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## BRIEFLY

**Covid-19 | India records 3,095 fresh cases**

NEW DELHI, Mar 31: India witnessed a single-day rise of 3,095 fresh COVID-19 cases with the active caseload increasing to 15,208, according to Union Health ministry data updated on Friday. The toll has risen to 5,30,867 with five deaths — one each reported by Goa and Gujarat and three reconciled by Kerala — in a span of 24 hours, the data updated at 8 am said.

The daily positivity was recorded at 2.61 per cent while the weekly positivity was pegged at 1.91 per cent.

The total tally of Covid cases was recorded at 4.47 crore (4,47,15,786).

The active cases now comprise 0.03 per cent of the total infections while the national recovery rate has been recorded at 98.78 per cent, according to the ministry website.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease is at 4.41 crore (4,41,69,711) while the case fatality was recorded at 1.19 per cent.

According to the ministry website, 220.65 crore Covid vaccine doses have been administered under the nationwide drive so far.

**Night temp rises as MeT forecasts rains, thunderstorm in J&K**

SRINAGAR, May 13 (Agencies): Amid forecast for rain and thunderstorm, night temperature recorded increase across Jammu and Kashmir but hovered below normal at several places on Saturday.

Quoting a meteorological department official, news agency GNS reported that rain, thunderstorm and lightning was expected at a few places of Kashmir and Jammu region during the next 24 hours.

He said from May 15-16, a brief spell of rain and thunderstorm was expected at isolated places while there is possibility of light rain/thunderstorm at isolated to scattered places on May 17-19.

However, he said, **Turn to page 9**

## LG chairs high-level meeting on boosting investment

Help desk of Industries & Commerce Department to be established at Div Com, 4 DC offices



**Top News Report**

JAMMU, May 13: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday chaired a high-level meeting to discuss strategies to attract more investments into UT of J&K, proactively resolving

all the issues with great synergies and to enhance ease of doing business to boost the economy.

The meeting was attended by Shaleen Kabra, Financial Commissioner Revenue; Dr Piyush Singla, Secretary Revenue Department; Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Avny Lavasa, DC Jammu; Sachin Kumar Vaishy, DC Udhampur; Rakesh Minhas, DC Kathua; Abhishek Sharma, DC Samba; Anoo Mal-

hotra, Director General, Industries & Commerce, Jammu; Smita Sethi, Secretary in the Industries & Commerce Department; Shiv Kumar Gupta, Vice-Chairman, Jammu Development Authority (JDA).

During the meeting, the Lt Governor directed for setting up help desk of Industries & Commerce Department at the Divisional Commissioner's Office at Jammu and in 4 Deputy Commissioner's offices of Jammu, Kathua, Samba and Udhampur.

The Lt Governor **Turn to page 9**

## J&K Congress celebrates party's victory in Karnataka Assembly Polls



**Top News Report**

JAMMU, May 13: Jammu and Kashmir Congress workers on Saturday burst crackers and danced to drum beats here to celebrate the party's performance in the Karnataka Assembly polls.

According to the latest trends on the Election Commission's (EC) website, the Congress was striding forward in 136 of the 224 Assembly seats in the southern state.

Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress **Turn to page 9**

Committee president Vikar Rasool Wani, working president Raman Bhalla, chief spokesperson Ravinder Sharma and other party leaders joined enthusiastic workers outside party headquarters at

## Karnataka has shown a ray of hope Mehbooba Mufti

SRINAGAR, May 13 (Agencies): Describing the Karnataka Assembly poll results as a "ray of hope", PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti said and hoped that the rest of the country will also reject "communal politics" and vote for its development and prosperity.

Mufti's remarks came after the Congress emerged as the clear winner in the electoral battle in Karnataka. According to the latest trends on the Election Commission's (EC) website, the Congress was striding forward in 136 of the 224 Assembly seats in the southern state.

"The BJP tried its best to communalise the situation as is their habit. They even brought Bajrangbali, religion, Hindu-Muslim to the discourse. The prime minister tried to take the discourse on religious lines. Despite that, people kept these issues on the sidelines and chose the issue of development on which the Congress ran its campaign," the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister told reporters here.

Mufti said be it Rahul Gandhi or Priyanka Gandhi Vadra or other Congress leaders, they built a narrative around development, employment and welfare schemes, and people voted for that.

"It is good news because the general elections are to take place the next year," the People's Democrat-



ic Party (PDP) president added.

She said while the democratic values of the country and the idea of brotherhood were being attacked, "a ray of hope is being seen from Karnataka today".

"I hope people across the country will also reject communal politics and vote for the country's development and prosperity," Mufti said.

She said the people of Karnataka have sent a good message that they do not want to get into the Hindu-Muslim debate and vote in the name of gods, but over issues of unemployment, price rise and other developmental concerns.

To a question on recent political developments in Pakistan, the PDP president said the situation in the neighbouring country is very bad.

"But it is Pakistan's fortune that institutions there like the judiciary or the media are playing their role well and making the government **Turn to page 9**

## Infiltration bid foiled in Uri sector

SRINAGAR, May 13 (Agencies): Alert troops of the Army foiled an infiltration bid on Saturday on the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu & Kashmir's Uri sector.

Defence spokesman said, "Infiltration bid by militants foiled in the Uri sector of Baramulla. There was an exchange of fire between militants and own troops."

"Pakistan side tried to fly a quadcopter over the incident site, but on being fired at by the Indian side it quickly withdrew." Further details were awaited.

## 12 injured as mini-bus skids off road in Ramban



JAMMU, May 13 (Agencies): 12 people were injured after a mini-bus skidded off road in Dalwas area of Ramban district on Saturday.

An official said that the mini-bus was on way to Ramban from Batote

when the accident took place in Dalwas area. He said in the incident 12 people suffered injuries and they have been shifted to a nearby hospital for treatment. Meanwhile, police have taken cognizance of the accident.

## Women's body fished out from Jhelum after 20 Days

SRINAGAR, May 13 (Agencies): A body of woman who had drowned into the river Jhelum in Dokalbal Sopore area of North Kashmir on April 22, 2023, was fished out after around 20 days, officials said on Saturday.

An official said that the woman had river into the river Jhelum at Dokalbal Sopore on 22 April. The official said that her was retrieved by the locals in of Baramulla today following which the body was taken to GMC Baramulla.

After completion of all formalities, the body will be handed over to the family for the last rites, he said.

Further investigation taken has been taken up. **Turn to page 9**

## J&K Waqf Board orders inquiry into 'embezzlement' of donations at Kangan shrine

SRINAGAR, May 13 (Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir Waqf Board on Saturday ordered an inquiry into allegations of embezzlement of donations at a shrine in Rayil Gund area of Kangan in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district.

According to an order, the Waqf board has constituted a three-member

inquiry committee to conduct an audit of donations from the year 2000 onwards, reported news agency KNO.

The committee has been asked to investigate the allegations of embezzlement of donations and properties at Ziyarat Shareef Rayil Gund.

The inquiry team **Turn to page 9**

## Family stages protest as student found hanging in Kathua

KATHUA/JAMMU, May 13 (Agencies): Family members of a 20-year-old college student, who died by suicide, staged a protest and blocked the Jammu-Pathankot highway for nearly two hours on Saturday, demanding an inquiry into the circumstances leading to the youth's death, officials said.

The deceased identified as Arun Kumar, a final year student of Government Degree College from Pathankot, was found hanging in his hostel room in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir on Friday, they said. **Turn to page 9**

## Stigmatic termination order cannot be passed without detailed enquiry: DB

SRINAGAR, May 13 (Agencies): A Division Bench of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, comprising Chief Justice N Kottiswar Singh and Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal, delivered a significant judgment stating that the termination of an employee cannot be carried out without conducting a thorough investigation and providing an opportunity for the employee to be heard.

The court clarified that Rule 187 of the J&K Police Manual, which grants powers to take action against a probationary employee within three years of their enrollment, cannot be applied to permanent employees. The ruling was made in response to a writ petition filed by Shamir Ahmad, a con-

stable in the Jammu and Kashmir Armed Police. Ahmad sought to challenge a judgment and order dated July 1, 2021, issued by the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) Jammu, which dismissed his petition against the discharge order without adhering to the principles of natural justice. Additionally, Ahmad requested the quashing of an order dated October 31, 2009, which resulted in his discharge without any investigation or consideration of natural justice.

