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BRIEFLY

India reports 3,962 new coronavirus infections, active covid cases Dip to 36,244

NEW DELHI, May 4 (Agencies): India has logged 3,962 new coronavirus infections, while the active cases have decreased to 36,244 from 40,177, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Thursday. The death toll has increased to 5,31,606 with 22 deaths, which includes seven re-occluded by Kerala, the data updated at 8 am stated.

The Covid case tally was recorded at 4.49 crore (4,49,60,678). The active cases now comprise 0.08 per cent of the total infections and the national COVID-19 recovery rate has been recorded at 98.73 per cent, the ministry said. The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,43,92,828 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 vaccination drive.

MeT predicts rains amid temperature drops at most places in J&K

SRINAGAR, May 4 (Agencies): Amid forecasts of generally cloudy with rain or thunderstorm at some places the temperature drops below normal at most places in Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday. The Meteorological Department predicts the possibility of a brief spell of Rain or thunderstorm in Kupwara, Poonch, Rajouri, Baramulla today.

Currently the weather is generally cloudy in North West Kashmir, Poonch, Rajouri and other areas and partly cloudy in the rest of places, the MeT office. It said there could be fair to partly cloudy weather with a brief spell of Rain or thunderstorm can't be ruled out towards late afternoon and evening on May 5. There is a possibility of rain at many places from May 6-8. It has also advised the tourists to keep warm clothes ready as

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Won't allow enemy to disturb peace in Kashmir: Army after foiling infiltration bid in Kupwara

KUPWARA, May 4 (Agencies): Following the killing of two militants in Machil sector in north Kashmir's Kupwara district, Army on Thursday said that they are ready to foil any attempt made from across the border to push infiltrators into the Valley to disturb peace. Addressing a press conference at Z Gali, as reported by news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Brigadier Vinod Singh Negi said that operation in Machil sector on May 3 was conducted successfully leading to elimination of two infiltrators. He said that intelligence agencies were



regularly receiving inputs about possible infiltration. "It was learnt that infiltrators will be pushed from across the border. After inputs by the police high alert was sounded on May 01," he said. He said that following inputs addi-

tional ambushes were deployed at possible target places and special operation group of J&K police was also involved in this operation. The Brigadier also said that the operation was conducted under challenging conditions

as troops braved cold weather conditions and low visibility. "Braving continuous snow, rain, overflow of water channels and challenging atmosphere, the operation was conducted successfully. Brave troops remained under open sky for more than 48 hours waiting for the infiltrators," he said. The Brigadier said that on May 03 an ambush spotted and killed two infiltrators. "They were fired at and two of them were killed. Entire area was searched and war like store along with eatables with Pakistan marking were recovered."

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Army Helicopter crashes in Kishtwar, both pilots safe, technician succumbs to injuries



KISHTWAR, May 4 (Agencies): An Army Aviation ALH Dhruv helicopter on an operational mission made a precautionary landing

on the banks of Marua river in the Kishtwar region of Jammu and Kashmir. While the pilot and co-pilot are said to be stable, the technician

succumbed to his injuries at Command Hospital, Udhampur, Northern Command spokesperson said. As per inputs, the pilots had reported a technical fault to the Air Traffic Controller (ATC) and proceeded for a precautionary landing. Due to the undulating ground, undergrowth and unprepared landing area, the helicopter apparently made a hard landing, Army said. Immediate rescue operations were launched and Army rescue teams reached the site. A Court of Inquiry has been ordered. Further details are being ascertained.

Two dead, five injured in Ramban hotel blaze

RAMBAN, May 4 (Agencies): Two persons died and five were injured in a fire at a hotel in Sanasar area of Ramban. District Magistrate Ramban has ordered a magisterial probe into the matter. Kashmir News Observer (KNO) reported that fire broke out at in Hotel Maa Shanti in Sanasar tourist resort in the intervening night of Wednesday and Thursday. In the incident, two people lost their lives while five people were evacuated in injured condition. Officials said that a fire fighting operation was launched after the incident.

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Major JeM plot foiled, militant associate arrested

SRINAGAR, May 4 (Agencies): Police in Kashmir have thwarted a major militant attack plot by arresting a militant associate of Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) who was working as a driver in a five-star hotel. Farooq Ahmad Wani, son of Abdul Rashid

Wani, was arrested from the hotel where he worked in Baramulla district last week. During the interrogation, police discovered that Wani was in contact with his handlers in Pakistan and had sent pictures and other details of some of the 5-star hotels in Kash-

mir where high-profile guests, including Union Ministers, top leaders, and senior officials stay. The arrest comes ahead of the G20 group meeting in Srinagar from May 22 to May 24. The security has been tightened around the

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Bank comes for recovery, debtor commits suicide

JAMMU, May 4 (Agencies): In a heartbreaking incident, a man named Balwinder Nath, son of Pyar Nath, from Tringla Batote in District Ramban, committed suicide on May 2nd, 2023, near his house. The reason behind this unfortunate event is alleged to be due to the pressure of an unpaid loan that he had taken from Jammu and Kashmir Bank Batote.

According to Balwinder Nath's wife, Vidya Devi, the couple had taken a loan of Rs. 57,000 for cows, but due to her husband's illness, they were unable to pay the installments on time. She further added that the manager of Jammu and Kashmir Bank came to their house and demanded the payment of the installment immediately. This resulted in Balwinder Nath feeling insulted in front of everyone, which may have led him to take such a drastic step. Balwinder Nath's father also expressed his grief

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Wanted timber smuggler detained under PSA in Bharderwah



BHADERWAH, May 4 (Agencies): A timber smuggler, who was at large for over a decade with over a dozen cases of illegal felling of green trees and attacking forest officials, was detained under stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) in J&K's Bharderwah on Wednesday night. Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), Bharderwah, Chander Shekhar while addressing media said that the timber smuggler Aashiq Hussain Sheikh (52)

alias 'Aashiq Panga', a resident of Halian locality of Bharderwah town, was involved in timber smuggling for past two decades and dozens of cases of illegal felling, smuggling of timber and attack on forest officials were registered against him. "He was several times summoned to Divisional Forest Office Bharderwah and Range office Neeru but the notorious smuggler also known as 'Veerappan of

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NIA raids 16 locations across J&K

SRINAGAR, May 4 (Agencies): The National Investigating Agency (NIA) on Thursday morning carried out raids at several locations across Jammu & Kashmir in connection with an ongoing probe in a terror funding case. Quoting official sources, news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) reported that the National Investigating Agency (NIA) conducted raids at several places across the Jammu and Kashmir. The raids are being carried at 11 locations in Baramulla and five in Kishtwar. The houses of persons affiliated with proscribed Jamaat-e-Islamia and those involved in

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Jammu-Nagrota Road craves attention making mockery of 'Smart City' project



The Exclusive Story
Sahil Verma
JAMMU, May 4: Once the most prestigious and beautiful stretch on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway, which was known as NH1A, the road connecting Jammu with Nagrota town today has become an example

of the phlegmatic attitude of the local administration which never gets tired of boasting about its achievements, especially with regard to the development of infrastructure. The road stretch starting from the northern gate of Raj Bhawan upto Nagrota Check Post is a classic example of neglect and official apathy despite the fact

that it passes through the famous Ramnagar Wildlife Sanctuary and Pir Baba and is still the part of an important route connecting Jammu City with Katra, Udhampur and Srinagar cities and maximum number of residents of Jammu and the aforementioned cities use this road for plying between these destinations. The condition of this

road at many places is abysmal as the traces of macadamization have been washed away and the vehicles moving on the road axis literally pass on the rocky base posing a great risk of accident and fatality but despite all this those responsible for its maintenance are carefree and have left the lives of the commuters of this road on the mercy of God. The maintenance of this road is quite vital because of the sharp curves and deep gorges falling in these about nine kilometers stretch but strangely the government has left out this road since a long time as relaying work or repairs have not been accomplished for the last many years and if the things will continue like this, there is every chance that sooner than

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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



**SMT. BHAG RANI
CHHIBBER
(1938-2023)**

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



SUMIT GANJOO

OBITUARY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of **Smt. Shanta Dhar (Badi Rani)** W/o Late Sh. Omark 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, 2023.

Virender Dhar - Son - 9971222134

Renuka Dhar - Daughter-in-law

Rishika Dhar - Grand Daughter

Samast Tikku, Pandita & Dhar Pariwars



**Smt. Shanta Dhar
(Badi Rani)**

OBITUARY

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

Tatha was a very spiritual person and a staunch devotee of Ramakrishna Pramahansa. He was also influenced by Bhagwan Gopinath Bub and Swami Laxmajoo 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 dotting father and grandfather, an excellent friend and colleague. 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 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 Tikku (Wife) Noida

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

Jyotsna Tikku (Daughter) Noida

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

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

And Samast Tikku & Kak Pariwars, Takoos, Ganjoos, Kumars, Arazbegis, Aimas, Khardoris and extended family & friends.

Contact Nos: 8595105737, 9868613606, 9810422244



**Autar Krishen Tikku (Tatha)
(Ex Director GSI)
1938-2023**

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow we inform the demise of our beloved **Karmayogi Smt Daily Kumari Pandita** W/o Lt Behari Lal Pandita R/o Bumzua Mattan at present H No. 126 East Extn Marble Market Trikuta Nagar Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 30/04/23 at her residence.

Tenth Day will be observed 9 (May) Tuesday 2023 at Muthi Ghat at 8.30 AM near Director School Education.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Devers & Devranis

Smt Sharika & M K Pandita

Smt Sanju & Paray Lal Pandita

Daughter's & Son in law

Mrs Shafali & Ashish Patel

Mrs Shikha & Nitin Sharma

Brother & Bhabhi

Mrs Anita & Pran Nath Pandita

Sister & Brother in law

Mrs Kiran & Ranjan Bhat

Grand Children

Miss Jiyana Patel

SMAST PARIWAR'S

PANDITA & BHAT'S

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UMA MEDICATE



**Karmayogi
Smt Daily Kumari Pandita**

FIFTH DAY

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad and unfortunate demise of our beloved **Sh. Rakesh Bhalla** (Son-in-law) H/o Smt. Deepali Bhalla R/o Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

The **Fifth Day** will be performed on 05-05-2023 (Friday) at Hari Mandir, Rehari Colony, Jammu from 10 AM to 11 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Mother-in-law

Smt. Neelam Rana W/o Lt. Sh. R.P. Singh

Sisters-in-law & Brothers-in-law

Smt. Rupali & Sh. Raman Gupta

Smt. Manita & Sh. Sahil Rana

Ananya, Anirudh & Shreyan - Niece & Nephew

Mob.: 9906272834



Sh. Rakesh Bhalla

FIFTH DAY

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF **SH JAGDISH SHARMA** HUSBAND OF **SMT NEELAM (BABLI)** D/O LATE SH SHANKAR DASS MAGOTRA R/O BARRIAN UDHAMPUR.

FIFTH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED ON 5TH OF APRIL 2023 (FRIDAY) AT MANIK PALACE BARRIAN UDHAMPUR AT 11 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

SMT BIMLA DEVI -MOTHER-IN-LAW

SH SUBASH CHANDER MAGOTRA

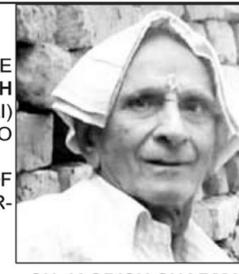
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SH JAGDISH SHARMA

10TH DAY/KRIYA/ UTHALA

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10TH DAY shall be performed on 04-05-2023 at 10 a.m & **KRIYA** on 05-05-2023 2023 at 12 noon (both at our residence).

UTHALA shall be held at Laxmi Narayan Mandir, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu 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

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Agrita & Gaurav Bali , Brijesh, Ajitesh, Pranav, Ameesh & Poonam, Danish & Diksha and Ashish. **Phone No 9419128211, 9419186550**



**SMT. BHAG RANI
CHHIBBER
(1938-2023)**

10TH DAY / KRIYA KARAM

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform you all the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Premi Devi** W/o Late Sh. Chatter Singh left for her heavenly abode on 24th April 2023

Those we love dont go away They walk beside us everyday Unseen, unheard but always near still loved, still missed and very dear

10TH DAY will be held on Wednesday, 3 May 2023 from 11 a.m at our residence Shaktinagar Lane No. 8 H.No. 199 Jammu.

KRIYA KARAM (13th Day) will be held on Saturday, 6 May 2023 at our residence.

Grief Stricken:-

Smt. Rani Devi W/o Late Sh. Swarn Singh- **Daughter-in-Law**

Mrs.Neha Chib W/o Mr. Anukush Chib- **Grand Daughter**

Nikhil Singh- Grand Son

Mrs. Neelam Bagal W/o Mr. Kuldeep Singh Bagal- **Daughter**

Sh. Shivram Nag H/o Smt. Kanti Devi- **Brother-in-Law**

Phone No . 7889366748



Smt. Premi Devi

TENTH DAY/ KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform that our beloved **Smt Pushpa Devi** W/o Late Sh. Sain Dass Sharma, R/o H. No 386 Street No 2 Rajpura Mangrotian Jammu.

10TH DAY will be performed on 05/05/2023 at 11.30 AM near AG Office Shamsan Ghat **KRIYA** on 06-05-2023 at our residence.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Son & Daughter-in-Law

Mrs Prabha Devi & Mr. Raj Kumar (forester in Forest)

Mrs Asha Devi & Mr. Pawan Kumar

Mrs Manju Devi & Mr. Sudesh Kumar

Mrs Shamo Devi & Late Mr. Ram Lal Sharma

Daughter & Son-in-Law

Mrs Vijay Kumari & Mr Ram Krishan Sharma

Mrs Soma Devi & Mr Prakash Raj Sharma

Mrs Tripta Devi & Lt Mr Chander Mohan

Mrs Santosh Devi & Mr. Ravinder sharma

Mrs Pooja & Mr Abhi

Grand Son & Grand Daughter-in-Law

Mrs. Neha Sharma & Mr Rohit Sharma

Mrs Sonika Sharma & Raman Sharma

Grand Son & Grand Daughter

Kail Dass Sharma, Vikram Sharma, Sureshta Devi, Mamta, Neharika, Hreedhyan (Danu) Gugu, Makhu, Kanha, Swastika, Divanshi (Udhi)



SMT PUSHPA DEVI

OBITUARY/TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, We regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Sh. Surinder Mohan Tickoo** S/o Sh. Brij Mohan Tickoo originally resident of Nakashpora, Sathu, Srinagar, Kashmir at present 601, Arihant Apartment Sec. 56, Gurugram, Haryana on 2nd May, 2023.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 11/5/2023 at Chota Haridwar Muradnagar - UP.

Prayer meeting shall be held at their residence at Gurugram on 11/5/2023 between 4 to 5.30 pm.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Anita Tickoo (Wife)

& Samast Tickoo Parivar

Mob.: 9818442653, 9953745633, 9811260054



**Sh. Surinder Mohan
Tickoo**

KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief & sorrow we inform the sad demise of **Smt Shanti Devi** W/o Late Sh. Ved Parkash Arora R/o H. No. 325, Baba Palace Lane Lower Roop Nagar Jammu who expired on 23-04-2023. **KRIYA** on 05-05-2023 at 11.00 AM (Friday) at our Residence **UTHALA** on 05-05-2023 (Friday) at our residence from 4.00 PM to 5.00 PM

GRIEF STRICKEN

Son & Daughter-in-Law

Anil Arora and Mansha

Daughter and Son-in-Law

Ashok Kumar and Jyoti

Shyam Gupta and Anju

Sanjay Gupta and Sheetal

Grand Children

Vihan and Rihan

Mobile No: 7889930620, 706235844



SMT SHANTI DEVI

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY/ BARKHI

It has been a year since you have left for your heavenly abode, leaving us with the treasure of your memories.

We have always felt your presence and your light every day and every moment.

Baris of Late Shree Hari Krishnan Gupta S/o Late Shree Mool Raj Gupta shall be performed on 5th of May 2023 Friday (12.00 Noon) at Mahajan Hall Shalimar Chowk, Jammu.

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY :

Mohini Gupta (Wife)

(Son & Daughter-in-law)

Vikas Gupta & Aditi Mahajan

(Daughters & Son-in-law)

Vandana Gupta & Gopal Krishan Gupta

Archana Gupta & Rakesh Gupta

Grand Children:

Swantika & Shivam

Aawantika

Aagosh

Arshita

Anahita



**Late Shree Hari
Krishnan Gupta**

TENTH DAY / KRIYA / UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Maya Devi** W/o Late Dr. LD Gupta (Kathua Wale) R/o 7/5 Channi Himmat, Jammu.

TENTH DAY will be performed on 6th May 2023, Saturday from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Panch Mandir, Channi Himmat, Jammu.

Kriya will be performed on 9th May 2023, Tuesday at 12:00 Noon at our residence 7/5 Channi Himmat, Jammu.

