent (16 per cent if not adjusted for inflation), reveals new analysis from Oxfam released on the International Workers' Day.

One billion workers in 50 countries took an average pay cut of \$685 in 2022, a collective loss of \$746 billion in real wages, compared to if wages had kept up with inflation.

According to the report, women and girls are putting in at least 380 billion hours of unpaid care work every month.

Women workers often have to work reduced paid hours or drop out of the workforce altogether because of their unpaid care workload. They also continue to face gender-based discrimination, harassment, and less pay for work of equal value as men, the findings

"While corporate bosses are telling us we need to keep wages down, they're giving themselves and their shareholders massive payouts.

Most people are working longer for less and can't keep up with the cost of living," said Amitabh Behar, Oxfam International's interim Executive Direc-

Years of austerity and attacks on trade unions have widened the gap between the richest and the rest of people.

"The only rise workers have seen is that of unpaid care work, with women shouldering the responsibility," Behar said. "This incredibly hard and valuable work is done for free at home and in the community." Shareholder dividends meanwhile hit a record \$1.56 trillion in 2022, a 10 per cent real-term growth compared to 2021.

"Workers are tired of being treated like sacrificial lambs every time a crisis hits. Neoliberal logic blames inflation on everyone except profiteering corporations," said Behar.

Governments should stop relying only on interest rate hikes and austerity that we know hurts ordinary people, particularly those living in poverty.

Instead, they should introduce top rates of tax of at least 75 per cent on super-rich corporate bosses to discourage sky-high executive pay, and windfall taxes on excessive corporate profits, he mentioned.

## **Expert warns of heightened mosquito-borne** disease risk due to climate change

NEW DELHI, May 1 (Agencies): As the planet heats up and climate change causes the mosquito-breeding season to extend, the deadly insect will expand its range and emerge in areas where mosquito numbers had previously decreased, says an expert.

Mosquito-borne diseases are already endemic in sub-Saharan Africa, Southeast Asia, and Latin America, but they are re-establishing populations in areas such as Europe, warns Avijit Das, R&D Director, Global Pest Control Innovation at Reckitt Benckiser.

"As temperatures rise and environmental conditions change, mosquito-borne diseases will travel to more locations. The time of mosquito breeding in a specific location is predicted to increase, leading to longer mosquito seasons. If mosquito season in India previously lasted for five months, in ten years, it may increase to six

months," Das told PTI. Das believes that this trend will continue to expand, based on current evidence, and notes that there is a lot of research out there that predicts this.

months or even seven

In a research paper published last year in the journal Exploration in Laboratory Animal Sciences, it was noted that climatic factors, such as an increase in temperature, precipitation levels, sea level

elevation, rainfall, wind, and duration of sunlight, are important for both the vector and host.

Dr Katie Anders, an epidemiologist and director of impact assessment at the World Mosquito Program (WMP), explains that climate change also increases the risk of mosquito-borne diseases in less obvious

"For instance, when households store water in response to drought, it can increase the number of local mosquito breeding sites and disease risk. Land use changes

can also drive migration to cities, increasing the population at risk of explosive outbreaks of dengue and other mosquito-borne diseases," Anders said

According to the Early Warning System for Mosquito Borne Diseases (EYWA), malaria cases have increased by 62 per cent, and dengue, Zika, and chikungunya by 700 per cent in Europe.

EYWA is a prototype system that addresses the critical public health need for prevention and protection against mosquito-borne diseases.

Experts from the World Health Organization (WHO) emphasize the urgent need to re-evaluate the tools available and how they can be used across diseases to ensure efficient response, evidence-based practice, equipped and trained personnel, and commu-

nity engagement. Das believes that it is necessary to continuously monitor the changing trends in mosquito-borne diseases to ensure an efficient response.

"The diseases keep changing and go from one place to another. Now there is evidence that mosquitoes which were not there in Europe earlier are making their presence there. So we constantly keep an eye on what is happening and give ourselves opportunities to make solutions," Das noted.

Das said his lab in Gurugram, which consists of a research team of PHDs, entomologists and other scientists, is continuously tracking what is happening to mosquitoes, diseases caused by them and their evolution.

"We have satellite labs at other places. Through all this we keep a tab on what is happening in the mosquito world and which way the menace is growing," he added.

