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BRIEFLY

2,380 fresh Covid cases in India, active cases drop to 27,212

NEW DELHI, May 7 (Agencies): India recorded 2,380 new COVID-19 infections, while the number of active cases came down to 27,212 from 30,041 the day before, according to Union health ministry data released on Sunday.

With the fresh cases, the COVID-19 tally increased to 4.49 crore (4,49,69,630). The death toll climbed to 5,31,659 with 15 fatalities, the data updated at 8 am stated.

At 27,212, the active cases comprise 0.06% of the total infections. The national COVID-19 recovery rate was recorded at 98.75%.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,44,10,738, while the case fatality rate stood at 1.18%.

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

Fairly widespread light to moderate rain likely over J&K: MeT

SRINAGAR, May 7 (Agencies): Meteorological department predicts fairly widespread to widespread light to moderate rain over Jammu and Kashmir during the next 24 hours.

Amid mainly clear to partly cloudy weather at most places today the MeT office forecast of rain coupled with thunderstorm and lightning at most places of Kashmir and Many places of Jammu region on Sunday.

Hailstorm with gusty winds at a few places is also expected, the MeT office said.

It said there could be rain or thunderstorm at many Places of J&K with Hailstorm & gusty wind at one or two places on May 8 and weather will mainly remain dry from May 9-12.

The MeT has also advised farmers to postpone spraying of orchards & harvesting of crops till May 8. It has also advised

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GSTN defers by 3 months implementation of e-invoice reporting time limit

NEW DELHI, May 7 (Agencies): GSTN has deferred by 3 months the implementation of time limit for businesses with turnover of over Rs 100 crore to upload their old e-invoices.

Last month the GST Network had imposed a timeline for businesses with turnover of Rs 100 crore and above for uploading e-invoices on the Invoice Registration Portal (IRP) within 7 days of the issue of such invoices beginning May 1.

Previously, there was no such restriction for businesses to upload the invoices on the IRP. As per GST law, businesses cannot avail



input tax credit (ITC) if invoices are not uploaded on the IRP.

In an advisory to taxpayers on May 6, GST Network said it has been decided by the competent authority to defer the imposition of time limit of 7 days on report-

ing old e-invoices on the e-invoice IRP portals for taxpayers with aggregate turnover greater than or equal to Rs 100 crore by three months.

AMRG & Associates Senior Partner Rajat Mohan said in the last few days, even large

businesses have been perplexed over this new requirement to issue e-invoice within 7 days of the invoice date.

Apprehensions were mounting due to additional entries posted due to year-end charges

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42 lost membership of Parliament since 1988, maximum 19 in 14th Lok Sabha

NEW DELHI, May 7 (Agencies): The recent disqualification of Rahul Gandhi from Lok Sabha has put the spotlight on provisions of an Act which has been used to removed 42 members from Parliament since 1988, with the 14th Lok Sabha witnessing the ouster of 19 lawmakers in connection with the cash-for-query scam and cross-voting.

The disqualification of these lawmakers have been on various grounds like changing political allegiances, for conduct unbecoming of a parliamentarian and after being convicted by a court for crimes that have a jail term of two

years or more.

The latest round of disqualification of Congress leader Gandhi, NCP leader Mohammad Faizal P P, and BSP leader Afzal Ansari came after their conviction by courts with jail terms of more than two year, invoked the provisions of the Representation of the People Act.

The Act deals with automatic disqualification of MPs and state legislators upon being convicted and sentenced for two years or more in a criminal case.

The disqualification of Faizal, who represents Lakshadweep in the Lok Sabha, was revoked after he obtained a stay

over his conviction and sentence, in an attempt to murder case, from the Kerala High Court.

Gandhi has moved the Gujarat High Court to seek relief in the criminal defamation case involving the 'Modi surname' in which a Surat court had sentenced him to two years in jail.

The first disqualification of a Lok Sabha member after the anti-defection law was enacted in 1985 was that of Laldudhoma, a Congress member, who filed his nomination papers for the Mizoram Assembly elections as a candidate of the Mizo National Union, a party founded by him.

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3 robbers arrested, stolen vehicles recovered as police crack theft cases in Jammu

JAMMU, May 7 (Agencies): Police today claimed to have worked out two different theft cases in the jurisdiction of police station Gandhi Nagar and police post Narwal with the arrest of three robbers, and recovery of stolen vehicles.

Police said that they received a robbery complaint at Gandhi Nagar police station following which the police team rounded up two persons for investigation purposes.

The suspected persons were identified as Rohit Mehra, resident of Mubarak Mandi Pakki Dakki Jammu at present Rehari in Jammu and Sunil Kumar, resident of Lane No 24 Fowara Chowk Greater Kailash, Jammu.

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Militant associate arrested with IED, Major tragedy averted: Police

SRINAGAR, May 7 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Police averted a major tragic incident as it apprehended a terror associate in Pulwama and recovered an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) weighing approximately 5 to 6 kg, the police said on Sunday.

The arrested terror associate was identified



as Ishaq Ahmed Wani, a resident of Arigam, Pulwama, the police

said. The police have registered a case into the

matter.

"Pulwama Police averted a major tragedy by apprehending a #terror associate Ishaq Ahmed WRO Arigam #Pulwama and recovering an #IED (approx 5-6Kgs) on his disclosure. Case registered," Kashmir Zone Police tweeted on Sunday afternoon.

Further investigation into the matter is underway.

Article 370 abrogation ended terrorism, stone-pelting in J&K: Azad



SRINAGAR, May 7 (Agencies): Former J&K chief minister and Democratic Progress-

sive Azad Party chief Ghulam Nabi Azad on Sunday expressed concern over the increase

in terror incidents in Rajouri-Poonch belt of Jammu division.

Azad said that the centre's removal of Article 370 and statehood was not in the interest of people in J&K but claimed that it had ended terrorism here.

"There are many things that the centre should not have done here like removing Article 370, statehood which it was not in the interest

of the people here but one thing was good that it had ended terrorism, strikes and stone pelting but for the two years particularly three incidents that happened in Rajouri, Poonch are a matter of concern. This should not happen," he said.

Azad said that Rajouri-Poonch was not having 'bad terrain' like things were in Kashmir or

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Health Deptt in doldrums—First time posts of DHS Jmu, Dir FWD, Dy Dir SKIMS lying vacant since long in UT

The Exclusive Story

Sahil Verma

JAMMU, May 7: To the surprise of one and all, the Government of Jammu and Kashmir which never gets tired of boasting about its efforts to bring vibrancy in the Health Department has gone phlegmatic as the significant posts of Director Health Services Jammu, Director Family Welfare Department and Deputy Director SKIMS are all lying vacant, affecting the services to the hill.

Setting the bad example, the government has remained lethargic to fill the post of Director Health Services Jammu, which is lying vacant for the last more than one month as this has never happened in the history of J&K. Although the

post of DHS Jammu was lying vacant for the last one year but the additional charge was given to Dr. Saleem-ur-Rehman, Director General, Family Welfare, MCH & Immunization.

It is astonishing that despite the superannuation of Dr. Salim on March 31, no one has been given the charge of DHS Jammu while the post of Dr Salim has also gone vacant. There were reports that the government is mulling to appoint Dr. Praveen Yograaj, Medical Superintendent of Gandhi Nagar Hospital, Jammu or Dr. Rajeev, Deputy Director Headquarters for the coveted post but to no avail as four days have been passed and there is no news about the successor of DHS Jammu, who has left the post.

Earlier it was the

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Why elections being delayed in J&K asks Farooq Abdullah

SRINAGAR, May 7 (Agencies): Veteran politician and former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Farooq Abdullah on Sunday wondered why there was a delay in holding Assembly elections in the Union territory and said it was time to have an elected government.

In an interview to news agency, Abdullah, the 85-year-old Lok Sabha MP from Srinagar, said that when BJP leaders announce publicly that they will win 50 seats in elections, what prevents them from holding the democratic exercise.

Abdullah, who talked about a range of issues,



again advocated for early resumption of dialogue with Pakistan for ensuring lasting peace in the subcontinent.

The National Conference president also spoke about the country's decline on various fronts such as human rights issue, growing

religious intolerance and corruption, saying "all these things don't augur well for this great nation".

On the delay in conducting Assembly elections, Abdullah said as far as the government goes, it has been saying all the time that condi-

tions are alright here.

"If the conditions are alright then what prevents them from holding elections. After all, we are living in a democratic country, and for so many years we haven't had an elected government. We have a lieutenant governor with advisors and he can't meet the problems of people, it has become a bureaucratic government."

"It is time for an elected government," he said.

Abdullah said he had raised this issue with the opposition parties and they have done what best they could. "Finally, it rests with the Election Commission. We made

a representation and opposition parties have also pressed for holding elections.... It is now up to them to decide."

"I can't understand if they want to hold panchayat elections and hold other elections in J and K, why not the general elections to the Assembly. What prevents them from doing that?" he asked.

Abdullah referred to a statement made by BJP Jammu and Kashmir unit chief Ravinder Raina in Anantnag earlier this week that there were chances of his party winning more than 50 seats in the Assembly

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Search operations continue in Rajouri

RAJOURI, May 7 (Agencies): A massive search operation which began on Friday to hunt down terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri continued on Sunday.

"Search operation to track down terrorists underway in the Kandi area of Rajouri," officials said.

A total of five soldiers lost their lives in the anti-terror operation in the Kandi area of Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri on May 5.

The five soldiers were killed during the anti-terror 'Operation Trinetra'

of the Indian Army with Jammu and Kashmir Police and the CRPF.

On Saturday, one terrorist was neutralised and one was injured in a fresh exchange of fire in Kandi, Rajouri district.

"One terrorist was neutralised and one likely injured" in a fresh exchange of fire in Kandi in the early hours of Saturday," Army officials said.

Moreover, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on May 6 reached Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district to review the security

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Soldier martyred in Rajouri anti-terror operation cremated with military honours in Kangra

JAMMU / DHARAMSALA/PALAMPUR, May 7 (Agencies): The mortal remains of Naik Arvind Kumar, killed in an anti-terror operation in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri, were consigned to flames with full state honours in his native village in Himachal Pradesh's Kangra district on Sunday. Kumar was among the five soldiers who lost their lives in an explosion triggered by terrorists on Friday in the thickly forested Kandi area in Rajouri where an operation is underway to flush out the ultras. Earlier in the morning, the Army jawan's body was brought to his native village Suri and his brother Bhupinder Kumar lit the funeral pyre as family, friends,



and military officers paid their respects. The Army jawan is survived by his mother Nirmala Devi, father Ujjwal Singh, wife Bindu Devi, and two daughters, Shanvi (4) and Shanvika (2).

Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Minister Chandra Kumar Chaudhary paid tribute to the slain soldier on behalf of the Chief Minister. Chief Parliamentary Secretary Urban Development and Educa-

tion Ashish Butail, MLA Sulah Vipin Singh Parmar, President Himachal Pradesh Agricultural Development Bank Sanjay Chauhan, former MLA Jagjivan Paul, Deputy Commissioner Dr Nipun Jindal, and SP Ms Shalini Agnihotri also paid their respects.

Chaudhary and Butail met Kumar's family and expressed their deepest condolences.

Chaudhary assured the family that Kumar's wife will be given a government job and also announced that the Government Senior Secondary School Marhun will be renamed in honour of the slain soldier.

The state government has provided financial help of Rs 5 lakh to the family.

Tawi Trekkers to organize two treks for school, college students

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JAMMU: Unlike previous years when Tawi Trekkers J&K used to organize a soft trek for all the participants of Dharamshala Himalayan Trekking Programmes in Himachal Pradesh, this year the club has decided to organize two treks one up to Gallu temple, a soft trek for school students and the other to Triund meadow (10500ft), a hard trek for college students. The programme shall start with first batch of 45 college students leaving for Dharamshala on 20th May, 2023 to participate in the Triund trek.

It was decided in a meeting of the club held at Press club of Jammu under the chairmanship of Patron of the club Ashwani Sharma, former MLA. Prominent among others who attended the meeting included another patron Rahul Sharma; Zorawar Singh Jamwal, Co Chairman; Ram Khajuria, President; Mridhu Padha, Vice President; Shawetica Khajuria, General Secretary and veteran members Vivek Chauhan, Narinder Singh and Navneet Gupta; senior members Sonam Sidharth, Shashi Kant Sharma, Sunil Chakharia and interna-

tional climbers Shivani Charak, Shilpa Charak and Arun Deep Singh.

During this programme in which about 600 boys and girls in two age groups of 10 to 15 years and 16 to 20 years are expected to participate the trekkers shall trek to Bhagshu Nag, Water fall, Gallu Temple, Dharamkot (Mini Israel) Dal Lake and shall also visit Dalai Lama temple in Macleodganj, Dharamshala Cricket Stadium, Tapovan,, Chamunda Devi and Nagini Devi besides Triund meadow situated at an altitude of 10500ft (for college students only). The highlight of the programme for both the age groups shall, however, be a visit to a tea garden and a tea manufacturing company where they shall learn the complete process of production of tea.

It is interesting to mention here that the club has been organizing Himalayan Trekking Programmes in Dalhousie -Chamba, Kullu-Manali and Dharamshala areas of Himachal Pradesh since 1994. During the last 28 years these programmes have emerged as the most popular activity of the club for students during summer vacations in which over 15000 boys

and girls have participated so far. The purpose of these programmes is to take the students away from the heat and dust and also hustle and bustle of city life and bring them close to nature.

Whereas Shawetica Khajuria, the General Secretary of the Club is the Organising Secretary of the Dharamshala Himalayan Trekking Programme, the team of field directors, escorts and camp leaders comprises of trained mountaineers Sonam Sidharth, Shilpa Charak, Shashi Kant Sharma, Sourav Deep Singh, Suksham Verma, Sunil Chakharia, Sakshi Magotra, Arun Deep Singh, Prerna Charak and some other escorts certified by Indian Mountaineering Foundation, New Delhi, the apex body for adventure sports in the country.

The programme is being organized by Tawi Trekkers J&K under the aegis of J&K Sports Council in co-operation with Mountaineering Association off J&K, Sprawling Buds ICSE School, Bantalab, Jammu, Ixex Adventure Club, Samba, J&K Mountaineering and Allied Sports Club and Adventure Holidays India, Sarwal, Jammu.

Elderly man saved by locals after he jumps into river in Sopore

SRINAGAR, May 7 (Agencies): Timely intervention by locals saved an elderly man trying to commit suicide in Sopore area in north Kashmir's Baramulla district this afternoon, officials said.

GNS reported that a 60-year-old man (name withheld), resident of Janwara Sopore, tried to end his life by jumping from Hatishah

bridge into the the river. "On witnessing the act, the passersby intervened timely and evacuated the individual to a nearby hospital for immediate medical assessment."

A police official said that the individual is currently at SDH Sopore. "He is completely doing fine and is responding well to treatment", the official said.

JKDMA issues avalanche alert for Baramulla

SRINAGAR, May 7 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Disaster Management Authority (JKDMA) on Sunday issued an avalanche warning over Baramulla district.