Uthala will be performed on 10th May 2023, Wednesday from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Panch Mandir, Channi Himmat, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Sons & Daughter-in-laws

Dr. Sudeshan Kumar Gupta & Smt. Anita Gupta

Dr. Virender Radotra & Smt. Priem Gupta

Smt. Veena Gupta (W/o Lt. Sh. Rajinder Gupta)

Smt. Poonam Gupta (W/o Lt. Sh. Rajesh Gupta)

Daughters & Son-in-laws

Smt. Karita Gupta & Sh. Trilok Ram Gupta (Retd. Chief Accounts Officer)

Smt. Veena Gupta & Sh. B.S. Gupta (Retd. Chief Engineer)

Smt. Sneh Gupta & Sh. Ashok Gupta (Retd. Head Computer)

Smt. Umil Gupta & Dr. Ashok Gupta (Retd. Director, Animal Husbandry)



**SMT. MAYA DEVI
(15-03-1928 TO 27-04-2023)</**

If AP forms next Govt, will restore Old Pension Scheme in favour of Govt employees: Manjit

'Will regularize all daily wagers within 60 days of Govt formation'



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 4: Apni Party Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister Manjit Singh has assured that if they form the next Govt in Jammu and Kashmir, the Apni Party will restore the Old Pension Scheme for all the Govt employees.

"It's a long pending demand of the employees and officers in J&K Govt. Over 4.5 lakhs Govt employees and gazetted officers have been working in different sectors of J&K Govt and we support their genuine demand as they are the backbone of the society," said the former minister addressing a trade union of Apni Party.

This meeting was organized by J&K President, Apni Trade Union, Ajaz Kazmi on the eve of Labour Day.

In his address the trade union of Apni Party, Manjit Singh said that "The Govt has not responded about the repeated demands and submission of memorandum to the Govt with regard to the Old Pension Scheme. If this Govt does nothing to address the issues of the employees, we are committed under the leadership of Syed Mohammed Altaf Bukhari."

"We are committed to

restore the Old Pension Scheme in favour of all the permanent Govt employees and officers. Besides, we will also regularize all the daily wagers within 60 days of forming the next Govt in J&K," he stated further.

He said that the daily wagers were engaged by the previous Govts, and they were not regularized even as most of them have completed 20 to 25 years of services, and many have retired without getting any kind of benefit for their service from the Govt.

"Those lost their lives or body parts in PDD were also neglected and their next of kins were not considered in the Govt sector even as daily wagers to earn their livelihood," he said.

He said that Apni Part will address unemployment by providing ample job opportunities in Govt as well as in private sectors.

"We will not allow the industrial sectors to avoid engagement of local youths in skilled or unskilled jobs and go ahead with the non-local people. If they are using our land and resources, these industries shall be bound to provide jobs to the local youth," he said while assuring that the enthusiasm and zeal they witnessed during three to

four days of tour to Pirpanjal demands a change in the Govt.

"This change is possible with the holding assembly election that is being delayed without justification. However, if an assembly election is held, the Apni Party will form the next Govt and will implement the public welfare scheme and fulfill all the promises made with the people," he added.

Prominent among those who were present in the meeting include Provincial Vice President, Ex-MLA Faqir Nath, Additional General Secretary, Arun Chibber, Provincial Secretary District President, Jammu urban, Dr Rohit Gupta, State Coordinator SC Wing, Bodh Raj Bhagat, State Vice President, OBC, Bhagat Ram, State General Secretary Youth Wing, Abhay Bakaya, Provincial President Youth Wing, Vipul Bali, Provincial Women Wing President Jammu, Pavneet Kour, Provincial President Legal Cell, Vikram Rathore, District General Secretary, Sardesh Rana, District President Women Wing, Ritu Pandita, District President Apni Trade Union, Puran Chand Rahi, President Trade Union, Udhampur, Vijay Sharma, President Trade Union District General Secretary, Pardeep Bhatia, District President Youth Wing, Shivam Choudhary, District Secretary Trade Wing, Shabir Malik, District Secretary Trade Union, Mudassir Hussain, Senior District Vice President Youth Wing, Sandeep Vaid, District Vice President Youth, Abhinav Gupta, District Secretary Youth Wing, Ankush Dogra, Shivani Koul and others.

Lt Governor reviews Preparedness for G20 Meeting



Top News Report

SRINAGAR, May 4: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday chaired a high-level meeting to discuss preparation for the G20 meeting at Srinagar.

The meeting was attended by Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Arvind Singh, Secretary, Ministry of Tourism, GoI (through virtual mode); Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; RK Goyal, ACS Home; Dilbag Singh, DGP; Special Secretary & Joint Secretaries from

G20 Secretariat, besides other senior officers. The meeting, organized with the aim of making upcoming event success with the cooperation of all the stakeholders, also reviewed various aspects of preparation.

"G20 is a matter of pride for the country. We should make concerted efforts to ensure successful conduct of G20 meeting in Srinagar," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor asked the departments to contribute enthusiastically to make the historic occasion a memorable one.

LG Sinha expresses grief over loss of lives in Ramban fire accident

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, May 4: The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, has expressed grief over the loss of lives in fire accident at a hotel in Ramban. He has conveyed his condolences and sympathies to the kin of those who have died in accident and the injured.

"Anguished by the loss

of lives due to fire incident at a hotel in Sanaar. My heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. Praying for the speedy recovery of the injured," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor has spoken to the Deputy Commissioner and directed him to render all assistance to the kin of victims.

Campus placement drive conducted at Govt. ITI Jammu

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 4: One day campus placement drive conducted on Friday under the close guidance of Er. Rashid Sheikh, Principal Govt. ITI Jammu to provide the employment opportunities to the ITI pass-out, trained.

The drive was conducted by Staffing Solutions Quesst Ltd for ITI certificate holder for all trades with Min academic qualification 12th Pass for the post of Executive in Banking Sector (Credit Card).

HR, Staffing Solutions Quesst Ltd, Jammu and her team interacted with the trainees and conducted interviews of the trainees.



Karan Singh, Surveyor/ I/C Placement cell brief the trainees about the company recruitment criteria and emoluments and pre-counseling placement session was also conducted for the students.

Lt. Sumit Chandail Associate NCC Officer Govt ITI Jammu thanked all the resource persons from the companies for the campus placement

of the students and impress upon the students to participate in the various placement drives with full enthusiasm and make full use of their professional and technical skills for employability to various organizations.

He also appreciated the efforts of training and placement cell for conducting such recruitment drives.

JSCL organizes workshop-cum-demonstration on Food Fortification



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 4: In alignment with the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to reduce malnutrition, Jammu Smart City Ltd (JSCL) organised a workshop cum demonstration on Food Fortification, which is a scientifically proven, cost-effective, scalable, and sustainable global intervention that addresses the issue of micronutrient deficiencies.

Jammu Smart city is taking various initiatives under Eat Right to create awareness regarding safe, healthy & sustainable dietary food habits among the citizens.

FSSAI operationalized for fortifying staples namely Wheat Flour and Rice (with Iron, Vitamin B12 and Folic Acid), Milk and Edible Oil (with Vitamins A and D) and Double Fortified Salt (with Iodine and Iron) to reduce the high burden of micronutrient malnutrition in India.

This workshop cum dem-

onstration on Food Fortification was organised under Eat Right Initiatives of Jammu Smart City Ltd (JSCL) at Community Hall, Kameshwar Mandir, Ward No 52, south Extension Trikuta Nagar, Jammu where Chief Guest, Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Billawaria launched the workshop and while addressing, he said that this is such an important topic for which stakeholders and the public in general needs to sensitize at mass level and take this movement to every household.

Ward No 52 Corporator/ Ex-chairman, Ajay Gupta was the Guest of Honour during the programme and he highlighted the importance of such programs and appreciated JSCL initiative for carrying out this campaign at grass root level.

The programme was designed to highlight the essentials of food fortification and what further steps can be taken to sensitize

the general public at the mass level and to take this movement to every household, the programme was introduced by Dr. Sushil Kumar Sharma, Nodal Officer, Eat Right Initiatives, Jammu Smart City Ltd.

CDPO, Gandhi Nagar, Dr Sakshi Mahajan shared facts about the impact of malnutrition on health and other related concerns due to nutrition deficiencies and thanks JSCL for conducting this workshop for ICDS Supervisors and Anganwadi workers.

Satish Kumar, an IEC consultant from Mavis IT Services Pvt Ltd, New Delhi presented a detailed presentation on the "Role of IEC in Food Fortification awareness" which highlights how information and communication technology is leading the way in this by demonstrating the relevant examples and media content.

Associate Professor Ashwani Khajuria, and Dr Divya Sharma delivered presentations on various facets of food fortification practices, nutrition values etc. The Students from Bharat Public High School, Satwari also demonstrated the facets of Food Fortification and explained what activities they are doing in school to implement this topic in true spirit. Later, the function was concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr Sakshi Mahajan.

Sargam Society & Aryans Group to organise Shiv Batalvi Night on May 6

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 4: To pay a tribute to Shiv Kumar Batalvi on his 50th Death Anniversary, Sargam Society of Indian Music & Arts (Regd), Mohali & Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh are going to organize a Musical Program from on 6th May, 2023, Saturday to be held in Randhawa Auditorium, Sec 16, Chandigarh from 06:00 PM onwards.

In this event, RD Kailey, a trained singer & his team of Singers will pay the musical tribute to legendary Batalvi ji, said President of the Society & Chairman, Aryans Group, Dr. Anshu Kataria.

The event would be graced by S. Gulzar Sandhu, a close associate of Shiv Kumar Batalvi as Chief Guest while Rita Juneja, DGM, Head, PNB, Mohali; Deepak Manmohan, Former Director, World Punjabi

Centre; MP Gupta, Music Connoisseur would be Guests of Honour. Ashwani Garg, Chairman, SVIET, Banur would preside over.

Kailey mentioned that each year on his birth and death anniversary, we organise a musical performance, but this year we wanted to try something unique & decided to pay a 50-song tribute as a mark of respect and love for his poetry. He will be uploading one song every day for the next 50 days on my YouTube channel. He has already started uploading daily a song & has uploaded 19 songs so far.

It is to be mentioned that Shiv Kumar Batalvi was an Indian poet, writer and playwright of the Punjabi language. He was also known as Keats of Punjab & most known for his romantic poetry, noted for its heightened passion, pathos, separation and lover's agony, due to that he was also called Virha Da Sultan.

Muslim Rashtriya Manch organises meeting



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 4: Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Rashtriya Manch organised a meeting of its Executive Committee at Jammu in which office bearers and other activists participated.

The aim of the meeting was to take stock of different activities of the organisation and to ensure that more and more public outreach programs are held to foster the sense of belonging towards the nation and also to the society.

Mir Nazir J&K and Ladakh UT's Convenor delivered a lecture on the activities of the Manch and said that the organisation from Kashmir to Kanyakumari is actively

involved in spreading the message of peace and oneness amongst different sections of the society irrespective of caste, religion, region and creed.

"We need to strengthen the organisation from its roots and our activities should be aimed at mobilising each and every person to become part of the March to lead the nation on the path of progress and prosperity," Nazir said.

Organising Secretary J&K and Ladakh UT's of the Manch Gulshan Kumar observed that public welfare programmes launched by the organisation in building a homogenous society has to be taken to the length and breadth of the

UT. "The steps taken for intensifying the activities of Manch as well as bringing more and more youth into its fold should be the priority of each and every office bearer," Gulshan Kumar suggested.

"Our efforts must be relentless to give stress on intensifying the activities of organisation in those areas where they have not reached so far and bringing more and more youth under its fold by imbuing the spirit of nationalism, patriotism and selfless service to nation among them," Amir Iqbal Khan Spokesperson of the Manch stated.

The meeting was attended by Hassan Sardar (Secretary J&K), Zaffar Choudhary (Distt Convenor Rajouri), Shahnawaz Khan (Secretary Jammu Province), Shahid Kalas (Block Convenor Mendhar), Fayaz Ahmed Wani (Secretary distt kishwar), Ch. Mukhtar Ahmed (Secretary Jammu Province), Shakeel Ahmed (Co-Convenor Rajouri), Mohd Javed (distt. Co-Convenor).

Inter-School Rope Skipping Championship 2023 held

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 4: KC international School successfully hosted the third Inter - School Rope Skipping Championship 2023 in collaboration with Rope Skipping Association of Jammu and Kashmir.

The event was a grand success as more than 150 skippers from sixteen different schools of Jammu province participated in it. The event started on 2nd May with individual competitions and team competition. Neelam Khajuria Addl. Secretary - Youth Services & Sports Dept.



J&K UT graced the closing Ceremony as the Chief Guest and Dr. KC Singh Mehta - Principal IDPS, Akhnoor Mentor - Jammu Sahodya School Complex, Anupama Sinha Principal - KCIS, Mr. Tarsem Sharma Founder / CEO - Rope Skipping Association of J&K/ Treasurer- Rope

Skipping Federation of India, Sunil Kumar Sawhney Secretary - Rope Skipping J&K a social activist and President Rotary Club Jammu and Sonia Pawar Principal-SGSD International School, Jammu were present as Special Guests and added charm to the

event with their presence.

The championship was conducted under the supervision of Danish Sharma-Technical Director (RSAJK).

Vishwa Bharti School, Jammu won the Winner trophy of the event while KC Gurukul School, Jammu secured the 2nd position, 3rd position captured by KC International School Jammu and the 4th place was gone to International Delhi Public School, Jammu.

The event ended with felicitation of all the dignitaries, officials and

coaches by Anupama Sinha, Principal KCIS followed by a vote of thanks by her.

NOTICE

I, Chahat Fatima, D/o Mohd Ishtiaq Najar, R/o Village Puneja additional district Bhardwah J&K UT, am applying for correction in my father name from Mohd Ishtiaq Najar (Wrong name) to Mohd Ishtiaq Najar(Right name). Objections if any may be reported to Zonal Education Officer (ZEO) Bhardwah within 7 days of the publication of this notice.

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT
PHE MECHANICAL DIVISION SOUTH JAMMU
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
e-NIT PHE/JMS/11 of 2023-24 Dated 01-05-2023

Executive Engineer PHE Mechanical Division South Jammu, on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from registered/ reputed firms.

Name of the Work	Name of the Division	Cost of Tender Document/Tender Fee(In Rs)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Validity of Rates
1	2	3	4	5
Repair of 25 KVA Voltage Stabilizer of T/Wall Matador Stand Channi under Non Plan	PHE Mech. Division South Jammu	Rs. 200.00 (Non-Refundable) In the shape of e-challan/single window challan of JMC pledged to Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Mech. Division South Jammu/tender fee receipt through online payment through the JMC link http://www.jmcjammu.org/online-payment.html	@ 2% of estimated cost/tender value In the shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division South Jammu	Bid shall be valid for 180 days

- Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jtenders.gov.in> from 02-05-2023 (10:00 AM) and uploaded from 03-05-2023 (10:00 AM) to 11-05-2023 (03:00 PM). The complete bidding process will be online <http://jtenders.gov.in>.
- Bids must be accompanied by EMD and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 3 & 4 of the table.
- The bid shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 180 days from the date of opening of bids. If any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the tenderer shall be debarred from participating in tendering process for a period of 1 year.
- The Technical Bids of the tender document received shall be opened online in the office of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Department PHE Mechanical Division South Jammu on 12-05-2023 at 3:00 P.M or any other day convenient to the Ex. Engineer in the Office chambers of Executive Engineer, PHE Mechanical Division South Jammu.
- The Financial Bids of the tender document of the qualified bidders shall also be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Department PHE Mechanical Division South Jammu during office hours and shall be communicated separately.
- Cost of bidding document in shape of e-challan/single window challan of JMC pledged to Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Mech. Division South Jammu/tender fee receipt through online payment through the JMC link <http://www.jmcjammu.org/online-payment.html>
- The original instruments in respect of cost of document, EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR and other relevant document of L1 bidder will be required to be submitted to the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Mech. Division South Jammu within 05 days after opening of financial bids on line. No separate intimation about opening of financial bids will be sent by this office / by the tender opening authority. In case the original documents are not submitted by the L1 bidder within 05 days after opening of financial bid, the tender will be cancelled and the bidder will not be allowed to participate in any further / future tendering process in the division for a period of one year.
- Other details can be seen inside the detailed tender document.

No: PHE/JMS/13-17
Dated: 01-05-2023

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A.E.E
Sub Div-II
Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti Department
PHE Mech. Division South
Jammu

EDITORIAL

GOOD BEHAVIOUR

Polite and pleasant natured people are always popular and respected by a large number of people. Obviously, such people are having a magnetic effect on others. Thus, we should always practice good behavior in our life.

Good manners always give an opportunity for a new interaction with the people and it paves the way for us in future. If someone talks badly to you, don't talk to them in the same way again. Always talk to him in your positive way to give him a chance to change.

Office etiquette can help change a company's culture and may even make the difference between business success and business failure.

Outside of necessity, such as talking on the phone and talking with co-workers, noise in an office should be kept low. When receiving emails, voice messages, texts, and other types of correspondence from co-workers, they should respond in a timely manner rather than keeping them waiting. While working in an open office environment, respectful, friendly behavior is the core of an effective company culture. Treat co-workers with the same respect we would expect ourselves. One should talk to everyone politely. There may be many times that you may not like someone's words. Work with patience, later keep your point with great decency. Pleasant and friendly to co-workers makes for a successful company culture and one that is desirable to work for thus helping in retaining and attracting employees. Demonstrate friendliness by being willing to share your own interests and hobbies with your fellow employees. If you've co-worked on a successful project or task, credit should be shared between collaborators and teams. Working well with coworkers and being part of a team generates good will among our coworkers that is often mutual. We all get nervous our first few days at a job. New employees should be shown respect by explaining certain 'rules', such as when to break and lunch.

Courtesy is the inner quality of a person, through which a good image can be created in everyone's heart. Even if you are not physically beautiful, but your efficient manners can make you everyone's favorite. Physical beauty is fleeting, but your practical beauty stays with you for a lifetime.

No field is small, what matters is how you approach it. Some people want to earn money from their profession and some people want to help others with their profession. The only thing you need to think about is how loyal you are to the work yourself.