After hearing arguments from Advocate Sarfaraz Hamid Rather representing Ahmad, and Senior Additional Advocate General Monika Kohli representing the UT of J&K, the Division Bench concluded that Ahmad had

been discharged from service on September 7, 1994, based on Rule 187 of the J&K Police Manual, which stated that he had not proven to be a good police officer and had unsatisfactory conduct during the probation period. However, the court noted that a previous writ petition had already quashed the impugned order of November 2, 1994, giving the respondents the liberty to either use Rule 187 or conduct a regular inquiry. Nonetheless, the respondents discharged Ahmad without conducting a detailed investigation and attached a stigma to the order.

The Division Bench emphasized that the impugned order was not a simple **Turn to page 9**

## Man injured in leopard attack in north Kashmir's Baramulla

BARAMULLA, May 13 (Agencies): A man was injured in a leopard attack in the Athoora Kreeri area of north Kashmir's Baramulla district on Saturday.

Reports said the man, identified as Ghulam Haider Pandit, was attacked by the leopard outside his home in Athoora, leaving him injured.

He was rescued by the locals who shifted him to a nearby health facility, reported news agency GNS.

More details are awaited. **Turn to page 9**



**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

**MASWAR/VAHARWAR**

Tears are the pains that role in eyes  
Memories are the treasure that never dies.  
It has been a year since you left for your heavenly abode leaving us with the treasure of your memories. We always felt your presence everyday and every moment.

**Maswar/Vaharwar** of our beloved mother **Smt Roopawati Koul**, W/o Lt Amar Nath Koul, originally resident of Bijbehara (Anantnag) Kashmir will be performed on 13th May and 14th May, 2023 at our present residence H No. 49, Sector 2, Sharika Vihar, Roop Nagar, Jammu.

**Deeply Remembered by**

Son & Daughter-in-Law

Sh Ashok Kumar Koul & Smt Pushpa Lata Koul

Daughters & Son-in-Laws

Smt Jeeta Raina and Sh Shuban Kumar Raina

Smt Premila Raina and Sh Bharat Bushan Raina

**Samast Koul Parivar of Bijbehara, Anantnag, Kashmir**

Mobile Numbers: 94192-04228, 70066-51714, 94193-02727



Smt Roopawati Koul

**TENTH DAY / KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Father **Sh. Shibani 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. Shibani Krishen Zadoo

**10TH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our father **Karmayogi Sh. Madsudhan Koul** of Vessu Anantnag at present H.No. 37/6 EWS Colony Lower Roop Nagar, Jammu.

The **10th Day Kriya** will be performed at Muthi Ghat near Director School Education on 17-05-2023 at 9:00 AM

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

Smt. & Sh. Shuban Ji Koul - **Brother & Bhabhi** 9419211312

Sons & Daughter-in-laws

Smt & Sh. Anil Kumar Koul - 8082977100

Smt & Sh. Ravi Ji Koul - 8717087794

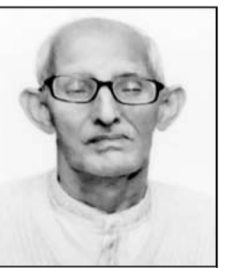
Smt & Sh. Satesh Kumar Koul - 6005118842

Smt & Sh. Vikram Koul - 8802057000

Smt. & Sh. Shadi Lal Bhat- **Daughter & Son-in-law** 9419814219

Smt & Sh. M. L. Bhan - **Sister & Brother-in-law** 9469479621

Grand Children : Abhay, Sachhi, Medha & Shlok



Karmayogi Sh. Madsudhan Koul

**TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our mother **Smt Kushlawati Dhar** W/o Late Sh. Rugh Nath Dhar of Gund Villagam Kupwara at present 28/22 Surya Vihar Bohri on 7th May 2023.

**TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be performed at 9 am on Tuesday the 16 May 2023 at Muthi Ghat near the office of DSE Jammu.

**DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY**

Sons and Daughters in law

Sh Hira Lal Dhar and Smt Bimla Dhar

Sh Shuban Lal Dhar and Smt Dali Dhar

Sh Radha Krishan Dhar and Smt Pyari Dhar (**Dever and Devrani**)

(**Grand and Great Grand Children**)

Sandeep and Swati Dhar, Ashish and Vishali Dhar, Khushi and Tanishka

**MOURNING FROM MALUN SIDE WILL BE HELD AT THE SAME PLACE AS MENTIONED ABOVE.**



SMT KUSHLAWATI DHAR

**10TH DAY KRIYA**

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD AND UNTIMELY DEMISE OF **MRS. NANCY BHAN** W/o SH. C.L BHAN R/o 47-INDRA COLONY, CAMP ROAD TALAB TILLO, JAMMU ON 9/5/23 AT K-504, ACE CITY, NOIDA EXTENSION SEC-1 PLOT-1, PIN- 201306.

**TENTH DAY KRIYA** WILL BE PERFORMED ON 18th OF MAY, 2023 (THURSDAY) AT 8:30 AM AT GANGH NAHAR (CHHOTA HARIDWAR), MURAD NAGAR, GHAZIABAD (UP) AND ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD AT K-504 ACE CITY, NOIDA EXTENSION PLOT-1, SECTION-1, PIN- 201306 AT 12:30 PM.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

MR. C.L BHAN -**HUSBAND**

MR. RAJU BHAN AND MRS. ZOYA BHAN - **SON AND DAUGHTER IN LAW**

MRS. NIRUPA RAINA AND MR. RAKESH RAINA - **DAUGHTER AND SON IN LAW**

MR. CHAMAN LAL BHAN AND MRS. ASHA JI - **JETH AND JETHANI**

**GRAND CHILDREN - RIYA, TEJ, RISHABH AND SONIA**

**CONTACT NO.'s- 7298117766, 9873000935**



MRS. NANCY BHAN

**MOURNING FROM MALUN SIDE**

With heavy heart we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved sister **Smt. Nancy Bhan** W/o Sh C. L Bhan of Vaskur GBL and D/o Late Jaggar Nath Bhat (Buran Pattan) on 09-05-23.

**Mourning** will be held at G-334 A Pratap Vihar Ghazibad.

**10TH DAY** will be performed on 18-05-23 (Thursday)

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

**Samast Bhat, Koul & Pandita Parivar**

**Ph. No. 9654982876 & 9958578555**



Smt. Nancy Bhan

**TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA**

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Surya Parkash Sharma** (Retd. ZEO) S/o Late Sh. Amarnath (Thalori Wale) R/o H.No. F-184, Old Gurah Bakshi Nagar, Jammu on 04/05/2023.

**Tenth Day** will be performed on 13/05/2023 at 11 AM at Shiv Mandir Old Gurah, Bakshi Nagar.

**Kriya** will be performed on 14/05/2023 at our residence.

**Uthala** will be performed at Amar Kashatriya Rajput Sabha, Opp. Shiv Mandir Old Gurah, Bakshi Nagar from 4 PM to 5 PM on 17/05/2023.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

Girdhari Lal - **Brother**

Sons & Daughters-in-law

Dr. R.K. Sharma & Namarta Khajuria

Suresh Sharma & Jyoti Sharma

Daughters & Sons-in-law

Smt. Veena Kumari & Mahesh Chander

Smt. Sushma Sharma & Vinod Sharma

**Potru & Potri** - Arinut, Akritra, Akshra

**Dotru & Dotri** - Mannat, Umanshu, Aarya, Sanchit

Mob.: 9419160249, 7889765252



Sh. Surya Parkash Sharma (Retd. ZEO)

**TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sarla Zaroo Dhar (Baby)** W/o Sh Ashok Kumar Dhar R/o H No. 22, Lane 2, Udhaiwala Bohri.

**Tenth Day Kriya** will be performed on 15th May 2023 (Monday) on Muthi Ghat at 8.30 AM.

Mob : 9419208733, 7030087864, 9816017032



Sarla Zaroo Dhar

**TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA**

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Surya Parkash Sharma** (Retd. ZEO) S/o Late Sh. Amarnath (Thalori Wale) R/o H.No. F-184, Old Gurah Bakshi Nagar, Jammu on 04/05/2023.