The authority, in a statement, said that an avalanche of low danger

level is likely to occur above 3000 metres above sea level over Baramulla district for next 24 hours.

People living in these areas are advised to take precautions and avoid venturing in the avalanche prone areas till further orders, it said.

Pak-based Hizbul terrorist given 30 days to appear before Doda court

JAMMU, May 7 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir's Doda court has asked a terrorist hailing from the district and currently operating from Pakistan and belonging to Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) to appear before it within a period of 30 days before the attachment of his property.

The terrorist who was identified as Mohammad Hussain Khateeb is a resident of Bhaderwah in Doda. Khateeb is wanted by the State Investigation Agency (SIA) Jammu in an FIR in which former Minister Jatinder Singh alias Babu Singh is facing trial and is presently

lodged at Central Jail in Kot Bhalwal Jammu.

The terrorist is presently operating from Pakistan and has mas-terminated some of the terror acts which took place earlier in the Doda and Kishtwar districts.

"The SIA is in the process of attaching the property of Khateeb in Bhaderwah," the sources said, adding the action is likely to be taken shortly.

It is pertinent to mention here that the same proceedings have also been initiated against HM militant Tariq Ahmad Malla alias Tariq Murtaza of Bundzow Pulwama and Hizb-ul-Momineen militant Kifayat Rizvi of HMT Srinagar.

NSF celebrates 162nd birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore

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JAMMU, May 7: National Secular Forum (NSF), University Unit organized a programmed in University Campus, and on the Birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore who laid his life for the country.

A programme in this connection was organized wherein Dr Vikas Sharma, Coordinator Jammu District (Urban) and Zonal Secretary JKNC was the Chief Guest while TR Sharma KAS (Retd), Presided over the function. Vikshay Vashist District President NSF was the guest of honour.

The activists of NSF paid tributes to Rabindranath Tagore and garlanded the portraits of the son of soil, who laid down his life for the sake of the country.

Speaking on the occasion Dr Vikas Sharma threw light on the life history of Rabindranath Tagore and appreciated the efforts of NSF and appealed to the youth to come forward to elimi-

nate all evils from the society.

Dr. Vikas Sharma expressed that present day youth was frustrated due to lack of job opportunities and neck deep corruption in the recruitment process being followed by the UT administration.

He mentioned that people have suffered a lot during the last four years especially after the abrogation of Article 370, bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir and downgraded of State to a Union Territory. He urged the young generation to strengthen the hands of J&K National Conference (JKNC) enabling it to redouble its efforts to get the status of Jammu and Kashmir statehood restored.

While Speaking TR Sharma stressed upon the youth to shun their self-centered outlook and contribute in the development of the nation. He also threw light on the achievements of Rabindranath Tagore who was a Bengali poet, philoso-

pher, artist, playwright, composer, novelist and India's first Nobel laureate.

Vikshay Vashist Jammu District President NSF, in his speech said that the sacrifices of such great people could not be ignored, which had secured freedom for the country and its people. Rabindranath Tagore was born on 7th May 1861 in Jorasanko Thakurbai in Kolkata. Rabindranath Tagore was born to mother Sarada Devi and Father Debendranath Tagore and he belonged to an affluent Brahmin family.

Roshan Sharma University President delivered the welcome address and Sumit Giri was delivering the vote of thanks.

Among others who spoke were Narinder Singh, Abhishek Uppal, Aditya Khajuria, Tufail Reyaz Khan, Punnet Bakshi, Aditya sharma, Ankush Babu, and others.

Chandel said Kailash Mansarovar mountain Aksai China PoK will be involved in the creation of a united India.

Bharat Priye seek crop compensation for rain hit farmers

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JAMMU: Bharat Priye Joint Coordinator of All India Kisan Congress National has demanded compensation from the administration for the damage caused to the crops of the farmers due to unseasonal rains.

Issuing a press release, Bharat Priye said that due to unseasonal rains and hailstorms in Jammu in the past, the crop has suffered a lot. More than 70 percent of farmers' crops have been destroyed. This crisis has come on the farm-



ers at a time when they are already facing financial crisis. Farmers are facing economic crisis due to higher prices of diesel, fertiliser, seeds and other items related to agriculture. Unseasonal rains at such a time have added to their problems, he said.

He will make every possible effort to provide compensation to the farmers for the damaged crop. It is their endeavor that the government should issue compensation to the farmers as soon as possible so that they can prepare for their next crop, he added.

Bharat Priye appealed to the government that in view of the economic condition of the farmers, the compensation amount should be transferred to the farmers' account after assessing the damaged crops soon.

Two women among 4 electrocuted in Anantnag, hospitalised

SRINAGAR, May 7 (Agencies): Two women among four people were injured due to electrocution after they came in contact with high-tension line in Lidroo area of Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag on Sunday.

An official that four people got injured due to electrocution after they came in contact with transmission line in Lidroo.

He said the soon after the incident they were

shifted to a nearby hospital for treatment.

They have been identified as Mehraj-U-Din Reshi son of Gull Mohammad from Veer Siran, Nayeem Ahmad Bhat son of Sajad Ahmad Bhat, Naseema Bano wife of Nayeem Ahmad Bhat and Mubeena Akhtar wife of Sajad Ahmad Bhat—all residents of Lidroo.

Meanwhile, police have taken cognizance of the incident.

Kaith's organise Baba Surgal Bhandara at Machine Domana



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DOMANA, Mar 7: Annual Bhandara of Baba Surgal was organized at Domana, today.

Chela Ram Dass Kaith after completing yatr opened Bhandara and distributed Prasad among the devotees.

Large number of local youth as well as women and elderly lot paid obei-

sance at the shrine and participated in the langar. While interacting with the youth, Kaith Biradari Shromani Committee General Secretary R.L.Kaith, asserted them to participate in such congregations and spread the message of brotherhood and communal harmony.

By participating in such religious programs youth gets enlightened and

follow the path shown by deities. Such Kaar Sewas also motivates youth to stay away from drug abuse besides encouraging them to work hard in nation building, added Kaith.

Disciple Bodh Raj Kaith informed that they have been organising bhandara from the last six years and many devotees come and take the blessings of Baba Surgal Devta ji.

Ram Saran, Chaman Lal Kaith, Bishan Lal Kaith, Bawa Ram, Ravi Shankar, Bawa Kaith, Rakesh Kumar, Sunil Kumar, Purshottam Lal, Parveen Kumar, Roshan Motan, Kamlesh Motan and Jeet Lal Kaith were among others who participated in the Bhandara.

Indian Army giving befitting reply to terrorism: Chandel

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JAMMU, May 7: Hinduist BJP leader Raju Chandel while talking to reporters in Jammu today said that Indian Army and the Jammu and Kashmir Police are continuously hunting wild boars domesticated by Pakistan, and the Indian Army and the Jammu and Kashmir Police are killing these pigs selectively.

Chandel said that in order to influence the G20 meeting which is going to be held in Jammu and Kashmir, the traitor Pakistan and the trickster China are continuously sending dreaded pigs terrorists inside the Indian border to die in Jammu and Kashmir and who are being killed selectively. Our three armies are killing us, China and Pakistan can never succeed in their plans.

Chandel said that let



the G-20 meeting get over, after that Aksai Chin along with POK and Mount Kailash Mansarovar which was a part of India and is

still today, will soon join India by fighting a war on both the fronts. Will keep rubbing, this time the war will be decisive in which many pieces of Pakistan including China will be there. The forces are ready to sabotage their plans. Our forces are continuously crushing all the terrorism coming from across the border and giving a befitting reply to terrorism.

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Cost of tender document (Nil in case of e-tender) Nil				
2	Last date & time of upload of tender	Up to 11.30 hrs. on 01.06.2023		
3	Date of opening of tender	11.30 hrs. on 01.06.2023		
4	Validity of offer	60 days from the date of opening of tender		
5	Availability of tender document on Railway website for submission of offer	From 17.05.2023 to 01.06.2023 Tender documents will be available on IREPS site i.e., www.ireps.gov.in		
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CORRIGENDUM

Subject:- this office e-NIT No 08 of 2023-24 S.No:- 4 work Retender due to wrong BOQ

Reference:- This office e-NIT No. 08 of 2023-24 Dated 25-04-2023

The above mentioned e-NIT for the Work

S. No	Name of Work	Advertised Cost (in lacs)	Cost of document (in ₹)	Earnest Money (in ₹)	Time Allowed for completion	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4	REPAIR OF POTHoles ON CHINKAH TO KAKRA ROAD FOR THE YEAR 2023-24	20.00	600/-	40000/-	30 Days	"B"/"C" Class/Hot Mix Plant Holder

1	Date of Publishing of Tender Notice	03-05-2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 03-05-2023 to 20-05-2023, 1600 Hrs
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5	Bid Submission End Date	20-05-2022 up to 1600 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	22-05-2023 on or after 1200 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Reasi.
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed.

SD/-
(Er. Rajesh Sharma)
Executive Engineer
PWD(R&B) Division
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No:- 687-91
Dated: 03/05/2023

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EDITORIAL

LIVING WITH
COURAGE

Charity does not just entail one's giving money to some needy person. There are many ways to help others – being the well-wisher of others, giving good advice to others, speaking only good of others, never taking revenge, living in society as a civic-minded person – all these are ways of being of help to others. Helping others is, in reality, helping oneself. This is because activity of this kind inspires positive thinking in the one who performs it and results in the better development of one's personality. It makes one a giver-member of society. Good behaviour towards individuals helps one to behave well towards society at large.

It is a law of nature that everyone is born with his own interests at heart. But, self-interest has its minus as well as its plus points. On the plus side, it is self-interest that works as a motivating force in the human world. Without self-interest all activities would come to a halt. This is the contributing aspect of self-interest. But there is a minus point of self-interest. When a person does something purely out of self-interest, it is but natural that he would at all events very much like to take credit for whatever it is that he has done. It is this phenomenon of human nature, which is good for himself but bad for the recipient of his good deed.

The fact is that this phenomenon is due to the law of nature, and when it comes to the law of nature, one has no option but to accept it. One has to accept that this is the immutable reality. If one adopts a realistic approach to this problem, it will give an instant benefit. That is, it will make one tension-free and positive. In contrast to this, if a person reacts, he will have to pay a double price: first, in terms of the sad experience he will have of the external world and second, in terms of his own internal stress.

One should save oneself and try to live with courage in a world full of disappointments. There are few other options for anyone in this world.

We live in a world where we face different situations, both negative and positive, wanted and unwanted. All these are like food for human beings, food for our growth. We must extract nourishment for our development from all things and situations, including negative and unwanted ones, for we can learn much from these, too.

In this world, this is the course taken by human development and, to further it, man must take food from everything. When he is angry and controls his anger, he is training himself in the art of turning negativity into positivity. When he faces a crisis situation and manages to keep his patience, he is building up his capacity for positive planning. If he faces a violent situation and refrains from reacting, he is shaping his personality in such a way that he can maintain his peace of mind, no matter in what condition he finds himself.

This gives a person the ability to conserve his energies, so that he may devote himself entirely to constructive work. When one faces a provocative situation and maintains his balance, he is building up his self-control and thus creating a mindset that will enable him to effectively manage the periodic crises besetting almost everyone in this life. It is as if he has enrolled himself in a course of intellectual improvement.

India lost land at LAC, step up strategic game

By: Manish Tewari

In the April of 2020, the People's Liberation Army of China transgressed across a broad swathe of Indian territory across what is the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in violation of an architecture of border management covenants put in place since 1993. These agreements are the Border Peace and Tranquility Agreement, 1993, the Agreement on Confidence Building Measures, 1996, the Protocol for the Implementation of Military Confidence Building Measures, 2005, and the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on India-China Border Affairs, 2012. On June 15, 2020, the worst clash since 1975 took place between the Indian Army and the PLA at Galwan that is characterised as Patrolling Point-14 in Indian military parlance.

After three years and 18 rounds of military-to-military talks and numerous other meetings with the Chinese leadership, the position on the LAC can be best summed up by quoting from a paper written by the Senior Superintendent of Police, Leh. The paper entitled "Security Issues Pertaining to Unfenced Land Border" was ostensibly written for presentation to the all-India director generals of police/inspector generals of police conference held in New Delhi on January 20-22, 2023. Two paragraphs in the paper read as follows;

"Presently, there are 65 PPs (patrolling points) starting from Karakoram pass to Chumur which are to be patrolled regularly by the ISF (Indian security forces). Out of 65 PPs, our presence is lost in 26 PPs (i.e., PP no. 5-17, 24-32, 37, 51, 52, 62) due to restrictive or no patrolling by the ISFs. Later on, China, forces us to accept the fact that, as, such areas have not seen the presence of ISFs

or civilians since long, the Chinese were present in these areas. This leads to a shift in the border under control of ISFs towards Indian side and a "buffer zone" is created in all such pockets which ultimately leads to loss of control over these areas by India. This tactic of PLA to grab land inch by inch is known as "salami slicing". The PLA has taken advantage of the buffer areas in the de-escalation talks by placing their best of cameras on the highest peaks and monitoring the movement of our forces. This peculiar situation can be seen at Black Top, Helmet Top mountains in Chushul, at Demchok, at Kakjung, at Gogra hills in Hot Springs and at Depsang plains near Chip Chap river. With the 'salami slicing' strategy they object to our movement even in the buffer zone, claiming it to be 'their' area of operation and then further ask us to move back to create more 'buffer' areas. This situation has happened with Y-nallah at Galwan where we were forced to move back to Camp 01 without dominating the higher posts overseeing Y-nallah; at Chushul the BPM hut near the airfield has become the de-facto LAC and Nilung Nallah at Demchok has been restricted."

If the above stated assessment is correct, then notwithstanding all the bluster and the years spent ducking a discussion on China in Parliament as well as blocking questions on the LAC by resorting to the rather ambiguous national security rule 41 (XXI) in Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha and the analogous rule in the Rajya Sabha, India does not seem to have come off very well from this confrontation. For loss of access to 25 patrolling points by the certain assessment translates into a loss of 2,000 square kilometres of sovereign Indian territory if not more.

On the back of all these develop-

ments there was a bilateral between the Indian and Chinese defence ministers on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) defence ministers' meeting in New Delhi on April 28, 2023. The fact that the meeting did not yield anything either substantive and much less productive is evident from the different narratives put out by the Indian and Chinese sides, respectively. While the Indian defence minister reportedly told his Chinese counterpart "that development of relations between India and China is premised on prevalence of peace and tranquility at the borders", he further reiterated "that violation of existing agreements has eroded the entire basis of bilateral relations and disengagement at the border will logically be followed with de-escalation".

The Chinese defence minister, Li Shangfu, was on a different tack altogether. According to a news report published in the Global Times, "Li said that common interest between China and India prevails over discrepancies, thus both sides should view bilateral ties and their development in a comprehensive, long-term and strategic way. He said two countries should bring the border situation under normalised management and to jointly enhance mutual trust between the two armies, according to a readout published by China's ministry of national defence on Friday".

It is, therefore, quite evident that both the countries view the prevailing situation on the border very differently. From the Chinese response it is more than evident that they have absolutely no intention of rolling back their transgressions that they had carried out in the April of 2020.