Strategic stock-taking will mark SCO FMs' Goa meet

By: Syed Ata Hasnain

The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) is an inter-governmental organisation established in 2001. Its members include China and Russia, India and Pakistan, and the four Central Asian republics of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. The moving force behind the multilateral group is China, which aims to keep a tight control over its areas of interest in the regional, and now increasingly in a wider international context. This year India is the SCO's chair; by virtue of that a series of meetings under various domains have been organised, the last being the defence ministers' meeting in New Delhi on April 27-28. That was a relevant one for India in the context of the LAC standoff between India and China, which has been at a high pitch since April 2020. It gave India a chance to project its position strongly in a 45-minute bilateral meeting of the two defence ministers. There were no handshakes, but a "namaste" conveyed India's stance while the Chinese minister appeared nonchalant and wanted India to improve relations, detaching these from the LAC standoff. All eyes are now on Goa, where the foreign ministers will meet on May 4-5 to set the agenda for the summit in July 2023, for which both the Russian and Chinese Presidents are expected. In today's context the presence of both at such a multilateral forum is almost a compulsion. Both India and China have professed neutrality, but China has bilaterally gone to a fair extent to establish its support for Russia without going completely overboard. The Indian stance has been more muted and

neutral, catering to its own interests both for now and the future. In the last SCO summit in Tashkent, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mature advice to President Vladimir Putin resonated with the rest of the world and placed India in a position to play a more proactive role in ending the Ukraine war. That initiative was later seen to have been seized by China with its outreach to Russia through the visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping to Moscow. The perception perhaps does not hold water now as China is seen as too deeply meshed with Russia and its insipid efforts at resolution were spurned right at the outset by Nato and the Western powers. India's stance still holds good as the advice by the Prime Minister was more on the lines of neutrality and for betterment of the world order in a post-pandemic world. Will India's astute external affairs minister work through the Goa conference to set up something for Prime Minister Narendra Modi to seize as an initiative in the July 2023 summit? The SCO is one platform through which initiatives on Ukraine will remain plausible.

Besides Ukraine, Sino-Indian bilateral aspects will be under focus at this meeting, but some of that sheen may already have been taken by the two defence ministers' New Delhi encounter, where the LAC standoff drew greater attention. Also, external affairs minister S. Jaishankar's bilateral meeting with Russia's foreign minister Sergey Lavrov will be keenly watched. The last time Mr Lavrov was in New Delhi he addressed the Raisina Dialogue, and spoke out very strongly. He may be softer this time if an agenda aiming for peace in Ukraine is on the cards at all.

The visit of Pakistan foreign minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari is being treated with a hot and cold attitude by the Indian media. By virtue of the clear Indian stand that talks and terror won't go together, no one expects a bilateral meeting, especially after the recent Poonch terror attack that was sponsored by Pakistan's Deep State. Bilawal has not really endeared himself to the Indian establishment or Indian media due to his recent uncalled-for personal remarks on India's Prime Minister, which smacked of immaturity and a lack of professionalism. Not much importance is being attached to his presence primarily as he is considered a lightweight in the Shehbaz Sharif government in Pakistan and virtually an intern foreign minister who has to be guided by Hina Rabbani Khar, a former foreign minister who is now nominally his deputy. One wonders why he is coming for the meeting at all, when Pakistan's defence minister joined the defence ministers' meeting virtually? In reality, the Goa meeting is the flagship meet just below the summit level. It is here that the agenda for the July summit will be chalked out and grounds prepared for any major initiatives. Pakistan is out of mainstream international politics for some time now because of its political and economic instability, which demand attention of its political leadership towards internal affairs. Besides that, Pakistan is known to be kowtowing to the United States for support with the IMF to get the next loan tranche, on which it is hugely dependent for a partial bailout of its economic morass. That may be acceptable, but its gesture of sending containers of missiles and artillery ammunition to Ukraine at the

behest of Nato has not been taken very kindly by China and Russia. The absence of Pakistan's foreign minister would thus be taken very negatively, even though the state of India-Pakistan relations is well known to both. The invitation to Bilawal Bhutto Zardari was technically not sent by India but by the SCO secretariat.

Should we expect any surprises in Goa? One is reminded of the Ufa SCO summit where the last India-Pakistan peace initiative was triggered in a bilateral meeting. Terror attacks were prevalent even then, and the adage "talks and terror" expounded by India was also applicable then. This time, the two sides are perilously close to elections in both nations. Such big decisions may therefore be postponed for the time being. The PDM government in Pakistan perceives vulnerability from Imran Khan's very virulent anti-India stance, and may not wish to be seen as going soft. It has no plan to seek assistance from India to bail it out of the economic hole it finds itself in; political ego is far too big for that. The two things that hold any hope for the future of India-Pakistan ties are the ongoing ceasefire at the Line of Control (since 25 February 2021) and the broad stance of former Pakistan Army Chief Gen. Qamar Javed Bajwa, who had espoused the understanding that Pakistan should live in peace with India. One only hopes that Bilawal Bhutto Zardari is mature enough to handle the challenging SCO agenda in Goa and doesn't get led away to score brownie points for politics back home by upsetting his hosts with anti-India statements to counter Imran Khan.

Character Education

By: Vijay GarG

The character stands for an attribute or a quality that defines persons moral and ethical actions and reactions. Though the character is used in different senses here we deal with What is Wrong and What is Right in general. Moreover, it is character education in particular that this article deals with. Character Education is an educational system imparted to kids for developing in them those qualities which are universally accepted desirable by a society. To have good character and developing such personal qualities is, therefore, the purpose of Character Education.

The concept of Character Education is very old as it is taught to us by Parents and Religion. In the west, these are vying for adoption by, schools and businesses. Some are commercial, some non-profit and many are uniquely devised by states, districts and schools, themselves. A common approach of these programs is to provide a list of principles, pillars, values or virtues, which are memorized or around

which themed activities are planned. It is commonly claimed that the values included in any particular list are universally recognized. However, there is no agreement among the competing programs on core values (e.g., honesty, stewardship, kindness, generosity, courage, freedom, justice, equality, and respect) or even how many to list. There is also no common or standard means for assessing, implementing or evaluating programs.

Methods of Character Education

There is no common practice of imparting Character Education or Values Education to children. It is mainly because there is a lack of standards in character education and how and by whom it is to be imparted.

Broadly we can consider some approaches towards this education which are a part of schooling. These are mainly as follows:

Praise and Reward: This approach seeks to make virtue into habit using Positive Reinforcement. Elements include At The Spot Deliberate Praise of students and Awarding for Constructive Skills.

Forced Formality: It focus-

es on strict, uniform compliance with specific rules of conduct, (i.e., walking in lines, arms at one's sides), or formal forms of address ("yes sir," "no ma'am"), or other procedures deemed to promote order or respect of adults. Define and Drill: It teaches students to memorize a list of values and the definition of each. Students' simple memorization of definitions seems to be equated with their development of the far more complex capacity for making moral decisions.

Cheerleading: It involves multicoloured posters, banners, and bulletin boards featuring a value or virtue of the month; lively morning public-address announcements; occasional motivational assemblies; and possibly a high-profile event such as a fund-raiser for a good cause.

Counselling: It requires school counsellors to impart moral values through individual or group sessions.

These approaches aim for quick behavioural results, rather than helping students better understand and commit to the values that are core to our society or helping them develop the skills for putting those

values into action in life's complex situations. Also, the real significance of the student's actions is lost, as the reward or award becomes the primary focus. Though these are not useless they need Fine Tuning.

Effective Approaches
Refined Curriculum: It can be achieved by Integrating a certain amount of Character Education in the Curriculum.

Mode of Implementation: There is a need to diversify the means of implementing these can be done through faculty, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, maintenance staff, etc.

The sense of Enthusiasm: The education needs to be Enjoyable and Informal so that it is not Boring and Imposing. It can be done through Practical Activities outside the classroom

Parent Participation: By holding certain workshops parents can be taught to reduce the negative effects of TV, movies, video games, and other media on children's moral growth.

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J&K witnessed unprecedented growth: Sat

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 05: Continuing the developmental spree in Jammu West, Former Minister and Ex MLA Sat Sharma (CA) along with Corporator Ward 40 Neelam Nargotra started Black topping works of Shankar Vihar and Vishal Nagar area of Jammu West Assembly segment. State Secretary BJP Ayodhya Gupta, Mandal President Keshav Chopra, BJP Media Incharge Pardeep Mahotra, JE JMC Shabab and several others accompanied the Former Minister.

The works will be done under the supervision of JMC at an estimated cost of Rupees 22 lakhs.

Speaking on the occasion, Sat Sharma said that BJP has delivered on the ground by always remaining on the forefront. He said that Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed unprecedented growth and that becomes more



important because we know that there was a time when Jammu and Kashmir lagged behind on every front for decades together owing to the wrong policies of Congress led Governments, he added. Sharma also took the opportunity to appeal to the masses for contributing to the noble cause by promoting the vision of Prime Minister,

Narendra Modi of building a "clean and green nation". He also stated that BJP is on a mission of "Sewa" and its only agenda is to serve people in every way possible. That is why BJP works on the slogan of "Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas Sabka Vishwas Sabka Prayas", Sharma stated.

Neelam highlighted the works pertaining to

the development of the ward and said that every activist of the party is working on ground to assist the public and solve their grievances.

Ayodhya, Keshav and Pradeep spoke about the benefits of various schemes given by the BJP led Central Government to the public. They also credited Former MLA for taking up major developmental works in

the Constituency.

Yash Pal Shivgotra State Secretary SC Morcha, District President SC Morcha Chaman Lal Bhagat, District Convener Employees Cell KL Sharma, Abhishek Sharma, Paramjit Ravinder, Rahul Nargotra, Vikas Kumar, Jai Pal Sharma, LK Bhagat and others were present on the occasion.

DIET Shopian bids farewell to Principal Abdul Majid

TOP NEWS REPORT

SHOPIAN, May 4: The teaching and non teaching staff of District Institute of Education and Trainings, Shopian bid an affectionate farewell to Abdul Majid, Principal DIET, who attained superannuation recently.

Chief Education Officer, Shopian, Mohammad Mushtaq; Deputy Chief Education Officer, Shopian, Javeed Ahmad Khan, Sr. Lecturers, Lecturers, Teachers and DIET Faculty both Teaching and Non Teaching were present on the occasion.

The officers and officials on the occasion praised the officer on his superannuation and highlighted his exemplary services for Education Sector in District Shopian, especially works undertaken by the Principal and his team. They praised his qualities and



capabilities as educator and administrator in education sector in the district.

Speaking on the occasion, the Principal DIET, Abdul Majid while sharing his 34 years of experience in Education Sector advised the whole gathering to promote/strengthen the Education Sector in district by invoking personal efforts and professional competencies for which a district body like DIET has a comprehensive mandate.

The retiring officer praised the whole staff

of the DIET, Shopian for their dedication, integrity and painstaking character while execution of services for the department. The officer while quoting Swami Vivekananda stressed the utilization and guidance of young blood in the department and praised the efforts of DIET Shopian, in achieving the targets set for the institute by SCERT, SED, SAMAGRA Shiksha J&K and Administrative Department especially in procurement and execution of works from time to time.

Dy Mayor visits artificial lake, reviews work

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 4: Deputy Mayor Jammu Baldev Singh Billawaria visited the artificial lake including allied work being constructed by the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) under the Smart City Project.

The Deputy Mayor Jammu was accompanied by JMC Commissioner Rahul Yadav, local Corporator Amit Gupta, & Higher Authorities of Smart City. The Deputy Mayor Jammu also inspected the progress of the project and gave necessary instructions to the executing agency.

Deputy Mayor Jammu Baldev Singh Billawaria also listened to the grievances of President Chander Mohan Sharma Surya Putri Tawi Aarti Sanstha. He demanded that the Tawi "Arti Ghat" should be renovated under the Smart City Project. Deputy Mayor Jammu assured the organization that the Modi government is committed to beautify the religious places. He further said that the government is ready to provide all possible help to the organization.

Deputy Mayor Jammu said, "We are committed to the development of Tawi River Front and



ensuring that it remains a beautiful place for worship of Surya Putri.

The construction of an artificial lake is just the first step in our efforts to improve the infrastructure of the area. We will continue to work towards the betterment of the Surya Putri and its residents.

"The Deputy Mayor also added that the project will be completed in a time-bound manner and strict quality control measures will be implemented to ensure that the construction meets the required standards. The Deputy Mayor further said that the JMC is taking all the necessary steps to ensure that the amenities of the citizens are not compromised. He said that the JMC is committed to provide the best possible services to the citizens and this project is a step forward in that direction.

Deputy Mayor, Baldev Singh Billawaria said that Jammu Municipal

Corporation is committed to develop all the areas of City of temples. "Under Narendra Modi leadership since 2014, work on our forgotten centers of our faith have been without fear and with full respect," Billawaria said, referring to the Prime Minister's constituency of Varanasi, Kedarnath and other pilgrimage sites. Billawaria said that the artificial lake will give a new look to the Smart City. He also said that the lake will be a great attraction for the tourists in the city. He also said that the lake will be a great boon for water conservation.

The Deputy Mayor Jammu and JMC Commissioner also visited the nearby areas and inspected the ongoing works. They also interacted with the local people and listened to their grievances. They assured them that all their problems will be solved soon.

SMVDU Scholar qualifies Ph.D

TOP NEWS REPORT

KATRA, May 4: Navleen Kour, D/o Jaspal Singh and Amarjeet Kour, has been declared qualified for the award of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in the School of Computer Science & Engineering by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi, Katra.

The candidate has worked on the topic, "A Vision-based Approach for Classification of Abnormal and Normal Gait using Effective Learning Models" under the supervision of Dr. Sunanda and co-supervision of Dr. Sakshi Arora, Assistant Professors, School of Computer Science & Engineering.

She has published many research papers indexed in SCI/SCIE ranked high-reputed, SCOPUS journals and presented her research papers in various international conferences. It is pertinent to mention that Kour has created her own dataset which



has been published on Mendley.

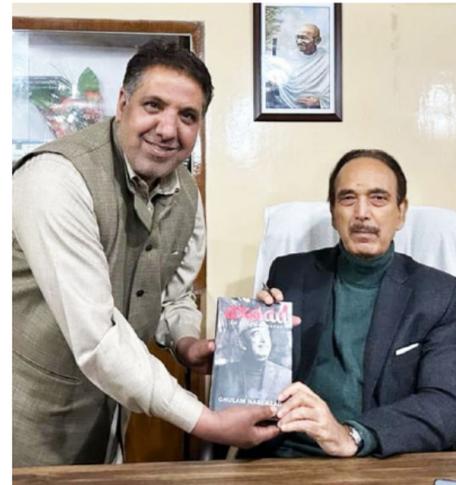
Navleen expressed her gratitude to the Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP-III) scheme for providing fellowship during her Ph.D. The scholar expresses her gratitude to the School of Computer Science and Engineering, SMVDU University, for providing all necessary facilities and support during her research. Prof. R.K. Sinha, Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU, and other committee members congratulated Kour and wished her a bright future.

People suffer due to inflation, unemployment: Mohd Dar

TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, May 4: Democratic Progressive Azad Party Provincial Vice President Kashmir Mohammad Altaf Dar in a statement issued to press here said as it is clear that unemployment has become one of the most challenging issues in J&K.

People are facing hardships even more. Unemployment is forcing people to starve. Lack of food and shelter is leading them towards mental stress, frustration and suicide. This is putting a negative impact on youth as well. Drugs addicts, smugglers and people like them are engaging young one's in such evil activities which is not good for them. In the last few years, snatching, killing and other street crimes are reaching heights and the cause is straight visible to the eyes: inflation, high rates on basic needs of life and the rising unemployment. People who have jobs



are also unable to meet their basic needs these days due to less earning or it can be said that sparse earning which is not enough for a family. Illiteracy, overgrowth of population, flawed education systems, less money, health stress and mental disturbance are the major issues and some reasons for weak economic conditions. In UT j&k the

unemployment rate has increased up and if this continues it will increase to its peak in no time. Democratic Progressive Azad Party Provincial Vice President Kashmir Mohammad Altaf Dar has demanded our Central government and LG Administration should implement various actions to improve the weak economic conditions of J&K.

Reasi Police achieves landmark in prosecution and pairvi of cases

TOP NEWS REPORT

REASI, May 4: With the relentless efforts of Reasi Police in providing justice to the victims of heinous crime especially crime related to women, convictions have been achieved in four cases wherein accused persons have been sentenced for 10 years and more, with life imprisonment in one case.

In Case FIR No. 30/2018 under Section 376/506 RPC Police Station Reasi accused namely Kashmir Singh, son of Ram Singh, resident of Goswan, Reasi has been convicted and

sentenced to 10 years and 06 months of simple imprisonment and fine.

In case FIR No. 182/2018 under Sections 366, 376, 109/34 RPC Police Station Katra, 03 accused persons namely Rinku Kumar, son of Gopal Krishan, Kuldeep Kumar, son of Tara Chand and Sonu, son of Tara Chand, resident of Hansali Katra have been convicted and sentenced to rigorous imprisonment of 15 years and fine.

In another case FIR No 130/1999 under Sections 302, 364, 201 RPC 3/25 Arms Act, Police Station Mahore

01 accused namely Bashir Ahmed, son of Mohamdu, resident of Dewal Barnsal Mahore has been convicted and sentenced to undergo life imprisonment.