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**GRIEF STRICKEN**

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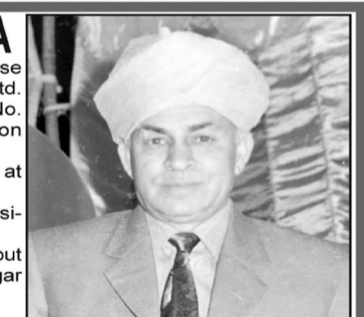
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Sh. Surya Parkash Sharma (Retd. ZEO)

**MASWAR & VAHARVAR**

One year has passed since you left us for heavenly abode and not a day has gone by when your painful absence has not felt. Since you left a deep void in our lives, your unforgettable memories and your noble qualities will always remain a source of inspiration for all of us. You were only source of strength and love we looked out for. Even million words fall short to pay tribute to your personality. As we all grow up under your shadow we feel blessed and proud to have a spectacular father like you. May your noble & humble soul acquire Moksha." **VBAJ--OM SHANTI**

**Maswar & Vaharvar** of our beloved father **Karamyogi Late Sh. Piary Lal Dhar** S/o Lt. Sh. Shankar Dass of Chowdharygund Shopian Kashmir shall be performed on 14 & 15.05.2023 at our residence H.No. 246, Sector-02, Shivalik Puram, Janipur Colony, Jammu.

**DEEPLY MISSED AND REMEMBERED BY**

Mr Sandeep Dhar & Mrs Sneha Dhar -**Son & Daughter-in-law**

Daughters and Sons-in-law

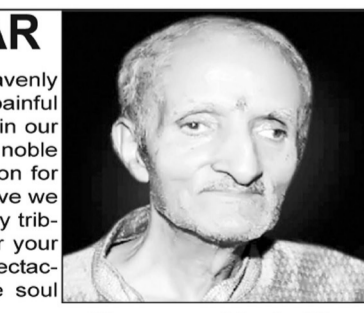
Mrs Monika & Mr Rajeev Dhar

Mrs Simi & Mr Rajinder Koul

**Grand Children**

Divyanshi, Devansh, Shivanshi, Arshiya & Bhavya

Contact Nos: 0191-3580559, 7006808301



Karamyogi Late Sh. Piary Lal Dhar

**MASWAR AND VAHARWAR**

One year has passed since you left for heavenly abode. Though you are with us yet your living memories are still fresh in our hearts. We pray to God to keep your noble soul in heaven with peace.

**MASWAR AND VAHARWAR** of our beloved **Lt Mrs Surita Raina** W/o Mr Sunil Raina and daughter of Lt Omkar Nath Bakaya and Lt Dulari (Choti) Bakaya, will be held on 13th and 14th May at Mohali Chandigarh (Punjab)

**DEEPLY MISSED BY**

Brother and Sister in law

Mr Daleep Bakaya and Teetli (Bhawna) Bakaya

Sister and Brother in law

Mrs Promila Koul and Mr Sanjay Koul

Nimit and Sakhshi (**Nephew & Niece**)

and **All relatives and friends**

Ph: 9419135400



Mrs Surita Raina (Rina Ji)

**OBITUARY**

We regret to inform about the sad demise of **Shri Shiv Dass Magotra** S/o Late Jagan Nath Magotra R/o Ward No 6 House No 32, Court Road Udhampur on 08.05.2023.

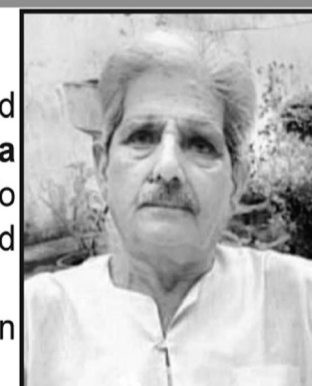
**Tenth Day** prayers shall be done on 17-05-2023 (Wednesday).

**GRIEF STRICKEN:-**

**MAGOTRA FAMILY**

9419160084; 6005419639;

9149431602; 7889364068



SHRI SHIV DASS MAGOTRA

**REMEMBRANCE**

2 yrs have passed since you left us and this is one of the deepest sorrow which only a heart could feel.

We all miss u everyday and there is not even a single day without remembering you. Your teachings, ur guidance and your smile will always be part of our life.

Love your dearly.

**DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY:-**

Son & Daughter-in-law

Er. Harpal Singh Tayal and Er. Interpret Kour

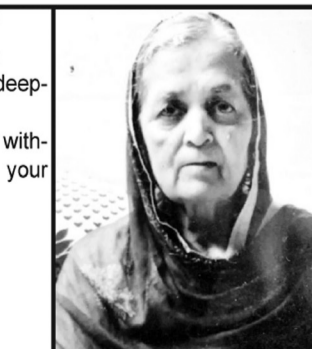
Daughters & Sons-in-law

Mandeep Kaur & S. Inderjit Singh (Canada)

Rupinder Kaur & S. Hardit Singh (Udhampur)

Kiranjeet Kaur & S. Mohinder Singh (Rajouri)

Neelu Kaur & S. Amarjit Singh (Jammu)



Sdn. Kulwant Kour W/o S. Kirpal Singh

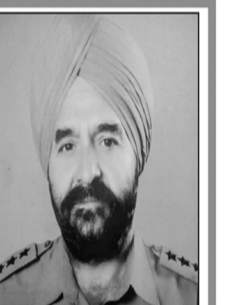
**REMEMBRANCE**

Those we love don't go away, they walk besides us everyday. Unseen, unheard, but always near still loved still missed & very dear.

Remembering our father **Late S Harinder Singh Ji (ETO Srinagar)** left this world on 13-05-2005 in militant attack at Jawahar Nagar, Srinagar.

**Deeply Remembered by**

**Family Members**



Late S Harinder Singh Ji (ETO Srinagar)

**CONDOLENCE**

Vessu Baradari condoles the unfortunate & sad demise of **Shri Madhusudan Koul** S/o Lt. Mehtab Koul of Vessu, Anantnag A/p H. No. 37/6, EWS Colony, Lower Roop Nagar, Jammu.

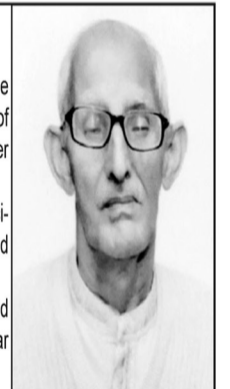
He was an epitome of humility besides being a disciplined teacher who commanded love, affection and respect from all segments of the society.

May God bless his pious soul in Heavenly abode and give enough courage to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.

**DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY:**

**HINDU WELFARE BARADARI "VESSU"**

**A/P JAMMU**



Karmayogi Sh. Madhusudan Koul

**HEARTFELT TRIBUTE****"OM SHANTI"**

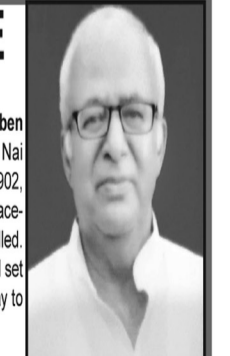
Sudden, untimely & sad demise of **Karamyogi Sh. Shibani Krishen Zadoo**, fondly known as "Bobaji" OIR/O Nai Sark/Indiranagar, Srinagar (Kashmir) at present R/o 902, Royal Palm Apartment, Sector 56, Gurugram. Haryana peacefully on 7th May 2023 has left a void that cannot be filled. Caring disposition, Management skills & Entertaining mind set of noble soul shall ever remain live in our memory. We pray to "Almighty" for eternal bliss and peace.

**DEEPLY MOURNED BY:-**

Smt. Prana Braroo & Ashok Kumar Braroo

Smt. Samita & Abhilash Kumar Braroo

Mob: 9419000147



Karamyogi Shibani Krishen Zadoo

**REMEMBRANCE****12TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY**

There is something about losing a mother that is permanent and in-expressible a wound that will never quite heal. Always Miss U Maa (Chaaee Ji)

**Deeply Remembered By:-**

All Sharma Family

10/7 Ext. Trikuta Nagar

Bye Pass Rly Road, Jmu 180012

MIS V B Tour & Travel

MIS Sharma Deptt Store

6005244483, 9419117962, 9906113125



Smt Revti Sharma



## LG Sinha releases Shiv Kumar Padha's book 'Vishwasthali-My Pride'

### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 13: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha released a book titled "Vishwasthali-My Pride" authored by Sh Shiv Kumar Padha, at Raj



Bhawan, today. He congratulated the author and publisher for the excellent work. Sh Shakti Pathak, DIG Jammu Samba Kathua range, Dr Yog Raj Padha among others were present.