The larger geostrategic context is also changing. When the Sino-Indian border standoff commenced

in the April of 2020, there was no conflict in Europe. China was at that point in time being castigat-ed (perhaps rightly) for keeping the Covid-19 pandemic under the wraps before it just exploded in everyone's face.

However, today, with the Western Alliance's collective energies being sucked by the endemic conflict in Ukraine that is now entering its twenty-seventh month the United States and its allies are also recalibrating their position qua China.

In a recent deposition before the House Appropriations Committee of the United States Congress, Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, stated, "War with Russia or China is neither inevitable nor imminent." He, however, caveated his remarks describing Beijing's actions as "moving it down the path towards confrontation and potential conflict with its neighbours and possibly the United States".

This military assessment is in tune with broader political approach of the Biden Administration to ensure that the Moscow-Beijing axis does not play to the broader detriment of US interests globally. The recent Tehran-Riyadh détente brokered by China being a case in point. While the US is compelled to play hardball with Russia, it has defined the economic and strategic arenas where China needs to be circumscribed.

India, therefore, would do well to evaluate the shifting sands of geopolitics given that China is negotiating fairly hard to end its border dispute with Bhutan and is generally fairly well-ensconced in South Asia that should legitimately be India's natural sphere of influence in keeping with the Monroe doctrine. As India heads into the 2024 general elections, it will have to be very watchful of its strategic, tactical and territorial interests.

Do you know who we are, Europe?

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Devulapalli

As we speak, in a cabin on the Swiss Alps, Unmindful of the howling blizzard outside, five men sporting thick jackets and ruddy cheeks are hovering over a crackling wood fire, tension writ large on their furrowed brows. They are M/s Sven Bjorg, Leonardo Bertolucci, Alain Belmondo, Ludwig Becker and Pablo Banderas, members of The Secret Schengen Visa Committee That Meets In Cabins To Discuss Important Matters.

The subject of the hushed conference: the sentiments of our ancient nation. We can't understand a word they're saying because they are speaking in Swedish, Italian, French, German and Spanish respectively. But we're lucky: there are subtitles.

Bjorg: Chetan has spoken. We need to do something immediately.

Belmondo: Yes, otherwise they will cancel our wines.

Bertolucci: Do you know pizza is the second most ordered dish in that great land? Our mission to overtake biryani on Swiggy cannot fail at this point.

Becker: Yes, I heard many of their BMW crashes can be traced back to the drivers drinking French wine and eating pizza while driving.

Banderas: What if Hrithik tells people not to come to our La Tomatino?

Well, I may have a taken a bit of artistic licence there. But

something along these lines has to be happening somewhere in Europe. Because, as Sven Borg put it so eloquently, Chetan Bhagat has spoken and that means India has.

In a recent article, India's most-loved writer, second only to Veda Vyasa in popularity, gave that all-purpose 'tight slap' to those continental curmudgeons who are making our travel plans near-impossible by demanding far too much from us for a simple visa.

Who do they think they are, he asked, to give us this 'shabby treatment' when it is '2023' and 'we can transfer large sums of money on our phones, order any item from a shirt to a car, share our location, upload files, buy tickets, watch live matches, make videos all on our phone', give us 'a tedious collation of endless paperwork' and 'interview wait times (which) can go up to a year'?

He doesn't hold back, our Chetan. 'We Indians are not crooks,' he argues most emphatically. 'We won't submit fake bank statements', nor is everyone here a 'doubtful, sketchy, freeloader who will squat there and never leave'. Barely have the Europeans recovered from this fusillade of literary punches when our Five-Point quillmeister, god bless him, delivers a velvet-gloved upper-cut to their collective chin: 'European companies are perfectly happy selling their products – cars, electronics, chocolates – to Indians. (Yet) somehow when an Indian wants to visit, he or she is humil-

iated with this cumbersome, risky, outdated and expensive process.'

'India is not a third-world country' he adds in the end, with the best sign-off of all: 'We Indians treat our guests as equivalent of God. At least treat us like trust-worthy human beings.'

The way I see it, it's only a matter of time before the European Union, shaken out of its complacency by this rocket from our Pasha of Pensters, begins a door-to-door service where Austrians will be competing with Hungarians, and Greeks will be tripping over the Polish to push their visas down our throats, saying 'You must visit us soon, okay, promise? Mother promise?'

As a writer (who has sold less copies of his book than Mr Bhagat's security guard), I am totally behind him. And this is what I have to add – listen, Continentals, it's about time you began seeing past the biased data that diabolically puts us at the bottom of the employment, per-capita income, education, environment indices. They are bogus. We will not leave India come what may. Every day some of us are told to go to Pakistan. But do we go? No, sir.

We only want to come to your countries to take selfies to upload on Insta, speak exclusively in Telugu, Gujarati or Bengali at breakfast buffets making your people choke on their dry toast, drink ourselves stupid and heckle our hosts.

Also, if this is some kind of retaliation for foreigners being

gyped, harassed, mugged or molested in our country, those are rare occurrences, I say. (In big, big countries, such small, small things happen.) Our tagline is Atithi Devo Bhava. We regularly enclose foreigners in bear hugs. Go watch the news. Women are treated like goddesses here. Bollywood songs constantly have loads of European women dancing in the background, for god's sake. What more proof do you want of our hospitality?

I know you guys, being petty and all, will bring up our bank scams. That, too, is completely overstated. Only a few people did it. It's just that they did it large-scale. The average Indian is scrupulously honest. See the number of people taking the ultimate step when they haven't been able to repay their loans.

Look at our ancient culture and glorious past, no, instead of going on harping on irrelevant things? We invented plastic surgery. We defeated the Mughals in the syllabus. We are on the verge of becoming a ten-trillion-dollar economy. Keeravani got an Oscar.

Don't forget we had pushpaka vimanams. Imagine if we decided to bring them back. What would happen to your airlines and visa fees? Lol!

So, listen to Chetan, for god's sake. My twenty-fifth wedding anniversary is coming up and I want to spend it with my classmates in Amsterdam. (The wife will be going to Kashi, of course, to pray for my longevity.)

Sunil led NC delegation congratulates DC for taking charge, highlights public issues

TOP NEWS REPORT

UDHAMPUR, MAY 7: A delegation of Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) District Udhampur unit headed by the party's District President Sunil Verma called on the Deputy Commissioner, Sachin Kumar Vaishy, IAS, and congratulated him for assuming charge as DC Udhampur here today. SSP Udhampur, Dr Vinod Kumar was also present on the occasion.

During the meeting with the Deputy Commissioner, Sunil Verma discussed burning issues faced by the people of district Udhampur including those pertaining to sanitation, civic issues, traffic mis-management, embezzlement of funds, etc.

Verma conveyed to the Deputy Commissioner that the people of the district had high hopes pinned to him for



addressing their issues.

After listening to the delegation members patiently and deliberating and discussing all the highlighted issues threadbare, the Deputy Commissioner assured the delegation that all the issues raised and brought to his knowledge would be addressed in a phased manner as soon as possible.

The DC said that in this regard he would direct the officers to work in coordination for equita-

ble development of the district as also to resolve all the genuine demands of the public on priority. It would not be out of context to mention here that he also asked the officers to note down all the highlighted issues and redress the same at the earliest.

Meanwhile, Sunil Verma on behalf of the delegation members and the National Conference assured full support and cooperation to newly appointed

Deputy Commissioner to make Udhampur a better place to live in.

Among those who accompanied Sunil Verma include Capt. Pavitar Singh, Akash Verma, Anayatullah, Manmohan Verma, Veer Singh, Sardar Gurmeet Singh Josh, Master Swaran Singh, Dr. Ramesh Verma, Ch Mohd Ghani, Smt. Radhey Rani, Makhna Devi, Simran & Sajad Ahmed.

23rd Bamhag Kesari Dangal on May 17

TOP NEWS REPORT

KATRA, May 07: 23rd Bamhag Kesari annual Vishal Dangal is scheduled to be held at Sardabar Kalsote (Moungri) on May 17, 2023 (Wednesday).

Dangal is being organized by J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association with the active support of Jammu and Kashmir Police Department, Jammu and Kashmir Bank Ltd., Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Department, Bamhag Kesari Dangal Committee and District Administration Udhampur as a part annual three days historic and grand mela.

The decision for organizing said vishal Dangal of three days Annual Shiv Parvati Mela was taken in a meeting at Conference Hall, Deputy Commissioner office Udhampur held under the chairmanship of Senior Superintendent of Police Udhampur, Vinod Kumar Agenda of the meeting was explained by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Joginder Singh Jasrotia, Shiv Kumar Sharma, President J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association was also present in the meeting.

Others who attended the meeting were Advocate Swantanter Dev Kotwal, Chairman Lord Shiv - Parvati Caves Shrine (Moungri) Development Board, Om Parkash Verma, President

District Udhampur Indian Style Wrestling Association, Sarpanch Hans Raj Thakur (President), Varinder Sharma, vice President J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association, Jay Parkash President Bamhag Kesari Dangal Committee, Dhani Ram, General Secretary and retired Suloder Mohan Lal.

Mr. Shiv Sharma said it is also decided in the meeting to honour the winner of 1st bout (1st malli) as the best wrestler of the Dangal with "23rd Bamhag Kesari 2023" title, he would be awarded with handsome cash prize in addition to "Gurj (Gadda) and Patta". Sharma further said that the wrestlers who come over their will get chance to participate may they are local or outsiders and all Veteran Ustad, Wrestlers and Coach will be facilitated.

Shiv Sharma who is also Senior President Indian Style Wrestling Association of Indian and former Joint Secretary J&K State Sports Council said that a notable feature of this dangal is being conducted regularly at Kalsote since 1999 on the eve of three days grand mela from May 15, 2023 to May 17, 2023.

Shiv Sharma also appealed to Tehsildar Moungri who is also mela officer to make fool proof arrangements of security and

cleanliness in and around the venue of Dangal.

Sharma said about 40-45 wrestlers from within and outside the State have confirmed their participation. A good number of prominent wrestlers from place like Pathankote, Chandigarh, Amritsar, Jammu, Udhampur, Moungri, Roun- Domail, Panjar, Kalsote, Panchari, ladda, Badota, Lander, Ramnagar, lalli, Damnote, Meer, Guglwan, Kainthgali, Sadi, Bansote, J&K Police, BSF, Army, Deevigarh, Jasserkote, Galiote, Sadal, Dhobakbag, Nalli Nikka, Ramban and Sanasar have confirmed their entries.

Meanwhile, all the interested wrestlers of Jammu region have been asked to contact Shiv Kumar Sharma (94191 61880, 99069 72888) for their entries in the vishal Dangal.

Sharma said for the smooth conduct of this one day "Kaanta Khushti Dangal" various committees have been set up. Technical officials Committee has been formed to conduct the dangal in a smooth and fair way they are Verinder Sharma, Om Parkash Verma, Tulinder Kumar, Kartar Singh, Lashman Singh Katoch, and Murli Dhar (Munna) Dangal is organized on traditional "Mud Akhara" and the decision of the referee in every bout will be final.

Army organizes free medical camp at Keegam Handwara

TOP NEWS REPORT

HANDWARA, May 7: Wherever the Art of Medicine is Loved, there is also a Love of Humanity, keeping this as a backdrop, Chak Kigam Camp under the aegis of Charkut Garrison organised Medical Camp at Government High School, Kigam.

A total of 12 specialist doctors from Border-

less World Foundation of Pune based NGO are pooled in for the camp to render on the spot consultation and treatment to the patients. The Medical Camp was organised as part of Operation Sadhbhavana to treat the sick and needy from the remote areas of Kandi-Keegam bowl.

The event witnessed a footfall of 434 locals

who received free consultation, checkup and medicine. Med camp was organised to showcase humanity face and establish the people friendly image of Indian Army.

On the sidelines of this event an interaction with a total of 52 local influencers has been carried out to convey the message of mutual responsibility of peace.

Gurmeet expresses grief over martyrdom of army personnel

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 7: Gurmeet Singh, President Beopar Mandal & District General Secretary of J&K Congress strongly condemned the assassination of five army personnel in an encounter in Rajouri district.

Gurmeet Singh said: "I strongly condemn this

heinous Rajouri terror attack by the coward militants on five Army jawans where they laid their lives in the line of duty for Nation". He said that terror is a curse that has blighted numerous lives over the decades in Jammu and Kashmir & it deserves strong condemnation & criticism, all around and

should be convicted spot-on.

Singh also expressed his deepest condolences to the families of those Jawans, who paid with their lives in the line of their duty in Rajouri today. He asked the government that how many more brave Indian soldiers would be sacrificed?

Sargam Society & Aryans Group organizes Shiv Batalvi Night

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 7: 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 organized a Musical Program on 6th May, 2023, Saturday in Randhawa Auditorium, Sec 16, Chandigarh. The event commenced with the lamp lighting ceremony & mementos were presented to Singers during felicitation ceremony.

The event was 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 were Guests of Honour. Sh. Ashwani Garg, Chairman, SVIET, Banur presided over.



Gulzar while paying tribute mentioned that the poetry of Shiv Kumar Batalvi is a heritage equal to that of the great Punjab poets of the past. His poems are embraced and loved by all Punjabi people throughout the world and have been sung by qawwals, pop stars, folksters and ghazal maestros. Considered Punjab's first modern poet, he brought a sense of existential uncertainty and conflict into his work.

Dr. Anshu Kataria, President, Sargam Society & Chairman, Aryans Group while paying trib-

ute to Batalvi Ji said that Younger generations will always be inspired from his contributions towards poetry he made to our present-day playlists & his cultural relevance remains strong in his homeland Majha.

RD Kailey, a trained singer mentioned that fifty years after his passing, people still remain spellbound by his talent and craft that gave multiple dimensions to the linguistic references found in Punjabi music. He remained the eternal themes of poetry: love, land, the seasons.

Today's program started

with Kailey singing "Shehar Tere Tarkalaan Dhalian", followed by "Ajj Asiin Tere Shehar Haan Aaye".

Thereafter, Sucheta Mukhopadhyaya, a Begali speaking lady, first time sang in Punjabi "Umran De Sarwar, Sahwaan Da Paani" and "Jaach Mainu Aa Gayi Gham Khaan Di".

"Tainu Deyan Hanjhuana Da Bhada",

Another upcoming Vikramjit Singh Sandhu presented "Jad Vi Tera Deedar Hovega" and Ikk udi Jida Naa Muhabbat". Minakshi Sharma a music teacher sang "Ik

Meri Akh Kaashni" and "Jad Pain Kapahin Phull Ve", in folk style. Rajesh Sharma sang "Aasaan Taan Joban Rutte Marna" and "Mainu Tera Shaabaab Lae Baitha".

Kailey repeated his appearance and regaled audience with popular songs.

"Kujh Rukh Mainu Putt Lagde Ne", "Sajjan Sannu Taindiyaan Galodiyaan", "Maahi Mera Sher Jaapda" and mesmerized the audience.

