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## BRIEFLY

**India logs 2,961 cases in 24 hours, active cases decrease to 30,041**

NEW DELHI, May 6 (Agencies): India recorded 2,961 Covid infections in a day while active cases dipped to 30,041 from 33,232 a day earlier, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Saturday.

The death toll has increased to 5,31,659 with 17 fatalities, which includes nine reconciled by Kerala, the data updated at 8 am stated.

Following the new cases, the country's Covid infection tally was recorded at 4.49 crore (4,49,67,250).

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,44,05,550 and active cases now comprise 0.07 per cent of the total infections.

The national COVID-19 recovery rate has been recorded at 98.75 per cent while the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.18 per cent, the ministry said.

According to the health 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 widespread rain in Kashmir, light shower in Jammu division**

SRINAGAR, May 6 (Agencies): Weather department on Saturday forecast widespread moderate rain and thunderstorm over Kashmir division during the next 24 hours.

A meteorological department official here said that there was also possibility of light rain and thunderstorm at "scattered places" over Jammu division during the time.

## Defence Minister Rajnath Singh reaches Jammu; Leaves for Rajouri

JAMMU, May 6 (Agencies): Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday reached Jammu to take stock of the security situation in the border districts of Rajouri and Poonch, where terrorists have killed 35 people, including 26 soldiers, in eight attacks since October 2021.

Soon after arriving, Singh, accompanied by Army chief General Manoj Pande, left for Rajouri, where an anti-terrorist operation is



underway in the forested Kandi area, officials said.

Five army personnel were killed and a major-rank officer was injured during a combing operation — 'Operation Trine-

tra' — in the Kandi area on Friday. A holed up terrorist was killed and one more is believed to be injured this morning.

Officials said the army chief reached Jammu from Delhi ahead of the

defence minister, who followed him minutes later.

Northern Army commander Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi, Corps commander White Knight Corps, and Divisional Commissioner, Jammu are also accompanying Rajnath to Rajouri, officials said.

After getting a brief on the operation in Kandi forest, the defence minister will likely chair a high-level security

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## Slain Gorkha Jawan Siddhant Chettri death in Rajouri had married only two months ago

DARJEELING (WB), May 6 (Agencies): The death of Army jawan Siddhant Chettri in the anti-terrorist operation at Rajouri in Jammu and Kashmir brought down the curtains abruptly on his two-month-long marriage.

The slain jawan hailed from Bijanbari area in Darjeeling district of West Bengal.

His elder brother Om Prakash Chettri, who recently retired from the



Army, Saturday said Siddhant was passionate only about serving the nation.

"My brother was very passionate about serving the country. Hence,

he joined the Army in 2020. Due to his good performance, he was assigned to Para (Special Forces). He got married only two months ago and returned to his duty in Jammu and Kashmir. He was martyred within 15 days of his return," Om Prakash Chettri told agency over phone while he was on his way to Bagdogra airport to receive the body of his younger brother.

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**300 destinations selected for promoting film tourism in J&K this year, says sec tourism**



SRINAGAR, May 6 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir government's tourism department Saturday said that they have selected 300 destinations for promoting film tourism in the UT this year while G-20 will be the major international event and the great opportunity for J&K.

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of the inauguration of the first show of the newly released movie—'Welcome To Kashmir', directed by Tariq Bhat, at Inox cinema Srinagar, Commissioner Secretary Tourism, Syed Abid Rasheed said that last year 200 plus movies were shot in J&K. "This year our focus is to promote film tourism and for that, we have kept 300 destinations on the table of film producers and directors to choose any place for shooting," he said.

He said this year, film tourism will be promoted in a major way so that many untouched destinations are explored. "There are many destinations much better than European destinations in the UT," said Rasheed. "Recently, a big film production house shot a movie in Kashmir."

To a query about the G-20 event, the Commissioner Secretary Tourism said that the third working group meeting of the G-20

following the crash of one of the choppers in Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday, military sources said.

## One terrorist killed, one likely injured in ongoing encounter in Rajouri

JAMMU, May 6 (Agencies): A terrorist was killed and another was likely injured on Saturday in an ongoing operation in the densely forested area of Rajouri district in Jammu and Kashmir, Army said.

Five army personnel were killed and a major-rank officer was injured on Friday in an explosion triggered by the militants during the ongoing operation to flush out the terrorists.

"In the ongoing joint operation in Kandi



forest, Rajouri sector, by Indian Army in coordination with Jammu and Kashmir Police and CRPF, at around 7 am the cordon, while closing in, spotted and pinned

down the terrorists.

"In the ensuing gun battle one terrorist has been neutralised and one terrorist is likely injured," a defence spokesperson said.

He said an AK-56 rifle, four magazines, 56 bullets, one .9 mm pistol, its three magazines and three grenades were seized from the slain terrorist whose identity and group affiliation were not known immediately.

The operation is under way, the spokesperson added.

## J&K LG, Army pay homage to paratrooper martyred in Rajouri terror attack



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JAMMU, May 6: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha laid wreath and paid tributes to the brave army personnel who made supreme sacrifice in the ongoing operations against terrorists in Kandi forest,

Rajouri.

"The entire nation stands shoulder to shoulder with the families of the brave martyrs. Grateful nation will always be indebted to their unparalleled valour," the Lt Governor said.

## Health Ministry bureaucrat arrested for accepting Rs 1.5 lakh bribe

NEW DELHI, May 6 (Agencies): The CBI has arrested an Under Secretary in the Union Health Ministry for allegedly seeking a bribe for issuing Statement of Need to a medical professional, officials said Saturday.

The Statement of Need is issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to Indian

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## 54 dead in Manipur violence, Imphal valley peaceful, most shops and markets open

IMPHAL, May 6 (Agencies): The death toll in the Manipur carnage increased to 54, officials said even as unofficial sources put the figure at several scores. Life returned to a wary normalcy in Imphal Valley on Saturday as shops and markets reopened and cars started plying on the roads.

Security presence which has been bolstered by flying in more army troops and rapid action force and central

police forces was clearly visible at all major areas and roads.

Most shops and markets in Imphal town and other places opened in the morning with people buying vegetables and other essential commodities even as security forces were deployed in large numbers.

Of the 54 dead, 16 bodies were kept in the morgue of the Churachandpur district hospital while 15 bodies were in Jawaharlal Nehru



Institute of Medical Sciences in Imphal East district, officials said.

The Regional Institute of Medical Sciences at Lamphel in Imphal

West district reported 23 dead, the official said.

Meanwhile, five hill-based militants were killed and two India Reserve Battalion

jawans were injured in two separate encounters in Churachandpur district on Friday night, police said.

An encounter took place at Saiton in Churachandpur district between the security forces and the militants in which four militants were gunned down, the police said.

Militants opened fire at security forces at Torbung forcing them to return the fire. In the exchange of fire one

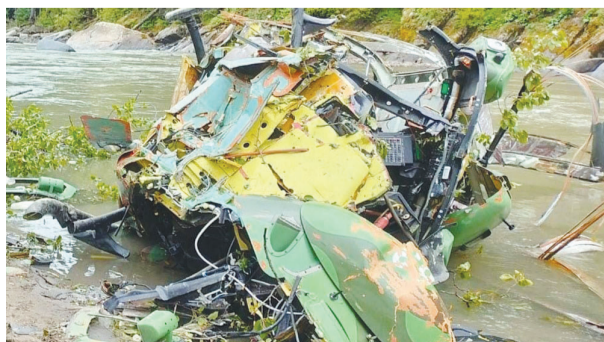
militant was killed and two IRB jawans were injured, the police said.

A Defence spokesperson said a total of 13,000 people were rescued and shifted to safe shelters, some in army camps as the army brought Churachandpur, Moreh, Kakching and Kangpokpi districts under its "firm control".

"In the past 12 hours, Imphal East and West districts witnessed sporadic incidents of arson

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## Army grounds ALH Dhruv fleet following May 4 crash in J&K



NEW DELHI, May 6 (Agencies): The Army has grounded the entire fleet of Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Dhruv

following the crash of one of the choppers in Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday, military sources said.

An ALH Dhruv with three people on board crashed following a "hard landing" in Kishtwar in Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday.

A technician was killed and two pilots were injured in the incident.

As a precautionary measure, the ALH Dhruv fleet has been temporarily grounded, the sources said.

The Navy and the Coast Guard

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## Vice President BJP Kisan Morcha calls on Lt Governor



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JAMMU, May 5: Baba Chanchal Singh, Vice President BJP Kisan Morcha called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan, today.

Baba Chanchal accompanied by Ajit Singh Jamwal, BJP Executive member and Gagan Gupta, Social activist, discussed with the Lt Governor several

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## EDITORIAL

## SOCIAL SERVICE

People need to make continuous efforts for the prosperity and development of the society. The society improves only by the progress of the individual and the development of the individual is reflected in the development of the society. That's why social service has been considered the best religion of mankind.

Man is the biggest creation of God. All human beings are equal in his eyes. But in social life many differences are seen between individuals. Everyone's physical ability, financial status and educational qualification are not the same. It is possible to remove this inequality and establish equality and friendship in the society only with service mentality.