Further in case FIR No. 89/2014 Under Sections 363, 376, 109 RPC Police Station Arnas, 03 accused persons namely Rakesh Singh, son of Kartar Singh, Sanjeev Sharma, son of Tilak Raj and Rashpal Sharma, son of Nanak Chand, resident of Kanthan Arnas have been convicted and sentenced to rigorous imprisonment of 10 years and fine.

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UDHAMPUR, May 4: As part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Kaal during the India G20 Presidency, and a strong bid for the Start-up India Programme, an entrepreneurship awareness programme was organized by CSIR-IIIM, Jammu for the students and staff of Government Degree College (Boys) Udhampur.

The Programme was organized under the Patronage of Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-IIIM, Jammu & Principal Prof. Dr. Ramesh Kumar Gupta, in coordination of Dr. Pankaj Sharma.

Dr. Saurabh Saran, Principal Scientist, CSIR-IIIM and PI, IIIM-TBI and Er. Ankush Varma, Coordinator IIIM-TBI, CSIR-IIIM, Jammu were the expert speakers on the occasion.

In his message, the Patron and Principal congratulated IIIM,



Jammu & GDC (Boys) Udhampur Team for thinking about such kind of preliminary interaction to aware the young minds of the college and applauded the plan and programme.

Dr. Saran & Er. Varma, sensitized students and faculty about the developing startup's ecosystem, and informed them about the idea pitching "Hackathon 2.0" which is proposed in the upcoming week and also about the "Startup Conclave" wherein more than 100 startups will be show-

casing their innovation in the Conclave.

The event is proposed at GDC (Boys) Udhampur College ground. The patron hoped that this Conclave would indeed give a new leap and life to the Startups at Udhampur.

Prior to this the Program started with welcoming of the guests by Dr. Pankaj Sharma, Convener Start-Conclave Facilitation Committee of the College.

After this there were two technical sessions conducted by Dr. Sau-

rabh Saran and Er. Ankush Varma regarding the Hackathon 2.0, and the Startup Conclave to be held in the College. They both shared the success stories of start-ups of Jammu & how CSIR-IIIM did the hand holding in the initial days of their entrepreneurial journey.

Large number of students from various departments of the college participated in the awareness cum interactive session and also shared their

ideas about start-ups. The programme was attended by Prof. Babu Lal Thakur, Dr. Bandana Mazal, and assisted by Dr. Richa Sharma, Dr. Jasmeet Kour, Dr. Devi Das, Dr. Asha Sohil, Dr. Rajesh Manhas, Prof. Rakesh Singh alongwith Dr. Jang Bahadur Singh and many other staff members of the college.

At the end the vote of thanks was tendered by Prof. Shaji Khan Senior Faculty and Co-Convenor of the Start-up Conclave facilitation committee of the College.

As Writers Guild of America go on strike demanding a fair deal, the clamour spreads far and wide—reward the writers not just with a pat on the back but also a fat cheque

Seeking higher minimum pay and more writers per show among other demands, over 11,000 members of the Writers Guild of America (WGA) stopped working on Tuesday. Hollywood is going through turmoil as WGA and the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, which represents studios and production companies wage a war.

Many major productions will be delayed, shortened or even scrapped due to this fiasco. Among the early casualties is the new episode of NBC's Saturday Night Live, which Pete Davidson was to host with Lil Uzi Vert as the musical guest, was cancelled. The shadow of uncertainty looms large on many ongoing television series.

"Everything's changed, but the money has changed in the wrong direction," said Kelly Galuska, 39, a writer for The Bear on FX and Big Mouth on Netflix. "We hate to strike, but if we must, we strike hard. Pencils down in the Cobra Kai writers' room. No writers on the sets. These aren't fun times, but it's unfortunately necessary..."



tweeted screenwriter Jon Hurwitz! The last Hollywood strike, from the same union in 2007 and 2008, took three months to resolve.

Screenplay writer Sukhmani Sadana feels for the cause. "The strike is unfortunate, but the circumstances must be dire to have led to it!" Sadana, who has been on the writers' team for Jogi and Rocketry, justifies the move. "I am sure the writers, who are already facing challenges, don't want to go on strike but at times one has to take a call to be just heard." She finds it unfortunate that the writers don't get their due. "I hope writers are valued universally. And that should come not just as a pat on the back but also a fat cheque!"

"It's a long fight for

Indian writers to ask for their due. Producers who back any content are solely entitled to make decisions and once you have signed the contract, you are on work-for-hire basis. With so much of talent around, screenwriters are always replaceable and for some who have some big hits to their credit are sometimes included in the decision making process involving production, casting and dialogues," avers Durgesh Singh, who has penned Gullak S2 and S3.

Atul Sabharwal, writer of Jubilee, says the process is way more complicated than what meets the eye. "Here in India, a writer signs a project for the minimum wage because they see it as an opportunity to

enter the entertainment world."

When the budget is less, the writing needs to be better to grip the audience. "One also needs to understand that writing in a film or show is just the first stop, a lot more money has to be pumped to make the final product. If the budget is low, the writing has to be really superlative."

We are with WGA Senior activist from the Screenwriters Association, India, Anjum Rajabali, says, "SWA is in complete solidarity with the strike declared by the Writers Guild Of America.

While American writers are relatively in a better position than the writers across the world, in terms of remuneration and rights, their pay

and working conditions do not measure up with the value they bring to the entertainment business. In India, we have an uphill struggle. Writers' contracts are one-sided with all the rights being taken away by studios and platforms. Remuneration is woefully inadequate, there is no credit guarantee, termination can be arbitrary."

Hoping for fruitful results

Varun Grover, national-award winning lyricist and writer, says, "The strike was needed. It is about time writers in Hollywood as well as in India fought against exploitation. I am hoping for some fruitful results. Like in Hollywood, there's no royalty for the screenwriters in India for every re-run or character spin-off or products marketed on their content. Writers are still paid one tenth of the minimum wage that SWA has described in their guidelines for a new writer.

The biggest challenge that we have is to change the mindset that we are not just a part of the filmmaking machinery but are the rightful initiators.

Emma Watson on her almost 5-year break from acting



Emma Watson hasn't acted since December 2018, when she wrapped production of Greta Gerwig's beloved Little Women adaptation.

Considering the Harry Potter actor's break from acting would touch five years at the end of 2023, she was asked about the reason for her staying away from the

camera. In a recent interview, she said that she "wasn't very happy" with the profession.

"I think I felt a bit caged," Watson said. "The thing I found really hard was that I had to go out and sell something that I really didn't have very much control over. To stand in front of a film and have every journalist be able to say, 'How does this align with your viewpoint?' It was very difficult to have to be the face and the spokesperson for things where I didn't get to be involved in the process."

Watson, whose acting career includes eight Harry Potter movies along with Darren Aronofsky's Noah, The Perks of Being a Wallflower, The Bling Ring, Beauty and the Beast starred as Meg March in Little Women.

Kylie Jenner denied entry at Met Gala after-party

Reality TV star and makeup mogul Kylie Jenner was all ready to join other stars at the Met Gala after-party in New York City.

She arrived in the wee hours, but unfortunately, she couldn't enter the bash, which was hosted by Richie Akiva, Doja Cat and Sean 'P. Diddy' Combs.

"They wouldn't let her in," said a witness.

"They shut the door down because it was over capacity." Another source claims that The Kardashians star arrived after midnight to meet up with her sister Kendall Jenner and Bad Bunny who were already inside.

However, things were "chaotic" as there were over 100 people clamouring to get to the door.

While Kylie was a welcome VIP and could just wait to be escorted into the bash through a side door, the cosmetics mogul got out of her car before organisers were ready for her arrival.

"She prematurely got out of her car," explained the source. "Then she decided to go home because she didn't want to be at a crowded party. She



rarely goes to clubs." Apparently, Kylie wasn't the only celebrity who was denied entry that night.

Janelle Monae, who had performed on top

of the bar during a posh party at the Boom Boom Room earlier, and Gossip Girl star Evan Mock were turned away because the door was closed due to capacity.

Kevin Costner's wife Christine Baumgartner files for divorce

Yellowstone star Kevin Costner and his wife Christine Baumgartner are separating. Baumgarten has filed for divorce after 18 years of marriage.

Costner's representative said, "It is with great sadness that circumstances beyond his

control have transpired which have resulted in Mr Costner having to participate in dissolution of marriage action. We ask that his, Christine's, and their children's privacy be respected as they navigate this difficult time," the representative added.

The pair tied the knot in September 2004 and have three children together, sons Cayden, 15, and Hayes, 14, daughter Grace, 12. Costner, 68, also has four older children from previous relationships—daughters Annie and Lily and sons Joe and Liam.



Wamiqa Gabbi praises Zeenat Aman as an actress who always stood out from the rest

In a recent interview with Zeenat Aman, Zakir Khan asked the actress if she wanted to play a character from the hit series Jubilee, which one would it be? She replied, "Niloufar. Dandam hai."

Wamiqa Gabbi, who plays the role, said it was a huge compliment. She shared, "I remember watching her films.

She is one of the most confident, progressive and unapologetically sexy actresses. Zeenat Aman always stood out from the rest. She embodies the term confident. It was just so beautiful to be validated by an absolute diva, who resonated with my portrayal of Niloufar. It's overwhelming for me to just know that she's



watched the series, she loved it, and, if given a chance, she would like to play Niloufar. I am honoured." Jubilee is a period drama that revolves around the golden era of the Hindi film industry during the 1940s and 1950s. The series stars Prosenjit Chatterjee, Aparshakti Khurana, Aditi Rao Hydari and Ram Kapoor.

Erica Fernandes on portraying Mosushmi's role in The Haunting

Amazon miniTV recently released a short film titled The Haunting. This short film revolves around a woman who is possessed by a demon due to her sister's passing. The lead actress, Erica Fernandes, describes how she approached the challenging sequences in a creative way. "Filming a short film can be an incredibly difficult process, and it often requires a lot of creativity and hard work. One of the most difficult scenes I had to shoot for this short film was the climax. It required a lot of coordination between the actors, crew and director to get everything just right. Additionally, there were many technical elements that had to be taken into account, such as lighting and camera angles. Despite the difficulty of this scene, I



am proud to say that it turned out great in the end," Erica said.

"Working on a real-life story can be an emotionally draining experience. It is often difficult to separate the character from the actor, and this can leave a lasting impact. The role made me

more aware of my own feelings and emotions, and how they are connected to the characters that I portray.

The story also gave me a better understanding of how people's lives can be shaped by their experiences and circumstances," the actor added.

Backstreet Boys land in Mumbai, paparazzi does a repeat of NMACC

The clocks got wind back to the 1990s in Mumbai when the American boy band Backstreet Boys landed in the city recently. The band, which has given chartbusters like Show Me The Meaning, I Want It That Way, Shape of My Heart, is every 1990s kid favourite and opens the floodgates of nostalgia every time any of their tracks plays.

They were greeted by the paparazzi on their arrival, and the Indian paparazzi again came up with 'Ikade Ikade (here here)', 'Mumbai Mein Swagat



Hai' much like when they did the same at the opening of the

Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre in the city. It has left

everyone asking 'Tell me why' would Indian paparazzi do that.

The music artistes, who returned to India after 13 years, posed for the cameras and selfies with fans before making their way to the car.

The band is in India as part of their Backstreet Boys: DNA World Tour.

They will be performing in Mumbai and New Delhi. Backstreet Boys: DNA World Tour will play at Jio World Gardens, Mumbai on May 4 and Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi on May 5.

Makers of 'Godday Godday Chaa', starring Sonam Bajwa, have unveiled the trailer

Makers of Godday Godday Chaa, starring Sonam Bajwa, unveiled the trailer on Tuesday. Taking to Instagram, Sonam shared the movie's trailer and captioned it as, "Are you all ready??? Bahut mehnat te cha naal film banayi aa... trailer vekh ke dasseyo kiven da lageya #GoddayGoddayChaa

Trailer Out Now. #GoddayGoddayChaa releasing worldwide on 26th May."

The trailer features Sonam, Tania, Gitaj, Gurjazz, Nirmal Rishi in a new avatar.

The film takes a dig at the patriarchal rituals prevalent in Punjab back in the day, and also reunites Sonam Bajwa



and Tania for the second time after the success of Guddiyan Patole. Godday Godday Chaa has been written by 'Qismat 2' fame Jagdeep Sidhu and directed by the National award-winning director (Harjeeta) Vijay Kumar Arora, who also directed the superhit film, Guddiyan Patole.

Amit Shah Speaks To Manipur Chief Minister Amid Protests In State

The Centre, which is monitoring the situation in Manipur, has also dispatched teams of the Rapid Action Force (RAF) for deployment in violence-hit areas of the Northeastern state.

NEW DELHI, May 4 (Agencies): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday spoke to Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh and took stock of the situation in the state where violence broke out during a tribal agitation.

The Centre, which is monitoring the situation in Manipur, has also dispatched teams of the Rapid Action Force (RAF) for deployment in violence-hit areas of the Northeastern state.

The RAF is a specialised force to handle riot-like situations.

Officials said the home minister has spoken to the Manipur chief minister, who briefed him about the ground situation and the steps taken to restore peace. The troops of the Army and Assam Rifles have already



been deployed on the ground. Apart from these two forces, sufficient number of paramilitary forces were also available in Manipur for deployment in violence-hit areas.

Official sources said five companies of the RAF have been airlifted to Imphal while 15 other general duty companies have been asked to be in a state of readiness for deployment to the

state.

About 15 companies of the CRPF are already available in Manipur for deployment, the sources said.

Violence broke in some parts of Manipur on Wednesday during the 'Tribal Solidarity March' called by All Tribal Student Union Manipur (ATSUM) in Torbung area of Churachandpur district to protest the demand of non-tribal Meiteis, who dominate the Imphal Valley, for Scheduled Tribe (ST) status.

Thousands of agitators took part in the rally, during which clashes between tribals and non-tribals broke out, a senior police officer said.

Police fired several rounds of tear gas shells to control the situation, the officer said.

11 on way to wedding killed in SUV-truck collision in Chhattisgarh



BALOD, May 4 (Agencies): Eleven persons, including five women and two children, were killed when a sports utility vehicle (SUV) they were travelling in collided with a truck in Chhattisgarh's Balod district, police said on Thursday. The victims, natives

of Soram-Bhatgaon village in Dhamtari district, were on way to a wedding, police said, adding the accident took place near Jagtara village under Purur police station area on National Highway-30 on Wednesday night. The victims were going to attend a wed-

ding in Markatola village of Kanker district when their vehicle collided head on with the truck, said Arun Kumar Sahu, Station House Officer of Purur police station.

While 10 occupants of the Mahindra Bolero died on the spot, a child succumbed to injuries while being shifted to hospital, he said.

The bodies have been sent for postmortem, he said, adding efforts are on to trace the truck driver who fled the scene leaving behind his vehicle.

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has expressed grief over the incident.

7 killed as truck rams into auto-rickshaw in Bihar's Sitamarhi

SITAMARHI, May 4 (Agencies): Seven people, including children, were killed and four others injured when a speeding truck rammed into their auto-rickshaw in Bihar's Sitamarhi district, police said on Thursday.

The incident happened on Wednesday evening at Magolwa when they were returning to their native village after attending a wedding, police said.

"We are trying to identify the deceased. The injured have been admitted to the district hospital in Sitamarhi and their condition is



stated to be stable," SDO, Sadar (Sitamarhi), Prashant Kumar, said.

The bodies were sent for post-mortem, and further investigation is under way, he said. The truck driver fled

from the spot after the accident.

Chief Minister Nitish Kumar expressed grief over the loss of lives, and directed authorities to make all arrangements for proper treatment of the injured.

Manipur violence: Army deployed, 4,000 people shifted, internet cut, curfew imposed

The violence broke out on Wednesday during 'Tribal Solidarity March' called by ATSUM to protest demand of non-tribal Meiteis, who dominate Imphal Valley, for ST status

IMPHAL, May 4 (Agencies): The Army and Assam Rifles were deployed to control the situation in Manipur where violence broke out during a tribal agitation, a defence spokesperson said on Thursday.

So far, 4,000 people were rescued by the forces from the violence-hit areas, and given shelter, he said, adding that more people are being shifted to safer places.

The Army and Assam Rifles were requisitioned in the night, and along with the state police, the forces arrested the violence by the morning, the spokesperson said.

"Flag marches are being conducted to keep the situation under control," he said.



The violence broke out on Wednesday during 'Tribal Solidarity March' called by All Tribal Student Union Manipur (ATSUM) in Torbung area of Churachandpur district to pro-

test the demand of non-tribal Meiteis, who dominate the Imphal Valley, for Scheduled Tribe (ST) status.

Thousands of agitators took part in the rally, during which

clashes between tribals and non-tribals broke out, a senior police officer said.

Police fired several rounds of tear gas shells to control the situation, the officer said.

Agitated youths were seen gathering at Canchipur in Imphal West district and Soibam Leikai in Imphal East in the Valley calling for retaliation, the official said.

In view of the situation, curfew was imposed in non-tribal dominated Imphal West, Kakching, Thoubal, Jiribam and Bishnupur districts and tribal-dominated Churachandpur, Kangpokpi and Tengenoual districts.

Mobile internet services were suspended across the state for five days.

'Beti Bachao just a hogwash': Rahul Gandhi slams BJP over wrestlers-police scuffle

NEW DELHI, May 4 (Agencies): Hours after a scuffle broke out between protesting wrestlers and Delhi Police at Jantar Mantar, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi launched a blistering attack at the BJP, accusing it of unleashing atrocities on the daughters of India.