Out of above 14 songs, the tunes of 12 songs were composed by RD Kailey. The Musicians in the event were Gurninder Singh Lovely, Sarbjit Singh Shibbu, Manish Sachdeva, Arun Mankotia. The Program Moderator was Goverdhan Gabbi. On the occasion, Sh. Kaveesh Kailey, General Secretary, Sargam Society & other office bearers were present beside many dignitaries amongst the audience.

JKTJAC seeks redressal of burning issues of teaching fraternity

TOP NEWS REPORT

UDHAMPUR, May 7: A monthly meeting of Jammu Kashmir Teachers' Joint Action Committee (JKTJAC) held at Udhampur today on 07.05.2023 under the leadership of UT President Vinod Sharma and District President Lekh Raj Parihar.

The meeting was attended by the JKTJAC representatives from all the zones of the district. While speaking on the occasion, Vinod Sharma raised the burning and genuine issues of the teaching fraternity and appealed LG and Principal Secretary School Education for the resolution of the same.

Raising the burning issue of Transfer policy for teachers appointed under ReT scheme he demanded the provision of comprehensive transfer policy in their favour. He said that these teachers have been working in the same schools for last more than 20 years even after the clear directions from



Hon'ble High Court and CAT that they be transferred within the district like General Line Teachers. "But in absence of Transfer policy thousands of these teachers including females are suffering badly" he said. He demanded immediate inclusion of these teachers in the ATD and said that ignoring teachers appointed under ReT scheme in ATD shows step motherly treatment to these teachers as they are working in the same schools in far flung areas for last more than 20 years and have opened the closed schools during

militancy when General Line Teachers hesitated to serve there. He said that instead of lauding the services of these teachers appointed under ReT scheme they are harassed by calling them school specific and by not considering them for transfers which is a matter of great concern and the department should rethink on this burning issue for the welfare of thousands of these teachers.

Demanding regularisation of ReTs who have completed 5 years ReT period, he said that they are waiting for their regularisation for a long

time and suffering badly.

Other demands raised included: Conversion of RRETs to Teachers Grade II/III so that their salary get released, Conversion of EVs to ReTs as they are suffering badly; Conversion of headteachers posts into non plan posts of masters to resolve the salary issue of the masters; Raising Grade of teachers at par with their counter parts in other UTs; Filling up of vacant posts of CEOs / Principals/ZEOs/Headmasters, Adjustment of newly promoted teachers to masters, raising Grade of teachers pro-

moted as Incharge Lectures at par with their counterparts promoted from masters. Speaking on the occasion District President Lekh Raj Parihar demanded intervention of Chief Education Officer Udhampur in updating of service records of the teachers in some zones and release of pending dues of Mid Day Meals for the year 2022-23 which the teachers have managed for their own pockets.

Others who also spoke on the occasion were: Sham Sharma, Sukesh Khajuria, Ashok Seth, Pritam Goswami, Ravinder Singh Rathore, Shamsher Singh, Sandeep Sharma, Rakesh Singh, Suresh Sharma, Vijay Sadhotra, Anil Sharma, Maan Chand, Swarn Singh, Ranjit Singh, Manoj Sharma, Puma Chand, Binder Kumar, Parshant Sharma, Sudesh Kumar, Mohd Mustafa, Sham Singh, Pankaj Thakur, Som Raj Sharma, Raj Kumar, Jai Parkash Anuradha Sharma and others.

Dhar Mahanpur has exponential potential for tourism: Mahan Singh



TOP NEWS REPORT

KATHUA, May 7: Col Mahan Singh (Retd) DDC Chairman Kathua today visited Sananghat, Dhar Jankher Panchayat on the invitation of Sarpanch Dhar Jankher and local residents.

THE DDC Chairman was given rousing welcome by Sarpanch Madan Lal, Naib Sarpanch Pawan Singh, PRI Members, Kuldeep Kumar, Raj Kumar, Mukesh Kumar and others on arrival at Ram-

lila Ground Sananghat. Col Mahan was accompanied by Ram Chand Ex BDO and senior BJP Functionary, Sarpanch Jankher Kewal Kumar, Nirmal Singh Naib Sarpanch and score of party workers. The Sarpanch and residents raised various developmental issues like road connectivity from Sananghat to Kharana, Barji, Palhara, Mandal Talab etc., residents also demanded bank branch at Sananghat, PHC Building, fast tracking of under

construction of GHSS building also came up for discussion.

The DDC Chairman listened to patiently and assured needful action to resolve issues.

Speaking on the occasion, Col Mahan said that Modi Govt is committed for development of remote area. He also highlighted various projects being executed in the Dharmahanpur Block. He asserted that picturesque Dhar Mahanpur region has exponential potential for tourism.

Vicky Kaushal, Sara Ali Khan's 'Zara Hatke Zara Bach Ke' to hit big screen on June 2

The official release date of actors Vicky Kaushal and Sara Ali Khan's upcoming romantic comedy film is finally out.

Taking to Instagram, trade analyst Taran Adarsh announced the news and wrote, "VICKY KAUSHAL - SARA ALI KHAN: 2 JUNE RELEASE... Producer Dinesh Vijan's #VickyKaushal - #SaraAliKhan starrer to release on 2 June 2023... Title will be announced on 16 May, #VickyKaushal's birthday... Directed by Laxman Utekar."

The film is all set to hit the theatres on June 2, 2023.

Jio Studios announced their upcoming lineup of films and web series. The studio also shared a few glimpses of their upcoming projects including Vicky and Sara's films.

In the glimpse, the makers mentioned the film titled as 'Zara Hatke Zara Bachke'. Although



an official announcement of the film's title is still awaited.

Makers will be officially announcing the title on the occasion of the 'Sanju' actor's birthday May 16.

Recently, a few pictures surfaced on social media from the

sets of the film in which Sara could be seen donning a beautiful blue and red saree and sporting a mangalsutra and bangles. Vicky, on the other hand, could be seen riding a bike in his casual outfit.

After finishing the shoot, Sara

penned a heartfelt note in which she expressed her gratitude to her team.

"Can't believe it's already over! Thank you @laxman.utekar sir for giving me Somya. Thank you for all the guidance, patience and support. Thank you for always being so understanding and always pushing me to do better and better," she wrote.

Sara also shared her experience working with Vicky. "@vickykaushal09 every day with you on set has been a blast. From enjoying Punjabi songs and bonfires to early morning drives and copious cups of chai. Thank you for making this journey so memorable for me. You're one of the most humble, talented and gifted actors I've met, and I'm so privileged that I got to share screen space with you and learn so much from you," she added.

Hansika Motwani wraps shoot for thriller 'Man' in Chennai



Hansika Motwani has completed shooting for the last schedule of director Iqbal Nisar's Tamil film 'Man' in Chennai. The film is a thriller that talks about violence against women and the difficulties that they have been subjected to. Hansika plays a fashion designer -- a strong, independent and empowered woman.

The look is fierce and the shoot was very challenging. Speaking on the wrap of the film, Motwani said: "As the 'Man' shoot comes to an end, I must say this journey wasn't very easy, but it was definitely worth the effort. My character in the movie has many layers and it was an experience to play such a strong woman. I can't wait for the audience to see me play Nirmala. This movie is truly very special to me."

Directed by Iqbal Nisar and shot in Chennai, Pollachi and Madurai, the movie's also includes Aari Arjunan, who plays the antagonist, Janani Durga and Soumika. Ghibran has composed the music and Mani has worked the cameras.

Kangana Ranaut's 'dilkash' pictures in floral saree get compliments from Anupam Kher, Mrunal Thakur

"Every inch of you is perfect", is a line from singer Meghan Trainor's song 'All About The Bass', which fits well for actress Kangana Ranaut's latest pictures on social media as she looks every-inch like a dream in a beautiful blush pink saree.

Kangana took to Instagram, where she's donning her iconic signature hair curls and a pink saree. Bollywood personalities Anupam Kher and Mrunal Thakur showered her with compliments in the pictures, Kangana is seen posing in the middle of colourful flowers. She looked dreamy in her traditional look as she paired it with a dewy-blushed look.

Sharing the photo, the actor wrote in the caption, "Ready for an important interview."

Reacting to the post, Anupam Kher wrote in



the comments, "Superb you are looking".

"Curls," pointed out Mrunal with loved-up emojis. Raashii Khanna mentioned, "Beautiful!". Several fans also flooded the comment section with red heart emojis.

On the work front, Kangana has Tejas in the

pipeline, where she will be seen as an Indian Air Force pilot. She is also producing the upcoming film 'Tiku Weds Sheru', starring Avneet Kaur and Nawazuddin Siddiqui. The Padmashri actress will be seen in 'Emergency' and 'Chandramukhi 2'.

Taylor Swift 'fills with joy' as she shares release date of her version of 'Speak Now'

Singer Taylor Swift is all set to come up with re-recorded album 'Speak Now'.

She shared the details during her concert in Nashville, People reported.

Taking the stage alone for her solo songs, Swift, 33, admitted, "There's a different reason that I'm really excited about this part of the set tonight. Because I've been planning something for a while."

She continued, "You know how I love to plan things, and how I love to surprise you with the things I plan. It's my love language with you -- I plot, I scheme, I plan and I get to tell you about it. If you would direct your attention to the back big screen..."

The new cover of Speak Now then appeared, additionally captioned with (Taylor's



Version) and the release date -- July 7, 2023.

Upon the announcement at Nashville's Nissan Stadium, the city turned on purple lights on the nearby bridge over the Cumberland River. "It fills me with such pride and joy to announce that my version of Speak Now will be out July 7 (just in time for July 9th, ikyk) I first made Speak Now, completely self-written, between the ages of 18 and 20. The songs that came from this time in my life were marked by their brutal honesty, unfiltered diaristic confessions and wild wistfulness," she wrote on social media following the announcement.

"I love this album because it tells a tale of growing up, flailing, flying and crashing ... and living to speak about it. With six extra songs

I've sprung loose from the vault, I absolutely cannot wait to celebrate Speak Now (Taylor's Version) with you on July 7th. Pre-order now at TaylorSwift.com."

In February, Swift embraced all her eras for her Grammys red carpet look. However, she stepped out in a midnight blue two-piece set by Roberto Cavalli, a designer she worked with during her Speak Now era and who also created custom looks for her Eras Tour.

Following the release of music videos in January for her Midnights album, fans also spotted a number of Easter Eggs that pointed to her 2010 album. In one instance in the "Anti-Hero" music video, fans noticed that she included the same guitar she played every night on her Speak Now tour.

Sanya Malhotra buys 4BHK home in Gurgaon for herself and her family



In a short span of her career, Sanya Malhotra made a niche of her own. The actor is now ready with her film Kathal, the trailer for which was released recently. Ahead of the film's release, Sanya brought a 4BHK in Gurgaon for herself and her family, where she plans to spend time whenever she gets a chance away from her tight schedule.

Earlier this week, Sanya had shared glimpses from her griha pravesh ceremony on Instagram Stories. In one of the pictures, the actor, who was dressed in a white saree, can be seen stepping into the house. "Naya ghar," she wrote with the picture. She also posted a couple of photos from the puja on Instagram Stories.

Sanya, who hails from Delhi, recently started the promotion of her upcoming Kathal from her hometown. The actor will be seen in the role of police officer for the first time in Kathal. In the trailer, we can see a comedy drama revolving around a female police officer (Sanya) and her journey of unfolding the mystery of two jackfruits being stolen from the garden of a MLA played by actor Vijay Raaz. The movie also features Rajpal Yadav in the role of a journalist.

Co-writer and director Yashwardhan Mishra said about the film, "It is such a thrilling experience to be launching the trailer of my first film, Kathal - A Jackfruit Mystery. Through our storytelling clubbed with an ensemble of extremely

hardworking and talented actors, we have created a story that will make the audiences laugh while also making sure they go away with a strong thought. Quirky satire comedies are few and far to come by, and we have sketched every character's graph with extreme sensitivity and thought. I cannot wait for the audiences to watch the film on 19th of May, streaming only on Netflix."

Adding onto this, Oscar-winning producer Guneet Monga said, "We at Sikhya always take pride in delivering homegrown stories that are global in their approach. We are excited to give our audiences a family entertainer, Kathal - the jackfruit mystery, this summer! Sanya along with Rajpal, Vijay, Anant and the others will take you on a joyride to uncover the mystery of the stolen kathals, helmed by Yashwardhan Mishra, our debut director. We are so thrilled to be launching the film on Netflix along with Balaji Telefilms, both of whom have supported us in bringing distinctive and relevant content to a global forefront."

Sanya also has Sam Bahadur in the pipeline. After Pagglait, Kathal marks Sanya's second collaboration with Guneet Monga.

Manoj Bajpayee's 'Bandaa' trailer gets release date

Trailer of actor Manoj Bajpayee featured courtroom drama 'Bandaa' is set to drop in a couple of days.

The 'Family Man' actor took to his Instagram handle on Saturday to share the trailer announcement. The actor wrote, "When a powerful Godman preys on the vulnerable, it takes an extraordinary #Bandaa to stand up for the victim!" to share the concept of the film as the trailer drops on May 8.

The announcement of the movie was done on Manoj's birthday last month followed by a motion poster release on May 2. Bajpayee plays the role of a lawyer in the movie who is obliged to bring the truth in front of the judge no matter how hard are the conditions.

The actor earlier also mentioned his projects which went for a digital route and how he is excited for the audience to join in on this new adventure. Bajpayee revealed the nature of the film by tagging it as a captivating story to life that deserves all the attention.

The movie featuring Manoj is based on a courtroom drama and is inspired by true events. 'Bandaa' is backed by Vinod Bhanushali's Bhanushali Studios Limited, Zee Studios and Suparn S Varma.

Written by Deepak Kingrani 'Bandaa' is produced by Vinod Bhanushali, Kamlesh Bhanushali, Asif Sheikh & Vishal Gurnani and co-produced by Juhi Parekh Mehta.

The release date for the movie is yet to be revealed.



Singer Shaan all set to debut as actor with musical 'Music School'



felt we found our guy. Shaan is not just a brilliant singer but also an effortless actor and most importantly a wonderful person. His positive aura and charming attitude convinced me to cast him in Music School."

Shaan has recorded an original song in the film that is set to be released this week and he plays a pivotal role in the film which also stars Shriya Saran, Sharmam Joshi as the lead along with an ensemble cast comprising respected and experienced senior actors as well as a bunch of talented newcomers as child artists.

'Music School' is a musical narration of the sensitive and prevailing concern of academic pressure subjected to young students by the society, parents and teachers. With 11 songs in the film, three of them have been recreated from 'The Sound of Music', situationally woven beautifully in the film to suit the sensibilities of the Indian audience.

Directed and produced by IAS officer turned filmmaker Paparao Biyyala, the musical film employs an ace team of technicians.

Presented by Yamini Films, Hyderabad, this multi-lingual film is shot in Hindi and Telugu, and dubbed in Tamil. It was released on May 12 by PVR in Hindi - Tamil and Dil Raju in Telugu.

Bollywood singer Shaan is all set to step into the acting world with filmmaker Paparao Biyyala's upcoming musical 'Music School'.