Besides this, there are many people in the society who are suffering, suffering and physically disabled. It is not at all possible to cater to their various needs or to solve the problems individually. For this they look to the help and sympathy of other capable people in the society.

That's why social service is needed to remove sorrow. All the natural calamities like flood, storm, drought, earthquake, heat stroke and house fire have disturbed the normal life of many people in the society. Even in times of war, the common people live in great distress. Providing help to them in various ways is social service. Above all, there is a need for social service to remove superstitions from the society and build a healthy society.

The scope of social service is very wide. It is an extension from your family and village or city to international level. The selfless service that a man renders for the society, anywhere, is considered as social service in the true sense. Many people are still subject to illiteracy and prejudice, and are lagging behind in health care, personal hygiene, and environmental awareness.

Community service is included in the efforts to build healthy habits in them in the above areas. Social workers pay attention to the cleanliness of villages, roads, ponds etc. In our society today there is a problem of casteism, untouchable discrimination, dowry system and violence against women.

Eradicating all these from the society is also a part of social service. Even today there are many people from weaker sections in the society. It is also a social service which provides them the necessary help to improve their personal life. Whatever can be done to build a healthy society by removing sorrow, grief and oppression from the society, comes under the purview of social service.

Student life is the right time to get involved in various social work activities. National Social Service Camp is organized during the long vacations of the college. Many students participate in the camp, along with cleaning the roads and ponds, try to remove illiteracy among the people. In addition, they raise awareness about the prevention of various infectious diseases and environmental protection.

Social service is an important task. But it should always be a selfless act. Although many people seem to be socially connected on the outside these days, it is clear that they have no sincerity in doing so. Many people do this for cheap popularity and other interests. It is not desirable to serve the society under compulsion.

## As King Charles III crowned, thoughts about democracy and its alternatives

By: Farrukh Dhondy

It's coronation week in the United Kingdom, with the great tribal celebrations to which the British are addicted -- anointings with oil, certainly gold and maybe frankincense and myrrh, crowns for the King and Queen, useless officials with obscure medieval titles in silly costumes ... and all the rest.

The ceremonial was to be modernised through the presence of priests of most religions, pop music and the invitation of "celebrities" whose claim to fame is not any talent but a presence on television.

Millions all over the world will watch as the BBC covers hours of march pasts by troops, air displays of formation greetings from the Royal Air Force, some gun salutes from ships and the ceremony itself.

And then the BBC, in keeping with its recent reassurance to remain politically neutral in all circumstances, may turn its cameras on the estimated 17,000 republican protesters who are scheduled to gather at Trafalgar Square, half a mile away from Westminster Abbey where the coronation will take place.

These protesters who are in favour of the abolition of the monarchy have been publicly told that they're free to express their opinions as long as they don't disrupt any part of the ceremonials. The pomp and ceremony have to live in open co-existence with British

democratic guarantee of free speech.

That being said, the Tory government of Hedgie Sunak and Cruella Braverperson has passed a bill through Parliament limiting the rights of protesters who have till this day demonstrated their opposition to anything they passionately believe needs changing. Two protesters against climate change, which they believe is caused by the burning of coal and oil, were jailed this week for climbing on a bridge across the Thames and blocking traffic for several hours.

The bill, now law, specifies that protesters who glue themselves to a public facility, as some have been doing to cause an obstruction, are in breach of the law and can be fined or jailed.

The government insists that this is not an infringement of the right to protest but simply a measure to stop this aspect of freedom of expression getting in the way of other people who are going about their business. I must confess, gentle reader, that I shall miss the circus of the coronation and the protests against it as I am, for the duration, in the world's most extravagant ahistorical artifice -- the vibrant heights of tax-less Dubai.

No, I am not here to dodge tax or to launder my millions (if only!). I'm here on a mundane task of attempting to instruct screenwriters on how to do it.

This collection of coloured-crayon packs, or cardboard

box collections of skyscrapers, acres of barracks-like bungalows, desert patches and artificial lakes and eight-lane, heavily trafficked highways is a monument to the present. By which I mean it manifestly has no history, rising in the last few decades from the desert sands. It's the flourishing Present --

and repetitively insists, through the testimony of its inhabitants, that it is, like crypto-currency or artificial intelligence, the Future. Yes, with a capital "F" -- all investment and only financial abstractions to sell.

Being in this capital of clean streets, shopping malls as big as small towns, ski-slopes built inside buildings in the desert, the tallest building in the world and other vulgar wonders in the week that Britain holds local elections in which the governing Tory Party is expected to get a severe drubbing and celebrates the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla, stimulates thoughts and arguments about monarchies, republics and democracy.

The arguments are with unlike-minded friends, one of whom has moved from India to Dubai and loves it here. He extols its cleanliness and asserts that one can leave one's car windows down in the streets with a laptop on the seats with no fear of either the car or the computer being stolen. He compares the real monarchy of the sheikhs of the Middle East with the ceremo-

nial monarchy of Britain. The real monarchy has, he says, brought about the state of spit-and-polish of Dubai, the enforced discipline of its traffic and the scrupulous honesty of its citizens.

The contrast he says is the chaos, injustice and prejudice of democracies that elect parties, presidents and governments who sanction the oppression of the minorities and espouse manifestly irrational policies. He quotes the election of Donald Trump, among others.

Wasn't it Winston Churchill who said that democracy is the best of all the bad ways of being ruled? I think, gentle reader, I agree with him. No, I don't like the fact that BoJo, Hedgie Sunak, Jacob Rees-Mogg and other Tories manifestly lied to the British electorate to narrowly win the "democratic" vote for Brexit.

And "no" again to democracies whose majority votes are cast through a falsely motivated "patriotic" nationalism, religiously motivated nationalism or religiously motivated xenophobia. And yet, while one hesitates to say yes to these, in democracies there is the prospect of changing the government peacefully -- if it allows genuine and legitimate elections to take place, as say Kenya and Belarus do not. My argument then is that before one criticises democracy, please take a hard look at Myanmar, Iran, Afghanistan, North Korea, Sudan....

## Understand The Difference Between career in Fashion Designing And Fashion Technology

By: Vijay GarG

As the fashion industry is constantly evolving, fashion designing aspirants should start a career in an allied fashion field as per their artistic bent of mind. However, there is also a need for the sharp application of technological skills for manufacturing fabrics.

Most aspirants have a perception that the fashion industry offers only one job role, which is of the fashion designer. However, there is more to it. The fashion industry has varied requirements and the key differentiating points in opting for courses, either Bachelors of Design (BDes) or Bachelors of Fashion Technology (BFTech).

"As fashion design is a multidimensional domain and communicates in the form of art, science, technology, students with different interests could be honed to opt for a variety of career opportunities. The urgent need is to teach students the versatility of the industry - from its evolution and the behavioural patterns of fashion, so they can keep track of its current trends. This will enable students to identify and design apparel or fashion products per the societal norms and market requirements."

Although both streams deal with fashion trends, however, Fashion Designing is about crafting new accessories, apparels or stitching a designer dress. It is also about developing visualisation skills for presenting the creative expression of a costume on paper and then converting it into real-life costume designs.

Whereas, Fashion Technology is the technological aspect of textile fibres, yarns for producing quality fabric materials. Both courses lay importance on enhancing creativity and mapping fashion trends with textile production techniques, the basic fashion principles, among students.

"Fashion design is all about understanding the various garment designs, styles and fit that will suit a person as per their demographics, psychographics, lifestyle and functionality. On the other hand, Fashion Technology prepares the students to engineer large-scale manufacturing of garments. Students are also given hands-on experience on rapid prototyping technologies like 3D printing with which highly customizable products can be developed," adds Sundari.

Admission to top colleges Class XII passed students from any stream, are eligible

to apply for these courses. For enrolling in Fashion Technology, it is a must that students have passed Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics subjects. The admission process involves clearing the entrance examination and subsequent Personal Interview. Students can apply for national-level Fashion Design competitive examinations, namely:

National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT)

National Institute of Design, Design Aptitude Test (NID DAT)

Undergraduate Common Entrance Examination for Design

Indian Institute of Crafts and Design (IICD)

All India Entrance Examination for Design (AIED)

Students can appear for government university-level exam to study the course at their desired varsity. The list includes: National Institute of Design (NID) Ahmedabad, Utkal University of Culture (Bhubaneswar), State University of Performing and Visual Arts (Rohtak), Footwear Design and Development Institute (Noida, Patna). Besides these, some pioneer private colleges offering these courses are JD Institute of Fashion Technology and Pearl Academy in Delhi, Symbiosis Institute of Design, Inter National Insti-

tute of Fashion Design, MIT Institute of Design in Pune, and World University of Design (WUD) in Haryana, KCG College of Technology in Chennai and many others.

Career advancement

After completing the course, a fresher fashion designer is hired as Fashion Consultant, Fashion Illustrator, and Fashion Coordinator. They also have job opportunities in textile designing, to work as Fashion Merchandiser or Fabric Designer.