## Air pollution now linked with increased risk of irregular heartbeat

(Agencies): Long-term air pollution has now been found to be associated with an increased risk of arrhythmia or irregular heartbeat, researchers report.

Air pollution is a modifiable risk factor for heart disease, but the evidence linking it with arrhythmia has been inconsistent to date.

To determine whether there is a link. Chinese researchers evaluated hourly exposure to air pollution and the sudden onset of symptoms of arrhythmia using data from 2025 hospitals in 322 Chinese cities.

Air pollution in China

is well above the World Health Organisation's guidelines for air quality, and the researchers conducted their analyses using air pollutant concentrations from monitoring stations closest to the reporting hospitals.

"We found that acute exposure to ambient air pollution was associated with increased risk of symptomatic arrhythmia," said Dr Renjie Health, Fudan University, Shanghai, China.

The risks occurred during the first several hours after exposure and could persist for 24 hours.

"The exposure-

response relationships between 6 pollutants and 4 subtypes of arrhythmias were approximately linear without discernable thresholds of concentrations," Chen noted in a study published in the Canadian Medical Association Journal (CMAJ).

The common arrhythmia conditions atrial fibrillation and atrial flutter, which can progress to more serious heart disease, affect an estimated 59.7 million people globally.

The study included 190,115 patients with acute onset of symptomatic arrhythmia, including atrial fibrillation, atrial flutter, premature beats (originating in either the atria or ventricles of the heart) and supra-ventricular tachycardia.

"Although the exact

mechanisms are not yet fully understood, the association between air pollution and acute onset of arrhythmia that we observed is biologically plausible," the authors wrote.

Some evidence has indicated that air pollution alters cardiac electrophysiological activities by inducing oxidative stress and systemic inflammation. affecting multiple membrane channels, as well as impairing autonomic nervous function, they

## Physical activity more effective in combating depression than psychotherapy: Study treatment," Dr Singh



MELBOURNE, May 1 (Agencies): Researchers from the University of South Australia suggested that physical activity be a mainstay strategy for controlling depression as a new study demonstrated that it is 1.5 times more beneficial than psychotherapy or the most popular medications.

The review, which was published in the British Journal of Sports Medicine, includes 97 studies, 1039 trials, and 1,28,119 participants. It is the most extensive to date. It demonstrates how much better the signs of sadness, anxiety, and distress are when people are physically active.

Specifically, the review showed that exercise interventions that were 12 weeks or shorter were most effective at reducing mental health symptoms, highlighting the speed at which physical activity can make a change.

The largest benefits

were seen among people with depression, pregnant and postpartum women, healthy individuals, and people diagnosed with HIV or kidney disease.

According to the World Health Organization, one in every eight people worldwide (970 million people) live with a mental disorder. Poor mental health costs the world economy approximately USD2.5 trillion each year, a cost projected to rise to USD6 trillion by 2030. In Australia, an estimated one in five people (aged 16-85) have experienced a mental disorder in the past 12 months.

Lead UniSA researcher, Dr Ben Singh, says physical activity must be prioritised to better manage the growing cases of mental health conditions.

"Physical activity is known to help improve mental health. Yet despite the evidence, it has not been widely adopted as a first-choice

"Our review shows

that physical activity interventions can significantly reduce symptoms of depression and anxiety in all clinical populations, with some groups showing even greater signs of improvement.

"Higher intensity exercise had greater improvements for depression and anxiety, while longer durations had smaller effects when compared to short and mid-duration bursts.

"We also found that all types of physical activity and exercise were beneficial, including aerobic exercises such as walking, resistance training, Pilates, and yoga," Singh said.

Senior researcher, UniSA's Prof Carol Maher, says the study is the first to evaluate the effects of all types of physical activity on depression, anxiety, and psychological distress in all adult populations.

"Examining these studies as a whole is an effective way for clinicians to easily understand the body of evidence that supports physical activity in managing mental health disorders. We hope this review will underscore the need for physical activity, including structured exercise interventions, as a mainstay approach for managing depression and anxiety," Maher said.

# Children spending more sedentary time during week since Covid restriction lifted: Study

WASHINGTON, May 1 (Agencies): According to a new research, children are still more sedentary during the week, even if their physical activity levels in the UK have largely reverted to pre-pandemic levels.

By the summer of last year, 41 per cent of kids had achieved the required daily allowance of an hour of moderate to strenuous physical activity, according to the study, which was conducted under the direction of the University of Bristol. Even though this is an improvement over the Covid-19 pandemic's immediate aftermath, when only 37 per cent of children were found to be fulfilling this

goal, most children were still falling short.