## DDC Suresh inaugurates newly constructed classrooms



### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 12: BJP leader and member DDC, Jammu Pt. Suresh Sharma inaugurated newly constructed classrooms at Government High School Maira Mandrian of Chhamb Constituency. An amount of rupees 37 lacs has been utilized for the construction of these classrooms.

By starting off these classrooms, Suresh Sharma has fulfilled a hard pressing demand of the public. Basically, some classrooms of the school were in deteriorated condition and they were unsafe for children. They have been kept closed for the last eight years. During raining season, education of

the students suffered as there was shortage of classrooms. Now all the classes of the schools will run smoothly.

Besides, in order to appreciate and inspire students who stood 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the results of annual examinations, Suresh Sharma distributed prizes among the students of class 5th of Primary schools namely PS Mandrian, PS Nargada, PS Mundh, PS Sathar and PS Rehani and students from class 1st to class 9th of Govt. High School Maira Mandrian. He advised the students to do hard work to achieve excellence in education in future too. He also appreciated teachers and parents who take

care of all the needs of the students.

Addressing the public and the teachers, Suresh Sharma said that it is the foremost priority of the BJP government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to improve education sector and tangible results related to construction of new buildings for the schools and other allied development activities can be seen on the ground.

Suresh Sharma also assured the public that High School Maira Mandrian shall be upgraded to Higher Secondary School very soon and their demand for Degreee College Maira Mandrian has also been put strongly before the government so that the students from remote and hilly villages can get opportunity to get higher education.

The public and the teachers present on the occasion thanked Suresh Sharma for his sincere efforts for the betterment of educa-

tional institutions.

Ashok Raina Deputy CEO Jammu, Suman Bala ZEO Akhnoor, Bishan Lal Sharma Incharge HS Maira Mandrian, Tarlochan Dutt Sarpanch Maira Mandrian, Ram Lal President BJP Mandal Mandrian, Master Chanchal Singh Mandal Mahamantri, Uttam Singh Naib Sarpanch, Pritam Lal contractor, Puran Chand Panch, Shakti Bhagat Panch, Sikander Lal Panch, Padam Dev and many other prominent persons and parents were present on this occasion.

## Chairman/CEC Leh inspects operationalisation of milk pasteurisation plant at Agling

### TOP NEWS REPORT

LEH, May 13: Chairman/CEC Tashi Gyalson along with Secretary Cooperative, UT Ladakh Ravinder Kumar visited and inspected the operationalisation of milk pasteurisation plant at Agling today.

CAHO, Leh Dr Mohd Iqbal briefed the dignitaries about the plant and challenges faced by the department after the installation of plant in 2011.

DRC Leh, Dr. Mohd Abass also informed the dignitaries about the new machineries and utilities been purchased under SDP by Cooperative Department Leh. He further said that an MOU has been signed, in order to operationalize the milk plant smoothly wherein the NDDB will handhold the UT-Ladakh Dairy Cooperative Federation in extending technical support.

Chairman UT-Ladakh Dairy Cooperative Federation, Dr. Abdul Qayom said that the federation is an apex structure formed by joining of newly registered village level Dairy Cooperative Societies from Leh and Kargil District, together at UT level.

Secretary Cooperative Ravinder Kumar said that the plant needs to be handled professionally for which the administrative department has taken up the survey for purchase of



machinery and its installation and commissioning. He further said that NBBB has been supporting the project for technical handholding for sustainable and successful functioning of the plant

CEC Gyalson directed the concerned department to present a business model and functional structures in the best interests of the farmers of the District as major part of the infrastructural funding has been made through LAHDC. He further stated that the main objectives of this Dairy Plant should focus on the sustainability

of the plant and to benefit the local farmers and maximum benefits to local farmers including taking care of their other welfare needs.

Executive Councillor, Cooperative, Stanzin Choshpel; Deputy Commissioner Leh, Shrikant Balasahab Suse; Additional Registrar Cooperative; Moses Kunzang, Chief Planning Officer, Tsewang Gyalton. Ladakh Dairy Cooperative Federation headed by Chairman Dr Abdul Qayom and Joint Secretary Sonam Odpal, other officers from Animal Husbandry and Cooperative were also present.

## Mother's Day celebrated in JK Montessorie Senior Secondary School



### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 13: The day that celebrates the essence of motherhood is Mother's Day. Keeping this in mind a Special Assembly was conducted at JKMS by the students.

The students showered their love and affection on the mothers through various heartfelt thoughts, poems, songs and dance performances, appreciating their love.

They shared views as to 'Why' and 'How' 'Mother's Day' should be celebrated. They spoke confidently and flawlessly about the importance of mothers in their lives.

All the students participated with full zeal and enthusiasm. Class activities like, writing a letter to their 'Supermoms', card making and poster making were also conducted in which the students poured out their emotions for their mothers with the help of colours and different decorative material.

The assembly ended with a note where the students were told to be always respectful towards mothers as they are the most beautiful gift of God to mankind. Nobody can take the place of a mother in shaping the future of her children and turning them into good human beings.

## Navy Commando Cremated With Full Military Honours In J&K

### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 13: A Navy commando, who lost his life when his parachute got entangled in high-tension wire and caught fire during a training exercise in Uttar Pradesh, was cremated with full military honours in Samba district of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday.

The mortal remains of Commando Ankur Shama, a resident of Kothey-Sadotriyan village in Bishnah tehsil of Jammu, were first brought to his home and later taken to Parmandal



area of Samba for last rites as per the family tradition, officials said.

The body of the soldier reached the Bishnah tehsil from the Jammu airport after it was flown from Uttar Pradesh as thousands of villagers turned up to bid a tearful adieu to the son of the soil. Emotional scenes were

witnessed as the wailing relatives, including his parents and siblings, tried to reach the coffin wrapped in the Tricolour to have a last glimpse of the fallen hero.

After the wreath-laying ceremony, the body of the deceased was shifted to Parmandal where the commando was cremated with full military honours, including a gun salute, the officials said.

Senior officers of the Navy, Army, Air Force and police besides civil officials attended the last rites, they added.

## Govt Polytechnic Jammu organises workshop on 'how to start a start-up'

### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 13: As an initiative to create a great ecosystem for the startups, Government Polytechnic Jammu organized a one day workshop on Saturday on the topic "How to start a start-up" for the 6th semester students and on "Intellectual Property Rights" for all the faculty and staff of the institution.

The workshop was organized with the objective of building up a Startup environment in the college which can help in creating more number of successful entrepreneurs thereby solving the unemployment problems and bringing a sustainable economic solution.

Dr. Manish Gupta, Dean Research and Innovation, Baba Farid



Group of Institutions was the resource person for the workshop.

While delivering his speech, Dr. Manish shared the success stories of many aced entrepreneurs. He said that a budding entrepreneur, before launching his product, should have a clear cut vision, good business plan and the scope of customers who would use the product. Er. Arun Bangotra,

Principal Government Polytechnic Jammu also addressed the students and advised them to believe in themselves and work hard in order to achieve their dream. He also said that entrepreneurship is not only about dreaming but to act as well. Start-ups are the engines of the exponential growth of the new India as envisioned by our worthy Prime Minister, he added.

The next session was conducted for the faculty and staff on Intellectual Property Rights. The session proved to be an insightful forum for discussion of developing an IPR Cell in the institute. The speaker emphasized the role of patents in innovation and highlighted the process for facilitating the same at the institute level.

Others present on the occasion Dr. Gourav

Kumar, Deputy Dean, Baba Farid Group of Institutions, Dr. Amandeep Singh, Dean Academics, Baba Farid Group of Institutions, Atul Sudan, Marketing Head, Baba Farid Group of Institutions, Er. Inderjeet Singh, Workshop Superintendent GPJ, Er. Manish Kumar, HOD I&C Department Er. Raj Kumar HOD Mechanical Department, Er. Ajay Thapa, TPO GPJ. The stage was coordinated by Er. Sakshi Kapahi, Lecturer-I I&C.

The programme was organized by Amit Kumar Sharma, Dhiraj Kumar, Lecturer's from the Travel & Tourism Department, Er. Rishabh Gupta Lecturer Mechanical Dept., Er. Amit Gupta Demonstrator Civil Engg Dept, Er. Akash Dusgatra Workshop Instructor.

**UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR**  
**OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) CONST. DIVN. NO. III, JAMMU**  
**SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

Short e-NIT No. CD-III/ 20 of 2023-24 Dated 10-05-2023

For and on behalf of the **Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir** e-tenders are invited on **percentage basis** from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways, MES and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works :-

S. No	Name of Work	Advertised Cost (in lacs)	Cost of document (In Rupees)	Earnest Money (In Rupees)	Time allowed for completion	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	Macadamization of following roads 1) roads from main road Nud to Moh Lal Chand 2) link road from main road Ckpur to Moh Machine to Kurjal at Ckpur and allied links (Manually) (Devi Pua/ Ckpur Panchayat action plan of City and town Programme 2023-24)(1* Call)	22.00	600/-	2% of the Advertised Cost	30 Days	(1400 Hrs) on or after 22-05-2022	A B C
2	Macadamization of following roads 1) Internal roads of Panchayat Muthi mera 2) link road from Dabra to Shah Moh W No 7Pvt Gurba Jagir 3) Internal links of W No 12.5 & 11 Major Moh at Mandiwala Panchayat Bandwal (Manually) (Devi pua/ Gurba Jagir Panchayat) (under Action plan of City and town Programme 2023-24)(1* call)	30.50	600/-	2% of the Advertised Cost	30 Days	(1400 Hrs) on or after 22-05-2022	A B

**Position of AAA :- Accorded**  
**Position of TS :- Accorded**  
**Major Head of Account :- Under Macadamization of Cities & Towns Roads for the Year 2023-24**

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website <http://jktenders.gov.in> as per below schedule :

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	10-05-2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 11-05-2023 to 20-05-2023, 1800 Hrs
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	15-05-2023 at 1300 Hrs. in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. III Jammu
4	Bid submission Start Date	11-05-2023
5	Bid Submission End Date	20-05-2023 upto 1800 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	22-05-2023 on or after 1400 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Const Div. No.III Jammu
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. III Jammu and upload the same i.e treasury challan/receipt, Earnest Money/Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/BC pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No.III Jammu. The CDR/FDR/BC shall be valid for 45 Days beyond the bid validity period. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, EMD and relevant documents of LI be submitted to the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Const Div. No.III Jammu at the time of allotment.

2. The electronic bidding system would not allow any late submission of bids after due date and time as per server time. Bidders may modify their bids by uploading their request for modification before the deadline for submission of bids. For this, the bidder need not to make any additional payment towards the cost of tender document. For bid modification and consequential re-submission, the bidder is not required to withdraw his bid submitted earlier. The last modified bid submitted by the bidder within the bid submission time shall be considered as the bid. For this purpose, modification/withdrawal by other means will not be accepted. In online system of bid submission, the modification and consequential- submission of bids is allowed any number of times. The bidders may withdraw his bid by uploading their request before the deadline for submission of bids; however, if the bid is withdrawn, the re-submission of the bid is not allowed. No bid shall be modified or withdrawn after the deadline of submission of bids.

3. The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The **Financial-bids of responsive bidders** shall be opened online in the **Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Const Div. No.III Jammu** The date for same shall be intimated separately.

4. The bids for the work shall remain **valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.**

5. **The earnest money shall be forfeited, if :-**  
a) Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.  
b) Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within specified time period after issue of letter of acceptance.  
c) Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement on same day of allotment of work contract as per Chief Engineer PW (R&B) Department Jammu's Circular No. CEJ/G/12660-87 dated 07-10-2021.

6. **Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.**  
1. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) to acquaint bid submission process.  
2. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.  
3. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.  
4. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.  
5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents mentioned in NIT and SBD with technical bid online.

No:- 2792-2814  
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## EDITORIAL

## CONSUMERS' RIGHTS

Consumers International was founded in 1960 with the goal of fighting for a fair, safe and sustainable future for consumers in a global market dominated by transnational corporations. Citing President John F. Kennedy's seminal speech to Congress, he takes the definition of consumer rights as his definition.

It is also said that the President's remarks set the ball in motion to make rights that would be enforceable something more than mere words on paper, but the World Consumer Rights Day was introduced in 1983 to spur citizen action. Happened for

Citizen action groups have been a big part of driving change in the marketplace. They have lobbied for safe products and protection from harmful practices and products. Over time, the consumer movement has given rise to a number of rights which are now considered as the 8 basic consumer rights.

These rights include ideas such as the right to safety, the right to satisfaction of basic needs, the right to redress and the right to be informed.

Consumers International has more than 200 members and is spread across 100 countries. They embrace their mission to be a voice and champion for consumers in policy-making forums and in the global marketplace. They operate outside of any political party and maintain their independence to ensure that consumers are treated fairly.

World Consumer Rights Day is a much needed day to raise awareness when unfair trade practices and greedy companies exploit consumers. It gives us the tools to be fast and smart consumers. Everyone in the world is a consumer, even the people who own the companies we buy from.

Hence, it is a day for everyone to know more about their rights as consumers. If all the people of the world act together and raise awareness about consumer rights, the world will be better off when it comes to consumer rights.

Before the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 was replaced by the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, consumer rights in India were protected under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986. According to the Consumer Protection Act 2019, the definition of consumer rights is 'any object or Right to be informed about various aspects of the service such as its quality, quantity, capacity, accuracy, price and standard.

In the Consumer Protection Act 1986, the lawmakers defined six basic consumer rights. Right to Safety: Consumers are protected from the marketing of goods and services that are dangerous to their life and property. It emphasizes on the quality of goods and services.

Right to be informed: Right to be informed: Consumers have the right to be informed about the quality, quantity, ingredients, purity, regulatory standards and prices of goods and no such information should be willfully withheld from them.

Right to choose: Whenever possible, consumers should be given access to a variety of goods and services at different prices.

Right to be heard: Right to be heard: The interests of the consumer must be kept in mind. They have the right to form associations which will represent them in all relevant matters.

Right to Consumer Education: Consumers have the right to acquire knowledge to become an informed consumer.

These rights are the basis of consumer protection in India. Additionally, the Consumer Protection Act 2019 introduced five new consumer rights which include Right to lodge complaint from anywhere; Right to seek compensation in view of product liability; right to consumer protection; right to be heard using video conferencing; and right to know why the complaint was rejected.

## Sleaze, hypocrisy, fraud, corruption: The many ills that bedevil UK today

By: Farrukh Dhondy

In this week of celebrations over King Charles III's coronation, ignoring the sceptres of the anointed isle, I choose to dwell upon examples of British hypocrisy, sleaze, corruption and fraud. These are not by any means peculiar characteristics of this "seat of Mars". The sin of some other nations puts the UK in the listening side of the confessional.

Start with the fun one. A reputable barrister, known for her defence of left-wing activists and her stances on human rights is one Helena Kennedy KC (King's Counsel). I know of her and met her once through my late ex-wife Mala Sen, whose friend she was. In 1994 Helena had published an essay which criticised the monarchy. "It is understandable that many see it as the fountainhead of snobbery and class division, creating a corrosive culture with its defenders, often sycophantically allied to its continuance because patronage is one of the pegs which secures its hold."

Well said? Helena is now a baroness and as the announcements for the coronation ceremonies of what she called "an institution which surrounds itself with the unworthy notion of aristocracy" were published, we were told that the Queen Consort's rod will be carried in the coronation procession and presented to Her Majesty by -- you guessed it -- Baroness Helena Kennedy.

Okay, as she wrote, she "sycophantically allied... etc". So what? No corruption here!

And so, to more serious stuff involving fraud, corruption and



hypocrisy. Start with the fraud.

A parliamentary investigative committee has concluded that during the Covid-19 pandemic, under the supervision of PM Boris Johnson, chancellor Hedgeie Sunak and health secretary Matt Hancock, £4.5 billion was handed out to fraudsters through errors in the furlough and self-employed Covid support schemes initiated by Hedgeie.

This calculated sum attributed to "fraud" does not include the exorbitant sums paid out to suppliers of unusable face masks and deficient anti-virus equipment destined for hospitals.

It certainly doesn't include the billions spent on the completely ineffective "Test and Trace" schemes headed by the pallocracy of the BoJo government's ministers, who had little or no expertise relevant to the running of these.