"Such behaviour with the players of the country is very shameful. 'Beti Bachao' is just a hogwash! In fact, BJP has never shied away from unleashing atrocities at the daughters of India," said the Gandhi scion on Twitter.

"It is very sad to see the tears of women sportspersons who

have brought laurels to the country and their families with their hard work and dedication. They should be heard and justice should be given," said Congress leader and Rahul Gandhi's sister Priyanka Gandhi.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal also slammed the BJP over the scuffle between grapplers and the cops.

"Such misbehaviour with the champion players of the country? This is very sad and shameful. The arrogance has rigged the mind of the BJP. These people want to run the whole system with hooliganism. They have made a mockery of the



whole system."

He appealed to the people to drive the BJP out of power.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee came out in the support of women wrestlers and said "I as a human being definitely stand by our wres-

tlers."

"Disrobing the honour of our daughters in this manner is utterly shameful. India stands by its daughters and I as a human being definitely stand by our wrestlers. Law is one for all "Law of the ruler" cant hijack the dignity of these fighters", said the chief minister.

"You can assault them but can't break their spirit. The fight is right and the fight will continue. Don't dare to hurt our wrestlers, the nation is watching their tears and the nation won't forgive you. I urge our wrestlers to stay strong, I share all my strength with them," she added.

Car Crushed After Collision With Bus In Maharashtra's Satara, 4 Killed



MUMBAI, May 4 (Agencies): Four people were killed in Maharashtra's Sangli when the

car they were travelling in collided with a bus, police said on Thursday. The horrific accident

occurred on the Vita-Newri road in Sangli district.

The two vehicles collided head-on, and four people in the car died on the spot. One person survived thanks to the airbags.

Visuals from the accident site, showed the car, a Ford Fiesta, crushed after crashing into the bus.

Famous bike rider and YouTuber Agastya Chauhan dies in tragic road accident

NEW DELHI, May 4 (Agencies): Famous bike rider and YouTuber Agastya Chauhan died in a tragic road accident while riding his racing bike at a speed of 300 kilometers per hour. Agastya, who had more than 12 lakh subscribers on YouTube, was on his way from Agra to Delhi when the incident occurred at the 47-kilometer milestone of the Yamuna Expressway.

The 25-year-old rider was a resident of Dehradun and had a large following on social media, where he shared his love for biking and adventure. His untimely demise has left his millions of fans in shock and disbelief.

According to reports, his bike hit a divider, causing him to lose control and crash. The impact was so severe that his helmet shattered, resulting in fatal injuries. Despite the best efforts of emergency services, he succumbed to his injuries on the spot.

Upon receiving news of the accident, the Tappal police station of Aligarh district rushed to the scene and took custody of his body. The body was then sent to the mortuary of Kailash Hospital in Jewar, Greater Noida, for post-mortem.

Aligarh's Senior Superintendent of Police IPS Kalanidhi Naithani said on the incident that the famous YouTuber bike racer died in this painful road accident. After the post-mortem of the dead body has been handed over to his family members.

In view of this incident, Aligarh Police has urged motorists to drive responsibly and avoid speeding on the roads.

Cyber alert issued against 'Royal' ransomware that attacks health, education sectors

NEW DELHI, May 4 (Agencies): The Indian cyber security agency has issued a warning against "Royal ransomware" virus that attacks critical sectors like communications, healthcare, education and even individuals and seeks pay-off in Bitcoins for not leaking personal data in the public domain.

The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team or CERT-In has stated in a latest advisory that this Internet spread ransomware sneaks in through phishing emails, malicious downloads, abusing RDP (remote desktop protocol) and other forms of social engineering.

This ransomware, cyber experts told PTI, was first detected in

January 2022 and it got active sometime around September last year even as the US authorities issued advisories against its spread.

"Royal ransomware is targeting multiple crucial infrastructure sectors, including manufacturing, communications, healthcare, education, etc., or individuals. The ransomware encrypts the files on a victim's system and attackers ask for ransom payment in bitcoin," the advisory said.

"Attackers also threaten to leak the data in public domain if denied payment," the advisory said.

CERT-In is the federal technology arm to combat cyber attacks and guard the cyber space against phishing and hacking assaults

and similar online attacks.

The advisory said the "threat actors have followed many tactics to mislead victims into installing the remote access software as a part of callback phishing, where they pretend to be various service providers."

The ransomware infects "using a specific approach to encrypt files depending on the size of the content."

"It will divide the content into two segments i.e. encrypted and unencrypted. The malware may choose a small amount of data from a large file to encrypt so as to increase the chances of avoiding caution or detection. It adds 532 bytes at the end of encrypted file for writing randomly gen-

erated encrypted key, file size of encrypted file and encryption percentages parameter," the CERT-In said.

The lethality of this virus can be gauged from the fact that before starting encryption of the data it attacks, the ransomware checks the state of targeted files and deletes shadow copies to "prevent recovery" through service.

After intruding into network, the malware tries to make persistence and lateral movement in the network. Even after getting access of domain controller, the ransomware disables anti-virus protocols. Moreover, the ransomware exfiltrates a large amount of data before encryption, the advisory said.

It has been observed,

it said, that 'Royal ransomware' does not share information like the ransom amount, any instructions, etc. on a note like other ransomware, instead it connects with the victim directly via a .onion URL route (darkweb browser).

The agency has suggested some countermeasures and Internet hygiene protocols to guard from this ransomware attack and others like it.

Maintain offline backup of data, and regularly maintain backup and restoration as this practice will ensure the organisation will not be severely interrupted and have irretrievable data.

It is also recommended to have all backup data encrypted, immu-

table (i.e., cannot be altered or deleted) covering the entire organisation's data infrastructure, it said.

The users should enable protected files in the Windows Operating System to prevent unauthorised changes to critical files and they should disable remote desktop connections, employ least-privileged accounts and limit users who can log in using remote desktop part from setting an account lockout policy.

A number of other best practices have been suggested by the agency, including basic ones like having an updated anti-virus in the computer systems and not clicking on unsolicited emails from unknown links.

Former US President Trump calls rape claim 'ridiculous' in video deposition

Says allegations were 'made up' and that the assault never happened

NEW YORK, May 4 (Agencies): Former US president Donald Trump called a writer's claims that he raped her at a Manhattan department store "the most ridiculous, disgusting story," testifying in a deposition shown in court that the allegations were "made up" and that the assault never happened.

Lawyers for accuser E. Jean Carroll played about 30 minutes of excerpts from the former president's deposition, including his emphatic denial of the longtime advice columnist's accusation that he attacked her in the mid-1990s in a Bergdorf Goodman dressing room.

"If it did happen, it would have been reported within minutes," Trump said, contending that shoppers and employees at the "very busy store" would've heard a commotion and alerted authorities.

"It's the most ridiculous, disgusting story. It's just made up," Trump said in the video deposition taken in October.

Several jurors leaned forward, watching without expression as the video played on individual monitors in front of their seats.

In other developments on Wednesday, Trump's attorneys said they would not call any witnesses, and the judge said closing arguments would likely happen Monday before the jury begins deliberations on Tuesday.

Trump has not attended the trial and will not testify, giving his deposition more weight. Asked about the case while travelling in Ireland on Wednesday, Trump told reporters: "I hear we're doing very well in New York."

Jurors in federal court in Manhattan are expected to hear more of Trump's deposition Thursday, followed by three more witnesses being called to the stand by Carroll's lawyers.

Carroll is seeking unspeci-



fied monetary damages and a retraction of Trump statements that she alleges were defamatory.

Trump has denied ever knowing Carroll, saying once that "she's not my type" and arguing that her claims are politically motivated attempts to smear his reputation and deny him the White House.

His deposition denials punctuated an emotional day in court that saw more allegations of inappropriate behaviour with women and the playing of the infamous "Access Hollywood" video in which Trump bragged about grabbing women's genitals without asking permission.

Natasha Stoyhoff, a former writer for People magazine, testified through tears that Trump forcibly kissed her against her will while showing her around his Mar-a-Lago estate just after Christmas in 2005 for an article about his first wedding anniversary with his third wife, Melania.

Before the trial, Trump's lawyers were unsuccessful in trying to block jurors from seeing the "Access Hollywood" video and hearing from Stoyhoff, who said she told only a few people about the alleged incident at the time, but decided to go public after seeing the tape and Trump's subsequent denials at a 2016 debate.

"The horrifying part to me was that I worried, because I didn't say anything at the time, other women were hurt by him so I had to regret," Stoyhoff said.

Stoyhoff started to cry when asked about her trip to interview the Trumps in Palm Beach, Florida, reaching for tissues and pausing between questions to pat her eyes. Stoyhoff testified that Trump drew her away from staff and a photography crew with a ruse of wanting to show her a "really great room" at the estate, before cornering her and kissing her.

Stoyhoff, a Canadian who adopted an old family name for her writing career, recalled the door shutting behind her and that Trump soon "had his hands on my shoulders, pushed me against the wall and started kissing me." The encounter lasted several minutes, said Stoyhoff, whose real name is Nancy Stevens.

"I tried to push him away," Stoyhoff said, explaining how Trump came at her again and how she again tried shoving him away. She was "so shocked and flustered" she was unable to speak and didn't scream, she said.

"No words came out of me," Stoyhoff told jurors.

Trump showed no signs of stopping, but suddenly pulled

away when a butler came into the room to report that Melania was ready for the next phase of the interview, Stoyhoff said.

As they walked to a patio area, Stoyhoff said, Trump told her "you know we're going to have an affair," and reminded her that his second wife, Marla Maples, had once bragged to a tabloid that sex with Trump was the best she ever had.

Trump has denied that he ever tried to kiss Stoyhoff. Trump's lawyer, Joseph Tacopina, suggested she had no relevance to Carroll's case and ended his cross-examination after asking her a single question: Was she involved in any litigation against Trump? She isn't.

Stoyhoff's testimony came a day after another woman, former stockbroker Jessica Leeds, testified that Trump grabbed her breasts and tried to put his hand up her skirt when they were seated next to each other on a late-1970s airline flight.

Carroll kept her claims against Trump secret for 17 years, telling just two close friends before going public with the allegations in a 2019 memoir. In the book, she described how a sometimes flirtatious chance encounter with Trump at the department store in spring 1996 ended with violence when Trump cornered her in a dressing room after they challenged each other to try on a piece of lingerie.

Trump's lawyers attacked Carroll's credibility through exhaustive cross-examination, questioning why she didn't scream out for help during the alleged attack and why she never went to police.

A psychologist testifying on Carroll's behalf said Wednesday that it's common for rape victims to fall silent and blame themselves.

Police arrest suspect in fatal mass shooting at Atlanta medical centre



ATLANTA, May 4 (Agencies): Police have arrested a former US Coast Guardsman suspected of killing one person and wounding four, all of them women, in a shooting on Wednesday at a medical building in Atlanta, then carjacking a vehicle to flee the scene, authorities said.

The suspected gunman, identified as Deion Patterson, 24, was taken into custody without incident after an undercover officer spotted him north of the city in suburban Cobb County several hours after the 12:30 p.m. shooting at the Northside Medical facility, police said.

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in an emailed statement that the woman killed was one of its employees, but did not identify her. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution newspaper identified the slain woman as Amy St. Pierre, citing her husband Julian St. Pierre.

The motive for the shooting, and whether the suspect knew or targeted any of his victims, had yet to be determined, police said.

"We know that he had an appointment at the facility, but why he did what he did, all of that

is under investigation," Atlanta's deputy police chief of criminal investigations, Charles Hampton, said at a news briefing after the arrest.

Atlanta Police Chief Darin Schierbaum told an earlier press conference that it was too early in the investigation to determine if the five women who were shot were patients or employees.

The woman who died was 39. The four wounded women ranged in age from 25 to 71, media reported. Three of them were in critical condition and underwent surgery at Grady Memorial Hospital, officials said. The fourth was treated at the hospital's emergency room.

Schierbaum described them as "fighting for their lives." Hampton said the gunman opened fire with a pistol and was only inside the medical center for about two minutes, then fled on foot and headed to a nearby gasoline station, where he commandeered a pickup truck that had been left running unattended and drove away.

At one point during the hunt, police searched a building under construction that the suspect had entered near Battery Atlanta, a commercial complex being devel-

oped adjacent to Truist Park stadium, home of the Atlanta Braves baseball team, Cobb County Police Chief Stuart VanHoozer told reporters. But that search came up empty-handed, he said.

The suspect's apparent proximity to the Battery "was a concern to us because many people would be at that location," the chief said.

Police analyzed a barrage of surveillance camera images and telephone tips from the public on sightings to ultimately narrow down the suspect's location, VanHoozer said.

The gunman arrived at the medical center with his mother, Schierbaum said, but she was not injured. Police said she and other family members were cooperating with investigators.

Little was immediately known about the suspect's background.

The U.S. Coast Guard said Patterson joined the force in July 2018 and was discharged from active duty in January, after having last served as an electrician's mate second class. No reason for his discharge was given.

Mayor Andre Dickens decried the shooting as the latest act of carnage in what has become "a national epidemic of gun violence" turning schools, workplaces, churches and doctors' offices into potential killing zones.

He said active-shooter drills have become so common that a business in the area of Cobb County where Patterson was arrested happened to be conducting such an exercise as police closed in on the suspect nearby.

14 killed, 25 injured as passenger bus rams into truck in Egypt

CAIRO, May 4 (Agencies): A passenger bus has slammed into a slowly moving truck on a highway in southwestern Egypt, killing at least 14 people, officials and local media say.

The crash took place late on Wednesday in the New Valley province, according to its governor, Mohamed el-Zamout. Twenty-five others were injured, he added in a statement.

Seventeen ambulances were dispatched to the accident scene to transfer victims to nearby hospitals and morgues, he added.

The statement did not elaborate what caused the crash.

A local daily, el-Shorouk, quoted an unnamed official as saying that the bus slammed into the truck which was "nearly parking" on the road. It reported that the bus was carrying 45 people heading to the capital, Cairo.

Deadly traffic accidents claim thousands of lives every year in Egypt, which has a poor transportation safety record. The collisions are mostly caused by speeding, bad roads or poor enforcement of traffic laws.

McDonald's franchises fined for child labour violations

LOUISVILLE, May 4 (Agencies): Two 10-year-olds are among 300 children who worked at McDonald's restaurants illegally, a Labor Department investigation of franchisees in Kentucky found.

Agency investigators found the 10-year-olds received little or no pay at a McDonald's in Louisville, the Labor Department said. The franchisee for the Louisville store was among three McDonald's franchisees fined USD 212,000 in total by the department.

Louisville's Bauer Food LLC, which operates 10 McDonald's locations, employed 24 minors under the age of 16 to work more hours than legally permitted, the agency said. Among those were two 10-year-old children. The agency said the children sometimes worked as late as 2 am, but were not paid.

"Below the minimum age for employment, they prepared and distributed food orders, cleaned the store, worked at the drive-thru window and operated a register," the Labor Department said Tuesday, adding that one child also was allowed to operate a deep fryer, which is prohibited task for workers under 16.

Franchise owner-operator Sean Bauer said the two 10-year-olds cited in the Labor Department's statement were visiting their parent, a night manager, and weren't employees.

"Any work" was done at the direction of — and in the presence of — the parent without authorization by franchisee organisation management or leadership," Bauer said Wednesday in a prepared statement, adding that

they've since reiterated the child visitation policy to employees.

Federal child labour regulations put strict limits on the types of jobs children can perform and the hours they can work.

The Kentucky investigations are part of an ongoing effort by the Labor Department's Wage and Hour Division to stop child labour abuses in the Southeast.

"Too often, employers fail to follow the child labour laws that protect young workers," said division Director Karen Garnett-Civils. "Under no circumstances should there ever be a 10-year-old child working in a fast-food kitchen around hot grills, ovens and deep fryers."

In addition, Walton-based Archways Richwood LLC and Louisville-based Bell Restaurant Group LLC allowed minors ages 14 and 15 to work beyond allowable hours, the department said. Archway Richwood didn't immediately return a call seeking comment and Brdancat Management Inc., which Bell Restaurant Group is part of, declined comment.

"These reports are unacceptable, deeply troubling and run afoul of the high expectations we have for the entire McDonald's brand," McDonald's USA spokeswoman Tiffanie Boyd said. "We are committed to ensuring our franchisees have the resources they need to foster safe workplaces for all employees and maintain compliance with all labour laws."

Oklahoma sex offender fatally shot 6, then killed self, says official

OKLAHOMA, May 4 (Agencies): An Oklahoma sex offender who was released from prison early shot his wife, her three children and their two friends in the head and then killed himself, authorities confirmed on Wednesday as concerns grew about why he was free as his trial on new sex charges loomed.

Okmulgee Police Chief Joe Prentice said that the victims had each been shot in the head one to three times with a 9 mm pistol when they were found on Monday near a creek and in a heavily wooded area in rural Oklahoma.

The bodies apparently had been moved there from where they were originally killed, the scene "staged" before Jesse McFadden, a 39-year-old convicted sex offender, killed himself, Prentice said in the first major update on the case.

The discovery of the bodies near McFadden's home in Henryetta, a town of about 6,000 about 90 miles (145 kilometers) east of Oklahoma City, came on the very day that he was to stand trial on charges that he solicited nude images from another teen while he was imprisoned for rape.

Authorities have declined to release a motive for the shootings, but McFadden had vowed not to return to prison in a series of ominous messages with his young victim.