Children are more sedentary during the week since public lockdown restrictions lifted, spending an extra 13 minutes on average daily being inactive according to the findings.

Lead author Russ Jago, Professor of Physical Activity and Public Health, said: "It's encouraging that on average children's physical activity levels are back to where they were before the pan-

"But it's taken nearly a year since the last public lockdown was lifted, and children's increased sedentary time during the week

has persisted, which is an area of concern for policymakers, schools, and parents." The study, funded by the National Institute for Health and Care Research, measured the physical activity levels of 393 children aged 10 to 11 years old between June and December 2021 and a further 436 children of the same age between January and July last year. Children and a parent or carer wore an accelerometer to measure their physical activity and answered a questionnaire. Participants came from 28 schools in the Bristol area. This information was compared with data from nearly 1,300 children and their parents from 50 schools in the same area before the pandemic. On average, parents were found to participate in eight minutes more moderate to vigorous physical activity at weekends than before the pandemic.

Physical activity is vital for children's health and well-being. The UK Chief Medical Officers recommend all children and young people should take part in an hour of moderate to vigorous physical activity each day. This is an activity that gets children slightly hot, slightly sweaty, and out of breath. The Chief Medical Officers also advise children should limit the amount of time

they spend being sedentary, which means sitting or lying down, except when sleeping, for extended periods. Co-author Dr Ruth

Salway, Senior Research Associate in Epidemiology and Statistics, said: "The findings suggest physical activity is susceptible to disruptions in provision and leisure opportunities, and highlight that still not enough 10 to 11-year-olds meet the guidelines. On the flipside, it's great to see how the pandemic may have encouraged parents to be more active and it looks like these habits may be continu-

ing."

# Chief Justice concludes 2-day tour of Doda district

**Top News Report** 

DODA, May 1: Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, along with Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Administrative Judge of District Doda, yesterday concluded their 2 day visit of Doa district.

On day one yesterday, Chief Justice along with Administrative Judge, Principal District Sessions Judge, Sunit Gupta, Deputy Commissioner Doda, Vishesh Mahajan, SSP Doda, Abdul Qayoom, other Judicial Officers, Rector Bhaderwah Campus and others were present on the occasion.

He emphasized the role of discipline and knowledge in the lives of the youth in building a strong nation. Encouraging the students and the audience to choose the right path and adherence to law, he interacted with



them and had detailed discussion on various relevant issues. Later, Chief Justice visited court complex Bhadarwah and interacted with Judicial Officers of the district and reviewed the working of judicial system. He also distributed wheel chairs and Hearing Aids at court com-

plex Bhaderwah. Chief justice also inspected the progress on work at the new court complex at Sarna and directed the concerned agency that the project be completed within the timeline.

On day second, Justice Kotiswar and Justice Nargal inspected Court Complex Doda and inaugurated lawyers' chamber at district Court Complex

Besides reviewing functioning of courts, they also interacted with lawyers and judicial officers here and took a detailed review of the working of different courts

and the mechanism of serving justice to the people.

During his address, Chief Justice emphasized on the need to ensure fair and speedy disposal of cases with special emphasis on priority to the old cases. He reminded all the members of the legal fraternity of their important role they have in making our systems just for welfare of the common masses. He interacted with the Members of the Bar, who projected various demands before him. The Administrative Judge assured the Members of the Bar that their genuine demands would be addressed without any delay.

Justice Nargal spoke about the role of the advocates in ensuring justice to the people. He thanked the Chief Justice for inaugurating the lawyer chambers as he described them the places where ideas of justice are conceived.

ward and be a part of an inclusive society. Around 100 specta-

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JAMMU, May 1:

Under the aegis of

Department of Tour-

ism, J&K, Directorate

of Tourism, Jammu on

Sunday organised a 1

day trip to Suchetgarh

Border for delegates

attending maiden "Deaf

short film festival" held

in Jammu University

in collaboration with

M/s The Association of

the Deaf and Aphasic

The day-long trip

was planned with the

objective of providing

a recreational activity

and providing persons

with disabilities with

the opportunity and

platform to step for-

Jammu UT, J&K.