The £4.5 billion and the taxpayers' billions spent on friends in the pallocracy and on benefactors' contracts taking advantage of the pandemic, will never be recovered. And yet, and yet last week Hedgeie announced his support for Cruella Braverman's policy of hiring large houseboats into

which they will put asylum seekers because, said Hedgeie, it would be cheaper to house them -- to me manifestly the wretched of the earth and some not-so-wretched shysters -- in these flotillas rather than in inland hotels and accommodation. He said the taxpayer was handing out £6 million a week for this accommodation. Even if one accepts this exaggeration, that would mean £6 million multiplied by 52 a year, which amounts to £312 million annually. Is there any comparison to the £4.5 billion that the taxpayer lost to error, corruption and fraud?

The refusal by Cruella and Hedgeie to compare the figures of expenditure and the drain on the taxpayer, figures which are made public on the same day appeals, gentle reader, to put it mildly, as evasion or hypocrisy.

According to another parliamentary committee, fraud accounted for 41 per cent of all crime in Britain. I must confess that I regularly receive emails and other notifications that I have won the Nigerian lottery, or that I am beneficiary of the will of a distant relative called Archimedes Dhondy, or that a close friend of mine has had

his passport and wallet stolen in some remote part of the world and I am to either send my back account details including any passwords so that my winnings or inheritance can be deposited, or I can buy Amazon credit vouchers and sent them to my destitute stranded friend. I admit that out of sheer

laziness and an attitude that money doesn't make for happiness, I have avoided handing over my bank details to the Nigerian lottery and forfeited a few million pounds in winnings, even though I've never bought a ticket. As for helping a friend who is stranded in some remote part of the world, it serves him bloody well right for going on holiday without offering to pay for me to accompany him.

The fact is that £4.7 billion is lost through fraudulent dealings each year in the UK. The Action Fraud institution of the government gets 300,000 complaints from individuals and 600,000 per year from businesses. Only one per cent of these lead to prosecutions as the City of London police, which oversees Action, Fraud has not been given the manpower or the funds to investigate this volume of fraudulent crime. The home office's attitude to this criminal activity has been to assign two per cent of its newly recruited police officers to the fraud squad.

It's all politics! Cruella probably believes that the victims of fraud can suffer, as putting resources and rhetoric into redressing the wrongs done to them has no real political advantage for her. Rhetoric against asylum seekers has.

## Harsh Weather

By: Vijay Garg

The unexpected change in weather patterns in recent times has surprised meteorologists. Even though common people have been saying that the weather of February-March is being felt in May, will summer come in May? But this situation is not so common. This change has deep implications and is by no means a good sign for our weather cycle. Changes in weather adversely affect the production of our vegetation, crops and fruits and their natural development is also hindered. Where is it being That this unusual weather is the new normal of today's era. The sudden increase in heat in last March and below normal temperature in May is not a good sign. In March, due to increased heat at the time of ripening of wheat crop, there was a decrease in its production. The surprising thing is that in the month of May there was snowfall on the higher peaks of the Himalayan mountain ranges. Undoubtedly, it is

surprising to see snowfall in the low altitude areas of Jammu-Kashmir, Uttarakhand and Himachal during this season. These rare events are our concern. Should be the subject of Suffice it to say that the record low temperatures are a respite from the heat, but the change in weather patterns should be our concern. This fact is not hidden from anyone that such fluctuations in the weather are actually said to be an extension of the climate crisis. It is feared that this change may affect the quality of monsoon as well. Which calls for a serious analysis. Meteorologists fear that such extreme weather events will affect our normal life amid the continuous warming of the earth. can have adverse effects. Whose challenge is necessary to face in time. It is worth mentioning that in the last few days severe heat wave was observed in some parts of India and Pakistan. Scientists are apprehensive that between the years 2031 and 2060 there may be severe heat. This intensity of heat may double between the years 2071

to 2100. The study by meteorologists shows that there has been a 55 per cent increase in deaths due to extreme heat in India between 2000 and 2004 and 2017 to 2021. Actually, due to the warming of the Arabian Sea. Due to this, there is a possibility of increasing the intensity of heat in North West and Central India. Undoubtedly, we need to make concrete plans in view of the impending future crisis. Keeping in view the larger concerns of public safety, the need of the hour is to prepare a comprehensive action plan for prevention of heat stroke. We have to be prepared to protect the cities from damage because completely new circumstances are arising before us. Especially the weaker sections of the society need to be identified. The fact cannot be forgotten that The effect of the intensity of the weather is more on the poor section of the society. Now whether it is heat wave, cold wave or flood - it is the poor section that becomes its victim. Undoubtedly, the economically weaker popula-

tion should be identified first. Then infrastructure should be prepared to deal with emergency situations. Also, an awareness campaign should be launched in view of the health hazards associated with heat exposure. Corporates and voluntary organizations in the society should cooperate to provide potable water facilities in towns and cities. It is the responsibility of the governments to provide immediate financial and technical assistance in view of the warming environment. The expansion of greenery in the cities will prove to be a valuable investment in solving the problem. Apart from this, to avoid heat, friendly construction techniques will have to be encouraged by harmonizing with the traditional building construction style.

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## Books are our Best Friends

By: Vijay Garg

A house without books is like a closed room without windows. Any educational institution is incomplete if it does not have a library. Books are the measure of civilization and culture of every country. The progress of any country is not estimated from its multi-storied buildings, chimneys touching the sky and winding roads, but from the works of that country and the stature and thoughts of its writers. The ideas contained in books created many revolutions, thus books more than weapons. They prove to be more powerful.

Sri Guru Granth Sahib has been given the place of Guru in Sikhism. Such an example is not found anywhere in the world. Authors of books may be born in a place but they are common to all like Shakespeare is common to all. Books are our best friends and rulers, we never feel that they will betray us at any stage because books don't wear fake masks like humans do. We can take good guidance from books whenever we want. This is ours. They are the most auspicious. The feeling of friendship and warmth with books is necessary for people of all classes, but today the greatest need is for children. It is formed and also gives sweet fruits.

When we don't give children books to entertain them, they spend their free time, TV. Also They will spend watching and playing mobile games. Let's gift them good books on their birthdays that will develop their brains. schools, It is also the duty of teachers in colleges to motivate students to read good books but the hobby of buying books is waning among us. We can buy nice decorative items to decorate the house, but we want the book to be free. We make room for everything in the house, not for books. We should reserve a place for books in our homes. Today's world is a world of ideas. Today's writers are common to all, not just one country. How to

get their ideas across the border No need for passport or visa, let's share with all the books. As the lockdown has been going on since March 22, many people have become victims of depression by staying at home. Fight at home, kato klesh, many ended their lives just like this. In such times we should take help of books. It is my personal experience that my time is passing very well because of my friends books.

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# Farooq, Mehbooba frustrated by growth of BJP: Braham Jyot

## TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 13: Braham Jyot Satti (Incharge BJP OBC Morcha Jammu Kashmir) chaired Organisational meeting and listened party worker's issues at Om Palace, Shiv Nagar, here.

Program was organized by Sanjay Verma (Mandal President BJP OBC Morcha Bakshi Nagar). Pawan Verma (Gen Secretary Bakshi Nagar), Tarsem Kumar, Abhishek Sharma, Kamal Sharma, Vicky Salathia, Arya Verma, Rajesh Kumar, Suresh Kumar, Raj Kumar, Vinay Verma and prominent persons and workers were present on the occasion.

In the program, Braham Jyot interacted with party workers and prominent persons of the area.

Party workers expressed their grievances to Braham Jyot and said at present BJP is biggest political party in world but in Jammu Kashmir some senior leaders are ignoring party workers and don't



recognising their issue which is really a sad feeling.

They said that they have are serving BJP and believes that this political party is like mother to them but negligence by some senior leader hurt their feelings, emotions and enthusiasm.

Braham Jyot listened all grievances and assured them that all issues will be sorted out as well as possible.

He briefed various different schemes which are running by Central Government and urged

people to take benefit of these schemes and he said BJP's ideology is best for public.

Braham Jyot said that BJP always follow ideology of Nation's first and this policy is better for India and its citizens.

He said BJP is family and every family faces some kind grievances. He assured that after consulting with senior leadership all issues will be sorted out very soon.

He also said opposition leaders like Farooq Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti are in love with Pakistan so that

they always seems to be stand with Pakistan and try to do polarization politics between Jammu and Kashmir.

He said opposition parties is frustrated by the growth BJP and their hatred politics has come to an end even common public are not supporting them and in the influence of stress opposition leaders are giving hatred statements like Farooq Abdullah which he has given in past few days.

He said PM Narendra Modi led government is working for segments of society and there is huge

number of highly beneficial schemes which are running by Government just for needy people and public should take benefit these schemes.