Expressing his delight and gratitude, Shaan said: "When I first began working on a song for 'Music School', I had no idea I would end up starring in it as well. When I was recording the song, the director of the film Paparao Biyyala felt I would be the perfect match for the character they were looking at and proposed the idea to cast me."

He added: "I had an idea of the story as I was recording the song, but when Paparao sir narrated the script I was

instantly on board. It was an extremely beautiful journey shooting for the film, we majorly shot in Goa and it added to the beauty and lively experience. I am extremely thankful to Paparao sir for giving me this opportunity and making me a part of his passion project."

Director Paparao Biyyala shared they were looking for a flamboyant, energetic and lively person for the character but had no luck in finding the perfect match.

"I then saw Shaan recording one of the songs from the film, he was so excited and happy, he was literally dancing while recording and I immediately

Karnataka Assembly poll: PM Modi embarks on 8-km roadshow in Bengaluru

The roadshow from Kempegowda statue to Trinity circle is expected to be covered in about one-and-half hours

BENGALURU, May 7 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi began his eight km roadshow in Bengaluru on Sunday morning, campaigning for the BJP, ahead of May 10 Assembly polls in Karnataka.

The roadshow from Kempegowda statue at New Thippasandra Road to Trinity circle is expected to be covered in about one-and-half hours, according to party sources.

The roadshow that began with Modi paying floral tributes to the statue of Kempegowda (founder of Bengaluru) will be passing through parts of central Bengaluru, touching five Assembly segments, they said.

The Prime Minister was accompanied in the specially-designed vehicle by Union Minister of State Rajeev Chandrasekhar, who is a Rajya Sabha member



from Karnataka, and Bengaluru Central MP, P C 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 covered with saffron hues as BJP flags are put up 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 takes part in the road show.

Keeping in view the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET), which will be held today, in mind, the BJP on Friday modified Modi's two-day roadshow in Bengaluru, by scheduling a shorter one for today and the extensive event on Saturday.

Modi held a 26 km roadshow in the city on Saturday, passing through parts of south and central Bengaluru, touching about a dozen Assembly segments.

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 general public, in case the rally is held for a full day.

Amritsar: People injured after suspected explosion near Golden Temple



CHANDIGARH, May 7 (Agencies): About half a dozen people sustained injuries after a suspected explosion that took place near the Golden Temple late on Saturday night.

Sources said that a blast took place around midnight near a parking lot in front of Saragarhi Sarai at Heritage Street in the vicinity of the Golden Temple as the tourists and locals were strolling on the street.

Due to the impacts of the explosion the windowpanes of a nearby restaurant and Saragarhi Sarai were shattered and no damage was caused to the buildings. Thus a few pedestrians on the busy Heritage Street got injured. The locals said that there were six

girls on an auto rickshaw who received minor injuries due to the window panes and a person lying on a nearby bench got injured.

The people got scared as they thought that it was a terror attack and panic gripped the area. But, the police said there is no need to panic as the situation was under control and appealed to the people to maintain peace.

Sources said that the blast might have occurred in the chimney of a restaurant in the area but further investigations are underway to know the exact cause of the explosion. The forensic teams were investigating the exact reason behind the blast as they recovered some kind of powder where the window panes were broken.

Meanwhile, Commissioner of Police Amritsar tweeted, "A news related to blast #Amritsar is going viral on social media, the situation is under control investigation is on to establish the facts of the incident and there is no need to panic. I urge citizens to maintain peace and harmony, and advise all to fact check before sharing."

5 dead, 17 injured as bus carrying marriage party falls into ditch in UP's Jalaun

JALAUN (UP), May 7 (Agencies): A bus carrying a marriage party fell into a roadside ditch in the district, leaving five people dead and 17 others injured early Sunday, police said.

The bus was hit by another vehicle near Gopalpura village, following which it fell into a ditch, Superintendent of Police Iraj Raja said.

The accident took place around 3 am when the marriage party was returning to Mandela village in the district.



The dead have been identified as Kuldeep (36), Raghunandan (46), Sirobhan (65), Karan Singh (34) and

Vikas (32).

The injured passengers have been sent to the Orai Medical College, the SP said.

5 Of Family Rescued, 2 Feared Drowned In Rajasthan: Police

JAIPUR, May 7 (Agencies): Five members of a family were rescued, while two people are feared drowned after a boat capsized in the Bilaspur dam in Rajasthan's Tonk district, police said on Sunday.

The incident took place on Saturday evening when Mohsin Khan of Todara-singh panchayat samiti had taken his family for a boat ride, they said.

It was a fishing boat that had a

capacity of two people but was carrying seven, including its operator Badri Gurjar. It capsized due to strong winds, causing its occupants to fall into the water, the police said.

Two women, two children and a man were rescued by fishermen. Khan and Gurjar are missing and feared drowned, they said.

A search operation is underway, the police said.

Meghalaya truck driver transporting cattle shot dead by BSF, court of inquiry ordered



SHILLONG, May 7 (Agencies): A 32-year-old truck driver allegedly transporting cattle was shot dead by BSF personnel in Meghalaya's East Khasi Hills, prompting the force to order a court of inquiry, officials said on Sunday.

The incident took place at Mawshun village when BSF personnel guarding a check post opened fire on the truck and killed driver Roning Nongkynrih on the spot on Saturday. Mawshun is around 17 km from the India-Bangladesh border.

The Border Security Force (BSF) has ordered a court of inquiry. The accused person-

nel, however, claimed that they feared they would be run over by the truck and acted in self-defence.

The deceased's cousin brother Ribalskhem Nongkynrih, who was also in the truck, however, alleged that the BSF personnel opened fire from point-blank range.

East Khasi Hills district Superintendent of Police S Nongtnger said a team from Pynursla Police Station was sent to the spot and a magistrate completed the legal formalities.

"It is an unfortunate incident. We have taken up the matter with utmost seriousness. A case under

Section 302 (murder) of the Indian Penal Code was registered with Pynursla Police Station and further investigation is underway," he said, adding no arrest has been made so far.

Meghalaya Frontier BSF Inspector General Pradip Kumar, while condoling the death, said that immediate action has been initiated.

"I have ordered a court of inquiry which will be headed by a DIG rank officer. We will ascertain the facts of the case. The three personnel involved in the incident have been withdrawn from the location and are on their way back to the frontier headquarters in Shillong," he said.

"As per the preliminary investigation, the personnel who shot dead the man claimed that they sensed that the truck will not stop and they will be run over and opened fire in self-defence. However, we will get to the truth while cooperating with the police in their investigation as well," he added.

UP mafia story: 3 of 66 named in police list now dead, cops on look out for those absconding

LUCKNOW, May 7 (Agencies): With Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath promising a crackdown against mafia, the Uttar Pradesh Police last month released a list containing the names of heads of 66 criminal gangs, and top officials say multiple teams are on the ground looking for the absconding accused and also keeping an eye on those on bail.

Three of the listed mafia are now dead—Anil Dujana and Aditya Rana alias Ravi killed in police encounters, and Atiq Ahmad killed in Prayagraj by assailants posing as journalists. Atiq Ahmad's brother Ashraf, whose name did not figure in the list, was also gunned down with him.

Among the rest 63 named in the list, five are absconding, 20 are out on bail, and 38 are lodged in different jails.

Senior police officials said the government is monitoring them. "Our teams are on the look-out for the criminals and if they fire at the police instead of surrendering, they will definitely face retaliation," a police officer said.

Special Director General of Police (Law and Order) Prashant Kumar told agency, "The police are keeping an eye on everyone. Nobody will be allowed to play with law and order in the state." He said multiple teams have been formed to arrest the mafia who are absconding. "The police are keeping a close watch on the activities of the



mafia, who are on bail. The police carry out their verification from time to time." The mafia list was released weeks after Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath vowed decisive action against such elements in the state. "Mafiaaon ko mitti mila denge (will reduce the mafia to dust)," he had thundered in the state assembly during a heated debate with Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav over the issue of Atiq Ahmad, who was then lodged in a jail in Gujarat.

On May 4, gangster Anil Dujana, whose name generated fear in the districts of National Capital Region for two decades, was killed in Meerut in an encounter with the Uttar Pradesh Special Task Force.

"Anil Dujana, a wanted criminal, was surrounded by our team in a village in Meerut on Thursday afternoon. Dujana fired at our team to escape and was killed in retaliatory firing," Additional Director General of UP STF Amitabh Yash had said.

Anil, who carried his village name as his last name, had over 60 cases lodged against

him, including of murder and extortion.

He was killed just two weeks after mafia-turned-politician Atiq Ahmad and his brother Ashraf were shot dead from point-blank range by three people as the two brothers alighted a police van and walked towards a hospital, handcuffed and being escorted by policemen, in Prayagraj around 10 pm.

On April 12, the Special Task Force gunned down Aditya Rana alias Ravi, who had fled from police custody.

Under Additional Director General of Police (ADG) STF Amitabh Yash said police, as part of a special campaign, are looking for criminals declared absconding.

During their campaign for the urban local body polls, Chief Minister Adityanath and state ministers are attacking Opposition parties alleging they sheltered such criminals.

"BJP ki ek hi yukti, pradesh ko dilai mafia se mukti (The BJP has only one solution which: rid the state of mafia). The mafia are begging for mercy to lead regular lives and earn livelihoods by honest means

due to the government's zero tolerance against crime," Adityanath had told a poll rally in Rae Bareilly.

Earlier criminals in Uttar Pradesh would walk around their heads held high, but now they carry placards around their necks begging for their lives, he said.

He also took a dig at the previous regimes, saying people associated with a particular party would brandish country-made pistols, but they are not seen these days, and youths now are working on smartphones and tablets.

One of the listed mafia is Baddan Singh Baddo, who has been absconding for the past four years.

He had managed to flee when the police party escorting him back to Farrukhabad jail after a court appearance in Ghaziabad halted at an eatery in Meerut. All the police personnel allegedly got drunk and he took advantage of the situation. The police are yet to arrest Baddo who has cases of murder, loot and ransom registered against him.

Last week, absconding mafia Manoj Aase was arrested in Gautam Budh Nagar after an encounter. He was also injured in the exchange of fire.

Haji Iqbal alias Bala, a former BSP MLC and mining mafia of Saharanpur, is also absconding and the police have declared a cash reward of Rs 1 lakh on him arrest. His brother and sons are in jail.

Others in the list who are out of the police net yet are: Jugnu Walia alias Harvinder Singh (of Lucknow), who is associated with the Mukhtar Ansari's gang, Meerut-based Vinay Tyagi and Javed alias Pappu of Prayagraj.

Ajay Pratap Singh alias Ajay Sipahi of Ambedkarnagar, Sushil Moomch of Muzaffarnagar, Anoop Singh and Pradeep Singh of Pratapgarh, Sudhir Singh, Rakesh Yadav and Vinod Upadhyay of Gorakhpur, Saud Akhtar of Kanpur, Bachu Yadav of Lucknow, Rajesh Yadav, Kamrul Hasan and Jabir Hussain of Prayagraj are out on bail.

Former MLCs Brijesh Singh (of Varanasi) and Sanjeev Dwivedi alias Ramu Dwivedi (of Deoria) are also on bail.

Those who are lodged in jail are former MLA Mukhtar Ansari, former MP Rizwan Zaheer, Tribhuvan Singh, Amit Kasana, Sundar Bhati and Subhash Thakur.

Officials said the mafia used to operate their network from inside jails, but their confidence has been shaken after the state government crackdown on the nexus between mafia and jail officials.

Action has been initiated against jail officials, staff and criminals in several cases including the illegal meeting between Mukhtar Ansari's son Abbas and his wife in Chitrakoot jail, where Abbas was lodged, and Ashraf's meeting with people in Bareilly jail.

Shashi Tharoor slams BJP over Manipur situation, calls for imposition of President's rule

Violent clashes had broken out in Manipur last week between tribals and members of the majority Meitei community, which has so far displaced thousands of people and killed at least 54

NEW DELHI, May 7 (Agencies): Senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor on Sunday said the voters of Manipur are feeling "grossly betrayed" just a year after putting the BJP in power and called for the imposition of President's rule in the state that has witnessed violent clashes.

Violent clashes had broken out in Manipur last week between tribals and members of the majority Meitei commu-



nity, which has so far displaced thousands of people and killed at

least 54.

In a tweet, Tharoor said, "As the Manipur

violence persists, all right-thinking Indians must ask themselves what happened to the much-vaunted good governance we had been promised."

"The voters of Manipur are feeling grossly betrayed just a year after putting the BJP in power in their state. It's time for President's Rule; the state government is just not up to the job they were elected to do," the former Union minister said.

The clashes broke out after a 'Tribal Solidarity March' was organised in the ten hill districts of the state to protest against the Meitei community's demand for Scheduled Tribe (ST) status.

Meiteis account for about 53 per cent of Manipur's population and live mostly in the Imphal valley.

Tribals -- Nagas and Kukis -- constitute another 40 percent of the population and live mostly in the hill districts.

8 killed, 7 injured in Texas mall shooting; gunman also dead

A video that circulated online shows a gunman step out of a vehicle outside the mall and immediately start shooting at people

ALLEN (US), May 7 (Agencies): A gunman killed eight people and wounded seven others – three critically – in a shooting at a Dallas-area mall before being fatally shot by a police officer who happened to be nearby, authorities said Saturday.

Authorities did not immediately provide details about the victims, but witnesses reported seeing children among them. Some said they also saw what appeared to be a police officer and a mall security guard unconscious on the ground.

The shooting was the latest episode of gun violence to strike the country. It sent hundreds of shoppers fleeing in panic.

Allen Police said in a Facebook post that nine victims had been taken to hospitals. Medical City Healthcare, a Dallas-area hospital system, said in a written statement it was treating eight between the ages of 5 and 61.

Dashcam video that circulated online showed a gunman step out of a vehicle outside the mall and immediately start shooting at people on the sidewalk. More than three dozen shots could be heard as the vehicle recording the video drove off.

An Allen Police officer was in the area on an unrelated call when he heard shots at 3.36 pm, the police department wrote on Facebook.

"The officer engaged the suspect and neutralized the threat. He then called for emergency personnel. Nine victims were transported to local hospitals by Allen Fire Department," the agency wrote in the Facebook post. "There is no longer an active threat."

Mass killings are happening with staggering frequency in



the United States this year: an average of about one a week, according to an analysis of The AP/USA Today data.

The White House said President Biden had been briefed on the shooting and that the administration had offered support to local officials. Republican Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, who has signed laws easing firearms restrictions following past mass shootings, called it an "unspeakable tragedy."

A crowd of hundreds of people who had been shopping stood outside, across the street from the mall, Saturday evening. Officers circulated among them, asking if anyone had seen what happened.

Fontayne Payton, 35, was at H&M when he heard the sound of gunshots through the headphones he was wearing.

"It was so loud, it sounded like it was right outside," Payton said.

People in the store scattered before employees ushered the group into the fitting rooms and then a lockable back room, he said. When they were given the all-clear to leave, Payton saw the store had broken windows and a trail of blood to the door.

Discarded sandals and bloodied clothes were laying nearby.