Explaining the hiring trend, Sundari says, "Corporates are preferring to hire skilled and talented Batch students as Pattern Engineer, Technical Lead (fabric), Textile Quality Auditor. Fashion design students are more suitable for roles including Fashion Forecast/Trend Analyst, Material Designer, Fashion Revivalist, Colour Trend Expert, Boutique Manager."

With a specialisation degree, students are hired in the jewelry and footwear designing or manufacturing department of related MNCs. Textile Designers are always in demand by retail chains and textile export houses.

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## Dharmarth Trust committed to provide state-of-art facilities to devotees: Brig Langeh

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SRINAGAR, May 5: Brig Retd R.S Langeh, President Dharmarth Trust J&K on Friday said that the Trust is committed to provide state of art facilities to the devotees visiting various temples and shrines in the Union Territory of J&K.

He was speaking on the occasion of commencement of Bhandara at world famous Shankaracharya Temple here.

The Bhandara comprising traditional Rajma- Chawal and sweetened Halwa, which was liked by the devotees, who visited the aforesaid religious destination to pay obeisance to Lord Shiva. More than 4500 devotees took Prasad from Langer. The temple is situated on the top of the

### Starts Langer at Shankaracharya Temple



Shankaracharya Hill on the Zabarwan Range in Srinagar.

Trust's President assured that this Bhandara will continue in the coming time also as a regular feature to facilitate the visitors and devotees. He said that Dharmarth Trust, an over a century old religious institution is keen

to provide all kinds of facilities to the devotees visiting the Shankaracharya Temple and other shrines and temples looked after by the Trust.

He said that the Hon'ble Trustee, Dr Karan Singh ji has given standing instructions to the management of the Trust to make elaborate

arrangements for all the devotees visiting the shrines run by this religious institution as the sole aim of launch of this Trust over hundred years back was to facilitate and educate the visitors about the rich culture and traditions of Duggarland without any discrimination or prejudice.

## Earth Day-2023 celebrated at Faculty of Agriculture Wadura SKUAST-K

TOP NEWS REPORT

SOPORE, May 06: The Earth Day was organized by Division of Agronomy in collaboration with Ministry of Earth Science, Govt. of India on May 06, 2023 at Conference Hall of Faculty of Agriculture Wadura Campus, SKUAST-K. The Earth Day-2023 theme is 'Invest in Our Planet', calling for people and businesses to work together towards building a healthy economy for the planet. The objective of the event was to highlight the importance of Earth and its natural resources in human life, create awareness about the role of scientists in environmental protection, and discuss the global climate crisis. The programme started with a welcome address by Prof. Raihana H. Kanth, Dean Faculty of Agriculture. She highlighted the theme of the programme and reminded us of the role of the Earth in its resources and in our lives. She also precisely describes major initiatives undertaken by the SKUAST-K towards a greener & cleaner nation. Prof. Haroon Rashid Naik,



Director Planning & Monitoring, SKUAST-K, who was the Guest of Honour, said that nature has bestowed Kashmir with rich beautiful resources which make it binding on every citizen to contribute their part towards preservation and conservation of natural resources. The Chief Guest of this programme was Mr. Showkat Husain Mir, Executive Director JKIDC & Director Finance, J&K Govt., in his address said that it took millions of years to formulate natural resources on earth, but their overutilization in the name of development will put our future generations at a high risk of natural calamities. He also emphasized that our

traditional knowledge system and wisdom about nature have always guided us to adopt a sustainable lifestyle. Therefore, each one of us should understand our duty to devote our time to the conservation of the environment. The event was celebrated by organizing a plantation drive, elocution, painting and photography competition. The winners of the competitions conducted during the event were felicitated by the Dean with certificates and prizes. The programme was attended by heads of various divisions, scientists and more than 150 UG/PG students of the faculty & students of nearby schools.

## Pak has no locus-standi on India's decision on G20 meetings: Raj Rattan

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU: BJP leader Raj Rattan Raina on Wednesday slammed Pakistan for time and again interfering in the internal matters of India despite having no locus standi. In a statement issued to media fraternity, the BJP functionary said that Pakistan's objection with regard to India holding G20 meetings in J&K and Ladakh is unwarranted as the rogue nation has nothing to do with the internal matters of the country. He said both UTs of J&K and Ladakh are the integral part of the country and Pakistan or for that matter any other country has nothing to do with the affairs of these two strategically significant regions of India. Raj Rattan Raina advised the Pakistan that it should focus on its own deteriorating economy and the plight of people instead of interfering in the internal matters of India whether they belong to Kashmir, Ladakh or any other region. Launching a scathing attack on Pakistan, Raina slammed



Pakistan terming it an exporter of terrorism. He said that it is unfortunate that Pakistan has chosen once again to rake up Jammu and Kashmir issue in wake of G20 meetings but it should note it down that such a stand is totally unacceptable to India as J&K was, is and shall remain the integral part of the country and Pakistan need not to interfere in matters concerning this part or any other part of the country. "The Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh have been and will always remain an integral and inalienable part of India. No amount of rhetoric and propaganda from any country can override this fact. Pakistan has no locus standi to comment on India's internal affairs," he added.

## Tiny Scholars School Kathua attends 14th National Educational Summit

TOP NEWS REPORT

KATHUA, May 6: Tiny Scholars School Kathua made a mark again in 14th National Educational Summit organized by centre for Educational Development Foundation in Collaboration with Jammu Sahodaya School Complex.

This education summit was organised in Radisson Blu, here where almost 200 educators across the Nation took part attending incredibly enriching and enlightening sessions conducted by the distinguished Edustalwarts from across India.

Tiny Scholars School, Kathua added more feathers to its cap as



the Principal of the School Reena Khajuria was adorned with the honour with Most Popular School Leader Award in recognition of she being an inspirational leader who made a difference with her exceptional contributions in Education Industry especially in her own School. In addition to this, one

Administrative(Nisha Sharma) of Tiny Scholars School, Kathua was appreciated with Innovative School Educator Awards for her tireless endeavours

Director of Tiny Scholars School Manisha Gupta congratulated the Principal for excellent and giving her exemplary job in the event.

## National team reviews JJM implementation on grounds in Samba



TOP NEWS REPORT

SAMBA, May 6: A National team of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) comprising Parth Sarthi Senior Infrastructure Specialist and Wawiq Ali, JJM, M/OJS Jal Jeevan Mission new Delhi visited four border villages from May 1 to 5, 2023 viz. Abtal, Jasso Chak, Chak Chataka and Koulpur Pyt Gadwal 'B' between.

Team had detailed interaction with all stakeholders under JJM guidelines. As per scheme, 100 percent FHTC households to be covered by March, 2024, they said adding that the scheme was launched on March 15, 2019 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The team members cross verified the facts & figures as well as work executed on ground.

## GDC Billawar organises workshop on Urdu Software

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BILLAWAR, May 6: Department of Urdu in collaboration with career counseling cell of GDC Billawar organized one day workshop on Urdu software i.e (In Page Urdu) with full zeal and enthusiasm.

The workshop was conducted under the overall supervision of Principal Prof. Dr. Alka Sharma.

The programme was started with the welcome address presented by HOD Urdu, Convener of the Career Counseling Cell Dr. Mohd. Maqsood.

The workshop was attended by more than 100 students from all the



semester of the college.

The chief guest of the program was Prof. Lekh Raj, Coordinator IQAC. Maqsood Aalam was the Resource Person of the Workshop.

He practically explained about the software Urdu, with special focus on in page Urdu.

Prof. Lekh Raj in his

presidential address appreciated the efforts of convener career counseling cell for organising such an informative workshop which is the need of the hour.

Dr. Shamim Bandy addressed the students to use the software for their academic purposes as well as professional

purposes. Dr Kulbir Singh Proposed the vote of thanks.

Other faculty member Dr. Suram Singh, Dr. Pinkey, Dr. Kirpal Singh, Dr. Sunil Singh were also present during the program. The programme was conducted by Nazir Ahmed, student of semester 6th.

## Wellness employees are suffering without pay, allowances: AAP

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 6: Kuldeep Kumar Rao, State Organization Building and Manifesto drafting Committee Member, AAP-J&K-UT, in a press release issued here said that it is a matter of great concern that the FMHW's/ LHV's and others so called corona warriors are without pay and allowances for the last eight months.

The Female Health workers have worked selflessly during the corona period, without caring for their lives and

the welfare of their children the employees of Department called wellness employees, the government of J&K-UT has not paid the salaries of the employees for the last eight months.

In the era of sky rocketing prices of the essential commodities, the life of the FMHW's has become miserable and they are helpless. The pay head 2211 has been a great cause of concern.

The Lieutenant Governor of J&K-UT, Manoj Sinha is requested to

intervene personally and issue order to the concerned Commissioner cum Secretary for the immediate draw of the salaries of the FMHW's. The tall claims of the government regarding the welfare of the wellness employees is futile and a hoax. The wellness employees were not paid salaries for EID & Diwali festivals also, which is very unjust with these employees.

The Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha is appealed to intervene personally in this matter.

## Rajesh condemns Rajouri terror attack

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU: National Democratic Party Indian (NDPI) J&K UT condemned the terror attack in which Five Army personnel were martyred in a blast that was triggered by terrorists in a thickly vegetated area in Kandi forest of Rajouri district on Friday.