He said under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi India is achieving new heights at International level.

He said BJP is available for the help of every needy person and our priority to reach every needy of state.

He said definitely with the support of our nationalists supporters BJP will get clear mandate again in Jammu Kashmir.

# Kishtwar Police reunites four missing persons with families

## TOP NEWS REPORT

KISHTWAR, May 13: Kishtwar police has traced out four missing persons after hectic efforts and reunited them with their families.

Police Station Chatroo received different missing reports. Based on that, missing reports were entered vide DDR No.11,07 & 14 at Police Station Chatroo and investigation started.

In view of missing complaints SSP Kishtwar Khalil Poswal- constituted different special teams led by SHO PS Chatroo Insp Parvaiz Ahmed Khanday assisted by PSI Moin Khan under the supervision of DySP DAR Kishtwar Sajjad Khan raided at different suspected locations with the help of technical assistance.

During the hectic efforts the missing persons were traced out from different areas and after completing all

legal formalities all missing persons have been handed over to legal heirs.

SSP Kishtwar Khalil Poswal said that 13 missing persons including two minors have been traced out by Kishtwar Police during the last two months from different locations of UT of J&K.

They have been reunited with their families following proper procedure under law. Police is sensitive and responsive with regard to women related reports and leaving no stone unturned to solve the matters.

SSP Kishtwar also appealed the general public to cooperate with police in curbing social crimes in their neighbourhood for which they can share information pertaining to social crime with Police. He reassured to community members that the efforts in curbing social crimes shall continue.

# Carpenter's daughter secures 90.4% in CBSE Class 10th result

## TOP NEWS REPORT

RAJASTHAN, May 13: Carpenter's daughter from Jodhpur has created a record by securing good marks in all subjects in class 10th. World famous Heeralal Chitrakar told that Mansi Suthar (Bhadrecha) of Jodhpur district has achieved this achievement. The exam results



were declared on Friday. Mansi Suthar student

ied at The Indian International School Dubai UAE Institute in Dubai and appeared for CBSE board exams. He secured an aggregate of 90.4% marks. Mansi says she wants to become a business management. Out of hundreds of students who took the class 10th exam in Dubai, 90.4% percent passed.

# Governor Haryana honours Aryans with Achievers Award 2023



## TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 13: Governor Haryana Bandaru Dattatraya awarded Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh with the Achiever Awards 2023 for excellence in education.

In an event ceremony during annual 'Entrepreneur and Achiever Awards 2023' organized by Media Federation of India (MFI) and Public Relations Council of India (PRCI) held in Chandigarh, Governor, Haryana felicitate the award winners during the award ceremony.

Dr. Inderbir Singh Nijjar, Minister for Local Government, Punjab; Laljeet Singh Bhullar, Minister for Transport, Punjab; Anmol Gagan Mann, Minister for Investment Promotion and Tourism, Punjab were Guests of Honour.

The awards were given for the outstanding contributions in the field of social services, corporate medicine, civil services, education, sports, journalism and work and other sectors.

Dattatraya, while congratulating, said that the colleges of the region are putting their best efforts in uplifting the quality of education.

Dr. Anshu Kataria, while thanking, said

that the education minister will bring the education level to the top in Punjab. Aryans Group is committed to quality education in the region. It is a matter of pride for him to receive this prestigious award. Kataria congratulated the whole Aryans Team & said that the students and staff of Aryans Group have achieved many achievements in the last 16 years.

Later, he appreciated Dr. Rupesh Singh, Chairman, PRCI & Arun Sharma, President, MFI in organizing this event.

It is to be mentioned that, established in 2007, Aryans campus is located on Chandigarh-Patiala highway, near Chandigarh and has lush green 20 acres pollution free campus while Aryans Overseas for study abroad programs is situated opposite Taj, sec -17, Chandigarh.

Aryans Group has been serving the educational and intellectual interests of the youth in a commendable manner. The Group is running Engineering College, Law College, Pharmacy College, Management College, Business School, Education College, and Nursing College etc.

# SGPB election notification issued by JK UT in violation of HC order: SPF

## TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 13: Sikh Progressive Front convened meeting under the chairmanship of its President and Social Activist Balvinder Singh in which they expressed resentment and surprise over the recent Notification issued by Divisional Commissioner as returning officer for Gurudwara Parbhandak Board Election, Jammu vide No.301/SGPB/Election/2023/327-51, dated 09.05.2023, declaring dates for conducting Election to State Gurudwara Parbhandak Board for JK UT, as this notification is in violation/breach of the order of Status quo issued by a bench of Justice Vinod Chatterji Kour of Jammu and Kashmir

High Court in the case titled GPC Pulwama Vs UT of J&K and Ors Vide WP© No.344/203 dated 22.02.23 and the said status quo has not been vacated and is still in force and Court has fixed next date of hearing in the said on 12th July 2023.

Singh while elaborating the case stated that the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh ordered "status quo" as on the said Date (22.02.23) with regard to elections to Gurudwara Parbhandak Board in Kashmir Division. The petitioner (DGPC Pulwama) through its advocate had challenged the notification for election issued on 17 Feb this year by the Divisional

Commissioner Kashmir as 'returning officer' to State Gurudwara Parbhandak Board Election, Kashmir Division by virtue of Anantnag, Kulgam, Pulwama and Shopian, have been allotted one seat/member and District of Baramullah and Bandipora District have been shown two seats/members, primarily on the ground that In District Bandipora there is no Sikh population nor any Gurudwara Parbandhak Committee exists there, as such, there is no representation that would partake in elections from District Bandipora.

The court after hearing the counsel said, "a prima facie case is made

out for grant of ad interim relief at this stage" and finally issued status quo on 22.03.2023 with regard to elections shall be maintained.

All present in the meeting were surprised over the whole issue as how seriously JK UT administration takes the Sikh issues especially the State Gurudwara Parbhandak Board Election who don't think it proper to get themselves updated with the present status of the status quo issued by the bench of Justice Vinod Koul Chatterji of J&K High Court dated 22.02.23.

So Sikh Progressive Front urged upon the concerned Divisional Commissioner to immediately withdraw the

notification issued on 09.05.23 for conduct of State Gurudwara Parbhandak Board election and clear all doubts.

Singh further urged upon the JK UT administration related with the Gurudwara election to kindly make available Voter list in Punjabi language also as Voters list in Punjabi was not made available with the prior Notification issued by Div Com Jammu dated 17.02.2023 and whenever elections are held in future.

Other members present in the meeting were Manjit Singh Secretary SPF, Rajinder Singh Vice President, Paranjit Singh, Janak Singh, Iqbal Singh, T P Singh and Sharanjit Singh.

# People's Hut Foundation organizes "Mobile Health Clinic Programme" at Bishnah

## TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 13: A Free Medical and Blood camp was organised by People's Hut Foundation in collaboration with RSHMI Foundation under "Mobile Health Clinic Program" of People's Hut Foundation at Morchapur Camp, Bishnah, Jammu, which benefitted 6 villages in the vicinity and it was organised with an aim to provide free healthcare to the vulnerable and most deserving of rural population.

This particular camp was special since it targeted some of the most ignored and socially neglected communities residing in far flung regions where healthcare facilities are non-existent.

Organizer of the camp Dr. Rohit Koul and Parveen Chowdhary said, "Such kind of medical health check-up camps for needy citizens will be organized periodically at various locations



in Jammu. The facilities provided at the camp included free consultations by specialists in the field of mental health, anxiety, hypertension, cardiology, ENT, orthopaedic, gynaecology and General physician. In addition to this there were facilities like ECG, sugar testing and special menstrual health and hygiene kits were distributed amongst women.

The one day medical camp witnessed an approximate footfall of 418 persons. The ortho, Physio and rehab ser-

VICES were provided by Kanwal International Rehab Foundation under the supervision of its Founder Chairman Dr. Imran Khan.

The Ayush camp was also held under the supervision of camp I/C MO Dr. Nalini Sharma and other Ayush team members including Dr. Venu Gupta (MO) and Vipan Kumar Khajuria (Pharmacist).

The other team members who were present in the camp were Dr. Imran Khan (KIRF), Parveen Chowdhary (Founder RSHMI), Vicky Rand-

hawa, Rahul Randhawa, Pankaj, Rohit Manotra, Pankul Abrol, Balvinder Hindustani and others.

