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BRIEFLY

India reports 2,109 new Covid cases; active infections dip to 21,406

NEW DELHI, May 10 (Agencies): India has recorded 2,109 fresh COVID-19 infections, while the number of active cases have come down to 21,406 from 22,742, according to the Union Health Ministry data on Wednesday.

The COVID-19 tally now stands at 4.49 crore (4,49,74,909).

The death toll climbed to 5,31,722 with eight fatalities which includes those reconciled by Kerala, the data updated at 8 am stated.

At 21,406, the active cases comprise 0.05 per cent of the total infections.

The national COVID-19 recovery rate was recorded at 98.77 per cent, the ministry said.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,44,21,781, while the case fatality rate stood at 1.18 per cent.

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

Night temperature remains below normal amid dry weather in J&K

SRINAGAR, May 10 (Agencies): Weather likely to remain dry on Wednesday even as night temperature still remains below normal in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

The Meteorological department predicts that weather will remain dry in Jammu and Kashmir during the next 24 hours.

Bright sun appeared in Srinagar and other parts of Kashmir valley with pleasant weather conditions prevailed. Tourists, mostly attired in warm clothes, were seen basking under the sun on the fashionable Boulevard road on the banks of Dal Lake in Srinagar. The maximum temperature although shows gradual increase at most of the places, but still remained below normal similarly the night temperature dips further at various places in Jammu and Kashmir.

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LG Sinha participates in Mahayagya on the auspicious occasion of Zeashta Mata Jayanti

JAMMU / SRINAGAR, May 10 (Agencies): Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha participated in the Mahayagya organised on the auspicious occasion of Zeashta Mata Jayanti, today at Zeashta Devi Temple, Zeathyar Srinagar.

The Lt Governor sought the blessings of Mata Zeashta and prayed for the well being



of one & all. The Lt Governor, during his visit, also interacted with the people and extended his heartiest greetings on the auspicious occasion.

Members of Kashmiri Pandit community; Office bearers of Zeashta Devi Prabandhak Committee and prominent citizens from all walks of life were present.

Inquiry ordered into allegations of poor blacktopping on Poonch roads

POONCH, May 10 (Agencies): District Magistrate Poonch, Yasin M Choudhary has ordered inquiry into the allegations of poor blacktopping work on two roads in Poonch district.

Quoting an official, news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) reported that there were allegations of poor blacktopping on Chandak to Sathra and Bus stand Mandi to Shri Baba Budha Amarnath temple.

He said that inquiry officer has been asked to submit a detailed inquiry report within fifteen days for further necessary action.

Locals had alleged that both these roads were

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Same sex marriage: Indian laws permit individual to adopt child, says SC

NEW DELHI, May 10 (Agencies): Indian laws permit an individual to adopt a child irrespective of marital status, the Supreme Court said on Wednesday while asserting that the law recognises there may be situations apart from an "ideal family" having its own biological children.

In its submission to the apex court, which is hearing pleas seeking legal validation for same-sex marriages, child rights body NCPCR argued that the concept of gender may be "fluid" but not mother and motherhood.

Highlighting the legal position in different stat-

utes that the welfare of a child is paramount, the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) told a five-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud that it has been held in several judgements that adoption of a child is not a fundamental right.

Government to examine Whatsapp's breach of privacy: Rajeev Chandrasekhar

NEW DELHI, May 10 (Agencies): The Government will investigate a claim that WhatsApp accessed the microphone of smartphone users while the phone was not in use, Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar said on Wednesday.

In a tweet, the minister said the government will examine the alleged

breach of privacy even as the new Digital Personal Data Protection Bill was being readied.

This followed a claim that WhatsApp accessed a user's microphone while he was sleeping.

"WhatsApp has been using the microphone in the background, while I was asleep and since I woke up at 6 AM," Foad Dabiri, an engineering director at Twitter said on Saturday. "What's

going on?" Replying to Dabiri's tweet, Chandrasekhar said, "This is an unacceptable breach and violation of privacy."

"We will be examining this immediately and will act on any violation of privacy even as the new Digital Personal Data Protection bill is being readied," he added.

Dabiri's tweet went viral, attracting over 65

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President Murmu presents Shaurya Chakra to rifleman Aurangzeb posthumously



SRINAGAR, May 10 (Agencies): The President of India Droupadi Murmu presented Shaurya Chakra to Rifleman Aurangzeb from Jammu & Kashmir Light Infantry posthumously.

"President Droupadi Murmu presented Shaurya Chakra to Rifleman

Aurangzeb, Jammu & Kashmir Light Infantry, 44th Battalion, Rashtriya Rifles (Posthumous). During an operation in Baramulla, J&K, he evacuated an injured soldier and eliminated three terrorists with his team," Rashtrapati Bhavan said in a tweet.

NIA attaches six shops belonging to 2017 Pulwama CRPF Group Centre attack accused

SRINAGAR, May 10 (Agencies): The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Wednesday attached six shops in the Lethpora area of south Kashmir's Pulwama district.

An official said that the property in the form of six shops constructed over 5.5 marlas at Lethpora Awantipora was attached by the NIA. He said the prop-

erty belongs to Fayaz Ahmad Magray, who is an accused in NIA case no. Rc-10/2018/NIA/DI lodged into the attack on CRPF Group Centre in December 2017.

Five CRPF personnel lost their lives and three others were injured in the attack carried out by three terrorists who were also killed in the retaliatory fire.

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Destabilised Pakistan dangerous for all Countries: Farooq Abdullah

SRINAGAR, May 10 (Agencies): A destabilised Pakistan is dangerous for all countries, including India, former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Farooq Abdullah said here on Wednesday.

The remarks of the former Union minister came a day after Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chairman Imran Khan was arrested in a corruption case.

"A destabilised Pakistan is dangerous for all countries including our own country. We want



a stronger and a democratic Pakistan where democracy flourishes, which will also improve its relations with India," Abdullah, the president of the National Conference (NC) told reporters. Abdullah said the inter-

national situation in Pakistan was "very dangerous" and its economic condition was also very bad.

"Heavy floods hit the region last year, and many areas are still impacted by that. The people there are still suffering. In such circumstances, the situation turning like this is more dangerous," he said.

The three-time chief minister of J-K said while the situation in the neighbouring country was dangerous, it had a history of such events.

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Mesmerizing view of Natural beauty on the outskirts of Jammu city. Clicked by Rajiv

Security forces launch cordon and search operation in Poonch

JAMMU, May 10 (Agencies): Security forces on Wednesday morning launched a cordon and search operation (CASO) following movement of "suspected people" in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch town, sources said. Some locals noticed suspicious movement of some armed people in Poonch town, they said. Two schools in the town have also been shut, the sources added.



Acting on the information, security forces launched a cordon and search operation in Khakha Nawan, Purani Poonch, Jernally Mohalla of Poonch, they said.

The operation was going on when the last reports came in from the area.

Security forces are already on high alert and

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Fire breaks out at Jama Masjid in Tral

PULWAMA, May 10 (Agencies): A fire broke out at the Jama Masjid in Tral area of the Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama district, officials said on Wednesday.

The cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained.

"The fire erupted at the Jama Masjid in the Tral area of Pulwama district," officials said.

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Man sentenced to life imprisonment after decade long Trial

SRINAGAR, May 10 (Agencies): In a tragic incident that took place more than a decade ago, a man was sentenced to life imprisonment by Principal Sessions Judge Reasi R N Wattal for killing his wife and 10-year-old child. The case had been under trial for years, and the verdict was delivered on Monday.

According to the prosecution, the police received information

from reliable sources on March 7, 2010, that the body of Shiv Devi, the wife of Kuldeep Singh, was found on the road leading from Shikari to Thuroo in the Dubri forest. A short distance away, the body of their 10-year-old child, Sachin, and the weapon used in the crime were also discovered.

During the investigation, it was revealed that the accused and the deceased had been

married for 13 to 14 years and had two children. The accused, who was working in Kangra Himachal Pradesh, used to quarrel with his wife over suspicions of her having an illicit relationship. Due to the strained relations, Shiv Devi was living with her parents at Bathoi.

On the day of the incident, the accused called his wife to the Dubri forest and administered some drug to her

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10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt Chuni W/o Lt Sh Gopi Nath Bhat** Originally resident of Hangalgund Kokernag at present Lane No. 16 Block-79 Flat No. 16 Jagti Township Nagrota.

10th Day Kriya will be performed on 13-05-2023 (Saturday) Muthi Ghat at 7:00 AM near Directorate of School Education Muthi Jammu. Mournings will be held at Community Hall Near Block No. 84 Jagti Township Nagrota Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN:-

(Brother & Sister-in-law)
Smt Kamla Ji & Sh Pushkar Nath Bhat
(Sons & Daughters-in-law)
Smt Reeta Ji & Sh. M.K. Bhat
Smt Renu Ji & Sh. Ashok Bhat
Smt. Meenakshi Ji & Sh Anil Bhat
Smt. Reena Ji & Sh. Sanjay Bhat
Smt Priyanka Ji & Dr. Sunil Bhat - (Nephew & Niece-in-law)
& Grand Children
Mob :- 9419102920, 9419643371, 9419241681, 9149490235



SMT CHUNI

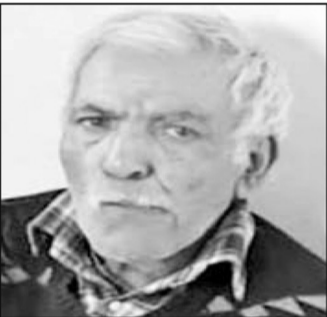
10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved father **Sh. Chuni Lal Tandon S/o Late Sh. Kashi Ram Tandon** originally resident of Village (Bewah) Distt Baramulla at present Block No. 148, Flat No. 15, Jagti Township Nagrota.

10th Day Kriya will be performed on 16-05-2023 (Tuesday) at Muthi Ghat on 9.30 am.

Grief Stricken

Smt. Santosh Tandon - Wife
Son & Daughter-in-law
Sh. Virander Tandon & Smt. Kanchan Tandon
Smt. Reeta Tandon - Daughter
Brother & Sister-in-law
Sh. Chaman Lal Tandon & Smt. Kirni Tandon
Eshan Tandon & Nupur Tandon - Grand Children
& Samast Tandon Parivar
Mob. Nos: 7006610267, 7006693042



Sh. Chuni Lal Tandon

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Yogeshwar Singh Charak (Pinta)**, Son of Late Sh Raghuvir Singh and Late Smt Usha Charak on May 1.

Tenth Day will be performed on 10th May (Wednesday) and **Kirya** on 13th May at our residence, 216 A, Sector 2, Upper Roop Nagar, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt Madhu Charak - Wife
(Sister and Brother in law)
Smt Sangeeta and Sh Charanjeet Singh, Ex MLA
Charak and Jamwal Family.
Mob.: 9419212834, 9419151105



Yogeshwar Singh Charak (Pinta),

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, it is informed that our **Karam Yogni Mother Smt. Mohini Raina W/o Lt. Sh. Dwarika Nath Raina** formerly resident of Upper Sathu, Barbar Shah Srinagar, Kashmir, presently at H.No. 68, Lane No.8, K.C. Doors Muthi (Near Bat Factory) Jammu, who expired on 4th of May, 2023.

10th Day Kriya shall be performed on 13th of May, 2023 (Saturday) at 8.30 AM Near Directorate of School Education, Muthi, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sons & Daughters-in-law
Sh. Attan Ji Raina & Smt. Nirmala Raina (7006076523)
Sh. Ramesh Kumar Raina & Lt. Smt. Girja Raina (9469220020)
Sh. Ajay Raina & Smt. Sunita Raina (09779913329)
Grand Daughter & Grand Son-in-law
Smt. Seevani & Sh. Amit Ji
Grand Son & Grand Daughter-in-law
Sh. Karan Raina & Smt. Gayatri Raina
Grand Daughter & Grand Son-in-law
Smt. Aniketah Raina & Sh. Vishal Koul
Great Grand Daughter: Deeksha Raina
Great Grand Son: Rilan Raina
And Samast Sarafs, Lahories, Punjabis, Sapru, Pariwars



KARAM YOGNI SMT. MOHINI RAINA

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt Geeta Sharma W/o Lt Sh Ramlal Sharma R/o H.No. 139/A, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.**

10th Day will be performed on 10th May 2023 (Wednesday) at 11 am, at our residence.

Kriya will be performed on 11th May 2023 (Thursday) at our residence .

GRIEF STRICKEN :

Smt Santosh & Lt Sh Tarka Nath Sharma (Jethani & Jeth) (Devranis & Devars)

Lt Smt Champa & Sh Jagdish Chander Sharma
Smt Satya & Sh Suresh Kr. Sharma

Nanad & Nanoian

Smt Shanti & Lt Sh Bodh Raj Magotra
Smt Kamla & Lt Sh Ram Rattan Sharma

Daughters in law & Sons

Smt Payal & Sh Jatinder Sharma (PHE Deptt)
Smt Sapna & Sh Narinder Sharma (Congress Party)

Smt Samita & Sh Manik Badyal (Leg. Assembly)
Daughters & Son-in-laws

Smt Shashi & Dr Vireshwar Sharma (A. H. Deptt)
Smt Rajni & Lt Sh Indu Bhushan (Rural Bank)

Grand Children : Pallu, Abhi, Prayna, Parush, Namyia, Mishti, Mahanya & Samik.
Ph No. 7006202077, 9419127494, 9419163107



Lt. Smt Geeta Sharma

FIFTH DAY

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW THE DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **DR BANKE BEHARI LAL GUPTA H/O SMT. KANTA GUPTA R/O H.NO.7 NITCO LANE, TALAB TILLO, JAMMU.**

THE **FIFTH DAY** WILL BE PERFORMED ON FRIDAY, 12TH MAY 2023 AT 11:00 AM AT OUR RESIDENCE H.NO.12 SECTOR-5, TRIKUTA NAGAR, JAMMU.

DEEPLY MISSED BY ON

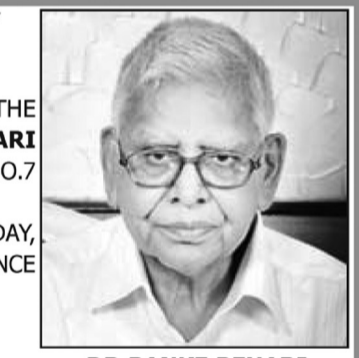
SMT. LOVELEEN (KAMNI) & DR. S. P. GUPTA

SMT. VEENA & SH. SURINDER PAUL GUPTA

SH. MOHINDER PAUL GUPTA

SMT. CHANCHAL & SH. SURESH GUPTA

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DR BANKE BEHARI LAL GUPTA

10TH DAY KRIYA AND RASAM PAGRI

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF **SMT RATNO DEVI W/O LATE SH TARIDO RAM ON 02.05.2023.**

10TH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED ON 11.05.2023 AT 12 NOON, **KRIYA AND RASAM PAGRI** ON 12.05.2023 (12 NOON & 5 PM) AT THEIR RESIDENCE-W.NO.5 NEAR PATANJALI COLLECTION CENTRE COLLEGE ROAD KATHUA.

GRIEF STRICKEN

SONS AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW

SH. ISHAR DASS & SMT. SUDESH KUMAR

SH. SUKH RAM & SMT. SANTOSH KUMARI

SH. TARA MANI SHARMA & SMT. RAJNI SHARMA

DAUGHTERS & SON-IN-LAW :

SMT. CHANDARKALA & SH. ROOP CHAND SHARMA

LATE TARI DEVI & SH. MADAN KUMAR SHARMA

GRAND SONS & DAUGHTER IN LAW :

SUBASH & POOJA

GAGAN & SARITA

VIKAS & SANGEETA

VISHAL & KASHISH



SMT RATNO DEVI

GRAND DAUGHTER & SON IN LAW :

POOJA & MUKESH

ARTI & HITESH

POONAM & KAVYA

GREAT GRAND CHILDREN:

ANSH, DIVANSHI, VANSH

BARKHI

An year has passed since you left for your heavenly abode, your memories and blessings continue to guide us in various walks of life.

Barkhi of our beloved **Smt. Shakuntala Khajuria W/o Late Sh. Uma Dutt Khajuria** will be performed at our residence 50- Panjirthi, Jammu on 11th May, 2023 at 11.30 AM.

DEEPLY MISSED & REMEMBERED BY:-

Sons & Daughters-in-law

Lalit Khajuria & Sunita Khajuria

Deepak Khajuria & Monia Khajuria

Pankaj Khajuria & Anu Khajuria

Romesh Khajuria

Daughters & Sons-in-law

Jyoti Magotra & Rajinder Bhushan Magotra

Sandhya Magotra & Shambhu Dutt Magotra

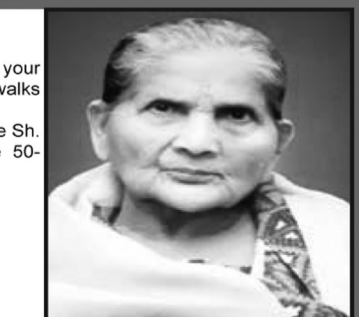
Ritu Vaid & Ajay Vaid

Grand Daughter & Grand Son-in-law

Shruti & Aman

Grand Children: Gaurav, Varun, Sushrut, Vishrut, Lakshay, Dhruv, Vedant & Tanmay

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SMT. SHAKUNTALA KHAJURIA

OBITUARY/TENTH DAY KRIYA

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

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

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

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Anita Tickoo (Wife)

& Samast Tickoo Parivar

Mob.: 9818442653, 9953745633, 9811260054



Sh. Surinder Mohan Tickoo

OBITUARY/TENTH DAY KRIYA

Amid sobs and tears, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our revered mother **Smt. Kamla Devi W/o Sh Ram Chand** erstwhile resident of Khowarwara Handwara, presently at Block B Quarter No 2 TRT Nagrota.

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 12th of May Friday at 9 AM at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of Education Jammu.