According to screen

grabs of the messages, forwarded to KOKI in Tulsa by the now 23-year-old woman McFadden allegedly groomed from prison, he said he was having success at a marketing job and "making great money." His "great life" was now crumbling, he wrote, because of the soliciting and possessing images of child sex abuse charges.

"Now it's all gone," he texted. "I told you I wouldn't go back."

"This is all on you for continuing this," he finished.

A solicitation conviction can mean a 10-year sentence; the pornography charge could mean 20 years behind bars.

Prentice declined Wednesday to speculate on whether that is what led to the shooting.

"Everyone wants to understand why," he said. "Normal people can't understand why. People who perpetrate crimes like this are evil and normal folks like us can't understand why they do it."

Authorities began a search after 14-year-old Ivy Webster and 16-year-old Brittany Brewer, who were visiting the family over the weekend, were reported missing. Concerns grew when McFadden failed to appear at his long-delayed jury trial.

McFadden had been sentenced to 20 years in 2003 for first-degree rape in the sexual assault of a 17-year-old and was freed three years early, in part for

good behaviour, despite facing new charges that he used a contraband cell phone in 2016 to trade nude photos with the woman, then 16. He was released in 2020 after serving 16 years and nine months, even though the new charges could send him back to prison for many years if convicted.

"And they rushed him out of prison. How?" asked Janette Mayo, whose daughter, Holly Guess, 35, and her grandchildren, Rylee Elizabeth Allen, 17; Michael James Mayo, 15; and Tiffany Dore Guess, 13, were among those killed.

"Oklahoma failed to protect families. And because of that my children—my daughter and my grandchildren—are all gone," Mayo said. "I've lost my daughter and my grandchildren and I'm never going to get to see 'em, never going to get to hold them, and it's killing me."

Justin Webster, who said he allowed Ivy to join a sleepover at the McFadden home not knowing anything about the man's past, raised similar concerns about McFadden's release.

"To get to save some other children, to make a change is what I want to do," Webster told The AP during a tearful interview Tuesday in Henryetta, expressing a determination to "tell Ivy's story and our story and get our government officials and everybody to start speaking up loud and keeping those

pedophiles in jail."

"There needs to be repercussions and somebody needs to be held accountable. They let a monster out. They did this," Webster said.

A spokeswoman for the Oklahoma Department of Corrections did not immediately respond to a request for comment Wednesday on why McFadden was released despite facing new felony charges.

Prosecutors objected to any early release from prison, noting that McFadden had tied a 17-year-old's hands and feet to bedposts, cut her shirt off and raped her at knifepoint. At one point, he threatened to use the knife on her if she "did not shut up," court records show.

The circumstances have alarmed Republican state Rep. Justin Humphrey, who chairs his chamber's Criminal Justice and Corrections Committee. He vowed to determine how a person could commit sex crimes in prison and be released on good behaviour, and how McFadden was able to be in contact with minors while on sex offender supervision.

Rep. Scott Fetgatter, who represents the district where the killings occurred, said what happened was "absolutely unacceptable" and vowed to fix any potential loopholes in the law.

Court records show McFadden was charged with the new crimes in 2017 after a relative of

the young woman alerted authorities. Set free in October 2020, he was arrested the next month and then released on USD 25,000 bond pending trial, which was repeatedly delayed, in part due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

McFadden married Holly Guess in May 2022; what she knew of his record isn't clear. Mayo said the family didn't learn about her son-in-law's criminal history until a few months ago.

"He lied to my daughter, and he convinced her it was all just a huge mistake," said Mayo, of Westville.

Lee Berlin, a Tulsa-based defence attorney, told The Associated Press on Wednesday that he's shocked by what he described as a "panoply of errors" in the McFadden case. He said they include releasing McFadden from prison despite serious charges pending against him as well as "low" bail for McFadden once he was arrested on the new charges.

"I'm a sex-crimes defence attorney — this is all I do all day every day — and I'm like, how the hell does that happen?" Berlin said.

The grim discovery could push the number of people slain in mass killings past 100 for the year, according to a database maintained by The AP and USA Today in a partnership with Northeastern University.

Principal GDC Kathua conducts Interactive Programme with students



Top News Report

KATHUA, May 4: Principal Government Degree College Kathua Prof. Seema Mir Conducted her second interaction with the students Semester 4th and 6th of GDC Kathua on Thursday in the college multi-purpose hall.

The programme was aimed at the formal introduction with the students of semesters 4th and 6th.

The real aim was also to make students familiar with the upcoming developments in the college at larger scale.

Principal Prof. Seema Mir was accorded warm reception by the students and NCC Cadets Elite Sports Persons and NSS Volunteers on her arrival to the venue.

Principal was accompanied by the senior faculty members of the college Prof. Anirudh Sharma, Prof Raj Kiran, Convenor Sports Board, Prof. Jaswinder Singh, HOD Physics and Convenor College IQAC, Prof. Rakesh Singh Jasrotia, HOD Chemistry, Convenor NAAC, Controller Examination and Coordinator IGNOU, Prof Ritu Bhagat HOD Education, Dr Anupama Arora.

She was also welcomed by

presenting a floral bouquet by the senior faculty members of the college. A formal welcome address was presented by the Senior Faculty of the college Prof. Anirudh Sharma from Department of Physics.

In his address to the worthy Principal Prof. Seema Mir, he has showered the words of appreciation for her diligence in taking the revolutionary steps for the overall development of this premier Institute GDC Kathua.

Principal Prof. Seema Mir, in her address to the students and the faculty of the college, has appreciated the love and affection shown by the students on her arrival to the venue.

She has enthralled the students by her encouraging and highly motivated speech to the students. She has promised all help to the students to pursue their studies and wished them all success in life. She has also persuaded the students to take active part in extracurricular activities along with their studies. She has motivated them to join National Cadet Corps, National Service Scheme, and also to participate in Sports. She has highly elaborated that this is the need of time that

every student should develop overall personality to become the leaders of their respective fields.

Principal Prof. Seema Mir encouraged the female students to come forward and to show their ability in overcoming every difficulty of life.

While addressing to the audience, the Principal GDC Kathua Prof. Seema Mir, praised the students in keeping the winning morale of the College in all fields and also guided them to be disciplined in life and lean moral ethics.

The Principal also praised the Discipline Committee and Students Welfare Committees for their dedicated and hardworking attitude towards their work.

The proceedings of the Interactive Programme were conducted by Dr J S Soodan, Physical Director GDC Kathua.

Among others who were present Dr. Rachna Raj Convenor, Centre For Women Studies GDC Kathua, Prof. Shivani Kotwal HOD English and Dean Student Welfare, Dr. Shub Sharma, Co-Convenor Sports Board, Dr Sumit Dubey HOD Student Welfare, Dr Kailash HOD Mathematics, Dr. Upasna, Dr Pankaj Gupta,

Dr Surya Partap Singh, Prof. Rahul Sharma BCA, Prof. Anoop Sharma, Dr Ramkrishnan Botany, Dr Mateen Hafiz HOD Geology, Dr Himani Arora, Dr Jaswinder Singh BBA, Prof. Neha Mahajan, Dr Amita Dua, Dr Ambika, Dr Poonam, Dr Verinder Singh, Dr Manmohan Singh, Dr Shamsher Singh, Dr Amrik Singh, Dr Kamaldeep Singh and Prof. Vishav Deepika.

She also assured the students and the faculty for fetching good grade for the college during next NAAC Inspection and asked the students in making this institute a Heritage Institution of UT of Jammu and Kashmir. She has also proclaimed to make this campus Clean and Green. She has praised the Department of Sports, NCC and NSS in achieving higher numbers of medals and for the larger students participation in sporting activities.

She has also appreciated the achievements made by NCC and NSS GDC Kathua.

The Interactive Programme was concluded with the Vote of Thanks presented by senior faculty member Prof. Shivani Kotwal, HOD English GDC Kathua.

Liver stones removed through laser surgery

Top News Report

MOHALI, May 4: A young female patient with stones in liver was treated with laser surgery at IVY Hospital, Mohali recently.

She was suffering from recurrent abdominal pain, fever and loss of appetite. She had undergone laparoscopic cholecystectomy in 2014, but even after that she continued to suffer from the same symptoms. Multiple ERCP were done to alleviate pain and fever but was of no avail.

At Ivy she was diagnosed with recurrent pyogenic cholangitis with intrahepatic stones. Her MRCP revealed dilated & strictured segment II & III ducts with intra ductal stones.

The laparoscopic hepatic resection was



performed by Dr. GR Verma the former head of Surgical Gastroenterology at PGI Chandigarh and presently surgical gastroenterologist & GI onco surgeon at IVY.

Her post-operative period was uneventful and she was discharged within few days of surgery. After three months, patient was free of her symptoms.

This type of successful keyhole (laser surgery) in liver disease was performed for the first time at Ivy hospital, said Dr. Verma.

This rare disease affects young patients, mostly from J&K and Himachal Pradesh. It is advised that in such cases, before undergoing surgery, patients should seek consultation from an experienced GI Surgeon who is competent to perform Laser surgery if required, he asserted.

He further said that the advantage of laparoscopic liver resection (laser liver surgery) has been recognized and is gradually replacing conventional open liver resection in some experienced institutes worldwide. So far most cases of laparoscopic liver resections were performed in tumours. However, the benefits of this expertise have now been extended in non-tumour cases also, Dr. GR Verma maintained.

POJK Visathapit Sewa Samiti thanks LG Sinha for fulfilling demands



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 4: POJK Visathapit Sewa Samiti President Dr. Deepak Kapoor thanked Manoj Sinha, LG UT of Jammu and Kashmir for fulfilling most of their demands which were conveyed to LG through various representations and also at function organized at Sports Stadium Bhor Camp Chatha on March 6, 2023 where LG had announced allotment of land of PoJK Bhawan regularization of various colonies of PoJK displaced person and extension of period of

scheme of ex-gretia relief of 5.5 lakh to those PoJK to those PoJK Visthapit families settled in J&K. In this context the land was allotted for PoJK Bhawan at Suketar for which POJK Visthapit Sewa Samiti thanked and appreciated the prompt action by the government. Special thanks were conveyed to Manoj Sinha for getting issued order of extension of ex-gretia relief of Rs 5.5 lakh to the PoJK Visthapit Families settled within J&K up to April

31, 2024. Er. Arun Chowdhary General Secretary PoJK Visthapit Sewa Samiti stressed upon the demands of PoJK Visthapit Community like extension of ex-gretia relief Rs 5.5 lakh and allotment of land to those settled outside J&K, extension of date of getting Domicile Certificate for those settled outside J&K, increasing amount of ex-gretia relief to Rs 30 Lakh, reservation of seats in Professional Colleges and Jobs to PoJK Visthapit Community.

APS Dhar Road students selected for training on remote sensing at IIRS Dehradun

Top News Report

UDHAMPUR, May 4: Army Public School (APS) Dhar Road is known for the furtherance of the students. Maintaining the same consistency, Sujal Yadav and Raghav Slathia are selected for training on remote sensing at IIRS Dehradun under the project Yuvika ISRO.

It's a moment of pride for Northern Command, the APS fraternity, and District Udhampur, as they were able to make a place among 350 students all over India.

The Principal of the school, Dr. Jyoti Bedyal, is the driving



force behind all such achievements, and she always encourages children to take part in such competitions that help boost scientific temperament. She has also appreciated the Science faculty for their valuable contribution in nurturing the children.

The students have received more invigoration from Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi, Army Commander, Northern Command, who congratulated them for their extraordinary achievement by posting a tweet.

The parents of the selected students are highly grateful to the Principal, faculty members, and school management.

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Won't allow enemy to disturb peace in Kashmir: Army after foiling infiltration bid in Kupwara

He added that regularly efforts are being made from the other side of the border to disturb peace here. "All such efforts have been foiled. We are fully alert and every infiltration will be foiled," he said while praising the troops deployed at forward areas.

Meanwhile, SSP Kupwara while addressing the press conference said that they will continue to foil any attempts of enemy. "Alert troops are deployed at LoC. We continue to work jointly with army and share every intelligence input. No one can cross the LoC and disturb peace here," he said

Two militants were killed in an encounter in Machil sector on Wednesday as security forces foiled an infiltration bid along the Line of Control in Kupwara district. ails are being ascertained.

Two dead, five injured in Ramban hotel blaze

Meanwhile, District Magistrate Ramban has ordered an inquiry into the incident with Additional District Magistrate (Additional Deputy Commissioner Ramban) as its head.

Tehsildar Batote as well as Assistant Director Fire and Emergency Services Ramban will assist the inquiry officer, District Magistrate said.

Major JeM plot foiled, militant associate arrested

Bank comes for recovery, debtor commits suicide

hotels in Srinagar and other places as there is a serious input about a possible militant strike in Kashmir. The police recovered a grenade from Wani's possession, and he is being questioned, providing leads to the authorities.

The security review meeting in Srinagar was conducted by the Additional Director General of Police Kashmir, Vijay Kumar, focusing on the emerging threat of Vehicle-Based Improvised Explosive Devices (VBIEDs) and other potential modes of militant attacks, including Fidayeen.

The presence of a militant in a 5-star hotel and the audacious attack in Poonch last month on Army has led to elite Marine Commandos (MARCOS) and National Security Guards (NSG) being placed for the security of the G20 Group meeting in Srinagar. The official clarified that the hotel management had no knowledge of Wani's militant links, and he had developed links several months after working in the hotel.

Wanted timber smuggler detained under PSA in Baderwah

and stated that if the installment was not paid, then the bank should have sent a notice instead of coming personally and insulting them in front of their neighbours.

According to a police official, the case is currently under further investigation.

Wanted timber smuggler detained under PSA in Baderwah

Baderwah' remained at large and never

turned up, instead he used to intimidate the forest officials," the DFO said.

"His dossier was prepared and sent to Deputy Commissioner Doda for taking a final call. Yesterday afternoon (May 03), the DC Vishesh Paul Mahajan passed orders under Number 01/DM/Doda/PSA/2023

Dated 03/05/2023 for his detention under the stringent J&K Public Safety Act 1978." "Accordingly Police laid multiple nakas in and around Bhadarwah Valley, beside they cordoned off the Halian area and finally arrested the notorious smuggler late in the evening. The accused has been shifted to district jail Baderwah," DFO added.

Chander Shekhar said that some other persons from Tanta and Jaie area of Chirala Range, Rajpura Jatoota area of Bhalesa Range and Thanhala area of Neeru Range were also indulging in timber and MFP smuggling. We have prepared half a dozen dossiers and strict action against them too is on the cards.

"PSA was introduced in J&K in 1978, primarily to tame timber smugglers but it took 44 years till 2022 to book any one under this law from Jammu Province. Masood Ahmed from Thathri area of Baderwah Forest Division was the first person detained under PSA," said DFO adding, "This surely creates a lot of deterrence and after the the detention of Masood last year, 90 percent fever cases of illegal felling were reported from the area. Arrest of Aashiq Panga will go a long way in tightening the noose against habitual offenders." District Magistrate Doda, Vishesh Paul Mahajan had imposed a ban under Section 144 CrPC on sale, purchase and use of portable chain saw (Mechanical Cutters) in District Doda.

The decision of the District Magistrate has

been welcomed and appreciated by environmentalists and conservationists who have been raising concerns about timber smuggling in the region.

NIA raids 16 locations across J&K

militancy are being searched, they said. Meanwhile, raids were going on when this story was filed.

Jammu-Nagrota Road craves attention making mockery of 'Smart City' project

later this road will transform into a 'Pagdandi', like places have in the old times, thus giving meaning to Bullock Cart Road Viz BC Road.

Those who boast of making Jammu a 'Smart City' should once travel through this road and see by themselves the progress which they have made because this road is the testimony to the fact that what is being projected is not the reality as the real picture is quite scary as the case of the aforesaid road stretch.

The Lt Governor Manoj Sinha must have a ride on the aforesaid road connecting Jammu with Nagrota town and go through the fact that people are really suffering and officers sitting at the helm affairs are showing least concern towards the public issues and giving a bad name to the City of Temples.

It is the responsibility of the department concerned of J&K Administration to maintain this road without any further delay as after losing the sheen of being part of NH,

it should not deserve such a shabby deal.

MeT predicts rains amid temperature drops at most places in J&K

the weather is likely going to be cold till May 8.

Farmers have been also advised to avoid spraying of apple trees & harvesting of crops in Jammu region during May 6-8 as chances of rain is high.

Srinagar recorded a low of 10.3 degree Celsius against 10.4 degree Celsius on the previous night and it was 0.6 degree Celsius above normal for the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir. The maximum temperature was 2.6 degree Celsius below normal of 22.3 degree Celsius in Srinagar on Wednesday. Qazigund recorded a low of 7.2 degree Celsius against 8.8 degree Celsius a day ago and it was 1.3 degree Celsius below normal for the gateway of Kashmir. Pahalgam recorded a low of 2.0 degree Celsius against 5.2 degree Celsius on the previous night and it was 2.9 degree Celsius below normal for the famous tourist hot spot in south Kashmir. Kokernag recorded a low of 6.7 degree Celsius against 7.4 degree Celsius on the previous night and it was 1.7 degree Celsius below normal for the picnic spot of south Kashmir. Gulmarg recorded a low of 3.8 degree Celsius against 3.5 degree Celsius a day ago and it was 0.5 degree Celsius below normal for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district. Kupwara recorded a low of 9.6 degree Celsius against 8.7 degree Celsius on the previous night and it was 1.2 degree Celsius above normal for the frontier district of north Kashmir, the MeT office said.