Once outside, Payton saw bodies.

"I pray it wasn't kids, but it looked like kids," he said. The bodies were covered in white towels, slumped over bags on the ground, he said.

"It broke me when I walked out to see that," he said.

Further away, he saw the body of a heavyset man wearing all black. He assumed it was the shooter, Payton said, because unlike the other bodies it had not been covered up.

Tarakram Nunna, 25, and Ramakrishna Mullanpudi, 26, said they saw what appeared to be three people lying motionless on the ground, including one who appeared to be a police officer and another who appeared to be a mall security guard.

Another shopper, Sharkie Mouli, 24, said he hid in a Banana Republic store during the shooting. As he left, he saw what appeared to be an unconscious police officer lying next to another unconscious person outside the outlet store.

"I have seen his gun lying right next to him and a guy who is like passing out right next to him,"

Mouli said.

Stan and Mary Ann Greene were browsing in the Columbia sportswear store when the shooting started.

"We had just gotten in, just a couple minutes earlier, and we just heard a lot of loud popping," Mary Ann Greene told The Associated Press.

Employees immediately rolled down the security gate and brought everyone to the rear of the store until police arrived and escorted them out, the Greenses said.

Eber Romero was at the Under Armour store when a cashier mentioned that there was a shooting.

As he left the store, Romero said, the mall appeared empty, and all the shops had their security gates down. That is when he started seeing broken glass and people who had been shot on the floor.

Video shared on social media showed people running through a parking lot while gunfire could be heard.

More than 30 police cruisers with lights flashing were blocking an entrance to the mall, with multiple ambulances on the scene.

A live aerial broadcast from the news station showed armored trucks and other law enforcement vehicles stationed outside the sprawling outdoor mall.

Ambulances from several neighboring cities responded to the scene. The Dallas office of the US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives also responded.

Allen, a suburb about 40 kilometers north of downtown Dallas, has roughly 105,000 residents.

17-year-old girl killed, 5 injured in California party shooting

The shooting appeared to be an isolated incident, say police



CHICO (US), May 7 (Agencies): A 17-year-old girl was killed and five other people were wounded in a shooting early Saturday at a party near a college campus in Northern California, police said.

Officers responding around 3.30 am to reports of gunfire found six people shot at an apartment building in Chico, police Chief Billy Aldridge said.

All the victims were taken to hospitals, and the teenager died at a hospital, he said.

Two men, ages 21 and

19, and a 17-year-old girl remained hospitalized in stable condition with non-life-threatening injuries, the chief said. Two other men, ages 18 and 20, were treated at the hospital and released, Aldridge said.

The shooting appeared to be an isolated incident, and there was no ongoing threat to the community, police said. They released no information on the shooter.

Police had been called to the same address about 30 minutes before the shooting and arrested a man on suspicion

of brandishing a firearm, Aldridge said.

That suspect matched the description of a man who was asked to leave a separate party about a mile away around 12.30 a.m., Aldridge said. A fight broke out at the earlier party, and two people were hospitalized after being struck in the head, one with a bottle and one with a firearm, the chief said.

Several streets were closed Saturday as investigators combed the area for evidence. At least three parked cars had bullet holes and shattered windows, according to the Chico Enterprise-Record.

Both parties were in neighbourhoods near California State University in Chico, a city with about 101,000 residents 145 km north of Sacramento. Lt. Brian Miller called the area a "hot spot" for police service calls.

Turkish embassy in Khartoum to relocate after gunfire hit ambassador's car

ANKARA, May 7 (Agencies): Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu has announced that Turkey has decided to relocate its embassy in Khartoum, the capital of Sudan, to Port Sudan, in response to an earlier incident where the Turkish ambassador's vehicle was targeted by gunfire.

"For the safety of our embassy and our colleagues, we decided to move our embassy to Port Sudan," Cavusoglu was quoted as saying by the semi-official Anadolu Agency, Xinhua news agency reported.

Turkish Ambassador Ismail Cobanoglu had discussed the issue with both the Sudanese Army



and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) and informed them about the relocation plans, the Turkish minister added.

The decision was made after the official vehicle of the Turkish ambassador was under gunfire hit on Saturday, while no one was wounded in the accident, and the vehicle sustained damage.

After the incident, the RSF and the Sudanese Army exchanged accusations.

The RSF claimed that the area where the attack occurred was under military control and reiterated its commitment to protecting diplomatic missions in the country. Conversely, the Army attributed responsibility to the RSF for the assault.

In London, Brazil's President Lula calls for efforts to free WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 7 (Agencies): After attending the coronation of King Charles III in London, Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva denounced the lack of concerted efforts to free WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, who has spent four years in Britain's Belmarsh Prison.

"It is an embarrassment that a journalist who denounced trickery by one state against another is arrested, condemned to die in jail and we do nothing to free him. It's a crazy thing," Lula told reporters. "We talk about freedom of expression; the guy is in prison because he denounced wrongdoing. And the press doesn't do anything in defense of this journalist. I can't understand it." Lula offered the remarks in response to a question about Assange, who is a native Australian. He said he had forgotten to discuss the matter with UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, but that he would write to him upon returning to Brazil.

Assange has been fighting extradition to the United States, and Lula's comments come at a

moment that he has shown little reluctance to voice his differences of opinion with Washington regarding geopolitical matters, particularly in his opposition to providing arms to Ukraine for its war against Russia, and accusing the US and Europe of encouraging the fighting. His stance and repeated statements have drawn sharp rebukes from the White House and Europe.

For its part, Australia has been stepping up diplomatic pressure on the US government to call off its prosecution of Assange.

On Friday, Australia's Prime Minister Albanese told the Australian Broadcasting Corp. in an interview that "enough is enough. There is nothing to be served by his ongoing incarceration." Last November, Albanese told Parliament that his "position is clear and has been made clear to the US administration: That it is time that this matter be brought to a close." Assange has battled in British courts for years to avoid being sent to the US, where he faces

17 charges of espionage and one charge of computer misuse that stem from WikiLeaks' publi-



cation of a huge trove of classified documents in 2010.

American prosecutors allege he helped US Army intelligence analyst Chelsea Manning steal classified diplomatic cables and military files that WikiLeaks later published, putting lives at risk.

To his supporters, Assange is a secrecy-busting journalist who exposed US military wrongdoing in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"I think there must be a movement of world press in his defense. Not in regard to his person, but to defend the right to denounce," Lula told reporters. "The guy didn't denounce anything vulgar. He denounced that a state was spying on others,

and that became a crime against the journalist. The press, which defends freedom of the press, does nothing to free this citizen. It's sad, but it's true." Last year, Assange's father John Shipton sought to convince Mexico's President Andrés Manuel López Obrador to address the issue of his son's prosecution with the US' top diplomat, and to get Australia's Albanese to raise the issue with US President Joe Biden at Queen Elizabeth II's funeral.

In his comments to reporters on Saturday, Lula also noted that Charles III asked him to take care of the Amazon rainforest, and that he responded he needs resources in order to do so. Prime Minister Sunak on Friday pledged to contribute USD 101 million to Brazil's Amazon Fund that aims to stop deforestation, adding to contributions from Norway and Germany, as well as a recent promise from the Biden to seek congressional approval for USD 500 million.

But Lula told reporters that the amount pledged by Britain "is not sufficient".

"I Get Worried": Warren Buffett Compares AI To The Creation Of Atom Bomb

OMAHA, May 7 (Agencies): Generative artificial intelligence has become a buzzword this year, with apps such as ChatGPT capturing the public's fancy. While AI chatbots are being employed for a variety of tasks, there are also fears of them being misused. There are also strong concerns that AI will take away millions of jobs and many tech entrepreneurs, including Elon Musk, have raised a voice against its spread. Now, billionaire investor Warren Buffett also shared his thoughts on the rapidly evolving technology.

During a discussion at Berkshire Hathaway's annual meeting in Omaha, Nebraska, Mr

Buffet compared the creation of the powerful technology to the atomic bomb, New York Post reported.

A while back, the billionaire had a chance to try out ChatGPT when his friend Bill Gates showed it to him. While he was impressed by its vast capabilities, he said he is a bit apprehensive about the technology.

"When something can do all kinds of things, I get a little bit worried. Because I know we won't be able to un-invent it and, you know, we did invent, for very, very good reason, the atom bomb in World War II", the 92-year-old investor said.

"It was enormously important

that we did so. But is it good for the next two hundred years of the world that the ability to do so has been unleashed?" he continued.

He further said he believes AI will change "everything in the world, except how men think and behave."

"We didn't have a choice, but when you start something, well, Einstein said after the atomic bomb, he said, this has changed everything in the world except how men think. And I would say the same thing, maybe not the same thing, I don't mean that, but I mean with AI, it can change everything in the world except how men think and

behave. And that's a big step to take," Mr Buffet added.

Recently, Geoffrey Hinton, widely known as one of the "godfathers of AI", expressed similar concerns when he said that Artificial intelligence could pose a "more urgent" threat to humanity than climate change. He also told BBC that chatbots could soon overtake the level of information that a human brain holds.

Meanwhile, in April, Twitter CEO Elon Musk joined thousands in signing an open letter calling for a six-month pause in the development of systems more powerful than OpenAI's recently-launched GPT-4.

'Beautiful Corolla': Afghanistan's enduring love affair with Toyota

In Afghanistan, Corollas are virtually ubiquitous. Corolla taxis with pummelled bodywork jounce past humvees immobilised since US forces withdrew in 2021.

KABUL, May 7 (Agencies): Little is certain in Afghanistan -- armies invade and retreat, governments rise and fall -- but when the key of a Toyota Corolla turns in the ignition, the engine can be relied upon to roar to life.

A humble Japanese runabout with a reliable albeit unglamorous reputation, the Toyota Corolla is said to be the world's most popular car, with over 50 million trundling off production lines since 1966.

Sturdy, uncomplicated and affordable, it is finely tuned for a nation where roads dissolve into punishing terrain, repairs rely on frayed supply chains, and a "make do" mentality has emerged from decades of hardship.

"These cars have always been there for people," says mechanic Mohammad Aman. "If you travel with these cars, they can take you anywhere."

"The Corolla is quick, their metal is bold, they work well," the 50-year-old told AFP. Other cars "are flimsy like paper" by comparison, he insists.

In Afghanistan, Corollas are virtually ubiquitous.

Fleets of the suburban mainstay sell on forecourts overlooked by rusted Soviet troop carriers. Corolla taxis with pummelled bodywork jounce past humvees immobilised since US forces withdrew in 2021.

Even hauling up a mountain in a 4x4 you may be overtaken by a careening Corolla driver.

And Afghans everywhere emblazon their vehicles with English-language tributes romanticising the brand: "Happiness is a Toyota feeling".



"Toyota sets the standard" and "Beautiful Corolla" have become the unofficial slogans of Kabul's grinding traffic jams.

'Special craze'

Corollas flooded Afghanistan after the withdrawal of Soviet forces in 1989 and the subsequent collapse of the USSR -- before which Moscow's state-owned Lada brand dominated the market.

They have had a background role in national history ever since.

When Washington launched air strikes after the 9/11 attacks, Taliban founder Mullah Omar fled his Kandahar hideaway in a white Corolla.

It was buried in 2001 but triumphantly excavated last year "still in good condition", a Taliban government spokesman said, adding it should be publicly displayed as a "great historical monument".

Over the Taliban's 20-year insurgency, the Corolla became the vehicle of choice for car bombers.

Expendably cheap and camouflaged in plain sight, they were packed with explosives and rammed into targets with

devastating effects.

In 2022, after American forces had pulled out, Taliban authorities boasted about a new Afghan-designed sports car: a supposed symbol of progress.

But under its sleek, aerodynamic exterior were the mechanical innards of a modest Corolla.

Everywhere, sprawling families cram into the car, with passengers far outnumbering seats.

"In other countries everything is used in the way it's intended," said auto dealer Azizullah Nazari. "But in Afghanistan people don't care much about such standards."

The 39-year-old has sold imported Corollas to suit any budget -- \$1,500 to \$14,000 -- and many seem to have taken a circuitous route to the country.

He points to a pristine white model apparently originating from Canada. Its interior is lined with Korean newspaper and it has a Ghanaian number plate.

Another has a bumper sticker from a US university; one more has the incongruous coat of arms of a district in central Germany.

But all their roads have led

to Afghanistan, where "people have a special craze for Toyota", Nazar insists.

'Top and fantastic car'

Such is Afghans' faith in the car that the capital's largest repair market is not served by paved roads.

Shuhada-e Salehin is a jungle of interchangeable spare parts where Corollas are praised for their workaday dependability.

"Some people's rides are simple, but some have a passion for making them fancy," explains mechanic Aman.

Begrimed with engine grease, his colleagues peer under the hood of an impossibly battered 1991 wagon -- its paintwork cracked like a dry riverbed, the back wheel chocked with a stone, a peeling "fantastic Corolla" decal stuck to the window.

Next door, others fiddle with tendrils of wiring in the footwell of a Corolla adorned with cursive verse: "HighSpeed Toyota. Top and fantastic car in the world. Compatible with all condition."

A dull green model nearby is improbably branded "Dramatic Classic Car".

Out in Kabul's afternoon traffic, 27-year-old cab driver Naqee-bullah pilots a sun-bleached Corolla three years his senior as he scouts for fares.

He estimates 80 percent of vehicles on the road match his.

"All cars have failed to show results apart from the Toyota Corolla," he puts it simply.

Swaying from his rearview mirror is a prayer card. "Glorified be the one who has made this means of transport subservient to us," it reads.

Amazon acquires Snackable AI to boost podcast offerings

Founded in 2018, Snackable AI specialised in using AI to add structure and metadata to video and audio easily with AI-generated chapters, highlights and more.



SAN FRANCISCO, May 7 (Agencies): Amazon has quietly acquired audio content discovery engine Snackable AI to strengthen its podcast features for an undisclosed sum, the media reported.

The Snackable AI team joined Amazon Music to work on existing podcast projects.

Mari Joller, Founder and CEO of Snackable, is now working as an artificial intelligence and machine learning product leader at Amazon, reports The New York Post.

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more.

Snackable will be working on podcast features offered through Amazon Music.

Prior to its acquisition by Amazon, Snackable had raised a total of USD 3.1 million from investors.

The deal came as Amazon and other Big Tech firms push to implement AI-driven features in their products in the ChatGPT era.

Inspired by the ChatGPT success, Amazon is now building a large language model (LLM) to power Alexa that's much larger and much more "generalised and capable", which is going to rapidly accelerate the vision of offering the world's best personal assistant.

Amazon CEO Andy Jassy said that ChatGPT is a good example of an application that's being built.

"We'll build some of those applications ourselves. So for instance, we think one of the most compelling applications that are going to be built in generative AI have to do with making developers much more effective with coding assistance," he noted during the company's latest quarterly earnings call.

"I think there's a significant business model underneath it," he added.

"We've been investing in building our own large language models for several years, and we have a very large investment across the company," said Jassy.