#### Deaf short film festival held in JU tors, aged and children were taken to Suchetgarh aboard special buses arranged by

**Tourism Directorate Jammu organises FAM** Tour to Suchetgarh for special delegates of

> Directorate of Tourism Jammu to witness an electrifying parade by BSF. The boisterous audience before the ceremony visited the Octroi Post to witness the

> International Border.

Later, the delegates

danced their hearts

out to some foot taping

patriotic songs. When approached by the media, Director Tourism Jammu Vivekanand Rai, said that Suchetgarh in J&K has emerged as a favorite tourist destination among families and friends with retreat ceremonies being

organized on every

weekends. He thanked the BSF authorities for accepting the collaboration request for these special attendees".

Joint Director Tourism Jammu, Sunaina Sharma Mehta said that "Jammu is a very safe inclusive and reliable destination for people across all walks of life and social milieu. The purpose of the said picnic was to provide out of home experience visually to dumb and aphasic participants".

Besides present on the occasion were Senior Officers of BSF, officials of tourism department and other tourists who had gone to visit this historic parade.

# Maiden 2 day 'Sinthan Festival' concludes at Sinthan Kishtwar

#### Over 12000 tourism enthusiasts attended event on second day



#### **Top News Report**

KISHTWAR, May 1: The two Day maiden 'Sinthan Festival' concluded yesterday at Sinthan Maidan Kishtwar which was organized by the Directorate of Tourism, Jammu in close collaboration with District Administration Kishtwar, Indian Army and J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages

The culmination ceremony was attended by DIG Doda -Kishtwar Dr. Sunil Gupta; Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Devansh Yadav; SSP Kishtwar, Khalil Poswal; CEO Kishtwar Development Authority, Inderjeet Parihar and Deputy Director

Tourism (Adventure & Publicity) Jammu, Abdul Jabbar.

The two day event witnessed cultural and adventure activities which were enjoyed by the visiting guests and tourists.

Much enthusiasm was witnessed for the maiden Paragliding activity, Tug-of-War, snow based activities, musical fiesta of live performances by Waqar Khan, Shubham Shiva, Zahida Tarannum and other local star performers.

The Finale of First ever 'Kishtwar Idol' was also held on the occasion and the winners were felicitated by the dignitaries

It is pertinent to mention here

that Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar had organized the first ever mega singing competition which provided a platform to local talented singers and performers. He also initiated the District level 'Inter College Dance Competition' which concluded on 29th April amid loud cheering from the audiences.

The two day festivities were organized for the first time at Sinthan Kishtwar which is also the Gateway to Kashmir valley from Kishtwar District.

Scores of visitors from all over Jammu & Kashmir attended the mega festivities with around 4000 footfall on Day 1 of the event and more than 12000 footfall on the culmination day of the Mega Cultural Bonanza.

The Locals also participated in this mega event in huge numbers and expressed gratitude towards District Administration Kishtwar and Tourism Department, J&K for successfully organizing such a mega tourism event at Sinthan Kishtwar.

District Administration Kishtwar had made elaborate arrangements for direct transportation from Kishtwar town and ensured wide pre-event publicity of the event. Camping facilities, snow-based activities were also organized during the festival.

Speaking on the occasion, **Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar** congratulated his team of officers, Tourism Department and all stakeholders for successfully collaborating and organizing such a mega level event which has created strides across J&K and in the national tourism circuits. He also hoped that more tourism promotional activities shall continue in the ongoing year so that Kishtwar gets recognized for its natural beauty, adventure potential and also for the local talented performers of this region.

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#### Progressive farmers of JK

# Haseena Begum Kupwara leads way in organic farming

#### **Top News Report**

SRINAGAR, May 1: Haseena Begum, of Hyhana village Kupwara, has become a role model in organic farming for aspiring women entrepreneurs of Kupwara with her success as an empowered agripreneur.

Haseena Begum, wife of Mohammad Shafi, was earlier running a small hotel on rented building in village Hyhama and living a hard life.

After being encouraged and motivated by the officials of the agriculture department to start organic farming, Haseena embarked on this new venture with all her devotion and vigour which ultimately transformed

She says after being introduced to the concept of organic farming, she started vegetable cultivation to cater to the daily requirements of her hotel. She had very poor financial health and had to borrow Rs18000 for purchasing seeds for the vegetable farm.

She also sought guidance from Agriculture Department to maintain the farm under constant supervision. And, in first year only she had produce of 18 quintals of vegetables including Squash, Beans, Cabbage, Tomatoes and Garlic which she sold for Rs 1 Lakh.