Expressing his anguish over the incident NDPI J&K UT Chief Rajesh Gupta said, "I am deeply anguished by the loss of lives of brave Army personnel in a tragic incident at Rajouri. Their rich service to the nation will never be forgotten. My thoughts are with the bereaved families," he said. Gupta further added The Pakistan will be abrogated by Indian Army very soon.

NDPI leader, making a scathing attack on Pakistan, warned the rogue nation that Pakistan's



days are numbered disappear from exporting terror to this side of the borders. He said that India is capable of devastating Pakistan if it would not stop its misadventures in Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that the Modi Government will ensure that the supreme sacrifice made by these young soldiers will not go in vain as perpetrators of this heinous terror attack will soon be taken to task as their hunt is already on. He however expressed solidarity with the bereaved families of the brave-hearts and extended his deepest condolences.

## JD (U) leaders condemn Rajouri terrorist attack, expresses sympathy with Martyrs' families

TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, May 6: JD(U) State President G M Shaheen and State General Secretary Vivek Bali has condemned the Rajouri terrorist attack.

In the condolence message, G M Shaheen said the conflict has claimed so many lives till date terming the incident as terrible news.

"I unequivocally condemn this attack while at the same time send my heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased.

He urged the government to take precautionary measures to save innocent lives

in duty. He hoped that the perpetrators of the crime are punished at the earliest.

Vivek Bali also condemned the attack on soldiers.

He shared his sympathy with the family members of the injured personnel and demanded special treatment to the injured.

Stressing over the series of incidents claiming lives and injuring many people from the past one week Bali urged the administration to take immediate measures to ensure safety of security personnel and civilians in the region.

## Deepika Padukone remarks on Alia Bhatt's Met Gala post amid criticism

Days after Alia Bhatt made her debut at Met Gala, the buzz around it has not stopped yet. The latest celeb who cheered for Alia is none other than Deepika Padukone.

Deepika's comment on Alia's post gained prominence as the former faced online criticisms for posting pictures from the Oscars hours before Alia's big debut.

Basking in the 'Met' glory, Alia shared a video of behind the scenes from the event. In the video, Alia was talking about her preparation, and moments of nervousness before making her gala debut. Deepika wrote on the video, "You did it" and posted a heart emoji on it.

Alia's post read, "Alia bhatt turned to designer @PrabalGurung for her #MetGala debut, for which even this superstar was a little nervous. Wobbly knees were nowhere to be seen once this glamorous look hit the



carpet, though. The all-white outfit elegantly fit into the night's dress code of "in honour of Karl." Featuring a dramatic sheer train and hundreds (if not thousands) of pearl beads, the look served up pure princess bride--which certainly was a recurring theme in the decades-spanning catalogue of Lagerfeld's work. Another nice touch? She wore a single fingerless glove, which was one of Lagerfeld's favourite accessories (though he wore

two)." Fans have also commented on Alia's dress. One wrote, "Obsessed with the little pearl bow hair accessories in the back of her head." Another one wrote, "How did I miss this gown!" Taking to Instagram, Alia shared a string of pictures of her outfits which she captioned, "Met Gala -- Karl Lagerfeld: A Line of Beauty. I have always been fascinated by the iconic Chanel brides. Season after season, the genius of Karl Lagerfeld shone

through in the most innovative and awe-inspiring couture. My look tonight was inspired from this and in particular by supermodel Claudia Schiffer's 1992 Chanel bridal look." "I wanted to do something that felt authentic (hello, pearls!) and proudly made in India. The embroidery, made with a 100,000 pearls is a labour of love by @prabalgurung. I'm so proud to wear you for my first Met. A girl can never have too many pearls... and the right accessories to complement the look which in our case translated to the bow of pearls on my hair. Oh, and it's white, for my Choup-ED," she added.

As Alia made her debut at Met Gala this year, Deepika has also made the nation proud with her stint as the presenter at Oscars 2023. Deepika had introduced the terrific 'Naatu Naatu' on the Oscar stage before it lifted the trophy of 'Best Original Score'.

## Miss Universe Australia finalist Sienna Weir dies at 23 following horse-riding accident



Miss Universe Australia finalist Sienna Weir died at the age of 23, reported news agency.

Sienna passed away after being taken off life support following a horseback riding accident. According to an Australian outlet, Sienna was riding at Windsor Polo Grounds in Sydney on April 2 when her horse fell. She was rushed to Westmead Hospital, where she spent

several weeks on life support before her death.

The beauty queen had a double degree in English literature and psychology from Sydney University and previously told Gold Coast Magazine she had a "deep and unmovable love for show jumping." "My family aren't quite sure where this passion came from, but I've been horse-riding since I was 3 years old and can't imagine my life without it," she shared in September.

"I travel to rural Sydney two to three times a week to train and compete around New South Wales or broader Australia every other weekend." In the wake of her death, Australian photographer Chris Dwyer--who worked with Sienna on several occasions-- took to social media to pay tribute to her. "You were one of the kindest souls in the world, you lit up the room and the world is a lot darker now that you are gone," he wrote on his Instagram Stories alongside a photo of Sienna. "Hope wherever you are, you're being the gremlin we all know and love. Miss you so much already."

## Never done a series that has this kind of scope and complexity, says Citadel actor Stanley Tucci

Citadel actor Stanley Tucci has talked about working on the series starring Priyanka Chopra Jonas and Richard Madden.

Tucci has starred in many global franchises, including The Transformers, The Hunger Games, Marvel's Captain America, and many others.

He said, "I think Citadel is probably the largest-scale project I've ever done. I've done big movies, but I've never done a series that has this kind of scope and complexity. And the technology."

"In other words, the technology within the series, but also the technology that's used to make the series."

The series will have a weekly episodic release until May 26 in English, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Malayalam.

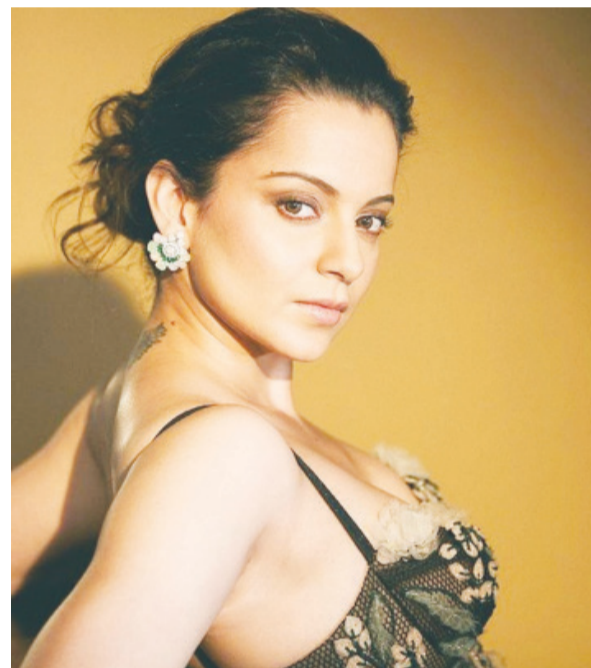


## Kangana Ranaut reveals the most challenging thing about directing a film

Sharing the challenges of directing a film, Bollywood actress-filmmaker Kangana Ranaut says a director is faced with a "minimum of 400-500 questions" every day.

Kangana took to Instagram story, where she shared an interview of American film director Martin Scorsese who is talking about framing and blocking a scene.

The actress, who ventured into directing films in 2019 with 'Manikarnika: The Queen of Jhansi' wrote alongside the post: "Most challenging things about direction



is....A director is faced with minimum of 400-500 questions every day from all departments, camera, art, actors, make up, production and of course the direction department..." She added: "Trust me what you want to do as a director is easier to do than to explain ... limiting your vision to words is rather agonising that's why best teams are those who read emotions and energy and doesn't get entangled in words ... and best directors are those who

let those emotions lead them not ambition."

Her next directorial is 'Emergency', where she will be seen playing the former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

It also stars Anupam Kher, Mahima Chaudhry, Vishak Nair, Satish Kaushik, Milind Soman and Shreyas Talpade in prominent roles.

Kangana also has Sarwesh Mewar's 'Tejas', in which she will be seen portraying the role of an Indian Air force pilot. Her film 'The Incarnation: Sita' is in pipeline.

## Amber Heard 'quits' Hollywood and moves to Madrid

Actress Amber Heard has reportedly quit Hollywood and moved to Madrid, Spain.

"I can reveal that Heard has quit Hollywood and quietly relocated to Spain with her young daughter Oonagh," the Daily Mail claimed in an article published Thursday, reports pagesix.com.

According to the journalist of the portal, a friend of Heard said: "She's bilingual in Spanish and is happy there, raising her daughter away from all the noise." The friend also told the outlet that the 37-year-old actress may one day return to Tinseltown.

"I don't think she is in any hurry to return to

work or to Hollywood, but she will probably come back when the time is right, for the right project," the friend explained, per the Daily Mail report.

Notably, Heard sold her Yucca Valley, California, home in July 2022 for \$1.1 million.