Paytm logs Rs 7,990 crore revenue in FY23, becomes India's highest earning new-age firm

NEW DELHI, May 7 (Agencies): Leading payments and financial services company Paytm announced impressive growth in its fourth quarter of FY23, ending the financial year on a high note.

In Q4 FY23, the company's revenue surged by 51 per cent (year-on-year) to reach Rs 2,334 crore, while the full-year revenue increased by 61 per cent YoY to Rs 7,990 crore, making it the highest-earning new-age company.

In Q4, Paytm further grew its operating profit by Rs 234 crore. In Q4, Paytm's EBITDA before ESOP costs, excluding UPI incentives, rose to Rs 101 crore, a significant improvement from the previous fiscal's Q4 figure of (Rs 368 crore).

This was achieved by the increased pace of monetisation, better cost management, and higher operating leverage, said the company.

In the fourth quarter, Paytm's payments revenue grew by 41 per cent YoY to Rs 1,467 crore.

According to the company, including only the current quarter's UPI incentive only, the net payments margin for Q4 FY 2023 was Rs 554 crore, up 107 per cent YoY. In the current fiscal year, the net payments margin increased 2.9x to Rs 1,970 crore, demonstrating the profitability of the payment business, despite the higher share of UPI.

Excluding prior quarters' UPI incentive, payments revenue grew 28



per cent YoY. For FY23, led by an increase in payment volume, and higher subscription revenue from device merchants, the payment revenue increased 44 per cent to Rs 4,928 crore in FY23.

Paytm significantly increased its loan distribution business with revenue from financial services and others growing 183 per cent YoY to Rs 475 crore in Q4 FY 2023 and by 253 per cent in FY 2023 to Rs 1,540 crore. This was largely on account of a 364 per cent increase in the value of loans disbursed through its platform, said the company.

The company continues to monetise Paytm app traffic in its commerce and cloud segment by providing marketing services to its merchants. In Q4 FY 2023, Paytm's commerce and cloud revenue grew by 23 per cent YoY to Rs 392 crore.

In FY 2023, commerce and cloud revenue grew by 38 per cent to Rs 1,520 crore.

Paytm's contribution margin improved from 30 per cent in FY 2022 to 49 per cent in FY 2023, due to improved payments profitabil-

ity, and growth in high margin loan distribution business.

The company's user engagement on the platform continues to grow, with average Monthly Transacting Users (MTU) for Q4FY23 increasing by 27 per cent YoY to 90 million, indicating a growing adoption of digital payments by consumers and merchants in India.

The company's Gross Merchandise Value (GMV), which stood at Rs 3,62 lakh crore for Q4 FY 2023, saw an increase of 40 per cent YoY.

The company's loan distribution business, in partnership with marquee lenders, has continued to scale, with the total number of loans growing to 1.2 crores in Q4FY23, up 82 per cent YoY, and the total value of loans amounting to Rs 12,554 crore, registering a growth of 253 per cent YoY.

Paytm claims its vision is to onboard 10 crore merchants with over 50 crore payment users in the near future. The decacorn has seven lending partners and they aim to enlist 3-4 partners in FY 2024.

Don't forget your fingertips! New study shows the correct way of washing hands

NEW DELHI, May 7 (Agencies): A new study has shown the correct way of washing your hands is by not forgetting to clean your fingertips. Additionally, the amount of alcohol-based hand sanitiser typically used to disinfect hands is not enough, the study said.

Researchers from Budapest's Semmelweis University and Obuda University warned that thousands of people lose their lives worldwide due to hospital infections and the international guidelines seem insufficient.

On World Hand Hygiene Day, celebrated every year on May 5, the study was published in the journal Antimicrobial Resistance & Infection Control.

The study found that 1.5 ml of hand sanitiser proved insufficient in either format (gel or liquid) to completely cover the hand. Over 340 medical students were given 1.5 or 3 ml alcohol-based hand sanitiser

with the same composition as commercially available ones. They used these amounts twice -- first in a liquid, then in a gel-based form.

"The gel ones, on average, left 7 per cent of the hands untreated. The liquid agent left 5.8 per cent uncovered, which is already a significant shortcoming regarding patient safety in a clinical setting," said Dr Constantinos Voniatis, resident surgeon at the Department of Surgery, Transplantation and Gastroenterology of Semmelweis University.

In contrast, the 3 ml amount worked well for both gel and liquid hand sanitiser as the uncovered area remained below 1.5 per cent. The researchers observed that most often the fingertips and the back of the dominant hand were left out while disinfecting.

Dr Tamas Haidegger, Director General of Obuda University's

Research and Innovation Centre and member of WHO's Private Organizations for Patient Safety (POPS) working group said that the current WHO guidelines are not specific enough, and only state that people should use a "palmful" amount of hand sanitiser and rub for 20-30 seconds. "The recommendations need to be more definitive and evidence-based. During the latest pandemic, hand hygiene came to the spotlight, and our research proves that prior standards need an update. Work and negotiations have already begun at an international level. The results should be useful for anyone with hygiene awareness, not only in healthcare organisations," said Dr Tamas Haidegger.

The researchers said that approximately 40 per cent of hospital-acquired infections result from direct contact, mainly due to inadequate hand hygiene, and roughly 10 per

cent are fatal.

Hand size is critical in hygiene, the study showed. "Results are conclusive and 1.5 ml is not enough, even for smaller hands," co-author Dr Constantinos Voniatis said.

The study stated that for an average hand size, 3 ml is typically sufficient, but larger hands might require even more.

However, 3 ml may feel too much for a smaller hand and could lead to some waste of the product. With 3 ml, the study found that the average rubbing time was 40 to 42 seconds, which was reported to be too long in daily clinical practice.

Even when using 1.5 ml, the time comes to 30-32 seconds, slightly exceeding the WHO recommended rubbing time. "A personalised, hand-size-based application volume would resolve all issues," Dr Constantinos Voniatis said.

Doctors perform first-of-its-kind brain surgery on unborn baby to treat rare disorder

NEW DELHI, May 7 (Agencies): In what would be a game-changer in medical science, a team of doctors has performed brain surgery on an unborn baby in the fetus to treat a rare condition. Fetal surgery was performed to treat the condition known as Vein of Galen Malformation (VOGM).

It is a type of rare blood vessel abnormality inside the brain, which, according to Boston Children's Hospital, happens when arteries in the brain connect directly with veins, instead of connecting with capillaries, which help slow blood flow.

The in-utero surgery was performed before the baby was born,



guided by ultrasound procedures. The details of the surgery have been published in the journal Stroke, which states that the procedure resulted in the complete elimination of the expected aggressive postnatal natural history.

"This approach represents a paradigm shift in the management of this challenging condition,

lead to congestive heart failure in some infants. Meanwhile, it could also lead to a jump in blood pressure in the arteries from the heart to the lungs.

"50 to 60 percent of all babies with this condition will get very sick immediately. And for those, it looks like there's about a 40 percent mortality," Dr. Darren Orbach, a radiologist at Boston Children's Hospital, who was part of the surgery told agency.

"Baby was doing well. The anatomy scan came back unremarkable. All of her biophysical profiles were all unremarkable. We honestly thought that we were in the clear," Kenyatta Coleman, mother of the

baby told agency. The condition was found in an ultrasound when the fetus was 30 weeks old and doctors told the parents that the baby had an enlarged heart after which VOGM was diagnosed.

The surgery was performed when the fetus was just over 34 weeks of gestational age.

Following the procedure, the baby was born and the paper highlighted that the three-week-old baby has so far not required any cardiovascular support and no postnatal embolization.

The neurological exams have also been normal. Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) has also shown further improvement in the condition.

IPL 2023: Phil Salt's destructive knock hands DC seven-wicket win over RCB in Delhi

NEW DELHI, May 7 (Agencies): Phil Salt's incredible knock of 87 helped DC script a fantastic wicket win over RCB at the Arun Jaitley stadium in Delhi.

This was DC's fourth win in five matches as they continued from where they left off against the defending champions GT in their last game. Nothing less than victory would have helped the home team on Saturday as they were looking to keep their hopes alive.

For RCB, a win would have put them in third spot in the IPL points table and made them contenders to make the playoffs this season.

Having won the toss and opting to bat first, Virat Kohli and Faf du Plessis had gotten off to a slow start at the beginning. Kohli reached the landmark of 7000 runs in the IPL and Du Plessis then decided to shift gears with his innings.

The RCB skipper started to play his shots and gave the



innings so much-needed acceleration with his knock of 45 from 32 balls as the opening pair put on 82 runs for the first wicket.

Mitchell Marsh would then pick up the wickets of Du Plessis and Glenn Maxwell off consecutive deliveries as RCB were pegged back. Mahipal Lomror then provided Kohli company and took the pressure of scoring away from the star batter with his aggressive batting.

Kohli scored his sixth fifty of the season but didn't last long after that as he fell for 55. Lomror then took charge of the innings and hit his maiden IPL fifty as RCB put on a strong and challenging total of 181 in their 20 overs for the loss of four wickets.

The DC innings got off to a flyer with Salt and Warner taking on the RCB attack. Salt was particularly severe on the

RCB bowlers and hit Mohammed Siraj for two sixes and one boundary, which caused a war of words between both men.

The duo hit 60 runs inside the first five overs before Hazlewood got the wicket of Warner. However, Salt continued on his merry way and got so good company from Mitchell Marsh, who ensured that the momentum wasn't lost.

Salt and Marsh put on a 59-run stand before the Aussie all-rounder was dismissed by Harshal Patel. But by then, the equation was well within the home team's reach.

The England wicketkeeper didn't slow down and continued to play his strokes with Rossouw also joining the party with some lusty blows. Salt's aggressive innings was then ended by Karn Sharma but the damage was already done.

Rossouw then hit a six to put the finishing touches on the game as DC won the game with 20 balls to spare.

RCB vs DC: Virat Kohli becomes first player to score 7,000 IPL runs

Kohli, who has represented RCB throughout his IPL career starting from the first edition in 2008, has 49 fifties and five centuries in the tournament



NEW DELHI, May 7 (Agencies): Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) opener Virat Kohli became the first batter to get to 7000 runs in the Indian Premier League (IPL) during his side's game against Delhi Capitals at the Arun Jaitley Sta-

dium, here.

The 34-year-old Kohli got to the 7000-run mark in his 233rd IPL match with a cut shot against Axar Patel in the fourth over of RCB's innings. After achieving the feat, the local boy received a huge round of applause from his home crowd, even though he plays for Bangalore.

Kohli, who has represented RCB throughout his IPL career starting from the first edition in 2008, has 49 fifties and five centuries in the tournament.

The former RCB skipper is already the all-time highest scorer in the IPL. He is followed by Shikhar Dhawan with 6536 runs, David Warner (6189), Rohit Sharma (6063), and Suresh Raina (5,528).

In the 2023 edition of IPL, Kohli has the highest score of 82 not out and has smashed five half-centuries so far.

Batting great Sunil Gavaskar has this advice for out-of-form Rohit Sharma

Indian skipper's horrid run in IPL since last edition continued as he failed to trouble the scorer for the second match in succession

CHENNAI, May 7 (Agencies): Batting great Sunil Gavaskar feels the woefully out-of-form India and Mumbai Indians captain Rohit Sharma should take a break from the IPL and instead prepare in earnest for the upcoming World Test Championship (WTC) final against Australia.

Gavaskar believes the confidence of Rohit has been hurt after a prolonged run of poor scores in the T20 league.

Speaking on Star Sports, Gavaskar said, "I would say that Rohit should maybe take a break for the time being, and keep himself fit for the World Test Championship final."

"He can come back again for the last few matches, but right now, (he should) take a little bit of a breather him-



self." The WTC final is scheduled to be held at the Oval in London from June 7-11.

Rohit's barren run with the willow continued as Chennai Super Kings broke a 13-year-old home jinx against Mumbai Indians with an easy six-wicket victory at the Chepauk on Saturday.

The Indian skipper's horrid run in IPL since the last edition con-

tinued as he failed to trouble the scorer for the second match in succession, leading to MI settling for a below-par 139 for eight against CSK.

It was a forgettable outing for Mumbai Indians and the biggest setback for them was the current form of their skipper, who was dismissed within the powerplay for the eighth time in this edition of the league.

IPL: Rohit's bad patch continues as CSK break 'Chepauk jinx' against MI after 13 years

CHENNAI, May 7 (Agencies): Rohit Sharma's barren run with willow continued as Chennai Super Kings broke a 13-year-old home jinx against Mumbai Indians with an easy six-wicket victory in an IPL match, here.

The Indian skipper's horrid run in IPL since last edition continued as he failed to trouble the scorer for the second match in succession with MI scoring a below par 139 for 8 against an inspired performance from the CSK pace and seam trioka of Deepak Chahar (2/18 in 4 overs), Man of the match Matheesha Pathirana (3/15 in 4 overs) and Tushar Deshpande (2/25 in 4 overs).

The chase was a cakewalk as Devon Conway (44 off 42 balls) played the role of anchor to perfection after Ruturaj Gaikwad's whirlwind 16-ball-30. The win was completed in 17.5 overs and CSK leapfrogged to second place behind Gujarat Titans in the points table.

Skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni scored the winning runs much to the delight of the adoring crowd at Chepauk. The last time CSK won against MI at Chepauk was in 2010, even before India had won the ODI World Cup under Dhoni.



For MI, it was a bad loss as they stay in sixth place with 10 points from as many games and very little margin for error after this match.

But what will certainly both MI is their skipper's prolonged lean patch as 184 runs from 10 games with five scores of less than 10 and only two scores above 40 will set some panic in the ranks.

Not to forget, coming down the batting order at No. 3 didn't work as an indiscreet lap-scoop off Deepak Chahar didn't work at all for the skipper.

But no amount of praise will be enough for Pathirana, who literally bottled the MI batters during the death overs as he

didn't concede a single boundary in his four-over spell.

In the MI innings, a maiden half-century in IPL by left-handed batter Nehal Wadhara (64, 51 balls, 8x4, 1x6) and his half-century partnerships with Suryakumar Yadav (26) and Tristan Stubbs (20) helped salvage things for MI, which lost three wickets by the third over and reach 139 for 8.

After opting to bowl, CSK bowlers left MI in disarray, reducing the opposition to 16 for 3 by the end of the third over.

Chahar picked up the wickets of Ishan Kishan (7, 9 balls, 1x4) and MI skipper Rohit Sharma (0, 3 balls) while Tushar Deshpande provided the first break-

through by removing the dangerous Cameron Green, getting him bowled for 6 (4 balls, 1 four).

MI lost three wickets in space of 7 deliveries whilst scoring only 1 run and looked in deep trouble before Surya (26, 22 balls, 3x4) and Wadhara began the rescue act.

Surya and Wadhara added 55 runs in 7 overs and began to look more assured in the middle before Ravindra Jadeja fired a quicker one to dismiss the former.

Surya, who regained form in the previous game against Punjab Kings, held the key for MI after the early setbacks, and he looked to be guiding the team towards safety when Jadeja's faster one got the better of him.

Tim David, of whom much was expected, lasted just 4 balls, scoring two runs before being dismissed by Deshpande.