Haseena Begum is now happy with her vegetable farming venture and have saved enough to even own the hotel building.

She has now emerged as a role model for other women in village and is leading a self-help group of 25 women engaged in organic farming in Hyhama.

An official of the agriculture department says that the area under organic farming of vegetables has grown from 15 ha to 85 ha spread across 5 villages with enthusiastic participation of farmers.

Notably, Hatmulla-Deedikoot has been certified as Model Organic Village by PGS India in December 2019. The development opened the doors of these progressive women to national markets and helped them to fetch better prices for their pro-

Organic farming has been

gaining currency all over the world as it is being considered vital to the concept of sustainable development.

Agriculture Department in Kupwara has introduced organic farming of vegetable initially on 15 Hectare land after launching extensive IEC campaigns to convince the Farmers to limit the use of synthetic inputs and instead use organic fertilizers, crop residues, organic farm waste and Animal manures.

The department is providing additional support to farmers through Vermi-Compost Units for production of organic fertilizers and marketing of the produce through Refrigerated

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## **Beopar Mandal Udhampur accords** farewell to outgoing DC

#### **Top News Report**

UDHAMPUR, May 1: Beopar Mandal Udhampur yesterday organized an impressive function to accord farewell to the outgoing Deputy Commissioner, Krittika Jyotsna,

The function was attended by Chairman Beopar Mandal, Vikram Slathia, President Beopar Mandal, Jatinder Varmani, Additional District Development Commissioner, Ghan Sham Singh; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Joginder Singh Jasrotia,



**Assistant Commissioner** Revenue, Rafiq Ahmed Jaral and other officers of Civil Administration and representatives of Beopar Mandal attend-

ed the function. Representatives of Beopar Mandal extended their best wishes to outgoing DC for her new assignment. DC also expressed her gratitude to the Beopar Mandal for hosting impressive function and thanked for their active support and cooperation.

#### 7-day Basic Course hosted for Scout Masters, Guide Captains at Doda

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DODA, May 1: A 7-day Basic Course for Scout Masters and Guide Captains has been organised by the Bharat Scouts Guides Jammu and Kashmir UT here in the Sports Stadium Doda from April 25 to May1,

A total of 74 participants working as teachers including 42 males and 32 females, drawn from the schools of the District. are attending the weeklong course.

A Camp Fire function organised today was attended by District Development Commissioner (DDC). Vishesh Paul Mahajan as the Chief Guest and SSP, Abdul Qayoom as the Guest of Honour.

A scintillating Cultural programme was presented on the occasion. which was appreciated by all the people present.

The participants of the course were imparted training by R.P Kotwal and his team under the guidance of Wing Commander M.M. Joshi. National Commissioner Scouts and H.L Dogra, State Treasurer Scouts Guide. Leader of the Course R.P Kotwal imparted training under Bharat Scouts Guide programme which included First Aid, Drill Marching

# IPL 2023: Yashasvi Jaiswal's 124 in vain as Suryakumar, David carry Mumbai to six-wicket win

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MUMBAI, May 1 (Agencies): Yashasvi Jaiswal's magnificent 124 went in vain as Suryakumar Yadav (55) and Tim David (45 not out) carried five-time champions Mumbai Indians to a six-wicket win over Rajasthan Royals in the 1000th match of Indian Premier League (IPL) in a run-fest at the Wankhede Stadium.

Mumbai looked in trouble when they were 104/3 in 12 overs in their IPL 2023 clash. But Suryakumar smashed 20 runs off the 13th over from Kuldeep Sen and from there on, he never looked back, hitting eight fours and two sixes while David was brilliant in smacking two fours and five humongous sixes for Mumbai to go to seventh place in the points table with the highest successful chase in IPL at the venue.

Mumbai didn't have a great start to chasing 213 as captain Rohit Sharma was castled by a knuckleball from Sandeep Sharma in the second over. Cameron Green walked in and smashed Trent Boult for three fours through mid-off, mid-on and point, before slog-sweeping Ravichandran Ashwin over deep backward square leg for six and slamming Yuzvendra Chahal down the ground for another maximum.