Since then, she has spent plenty of time in Spain. Last October, the actress was photographed flaunting her bikini body on the beaches of Palma de Mallorca.

Days prior, she was spotted playing with her daughter, Oonagh, 2, at a kids' park during her Spanish getaway. The mom of one has largely kept her child out of the



public eye since welcoming her via surrogate in July 2021.

Heard's alleged move to Spain comes nearly

a year after her defamation trial with ex-husband Johnny Depp.

Depp, 59, sued Heard for \$50 million in 2019,

claiming she lied about him abusing her only to obtain more money in their divorce settlement.

One year later, his ex-wife countersued him for \$100 million.

The trial ended in June 2022 with the court ordering Heard to pay Depp \$10 million compensatory damages plus \$350,000 in punitive damages for defaming the 'Cry Baby' actor in a 2018 op-ed piece she wrote for 'The Washington Post'.

Heard later asked the judge to toss the jury's verdict and requested a retrial, claiming that the judgment was not supported by evidence.

## Rings of Power to finish filming Season 2 amid writers strike



The Lord of the Rings: The Rings of Power is the latest TV series to move forward with production amid the ongoing writers' strike.

However, the production will happen without the show-runners on the sets. Reportedly, the series has 19 days of filming remaining but per Writers Guild of America (WGA) strike rules, Payne, McKay and any other writer-producers are barred from participating in any writing-based duties during production while the strike continues, including making creative decisions.

The show's non-writing executive producers (like Lindsey Weber), directors (Charlotte Brandstrom, Sanaa Hamri and Louise Hooper) and crew are overseeing production on the UK-based shoot.

If the report is to be believed, there have been multiple units filming on Rings of Power, including night shoots.

## Saiyami Kher pledges support for young female athletes

In Saiyami Kher's upcoming movie Ghoomer, she plays the role of a para-athlete. Always enthusiastic about sports, the actress has pledged to support young female athletes.

She said, "I have always wanted to do something for girls in sports, and I am trying to do my bit. Kavita Raut was sponsored first by an NGO started by my parents in Nasik. And I feel so proud to see all that she has achieved. In my small way, if I can contribute to helping young female athletes achieve their dreams, I will be very happy. In the last three years, I have helped support a vegetable vendor's daughter to complete her engineering in electrical and telecommunications, and will be helping young individual female athletes in my capacity. I hope I come to a point where I can start my own organisation because this is something very close to my heart."

Saiyami is part of Ghoomer, where she is playing the part of a cricketer, a Paralympian who has lost one arm. The movie, which is currently in the post-production stage, has been co-



written by Balki, along with Rahul Sen Gupta and Rishi Virmani. It is inspired by the story of Karoly Takacs, the late Hungarian right-hand shooter who won two Olympic gold medals with his left hand after his other hand was seriously injured.

## Brad Pitt to drive Formula 1 car for Joseph Kosinski's directorial

Get ready to witness actor Brad Pitt in the driver's seat of real Formula One car. Yes, you read it right.

The 'Fight Club' star will drive at British Grand Prix as part of shooting for Joseph Kosinski's directorial, Variety reported.

During a panel about the untitled film at the F1 Accelerate Summit in Miami, Kosinski and producer Jerry Bruckheimer shared production details of the Apple Studios movie, which stars Pitt and counts seven-time Formula One champion Lewis Hamilton among its producers.

According to panel moderator Will Buxton, Kosinski and Bruckheimer are "creating



an 11th team filming on track and on event from Silverstone to the end of the year." Silverstone is the track where the British Grand Prix

takes place. This year, the event will be held on July 9.

Buxton said that the film's team has created "the smallest move-

able 6k camera ever designed to take the viewer into the cockpit," where the film's stars will actually be driving the race cars. "That's right. Brad Pitt driving an F1 car from Silverstone onwards," Buxton added. ESPN F1 also confirmed the news in a tweet.

It's unclear if Pitt will actually be racing against other drivers during the event, or if production will happen before or after the race.

During an investor Q&A in April (via Sports Illustrated), F1 CEO Stefano Domenicali said the film will be "quite invasive in terms of production. It's something that we need to control, in a way, but it will be another way of showing

that Formula 1 never stops." Buxton also shared that the race car being used in the film was designed by Mercedes, and Hamilton is "advising on storyline and script to ensure it's the most accurate racing film ever made." The particular update has left Pitt's fan excited.

"Woah...this is something interesting," a social media user commented. "Can't wait to see Brad Pitt in a new avatar," another one wrote.

According to the film's official logline, Pitt plays "a driver who comes out of retirement to compete alongside a rookie driver against the titans of the sport." Damson Idris will also be seen in the film.

## PM Modi's roadshow begins in Bengaluru amid fanfare

The roadshow from Someshwar Bhavan RBI Ground in Bengaluru South to Malleshwaram's Sankey Tank is expected to be covered in about three-and-half hours

BENGALURU, May 6 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi began his 26 km roadshow in the city on Saturday morning, campaigning for the BJP, ahead of May 10 Assembly polls in Karnataka.

The roadshow from Someshwar Bhavan RBI Ground in Bengaluru South to Malleshwaram's Sankey Tank is expected to be covered in about three-and-half hours, according to party sources.

Modi's roadshow will be passing through parts of south and central Bengaluru, touching about a dozen Assembly segments, they said.

The PM was accompanied by Bengaluru South MP, Tejasvi Surya, and Bengaluru Central MP, PC Mohan.



Massive arrangements have been made along the stretch, like erecting barricades, to ensure that the roadshow goes on smoothly, as tens of thousands of people are expected to gather along the roadside, official sources said.

The entire distance is decked up with saffron hues as BJP flags were seen on either side of the road, and thousands of party workers and supporters too wearing saffron shawls and caps. Cultural teams are also stationed along the stretch where Modi will take part in the roadshow in a specially designed vehicle.

The much shorter roadshow, about 10 km between Kempgowda statue at Thippasandra to Trinity circle, will be held on Sunday.

Keeping National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) in mind, the BJP on Friday modified Modi's two-day roadshow in Bengaluru, by scheduling the extensive event today and shorter one on May 7.

The roadshow, earlier scheduled to be held for eight hours on Saturday alone, was split into two parts — on Saturday and Sunday to avoid inconvenience to the public.

## Five killed as speeding truck collides with car in Maharashtra's Sangli



SANGLI, May 6 (Agencies): Four members of a family and a driver were killed when a speeding truck collided with their car in Maharashtra's Sangli district, police said on Saturday.

The accident took place near Jath town on Vijapur-Guhagar road around 11 pm on Friday, an official said. "The family was travelling from Vijapur to Jath.

When the car reached Amrutwadi Phata, a speeding truck laden with soil, collided with their vehicle," the official said.

The victims, who were from Jath town, were on a pilgrimage, he said.

Mayuri Sawant (38), her eight-year-old son Shlok, father Namdev (65) and mother Padmini (60) and the driver, Datta Chavan (40) were killed on the spot, the official said.

The truck driver fled the scene following the incident, he said, adding that further probe is underway.

## Army wants artificial intelligence-based tool for quick detection of fake or manipulated videos and images on social media

CHANDIGARH, May 6 (Agencies): The Army has projected a requirement for an artificial intelligence-based IT tool to detect and counter fake or manipulated propaganda videos and images in circulation on various social media platforms.

"In the age of information warfare, the digital battlefield has become more sophisticated and widespread across the globe. Today, state and non-state actors are aggressively using digital platforms for spreading fake and propaganda contents to build a narrative through various persuasion/coercion techniques," a document on the Army's current and futuristic requirements released a few weeks ago states. "The timely identification of the same will facilitate blocking of content on digital platforms and taking timely remedial action," the document adds.

Currently, the identification and detection of fake videos and images on various digital platforms, including social media, is carried out manually, which is a laborious and time-consuming process.

The requirement assumes significance in the backdrop of fake videos about the ongoing



violence in Manipur being circulated on the internet, prompting the Army to issue advisories in public interest.

"Fake videos on security situation in Manipur including a video of attack on Assam Rifles post is being circulated by inimical elements for vested interests. #IndianArmy requests all to rely on content through official & verified sources only," Dimapur-based 3 Corps said on its official Twitter handle.

According to the document, the creation of fake videos using deep technology is easy and can easily be initiated even by an amateur person. Also, there are a number of tools and techniques available online which makes manipulation or editing of media contents easy.

"Automatic detection of fake videos and images, including voice

and facial manipulation using artificial intelligence-based tools will act as a force multiplier in combating the disinformation on social/digital platforms," the document states.

Currently, a few tools and forensic techniques are available but the same are required to be incorporated in an integrated manner for detection of any kind of fake videos and images using latest artificial intelligence technology.

The development of an integrated system or application capable of detecting fake videos and images, in collaboration with the industry, is being worked out. The document points out that being a relatively new technology, there are very few tools available for automatic detection by social media platforms and service providers.

## Congress alleges plot by BJP candidate to kill Mallikarjun Kharge and family; saffron party functionary denies charge

BENGALURU, May 6 (Agencies): An assassination plot has been hatched to "wipe out" Congress president M Mallikarjun Kharge, his wife and his entire family by a BJP candidate, the party general secretary and Karnataka in-charge Randeep Singh Surjewala alleged on Saturday.