IN GRIEF

Sh. Ram Chand- Husband

Daughters-in-laws and Sons

Smt Sunita and Sh Sameer Ji Pandita

Smt. Reeka and Sh. Rattan Lal Dhar

Daughters and Son-in-laws

Smt Bimla Ji W/o Lt. Baboo Ji Pandita

Smt. Nirmala and Sh Moti Lal Pandita

Smt. Veena Ji

Smt. Vijay and Roshan Lal Pandita

All Grand Children

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SMT. KAMLA DEVI

10TH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of **Ajay Kumar Sharma S/o Lt. Sh Uttam Chand Sharma and Lt. Smt. Shanti Devi** on 03-05-2023.

10TH DAY will be performed at their residence (Flat No 1706, Nirwana Greens 4, Kharar) starting 10 AM onwards on 12-05-2023.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Anuradha Sharma (Wife)

Ascharya Sharma (Son)

Digvijay Sharma and Aarohi Sharma (Son-in-law and Daughter)

Anil Sharma and Anila Sharma (Brother and Sister-in-law)

Umakant Sharma and Radha Sharma (Brother-in-law and Sister)

Mobile No. 8968611556 9878611556 600503071



AJAY KUMAR SHARMA

10TH DAY

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SMT. LEELA DEVI W/O LT. SH. RATTAN CHAND GUPTA** ON 30.04.2023

10TH DAY SHALL BE PERFORMED ON 09.05.2023 AND **KRIYA** ON 12.05.2023 AT OUR RESIDENCE NEAR CLUB GHAR BHADDU.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

SONS AND DAUGHTER IN LAWS

SMT AND SH SHIV KUMAR GUPTA (RETD PHARMACIST)

SMT AND SH RAM KUMAR GUPTA (SE HYD. CIRCLE SGR)

SMT AND SH. RAVI KUMAR GUPTA (SR. MANAGER J&K BANK)

SMT AND SH NARESH KUMAR GUPTA (AEE I&FC REAS)

SMT AND SH. UTTAR KUMAR GUPTA (UP)

DAUGHTERS AND SONS IN LAW

SMT. KULDEEP KUMAR W/O LT. SH. VIJAY KUMAR GUPTA

SMT. VEENA DEVI W/O SH. ASHOK KUMAR GUPTA

SMT. SUNITA DEVI W/O SH. MOHAN LAL GUPTA

GRAND CHILDREN:

MRS & MR. SAHIL KUMAR (UBI)

MRS & MR. NIKHIL KUMAR

DR. SUNANDAN, RAKSHAM, LAKSHYA, UDOT, DR. SANCHI, MATALI AND DEEPTI

GREAT GRANDCHILDREN: FREYA, ANIK, ADHYA AND AVIK

CONTACTS: 9697711422, 9419186923, 9469757212 9419159400, 9149404249



SMT. LEELA DEVI

TENTH DAY / KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Rakesh Bhalla S/o Sh. Omesh Chander Bhalla R/o Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.**

10th Day will be performed on 10th May 2023 (Wednesday) at 10 am at Baba Lal Ji Mandir, Gandhi Nagar Last Morh Jammu.

Kriya will be performed on 12th May, 2023 (Friday) at our residence H.No. 255/A, Gandhi Nagar at 12'0' clock.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Padma & Sh. Omesh Chander Bhalla - Parents

Smt. Deepali Bhalla - Wife

Kashish, Aanandika & Aarav - Kids

Smt. Renu & Sh. Sunil Kochhar - Sister & Jija Ji

Lakshay & Sushant Kochhar - Nephews



Sh. Rakesh Bhalla (Pintoo)

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Janak Raj Sharma** (Retd Manager of the Citizen Cooperative Bank Ltd) S/o Lt. Sh. Gian Chand Sharma R/o H.No. 418-C Jeevan Nagar Near Hridayadeep Ashram, Jammu.

TENTH DAY will be performed on 11-05-2023 (Thursday) at Shiv Mandir, Jeevan Nagar, Jammu (10:00 AM)

KRIYA will be performed on 12-05-2023 (Friday) at our residence H.No. 418- C, Jeevan Nagar near Hridayadeep Ashram, Jammu (12:00 PM)

GRIEF STRICKEN

Mrs. Indu Sharma - Wife

Sh. Harbans Lal Sharma - Brother

Sh. Cheman Lal Sharma - Brother

Sh. Darshan Lal Sharma - Brother

Mr. Akhil Sharma - Son Contact No: 700613439

Mrs. Shikha Sharma - Daughter

Mr. Nikhil Sharma - Son Contact No : 8899800885



SH. JANAK RAJ SHARMA

D-O-D 02-05-2023

TENTH DAY / KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Father **Sh. Shiban Krishen Zadoo S/o Late Sh. R. N. Zadoo R/o 902 Royal Palm Apartments, GH 6 Sector 56, Gurugram.**

10th Day Kriya will be performed on 15th May 2023 (Monday) at Muradnagar Ghat at 7 AM and Assembly at 12.30 PM at our residence 902 Royal Palm Apartments, GH 6 Sector 56, Gurugram.

GRIEF STRICKEN :

ZADOO's, RAINA's, HANDOO's, BACHLOO's,

GURTOO's

Contact Number : # 9810726291 # 9810347704



Sh. Shiban Krishen Zadoo

BARKHI

One year has passed since you left us for your heavenly abode. Your memories and blessings are always with us.

The **BARKHI** of our beloved **Sh. AMIR CHAND** will be performed at our residence Pujari Ashram Udhampur katra , on 11th May 2023 (thrusday) at 12 PM.

DEEPLY MISSED AND REMEMBERED BY:

SMT KALASH DEVI W/O LT SH. AMIR CHAND

SMT ANETA & LT SH. SURINDER (BITTU) PUJARI

SMT KOMAL & DARSHAN PUJARI

SMT BINDU & SH LOKESH (PINTU) PUJARI

SMT APARANA & SH NARESH PUJARI

SMT POOJA & SH JITENDRA

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Chief Justice administers Oath of office to Justice Sreedharan

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, May 10: Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, today administered the oath of office to Justice Atul Sreedharan as Judge of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, in the Chief Justice's Court Room at Srinagar.

The Oath taking ceremony was physically attended at Srinagar by Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul, Justice Mohan Lal, Justice Rahul Bharti, Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi and Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal while Justice Tashi Rabstan, Justice Sindhu Sharma, Justice Sanjay Dhar, Justice Puneet Gupta, Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, Justice Mohammad Akram Chowdhary and Justice Rajesh Sekhri participated online from Jammu Wing of



High Court.

The proceedings of the oath taking ceremony were conducted by Shahzad Azeem, Registrar General of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, who read out the contents of the Notification received from Gov-

ernment of India, Ministry of Law & Justice, Department of Justice (Appointments Division) and the Letter of Authorization issued by the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, authorising Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu & Kash-

mir and Ladakh, to administer the Oath of office to the newly transferred Judge.

The ceremony was also attended by the Former Judges of High Court, Advocate General, Secretary Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Additional Solicitors General of India, Srinagar/Jammu, Additional Director General of Police Security, President Bar Association, Jammu/Srinagar, Senior Advocates, Principal District Judge Srinagar, Officers and functionaries of the Civil Administration and Police, Officers and Staff of the Registry, family members and guests of Justice Atul Sreedharan.

With the transfer of Justice Atul Sreedharan as Judge of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, the strength of Judges of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh has risen to 16 Judges including the Chief Justice against the sanctioned strength of 17.

NIA attaches property under UAPA in Shopian



SRINAGAR, May 10 (Agencies): The National Investigation Agency on Wednesday attached an immovable

property in Hermain village of south Kashmir's Shopian district under UAPA.

An official said that two rooms that belong to one Ishaq Pala of Aloora village in a joint residential house were attached by NIA today.

He said Pala was involved in NIA case no. RC- 07/2018/NIA/DLI registered under UAPA.

The official said that the property was attached after the order of special NIA court Jammu.

Secy Law condoles with Rajesh Talwar

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, May 10: Secretary, Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Achal Sethi, has expressed deep sorrow and grief over the demise of wife of Director Finance of the Department, Rajesh Talwar.

In this regard, a condolence meeting was held in which the Law Secretary prayed for the bereaved family to bear the loss. He reiterated that the department stands by the officer in this hour of grief.

While offering heartfelt sympathies and condolences, the officers and the entire staff prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul and patience for the family to bear this huge loss.

Power shutdown

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, May 10: Power Controller Kashmir has informed that, the power supply to Receiving Station Waterhail shall remain affected due to carry out upgradation works on May 13 and 15 from 10 am to 4.30 pm.

Similarly, in order to carry out shifting of electrical utilities the power supply to receiving station Brakpora shall remain affected on May 15 from 11 am to 3 pm

Likewise, the power supply to 33 KV Habak-Zakura-Burzhama line shall remain affected on May 17 from 9 am to 3 pm due to carry out Branch Cutting of tress laying in the vicinity of the line.

Similarly, in order to carry out shifting of electrical utilities, the power supply to receiving stations Mirbazar, Vessu, Chowgam, Qazigund Railway and Kund shall remain affected on May 11 from 11 am to 3 pm.

Awareness Rallies on Women Empowerment Director Libraries hails successful conduct of programme

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, May 10: Expressing great satisfaction over the smooth and successful conduct of Awareness rallies on "Women Empowerment" by various educational institutions across J&K, Director, Libraries & Research, Mohammad Rafi has hailed the cooperation extended by the Directors of School Education Kashmir/Jammu, officers of the School Education Department and the heads of the participating educational institutions.

The Director Libraries also hailed the contribution of I/C Librarians and

the staff of District Libraries of Srinagar, Anantnag, Budgam, Pulwama and Kathua for effectively coordinating with the concerned educational institutions in their respective districts to ensure successful conduct of the programme.

The Director Libraries has extended sincere thanks to Prof A P Singh, Director General, Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata and his staff for their consistent support not only towards upgradation and expansion of Library infrastructure in J&K, but also actively involving J&K's Libraries Department in various

activities sponsored by RRRFLF.

Pertinently, a series of awareness rallies of students on Women Empowerment were organized by various educational institutions across J&K on 8/9 May 2023 to commemorate 250th birth anniversary of Raja Rammohun Roy, the father of Modern India.

These rallies were jointly organized by the Department of Libraries & Research, J&K and the School Education Department, J&K under the aegis of Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRFLF), Ministry of Culture, Govt

of India.

In Kashmir division major rallies were organized by the students of Govt Higher Secondary School, Humhama Budgam; Govt Girls Higher Secondary Institution, Chanapora, Srinagar; Govt Model Girls Higher Secondary School Ranibagh, Anantnag and Govt Higher Secondary School Nehama Pulwama. In Jammu an impressive rally was organized at District Library Kathua.

The Director Libraries said that the Department would continue to engage with various stakeholders to conduct various activities on community engagement through Public Libraries.

Kathua Girl Minali wins title of Mrs India 2023

Top News Report

KATHUA, May 10: Kathua girl Minali Sehdev won the title of Mrs India 2023 (1st runner-up) and also won the subtitle of Mrs India Lifestyle Diva 2023.

The event was organised at Rajkuteer hotel ok Kolkata which was attended by 40 participants from all over India.

Minali Sehdev said, "This was the first time I decided to participate in a beauty pageant and got the crown."

"I have been quite lucky to work with various industries like I started my



career as an IT professional with a degree of MCA from Bangalore. Then moved to Kolkata and took a risk of starting a new career completely from scratch as a Radio jockey in FM Rainbow and FM Gold. Then worked as a TV anchor / actor with Doordarshan National TV. Worked as an script writer / and dialog director for many shows of Doordarshan. Then my fate took me to the world of films . There I worked as a look and costume designer for many big names of Tollywood like Parambrata Chakrabarti /Apu Biswas /and many more."

Inter School Zone level tournament of zone Basohli begins



Top News Report

BASOHLI, May 10: Inter School Zone level tournament of zone Basohli of under 14 yrs and 17yrs girls

in disciplines of Badminton, Painting, Skipping Rope, Chess and Wrestling commenced at Subash Memorial School Bhoond. A total of 150 girls are participating

in different disciplines Under 17: Badminton: High School Draman beat HS Janu by 2-1. Carrom: H.S Sandhar beat Bhiker by 20 points.

Under-14 yrs: Badminton: M.S Dodla beat UPS Ganuidhar by 2-0. Carrom: Subash Memorial School beat M.S Dodla by 18 points.

The matches were officiated by Ritu Kapoor convenor PEM, Guljinder Singh REK, Sushant Mishra REK, Rohit Sharma, Naved Ahmed REK, Om Parkash REK, Bhubnesh war Singh Billowria, Lata Verma, besides others Staffs of Youth Services and Sports Department and Staffs of Schools etc.

Popular govt alone is panacea for ills afflicting J&K: Harsh Dev

Top News Report

CHENANI, May 10: Accusing the present regime for its indifference and neglect of the common masses facing denial of even the basic amenities, both in urban and rural areas, Harsh Dev Singh, Former Minister and State President JKNPP said that a democratically elected govt alone was the panacea for the ills afflicting the centrally ruled UT of J&K.

He said that babus requisitioned from other states had hardly any idea about the peculiar problems of the UT's diversities and had failed to satisfy the urges of the people. While the common masses had hardly any access to the 'babus' operating from their cocooned Chambers, the latter too seemed to have abdicated their responsibilities of interacting with public so as to ascertain their difficulties and to take the appropriate



remedial action for redressal of their genuine grievances, asserted Mr. Singh. He was touring various villages of Chenani constituency today including Bali, Morh, Toldi, Nala, etc to take stock of people's problems in the area.

"While the frequent power outages and acute drinking water problems had made the lives of people a living hell, the helmsmen seemed

to be least bothered about the sufferings of the public. As the affected people were protesting on roads on day to day basis, a highly impudent and apathetic bureaucracy preferred to remain cocooned in their sanitized environment quite unmindful of the woes of the agitating masses. Not only was the common man annoyed over the administrative apathy towards their basic con-

cerns but varied sections of society had expressed their disapproval with the proxy rule of the centre. The unemployed youth including the contractuals, consolidated and daily wagers assured of a fair deal had all felt betrayed and cheated and were fighting for their rights on roads and streets with none to listen to their woes.

Singh maintained that the people in the rural areas in particular were the worst victims of govt apathy with none to respond to their shrill cries for justice. Deprived of proper connectivity and communication, the people residing in several remote and far-flung areas had lost contacts with the civilized world due to road blocks and disruption of traffic on damaged roads for months together. Sadly there were no takers for even the staff deficient and defunct schools thereby jeopardizing the careers of rural students.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice

Sr.DEN-III/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date 25.05.2023 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on www.ireps.gov.in portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft Banker Cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. For more information logon to www.ireps.gov.in

Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System	Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time
Open	Works	Single Bid System	04.05.2023	11.05.2023	25.05.2023/15:00 Hrs.

S.N.	Tender No.	Details of Tender	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest money	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
1	38-2023-24-PTK-DRM-FZR	Protection work of BR No. 232 by providing piles and retaining wall along PTK end abutment of UP line bridge in c/w Retrofitting Measures due to damage near Railway bridge no 232 over Chakkri River (Pathankot, Punjab) in JUC-PTK Section under ADEN-I/PTK.	5,96,30,248.19/-	4,48,200/-	60 Days	03 Months

Similar Nature of work:- "Construction/Rehabilitation of Bridges".

Note 1. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender.
Tender Notice No:- 770-W/169/WA/FZR/38/2023-24-PTK-DRM-FZR Date: 08.05.2023 1390/2023

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UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR,
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, SHAKTI HYDRAULIC DIVISION KISHTWAR
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
e-NIT No. 110F/2023-24 Dated, 06/05/2023

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Hydraulic Division Kishtwar, invites tenders from reputed and successful Bidders/Firms/Companies/ of all classes registered in KPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other state Government for below mentioned works at various Water Supply Schemes of Jal Shakti Hydraulic Division Kishtwar of Jammu Province of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

The bidding process shall be completed online on www.jktenders.gov.in into two covers viz. Cover 1* consisting of General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover 2* consisting of Financial Bid on overall item rate basis, in the prescribed BOQ.

Sr No	Particulars of the work	Estimated Cost (Lacs)	Tender Fee (INRS)	Earnest money Deposit	Bid Validity	Time of Completion of work (days)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I.	PROVIDING AND INSTALLATION OF HOARDING = 22 NO AND WALL PAINTING WITH WIRTING = 22 NOS AT DIFFERENT SPOTS UNDER JJM	3.66	500/-	2% of the Advertise d Cost	90 days	30 days

Position of funds: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)

Critical Dates:

i	Publish Date	06/05/2023
ii	Document Download / sale start Date	06/05/2023
iii	Bid submission start date	06/05/2023
iv	Bid submission end date	13/05/2023 (1400Hr)
v	Date and time of Bid opening	13/05/2023 (1600Hrs)

- Bid documents can be accessed and downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in
- The whole bidding process shall be completed online on tender portal www.jktenders.gov.in. The intending bidders can download the bid document from the tender portal and can submit their bids by uploading them on the tender portal.
- The all bid receipts shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Hydraulic DIVISION Kishtwar. Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 4 & 5 of the table and shall be payable to Kishtwar.
- The cost of tender documents should be in form of TR/e challan in favour of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Hydraulic DIVISION Kishtwar.
- Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of Executive Engineer Hydraulic DIVISION Kishtwar
- The bid shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the last date of submission of bids. If any bidder withdraws his bid before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the same shall be considered to be in violation of bid security declaration and shall be dealt with accordingly and the bids shall be declared non-responsive.
- Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website www.jktenders.gov.in.
- Queries by email if any should be made at xenhydktr@gmail.com

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti Hydraulic Division
Kishtwar

NO JS/HDK/23-24/2053-63
Dt: 06-05-2023

DIP/J-1157/23

JAMMU MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
Executive Engineer, JMC Division-III, Jammu
3rd CALL

FRESH e-NIT No. JMC/D-III/200F/2023-24
Dated: 06-05-2023
Email: sen.jmcdivision3@gmail.com

For and on behalf of The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jammu, the Executive Engineer, Division-III, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) invites online tenders **On Percentage basis** from registered class of Contractors/Firms as per the prescribed format for the works shown hereunder:-

S.No	Name of work	Advertised Amount (INRS)	Tender Fee INRS.	EMD 2% IN RS.	Class.	Time for completion
77D01 15D01 20D01	Construction of Deep Drain from H/O Pawanupto Main road at lane no. 3 Sec 3 Vinayak Nagar muthi in Ward no 67.	18.93	1000/-	37860/-	A, B & C	180 Days.