Markets rebound; trade higher in early trade

The 30-share BSE Sensex climbs 77.64 points to 61,270.94 in early trade

MUMBAI, May 4 (Agencies): Equity benchmark indices climbed in early trade on Thursday amid continuous foreign fund inflows and buying in index major Reliance Industries.

The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 77.64 points to 61,270.94 in early trade. The broader NSE Nifty advanced 27.7 points to 18,117.55.

From the Sensex firms, Larsen & Toubro, Bajaj Finance, Titan, Tata Steel, Bajaj Finserv, State Bank of India, Tata Consultancy Services, NTPC and Reliance Industries



were the biggest gainers.

Power Grid, HCL Technologies, Tech Mahindra, ITC, Maruti and ICICI Bank were the laggards.

Foreign Institutional Investors were net buyers on Wednesday as they bought equities

worth Rs 1,338 crore, according to exchange data.

In Asian markets, Shanghai and Hong Kong quoted in the green, while Seoul traded lower.

The US markets had ended in the negative territory on Wednesday.

Cognizant to lay off 3,500 employees; Q1 revenue down by 0.3 per cent YoY

BENGALURU, May 4 (Agencies): US-headquartered Cognizant, which has a large presence in India, will lay off 1 per cent or 3,500 employees. The company will also expand its footprint in smaller cities in India in support of its hybrid work strategy.

Cognizant, which reported a 0.3% y-o-y decline in its revenue for Q1 at \$4.8 billion, said that it expects the personnel-related actions of the NextGen program, which is aimed at simplifying its operation model, to impact approximately 3,500 employees.

In connection with the NextGen program, it

expects to record costs of \$400 million with about \$350 million of such costs anticipated in 2023 and about \$50 million in 2024.

"This consists of approximately \$200 million of employee severance and other costs primarily related to non-billable and corporate personnel, which we expect to mostly incur in 2023," the company said.

It also expects to incur \$200 million of costs related to the consolidation of office space, with \$150 million in 2023 and \$50 million in 2024. "We do not expect the NextGen program to drive meaningful cost

savings until the second half of 2023 and the real estate actions will not begin to generate savings until 2024. By 2025, we expect to reduce our annual real estate costs by approximately \$100 million versus 2022," the company announced.

The company's net profit for the first quarter of 2023 stood at \$580 million, a 3% increase, compared to \$563 million in the same quarter last year.

The company expects its second-quarter revenue to be \$4.83 - \$4.88 billion, a decline of 0.6% to 1.6%, or a decline of 1.0% to flat in constant currency. For the full-year 2023,

revenue is expected to be \$19.2 - \$19.6 billion, or a decline of 1.2% to a growth of 0.8%, or a decline of 1.0% to a growth of 1.0% in constant currency.

"Our accelerated bookings growth in the quarter, which included several large deals and a healthy mix of new and expansion work, reflects the strengths of our services," said Ravi Kumar S, Chief Executive Officer.

"Having spent more than three months assessing the business, meeting with over a hundred clients and thousands of employees, I firmly believe Cognizant

has a strong foundation for accelerating growth," he added.

In 2023, the company expects to return approximately \$1.4 billion to shareholders through share repurchases and dividends, including \$800 million of share repurchases. Cognizant bookings in the first quarter grew 28% year-over-year. Its total headcount at the end of the first quarter was 351,500, a decrease of 3,800 from Q4 2022. Voluntary attrition - Tech Services on a trailing-twelve-month basis, declined to 23% from 26% in Q4 2022 and 30% in Q1 2022.

Microsoft expands AI access to public despite fear of tech firms rushing with dangerous technology

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4 (Agencies): Microsoft on Thursday expanded public access to its generative artificial intelligence programs, despite fears that tech firms are rushing ahead too quickly with potentially dangerous technology.

The AI-enhanced features of the company's Bing search engine and Edge internet browser are now open for anyone to use, Yusuf Mehdi, corporate vice president, said in a blog post.

"This means that it will now be easier than ever for everyone to try the new Bing and Edge by simply signing into Bing with your Microsoft Account," Mehdi said.

The services have been enhanced with the ability to work with images as well as text, and Microsoft intends to add video to the mix, according to the executive.

A Bing "Image Creator" was recently inte-



grated into its AI chatbot's repertoire, allowing it to generate visual, as well as written, content, Mehdi said.

"We are expanding Image Creator to all languages in Bing," he added.

"So now you can create images in your native language."

Risks from AI include its potential uses for fraud, with voice clones, deep-fake videos and convincing written messages.

A range of experts in March urged a pause

in the development of powerful AI systems to allow time to make sure they are safe.

Their open letter, signed by more than 1,000 people, including billionaire Elon Musk and Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak, was prompted by generative AI technology from Microsoft-backed firm OpenAI.

"AI systems with human-competitive intelligence can pose profound risks to society and humanity," the letter read.

"Powerful AI systems should be developed only once we are confident that their effects will be positive and their risks will be manageable," it said.

A prominent computer scientist often dubbed "the godfather of artificial intelligence" recently quit his job at Google to speak out about the dangers of the technology.

Geoffrey Hinton said at an MIT forum on Wednesday that it makes sense to halt the development of AI.

But he added that the idea is naive given the intense competition between countries and companies involved in the sector.

Hinton, who created some of the technology underlying AI systems, maintained that the existential threat from AI is "serious and close."

In the three months since AI-powered Bing and Edge were unveiled, more than a half a billion chats have taken place, according to Mehdi.

Microsoft has so far seen people make more than 200 million images with Bing creator software, Mehdi said.

"We believe innovating and learning in the open is part of a responsible approach," he added.

"Our teams continue to work to address issues such as misinformation and disinformation, content blocking, data safety and preventing the promotion of harmful or discriminatory content in line with our AI principles."

Banks have Rs 6,521 crore exposure to insolvent Go First airlines

MUMBAI, May 4 (Agencies): With Go First Airlines filing for bankruptcy, the lenders are staring at a huge hit to their loans to the budget airline. Banks have exposure of around Rs 6,521 crore to the airline and its financial troubles will make it difficult for the lenders to recover their loans from the airline.

The lenders to Wadia-group owned Go First include Central Bank of India, Bank of Baroda, Axis Bank, IDBI Bank, and Deutsche Bank. The banks will hold a meeting on Thursday to discuss about their future course of action regarding their exposure to the cash-strapped airline. "It is a consortium loan to the airline. We will meet tomorrow (Thursday) to discuss this issue," a senior official of one of the banks having exposure to the airline told this newspaper. Go First had cancelled flights its flights after the company filed an application for voluntary insolvency on Tuesday. Public sector lender Central Bank of India has the highest exposure of nearly Rs2,000 crore to the airline. Bank of Baroda's exposure is around Rs 1,430 crore, while Deutsche Bank's exposure is about Rs 1,320 crore.

The exposure of IDBI Bank is much less at Rs 50 crore. "Central Bank of India's outstanding exposure to Go First Airlines as on March 31, 2023, is Rs 1,305 crore and additional amount of Rs 682 crore sanctioned under emergency line of credit guaranteed by Government of India. Our exposure to the Company is only 0.91% of our total advances as of March 31,

2023, and interest charged upto April 30, 2023, is serviced by the company," Central Bank of India said in a filing to the Bombay Stock Exchange.

The bank has made contingency provisions of more than Rs 1,500 crore in the books to strengthen the balance sheet. Axis Bank clarified on Wednesday that it has no outstanding exposure to the airline. "We would like to inform that as on date Axis Bank has Nil (fund based and non-fund based) outstanding from Go Airlines," said Axis Bank in a filing to the BSE.

The impact of banks' exposure to the airline was also visible in the stock market as shares of the banks plunged on Wednesday. Shares of Central Bank of India declined 5% to Rs 28.65 apiece, Bank of Baroda shares declined 2% to Rs 184 apiece while Axis Bank shares closed 1% to '860 apiece on the BSE.

Banks are not much hopeful about the recovery of loans. Lenders believe that once a company files for bankruptcy the process of recovery becomes time consuming due to many claims and counter claims. Usually, the recovery from such cases is around 20-30% of total loans.

In total, the airline's liabilities to all creditors stand at Rs 11,463 crore, including dues to banks, financial institutions, vendors and aircraft lessors. The Wadia group's airline had blamed Pratt & Whitney for its decision to file a voluntary bankruptcy petition with the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).

Women twice likely to be hospitalised post heart attack than men: Study

NEW YORK, May 4 (Agencies): Women aged 55 years and younger have nearly double the risk of being hospitalised in the year immediately after a heart attack compared to men of similar age, according to a study.

The study of 2,979 patients -- 2,007 women and 972 men -- at 103 US hospitals showed that nearly 30 per cent of patients were hospitalised again in the year after first leaving the hospital following a heart attack.

Most of those revisits peaked within the first month of a patient's discharge, then slowly declined in subsequent months. The researchers found that women had nearly twice the risk (1.65 times higher risk) of hospitalisation than men.

For men and women, coronary-related complications -- those such as heart attacks and angina that are related to blood vessel blockage -- were the leading cause of re-hospitalisation. Yet, the rate of coronary-related complications for women was nearly 1.5 times higher than that of men -- driven in large part by risk factors such as obesity and diabetes.

Higher rates of risk factors such as obesity, heart failure and depression among women most likely contributed to the disparity, revealed the study published in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology.

"We have shown for the first time that rehospitalisations following heart attacks in women aged 55 and younger are accompanied by certain non-cardiac factors, such as depression and low-income, that appear more common in women than men and are associated with more adverse outcomes," said corresponding author Harlan M. Krumholz,



a cardiologist and professor of medicine at the Yale School of Medicine, in Connecticut, US.

"The study reveals a need for paying greater attention to these non-cardiac risk factors in younger women in order to help design better clinical interventions and improve outcomes after discharge for a heart attack," Krumholz added.

The re-hospitalisations were also caused by events not related to heart disease or stroke but due to non-cardiac reasons such as digestive problems, depression, bleeding, and pneumonia.

The reasons behind these higher non-cardiac rates are unclear, but the researchers found a higher percentage of women than men tended to identify as low income (48 per cent vs 31 per cent) and had a higher history of depression (49 per cent vs 24 per cent). While low income is not a medical measure, it is often associated with poor health status due to limited access to healthcare.

The risk for depression is known to increase following a heart attack and may be a risk factor in higher hospitalisation rates due in part to under-treatment of the condition in women. However, further studies will be needed to further explore how these factors affect disparate hospitalisations following a heart attack.

Lilly drug slows Alzheimer's progression by 35pc in trial

The drug, donanemab, met all primary and secondary goals of the trial

CHICAGO, May 4 (Agencies): An experimental Alzheimer's drug developed by Eli Lilly and Co slowed cognitive decline by 35 per cent in a closely watched late-stage trial, the company said on Wednesday, raising hopes for a second effective treatment for the brain-wasting disease.

The drug, donanemab, met all primary and secondary goals of the trial. It slowed progression of Alzheimer's by 35 per cent to 36 per cent compared to a placebo in 1,182 people diagnosed with early-stage disease based on scans showing brain deposits of a protein called amyloid and intermediate levels of a second protein known as tau, Lilly said.

The trial's other 552 patients had high levels of tau, suggesting they would be less likely to respond to the treatment.

After combining both groups, donanemab was shown to slow progression of Alzheimer's by 22 per cent using a Lilly-developed scale to measure cognition and activities of daily living, and by 29 per cent

based on a more commonly used scale of dementia progression.

"These are the strongest phase 3 data for an Alzheimer's treatment to date. This further underscores the inflection point we are at for the Alzheimer's field," said Maria Carrillo, chief science officer for the Alzheimer's Association.

Using the commonly used dementia scale, trial results published last year showed that Eisai Co Ltd and Biogen Inc's Leqembi reduced the rate of cognitive decline by 27 per cent compared to a placebo in patients with early Alzheimer's.

Eli Lilly's shares rose 8.3 per cent to \$437.55, while Biogen fell nearly 5 per cent to \$293.99 in premarket trading.

In the donanemab treatment group, Lilly said brain swelling, a known side effect of drugs of this type, occurred in 24 per cent of the participants, with 6.1 per cent experiencing symptoms. Brain bleeding occurred in 31.4 per cent of the donanemab group and 13.6 per cent of the placebo group.

In the Leqembi Phase



3 trial, the drug was associated with brain swelling in nearly 13 per cent of its study participants.

Lilly said the incidence of serious brain swelling in the donanemab study was 1.6 per cent, including two participants whose deaths were attributed to the condition and a third who died after an incident of serious brain swelling.

Dr. Eric Reiman, executive director of the Banner Alzheimer's Institute, which is running an Alzheimer's prevention study of donanemab in presymptomatic patients, said he was "very excited" about the findings. "Clearly, one saw benefits here, but there is some risk that needs to be considered."

The company said it

plans to file for traditional U.S. approval by the end of June and with regulators from other countries shortly thereafter.

"There are risks in medicine, but I think when you look at these results in the context of a fatal life-threatening disease, these results are quite meaningful," said Lilly Neuroscience executive Anne White in an interview with Reuters.

Study participants received a monthly intravenous infusion of donanemab. When follow-up brain scans showed that amyloid had been removed, the treatment was stopped and volunteers were moved to the placebo arm of the study. Half of the trial participants had no evidence of amyloid plaques at 12 months,

the company said.

It also said 47 per cent of donanemab patients in the 18-month trial had no disease progression at 12 months, compared with 29 per cent of the placebo group.

Lilly's drug is likely to become the third in its class on the market following U.S. approval of two similar medicines developed by partners Eisai and Biogen - Leqembi and Aduhelm, which failed to gain traction with doctors or insurers after showing little evidence that they slowed cognitive decline.

Both were approved under the FDA's accelerated review program, based on their ability to remove amyloid plaques.

Leqembi is currently undergoing the FDA's standard review process, which will weigh its impact on cognitive function, with a decision due by July 6.

More than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's, and the number is projected to rise to nearly 13 million by 2050, according to the Alzheimer's Association.

Ishan, Surya star in easy MI victory over Punjab Kings

The win pushed MI (10 points from nine matches) to top-six, ahead of Punjab (10 from 10 matches) on net run-rate.

MOHALI, May 4 (Agencies): Ishan Kishan's stylish 75 off 41 balls was complemented by Suryakumar Yadav's 360-degree effort that fetched 66 off 31 balls as Mumbai Indians powered to a six-wicket victory over Punjab Kings in an IPL match, here.

Uncapped Jitesh Sharma (49; 27b) matched T20 specialist Liam Livingstone (82 not out; 42b) in flair and flamboyance as the duo stepped up in style in the back end to propel Punjab Kings to a fighting 214/3 after Mumbai Indians opted to bowl.

But Ishan was at his furious best in a 41-ball 75 (7x4, 4x6), while Suryakumar Yadav batted with his usual flair in a 31-ball 66 (8x4, 2x6) to make a mockery of 200-plus chase, winning with seven balls to spare.

The duo added 116 runs from just 55 balls as MI raced to the target with seven balls to spare to secure their fifth win from nine matches.

Arshdeep Singh took a stunning catch to dismiss Suryakumar off Aussie seamer Nathan Ellis (2/34) and then he came to bowl the next over and accounted for Ishan with a knuckle ball.

The duo were dismissed in eight runs to open up the match with 37 runs needed off 22 balls but Tim David (19 not out) and Tilak Verma (26 not out) sealed the chase.

Tilak Verma (26 not out off 10 balls) launched mercilessly into Arshdeep Singh, who went for 66 in 3.5 overs as it finished in a jiffy in the end.

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From being 0/1, it was only a one-way traffic for Mumbai Indians with Ishan forging a counter-attacking fifty-plus partnership with Cameron Green (23; 18b) to set the tempo.

The duo got it going against



Punjab's ace pacer Arshdeep Singh, hitting him for 16 runs.

Ishan first showed the way with Cameron Green (23 off 18 balls) in a fifty-plus partnership to show the way after their five-time title-winning skipper Rohit Sharma capped a three-ball duck in his 200th appearance for his franchise.

The left-handed wicketkeeper-batter batted at his belligerent best and gave Mumbai a perfect start in company of Suryakumar.

It was then Suryakumar show that lit up Mohali when he batted with disdain against Sam Curran to race to a 23-ball fifty, his third this season and 19th overall.

Suryakumar, who came in as Impact Substitute for debutant Akash Madhwal, suddenly opened the face of his blade to a wide Curran delivery and cleared the backward point boundary with utmost ease.

Curran returned with a wide fullish delivery and Surya had no problem reaching to it, as he went down on his knee to sail the ball over to 87-metre.

The next ball he gave a return catch to Curran but it was too difficult for the pacer as he smashed two more boundaries to get 23 runs from the over.

There was no looking back for the MI duo who kept scoring in boundaries to bring the equation down to 45 runs from the last

five overs.

Earlier, Livingstone raced to season's first fifty in 32 balls and ended up being the top-scorer with 82 not out (42b), studded with seven boundaries and four sixes.

Giving Livingstone a perfect support, PBKS glovesman Sharma continued to impress as he remained unbeaten on 49 (27b) in a 119-run fourth-wicket partnership that came off just 53 balls.

Livingstone was at his furious best when he smacked his English teammate Jofra Archer for three sixes in a row in the 19th over.

There was no slam-bang approach but sheer orthodox hits on both sides of the wicket from the Vidarbha keeper-batter.

Sharma looked fluent, be it against the guile of legspinner Chawla or sheer raw pace from Archer as he hit five fours and two sixes, only to remain stranded one run shy of a maiden IPL fifty.

MI was letdown big time by their star English pacer Archer who looked rusty and conceded 56 from his full quota.