Pathirana, who seems to be getting better with every game, gave away 2 runs in the 18th over and 5 runs in the final over as CSK strangled Mumbai Indians with pace, for a change. The MI batters could not get away the slinger from Sri Lanka in a modest performance.

IPL 2023: RR eye improved batting effort against SRH to avoid hat-trick of defeats

Despite back-to-back defeats, RR have managed to hold on to their spot in top-four of the standings with five wins and as many losses

JAIPUR, May 7 (Agencies): Bruised and battered in their last game, Rajasthan Royals would look for a much-improved effort from the batting unit against Sunrisers Hyderabad in order to avoid a hat-trick of defeats in the IPL here on Sunday.

RR dished out a shoddy batting display as they were bowled out for 118 by Gujarat Titans on Friday.

Despite back-to-back defeats against Mumbai Indians and GT, RR have managed to hold on to their spot in the top four of the standings with five wins and as many losses.

In their last outing, RR, which boasts of one of the potent opening duo of the in-form Yashasvi Jaiswal and Jos Buttler, put up a disastrous batting display.

But the duo failed to live up to the expectations.

RR have always looked like a dominating side when Jaiswal and Buttler click but the team management would be concerned with the inconsistent run of its middle-orders as the likes of Devdutt Padikkal, Riyan Parag and Shimron Hetmyer are yet to fire in unison.

RR coach Kumar Sangakkara didn't mince his words in criticising the effort of his batters, especially against the spinners. "You can't sit and wait in T20



cricket and let the bowlers bowl to us...we played a very poor game," a livid Sangakkara said.

"Even a defence in T20 cricket has to have the intent of wanting to score. You work down the sequence of 6, 4, 3, 2, 1; or, if you're under pressure, you go 4, 3, 2, 1. But you are always looking for opportunities to score, and at the minimum, getting off strike."

"And once that intent is shown, it doesn't matter how good a bowler you are, you are always thinking that you can't give the batter anything loose because you're going to get put away. So that's one area that we've got to really look at," he added.

On the bowling front too, RR will have to pull up the socks with Trent Boult and Adam Zampa going for runs.

The onus would be on Boult and Sandeep Sharma to provide a good start and the spin duo of Ravichandran Ashwin and Yuzvendra Chahal taking charge.

SRH, on the other hand, have registered just three wins from nine games to occupy the penultimate spot in the 10-team competition.

Having suffered a close five-run defeat against Kolkata Knight Riders in their last game, SRH would look to return to winning ways to keep their play-off hopes alive.

SRH have been hit hard by the poor show of the batters. The opening pair of Abhishek Sharma and Mayank Agarwal has failed to provide quick starts, putting immense pressure on the likes of Rahul Tripa-

thi, skipper Aiden Markram and Heinrich Klaassen to do the job.

Harry Brook also seemed to have lost his touch after his unbeaten 100 as he scored just 63 runs in the next eight games.

SRH's bowling unit led by Bhuvneshwar Kumar too needs to deliver for the side.

Teams (from): Rajasthan Royals: Jos Buttler, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Sanju Samson (c & wk), Dhruv Jorel, Riyan Parag, Shimron Hetmyer, R Ashwin, Jason Holder, Trent Boult, Sandeep Sharma, Yuzvendra Chahal, Navdeep Saini, M Ashwin, K M Asif, K C Cariappa, Donovan Ferreira, Devdutt Padikkal, Obed McCoy, Joe Root, Kuldeep Sen, Akash Vashist, Kuldeep Yadav, Adam Zampa, Abdul Basith.

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

Sunil Joshi backs Jitesh Sharma to represent India

NEW DELHI, May 7 (Agencies): Former India chief selector and current Punjab Kings spin bowling coach Sunil Joshi rates Jitesh Sharma among the best wicketkeeper-batters in the country and feels it is only a matter of time before he plays for the national team. Jitesh was part of the India T20 squad in the previous two series but could not get a game. Considering the consistency he has shown in domestic cricket and IPL over the past 24 months, the Punjab Kings wicketkeeper-batter could get his opportunity in the next T20 series featuring India.

"Jitesh has been wonderful. He shows his quality and that is one of the reasons he was picked in the Indian team in place of Sanju Samson. He has performed well in domestic and IPL in the last 18 months and that is the reason he is ahead of some other wicketkeepers," Joshi, who was an India selector between 2020-2022. Samson and Ishan Kishan are the other top contenders for the slot as Rishabh Pant continues to recover from injuries suffered in a car accident last December. "Jitesh was already in the team in the last T20 series. His role is to go out and express himself with the bat and enjoy, and he has been doing exactly that for Punjab Kings." Jitesh has been striking at 165 plus in this IPL and is the second-highest run-getter of the team behind skipper Shikhar Dhawan. Is he ready for all three formats? "Let's stick to the T20 format, he has done well consistently in this format in the last two years of IPL. That performance was recognised by the wise people who picked him to represent the Indian team," said Joshi. Joshi, who played 15 Tests and 69 ODIs for India, also has rich coaching experience having worked with multiple domestic and international teams, including Bangladesh.

"Rahul has been bowling really well. At times when they don't bowl well, they still get wickets and when they are bowling well they are not taking many wickets. He has been bowling really well as per situations of the game. He may not be among the top wicket-takers but he has the potential to grow immensely."

"Harpreet (Brar) too has been improving day by day and bowling really well. In the IPL, one over can be a game changer, it can be in the middle or at the death. My communication with the spinners is to increase the dot ball percentage where you put pressure on the batters to play shots," he said.

Arshdeep's work ethic is exemplary and his career has seen a rapid rise over the past 18 months since he featured in the Asia Cup and T20 World Cup. In the ongoing IPL, he is Punjab's leading wicket-taker but has conceded close to 10 runs per over.

Joshi was all praise for Arshdeep. "He is a fantastic bowler. He had a couple of off days, which are part of the game and is a learning curve. We all know how sincerely and consistently he has performed for Punjab. His work ethic is exemplary and every net session he practices the way he would bowl in a match." Punjab are among the few IPL teams without a title, with their only final appearance coming way back in 2014. They were sixth in the last four editions. This season too has been a mixed bag but the team remains very much in the hunt for a playoff berth.

"There are few things we look at when we talk about consistency. Consistency comes with togetherness, on and off the field, appreciating each other's performance irrespective of the result. Overall, team bonding plays a huge role. The franchise takes care of the player's needs. That is when the team starts gelling," added Joshi.

Clean, maintained lanes true symbol of Smart City: Sat

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JAMMU, May 7: Former State President, BJP and Ex-Minister, Sat Sharma (CA) alongwith District President BJP Jammu Pramod Kapahi and Corporator Ward 40 Neelam Nargotra inaugurated drain and paver tiles work in Bharat Nagar area of Talab Tillo in Jammu West Assembly segment. BJP Media Secretary Dr Pardeep Mahotra, JE JMC Shabab and several others were also present including local residents, political activists and JMC officials.

Speaking on the occasion, Sat Sharma said that it was indeed a long pending demand of the inhabitants which has been met today and he said that the mission behind this was to provide a conducive and clean atmosphere to the society. He said the works of many lanes and drains were taken up during his tenure as



MLA and now majority of them are constructed which has helped a lot in achieving the mission of "Jammu-West" as model constituency. He stated that efforts are still being made to provide every possible assistance to the masses at their doorsteps for which he appealed to the inhabitants to contribute in keeping their surroundings neat and clean. He also stated that providing a neat and clean environment is the motive of Narendra Modi led

Central Government and Clean, Maintained lanes are the true symbol of a Smart City, he added.

Pramod Kapahi and Neelam Nargotra said that development has reached to every nook and corner under the BJP regime. They said such works were never done before in the Congress led Governments but BJP following the vision of PM Modi is working on ground to provide best possible assistance to the public. They also hailed the

works done by Former MLA to improve the overall condition of Jammu West and said that under his leadership, Jammu West excelled a lot in terms of development.

Ex Corporator Chaman Lal, Praveen Ghai, Rahul Nargotra, Vikas Kumar, Mohan Lal Gupta, Sonali Gupta, Dr Karan Singh, Ajay Gupta, Atul Mahajan, Vishal Mahajan, Supervisor Bhat and several others were also present on the occasion.

3-day National Youth Exchange Programme concludes

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JAMMU, May 7: Live For Others-Being Helpful Foundation (NGO) hosted 1st ever 3 days long National Youth Exchange Programme (NYEP) in J&K, U.T on theme "Role of Youth in Nation Building By Raising Voice Against Drug Menace" & National Youth Excellence Award-2023 at P.S.P.S Govt. P.G COLLEGE FOR WOMEN, Gandhi Nagar which is Powered by Talla Jewellers.

On the 3rd day which was the last day of the programme, Padma Bhushan Jenab Ghulam Nabi Azad, Chief Guest of the day along with Padma Shri Sh. Mohan Singh (Guest of Honour) and various special guests including Ms. Kashish Gupta, (CEO Talla Jewellers), Mr. R.S Chib (Former Cabinet Minister), Mr. Jugal Kishore, Former Minister & Mr. Vishal Chopra jointly honoured 25 Social Workers namely



Mohit Sharma, Kajal Yadav, Gaurav Arya, Dr. Nitika Singh Gaur (From U.P), Sachin Nandi, Saath Foundation (From Jharkhand), Azar Sumaiya Riyaz Motiwale, Meghana Shantaram Bhalekar, Pradnya Kalpana Shahji Sawant, Shubham Shailesh Gupta (From Maharashtra), Hrishu Sardana (Delhi), Mohit Yadav (Rajast-

han), Pramesh Vijaywar (Chhattisgarh), Patel Mayurkumar Hirabhai (Gujarat), Vijayanti (Chandigarh), Chandan Kumar Dubey (Bihar), Sanjaykumar Y Biradar (Karnataka), Davera Manoj Khanna (Telangana), Ankit Chourasiya (Madhya Pradesh), P. Venkata Chaitanya Narayana (Andhra Pradesh), Lovepreet Sharma (Punjab), Irfan

Ahmed, Sahil Ali, Stuti Abrol, Afreen Barkat (From J&K) who were from 16 states of the Nation and excelled in their continuous and tireless efforts for making this world a better place for every living being. Along with them the winners, participants and various artists were awarded for their outstanding performances.

God Realization only solution to all miseries of Mankind: Saint Chawla

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JAMMU, May 7: A spiritual congregation was held at Sant Nirankari Satsang Bhawan, Shastri Nagar Jammu under the divine presence of Saint H S Chawla ji Member Incharge, Branch Administration, Sant Nirankari Mandal, Delhi.

In his spiritual message to a mammoth gathering of devotees from diverse regional and social backgrounds from different parts of society, he said that that sole purpose of all humans is to know the self, his true identity and get salvation by the blessings of True Master Satguru, the embodiment of all pervading God Nirankar. Man being attracted by the material



attractions, remains engrossed in worldly achievements throughout the life forgetful of the spiritual wealth, Chawla

reminded the devotees of the well said quote " Maya Mari Na Mann Mara, Mar Mar Gye Sharir" means neither the mate-

rial attractions ever come to end nor the lust/ desires to attain them ever stop. Which ultimately binds the human beings to be caught in unending cycle of birth and rebirth, he further said blessed and fortunate are those who have sought refuge in holy feet of true master Satguru and also appealed others to follow the noble path of spirituality shown by the saints and sages from time to time and which is a clarion call of Sant Nirankari mission that God knowledge is possible through Brahm Gyan and one should enlightened self before departing from the mortal world.

Ajit Singh Zonal Incharge Jammu presented the vote of thanks.

JKMEF unanimously nominates Sushil Sudan as New President



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JAMMU, May 7: Jammu Kashmir Medical Employees Federation (JKMEF) organized one-day delegates conference at Press Club Jammu on 7may 2023 to create awareness among delegates to strengthen the federation for overall changing scenario and plan future strategies of federation to achieve goals

The federation passed a resolution of burning demands of medical employees which include salary of 2211 head, creation of post of district pharmacy officer and block pharmacy officer, risk allowance, non-filling of vacant post in Health Department eg DHS and Director Family Welfare, old pension scheme, etc. The Federation in august presence of delegates dissolved old body of federation and unanimously put crown on the head of Susil Sudan as New President of Jammu Kashmir Medical Employees Federation. The President is authorised to frame core committee and appoint new Provincial body for smooth functioning of federation with in shortest possible time. The federation also pledged that it will work tirelessly towards achieving the objective.

Sushil Sudan assured that he will Work hard for further strengthening the medical employs federation Other who participated in the conference Ch Jarnail Singh, Anita Bhagat, Pawan Singh Jamwal, Parfulat Singh, Ch. Aslam, Jaswinder Singh, Mohd. Nadeem, Harpal Singh, Dr.S.S Sambyal, Sukhdev Dogra, Deepak Jamwal, Sajjad Ali Khan, Mansur Doolwal, Hushyar Singh Rakwal, Surinder Singh, Fazeel Malik, Neeraj Malagar, Kuldeep Dabgotra, Banu Partap and Bharat Bushan Bhagat.

Chaos, tears, silent sobbing fill the scenario of emergency at GMCJ: Rajesh

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JAMMU, May 7: National Democratic Party Indian (NDPI) said notwithstanding claims of Government to open new Medical Colleges and Hospitals, the existing hospitals in the J&K UT are confronted with shortage of doctors and paramedical staff putting patients to a lot of trouble and problems.

Rajesh Gupta NDPI Chief J&K UT on Sunday said in an interview with a news channel. He said, "the present emergency in Government Medical College Jammu (GMCJ) looks like a place where an earthquake has just taken place. Those trying to help are not the Red Cross volunteers. These are the friends and relatives of the patient. What if a patient arrives with no attendants? Only Gods, and not the hospital staff, will be able to save him". Chaos, turmoil, cries, tears and silent sobbing fill the scenario of the Emergency at the Jammu Medical College Hospital. The ICU and the wards are no better. Emergency ICU beds



are with no side bars. The patient can easily slide out of the bed and fall on the floor. He said there are a good number of capable doctors in the system working hard to cure the suffering, but the juniors fail to bring the cases to their attention. Juniors are overawed by the milling crowds visiting as patients and attendants. NDPI leader said, the J&K UT is facing such a huge shortage of doctors that not to speak of maintaining the World Health Organization's (WHO) patient doctor ratio which is 1:500.

The shortage of doctors as well as paramedical staff also creates difficulties for the hospital administration especially in running the emergency of GMCJ especially in the event like accidents or

the natural calamities Gupta, said.

The NDPI president further added, " that the entire health care system is extremely overloaded. Whatever system is in place, needs to be overhauled on topmost priority. In my opinion, a committee of medical administrators from the renowned private hospitals is the best bet for Jammu medical college hospital. And it is very urgent.

While interacting to media in a message to the Jammuites Rajesh Gupta said Jammuites fought for Shri Amarnathji land row agitation for two months. This agitation will definitely not save your life if you have an emergent health condition. Only a well equipped and well manned hospital and health care system can save you and your loved ones.

Please wake up to the reality. Unite and ask for a dependable health care system for Jammu. This is the need of the hour. If need be, please unite the way you united for the the Amarnath Yatra row.

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