Position of AA: **Accorded**
Position of TS: **Sanctioned**

MH :G.I.A OF 2022-23

- The complete bidding process will be online.
- The bid shall be uploaded in electronic format on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> upto

Bid Submission date:	06-05-2023
Bid Submission End Date:	13-05-2023 at 14:00 Hrs.
Bid Opening Date:	15-05-2023 at 14:00 Hrs.

- Other details and terms/Conditions contained in the NIT can be downloaded from the site www.jktenders.gov.in

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
No: JMC/D-III/612-18/JMC Division III,
Dt: 06-05-2023 Jammu.

DIP/J-546-P/23

JAMMU MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
Executive Engineer, JMC Division-III, Jammu
3rd CALL

FRESH e-NIT No. JMC/D-III/200F/2023-24
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EDITORIAL

MSME- A BOON FOR
NEW TALENTS

The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector is a part of India's legacy economic model and a vital supply chain for products and services. This sector is considered to be an employment creator and plays a vital role in providing large scale employment and industrialization of rural and backward areas.

According to the 73rd round of National Sample Survey (NSS) in 2015-2016, there were about 633.8 lakh non-irrigated non-agricultural enterprises in the country, working in various economic activities providing employment to 11.10 crore workers. In this article, we will focus on the importance of MSME. You can also register MSME online with the legal route.

MSME has introduced in the year 2006 in India. There are still some service sectors which were not included in this sector till now, making a historic change in the definition of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises in this act. So taking advantage of the scope of the sector, now the government has simplified the MSME registration online with paperless work.

It generates large scale employment: Enterprises joining this sector require less capital to start new businesses. Moreover, it creates a vast opportunity for the unemployed people to avail. India produces about 1.2 million graduates every year, of which the total number of engineers is about 0.8 million.

As of now there is no such economy which can provide huge number of freshers in just one year. MSME is a boon for new talents in India.

It is the most important driver in India contributing 8% to the GDP. Given the contribution of MSMEs in manufacturing, exports and employment, other sectors are also getting its benefits. Nowadays, multinational companies are buying semi-finished and ancillary products from small enterprises, for example, buying clutches and brakes by automobile companies.

It is helpful in making relation between MSME and big companies, even after GST implementation 40% MSME sector also implemented GST registration which plays a vital role in increasing the revenue of the government by 11%.

Inclusive growth of medium, and small and medium size has been at the top of the ministry's agenda for many years. On the other hand, poverty and deprivation is a hindrance to the development of India. Moreover, it comprises of marginalized sections of a society which is a significant challenge before the Ministry of MSME. Whereas in large scale organizations, one of the main challenges is to maintain the human resource through an effective human resource management professional manager. But, when it comes to MSMEs, the labor requirement is less and it does not require highly skilled labor. Therefore, the indirect cost incurred by the owner is also less.

MSME can start with limited resources under the control of the owner. This decision making becomes easy and efficient. In contrast, a large corporation requires a specialist for each departmental function because it has a complex organizational structure whereas a small enterprise does not need to hire any outside expert for its management. Owner can manage himself. Therefore, it can be operated single-handed.

The initiative signed by the Prime Minister of India "Make in India" has been made easy with MSME. It is taken as a backbone in making this dream a possibility. Apart from this, the government has directed the financial institution to give more loans to the enterprises in the MSME sector.



By: Col Tej K Tikoo
Ph.D. (Retd)

Imran Khan's arrest by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) in Islamabad today from within the High Court premises has created an unprecedented law and order situation in Pakistan, already reeling under the massive economic downturn that has created huge difficulties for its teeming multitudes. The circumstances of his arrest as reported by the media appear anything but normal. It seems Imran Khan had gone to the High Court to seek bail in one of the many cases lodged against him since he was deposed as the Prime Minister in April last. While going for his bio-metrics, the Rangers forced their way into the court premises and dragged him out and bundled him into a waiting vehicle, that then drove to Rawalpindi, the GHQ of all-powerful Pakistan Army. The media reports further said that a helicopter was waiting at Rawalpindi to take him to an undisclosed place in Baluchistan. The fact that it was the Rangers who executed the act of arresting Imran Khan from court premises underscores the fact that Pakistan Army was on board in this mission.

Having visualized the possibility of his arrest, Imran Khan had recorded a video which was imme-

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diately released to his supporters. In this video, which became viral quickly, Imran is heard exhorting his supporters to come out on the streets at this critical hour to save Pakistan.

It is apparent that the arrest by the NAB has the full backing of the Pakistan Army or rather the whole thing was orchestrated by it. Ever since Imran Khan's troubles began in the Senate during the first quarter of the previous year, Imran Khan has been at loggerheads with the allpowerful Army. He is the first Prime Minister, in fact the first important politician, to take on the Pakistan Army openly. Besides taking on the former Chief, Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa, Imran adopted a confrontationalist posture against the then Army chief over the selection of the next ISI Chief. While Imran wanted Lt Gen Faiz Hameed to continue in the post, Gen Bajwa wanted Lt Gen Naveed Anjum to replace him. Eventually, as always, the Pakistan Army Chief had his way.

But the avoidable confrontation created distrust between the two individuals as also the two important institutions.

It is a well-known fact of Pakistan politics that no Prime Minister has ever completed his full five-year term. However, it was widely accepted that Imran Khan may not fall in that category as he was believed to have been 'selected' by the Pakistan Army rather having got fairly elected during the general elections. Then, what went wrong in this cozy relationship which appeared to be mutually beneficial to both. It appears that Imran Khan took his status as the elected Prime Minister rather too seriously, forgetting that the levers of power in Pakistan have remained and are firmly in the hands of the Army. His desire to exercise autonomy in certain cru-

cial policy matters of the state, outreach to Russia and the existing international power play created a serious situation for Pakistan, particularly when it was reeling under an economic crisis of unparalleled dimensions, led to the Army deciding to replace him through a Senate coup. The PML Supremo, the redoubtable Nawaz Sharief, too played his intrigues from London. However, unlike other deposed Prime Ministers, Imran Khan hit back.

After his deposition, Imran rallied his supporters in an effective manner. Millions of people thronged to his rallies which were held throughout Pakistan, from Karachi to Khyber and Quetta to Sialkot. Acting with a degree of political finesse, Imran asked his legislators to resign from the Assemblies in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab where his party, the Pakistan Tehreek i Insaf (PTI) was running the governments. This led to the dissolution of the assemblies, for which the elections, as per the existing constitutional norms, were bound to be held before May 2023.

Having created a wave of sympathy in his favour, Imran was sure of returning to power in these two states with a larger majority. However, the central government, now in the hands of his sworn enemies, the PML (N), had different ideas. Taking shelter under the compulsions imposed by a deep economic crisis, the Central Government was in no mood to please Imran.

However, it did not merely involve the former P.M., it also needed to satisfy the constitutional norms which mandated the holding of elections within six months of the dissolution of the State assemblies. Imran's plea in the apex court got a favorable verdict which directed the Federal Government to provide 21 billion

rupees to the Election Commission (EC) immediately so that the elections could be held in May 2023 to abide by the constitutional provisions. However, the Federal Government got a resolution passed in the senate to the effect that due to the huge economic crisis through which Pakistan was passing, it was not possible to provide the required

funds to the EC to conduct the elections. This created a constitutional crisis. However, while all this was still being resolved, Imran upped the ante by repeatedly attacking the Army, something unheard of in Pakistan. Perhaps, he also crossed the red line when he accused Maj Gen Faisal Naseer, the head of the Counterintelligence department of Pakistan's ISI, of having tried to kill him twice while addressing a rally in Lahore. Therefore, the Army decided to strike before the damage to the reputation of the institution that holds Pakistan together had reached irreversible level.

Surprisingly, Imran Khan was not arrested on one of the over hundred cases lodged against him, but on completely different grounds. The NAB has said that Imran Khan had got a huge parcel of govt land allotted to Al Qadir Trust, of which Imran and his third wife, Bushra Bibi, are the sole trustees.

In my opinion, despite the huge support enjoyed by Imran Khan across the length and breadth of Pakistan, it will be difficult for him to regain the trust of the powerful Army, without whose support he cannot ever think of regaining his lost post of Pakistan's premiership. In fact, I will be surprised if he will even survive his incarceration. In Pakistan, senior and most popular leaders have paid with their lives. I wonder if Imran will escape a similar fate.

The Fear of Mathematics

By: Vijay GarG

Many people enjoy maths at school and out of school as well. Some of us will probably use mathematical language comfortably. Many parents will teach children to understand basic concepts such as counting numbers and simple fractions at a young age. Many children do enjoy Maths like anything. And some have problems when Maths graduates to complex fractions. But unfortunately, a large section of the population found school maths so confusing and so distressing, that they avoid anything remotely mathematical. Though fear of maths can affect anyone, a certain research found that especially women and people of colour tend to drop out of maths or even opt out of careers that would involve having to do a minimum of maths, such as the mandatory maths or stats courses in science, medicine, commerce and even social sciences. Mathematics is more often widely recognized as a problem area. In many parts of India, maximum failures at matriculation are in mathematics. And mathematics is compulsory for matriculation. As a consequence, every child who enters the educational system has to study it till the matriculation level.

What is Mathematics?
Simply put, Mathematics is a discipline which deals with the logic of quantity and shape and arrangement. Moreover, it is the underlying structure of the world, which we see in patterns, shapes, quantities and intelligent guesses. Maths when presented in the classroom or in a textbook, is often a formal, precise, and disciplined step by step progression to a logical conclusion. But according to Experts, these are completely artificial, complex methods compounded to give students practice in applying the algebraic code. The reason they are artificial is the difficulty in finding actual problems in everyday living that require algebra.

Why is Mathematics Needed?
We need to understand the concepts of numbers and quantities because we require it for our daily routines. Our lives are governed by Time and to understand Time we need Maths. Maths is all around us. We see patterns in art and music. Businesses need to make intelligent guesses or estimates of how much something is going to cost, how many people need their products, how fast it is going to sell. We need to keep track of our bank accounts and ensure we do not spend more than our income. Our activities like baking cakes, decorating a room etc. are based on the Quantity and Time required which again requires maths.

What are the Causes of Fear of Maths?

Inherited Trait: In an observation, students assimilated more complex concepts and skills that they used in daily life and they simultaneously failed to assimilate relatively simple concepts which they encountered in formal mathematics. It was clear that this is concerned with the absence of opportunities to learn formal mathematics in a natural way at home of the child. In fact, the interactions within the family and members tend to prepare a child to dislike mathematics as either one or both or some family member itself hated maths. This trait gets picked up by the child even though he may be good at maths.

Community Influence: Most of us look at mathematics as a subject which is too formal, it is required for calculations or for taking higher courses. This negative repute makes the subject appear dry and utilitarian for children. We do talk of neighbours and other relationships between individuals but do not describe number work as finding relationships between numbers. Social interactions in society tend to prepare the child to dislike mathematics through assigning, time and again, a variety of negative adjectives like dry, difficult, boring, etc. to describe mathematics in general.

Low Self Esteem: A student's brain makes a high-speed microsecond evaluation of the word problem and declares it as "nonsense." It does not make sense. Then the brain makes a secondary evaluation - The Teacher and the other students are comfortable. They seem convinced that the problem is relevant and worthwhile. It must be something wrong with me. I don't understand. I guess I'm not good at maths. Another myth causing this low self-esteem is the math gene - some have and others do not. Hence, only geniuses are capable of creating or understanding formulas and equations.

Lack of Analogies: Analogies play to the right brain and are exciting because they enable understanding in the very first exposure of any concept in any field. For example is this question - How long have dinosaurs been on earth? The left brain answer is 100 million years. The student can memorize the answer and get a perfect score on a test with absolutely no understanding. To actually communicate to students how long dinosaurs have been on earth, we use this analogy that plays to the right brain: If the age of One - Day & Night is 24 hours, dinosaurs were here for one or two hours and we have been on earth one or two minutes. If an abstraction can be converted into an analogy, any student can "catch the instructional ball when the instructor pitches it." Most students can get it in the first exposure without memorization and without stress. In mathematics, analogies are rare in print and even more rare in the classroom.

The absence of analogies means that students are confined to using half the brain, and usually, it is the wrong half. By impressing students in their left brain, we mystify them with one abstraction after another. Since there is almost no brain switching from one side of the brain to the other, the result is Negative brain instruction. All of this produces an understandable avoidance reaction to math.

Fictitious Fear: The Image students have of mathematics and mathematicians is most certainly fictitious. Math textbooks and classes represent a "homogenized" view of mathematics that in no way showcases the exciting stories of how discoveries are made. The stories are the romance of mathematics which should come first to inspire students so they are ready and eager to continue exploring the mysteries of mathematics. Students watching mathematicians perform in the classroom come away with the illusion that mathematicians are precise, formal, and accurate dispensers of absolute truth. The reality is that professional mathematicians are imprecise, indefinite game players who draw with numbers and relish exploring options.

Learning Disorder: Dyscalculia is a learning disorder that afflicts about 6 per cent of the population. Those afflicted with it have difficulty visualizing number sequences and even the passage of time. A part of the brain called the intraparietal Sulcus, or IPS, is known to be important for number processing. The IPS is important for determining how many things are perceived, as opposed to how much of something there is. For such people, distinguishing between the bigger of two numbers can be difficult. Dyscalculics can learn to count, but where most people can immediately tell that nine is bigger than seven, anyone with dyscalculia may have to count the objects to be sure.

How to Overcome Maths Phobia?
Parents Guidance: Parents have a greater role in the child's education and they try to provide support to their children in a variety of ways. Most of the Parents find it difficult to help the child with mathematics. As a part of the treatment of their kids to improve mathematics learning and performance, the parents need counselling that will change their attitude and perspective of formal mathematics as well as an improvement in formal mathematical skills. A certain amount of time is needed in problem-solving in moderation will keep your child mathematically healthy. Five to ten minutes of problem-solving a day for a month is far better than 2hrs for three days in terms of output. Or solving 20 problems in one day gives less learning than solving 3 problems daily for one week. This change is needed in

the work method. Also needed is to integrate formal school mathematics within home and community and make efforts to better the perception of mathematics so that positive adjectives will be used to describe mathematics and learning of mathematics.

Make it Exciting: Maths needs to be enjoyable for children. Certain activities and games are adapted which can be played normally. The activities involved jumping, running, playing cards, puzzles, creating as well as listening to rhymes and stories etc. Running or jumping along the number line or number grid to reach a called out number is one such activity which parents can get their children to do. To make this more interesting, enjoyable and easy for the card games have been designed. Similar card games have been designed for fractions and number operations.

Means of Teaching: There are a huge number of books and workbooks available for school and home use. If one lacks confidence, they can always use one of these. There are people who will undertake private maths coaching if your child wants to know more than you can cope with, and there are Internet resources and CD-Roms that do the direct teaching.

Catch Them Young: To make sure that a kid doesn't develop Maths Phobia introduce Maths at an early age. A good and colourful maths workbooks teach basic numeracy. Exposure to Numbers graphically creates curiosity. At some point your child may ask about the number symbols: perhaps spots them in a book, or see them on houses. Talk about why we use numbers and what they mean, but make sure you explain that the numbers are just shorthand for the concept, not anything mystical in themselves.

Variation in Approach: If you introduce the arithmetic symbols, explain that '2+2=4' is simply an easier way of writing 'If we have two elephants and then another two elephants arrive to join them, there will be four elephants altogether'. Some children like to invent their own arithmetic symbols - encourage this. If your child wants to draw a little picture to represent the apples or elephants after each number, this is fine. This is actually algebra, which needs to be understood at a basic level before pure arithmetic can make sense. Too many teachers - particularly in previous years - introduce the counting numbers and their symbols before most of the children have begun to grasp the algebraic concepts behind numbers and the reasons we use them.

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GDC Udhampur organizes seminar on 'World Red Cross Day-2023'

TOP NEWS REPORT

UDHAMPUR, May 10: The Red Ribbon Club of Govt. Degree College Udhampur in collaboration with the Department of Botany of the college organized a One-Day seminar to commemorate the 'World Red Cross Day' 2023 with the theme 'Everything we do comes from the heart' in the Department Seminar hall today.

The program was organized under the patronage of Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, Principal of the college. In his message he congratulated the Red Ribbon Club for celebrating the day and also laid stress on invoking the spirit of the youth for selfless social service and be humane to connect with humanity on the whole.



Prof. Romesh Kr. Atri HoD Botany was the Chief Guest and resource person for an invited talk on the theme. Prof. Atri, while referring to the role of Swiss businessman Henry Dunant, the winner of world first Nobel Prize Peace in laying the foundation of the 'International Red Cross and Red Cres-

cent Movement', dealt in detail about the genesis and evolution of the Organization and its role in mitigating the sufferings of the mankind.

Earlier the coordinator of the event and convenor Red Ribbon Club Prof. Jawaid Sarver welcomed the resource person and other participants and briefed them

all about various activities that the club that have been carried out in accordance with the annual calendar.

In the program many student speakers made their presentations to highlight the significance and relevance of the day, particularly in today's world scenario, when we have

been witnessing an over year long war between Russia and Ukraine and human sufferings in other parts of the world.

Tanisha Bharti, Mokshi Sharma and cadet Pallvi Rajput were adjudged first and second while Pallvi Rajput bagged third position for her presentation in the event.

Prof. Shivani Sharma, Dr. Swarn Singh and Prof. Asma Javaid were the adjudicators for the event.

Prof. Asha Sohil, HoD EVS coordinated the proceedings of the program. A large number of students from the science stream, NCC cadets and NSS volunteers attended the event.

The program concluded with the formal vote of thanks by Prof. Jawaid Sarver.

Estates Department daily wagers demand regularisation



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 10: Estates Department daily wagers on Wednesday held a protest demanding their regularisation.

In this protest, the protesting daily wagers raised slogans in support of their demands.

The protesters said, "The government should regularize the daily wagers as per the previous cabinet decision."