After Ishan Kishan sliced to deep point off Ravichandran Ashwin, Suryakumar launched his first ball for six over backward square leg. He then slammed Jason Holder for a hat-trick of fours through the wristy flick, whip and a jaw-dropping ramp. Though Green holed out to the deep off Ashwin, Suryakumar ensured the tempo didn't drop.

The crowd roared more in the 13th over when Suryakumar nonchalantly flicked Kuldeep Sen for six into the second tier of deep backward square leg, followed by three consecutive fours - a cut through deep point



was followed by driving in the gap between mid-off and extra cover and dabbing over short third-man.

Yuzvendra Chahal came in for thrashing in the next over as Suryakumar pierced the gap between short third man and backward point for four, followed by Tilak Varma reverse-sweeping for four and unfurling lofted drive over long-off for six. After Suryakumar reached his fifty in 24 balls, he drove o'er Holder's head with a straight bat for four.

But in a bid to ramp off Trent Boult in the 16th over, Suryakumar fell as Sandeep ran backwards from short fine leg and made a full-stretched dive to complete a fantastic catch with both hands. Tilak Varma and David hit a four and six each off Holder in the 17th over, before taking a four each off Boult in the next over.

David smashed Sandeep over long-on for six and launched a drive through cover for four, before swiping thrice over the leg-side fence for a hat-trick of sixes in the first three balls of the final over, ironically all full tosses, to seal a dramatic win for Mumbai coming just ten min-

utes before Sunday got over. Earlier, Jaiswal smashed the highest score by an uncapped Indian batter in the IPL through his stunning 124 off 62 balls and propelled Rajasthan Royals to a massive 212/7, while also the joint-highest individual score 'n

the franchise's history. Jaiswal shone the brightest by mixing solidity in technique and power in shots that were conventional and innovative while using the crease well in hitting 16 fours and eight sixes at a strike rate of 200 in an innings where the next best score was just 18.

He made 41 runs off 23 balls in Power-play and amassed 44 runs off 25 balls in the middle overs, before smacking 39 runs off 14 balls in the death overs in a scintillating show of batsmanship.

Jaiswal continued from where he left in Jaipur, hooking off Green and Jofra Archer for sixes. He tore into Riley Meredith for four boundaries in the fifth over - a loft over mid-on was followed by driving through cover, slicing behind point and slamming one down the ground. Post power-play, Mumbai had success when Jos Buttler miscued a loft to long-on off Piyush Chawla.

Sanju Samson began with a scintillating six dispatched high over long-on off Chawla before scooping a good length ball from Kumar Kartikeya Singh over fine leg for four. But his promising run came to an end when he chipped tamely to deep midwicket off Arshad Khan.

Jaiswal marched on to reach his fifty in 32 balls in the 11th over with a drive on a full toss from Chawla. But two balls later,

the veteran leg-spinner bounced back by castling Devdutt Padikkal with a googly beating the outside edge and crashing into the stumps.

A cut off Meredith for four was followed by Jaiswal staying low to scoop over short fine leg in the 12th over. In the next over, Jaiswal produced the shot of the innings by nailing a reverse sweep for six over point off Chawla and followed it up by smashing down the ground for

He made great use of width from Green in slashing over backward point for four and followed it up by heaving Meredith over long-on for six. But Jaiswal was losing support from the other end as Jason Holder, Shimron Hetmyer and Dhruv Jurel holed out to fielders in the deep.

Jaiswal maintained his tempo by walking across and pulling Arshad over fine leg for six. He then slammed Meredith for a hat-trick of fours in the 18th over - flicking a full toss through fine leg was followed by pulling through mid-wicket, which fetched him his century in 53 balls and ended with a slice through backward point.

Jaiswal then backed away against Archer to slap over longoff and hammer over deep midwicket for back-to-back sixes in the 19th over. He produced a crisp cover drive and steered a wide yorker past short third man for back-to-back fours, before being dismissed for 124 in a caught and bowled dismissal by Arshad.

Brief Scores: Rajasthan Royals 212/7 in 20 overs (Yashasvi Jaiswal 124; Arshad Khan 3/39, Piyush Chawla 2/34) lost to Mumbai Indians 214/4 in 19.3 overs (Suryakumar Yadav 55, Tim David 45 not out; Ravichandran Ashwin 2/27, Sandeep Sharma 1/35) by six wickets.

## 'Justice for India's daughters bigger than Asiad medal'

Bajrang insists wrestlers are in for the long haul



NEW DELHI, May 1 (Agencies): Top wrestler Bajrang Punia said winning the battle to get justice for female grapplers in their sexual harassment case against Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh would be 'bigger' than winning an Asian Games medal.