Surjewala also shared an audio recording, allegedly of the BJP candidate from Chitapur constituency in Kalaburagi district,



Manikanta Rathod, in which he is purportedly heard saying in Kannada that he will wipe out "Kharge, his wife and

children". Rathod rejected the charges saying, "It is all a lie. They are playing a fake audio. The Con-

gress is levelling baseless allegations fearing defeat."

Addressing a press conference here, Surjewala said, "I am going to play for you an audio recording of an assassination plot to wipe out none less than the All India Congress Committee president Mallikarjun Kharge, his wife, and his entire family as being hatched by the BJP leaders. There can be nothing more serious than that."

He said, "Assassina-

tion plots have entered the electoral discourse of Karnataka and this is the lowest political discourse anyone can stoop to."

"Intimidated by the all-round blessings of Kannadigas being showered on the Congress and facing the prospect of a complete rout in the ensuing Karnataka election, the BJP leaders are now hatching a plot to murder Mallikarjun Kharge and his family," Surjewala alleged.

## 81-year-old Bengal man lures child with chocolates, molests her, arrested

An 81-year-old man has been arrested for allegedly sexually assaulting a four-year-old girl after luring her with chocolates in West Bengal's Malda district.

MALDA, May 6 (Agencies): An 81-year-old man has been arrested for allegedly sexually assaulting a four-year-old girl in West Bengal's Malda district. The incident took place on Friday evening near the Gajol area when the girl was playing outside her home and the accused, identified as Bankim Chandra Roy, lured her with a bar of chocolate.

Roy took the girl to a nearby deserted area and sexually assaulted her. The girl rushed back to her parents profusely crying and complaining about pain in

her private parts. The girl was immediately rushed to the hospital. The doctors confirmed that the girl had been sexually assaulted and her condition was critical, the police sources confirmed under conditions of anonymity.

The girl's family filed a complaint at Gajol police station regarding the incident, based on which an investigation was launched.

"My daughter was playing on the ground near Beniyl More near a grocery shop and doctor's chamber when Bankim Chandra Roy lured her



with chocolate. He took her away with impure intention and sexually molested her," the victim's father mentioned in the FIR copy.

Following the complaint, the police arrested Roy from his home, which was located near

the victim's house. During interrogation, Roy reportedly confessed to the crime, police sources told India Today.

Police Superintendent Pradeep Kumar Yadav assured that the accused would be pun-

ished severely, and they have already filed a case against him under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

This comes shortly after several protests sparked across North Bengal following the alleged rape-murder of a 17-year-old tribal girl who was found dead in Kaliaganj in the last week of April. The girl who belonged to the Rajbongshi family had gone missing on April 20 after she left home for tuition classes. Her floating body was recovered from a canal a day later.

## Blow to BJP as Deepak Joshi calls it quits with party months ahead of MP Assembly elections, joins Congress



BHOPAL, May 6 (Agencies): Former Bharatiya Janata Party leader Deepak Joshi called it quits with the saffron party and joined hands with Congress on Saturday. In the presence of the party's state leadership, including former MP CM Kamal Nath, Joshi announced his association with the grand old party.

The Congress party welcomed Deepak Joshi, who is the son of former MP Chief Minister Kailash Joshi, in the fight to "save democracy". Taking to Twitter, Congress shared, "Senior BJP leader, former minister and former MLA Deepak Joshi joined the Congress under the leadership of State Congress President Kamal Nath. Deepak Joshi ji is welcome in this fight to save democracy and remove Jungle Raj from Madhya Pradesh." A three-time MLA, Deepak Joshi, was first elected a lawmaker in 2003. He consecutively won the 2008 and 2013 Assembly elections thereafter and was inducted as a minister in the Shivraj-led government. However, in 2018, he was defeated by Congress candidate Manoj Chaudhary.

In March 2020, after Jyotiraditya Scindia-led faction in Congress left the party and joined the BJP, Manoj Chaudhary stepped down from the party too. In the by-election that was conducted later, Deepak Joshi was elected as a BJP MLA.

## Cricketer's Wife Stalked, Harassed In Delhi, 1 Arrested: Cops

NEW DELHI, May 6 (Agencies): Cricketer Nitish Rana's wife was allegedly stalked and chased by two men in Delhi on Friday, the police said today. A case was registered by Delhi Police and one of the accused has been arrested.

According to the police, Mr Rana's wife, Saachi Marwah, was on her way home from work in Delhi's Kirti Nagar when two men stalked her on a two-wheeler, came next to the vehicle she was travelling in and started hitting the car.

Ms Marwah managed to capture the act on her phone and posted pictures of the two men on her social media handle.

She also accused the



Delhi Police of not registering her complaint initially and telling her to "let it go" as she managed to reach home safely.

"Just a casual day in Delhi. On my way back home from work. These guys randomly started hitting my car! Just no reason, stalked and chased and the police told me on the phone when I complained, 'so now that you've reached home safe, let

it go! Next time, number note kar lena' (note the number next time). Aye aye captain, next time I'll take their phone numbers also!" Mr Marwah shared on her Instagram stories.

Ms Marwah is an 'architectural designer' by profession according to her social media handles and is married to Indian Premier League (IPL) outfit Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) cricketer Nitish Rana.

## 'The Kerala Story' made tax-free in Madhya Pradesh

CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan announces this

BHOPAL, May 6 (Agencies): Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Saturday announced to give tax-free status to 'The Kerala Story' in the state, a day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi credited the movie for bringing out terror conspiracies and used it to attack the Congress during a rally in Karnataka.

"We have already made a law against religious conversion in Madhya Pradesh. Since this film creates awareness, everyone should watch this film. Parents, children and daughters should watch it. That's why the Madhya Pradesh government is giving tax-free status to the movie 'The Kerala Story,'" Chouhan said.

The CM said the film exposes the conspiracies of 'love jihad', religious conversion and terrorism and its "hideous" face.

'Love jihad' is a term often used by right-wing activists to allege a ploy by Muslim men to lure Hindu women into religious conversion through marriage.

This film tells how the daughters ruin their lives after getting entangled in the web of 'love jihad' due to momentary sentimentality, said Chouhan and



added, "This film also exposes the design of terrorism."

In a rally in Ballari in poll-bound Karnataka, PM Modi said on Friday, "Such a beautiful state of the country, where people are hardworking and talented. The 'Kerala Story' film brings out terror conspiracies happening in that state." "It is unfortunate that the Congress can be seen standing with this terror trend that is seeking to ruin the country. The Congress is even indulging in backdoor political bargaining with people having terror inclinations. People of Karnataka should be cautious about the Congress," added Modi.

Karnataka votes for a new assembly on May 10. The results will be announced on May 13.







## After Go First, aircraft lessor files insolvency plea against SpiceJet

NEW DELHI, May 6 (Agencies): SpiceJet too seems to be facing headwinds, with a lessor filing a plea seeking insolvency resolution proceedings against the no-frills airline and the petition is scheduled for hearing before the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) next week.

It also comes at a time when competitor and cash-starved Go First has cancelled flights and has filed for voluntary insolvency resolution proceedings.

Aircraft lessor Aircastle (Ireland) Ltd has filed the petition against SpiceJet for initiating insolvency resolution proceedings. The plea was filed on April 28 and it is to be heard by the NCLT Principal Bench on May 8, according to an update on



the tribunal's website.

A SpiceJet spokesperson said currently, there are no aircraft from this lessor in the airline's fleet and that the development will in no way affect its opera-

tions.

"All aircraft from this lessor have already been returned by SpiceJet..."

"We are confident of resolving the matter without court

proceedings and we are in discussions with their senior leadership team for the same," the spokesperson said in a statement.

Further, the airline spokesperson said the comments provided here are without prejudice to the airline's rights and in no way should be deemed as admission of any liabilities.

According to the NCLT website, two more petitions for insolvency resolution proceedings against SpiceJet are pending. The plea by Willis Lease Finance Corporation was filed on April 12 and the one by Acres Buildwell Private Ltd was filed on February 4. There was no immediate comment from SpiceJet on the two petitions.

## CA, CS handling client money brought under PMLA ambit



NEW DELHI, May 6 (Agencies): The Ministry of Finance has amended the rules to bring chartered and cost accountants and company secretaries under the ambit of the

Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) with regard to five specified financial transactions, including buying and selling of any properties and management of bank accounts,

undertaken on behalf of their clients, officials said.

The five broad categories of financial transactions listed in the notification are "buying and selling of immovable property; managing client money, securities or other assets; management of bank, savings or securities accounts; organisation of contributions for the creation, operation or management of companies; and creation, operation or management of companies, limited liability partnerships or trusts, and buying and selling of business entities," they said.

## Covid global emergency over but risks remain, says China health official

SHENZHEN, May 6 (Agencies): While the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared an end to the global emergency status for COVID-19, the virus remains harmful and China will continue to monitor it while increasing vaccinations among high-risk groups, a top Chinese health official said.

The WHO ended its highest level of alert for COVID on Friday, more than three years after its original declaration, saying countries should

now manage the virus along with other infectious diseases.