"We have crossed the upper age limit and our

demand is not accepted and the Union Territory administration should regularize us," said one of the daily wagers.

"It is also brought into the notice of administration the daily wagers have been working since last considerable time i.e 25 to 30 years, but no positive action for their regularization has since been taken by the Estates Department/ Government," they said.

It was also discussed that some of daily

wagers who have rendered their yeom's service to the Department were not regularized as a result of which they attained the retirement age and some of them have already been expired, but they had not since been regularized. It is also brought into the notice of Department/ Government they had been struggling for their regularization since, but no positive heed has been paid to them.

Swati Jasrotia qualifies Ph.D

TOP NEWS REPORT

KATRA, May 10: Swati Jasrotia, a researcher from the School of Mathematics at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Katra, Jammu and Kashmir has successfully qualified for the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Mathematics.

Her research work focused on "Generalized Sequence Spaces and their Matrix Transformations" under the supervision of Dr. Kuldeep Raj, Head, School of Mathematics and co-supervision of Dr. Uday Pratap Singh, Associate Professor, School of Mathematics, SMVDU. Swati has published



many research papers in SCI/SCIE/Scopus indexed journals. She also presented several papers at international and national conferences. Ms. Swati expressed her gratitude to the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University for providing the facilities during her Ph.D. program.

She also acknowledged the School of Mathematics for provid-

ing her all the necessary facilities and support required for her research work.

She expressed heartfelt gratitude to her supervisors for their continuous support and encouragement during research work.

The researcher has expressed her gratitude to her parents and Prof. (Dr.) Ravindra Kumar Sinha, Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU. Dr. S.K. Wanchoo, Dean, Faculty of Sciences, Prof. V.K. Bhat, Dr. A.K. Das and other faculty members of School of Mathematics and all are congratulated Swati on her accomplishment and wished her a bright future ahead.

Kisan Sampark Abhiyan concludes in Panchayat Sadhota



TOP NEWS REPORT

PANCHARI, May 10: The three-day Farmer Orientation Programme 'Kisan Sampark Abhiyan' under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) started on April 8 concluded successfully on Wednesday in Sadhota of Block Panchari.

During the three-day orientation training cum awareness camps the villagers turned up in large numbers and showed keen interest in learning about the projects of HADP and other Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

Audiovisual aids were used in disseminating the information at the grassroots level about various government sponsored schemes meant for the welfare of

the farmers associated with Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Horticulture etc.

People were made aware regarding the schemes in vogue in Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Fisheries and Horticulture.

Dr. Sandeep Kumar, VAS; Sanjeev Singh, Horticulture Technician from Horticulture and allied departments briefed the farmers regarding the schemes.

Thread bare discussions and Question Answer sessions were held during interaction sessions in Panchayat.

Informative booklets in English Urdu and Hindi regarding the schemes of HADP were distributed among the participants.

Moreover, farmers were also made aware about Daksh Kisan (online learning portal for skill development) and Kisan Sathi (IT Dashboard) portal regarding the digitisation of various services/ schemes.

Sarpanch Kartar Singh appreciated the various stakeholders department for successfully culminating the 3 days of Farmer Orientation Programme 'Kisan Sampark Abhiyan' under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) at Sadhota of Block Panchari. He also said that the Government has launched a number of schemes and programs for the welfare of the farmers and urged them to avail the benefits of the same.

Sports competition organized for Block Latti



TOP NEWS REPORT

UDHAMPUR, May 10: As per the instructions of Directorate of Youth Services & Sports UT of J&K to encourage the senior citizens (Male/Female), a sports competition was organized for Block Latti Marothi. A Tug of War competition was conducted in the premises of Govt. Higher Secondary

School Jakhed in which Principal, Kanchan Bala was Chief Guest.

About 14 senior citizens participated in the competition with enthusiasm.

The competitions are being organized under the patronage ship of Subash Chander, Director Youth Services and Sports UT of J&K, chairmanship of Dharam Vir

Singh District Youth Services & Sports Officer Udhampur and supervision of Malik Iftiqar Iqbal I/C Zonal Physical Education Officer Dudu.

The matches were officiated by Rakesh Kumar PET, Sanjeev Khajuria REK and Sandeep Sharma. Later the refreshment was distributed among the participants in the competition.

Raja Rattan slams Cong for equating Bajrang Dal with PFI



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 9: Raj Rattan Raina, BJP leader, today decried the Congress promise in its poll manifesto to ban Bajrang Dal by equating it to the banned radical Islamic outfit People's Front of India, calling it the 'height of appeasement.'

In a statement issued here today, Raina said the grand old party does not know the difference between a nationalistic outfit and pro-jihadi organisation.

"This is the height of appeasement. Congress leaders are trying to equate

Bajrang Dal and PFI which is unacceptable. A patriotic Indian will never accept the banning of either Bajrang Dal, RSS or Vishwa Hindu Parishad because you may have ideological differences with anybody but they are never anti-nationals, they are never criminals, they are against terrorism," he said.

Raina said Bajrangis are activists who give their lives for Hindu cause, and questioned the objective behind Congress promise to ban PFI which has already been banned by the BJP Government at the Centre.

He said that the Congress had always supported the PFI and its gang that raise slogans which provoke beheading of certain section of people of the society and Bajrang Dal had always acted as hindrance and obstacle for them.

"You cannot betray the people of the country, Sonia Gandhi. The way you have tried to project the Bajrang Dal in a negative way, the people of the country will not forgive and forget it," he added.

Raina also accused Congress leader Sonia Gandhi of opposing the ban on SIMI in Parliament and Congress has protested against the ban. "Your real face is out when you seek ban on the Bajrang Dal," he said.

Police rescue nomad family

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 10: Police on Wednesday rescued a family of nomads along with over 100 cattle trapped after snowfall in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district, officials said. Police received a distress call that some nomads along with their livestock, one driver and one motorcyclist were stuck in the Naribal area of Margon top due to heavy snowfall, they said. Acting swiftly, Kishtwar SSP Khalil Poswal constituted a special team for conducting a rescue operation, the officials said. A nomad family along with their livestock of more than 100 sheep were rescued and shifted to a safer place, they said. The driver and the motorcyclist too were rescued, they added.

Councillor Sahil visits ward, listens to public issues



TOP NEWS REPORT

BISHNAH, May 10: Bharatiya Janata Party Leader and Councillor of Municipal Committee Bishnah, Sahil Gupta visited the ward today and listened to the problems of the people, people told that the slab has been put to run over the drain, but due to the theft of iron grating, Public face difficulties in night. While listening to the problems of the people of the ward, Sahil Gupta told them that on behalf of the Municipal Committee Bishnah, they have been asked for

another plan of Rs 10 lakh, in which they will soon do the work of these streets. Councillor of Municipal Committee Bishnah, Sahil Gupta visited the ward today and listened to the problems of the ward and gratings have been installed on all the drains. Public thanked Gupta for listening to the Problems of the ward and appreciated Gupta's work and actions, the meeting was attended by Vijay Kumar, Ashwani Sharma, Rakesh Kumar, Ravi, Shekhar, Tushar Digna, Manish Kumar, Vansh, Rohit and others.

Altaf Dar visits Balhama, Zowra, listens to people problems

TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, May 10: Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) Provincial Vice President Kashmir Mohammad Altaf Dar chaired an important workers meeting in Balhama, Srinagar. The main aim of the meeting was to discuss various issues that are creating problems in the daily lives of people in the said area. Dar assured them that

their matters will be taken into consideration with the concerned authorities and will provide immediate redressal of the issues so that they don't face problems further.

The highlighted issues are Bad road conditions, deep countless path holes, without proper drainage system especially damaged road start from Balhama Chowk to connected Zowra road (Near Masjid ASGAR

Balhama) creates a lot of issues also in transportation, business, traffic problems and inadequate supply of drinking water and others.

Moreover, Mohammad Altaf Dar laid emphasis on Democratic Progressive Azad Party Strengthening at grassroots levels and asked Workers to be active on ground in order to aware people about Democratic Progressive Azad Party's agenda.

Dimple demands G20 meet in Jammu



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 10: Mission Statehood Jammu and Kashmir under the leadership of Sunil Dimple held a protest demanding to hold G-20 meet in Jammu.

Addressing the protesters Sunil Dimple registered a strong protest against the BJP Govt for not holding G20 in Jammu and deprived the Jammu region from the benefits of G20.

Dimple urged PM Modi not to discriminate the Jammu region and also hold G20 conclave in Jammu as BJP has got maximum mandate from Jammu region of two MPs and won 25 MLA seats from Jammu, but due to their foolishness, the assembly has to dissolved and the state ruined in to union territories.

Other leaders present on the occasion include Ashok Sharma, Ashok Khanna, Sita Ram Rakwal, Dev Raj, Vicky Mahajan, Vipran Mahajan, Nitin Saini, Ram Kumar Das, Jeetender Gupta and Rakesh Sharma.

Chandigarh girl Wamiqa Gabbi, who is basking in the glory of web series Jubilee, says OTT has opened up many opportunities for newcomers

Playing a heroine of yesteryear for new generation girl like Wamiqa Gabbi you might think would be a Herculean task. Fun may not be a word you would associate with her layered performance of Nilofer in mega-series Jubilee. But Wamiqa, our Chandigarh di kuddi, the bubbly Punjabi who has been vowing viewers with her stellar act in Jubilee not only found exploring her character fun, she dubs working with filmmaker Vikramaditya Motwane a fun experience too.

Sure her character is complex. "But then we all are, who among us is simple?" she quizzes. Clearly Motwane has a painstaking eye for detail and prior to signing up for Jubilee, she was told he is indeed rather stern and strict. But not once during the one year shoot did she see him lose his temper. On his creative process, she shares, "Whatever prep Motwane sir has to do, he does it during workshops. Once the shoot begins he is already in a different zone, in the world he has created in his mind."

Doing her homework well As for her entering the Jubilee world, well she did catch up on movies like Mughal-e-Azam, Pakeezah and even Dilip Kumar-starrer Devdas. But more than movies she tuned into songs of 1940s and 50s. So immersed was she in the music of the bygone era that most songs are today on her playlist and she joyfully hums, "Dheere dheere chal chaand gagan mein." If being a Motwane heroine has been an overwhelming experience, she is equally overjoyed that she has been



chosen to play significant roles in not one but four projects of gifted director Vishal Bhardwaj. In Bhardwaj's OTT debut Charlie Chopra & The Mystery Of Solang Valley an adaptation of Agatha Christie's novel The Sittaford Mystery, she is the titular character Charlie.

She also gets to rub shoulders with the likes of Naseeruddin Shah, Neena Gupta and Ratna Pathak Shah. As she almost pinches herself, "Is it true", she adds, "Working with such great filmmakers as Vishal and Ranjan Chandel (Graham) has taught me that you don't have to

just work on your character but evolve as a person and human being. I have also learnt how important it is to be empathetic, sensitive and vulnerable as a person to be able to play the wide range of characters."

Of course, she began her career with yet another top notch director Imtiaz Ali. From a bit part in Jab We Met to lead role in Jubilee, she has indeed come a long way. Whether she identifies with the struggle of Nilofer, she muses, "Her struggle is unlike mine, for I have had a beautiful family to protect and take care of me." In

fact, what has kept her going all these years is love of not just her family. but that of the film industry. "Faith in your ability too is a form of love."

Today as more and more makers are reposing faith in her talent and she is deluged with offers, her only fear is, "I hope to choose well and find the courage to say yes to the right parts and no to the not-so-significant ones."

Heart's wish

Though she does not have any plans for future, on the top of her wish list is, "to play lead in Imtiaz sir's film." No she is not being greedy or over-ambitious. Working with Imtiaz Ali is something very personal for her. It's where she began (Jab We Met), he was the one who told her — 'finish your studies and come to Bombay'. Though, nothing has been signed on the dotted line yet, she has sent out a signal to the universe and she is positive her dream will come true soon.

Meanwhile, she is busy with her upcoming projects and her six dogs at home. On OTT, the medium where she is making her mark, she says, "OTT has become the de facto family for outsiders as it provides opportunities to newcomers, just the way filmy family kids get." She, however, has no designs on future, quoting from Osho, "Aasha se hi nirasha hoti hai," she is not letting fame sway her off her feet.

As for the answer to the ultimate question, do we get to see the second season of Jubilee, she promises, "As and when it happens I would be the first one to post it on Instagram."

Vidya Balan returns to theatres with the Neeyat



Abundantia Entertainment and Prime Video have announced the release date of their murder mystery film Neeyat. The movie features Vidya Balan in the lead role and will be released in theatres on July 7. Neeyat is helmed by Anu Menon, who last

directed Vidya Balan in the 2020 film Shakuntala Devi.

Neeyat also features Ram Kapoor, Rahul Bose, Neeraj Kabi, and Amrita Puri, among others. Neeyat has been written by Anu Menon, Priya Venkataraman, Advaita Kala, and Gir-

vani Dhyani, with dialogues by Kausar Munir. Produced by the Vikram Malhotra-led Abundantia Entertainment, which also produced Shakuntala Devi, and co-produced by Prime Video, Neeyat narrates the gripping story of an unlikely detective (Vidya Balan) who investigates mysterious murders at a billionaire's party, where nothing is what it seems and all suspects hide a secret or two.

Neeyat marks Vidya Balan's return to theatres after her stint on OTT. She featured in films like Shakuntala Devi (2020), Sherni (2021), and Jalsa (2022). The producers released a teaser poster of the movie that gives the audience a sneak peek into the film.

Sunny Leone releases new still of Kennedy

Sunny Leone is gearing up for the release of her upcoming film Kennedy, which also marks her first collaboration with director Anurag Kashyap, at the Cannes Film Festival. Sunny Leone recently released a new still from the film with the caption, "2 weeks to go!"

Kennedy is the only Indian film selected by the esteemed jury for a midnight screening at the 76th Cannes Film Festival.



The singer will open the show for Rema's Calm Down India Tour

Singer Zahrah S Khan is set to open the show for the music event, Rema Calm Down India Tour, in Mumbai.

She said, "I've been a fan of Rema, and opening the show for him is a dream come true."

Sharing the same stage as him, I just cannot "calm down"! This is indeed an incredible platform, and I'm thrilled to share my songs and my energy with everyone who attends the show."

Zahrah is set to present an eclectic mix of her songs.

After lending her voice to songs like Kusu, Dance Meri Rani, Punjab Song, and Aap Jaisa Koi, Zahrah is now set to make her live performance debut.



VFX artist from the city, Hansjeet Duggal has collaborated with Hollywood director Ben Affleck on multiple projects

Calling Los Angeles his legal and spiritual home, city lad Hansjeet Duggal, has added another feather to his cap. Visual Effects Supervisor with Air, an American biographical sports drama film, directed by noted director Ben Affleck, has been one of his dream projects!

A visual effects (VFX) artist, Duggal started early in the field of animation. Starting from his school days, he studied at St. Xavier's, Chandigarh, Lovely professional University, Jalandhar and Chapman University, California. Right through, his love for animation stayed strong. And, eight years on, he is part of the film industry in the professional capac-



ity. About Hollywood, he says, "Increasingly, the role of middleman is diminishing. The artist and studio heads or the director get in touch directly, which saves time, effort and boosts efficiency."

Being professional A turbaned Sikh, how has his identity been perceived there? "In the work circuit, there aren't many except Waris Ahluwalia and one or two more, and I have been fortunate

that people have been rather professional. Even if someone has something in the heart, it is never spoken," says Duggal, who also admits that outside professional circuits, he has sometimes been a target of racial slurs.

Air hasn't been his first project with Affleck; there was a music video before and some small assignments too. With Air, he knew it's a huge technological leap. "The movie was set to be a visual masterpiece, with 400-500 VFX shots that varied in complexity. Some shots were approved in the first go, while others required multiple versions and tweaks to get to the finishing line," he shares. Duggal feels strongly

for Hollywood screenwriters, "Their demands are fair. Studios with billions of dollars of budget are not able to give writers their due. Hopefully, they should get their due."

During his student days, Duggal was part of two Student Oscar winning projects — Gardeners of the Forest and It's Just A Gun. Not just Hollywood, Duggal is also passionate about his Sikh roots. A part of Sikhlens, he is associated with films like Okra King, Shades of Indigo and Jutti Kasoori. Working with his team that is spread across the US, Canada, Spain and India, Duggal is ready to take risks and chart newer courses with VFX!

Gul Panag plays psychiatrist in horror flick 'The Haunting'

Actress Gul Panag, who is receiving a lot of appreciation for her work in the recently released streaming short film 'The Haunting', feels that the genre of horror is yet to reach its true potential in India and that the industry has barely scratched the surface when it comes to the genre.

The actress plays the role of a psychiatrist in the short film, which also stars Erica Fernandes and Prakruti Mishra. The horror short film revolves around a girl named Moushmi who has been possessed by ghosts and is accused of killing her closest friend. The film is said to be based on real events and is directed by Tan-

veer Bookwala.

Sharing her views on the horror genre, the actress said, "The horror-thriller genre I have two views on -- one as an actor and two, as an audience. As an actor my view is that we haven't done justice to the horror-thriller genre in India as we haven't pushed the bar up or someone would say push the envelope as far as special effects is concerned. We have done one type of horror-thriller genre only. Whereas the scope is much larger".

She also shed light on the international horror niche factoring in Korean and Japanese horror which have set benchmarks all over the world. She said,



"Look at what the rest of the world is doing. Koreans are doing with their horror genre. The Japanese are intense. Of course, Hollywood has long done incredible horror. So, I think the scope to perform in horror, scope to be part of films with incredible visual effects is very large. Now, coming to me as an audience, I'm terrified of watching horror films personally. As an audience, which just goes to share that if you make brilliant films, the audience will be scared, which is the ultimate goal of a horror film".

'The Haunting' is currently available on Amazon miniTV.

Daisy Shah on joining KKK 13



Daisy Shah, who has been away from the silver screen since 2018, is all set to make

a comeback with the stunt-based reality show Khatron Ke Khiladi Season 13 and

she is looking forward to perform stunts under filmmaker-host Rohit Shetty's guidance. Why did she want to do the show?