Bajrang, Vinesh Phogat and Sakshi Malik have been sparring on the roads near Jantar Mantar in order to keep in shape after they began their dharna there. But they are severely constrained: They are doing physical exercises without a gym, and are unable to have practice bouts because they were not allowed to bring their wrestling mats to Jantar Mantar. All this is taking them away from peak fitness and readiness they need in order to compete in the trials for the Asian Games. After staying away from two ranking tournaments, Bajrang, Vinesh and Sakshi have had no tournament exposure

since January. Bajrang, meanwhile, suffered a fracture and missed the Asian Championships, while Sakshi and Vinesh skipped the tournament due to lack of preparation. So there is a big question mark on the state of their preparedness for major

tournaments. Fight for justice

Bajrang today said they are training to stay fit, but the fight for justice is bigger than for medals. "We want to play and train for the Asian Games. We train here as and when we can but getting justice for India's daughters will be a bigger medal for me than the Asian

Games," Bajrang said. The wrestlers reiterated that they would continue the protest until they get 'justice'. "We have full faith in the judiciary and Supreme Court. This is a battle for justice for India's daughters. We will continue this struggle till we get justice. We are in this for the long haul and it does not matter how long we have to stay here," he added.

Both Bajrang and Vinesh again targeted Singh for trying to tarnish their protest. Bajrang called him out

for getting his family members elected in both the WFI executive and state associations, and Vinesh said Singh is being feted by the media.

"Brij Bhushan has

'Criminal past'

claimed that we want to take over the federation. Everyone knows about his criminal past. He was in touch with Dawood Ibrahim as well," said Bajrang. "He has admitted on camera to murdering a man. As far as taking over the federation is concerned, the rule to be able to seek election is that if someone wants to hold an office in the federation, he has to hold a post in a state association. We don't want to rule the federation but it is Brij Bhushan who wants to control the federation. His son is the president of the UP Wrestling Association while the secretary is his brother-in-law. In Bihar, his son-in-law holds a post. All parivaarvaad is happening from his end, but he is accusing us of parivaarvaad! The entire country is our family."

"Please don't allow a man like Brij Bhushan to use your platform," Vinesh appealed to the media. "He has money, so he can run a Twitter trend in his favour. I would request you to be sympathetic towards us. If the Supreme Court decision comes against us, please feel free to garland him. Every day we see that he is being garlanded, but what has he done to deserve that?"

## **IPL: Punjab Kings beat Chennai Super Kings** by 4 wickets in last-ball thriller

CHENNAI, May 1 (Agencies): Punjab Kings beat Chennai Super Kings by four wickets in their Indian Premier League match

Electing to bat, Devon

Conway smashed 16 fours and a six during his 52-ball unbeaten 92, before MS Dhoni (13 not out) slammed two sixes off the last two balls of the innings to take CSK to 200 for 4.



Punjab Kings crossed the target on the last ball, reaching 201 for 6 in 20 overs.

Opener Prabhsimran Singh top-scored for PBKS with 42 off 24 balls while Liam Living-

For CSK, Deshpande (3/49) was the pick of the bowlers while Ravindra Jadeja returned figures of 2/32. Chennai Super Kings: 200 for 4 in 20 overs (Devon Conway 92 not out; Rahul Chahar

stone made 40.

Punjab Kings: 201 for 6 in 20 overs (Prabhsimran Singh 42, Liam Livingstone 40; Tushar Deshpande 3/49).

#### IPL 2023: RCB's misfiring middle-order needs to deliver against power-packed LSG face here. Rahul and Co. would



LUCKNOW, May 1 (Agencies): Royal Challengers Bangalore will aim to shed the over reliance on their celebrated top-order when they face a belligerent Lucknow Super Giants in the IPL here on Monday.

RCB have struggled to maintain momentum provided by Virat Kohli, Faf du Plessis and Glenn Maxwell, who have done all the scoring in the eight games so far. With most teams bunched up closely in the standings, the margin for errors has reduced in the second half of the competition. Kohli, du Plessis and Maxwell can't be expected to do the job in every game and it is high time the likes of Mahipal Lomror, Shahbaz Ahmed and Dinesh Karthik step

The fielding and catching too need to improve, something which was pointed by Kohli himself after the loss to KKR.

tinue to lead the side unless du

Plessis, who has been used as an 'Impact Player', regains full fitness. Mohammad Siraj has been the stand out bowler for RCB and he needs support from the other fast bowlers. Harshal Patel is tasked with bowling the tough overs but he would want to bring down his economy rate from 9.94.