The ending of the alert status does not mean COVID will disappear, but its impact can now be effectively controlled, Liang Wanjian, head of China's COVID response expert panel under the National Health Commission, said in an interview with state media CCTV published on Saturday.

China will continue to monitor mutations of the virus, strengthen vaccinations among high risk

and key groups, and look to improve COVID treatment capabilities, Liang said.

China held on to its zero tolerance for COVID long after most countries started to live with the virus, and only began to abandon its restrictive policies in late 2022.

In February China's top leaders declared a "decisive victory" against COVID and claimed the world's lowest fatality rate, though experts have questioned Beijing's data.

## Study provides insights into heart inflammation post Covid vaccination

NEW DELHI, May 6 (Agencies): Scientists have found that the heart inflammation following Covid-19 vaccination was caused by a more generalised response involving immune cells and inflammation, not by antibodies created by the vaccine.

The researchers from Yale University, US, said in their study that the immune systems of these individuals got a little too revved up and over-produced cytokine and cellular responses.

In their study published in the journal Science Immunology, the researchers also ruled out some of the



theorised causes of the heart inflammation, and suggested potential ways to further reduce the incidence of a still rare side effect of vaccination.

When Covid-19 vaccines were first administered two years ago public health officials

found an increase in cases of myocarditis, an inflammation of the heart muscle, primarily in males in their teens or early 20s who had been vaccinated with mRNA vaccines, designed to elicit immune responses specifically to the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

What was causing this reaction was, however, unclear.

For this study, the Yale research team conducted a detailed analysis of immune system responses in those rare cases of myocarditis among vaccinated individuals.

Previous research had suggested that increasing the time between vaccination shots from four to eight weeks may reduce risk of developing myocarditis.

Lead researcher Carrie Lucas, associate professor of immunobiology at the university, said that, according to Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention (CDC), US, findings, the risk of myocarditis is significantly greater in unvaccinated individuals who contract the Covid-19 virus than in those who receive vaccines.

She emphasised that vaccination offers the best protection from Covid-19-related disease.

The researchers hope that this new knowledge will enable further optimizing mRNA vaccines, which, in addition to offering clear health benefits during the pandemic, have a tremendous potential to save lives across numerous future applications.

## Covid is no longer global health emergency: WHO

NEW DELHI, May 6 (Agencies): More than three years after the Covid 19 outbreak, the World Health Organization declared the pandemic was no more a global health emergency.

Acting on the recommendation of the WHO Emergency Committee which met for the 15th time on Thursday and recommended an end to Covid 19 as a global health emergency, WHO Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus made the announcement.

"It is with great hope that I declare COVID19 over as a global health emergency. However, that does not mean COVID-19 is over as a global health threat.

Last week, COVID-19 claimed a life every three minutes – and that's just the deaths we know about," said the DG.

Cautioning nations against letting their guard down, Ghebreyesus said thousands of people around the world are still fighting for their lives in intensive care units and millions more continue to live with the debilitating effects of post-COVID19 condition.

"This virus is here to stay. It is still killing, and it is still changing. The risk remains of new variants emerging that cause new surges in cases and deaths," he said adding that the worst thing any country could do now is to use



the news as a reason to let down its guard, dismantle the systems it has built, or to send the message to its people that COVID19 is nothing to worry about.

"What this news means is that it is time for countries to transition from emergency mode to managing COVID19 alongside

other infectious diseases," the WHO chief said. The announcement means that the WHO Emergency Committee will now cease its work. But the committee has sent a clear message that countries must not cease their work.

"On the Committee's advice, I have decided to use a provision in the International Health Regulations that has never been used before, to establish a Review Committee to develop long-term, standing recommendations for countries on how to manage COVID19 on an ongoing basis," he added.

Since its outbreak in January 2020, there have been 765,222,932 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 6,921,614 deaths, reported to WHO. As of 29 April 2023, a total of 13,344,670,055 vaccine doses have been administered.

## New Omicron subvariant continues to spread rapidly in US



LOS ANGELES, May 6 (Agencies): New Omicron subvariant XBB.1.16 continues to spread rapidly in the US, with its prevalence increasing to 12.5 per cent this week, according to the latest data

updated by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The subvariant, referred to as "arcturus," has become the second dominant strain in the country. It is estimated to account for

about 12.5 per cent of new Covid-19 cases this week, up from 8.4 per cent last week, Xinhua news agency reported, citing the CDC data.

Experts warned that the percentage is expected to increase in the coming weeks, with XBB.1.16 possibly becoming the next dominant coronavirus strain in the country.

The highly transmissible Omicron subvariant XBB.1.5 remains the dominant strain in the US, and accounted for about 66.9 per cent of new Covid-19 cases this week, CDC data showed.

## Meesho fires 251, aims to achieve break-even this year

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MUMBAI, May 6 (Agencies): SoftBank-backed e-commerce firm Meesho laid off 251 employees, 15% of its workforce to cut costs and as part of its efforts to achieve profitability. The Bengaluru-headquartered start-up had over 1,800 employees before the layoffs were announced.

Meesho founder and CEO Vinit Aatrey in an email to employees informed about the decision and announced that all the affected employees will get one month extra severance pay beyond the notice period as well as employee stock ownership plan (ESOPs), irrespective of the period



they have been with the company.

"We are reducing size of the workforce by 15%, affecting 251 employees," Aatrey said in an internal email. He said the firm grew 10 times from 2020 to 2022, which was aided by COVID tailwinds and aggressive investments.

"Even as we tracked our plans, the macro climate considerably changed. As a result, we have had to accelerate our timeline to

profitability as part of Project Redbull, while readjusting our GMV growth goals to 30% YoY," he said. "While our cash reserves buffer us well for these harsh circumstances, we need to stay prudent on cost front," Aatrey added. A recent Jefferies report had said Meesho is already contribution-margin positive and it is nearing zero cash burn and is on track to achieve EBITDA break-even this year.

## Talking over mobile for more than 30 minutes linked to developing hypertension

NEW DELHI, May 6 (Agencies): Researchers have found talking on a mobile phone for 30 minutes or longer per week to be linked with a 12 per cent increased risk of developing high blood pressure or hypertension.

Almost three-quarters of the global population aged 10 and over own a mobile phone. Mobile phones emit low levels of radiofrequency energy, which has been linked with rises in blood pressure after short-term exposure, the study said.

Hypertension is a major risk factor for heart attack and stroke and a leading cause of premature death globally.

"It's the number of minutes people spend talking on a mobile



that matter for heart health, with more minutes meaning greater risk," said study author Xianhui Qin of Southern Medical University, Guangzhou, China.

"Years of use or employing a hands-free set-up had no influence on the likelihood of developing high blood pressure. More studies are needed to confirm the findings," said Qin.

The study is published in the European Heart Journal - Digital Health. Using data from the

UK Biobank to examine the relationship between talking over phone calls and new-onset hypertension, a total of 212,046 adults aged 37 to 73 years without hypertension were engaged in this study.

Information on the use of a mobile phone to make and receive calls was collected through a self-reported touchscreen questionnaire at baseline, including years of use, hours per week, and using a hands-free device/speakerphone.

Over a median follow up of 12 years, 13,984 (7 per cent) participants developed hypertension. Mobile phone users, who for the purposes of this study used a mobile phone at least once a week for making and taking phone calls, were found to have a 7 per cent higher risk of hypertension compared with non-users.

Those who talked on their mobile for 30 minutes or more per week had a 12 per cent greater likelihood of new-onset high blood pressure than participants who spent less than 30 minutes on phone calls. The results were similar for women and men.

Weekly usage time of 30-59 minutes, 1-3 hours, 4-6 hours and more than 6 hours was associated with an 8

per cent, 13 per cent, 16 per cent and 25 per cent raised risk of high blood pressure, respectively. Years of use and employing a hands-free device/speakerphone were not significantly related to developing hypertension.

A genetic risk analysis showed that the likelihood of developing high blood pressure was 33 per cent higher in those with high genetic risk and spending at least 30 minutes talking over the phone compared to those with low genetic risk and talking over the phone for less than 30 minutes.

"More research is required to replicate the results, but until then it seems prudent to keep mobile phone calls to a minimum to preserve heart health," said Qin.



# IIT Jammu, IIT Bhilai sign MoU for strategic partnership

## TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, 6 May: In a significant development, Prof Manoj Singh Gaur, Director, IIT Jammu, and Prof Rajiv Prakash, Director, IIT Bhilai, joined hands to strengthen ties and promote collaborative research and academic exchange between the two prestigious institutes. The momentous occasion took place at IIT Jammu in the presence of esteemed dignitaries from IIT Jammu, including Prof Bijoy Boruah, Dean; Dr Vinay Sharma, Associate Dean; and distinguished members of faculty, namely, Dr Ashok Bera, Dr Nitin Joshi, Dr Kantak Ghosh, and Dr Biswanth Chakraborty.

At the outset, an engaging dialogue was initiated by Prof Gaur and Prof Prakash with the faculty members, discussing the immense potential for collaborative technological and scientific research across various sectors. The discussions



centered on a translational approach aimed at leveraging the resources available in India, including both natural and human resources, to benefit local industries and other fields. The interactive conversation highlighted the shared commitment of both institutions to drive innovation and contribute to societal progress.