"(I am) trying to test my strength, patience and limits," Daisy said.

"Nervous to perform stunts like obviously. Because, if I am not then I am over confident so that's not going to happen," said Daisy, who was last seen in the Salman Khan-starrer Race 3.

Talking about the excitement to share screen space with Rohit Shetty, she said, "Yes, I am super excited. I have known Rohit sir for the longest time." She added, "I can't wait to meet and connect with him."

“Negative People Don’t Have Vision”: PM Modi’s Veiled Dig At Congress In Rajasthan

The Prime Minister, who unveiled a series of development projects at an event here, said some people are filled with negativity and can’t see any good things happening in the country.

RAJSAMAND, May 10 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi today made a veiled attack on Congress and said that “negative people do not have a far-sighted vision and they can’t think beyond their political interests”.

The Prime Minister, who unveiled a series of development projects at an event here, said some people are filled with negativity and can’t see any good things happening in the country.

“Today I have inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of infrastructure projects worth more than 5500 crore. I congratulate the people of Rajasthan for these development projects. Our government is focusing on providing modern infrastructure in Rajasthan,” the Prime Minister said.

“If enough medical colleges would have been built earlier, we would not have had to face the shortage of doctors, if every



household would have got water, we would not have had to start the 3.5 lakh crore Jal Jeevan Mission. Negative people do not have far-sighted vision and they can’t think beyond their political interests,” he added.

He said along with basic facilities, modern infrastructure is also necessary for fast-paced development.

“Some people are filled with so much negativity that they can’t see any good things happening in the country. They only like to create controversy. You might have heard some people say ‘Ki atta pehle, ya data pehle’ but history is witness that along with basic facilities, modern infrastructure is also necessary for fast-paced development,” he

said. PM Modi arrived in Rajasthan’s Nathdwara and unveiled projects worth over 5500 crore. The focus of these projects is on bolstering infrastructure and connectivity in the region.

The projects of the road and railway sector will also facilitate the movement of goods and service and boost trade and commerce and improve the socio-economic conditions of the people in the region.

Governor Kalraj Mishra and Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot received PM Modi at the airport. This was third visit of Prime Minister to Rajasthan this year.

After his arrival, the Prime Minister offered prayers at Shrinathji Temple in Nathdwara. People were seen showering flower petals on PM Modi’s car.

Later in the day, the Prime Minister will visit the Shantivan complex of Brahma Kumaris on Abu Road.

Karnataka elections 2023: Congress, JDS supporters clash; complaints filed

All three major political parties in the state -- BJP, Congress and JDS -- contesting on 224 seats



KARNATAKA, May 10 (Agencies): A complaint and a counter-complaint have been lodged at the Bajpe police station here after Congress workers alleged that the supporters of Mangaluru North Janata Dal (Secular) candidate B A Mohiuddin Bava assaulted them on Tuesday night.

Two Congress workers who were injured in the scuffle, Nizam and Hasher, have been admitted to a private hospital. Bava had switched

over to JD(S) recently after he was denied a Congress ticket.

Sources said the incident occurred when Congress workers intercepted a car alleging that the JD(S) candidate had brought money in a car to distribute to voters, which led to an altercation between the two groups.

Later, both groups went to Bajpe police station where Bava’s supporters allegedly assaulted Nizam and Hasher in front of the candidate. The injured

Nizam used to work as Bava’s car driver and had recently pledged support to Mangaluru North Congress candidate Inayat Ali.

JD(S) workers, in a counter complaint, alleged that Nizam and other Congress workers assaulted Bava, who also sought treatment at a hospital.

Meanwhile, in Belthangadi, police arrested town panchayat vice president Jayananda Gowda of BJP late night on Tuesday after he was caught red-handed distributing cash to voters.

Sources said Gowda was caught by former MLA and Congress leader Vasanth Bangera at the Kallaguttu colony in the taluk.

Delhi court seeks status report from police on sexual harassment case against WFI chief

NEW DELHI, May 10 (Agencies): A Delhi court on Wednesday sought a status report from Delhi Police over the sexual harassment case against Wrestling Federation of India chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh.

The judge issued notice to Delhi Police on a plea moved by the protesting wrestlers seeking monitoring of the investigation and recording of the statement of the alleged victims before the court.

The court directed the police to file the report by May 12 when it will further hear the matter.



The women wrestlers had approached the Supreme Court and two FIRs were registered on April 28.

Female tiger cub ‘Rashmi’ dies of renal failure at Bilaspur zoo in Chhattisgarh

BILASPUR, May 10 (Agencies): A female tiger cub has died of renal failure at a zoo in Chhattisgarh’s Bilaspur district, an official said on Wednesday.

The one-year-old cub, named Rashmi, was suffering from kidney-related ailments since May 4 and died on Tuesday afternoon at the Kanan Pendari Zoological Garden, located 135 km from the state capital Raipur, the zoo official said.

Rashmi was among four cubs -- one male and three females -- born to tigress Rambha in April last year at the zoo, he said.

The autopsy was conducted in the presence of senior forest officials and the animal’s last rites were performed on Tuesday evening, the official said.

Earlier, the male cub of tigress Rambha died in January this year due to an ailment, he said.

Govt to examine WhatsApp’s breach of privacy: IT Minister Chandrasekhar

NEW DELHI, May 10 (Agencies): The government will investigate a claim that WhatsApp accessed the microphone of smartphone users while the phone was not in use, Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajeesh Chandrasekhar said on Wednesday.

In a tweet, the minister said the government will examine the alleged breach of privacy even as the new Digital Personal Data Protection Bill is being readied.

This followed a claim that WhatsApp accessed a user’s microphone while he was sleeping.

“WhatsApp has been using the microphone in the background, while I was asleep and since I woke up at 6 AM,” Foad Dabiri, an engineering director at Twitter said on Saturday. “What’s going on?” Replying to



Dabiri’s tweet, Chandrasekhar said, “This is an unacceptable breach and violation of privacy.” “We will be examining this immediately and will act on any violation of privacy even as the new Digital Personal Data Protection bill is being readied,” he added.

Dabiri’s tweet went viral, attracting over 65 million views. WhatsApp responded saying it has been in touch with the Twitter engineer over the last 24 hours, who posted an issue with his Pixel

phone and WhatsApp. “We believe this is a bug on Android that misattributes information in their Privacy Dashboard and have asked Google to investigate and remediate,” WhatsApp said in a tweet.

The company also claimed that users have full control over their mic settings.

“Once granted permission, WhatsApp only accesses the mic when a user is making a call or recording a voice note or video - and even then,

these communications are protected by end-to-end encryption so WhatsApp cannot hear them,” it added.

The engineer working with Twitter shared screenshots of his phone which showed WhatsApp accessing and using his handset’s microphone at various times even as he was asleep.

screenshots prompted several users, including Twitter and Tesla Inc chief Elon Musk, to raise concerns.

“WhatsApp cannot be trusted,” Musk tweeted on the screenshot shared by Dabiri. “Or that WhatsApp founders left Meta/Facebook in disgust, started #deletefacebook campaign & made major contributions to building Signal. What they learned about Facebook & changes to WhatsApp obviously disturbed them greatly.” WhatsApp has been

under scrutiny in India over various issues. In October last year, the Meta-owned messaging app saw a two-hour service disruption, prompting the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) to ask the platform to share reasons for the disruption.

Separately, WhatsApp users in India have reported a massive surge in incoming international spam calls over the past few days. Many users complained on Twitter that a major chunk of these spam calls had country codes belonging to Indonesia (+62), Vietnam (+84), Malaysia (+60), Kenya (+254) and Ethiopia (+251).

According to a Statista report, there are over 487 million WhatsApp users in India, making it the biggest market for the company.

Situation in strife-torn Manipur improving; curfew relaxed in 11 districts

IMPHAL, May 10 (Agencies): The situation in Manipur, where ethnic violence has claimed at least 60 lives and rendered thousands homeless, is gradually improving with no fresh incident of violence reported in the last two days, officials said on Wednesday.

Curfew was relaxed in 11 affected districts, including Imphal West, Bishnupur, Churachandpur and Jiribam, for six hours from 5 am.

The curfew relaxation was for four hours in these affected districts on Tuesday.

A total of 2,500 more affected

people from Churachandpur and 500 people stranded in the border town of Moreh were brought to Imphal on Tuesday, they said.

Information and Public Relations Minister Sapam Ranjan Singh, at a press conference on Tuesday night, said 4,000 affected people are currently taking shelter in relief camps, where they are being provided with regular health check-up and psychological counseling, while 26,000 others have been moved to other safer places and many of them have taken shelter at relatives’ houses.



Chief Minister N Biren Singh had on Monday said that 60 people were killed, 231 injured and 1,700 houses, including religious places, burnt in the ethnic violence that rocked the northeastern state for the past few days.

Violent clashes broke out in

the northeastern state after a ‘Tribal Solidarity March’ was organised in the 10 hill districts on May 3 to protest against the Meitei community’s demand for Scheduled Tribe (ST) status.

The clashes were preceded by tension over eviction of Kuki villagers from reserve forest land, which had led to a series of smaller agitations.

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 per cent of the population and reside in the hill districts.

Cop, his wife and 2 children killed as their car collides with truck in Chhattisgarh

KORBA, May 10 (Agencies): A police sub-inspector, his wife and their two children were killed after their car collided head-on with a truck in Chhattisgarh’s Korba district on Wednesday, an official said.

The accident took place at around 4 am near Madanpur check post on National Highway No 130 under Morga police post limits, where the couple and their children were heading towards Bilaspur from Ambikapur in Suruguja district, he said.

The car collided with a speeding truck coming from the opposite direction, he said.

Sub-inspector (SI) Manoj Tirkey (40),

his wife, their son and daughter died on the spot, the official said.

Tirkey was posted as SI at Jagdalpur in Bastar district. His family hailed from Ambikapur, he said.

The truck was impounded and efforts are on to trace its driver, who fled from the spot, the official said.

Minister Bhupesh Baghel expressed grief over the incident.

He instructed the officials to provide all possible assistance to the family of the victims,” an official statement said.

A case was registered against the truck driver under relevant provisions and a probe was on into the incident, the police said.

5 killed after being run over by state bus in Gujarat’s Gandhinagar

GANDHINAGAR, May 10 (Agencies): Five people were killed after a state transport (ST) bus ran over them, after it was hit by a speeding private bus in Gujarat’s Gandhinagar district on Wednesday morning, police said.

The accident took place in Kalol town at around 7.30 am where some passengers were waiting for a bus.

The passengers were mowed down by the ST bus, which was hit by a



speeding private luxury bus from behind, an official from Kalol police station said, reported agency.

Five people were killed and at least seven

people were injured who were taken to a government hospital for treatment.

The bodies were also sent to the hospital for post-mortem.

Killing of doctor in taluk hospital outcome of police, govt failure: Kerala High Court

KOCHI, May 10 (Agencies): The Kerala High Court on Wednesday slammed the state government and the police over the killing of a 23-year-old doctor at a taluk hospital in Kottarakkara area of Kollam district by a man she was treating, saying it indicated their “failure” to protect doctors.

A special bench of Justices Devan Ramachandran and Kauser Edappagath said the police were trained and expected to protect women and children, but they failed to protect the young doctor.

“It is a complete failure of the system. Having an aid post in

a hospital is not enough. When you (police) knew the man was acting abnormally, you should have restrained him.

“You should be able to anticipate the unanticipated. Else there is no need for the police. Over time, we have become casual. Did you not fail this girl?” the bench asked, adding that it had on several occasions in the past warned that such an incident would occur if nothing was done.

“This is what we were scared of. We had said in the past that something like this could happen,” the bench said.

The court said the incident

has created a “fear psychosis” among the doctors, medical students and their parents.

“Doctors have gone on strike. What excuse would you give for denial of treatment to thousands of patients as a result? Can you blame the doctors for any problem caused to any patient today due to the strike?” the court asked the state government.

The doctor was stabbed to death allegedly by a man, a schoolteacher under suspension, who was brought there by police after being involved in a fight with his family.

According to an officer of Kottarakkara police, while a wound

on the leg of the man -- identified as Sandeep -- was being dressed by doctor Vandana Das, he suddenly got provoked and attacked everyone standing there using a scissor and scalpel.

The incident occurred during the early hours of Wednesday and Das succumbed to her hours later.

The brunt of the attack was borne by the young doctor while the police personnel who accompanied the man were also injured. The doctor was rushed to a private hospital in Thiruvananthapuram but could not be saved.

Jury finds Trump liable for sexual abuse, awards accuser USD 5 million

Jurors reject Carroll's claims that she was raped, but find Trump liable for sexually abusing her

NEW YORK May 10 (Agencies): A jury found Donald Trump liable for sexually abusing advice columnist E. Jean Carroll in 1996, awarding her USD 5 million in a judgment that could haunt the former President as he campaigns to regain the White House.

The verdict was announced in a federal courtroom in New York City on the first day of jury deliberations. Jurors rejected Carroll's claims that she was raped, but found Trump liable for sexually abusing her.

Hours earlier, US District Judge Lewis A. Kaplan read instructions on the law to the nine-person jury before the panel began discussing Carroll's allegations of battery and defamation shortly before noon.

Trump, who did not attend the trial, has insisted he never sexually assaulted Carroll or even knew her. Kaplan told jurors that the first question on the verdict form was to decide whether they think there is more than a 50 per cent chance that Trump raped Carroll inside a store dressing room. If they answered yes, they would then decide whether compensatory and punitive damages should be awarded.

If they answered no on the rape question, they could then decide if Trump subjected her to lesser forms of assault involving sexual contact without her consent or forcible touching to degrade her or gratify his sexual desire. If they answered yes on either of those questions,



they will decide if damages are appropriate.

On defamation claims stemming from a statement Trump made on social media last October, Kaplan said jurors needed to be guided by a higher legal standard — clear and convincing evidence.

He said they would have to agree it was "highly probable" that Trump's statement was false and was made maliciously with deliberate intent to injure or out of hatred or ill will with reckless disregard for Carroll's rights.

Meanwhile, Trump posted a new message on social media, complaining that he is now awaiting the jury's decision "on a False Accusation." He said he is "not allowed to speak or defend myself, even as hard nosed reporters scream questions about this case at me." Trump said he will not speak until after

the trial, "but will appeal the Unconstitutional silencing of me ... no matter the outcome!" Trump never attended the trial, which is in its third week, and rejected an invitation to testify, which the judge extended through the weekend even after Trump's attorney, Joe Tacopina, said on Thursday that his client would not testify.

Tacopina told the jury in closing arguments Monday that Carroll's account is too far fetched to be believed. He said she made it up to fuel sales of a 2019 memoir in which she first publicly revealed her claims and to disparage Trump for political reasons.

Carroll's attorney, Roberta Kaplan, cited excerpts from Trump's October deposition and his notorious comments on a 2005 "Access Hollywood" video in which he said celebrities can grab women between

the legs without asking. She urged jurors to believe her client.

"He didn't even bother to show up here in person," Kaplan said. She said much of what he said in his deposition and in public statements "actually supports our side of the case."

"In a very real sense, Donald Trump is a witness against himself," she said. "He knows what he did. He knows that he sexually assaulted E. Jean Carroll." Carroll, 79, testified that she had a chance encounter with Trump at the Bergdorf Goodman store across the street from Trump Tower. She said it was a lighthearted interaction in which they teased each other about trying on a piece of lingerie before Trump became violent inside a dressing room.

Tacopina told jurors there was no reason to call Trump as a witness when Carroll can't even recall when her encounter with Trump happened.

He told the jury Carroll made up her claims after hearing about a 2012 "Law and Order" episode in which a woman is raped in the dressing room of the lingerie section of a Bergdorf Goodman store.

"They modelled their secret scheme on an episode of one of the most popular shows on television," he said of Carroll. Two of Carroll's friends testified that she told them about the encounter with Trump shortly after it happened, many years before the "Law and Order" episode aired.

Imran Khan's supporters plan march to capital to protest against his arrest

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ISLAMABAD, May 10 (Agencies): Supporters of Imran Khan were planning to march to Islamabad on Wednesday where the former Pakistan prime minister is in custody in a corruption case, raising fears of more clashes with security forces.

Khan was arrested from the Islamabad High Court on Tuesday by Pakistan's anti-corruption agency. Police said a court hearing would take place at the police guest house where he is being held.

The arrest came a day after the country's powerful military rebuked

Khan for repeatedly accusing a senior military officer of trying to engineer his assassination and the former armed forces chief of being behind his removal from power last year.

In response, his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party called for a "shut-down" across the country, with Khan's supporters clashing with police in many cities and storming military buildings in Lahore and Rawalpindi, according to witnesses and videos shared by his party.

Supporters in north-western Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province

were asked to gather early on Wednesday in Swabi city to leave for Islamabad as part of a convoy, the party wrote on Twitter.

Party leaders asked workers to continue protests but not take the "law in their hands", according to messages shared on Twitter on Wednesday.

A police spokesman told Reuters on Wednesday that Khan would not be brought to court and his scheduled hearing would take place at the location where he is being held in custody.

Man Stabbed To Death In Malaysia After Making Lewd Remarks About 26-Year-Old Woman

A preliminary postmortem report indicated that the death was caused by stab wounds.

MELAKA, May 10 (Agencies): A 35-year-old manager of a scrap metal dealer in Malaysia's Melaka state was allegedly stabbed to death over a lewd remark at a 26-year-old woman, South China Morning Post reported.

According to the police, the victim who was supposedly drunk, made a sarcastic comment about the woman's breast size when she entered a stall in Taman Kenanga, Tenggera at about 4 am on Tuesday to have a meal with her boyfriend and bodyguard. Enraged at the lewd comment, a heated argument soon erupted between him and the woman's 27-year-old bodyguard.

The argument then escalated into a brawl involving the victim, his friends, the woman's bodyguard, and her boyfriend.

"This was when a fierce fistfight sparked between the bodyguard that was later joined by the woman's 36-year-old boyfriend. The deceased was allegedly stabbed several times with a sharp object," Christopher Patit, an officer in charge of the Melaka



Tengah police district.

A police team rushed to the scene upon receiving a call from a member of the public at 4.15 am and found the victim unconscious. He was taken to the Malacca Hospital for treatment but died from his injuries.