It was yet another poor show from the MI bowlers at the back-end as they gave away 115 runs from 48 balls to concede a fourth successive 200-plus score.

At 99/3 in 12 overs after Chaw-

la's tidy spell of 2/29, MI looked to have tightened the noose after Rohit Sharma opted to bowl.

The duo of Livingstone and Sharma upped the ante in the next over when they took Archer to cleaners in an over that yielded 21 runs.

Coming back from an injury, Archer looked wayward and bowled a waist high full toss which would have been a nasty blow but his English teammate managed to put it away.

Sharma then unleashed his fury smashing Archer four boundaries to get into the groove.

On batting-belter, Chawla smartly varied his pace and quietly did his job, dismissing a dangerous-looking Shikhar Dhawan (30; 20b) and Matthew Short (27; 26b) in the middle overs.

Having got a reprieve on 23, Dhawan started to break the shackles and stepped out Chawla for a boundary over the bowler's head.

Dhawan tried to repeat the same in the next delivery but this time the veteran legspinner had the last laugh when he outfoxed the lefthander, altering his length.

Fresh from their humdinger of a win against Chennai, PBKS could not find their mojo up front after Rohit Sharma opted to bowl.

Returning to the same venue where their bowlers were hammered by Lucknow Super Giants to post a mammoth 257/5, PBKS started on a jittery note.

Prabhsimran Singh got out in the second over, while Dhawan as always was a slow-starter.

Brief scores: PBKS: 214/3 (Livingstone 82*, Jitesh 49*; Chawla 2/29); MI 216/4 in 18.5 overs (Kishan 75, Suryakumar 66).

Wrestlers allege night attack by Delhi cops, SC hearing today

Heavy security turns Jantar Mantar into fortress



NEW DELHI, May 4 (Agencies): The Delhi Police on Thursday morning made a heavy deployment of security personnel at Jantar Mantar where a scuffle broke out between the protesting wrestlers and some police personnel, leading to head injuries to a couple of protesters.

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According to protesters, two wrestlers Rahul Yadav and Dushyant Phogat were also injured. Phogat has received head injuries.

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who didn't wish to be named.

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spot to support the wrestlers.

The wrestlers have been staging a sit-in at Jantar Mantar since April 23. They have levelled allegations of sexual harassment against Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, who is also a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP from Uttar Pradesh.

In a video being circulated on social media platforms, some of the protesters can be heard accusing a police personnel of attacking two wrestlers under the influence of alcohol.

The accused policeman is seen sitting in the video, while the protesters allege that his colleagues were mute spectators.

Nishant in last-16 after dominant win



TASHKENT, May 4 (Agencies): Young Indian boxer Nishant Dev produced a power-packed performance in his scintillating 5-0 victory over 2021 World Championships bronze medalist Sarkhan Aliyev of Azerbaijan in the 71kg category to advance to the quarterfinals of the World Boxing Championships here.

The 22-year-old boxer from Karnal put up a world class display of strength and supreme technique, utilising his strategy of attacking

from distance and landing a swift combination of punches to start the bout on the front foot.

By judging his opponent's attacks well and defending sternly, Nishant gave the Azerbaijani no chance to execute his attacks. The southpaw, who hardly put a foot wrong, proved too quick for Aliyev.

Nishant, who had reached the quarterfinals in the last edition as well, will now face Lee Sangmin of South Korea in the next round.

Four Indian pugilists will take the ring for

their respective tournament opens tomorrow. The 2022 Thailand Open champion Govind Sahani (48kg) will square off against Mehron Shafiev of Tajikistan, while the 2019 Asian silver medalist Deepak Kumar (51kg) will face Luis Delgado of Ecuador.

Record six-time Asian Championships medalist Shiva Thapa (63.5kg), who received a bye in the first round, will begin his campaign from the Round-of-16 stage as he aims to add another Worlds medal to his kitty after bronze in the 2015 edition in Doha.

The bronze medalists of the 2022 Asian Championships, Narender Berwal (+92kg) and Muhammad Abroridinov of Tajikistan, who also got byes in the first round, will go head-to-head against each other.

IPL: Chennai Super Kings, Lucknow Super Giants split points after Badoni's classic knock in rain-marred game

LUCKNOW, May 4 (Agencies): Ayush Badoni stood tall amidst the ruins with a classy half-century on a poor surface before a sharp downpour forced Lucknow Super Giants and Chennai Super Kings to split points as their IPL match was called off on Wednesday.

This is the first game in the 16th edition of IPL that had to be called off midway due to rain.

Rain stopped play in the 20th over but by then Badoni, who came in at 44 for 5 had put his team in a position of respectability on a very difficult surface.

Badoni, smashed two fours and four sixes in his 33-ball-59 and his

temperament on a surface conducive for slow bowlers was worth its weight in gold as it didn't seem at one point that LSG could cross 125-run mark.

With 11 points from 10 games, LSG and CSK are placed second and third on points table, respectively. LSG (+0.639) have a better net runrate compared to CSK (+0.329).

It was a good toss to win for Mahendra Singh Dhoni and the CSK skipper's decision to bowl first was vindicated by his bowlers on a surface that is certainly not good enough for an absorbing T20 contest.

Most of the balls were gripping off the surface



and the batters found it extremely difficult to hit through the line unlike in other surfaces as Moeen Ali 2/13 in 4 overs), Ravindra Jadeja (1/11 in 3 overs) and Maheesh Theekshana (2/37 in 4 overs) kept them under tight leash and also got wickets at regular intervals.

Such was their dominance that the first six of the innings came in the 15th over when Badoni,

coming in at No.7, slog swept Sri Lankan spinner Theekshana over mid-wicket and got another maximum in the next over to get some momentum going for his team.

Dhoni, who rightly assessed the track as "lacky", got Moeen into the attack in the fourth over and a flighted delivery inviting Kyle Mayers (14) to break the shackles did the trick as he

could only mistime a skier to Raturaj Gaikwad in the deep.

Manan Vohra (10) tried a non-existent lap-shot and Krunal Pandya was snapped at slip by Ajinkya Rahane.

The ball of the innings was certainly bowled by Jadeja, who got one to turn sharply as Marcus Stoinis drew forward only to find the ball turn sharply past his outside edge and peg the off-stump.

Karan Sharma's 16-ball stay for a painstaking 9 was indeed a struggle before he offered a return catch to Moeen Ali.

Badoni and Nicholas Pooran (20) then added 59 for the sixth wicket.

IPL 2023: SRH top-order under pressure ahead of KKR game

Both teams are languishing at the bottom of the table

HYDERABAD, May 4 (Agencies): Sunrisers Hyderabad will expect more consistency from their top-order when they host Kolkata Knight Riders in an Indian Premier League match here on Thursday.

Both teams are languishing at the bottom of the table, and another loss will put a serious dent in their play-off qualification chances.

Getting Abhishek Sharma back to open worked in the previous game for Sunrisers and now they will be hoping their other opener, Mayank Agarwal, to find some fluency.

The batting as a whole has not clicked for Sunrisers and therefore it is not a surprise they find themselves in a desperate situation in the

second half of the tournament.

While Agarwal is striking at an underwhelming 110 at the top, number three Rahul Tripathi is not faring any better either. Skipper Aiden Markram too needs to lead from the front and Harry Brook, despite scoring a hundred, has failed in majority of the games.

He is back in the middle order and the management will be hoping that he finds some rhythm.

All-rounder Washington Sundar being ruled out of the IPL due to injury is a big blow to Sunrisers.

Pacer Umran Malik has the worst economy rate among the bowlers and has only taken five wickets in seven games, contributing to the



team's woes.

KKR too would be expecting more fluency from their batters as they look to get their campaign back on track after six defeats in nine games.

They have been found wanting in all three departments of the game, something that was mentioned by skipper Nitish Rana after the loss to Gujarat Giants.

"In crucial games and

against top oppositions, you need to do all the basics well in all the three departments of the game," he had said.

Rana has not shown the consistency that is expected of him while N Jagadeesan

has struggled at the top. Both Jason Roy and Rahmanullah Gurbaz have shown good form at the top but the management can only play one of them.

The pace bowlers leaking runs has also been hurting KKR. All-rounder Andre Russell and Shardul Thakur have conceded more than 10 runs per over. Harshit Rana did well in his first game and is likely to start again.

The spin trio of Varun Chakaravathy, Sunil Narine and Suyash Sharma has been effective but need support from the fast bowlers.

Squads: Kolkata Knight Riders: Nitish Rana ©, Rahmanullah Gurbaz, Venkatesh Iyer, Andre Russell, Sunil Narine, Shardul Thakur,

Lockie Ferguson, Umesh Yadav, Tim Southee, Harshit Rana, Varun Chakaravathy, Anukul Roy, Rinku Singh, N Jagadeesan, Vaibhav Arora, Suyash Sharma, David Wiese, Kulwant Khejroliya, Litton Das, Mandeep Singh and Jason Roy.

Sunrisers Hyderabad: Aiden Markram ©, Abdul Samad, Rahul Tripathi, Glenn Phillips, Abhishek Sharma, Marco Jansen, Fazalhaq Farooqi, Kartik Tyagi, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, T. Natarajan, Umran Malik, Harry Brook, Mayank Agarwal, Heinrich Klaasen, Adil Rashid, Mayank Markande, Vivrant Sharma, Samarth Vyas, Sanvir Singh, Upendra Yadav, Mayank Agarwal, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Akeal Hosen and Anmolpreet Singh.

BJP KDD delegation calls on R&R Commissioner Jammu



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 4: A delegation of Bharatiya Janata Party Kashmir Displaced District (KDD) led by Chand Jee Bhat (District President KDD) and Hira Lal Bhat (Seh Prabari BJP Kashmir Displaced District) on Friday called on Relief & Rehabilitation Commissioner (Migrants) Jammu.

The delegation apprised the Relief Commissioner about the burning issues facing the Kashmiri displaced community and a thorough discussion was held on each of the issues.

The delegation demanded that the Ration slips of those migrants, who are presently out of station because of one reason or the other, be given to their blood relations on production of his original migrant ration card, with-

out any hurdle or hassel.

The Relief Commissioner acceded to the demand and assured that there will be no any hard & fast rules for distribution of ration slips.

While raising the demand for enhancement of monthly Cash assistance to eligible migrants, the Commissioner told that the proposal for enhancement of cash assistance has already been taken up with Union Home Ministry Officials and the case file has been sent to Home Ministry and the positive outcome is expected shortly.

A thread bare discussion was held on implementation of Central Govt / UT Govt social welfare & other schemes in favour of the displaced community, the Relief Commissioner told that some welfare schemes have been implemented in favour

of the displaced community where as in some scheme implementation, there are some income criteria obstacles, for the removal of which matter has been taken up with higher authorities and with LG also.

It was also demanded that the PMAY be also implemented in favour of the displaced community so that the deserving migrant families like poor, ailing, widows, destitute and handicapped, who are living in rented accommodations can avail the benefits of PMAY Scheme and can heave a sigh of relief. It was demanded atleast 1000 PMAY Units be constructed for these most deserving displaced families.

The Commissioner appreciated the demand raised and assured the issue will be taken up higher authorities. The delegation

while thanking the Lt. Governor and Relief & Rehabilitation Commissioner for the allotment of residential Quarters to PM package Employees at Baramulla, told the Commissioner that the process of allotment of these quarters must be quite transparent, in accordance to policy and allotment be made only to the package employees who are working in the that very District.

The Relief Commissioner assured that the allotment is being made strictly as per the policy of date of joining of the PM package employee in the District, in a very transparent manner. It was also requested that the Relief Organization being the nodal agency of ECI for Kashmiri displaced community, must ensure that the maximum enrollment of the Kashmiri displaced voters is done.

The other members who were the part of the delegation were Moti Lal Bhat (District General Secretary KDD) Vimal Raina, Sanjay Bhat, Rajeev Pandita, Sweetey Koul (all Vice Presidents KDD) P.K.Bhat, Chaman Lal Pandita (both Secretaries KDD) and Rohit Mantoo (Social Media Incharge).

In the end, the delegation thanked the Relief & Rehabilitation Commissioner for taking personal interest in redressing the issues faced by the Kashmiri displaced community.



MAKING JAMMU SMART: Saplings being planted on pathways under the prestigious smart city project at Bus Stand Jammu.
Pic by Aman Sharma

Rajesh Gupta meets Gujjars at Nikki Tawi, listens to their problems

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 4: National Democratic Party Indian (NDPI) J&K UT said after mere few days J&K High Court's verdict, "deaths by electrocution ignored as mere accidents Jammu & Kashmir High Court constitutes committee to enforce statutory regulations a case of electrocution happened on Tuesday at Nikki Tawi Javed colony where a Buffalo died of electrocution.

Today NDPI Chief Rajesh Gupta along with NDPI office bearers visited at Gujjar Basti, Javed Nagar near Nikki Tawi Jammu.

Local Gujjars explained about the electrocution incident to NDPI leader in which a Buffalo died on Tuesday.

Rajesh Gupta immediately spoke to the concerned PDD Xen Rajesh Kumar on phone and asked him to get the fault correct.

NDPI president demanded immediately compensation to the owner of Buffalo as J&K & Ladakh High Court recently constituted a



committee to ensure the implementation of statutory safety measures and regulations enshrined in the Central Electricity Authority (Measures relating to Safety and Electric Supply) Regulations, 2010, in letter and spirit.

The Committee will be headed by the Commissioner/Secretary, State's Power Development Department and consist of the Chief Engineers of the Department.

Rajesh Gupta further added The Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh

High Court directed District Magistrates of all districts in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh to ensure compliance with Regulation 58 of Central Electricity Authority (Measures relating to Safety and Electric Supply) Regulations, 2010 on a war footing, which provides for clearance above ground level of conductors of overhead lines, including electricity service lines. Other leaders who accompanied Rajesh Gupta were Umesh Manhas, S.Kuljeet Singh, Tilakraj, Sandeep Anand and Rajiv Luthra.

NSF Unit meets XEN Works JU

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 4: National Secular Forum (NSF) Jammu University Unit on Thursday met with the Executive Engineer of work's Department University of Jammu regarding the issue of repair of window glasses of the department of geology.

The unit was led by Jammu District President Vikshay Vashist along with University President Roshan Sharma. Others who were present there were Aditya Khajuria, Abhishek Uppal, Punnet Bakshi, Aditya sharma, Ankush Babu, Umar Charak and some students of Geology Department.

The Department of Geology had sent seven letters in the past five months for the repair of window glass to the Works Department but they did not get any response from the Works Department till now.

During the meeting, they discussed the issue and gave five days' time for the repair of window failing which students will move to the Vice Chancellor of the university regarding their issue.

The Executive Engineer of the Works Department assured that they will repair the window mirror in the next 2 or 3 working days.

KP delegation calls on RC J&K



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 4: A delegation of Prominent Kashmir Pandit leaders comprising of camp/non camp representatives, intellectuals, Social activists and political leaders of different parties under the leadership of Senior KP leader M.K. Yogi called on Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner Jammu and Kashmir in his office Chamber at Jammu and held a detailed meeting and threadbare discussions on the pertinent issues being faced by the Kashmiri Migrants living in exile for last more than thirty one years and sought their resolution at the earliest.

In press statement issued today, these leaders said that the issues which were discussed and taken up with Relief Commissioner J&K were enhancement of cash Relief Assistance from Rs 13000 to RS 25000, creation of additional 15,000 Jobs for educated unemployed Youth, Compensation to unemployed overaged educated KP youth, repair/renovation of all Migrant quarters internally, ensuring regular supply of ration for the migrants of District Udhampur,

Road map for Rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits back in Valley as per their wishes, Ensuring a proper regular supply of pure drinking water and electricity in all migrant camps in view of coming summer season, Implementation of centrally sponsored schemes in all KP colonies including camps/non camps, Requisite posting of Staff in all Migrant camp schools to tide over the shortage, Pension Schemes for handicapped/old age and other economically backward migrants living in exile for last more than 31years, special Scholarship schemes for poor migrant Students for boosting their education in order to make them self reliant, Repair/Renovation of interior link roads in migrants camps including jagti township and Construction of shops inside newly constructed colonies in Kashmir for rehabilitating uneducated youth.

While speaking on the occasion M.K.Yogi, Vinod Pandita, Sunil Pandita, Sanjay Dhar, Kuldeep Raina, Nazir Ahmed, Rajeev Pandita, B.L. Bhat (Ex MLC), Dr. T.K. Bhat, Virender Sathu, Dr. Romesh Bhat, Mohan Lal Comrade, M.K. Bhat,

Anil Kumar Bhan and Sunderi Lal Koul whole heartedly expressed gratitude to Relief Commissioner for giving patient hearing to the delegation. These leaders also praised the efficient work culture and many developments steps taken by this department for the betterment of community under the guidance of the Relief Commissioner.

The appealed RC to take up these all these listed pertinent issues with the concerned authorities for their early amelioration as RC being the sole Nodal officer of Migrants.

K.K. Sidha Relief Commissioner while speaking on the occasion explained in detail about many munificent steps taken by his office for the betterment and welfare of migrants as well assured the assembly that the issues listed in the meeting would be taken with the concerned authorities for early resolution. In the end vote of thanks was presented by Sunderi Lal Koul.

The others who were also present in the meeting were M.K. Tickoo, Nana Ji Dhar, Naveen Goswami, Dazy Bazaz, G.L.Koul, Vijay Kumar Pandita, Bushan Lal Koul, Shadi Lal Kichloo, Mohan Lal, Subash Zutshi.

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