LSG, on the other hand, head into the game after a thumping victory against Punjab Kings. The batting performance against Punjab was a testament to the firepower they posses. No total is safe when Kyle Mayers, Marcus Stoinis and Nicholas Pooran get going.

Skipper K L Rahul, however, will be the feeling heat and would want to make a statement at LSG's home ground. The pitch in Lucknow has been bit of a letdown and worked against the strengths of the home team.

Offered a batting beauty in Mohali, LSG batters went on the rampage but they have struggled however, he expected to put up a much better show than what they managed in their previous home game as they failed to chase 136 from a commanding position.

Spinners have enjoyed bowling in Lucknow with Ravi Bishnoi shouldering the responsibility alongside Amit Mishra. Afghan pacer Naveen UI Haq has been tidy in the absence of Mark Wood. Avesh Khan has conceded close to 10 runs per over in seven games and he would be looking to change that.

Squads:

Lucknow Super Giants: KL Rahul ©, Kyle Mayers, Deepak Hooda, Krunal Pandya, Amit Mishra, Nicholas Pooran (wk), Naveen ul Haq, Ayush Badoni, Avesh Khan, Karan Sharma, Yudhvir Charak, Yash Thakur, Romario Shepherd, Mark Wood, Swapnil Singh, Manan Vohra, Daniel Sams, Prerak Mankad, Krishnappa Gowtham, Jaydev Unadkat, Marcus Stoinis, Ravi Bishnoi and Mayank Yadav.

Royal Challengers Bangalore: Faf du Plessis ©, Akash Deep, Finn Allen, Anuj Rawat, Avinash Singh, Manoj Bhandage, Michael Bracewell, Wanindu Hasaranga, Dinesh Karthik, Siddarth Kaul, Virat Kohli, Mahipal Lomror, Glenn Maxwell, Mohammed Siraj, Wayne Parnell, Harshal Patel, Suyash Prabhudessai, Rajan Kumar, Shahbaz Ahmed, Karn Sharma, Himanshu Sharma, Sonu Yadav, Vijaykumar Vyshak, David Willey. Match starts 7.30 IST.

## Satwiksairaj and Chirag end India's 58-year wait for gold

DUBAI, May 1 (Agencies): Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty today ended India's 58-year-old wait for a gold medal at the badminton Asia Championships here.

The 2022 World Championships bronze medallists scripted a sensational comeback after an opening game reversal to edge past the Malaysian combination of Ong Yew Sin and Teo Ee Yi 16-21 21-17 21-19 in the men's doubles pair title clash.

Dinesh Khanna is the only other Indian to claim the gold medal at the event, having achieved the feat when he beat

Thailand's Sangob Rattanusorn in the men's singles final in 1965 in Lucknow. India's previous best performance in the men's doubles was a bronze-medal finish by Dipu Ghosh and Raman Ghosh in 1971.

Rankireddy and Shetty showed tremendous grit as they fought back after losing the first game and trailing 7-13 and 11-15 in the second and third games, respectively, to win their second title of the season. The two pairs came into the summit clash after sharing the honours in six meetings, with the Indians coming up trumps

in the semifinals of the

Swiss Open in March. "I am over the moon. We worked really hard for this medal and I am happy that we have finally won the title," Shetty said.

Rankireddy said: "It's a great feeling to win this tournament for the first time and I am sure we will win more such titles in the future. We will continue to work hard to bring laurels to the country.'

"Personally for me, it will take a lot of time to believe that we are the Asian champions," he added. "I still don't believe we are Thomas Cup champions. Good boost for us as we go into the Olympics qualification period."

Meanwhile. Khanna said his wait finally ended. "When the Asia Championships take place, I do follow it closely and I have always been hoping that one of our players will be bringing home the crown but it didn't materialise," Khanna said. "So I am really excited that Satwik and Chirag have won this title and made us proud, because Asian championships become a virtual World Championships. My long wait for another Indian wining the title is over and let's hope this tradition continuous," he added.

The former India captain will con-

due to the slow nature of the sur-

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