A preliminary postmortem report indicated that the death was caused by stab wounds. The police have since arrested nine suspects connected to the case, which is currently being investigated under Section 302 of the Penal Code for murder. All nine suspects are aged between 25 and 38, said Mr Patit.

A knife and an iron rod, believed to have been used in the fight have also been recovered by the police.

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party to challenge Imran Khan's arrest in Supreme Court: Report

ISLAMABAD, May 10 (Agencies): The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party on Wednesday announced that it will challenge in the Supreme Court the ruling of the Islamabad High Court which termed the arrest of its chief and former prime minister Imran Khan as legal, according to a media report.

Khan, 70, was arrested by the paramilitary Rangers in a corruption case from the IHC and bundled into a prison van, sparking massive protests across the country by supporters of his PTI party.

Following Khan's arrest, PTI vice chairman Shah Mehmood Qureshi summoned an emergency meeting of the seven-member committee to review the situation and devise a comprehensive strategy



to secure the safe and early release of the party chair, the Geo News reported.

Qureshi interacted with the committee members Senators Saifullah Khan Nyazee, Azam Swati, Ijaz Chaudhry, Murad Saeed, Ali Amin Khan Gandapur, and Hassan Niazi.

"PTI will challenge the IHC's decision to term party chief Imran Khan's arrest by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) 'legal' before the Supreme Court today

(Wednesday)," he was quoted as saying in the report.

Qureshi, a former foreign minister, maintained that the demand for Khan's release is a reasonable and legitimate demand. Khan will be presented before the accountability court on Wednesday, a NAB source said.

Moreover, terming the Al-Qadir Trust case a "dirty political case" and a "revenge plot," the PTI vice chairman asserted: "We will fight it politically

and legally."

He further added that PTI will hold peaceful but vigorous protests across the country to ensure the release of its chairman as soon as possible, the Geo news report said.

He also noted that the IHC was raided to arrest Khan despite the fact that the PTI chairman had offered voluntary arrest in his statement before appearing in court.

"Arrest of Imran Khan is fascism and it is condemnable to attack the Islamabad High Court during biometrics and injure lawyers," he remarked and made an appeal to the chief justice of IHC to issue an order for his immediate recovery and appearance in the court.

Khan's party has claimed that at least four people were killed

and over a dozen injured in different parts of the country in violent clashes between the security forces and PTI supporters.

On Tuesday, a NAB official said that Khan has been arrested in the case related to Al-Qadir Trust, owned by the PTI chairman and his wife Bushra Bibi, which is about the setting up of Al-Qadir University for Sufism in the 2019 Sohawa area of Jhelum district of Punjab.

Khan's arrest warrant, issued on May 1, said that he was accused of corruption and corrupt practice.

The anti-graft watchdog has also justified the PTI chief's arrest with the help of Rangers from inside the court premises on Tuesday and termed it legal and purely according to the NAB laws.

3 Indian-origin men jailed in UK for smuggling cannabis worth 1 million pounds

LONDON, May 10 (Agencies): Three Indian-origin members of an organised crime group have been jailed for smuggling cannabis worth around 1 million pounds into the UK from Canada, police said.

Kuran Gill, Jag Singh and Govind Bahia, all in their 30s, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to import a 'class B' drug and were sentenced at Woolwich Crown Court, the Kent Police said.

The Border Force officers discovered two pallet-loads of cannabis within a shipment of computer casing at Heathrow airport in February 2021.

Valued at around 1 million pounds, the drugs had been flown across from Canada and were due to be delivered to

a business address in Dartford.

The detectives were able to link the shipment to members of a criminal network who had been arranging the importation of cannabis over an illegally-encrypted mobile phone platform, which international law enforcement agencies cracked in the spring of 2020, according to the Kent Police.

"The cracking of the EncroChat mobile phone platform has led to countless criminals being caught red-handed and brought to justice," Investigating officer, Detective Constable Steve Brown of the Kent and Essex Serious Crime Directorate, said in a release last week.

Kuran Gill, 32, of Sun Marsh Way, Gravesend,



organised the importation and onward distribution of the cannabis and also facilitated the sale of a kilogram of cocaine. Officers seized around 1,05,000 pound cash from his home address following his arrest in April 2021.

Gill pleaded guilty to conspiracy to import a 'class B' drug, conspiracy to supply cocaine and possession of criminal property, and was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment.

Jag Singh, 32, of The Boulevard, southwest London, was also involved in organising the importation and distribution of the cannabis.

Using the chat handle of 'Real Crocodile' he exchanged multiple messages with Gill in which they openly discussed routes into the country, ways in which the drugs could be concealed and how much it would cost.

Singh pleaded guilty to conspiracy to import

a class B drug and was jailed for four years and nine months.

Govind Bahia, 30, of Tennyson Walk, Gravesend, assisted Gill with advice and direction on the type and quantity of cannabis to purchase.

He pleaded guilty to conspiracy to import a class B drug and was jailed for three years. The drugs were seized as part of an investigation by the Kent and Essex Serious Crime Directorate.

"Organised gangs across Europe thought they could openly discuss their criminal activity, oblivious to the fact the system was not as secure as they thought and that every message they sent was bringing them a step closer to prison," Brown said.

Israel kills 2 Palestinian gunmen in new West Bank violence

JERUSALEM, May 10 (Agencies): The Israeli military said it killed two Palestinian gunmen who fired on troops in the occupied West Bank early on Wednesday, the latest in near-daily violence roiling the region.

The shooting came as tensions are at a fever pitch following a series of Israeli airstrikes in the Gaza Strip that killed three senior Islamic Jihad militants and 10 others — most of them women and children — on Tuesday. Palestinian militants have pledged to retaliate and Israel says it is prepared for a further escalation of hostilities.

The Israeli military has instructed residents of southern Israel to remain near bomb shelters, and schools were still closed for a second day as a precaution against attacks by Palestinian militant groups in the Gaza Strip.

In the West Bank, the military said that Palestinian gunmen opened fire at troops in the Palestinian town of Qabatiya in the northern West Bank during an army raid. Troops returned fire, killing the two men, and confiscated their firearms, it said.

The Palestinian Health Ministry identified the slain men as Ahmed Assaf, 19, and Rani Qatanat, 24. No militant group immediately claimed the men as its members.

Israel has been conducting near-daily raids for over a year to detain suspected Palestinian militants, including many from Islamic Jihad. The northern West Bank city of Jenin and its environs have been the frequent target of such raids as it has emerged as a hub of Palestinian militant activity.

Israel says the raids in the West Bank are meant to dismantle militant networks and thwart future attacks.

At least 107 Palestinians, around half of them militants, have been killed by Israeli fire in the occupied West Bank since the start of 2023, according to an Associated Press tally. At least 20 people have been killed in Palestinian attacks targeting Israelis.

Israel captured the West Bank in the 1967 war and the Palestinians seek the territory, along with east Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip, for a future independent state.

Aryans celebrates International Nurses Day

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 10: Aryans Institute of Nursing (AIN), Rajpura, Near Chandigarh celebrated International Nurses Day under the theme "Our Nurses Our Future" at Aryans Campus. B. Sc. Nursing, GNM and ANM students participated in the various activities organized on the occasion.

The function commenced with the lamp lighting ceremony. Students organized oath ceremony, Rangoli



Competition, Poster making Competition, Cultural & sports activities etc on the occasion to mark the celebra-

tion and exhibit their responsibilities towards society.

Nidhi Chopra, Principal, Aryans Institute of

Nursing gave information that the students also took the oath to uphold the values of their Nursing profes-

sion. Students while taking oath pledged to serve the society with their profession during their studies as well as after the completion of their course.

It is to be mentioned that International Nurses day is celebrated every year on 12th May to mark the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale, who is widely considered the founder of modern nursing.

The function was celebrated a day before to mark the importance.

DSEJ organizes School Readiness Mela



Top News Report

RAJOURI, May 10: Directorate of School Education Jammu (DSEJ) in collaboration with Pratham Education Foundation organised a School Readiness Mela at Govt Middle School Irwan Khetar in Rajouri.

First grade children along with their parents were called in and maximum children with parents attended the Mela.

In this Mela, teachers of Govt Middle School Irwan Khetar and pratham education foundation team

jointly assessed the children's development on Height and weight, Physical Development, Social and Emotional Development, Cognitive Development, Language development and Pre-Maths concepts.

After assessment team expressed satisfaction over all development of Children. After interacting with assessment team The parents, children and teachers become happy to learn more about various developmental skills. Before this school authority welcome the

assessment team.

After interacting with all children and their parents distribution of Progress Cards among the participants was done by Pratham Education Foundation and officials.

The chief education officer Rajouri, District coordinator Mahvish Shakoor, Block Coordinator Ishrit Mir and Zabir Shah selected the venue to carry out mela function.

However Sushma Kundan teacher, who is also a district awardee played a key role in making the Mela a meaningful function along with other teaching staff of Govt middle school, Irwan Khetar.

Vote of thanks was given by Sunanda Suri, head of institution to all guests and participants who made the school readiness Mela a grand success.

Zonal Level Inter School Tournament for U-17 girls held at Udhmapur

Top News Report

UDHAMPUR, May 10: Zonal Level Inter School Tournament for Girls U/17 years in the disciplines of Kho Kho, kabaddi, Volley ball and Tug of War got underway here at Mini Stadium Udhampur. About 330 girls drawn from different 20 Govt. as well as private institutions of Zone Udhampur participated in the Tournament.

Raghuvir Singh SHO Udhampur was the Chief Guest on the occasion and interacted with the participants along with Field staff while Deep Kumar ZPEO Udhampur presided over the function and welcomed them.

Speaking on the occasion the Chief Guest stressed upon the participants he said that sports plays a very important role in the life of youth and it enhance



the overall personality and development of the youth and advised participants to play the game in a fair manner and with the true sportsmanship. Veena Rani Sr. Lect. Education Deptt And Chander Mohan Sharma Member of JKCA were the special guest of honor on the occasion.

ZPEO Udhampur thanked the Chief Guest and organizing committee members of Zone Udhampur for their Support and co-operation to make the tournament a great success. The competition is being

organized by the department of Youth Service and Sports Udhampur, under the Patronage of Director Youth Service and Sports J&K Subhash Chander Chibber, under the overall supervision of Dharmveer Singh DYSSO Udhampur and under the supervision of Deep Kumar ZPEO Udhampur.

Today's Result
Kho Kho: GHSS Chak Rakhwalla beat GHSS Battal Ballian by 3 points. Kabaddi: GHS Jakhra beat GGHS Udhampur by 5 points. Volleyball: BBSVP

Udhampur beat Army Public School by 2-0. Tug of War: KC Gurukul School beat Happy Model Hr. Sec. School by 2-0.

All the matches were officiated by Ravi Singh (Convenor khokho), Naveen Sharma (Convenor Kabaddi), Swarndeep Singh Tara (Convenor Volleyball), Kanchan Sharma, Rakesh Sawhney, Rakesh Khajuria, Ranjeet singh, Rajnu Badyal, Kumari Nirmal, Kanchan Bala, Vinod Kumar, Rohit Parihan, Meenu, Ranveer Singh, Kuldeep Sharma, Pooja

Sharma, Kamaljeet Kour, Nisha, Gurbinder Kour, Meenakshi, Palak, Sanjeev Verma and Mayank Mengi.

Among others who present on the occasion were, Jasvinder Singh, Ajit Singh, Deepika Manhas, Sandeep Kour, Asha Meenakshi and Sonali, Ashok Sharma, Vickey Sharma, Bhopinder Singh, Meenakshi, Anshu brat Khanna, and all the electronic media persons, Sudesh Kumar (Convenor Medical Committee) Rishi Gupta, Chandani Gupta and Sanjay Gupta (Medical Department).

SMVDU faculty delivers Lecture-Series at Lucknow University

Top News Report

KATRA, May 10: Dr. Satish Kumar Tiwari, an Assistant Professor at SMVD University, recently delivered a series of lectures during a week-long workshop organized by the Department of Philosophy at Lucknow University.

The workshop, aimed at UGC-NET aspirants, took place from May 1 to 6, 2023. During the workshop, Dr. Satish Tiwari provided valuable guidance to students, helping them understand the pattern of the UGC-NET exam, its syllabus, and the level of questions. He specifically covered various units of Philosophy Paper-2, including Logic, Indian Philosophy, Western Philosophy, and Indian Ethics. Dr. Satish Tiwari has been actively involved in assist-

ing UGC-NET aspirants for the past decade, providing coaching services free of cost. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he is the founder of "Bhartiya Darshnik Manch," a platform dedicated to bringing together researchers, faculties, and academicians in the field of Philosophy. The participation of Dr. Satish Tiwari in the workshop proved immensely beneficial to the UGC-NET aspirants, equipping them with the necessary knowledge and preparation strategies to excel in the upcoming examination. His selfless dedication to mentoring students and his contributions to the field of Philosophy through the establishment of the "Bhartiya Darshnik Manch" highlight his commitment to promoting academic growth and intellectual discourse.

49th International Thill Roun-Domel Kesari Dangal on May 15

Top News Report

KATRA, May 10: 49th International Dangal (3 Nation) historic and famous Thill Roun-Domel Kesari Vishal Dangal on May 15, 2023 (Monday).

Vishal Dangal was organized by Thill Roun-Domel Dangal Committee in association with J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association, timing 2 PM to 6 PM under the overall supervision of

Rajinder Singh Ranyal Numbardar (President), and Om Parkash Verma (Udhampur District President).

The decision to this effect was taken in office chamber of the President J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association, Shiv Kumar Sharma at Katra.

Shiv Kumar Sharma is also Former Joint Secretary J&K State Sports Council. Dangal Committee are also very much helping

for conduct of this Mega Wrestling event are Rajinder Singh Ranyal Numbardar (President), Ashok Padha, Om Parkash Verma, Parsotam Singh, Arjun Singh, Parkash Singh, Dara Singh, Samar Singh Ranyal, J.D Padha, Ravi Padha, Riku Khajuria, Rangil, Sohan Singh (SHO).

Shiv Kumar Sharma said about 50 invited wrestlers from Iran, Georgia and different State of India like

Punjab, Harayana, Delhi, U.P, H.P, Chandigarh in addition to various parts of J&K State viz Jammu, Kathua, Udhampur, Reasi, Doda, Ramnagar, Roun-Domel, Jindrah, J&K Police and Dansal are likely to participate and only 25 selected interesting bouts will be played in which only invited wrestlers can take part.

Shiv Sharma said that we have decided to

honour the best wrestler of the Dangal that is winner of 1st mali as "49th Till Roun-Domel Kesari 2023 he would be awarded with handsome cash prize along with traditional Gurj (Gadda) and Patta. Sharma said that boarding and lodging arrangements for local and out of State wrestlers and technical officials would be made.

Sharma said that it is expected witness the annual Vishal Dangal

more than 20,000 sports lovers would come to witness the annual Vishal Dangal. Sharma said that a not able feature of this Dangal is that being conducted regularly at Till Roun-Domel for last 49 Years. Sharma said the decision of the referee in every bout shall be final. Dangal is organized on traditional "Mud Akhara".

Sharma said all veteran wrestlers and coaches

will be facilitated. Sharma said a technical officials committee has been formed to conduct the Dangal in a very fine and smooth way they are Om Parkash Verma, Rajinder Singh Ranyal, Varinder Sharma, Ram Paul Shama, Sat Paul Verma, Naresh Kumar (Pappu Lakri), Lochan Singh, Tulinder Kumar, Ravi Pada, Krishan Singh (J&K Police), Roshan Lal Sharma (J&K Police), Inspector

Sat Veer (BSF).

Sharma said that the wrestling was among the oldest sports in the country and we find its reference even in the "Maha Bharat". It is best sources of entertainment for rural area people. We should support for the upliftment of this game of wrestling and it is a duty of all the People of the J&K State. Elaborate arrangements have been made he further said.

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SIT against Kataruchak is a joke to mislead Punjab: Chugh

Chugh said it was the AAP government's ploy to build pressure on the complainant who comes from Tarn Taran and has already reported the matter to the SC commission.

Inquiry ordered into allegations of poor blacktopping on Poonch roads

blacktopped last year only and have turned dilapidated within less than a year allegedly due to poor quality work.

Additional District Development Commissioner Poonch, Malikzada Sheraz ul Haq has been appointed as inquiry officer and has been asked to submit a detailed inquiry report within 15 days.

Government to examine Whatsapp's breach of privacy: Rajeev Chandrasekhar

million views. WhatsApp responded saying it has been in touch with the Twitter engineer over the

last 24 hours, who posted an issue with his Pixel phone and WhatsApp.

"We believe this is a bug on Android that misattributes information in their Privacy Dashboard and have asked Google to investigate and remediate," WhatsApp said in a tweet.

The company also claimed that users have full control over their mic settings.

"Once granted permission, WhatsApp only accesses the mic when a user is making a call or recording a voice note or video - and even then, these communications are protected by end-to-end encryption so WhatsApp cannot hear them," it added.

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According to a Statista report, there are over 487 million WhatsApp users in India, making it the biggest market for the company.

Destabilised Pakistan dangerous for all Countries: Farooq Abdullah

"If you look at Pakistan's history, since independence, the first PM was assassinated, then (Zulfiqar Ali) Bhutto was hanged, then his daughter Benazir Bhutto fell to bullets. Now, Imran Khan is the fourth former PM, who has been now jailed. I hope to God that his life is saved," he added.

Security forces launch cordon and search operation in Poonch

setup is fully activated following terror attack in Bhatta Dhurian in which five soldiers were killed on April 20.

Security forces are also undertaking Operation Trinetra in neighbouring border district of Rajouri's Kandi forests following killing of five paratroopers in explosion triggered by terrorists during a CASO last Friday.

Fire breaks out at Jama Masjid in Tral

Upon receiving the information, fire tenders were pressed into service to bring the blaze under control, they said.

Man sentenced to life imprisonment after decade long Trial

and their son, rendering them unconscious. He then killed them both. The police presented a charge sheet before Munsiff (JMJC), Mahore, who committed the case to Principal Sessions Judge Reasi for judicial determination.