A key highlight of the meeting was the unanimous agree-

ment between Prof Gaur and Prof Prakash to facilitate the exchange of students between IIT Jammu and IIT Bhilai. This exchange program aims to provide students with opportunities for coursework, research-oriented study, and valuable internship engagements. By fostering such collaborations, both institutes seek to broaden the horizons of their students and nurture a culture of cross-

institutional learning.

Expressing his enthusiasm, Prof Prakash expressed a keen interest in inviting faculty members from IIT Jammu to IIT Bhilai, facilitating a vibrant exchange of knowledge and expertise. Prof Gaur reciprocated the sentiment and emphasized the mutual benefits that can be derived from such collaborations.

The meeting concluded on a positive note, with a cordial acknowledgment of the mutual appreciation for the value of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and the bright prospects it holds for an enduring relationship of progressive collaboration between IIT Bhilai and IIT Jammu. Both institutes are committed to building on this foundation and leveraging their collective strengths to create a synergy that will contribute to the advancement of science, technology, and education in India.

# Mountaineering Association to hold 22nd Jammu District Sport Climbing Championship

## TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU: 22nd Jammu District Sport Climbing Championship will be organized by Mountaineering Association of J&K in collaboration with Sprawling Buds ICSE School, Bantalab, Jammu on 13th May, 2023.

About 200 climbers from various institutions of Jammu district are likely to vie for honors in the competition which may extend to the next day in case the competitions are not completed on the first day.

The competitions to be conducted on the pre fabricated 40ft high Tenzing Norgay Sport Climbing Wall in Sprawling Buds ICSE School campus shall be held in eight categories of Men, Women (born in 2006 and earlier), Boys, Girls (born in 2007, 2008 & 2009); Sub Jr. Boys / Girls (born in 2010 and 2011) and Mini Boys/Girls (born in 2012 and after). The competitions in all the categories shall be held in 'lead climbing' only. However, there shall be demonstrations in speed climbing by international climbers at the time of inauguration of the championship. However, it may be noted that medal winners of any Zonal / national Competition are not eligible for this competition

For further information interested climbers/ institutions should contact the General Secretary of Mountaineering Association of J&K Shawetica Khajuria on Mob. No: 7006099855 on or before 11th May, 2023. On the spot registration shall also be done at Sprawling Buds ICSE School from 8 am to 8.30 am on 13th May, 2023 for limited number of participants. Whereas Shawetica Khajuria, General Secretary of the Association and an international judge in sport climbing shall be the President of the Jury of the Competition, Sonam Sidharth, a senior climber and an executive member of the Association, is the Organising Secretary of the competition. International climbers Shivani Charak, Shilpa Charak and Arun Deep Singh are also a part of the organizing committee along with senior members Manik Slathia, Sushil Singh, Shashi Kant Sharma, Sakshi Magotra, Sunil Chakharria, Sourav Deep Singh, Prerna Charak, Anu Sharma and Vishali Sharma. Technical and logistic support, however, shall be provided by Indian Mountaineering Foundation North Zone Committee, New Delhi. The district championship has been sponsored by J&K Sports Council.

# The Shri Ram Universal School celebrates Mother's Day

## TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 6: The Shri Ram Universal School celebrated Mother's Day "My Angel Mother" as a mark of respect for the motherhood.

The students of Elementary Wing (Nanhe Kadam, Pyare Kadam, Badhte Kadam and Form 1) dressed in colourful attires were the center of attraction and presented a culture programme.

Madhavi Sharma, Senior Broadcaster, All India Radio Jammu, who is popularly known as Kokila of Jammu graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

The other dignitaries present to witness the event included Sanjeev Gupta, Chairman TSUSJ, Rajni Gupta,



Director TSUSJ, Col VK Sharma (Retd), Principal TSUSJ, Shivani Vaid, Headmistress and the parents of the participating children.

Col VK Sharma, Principal TSUSJ in his welcome note, apprised the audience about the achievements and contribution made by Madhvi Sharma in the field of Radio Broadcasting which spans

about five decades. The principal also welcomed the parents who spared their valuable time to witness the memorable and most precious performances of their wards.

Keeping in line with the Green Policy of the school, the Chief Guest was presented a potted plant by the School Management to remind her about her associa-

tion with the school.

The guests were left spellbound by the scintillating performances exhibited by the young toddlers bubbling with energy.

The young mothers felt elated and proud on seeing their wards perform on the stage and could barely resist appreciating each performance and reciprocated their love and

affection for their children by thronging the stage and performing on some popular numbers.

The Chief Guest, Madhavi Sharma, had praise for the children and their mentors for preparing the children for such an occasion. In her address to the gathering she praised the efforts put in by the School Management in creating state-of-the-art facilities for the children. She also took some time to address the senior children and advised them to follow their aim passionately.

Prior to the culmination of the programme, Shivani Vaid Sharma, the Headmistress presented the vote of thanks. The programme ended with singing of the National Anthem in unison.

# CCI condemns dastardly act of terrorists in Rajouri

## TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU: Chamber of Commerce & Industry strongly condemns the dastardly act of terrorists of yesterday blast and encounter in Rajouri.

Chamber of Commerce & Industry saluted and paid homage to the brave Officers and Soldiers who sacrificed their lives in defending the mother land and common man. Chamber demanded that the terrorists and their ground workers wherever they



are operating should be eliminated.

"Fundamentalists of all hues are perplexed and worried with the peace, tranquility and brotherhood between different communities and wants to destabilize this bonhomie. Chamber

of Commerce & Industry firmly believes that people of Jammu will not get trapped in their nefarious designs and will firmly uphold their credentials of secularism," he added.

Chamber of Commerce & Industry requested the International Community to raise their voice against the terrorism of all kinds and urges the UNO to strictly sensor the Pakistan for their open supports and promotion of terrorism in J&K.

# DSS kindles kindness towards birds & awareness to save water

## TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 6: Hundreds of environment friendly men, women and children including prominent citizens, NGOs, traders, students, educationists, and all concerned members of civil society of Jammu from different walks of life participated today in the Annual "Save Birds, Save Water Day" organised by Dogra Sadar Sabha, J&K, Jammu at the Sabha Bhawan, Dogra Hall and the adjacent Zanana Park and other places in Jammu.

Former Minister and President of Dogra Sadar Sabha implored upon the participants to keep alive and propagate the age old and traditional message of compassion held high by the Dogras towards all living beings, particularly the voiceless birds and animals who can't speak out their agony when in distress. He reminded that in the coming days of scorching summer heat, the birds, particularly in the concrete jungles of cities will yearn for water



as growing urbanisation is happening at the cost of our invaluable water resources.

Charak asked the participants to take a pledge this day that all of us will commit to the continuation and perpetuation of the age old Dogra tradition of compassion for all living beings. As a token of gesture, he appealed to all citizens, educationists and students of all educational institutions to keep water in earthen pots on their house terraces, fences, roofs and hang the 'chhikkus' by the branches of trees in their lawns and gardens at suitable places during summers so that thirsty birds perch on these and quench their thirst.

This can also provide an interesting, entertaining and learning experience and opportunity through bird watching.

Importance of saving water was explained by the speakers on the occasion and tips were given to avoid wastage of water during bathing, cleaning, washing and other daily chores. It was also stressed not to throw sewerage, polythene and garbage etc into the rivers, canals, streams and ponds. These should be treated as sacred entities, they emphasized.

Maj. Gen, G S Jamwal, AVSM (Retd) Maj Gen. Sunita Kapoor VSM (Retd), Col. Karan Singh Jamwal (Ret.), Col. Dr. Virendra K Sahi

VrC (Ret.), D. C Raina, Advocate General, Prem Sagar Gupta, Gambhir Dev Singh Charak, I/C Youth Wing DSS, Smt. Uma Katal, Janak Khajuria, Abdul Majid, President Muslim Federation, H A Siddiqui, former Addl. Adv. General, Amjad Ali Shah, Jagmohan Sharma, Rajesh Gupta, Ahtsham ul Haq, Pawan Sharma were among the prominent speakers during the day long campaign.

Earlier, students of Rich Harvest School, Bari Brahmana and Dogra Higher Secondary School, Shastrri Nagar, Jammu mesmerized the audience with their impressive and colourful cultural programmes about the theme of the

day. Students of various educational institutions including Oriental Academy Higher Secondary School, Jammu, Humanity Public School, Bassi Kalan, Alexander Memorial High School, Dogra Degree College, Dogra College of Education and Dogra Law College, Bari Brahmana, presented their views through talks and lectures.

Charak, President, DSS, presented suitable awards to the outstanding students for their performance during the programme. Hundreds of earthen pots, pans and chhikkus were also distributed among the participants to mark the Save Birds, Save Water campaign and all the participants were asked to disseminate this message of humanity amongst all.

Thereafter a rally was taken out and participants hung the chhikkus with earthen pots filled with water on the trees at different places in Hari Singh Zanana Park, Raja Jambulochan Chowk and other places in the city.

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