After hearing the prosecution and the defense, the judge observed that the nature of the offense committed by the accused played an important role in awarding the punishment. "The penal statute has prescribed punishment for the offense of murder for life or capital punishment, and to view such offenses once proved lightly is itself an affront to humanity," the court said.

Night temperature

remains below normal amid dry weather in J&K

Srinagar recorded the day temperature 19.1 degree Celsius against 23.6 degree Celsius and it was 4.5 degree Celsius below normal. The days are likely to get warmer as predicted by the MeT office.

Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, recorded a low of 6.4 degree Celsius against 6.3 degree Celsius which was 4.3 degree Celsius below normal.

Qazigund on Srinagar-Jammu national highway had a low 4.0 degree Celsius against 5.8 degree Celsius against and it was 5.2 degree Celsius below normal for the gateway of Kashmir.

Pahalgam in south Kashmir recorded a low of minus 0.3 degree Celsius against 1.8 degree Celsius which was 5.8 degree Celsius below normal for the famous tourist hot spot.

Kokernag recorded a low of 4.3 degree Celsius against 4.0 degree Celsius and it was 4.9 degree Celsius below normal for the famous picnic hotspot of south Kashmir.

Gulmarg had a low of 1.0 degree Celsius against minus 0.5 degree Celsius and it was 4.2 degree Celsius below normal for the famous ski resort of north Kashmir.

Kupwara recorded a low of 4.2 degree Celsius against 4.7 degree Celsius which was 5.1 degree Celsius below normal for the frontier Kashmir district on Wednesday, the MeT office said.

Markets pare early gains in volatile trade amid weak global equities

The 30-share BSE Sensex climbs 204.23 points to 61,965.56 in early trade

MUMBAI, May 10 (Agencies): Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty began the trade on a firm note on Wednesday but later pared all the early gains amid weak trend in the global markets.

The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 204.23 points to 61,965.56 in early trade. The NSE Nifty gained 57.2 points to 18,323.15.

However, later both the key benchmark indices pared all the gains, with the BSE benchmark trading 71.95 points lower at



61,689.38, while the Nifty fell 22.85 points to quote at 18,243.10.

Among the Sensex firms, IndusInd Bank, Power Grid, Tata Motors, Reliance Industries, UltraTech Cement, Nestle and ITC were the

major gainers.

State Bank of India, Tata Steel, Axis Bank and HDFC were the major laggards.

In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong were trading lower.

SEBI issues notice to PTC India and PFS over alleged governance lapses

MUMBAI, May 10 (Agencies): Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has issued legal notices to PTC India and its financial services unit PTC India Financial Services (PFS), seeking clarifications about alleged corporate governance lapses. The Sebi investigation comes after the allegations levelled by three independent directors of PTC India Financial Services in January 2022.

The three directors had resigned from the board citing instances of serious lapses in corporate governance and that the company failed to act on concerns raised by them.

The capital market regulator will pass a final order after getting responses from the companies. PTC India, a power trad-



ing company, and PTC India Financial Services, a finance company, have to reply to the show cause notice within three weeks.

In January 2022, PFS came into the news after three of its independent directors resigned

from the board alleging serious corporate governance issues. Subsequently, PFS was directed by the SEBI to first address the corporate governance issues at the firm and was barred from reporting quarterly results till they address these

issues.

In December last year, four out of the six non-executive independent directors on the board of PTC India resigned citing concerns over governance issues. As per the BSE filing, Sushama Nath, Jayant Purushottam Gokhale and Subhash S Mundra resigned as independent directors from the company's board with effect from December 5, while non-executive independent director, Preeti Saran resigned from the post with effect from December 6.

In his resignation letter, Gokhale had accused the management of creating hurdles against the smooth working of the board while refusing to acknowledge any deficiency in the running of the business.

'No decision yet on diesel-run vehicle ban in major cities'



NEW DELHI, May 10 (Agencies): The petroleum ministry clarified that it had not taken any decision on the recommendations of a government committee on diesel car ban in the cities with population of over 10 lakh by 2027.

The government said the suggestions of Energy Transition Advisory Committee (ETAC), formed under the direction of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, relate to multiple ministries and a range of stakeholders including states.

"Consultation with various stakeholders on the report is yet to be initiated. No decision has yet been taken on ETAC recommendations," tweeted the ministry. The report of the ETAC, headed by former petroleum secretary Tarun Kapoor, also suggested blending of liquid petroleum gas with compressed biogas made from urban waste, use of methanol and ethanol as cooking fuel, and electric or solar-based cooking.

The panel recommended to phase out scooter, motorcycle and three-wheelers with internal combustion engine by 2035 as India aims to achieve net zero emissions by 2070. The ministry said the committee has made wide ranging and forward-looking recommendations for shift to low-carbon energy and it has a futuristic outlook.

CEO says ONDC to bring efficiency, innovation as platform sees more users

BENGALURU, May 10 (Agencies): From just 1,000 transactions a day in March, last week, the food and grocery domain on the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) has witnessed 20,000 transactions.

ONDC CEO T Koshy told this newspaper that with many players entering the space, the number of transactions on the open network have increased, and this will continue in other domains - grocery and mobility- too. The food and grocery space on the open network started functioning from January this year.



Already, the mobility space is gaining significant transactions with the launch of Namma Yatri, which integrated with ONDC, in Bengaluru.

"We are operating in two cities- Bengaluru and Kochi- in the mobility domain, and we are already seeing 35,000 rides a day," he said. According to him,

these are early stages and that whenever seller applications join the network, there will be huge transactions. Recently, Magicpin joined the network and became the largest restaurant aggregator with many restaurants being onboarded.

With more sellers joining the food and grocery space, the price war is

continuing, and it is expected that this will continue in ecommerce and other domains in the coming months. When asked about it, Koshy said it is an open network and that each one- buyers and sellers will have different strategies. "ONDC brings efficiency and innovation," he said.

The platform now has over 35,000 merchants and of which about 65% are operating in the food space. Rural fintech company Spice Money is one of the early buyer side apps to join the network. Its co-founder, ED and CEO Sanjeev Kumar told TNIE that

this is a big opportunity for small players as ONDC is democratising e-commerce.

"Consumers will have a bigger price range to choose from and in the long-term, hyperlocal logistics prices will reduce," Kumar said. With huge opportunities in the ecommerce space, there is space for both big and small merchants. According to industry experts, ONDC is not charging right now but might do so in future. Meesho integrated with ONDC in November last year to help connect buyers with hyperlocal sellers.

NCLT admits Go First's insolvency plea

NEW DELHI, May 10 (Agencies): The Delhi bench of National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) on Wednesday admitted Go Airlines India Ltd's (Go First) plea for voluntary insolvency and for initiation of Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) proceedings.

NCLT has granted Go First protection under moratorium from recovery by lessors and lenders. The NCLT has appointed Abhilash Lal, backed by Alvarez and Marsel, as the interim resolution professional (IRP) to run the airline.

The tribunal directed the company's suspended board of directors to cooperate with Lal and to ensure there are no layoffs. The management was also asked to deposit 5 crores with the IRP to meet immediate expenses.

Go First CEO Kaushik Khona called NCLT's order a historic judgment in terms of pace of



proceedings. He added that it will ensure that the airline remains viable as the airline still have 27 aircraft in operation.

The moratorium order of NCLT, according to Khona, will prevent lessors from taking back aircraft.

Go First has now announced that its flights will remain cancelled till May 19 "due to opera-

tional reasons."

The low-cost carrier had filed for voluntary insolvency proceedings last week, blaming faulty Pratt & Whitney engines for the grounding of about half its 54 Airbus A320neo planes.

The order is favourable for the Wadia family-promoted airline as aircraft lessors are seeking to take back their planes.

According to the latest figures, various lessors have reached out to aviation regulator DGCA for the deregistration of 42 planes.

Go First owes financial creditors Rs 6,521 crore. The filing lists Central Bank of India Ltd, Bank of Baroda Ltd, IDBI Bank Ltd, Axis Bank Ltd and Deutsche Bank among Go First's financial creditors.

Go First claims that its promoters have infused Rs 3,200 crores in the last three years, Rs 2400 crores of which were injected in the last 24 months, and Rs 290 crores in April 2023 alone. This brings the total promoter investment in the airline since its inception to approximately Rs 6,500 crores.

The grounding of close to 50% of its A320neo fleet has led to Rs 10,800 crores in lost revenues and additional expenses for the airline, said the airline.

New breathalyser test can 'sniff out' Covid in real-time

Breathalyser test consists of a complex array of lasers and mirrors about the size of banquet table



NEW DELHI, May 10 (Agencies): Scientists have developed a new laser-based breathalyser test powered by artificial intelligence (AI) that they say can detect COVID-19 in real-time with excellent accuracy.

The team from the University of Colorado (CU) Boulder in the US hopes that the frequency comb breathalyser—essentially using laser light to distinguish one molecule from another—could revolutionise medical diagnostics.

"Our results demonstrate the promise of breath analysis as an alternative, rapid, non-invasive test for COVID-19 and highlight its remarkable potential for diagnosing diverse conditions and disease states," said study first author Qizhong Liang, a PhD candidate at CU Boulder.

"There is a real, foreseeable future in which you could go to the doctor and have your breath measured along with your height and weight...Or you could blow into a mouthpiece integrated into your

phone and get information about your health in real-time," said Jun Ye, adjunct professor at CU Boulder and senior author of the study published in the Journal of Breath Research.

Between May 2021 and January 2022, the research team collected breath samples from 170 CU Boulder students who had, in the previous 48 hours, taken a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test, either by submitting a saliva or a nasal sample.

Half had tested positive, half negative. Overall, the process took less than one hour from collection to result.

When compared to PCR, the gold standard COVID test, breathalyser results matched 85 per cent of the time. For medical diagnostics, accuracy of 80 per cent or greater is considered "excellent".

The researchers noted that the accuracy would likely have been higher if the breath and saliva/nasal swab samples were collected at the same time.

Unlike a nasal swab, the breathalyser is non-invasive. And unlike a saliva sample, users are not asked to refrain from eating, drinking or smoking before using it, the researchers said.

The test doesn't require costly chemicals to break down the sample. And the test could, conceivably, be used on individuals who are not conscious, they said.

The breathalyser test consists of a complex array of lasers and mirrors about the size of a banquet table.

A breath sample is piped in through a tube as lasers fire invisible mid-infrared light at it at thousands of different frequencies. Dozens of tiny mirrors bounce the light back and forth through the molecules so many times that the light travels about 1.5 miles.

Because each kind of molecule absorbs light differently, breath samples with a different molecular make-up cast distinct shadows.

The machine can distinguish between those different shadows or absorption patterns, boiling millions of data points down to—in the case of COVID—a simple positive or negative, in a matter of seconds.

The researchers are working to miniaturise such systems to a chip scale, allowing for what Liang imagines as "real-time, self-health monitoring on the go".

India leads list of 10 countries with 60% of global maternal deaths, stillbirths, newborn deaths: UN study

The latest published estimate in the progress tracking report by the WHO, UNICEF, and the UNFPA was launched at the ongoing 'International Maternal Newborn Health Conference'

CAPE TOWN, May 10 (Agencies): Owing to its large birth cohort, India leads a list of 10 countries that together account for 60 per cent of global maternal deaths, stillbirths and newborn deaths, and 51 per cent of live births globally, according to a United Nations report released.

The latest published estimate in the progress tracking report by the WHO, UNICEF, and the UNFPA was launched at the ongoing 'International Maternal Newborn Health Conference' (IMNHC 2023) here. It shows there were a combined 4.5 million deaths -- maternal deaths (0.29 million), stillbirths (1.9 million)

and newborn deaths (2.3 million) -- in 2020-2021.

Sub-Saharan Africa and central and Southern Asia are the regions experiencing the largest number of deaths, although across all regions, there is variation regarding the pace at which countries are progressing in their efforts to achieve the global 2030 targets.

According to the first-ever joint Every Newborn Action Plan (ENAP) and Ending Preventable Maternal Mortality (EPMM) progress tracking report, the global progress in reducing deaths of pregnant women, mothers and babies has flatlined for eight years due to

decreasing investments in maternal and newborn health.

"Pregnant women and newborns continue to die at unacceptably high rates worldwide, and the coronavirus pandemic has created further setbacks to providing them with the health care they need," Dr Anshu Banerjee, Director of Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing at the World Health Organisation (WHO), said.

"If we wish to see different results, we must do things differently. More and smarter investments in primary health care are needed so that every woman and baby - no matter where



they live - has the best chance of health and survival," Banerjee said. India saw 7,88,000 maternal deaths, stillbirths and neonatal deaths in 2020, of the total 4.5 million deaths globally.

The country also accounts for 17 per cent of global live births

which could be a factor for the large number of maternal deaths, stillbirths and neonatal deaths.

It is followed by Nigeria, Pakistan, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Bangladesh and China for maternal deaths, stillbirths and neonatal deaths.

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Surya hammers 83 as MI climb to third with win

MUMBAI, May 10 (Agencies): Suryakumar Yadav's stunning 35-ball 83 and Nehal Wadhara's unbeaten 52 handed Mumbai Indians a comprehensive six-wicket win over Royal Challengers Bangalore in the IPL here.

A fourth century stand of the season between Faf du Plessis (65 off 41) and Glenn Maxwell (68 off 33) took Bangalore to 199/5 after Mumbai put them in to bat. Du Plessis also extended his lead at the top of the list for the highest run-getters this year, reaching 576 runs in 11 matches at an average of 64.

Chasing 200, Mumbai raced to victory in 16.3 overs and maintained their impeccable record of not losing to Bangalore at the Wankhede Stadium since 2015. The victory lifted Mumbai to



the third spot in the points table with 12 points from 11 games, while Bangalore slipped to the seventh spot with 10 points from 11 matches. Suryakumar struck six sixes

and seven fours in his sensational effort while adding 140 runs for the third wicket in only 66 balls with Wadhara. Promoted at No. 4, Wadhara, who was dropped on 16 on a tough return

chance by Wanindu Hasaranga (2/53), went on to raise his second fifty of the season. The left-handed batter struck four fours and three sixes to make 52 not out off 34 balls.

After their bowlers sparked a comeback of sorts in the first half of the game, Mumbai never looked under any pressure with their reshuffled batting order clicking together, despite Rohit Sharma's lean patch continuing.

Sharma was dismissed for only seven, but a brisk start provided by Ishan Kishan (42) and a sturdy stand for the third wicket shut Bangalore out of the game.

Brief scores: RCB: 199/6 (Maxwell 68, du Plessis 65; Behrendorf 3/36); MI: 200/4 in 16.3 overs (Suryakumar 83, Wadhara 52*; Vyshak 2/37).

Comeback man Hardik recalls pressing reset button back in 2018



NEW DELHI, May 10 (Agencies): Tokyo Olympics bronze medalist midfielder Hardik Singh says he had to "reset" himself to bounce back after getting into a comfort zone,

which led to his omission from the Indian men's hockey team in the past.

Now the team's vice-captain, Hardik bagged the Balbir Singh Sr Award for the Player

of the Year at the 5th Hockey India Annual Awards held in March.

"Currently, I'm really happy how I'm getting better day by day, how I'm improving, and how I'm developing my skills at every session, because back in 2017-18, I got into my comfort zone which proved to be harmful as I was not playing well and was dropped out of the team eventually. So, I had to reset myself to bounce back," he said. "As a player, you have to work hard every day and give your 100% in every training session. You have to step out of your comfort zone and challenge yourself to grow as a player."

Real Madrid, City draw 1-1 in Champions League semifinals

MADRID, May 10 (Agencies): Real Madrid's Vinicius Junior and Manchester City's Erling Haaland were relaxed and laughing as they embraced after the final whistle at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium. They both seemed satisfied following an even first leg that ended in a 1-1 draw and left the Champions League semifinal wide open going into next week's return match in Manchester. Vinicius and Kevin de Bruyne scored with long-range strikes in a match in which Madrid's defence successfully kept Haaland — the Champions League's leading scorer — from being decisive. "I think both teams have the feeling that it was a good result," said Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti, who took charge of his 190th Champions League match as coach. "Maybe we played a bit better to deserve a victory, but it's a series that will be even until the last minute."

Madrid beat City in last year's semifinals and went on to win a record-extending 14th Champions League title while the English club again fell short of European success. "It was an even match," City coach Pep Guardiola said. "They scored when we were better and we equalized when they were better. It will all be decided in Manchester."

The first leg of the other semifinal between Italian rivals Inter Milan and AC Milan was on Wednesday. "Both teams played well. It's a good draw," Madrid goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois said. "There's everything to play for next week." City controlled possession but couldn't translate it into significant scoring opportunities. Haaland wasted a few chances early but wasn't much of a threat throughout the game at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium. The Norwegian came into the match having scored 12 of City's 26 goals in

the Champions League this season and was five short of Cristiano Ronaldo's single-season record of 17 for Madrid in 2013-14.

Vinicius created problems for the City defense and opened the scoring in with a shot into the top corner in the 36th minute for his seventh Champions League goal this season. The Brazil forward picked up a pass by Eduardo Camavinga and used one touch to set up his right-footed shot from outside the area. City struggled to come close to Madrid's goal but De Bruyne found the net in the 67th with a powerful one-timer from outside the area after Madrid lost possession because of a poor pass across the field by Camavinga.

Madrid complained that it was not awarded a corner in the buildup of City's goal. "It was a shame that we conceded that goal," Madrid midfielder Luka Modric said. "I think we deserved more. They had more possession but didn't create a lot of chances. It's still 50-50 and we will go into the second match with confidence." Haaland had not yet joined City when it lost 6-5 on aggregate to Madrid in last year's semifinals. Vinicius, Rodrygo and Karim Benzema combined for all of Madrid's goals that time. Madrid is making its 11th semifinal appearance in 13 seasons and is trying to win its sixth title in 10 years. City played in its first Champions League final two seasons ago, losing to Chelsea.

Madrid, which won the Copa del Rey title this past weekend, is virtually out of contention in the Spanish league and can fully focus on the semifinal against City. The English side remains in the middle of a tight title race in the Premier League.

"Manchester will be like a final in front of our own fans," Guardiola said.

IPL 2023: CSK face resurgent DC in push for play-offs spot

CHENNAI, May 10 (Agencies): Chennai Super Kings enter the final lap of the ongoing Indian Premier League's preliminary phase, looking to beat back the challenge of a resurgent Delhi Capitals here on Wednesday and get closer to a playoff berth.

CSK returned to winning ways with a convincing victory over Mumbai Indians -- a bogey team at their fortress Chepauk -- and would be hoping to pick up two more points against the Capitals, who have struggled in the tournament for the most part.

The Super Kings trounced MI in a low-scoring game last Saturday with the bowlers, Matheesha Pathirana in particular, doing a good job to restrict the opposition. The chase was wrapped up without much ado, with contributions from Ruturaj Gaikwad, Devon Conway and Shivam Dube.

While the top-order batters (Conway 457 runs, Gaikwad 292 runs and Ajinkya Rahane 245 runs) have been doing a great job, the middle-order hasn't fired as much as the think-tank would have hoped for.

The experienced Ambati Rayudu (95 runs in 11 games) and Ravindra Jadeja (92 in 11 games) haven't got going, making for a floundering middle-order. Skipper MS Dhoni has managed the cameo appearances of him whenever he



has got in. The team will be hoping that the middle order is not put to the test in a crunch game. Dhoni and the CSK fans will be praying for the likes of Rayudu, Moeen Ali and Jadeja to rise to the occasion when it matters the most.

The big-hitting Shivam Dube has so far collected 290 runs (from 9 innings) and will be eyeing bigger contributions in key games. Tushar Deshpande with 19 wickets so far has done a fine job but his economy rate of 10.33 and giving away runs at crucial junctures has hurt CSK at times. The captain would like him to be more thrifty with the ball.

Jadeja, as always, has struck crucial blows while slinger Pathirana will be keen to continue the good run, like against MI. Pathirana will be one bowler the Capitals, including the aggressive Phil Salt, who shone in

the team's last game, would be wary of.

The DC batters have underperformed but Salt has expressed confidence that they can turn it around in the remaining games. Skipper David Warner has not been his usual ebullient self and the batting line-up which includes Mitchell Marsh and Rovman Powell among others has flattered to deceive.

As the season winds down, DC managed to keep their chances alive by winning four of their last five matches. Whether the team can sneak into the top four remains to be seen. They will need to perform very well if they aim to surprise CSK in their den, which is easier said than done.

For that, the DC batters need to come to grips with the spin challenge expected to be posed by CSK and the bowling department needs to find ways to contain the methodical Conway and

Gaikwad first before dealing with the others.

Veteran Ishant Sharma, who seems to have rediscovered his mojo, would be one to watch out for apart from pacer Anrich Nortje, Marsh and the slow bowlers -- Kuldeep Yadav and Axar Patel.

Teams: Chennai Super Kings: MS Dhoni (capt/wk), Akash Singh, Moeen Ali, Bhagath Varma, Deepak Chahar, Devon Conway, Tushar Deshpande, Shivam Dube, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Rajvardhan Hangarekar, Ravindra Jadeja, Sisanda Magala, Ajay Mandal, Matheesha Pathirana, Dwaine Pretorius, Ajinkya Rahane, Shaik Rasheed, Ambati Rayudu, Mitchell Santner, Subhanshu Senapati, Simarjeet Singh, Nishant Sindhu, Prashant Solanki, Ben Stokes, Maheesh Theekshana.

Delhi Capitals: David Warner (capt), Prithvi Shaw, Mitchell Marsh, Sarfaraz Khan, Aman Hakim Khan, Abhishek Porel (wk), Axar Patel, Khaleel Ahmed, Kuldeep Yadav, Rovman Powell, Rilee Rossouw, Anrich Nortje, Mustafizur Rahaman, Chetan Sakariya, Mukesh Kumar, Phil Salt, Lungi Ngidi, Praveen Dube, Lalit Yadav, Ripal Patel, Vicky Ostwal, Ishant Sharma, Manish Pandey, Kamlesh Nagarkoti, Yash Dhull.

Match Starts at 7:30 pm IST.

South Africa Qualify For Cricket World Cup After Ireland-Bangladesh Washout

Even if Ireland now take the series 2-0, they cannot surpass South Africa in eighth place in the World Cup Super League (WCSL) standings.

BENGALURU, May 10 (Agencies): South Africa secured direct qualification for the 50-over Cricket World Cup in India later this year after the first one-day international between Ireland and Bangladesh ended in a no-result washout. Ireland had to win all three matches in a series against Bangladesh taking place at Chelmsford, the headquarters of English county Essex, if they were to move up from 11th place in the points table. Even if Ireland now take the series 2-0, they cannot surpass South Africa in eighth place in the World Cup Super League (WCSL) standings.

Ireland will now have to compete in the June 18-July 9 qualifying tournament in Zimbabwe, that also includes former champions West Indies and Sri Lanka.

The Irish were 65-3 in the 17th over, chasing Bangladesh's 246-9, made from a full 50 overs, when bad light and rain halted play at 4:34pm local time (1534 GMT).

A minimum of 20 overs had to be bowled in Ireland's innings for a result to be declared under the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern method for rain-affected matches.

But the fixture was called off at 1800 GMT when the umpires



deemed conditions too wet to restart play.

Josh Little -- fresh from starring in the Indian Premier League -- led Ireland's attack with 3-61, with two wickets apiece for Graham Hume and Mark Adair as Bangladesh were restricted to a seemingly modest total on a good pitch.

Mushfiqur Rahim celebrated his 36th birthday by top-scoring for the Tigers with 61 in front of a crowd of some 3,000 at Chelmsford, mainly consisting of Bangladesh fans.

Najmul Hossain Shanto made 44.

Ireland, however, soon found themselves in trouble at 27-2 following the loss of experienced opener Paul Stirling and captain Andrew Balbirnie.

The series continues on Friday. The first spots in the 10-team World Cup go to the top eight finishers of the WCSL, a competition that has run over the last three years.

Reigning champions England, India, New Zealand, Australia, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan have already guaranteed their places.

IPL 2023: Shardul Thakur shuns injury concerns before WTC Final, explains why he is not bowling for KKR

Kolkata Knight Riders' all-rounder Shardul Thakur has shunned rumours about any injury ahead of the World Test Championship Final. He explained why he has not bowled his usual quota of overs in the Indian Premier League this year.

KOLKATA, May 10 (Agencies): Kolkata Knight Riders' all-rounder Shardul Thakur has shunned any rumours about his injury ahead of the World Test Championship Final, set to be played right after the Indian Premier League. Concerns about Shardul Thakur's injuries came from the all-rounder not bowling a lot in the KKR set-up. In fact, Shardul Thakur has bowled just 14.5 overs from his 8 matches in the 2023 edition of the tournament, in sharp contrast to his workload in the previous seasons. In fact, Shardul bowled 48.3 overs in 2022, and over 60 overs in 2021 edition of the tournament.

Speaking about his reduced bowling workload, Shardul said that KKR was a team full of all-rounders, and hence he was only called up



when it was absolutely necessary.

"We have a side full of all-rounders with (Andre) Russell, Sunil (Nairne)... We have got maximum of eight bowling options that also includes Nitish (Rana) who also bowls an over or two nowadays," Thakur told news agency.

"It also depends on the situation of the game, if the captain feels the need to bowl me or not bowl me completely depends on him. As far as teams' strategy decision-making is

concerned, I would not pay attention to it a lot," Shardul Thakur spoke about KKR's strategy.

"I had a small niggle, so I didn't play a few games, when I came back, I didn't bowl as I was not bowling-fit. But yes, now I'm back to bowling and hopefully, whenever I get the ball, I will get the job done," he further added.

Thakur is likely to be called up for the playing XI against Australia in the World Test Championship Final, due to injuries to several pacers in

the Indian side. While Jasprit Bumrah has been ruled out from the game, Umesh Yadav and Jaydev Unadkat have concerns with their fitness. Shardul Thakur spoke about his own workload and said that it was not easy for the all-rounder in the modern game.

"It is difficult and not easy. It's difficult in the sense of body-wise because when you go in for practice, you literally have to do everything -- fielding practice, bowling and batting. On top of that, you have to do a bit of running around to stay fit," Shardul Thakur said.

"Overall, it's not easy but yeah that's the challenge in modern day's cricket that you have to manage your body to stay fit and keep going," Shardul concluded.

Multi-Disciplinary Committee meeting held at Railway Hqrs

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JAMMU, May 10: A meeting of Multi-Disciplinary Committee was held at Railway Hqrs Jammu under the Chairmanship of ADGP Railways J&K, Sunil Kumar, to assess the requirement of Railway Security Apparatus in J&K.

This was the first meeting of the MCD which was attended by the officers of various departments including ADRM Jammu Baldev Raj, DIG U-R-Range, M. Suleman Choudhary, DIG-Cum-CSC/NR/SINA K.K Ashraf, SSP Reasi, Amit Gupta, SSP Ramban Mohita Sharma, CSTE/USBRL Anil Kumar, CE/C/JAT/USBRL R.C Gupta, CE/N/USBRL B.B.S Tomar, CE/S/NR/USBRL Sandeep Gupta, CEE/USBRL S.K Gupta, Dy. Director Fure & ES Jammu Raj Kumar Raina, Sr. DSC/RPF Rajnish Tripathi, SSP GRP Katra Sanjay Kumar Kotwal, SSP GRP Kashmir, Dr. Harmeet Singh, SSP GRP



Jammu Mohan Lal Kaith, Asstt. Director IB Jammu Geeta Narendra, DyCE/C/USBRL/JAT Williamjit Singh, DyCSTE/USBRL/JAT A.P.Singh, DySP SDRF 2nd Bn Daljeet Singh and DySP SO to DIG Railways security J&K Akshay Khajuria.

During the meeting, the officers were briefed by Sunil Kumar, ADGP GRP about the recently held meetings regarding assessment of security for railways in J&K at Railway Board & MHA, GOI, New Delhi and the importance of USBRL Project.

The Chairman of the

committee apprised the participants that on completion of the USBRL Project, Kashmir Valley will be connected with the rest of the country through RAIL and for that purpose sufficient manpower of different security agencies needs to be deployed on the railway track/stations/tunnels/bridges for security purposes. Similar opinion was also given by the SSP GRP Katra/Kashmir/Jammu. After the thread bare discussions, the committee decided that the entire section of Railway track from Kathau to Baramulla has been

split into four parts to survey and inspect their earmarked areas and will submit their reports within the given stipulated time frame.

The inspection teams will assess the requirement of Railway Security Apparatus in J&K based on; Security Infrastructure, Gadgets, Communication, Technological Interventions, Use of Drone for patrolling of tracks, Manpower, Construction of Morchas and Accommodations for all Security Personnel from different agencies, digital fencing, etc. Detailed discussion were also held on the

feedback of the intelligence agencies exclusively pertaining to the security of Banihal-Qazigund Railway Tunnel.

The Railway construction officers were directed to replicate the arrangements in place in the tunnel and other tunnels also which are being constructed under the USBRL project. SSP Ramban & Reasi intimated that there are many local people and nomads who may trespass the Railway Line at many places. Concerned officers have been directed to identify those points and places which are prone to crossing/trespassing.

At the end, the Chairman welcomed the valuable suggestions given by the members and stressed upon that the Multi-Disciplinary Committee will continue its assessment to ensure the safety and security of Railways in J&K and will work with caution, zeal and enthusiasm to make this dream project a reality.

Principal GDC Kathua felicitates winners of Poster Making Competition

TOP NEWS REPORT

KATHUA, May 10: Principal Government Degree College Kathua Prof. Seema Mir felicitated the winners of Poster making Competition today at Smart Classroom. The Programme was organized by the Debate and Literary Committee GDC Kathua in Collaboration with District Social Forestry Kathua. The Programme was aimed at the creating awareness about preservation of Environment at larger scale. The real aim was also to make students familiar with the developments with the climate Change. Worthy Principal Prof. Seema Mir was accorded warm reception by the faculty members and the students of the college. Worthy Principal was accompanied by the senior faculty members of the college Prof. Anirudh Sharma, Prof Raj Kiran, Convener Debate and Literary Committee, Dr Rachna Raj, Department of Education, Prof. Shivani Kotwal HOD English and organizing Secretary of this poster making Competition, Dr Amita Dua and Prof. Madhavi Manohar from Department of Physics.



Dubey from Department of Mathematics acted as the Judges for the Poster Making Competition on Environment Preservation. A formal welcome address was presented by the Senior Faculty of the college Prof. Rajkiran Sharma from Department of Physics.

In her address to the Principal Prof. Seema Mir, she has showered the words of appreciation for her diligence in taking the revolutionary steps for the overall development of this premier Institute GDC Kathua. Esteemed Principal Prof. Seema Mir, in her address to the students and the faculty of the college, has appreciated the love and affection shown by the students.

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

participate in Sports.

She has highly elaborated that this is the need of time that every student should develop overall personality to become the leaders of their respective fields. Worthy Principal Prof. Seema Mir encouraged the female students to come forward and to show their ability in overcoming every difficulty of life.

The Principal also praised the Debate and Literary Committee members for their dedicated and hardworking attitude towards their work. The proceedings of the Interactive Programme were conducted by Prof. Shivani Kotwal, organizing Secretary of this poster making competition.

Later, the results of this poster making competition were announced by Prof. Ritu Bhagat HOD Education and the winners of the competition will be honoured on 11th of May 2023.

Among others who were present Dr. J S Soodan, Physical Director GDC Kathua, Dr. Natasha Baloria, Prof. Rakhi Malhotra and Dr. Eva Sharma all from Department of English GDC Kathua.

Central Bank organises Financial Literacy, Social Security Scheme awareness camp at Bishnah

TOP NEWS REPORT

BISHNAH, May 10: One day awareness programme on 'Financial Literacy, Government Sponsored Schemes and Mass Bank Account Opening' was held at Sunrise Higher Secondary School, Sikanderpur, Bishnah District Jammu.

The programme was organised by Nations Development Association (NDA) in collaboration with Central Bank of India Branch Bishnah.

The programme was attended by more than 100 students, parents and they opened bank account at Central Bank of India (CBI). In his welcome speech, Principal of Sunrise Higher Secondary School, Sikanderpur, Bishnah Dr G.S Charak that despite of heavy daily schedule, the bank of facials are willing to spend time together with Sunrise High Secondary School, Sikanderpur, Bishnah Students and Parents.

Rupali Gupta, Branch Manager of CBI, Branch Bishnah, Jameel Aham Assistant Manager CBI and Sushil Singh Charak Chairman Nations Development Association (NDA) spoke as resource persons in the programme.

The programme is organised to make the Students and Students Parents aware on how



to open bank account, how to apply start up loans, Government Sponsored Socially Oriented Insurance Schemes Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana(PMJJB), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana(PMSBY), Life Cover under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), Varishtha Pension Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana(PMVVY), Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS) and know about its benefits, he added.

Rupali Gupta CBI Bank Branch Manager said that Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) is a flagship scheme of Government of India.

The scheme facilitates micro credit/Loan up to Rs. 10 lakh to income generating micro

enterprises engaged in the non farm sector in manufacturing, processing, trading or service sector.

MUDRA supports Financial Intermediaries to extend loans to the non-corporate, non-farm sector income generating activities of micro and small entities. Gupta also said these Micro and small entities comprises of millions of proprietorship / partnership firms running as small manufacturing units, service sector units, shopkeepers, fruits / vegetable vendors, truck operators, food-service units, repair shops, machine operators, small industries, artisans, food processors and others, in rural and urban.

Sushil Singh Charak Chairman Nations Development Association (NDA) said that Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana(PMSBY) the scheme is available to people in the age

group of 18 to 70 years with a bank account who give their consent to join / enable auto-debit on or before 31st May for the coverage period 1st June to 31st May on an annual renewal basis.

Aadhar would be the primary KYC for the bank account. The risk coverage under the scheme is 2 lakh for accidental death and full disability and 1 lakh for partial disability.

The premium of Rs. 20 per annum is to be deducted from the account holder's bank account through 'auto-debit' facility in one installment.

Sushil Singh also said the scheme is being offered by Public Sector General Insurance Companies or any other General Insurance Company who are willing to offer the product on similar terms with necessary approvals and tie up with banks for this purpose.

He also appreciated the role of Principal of Sunrise Higher Secondary School, Sikanderpur, Bishnah District Jammu Principal Dr G.S Charak and his team members for providing logistic and for making local arrangements. The event was coordinated by Sumanjeet Kour.

Present on the occasion Central Bank of India staff Nitya Tosh Vasishtha, Vijay Kumar, Bodh Raj and Sat Paul.

162 Bn CRPF holds free medical camp in Handwara

TOP NEWS REPORT

PANCHARI, May 10: The three-day Farmer Orientation Programme 'Kisan Sampark Abhiyan' under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) started on April 8 concluded successfully on Wednesday in Sadhota of Block Panchari.

During the three-day orientation training cum awareness camps the villagers turned up in large numbers and showed keen interest in learning about the projects of HADP and other Centrally Spon-



sored Schemes.

Audiovisual aids were used in disseminating the information at the grassroots level about various government sponsored schemes meant for the welfare of the farmers associated with Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Horticulture etc.

People were made aware regarding the schemes in vogue in Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Fisheries and Horticulture.

Dr. Sandeep Kumar, VAS; Sanjeev Singh, Horticulture Technician from Horticulture and allied departments

briefed the farmers regarding the schemes.

Thread bare discussions and Question Answer sessions were held during interaction sessions in Panchayat. Informative booklets in English Urdu and Hindi regarding the schemes of HADP were distributed among the participants.

Moreover, farmers were also made aware about Daksh Kisan (online learning portal for skill development) and Kisan Sathi (IT Dashboard) portal regarding the digitisation of various services/

schemes.

Sarpanch Kartar Singh appreciated the various stakeholders department for successfully culminating the 3 days of Farmer Orientation Programme 'Kisan Sampark Abhiyan' under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) at Sadhota of Block Panchari. He also said that the Government has launched a number of schemes and programs for the welfare of the farmers and urged them to avail the benefits of the same.

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