Speaking on the occasion Taranjit Singh Tony (DDC Member) who inaugurated camp added Healthcare nowadays is not affordable by everyone living in the society and underprivileged people are deprived of this basic right. We believe access to good healthcare is a basic right of every individual and these initiatives are the real efforts towards serving mankind.

The beneficiaries from

this camp were thankful to People's Hut Foundation NGO and RSHMI Foundation for supporting their village which is otherwise quite neglected, with this camp. The organisers of the medical camp wish to thank the Directorate of Ayush, J&K UT and specially the District Ayush Officer Jammu Ms. Vandana Dogra, Yashwant Singh from BEE ENN General Hospital, Dr. Imran Khan from KIRF for providing all the support to organise this in this area serving the rural communities.

# Compensate hail-storm hit farmers: Neelam Langeh

## TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 13: Neelam Langeh, President BJP SC Morcha and former MLA today sought compensation for the farmers, whose standing crops were damaged due to recent hail-storm that struck the entire Ramban District. Neelam called on Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar and apprised him about the losses which the farmers of Ramban District incurred on account of unseasonal hail-storm and heavy downpour as their standing crops were devastated due to



this vagary of weather. The former MLA Ramban has appealed to the Divisional administration to direct the concerned field staff for early assessment and release of the compensation to provide succor to the affected tiller community.

Langeh also apprised the Divisional Commissioner about land chunks belonging to people that have come under national road projects in the Ramban District. He urged the Div Com to order assessment of the aforesaid land chunks and provide adequate compensation to those entities whose land has come under the aforesaid development projects.

He said that people have been waiting for justice for a long time and therefore the administration should pace up the assessment work to ensure speedy justice.



## With the growing role of artificial intelligence in the music industry, some question its authenticity while others are all for it

In recent years, artificial intelligence (AI) has made remarkable strides in many fields and music is no exception. AI-generated music has become increasingly viral on social media. We talk to artists from the industry whether they see this latest technology as a threat or a boon.

For the unversed AI-generated music is created using algorithms and machine-learning techniques that allow computers to learn and replicate the style as well as structure of music. The technology behind this music is constantly evolving and improving, with new AI-generated tracks being produced every day.

How it started The hype for AI-generated songs started with David Guetta. In February, the French DJ shared a video of him playing a song that used AI technology to



add Eminem's voice to one of his songs! "Let me introduce you to Emin-ai-em," he said. In one of the most recent examples, Heart On My Sleeve was released and taken down by streaming services very quickly. The track that claimed to use an AI version of Drake and the Weeknd's voices created a lot of buzz in the music industry.

The two most popular examples of AI music in India were Eminem singing Emiway Bantai, Company, which was uploaded by MemePage and MemeMandir. The page had also uploaded Drake and Kanye sing-

ing Naatu Naatu earlier, and Travis Scott singing Pune rapper MC Stan.

Karan Aujla's latest song, 52 Bars' AI version went viral as it was created with the voice of late Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala. Singer-actor Diljit Dosanjh, who started with cassettes before moving on to CD players, pen drives, and streaming platforms, feels AI is doing well for now, but he can't predict its future. "I don't think AI is something that will steal our jobs. As long as AI is not performing on stage, I am good," he said.

But the speculations are such that experts in

AI are also working to enable digital doubles for actors who are no longer living. While the purpose seems great to help complete films and sequels of actors who have passed away, it will also afford a luxury to artistes to possess a digital double, which can act and work in their place. So, while there's a part of the music industry that questions the authenticity of AI-generated music, there are artists like Grimes who are all for it.

She said, "I'll split 50 per cent of the royalties on any successful AI-generated song that uses my voice. Same

deal as I would have with any artiste that I collaborate with. Feel free to use my voice without penalty. I have no labels and no legal bindings," she said.

Great value Jubilee actress Shweta Basu Prasad was also part of a panel discussion at the annual film festival in Goa, where AR Rahman and Shekhar Kapur talked about virtual reality and AI. "I know a lot of people who use Chat GPT for creating codes, websites, and stories. I have friends who are animators, graphic designers, and AI artists, who explained to me how shooting a film would become easy. So as an actor, do I feel insecure? I don't think AI can actually replace the uniqueness of a person. There are people who are doing digital art, and that's great, but there will be value for people who still use brushes, paint, and oil."

## Just like Aarya, I can go to any extent for my two daughters, says Sushmita Sen



Ahead of Mother's Day on Sunday, actress and former beauty queen Sushmita Sen has drawn parallels between her real self and her real character Aarya.

About motherhood and her character of Aarya, Sushmita said: "Aarya is synonymous with motherhood. She is the epitome of grace and strength. I am

related to be associated with her story and her journey of motherhood. I admire Aarya for being a warrior and surpassing every hurdle that comes her way."

Sushmita describes Aarya as "bold and has emerged as a fierce lioness who wants to protect her children at any cost". "I have raised my two daughters for them just like Aarya does in the series. I thoroughly resonate with her zeal to move ahead, no matter what and prevail through every hindrance."

She added: "Motherhood is the most beautiful thing in the world and I absolutely enjoy playing such a strong mother onscreen as well. Moreover, I hope audiences are looking forward to Aarya Season 3."

Sushmita is currently shooting for Aarya season 3. The show will stream on Disney+ Hotstar.

## Tom Cruise rode a motorcycle off a cliff for Mission: Impossible 7

Actress Vanessa Kirby, who reprises her role as the White Widow in Mission: Impossible — Dead Reckoning Part One, says she was on sets when actor Tom Cruise parachuted from a motorcycle after riding it off a cliff in Iceland for the eighth installment of M.I. "He did it many times in one day," recalls Kirby.

"He did it consecutively ... and repeatedly so he could capture all the different angles and sides of it." If Cruise was nervous, he sure didn't show it. "He was just so calm," Kirby says.

"He had no fear. He just found it exhilarating. That kind of belief



in cinema and what one could achieve and his passion for it is so inspiring. He kind of believes he can do the impossible and then he does...I love being a part of the franchise. I'm really excited to come

back."Dead Reckoning Part One will be in theatres July 14. Kirby is signed up for at least one more instalment.

"I would hope they would have me," she said when asked if she wanted to do even more.

## Shows like Pushpa Impossible, Dil Diyaan Gallaan and Wagle Ki Duniya redefine the relationship between a mother-in-law and daughter-in-law

Shows like Pushpa Impossible, Dil Diyaan Gallaan and Wagle Ki Duniya redefine the relationship between a mother-in-law and daughter-in-law. Wagle Ki Duniya, a popular show on Sony SAB, features mothers from different generations, including Radhika Wagle and Vandana Wagle, who share a beautiful relationship and excel in their duties as mother-in-law and daughter-in-law, respectively.

In Pushpa Impossible, Pushpa is an endearing mother-in-law who is like



a friend to her son's wife. The show highlights a different kind of relationship between a mother-in-law and daughter-in-law.

Dil Diyaan Gallaan shows Sanjot in the role of a protector for her daughter-in-law. Her character offers a fresh

perspective on this relationship, and through her care, she shows that their bond is no less than that of a mother and daughter.

"A mother's love knows no bounds, and Pushpa exemplifies this by going above and beyond for her children. Her unwav-

ering devotion extends even to her daughter-in-law.

She treats her with the same care and attention as her own children," says Karuna Pandey, who portrays Pushpa in Pushpa Impossible. "Vandana is an exemplary modern-day

mother who loves her children unconditionally.

However, what sets her apart is her unique bond with her mother-in-law, who has embraced her with open arms and loves her as if she were her own daughter," shares Pariva Pranati, who plays the role of Vandana in Wagle Ki Duniya. "The connection between a daughter-in-law and a mother-in-law can be profound, bringing comfort, guidance and support," adds Jasjeet Babbar, who essays the role of Sanjot in Dil Diyaan Gallaan.

## Elle Fanning missed out on role in big franchise over Instagram follower count



Landing a role in big franchise films in Hollywood is not easy. Actress Elle Fanning revealed the grim feedback she once received after being rejected from a famous movie universe. During a recent interview on the Happy Sad Confused podcast, Elle said she wasn't considered for a role in an unnamed franchise movie because her Instagram following wasn't large enough for the studio's taste.

"I didn't get a part once for something big because — it might not have just been this reason, but this was the feedback that I heard — I didn't have enough Instagram followers at the time," she said. "That's something I firmly don't believe in, for not getting a part," she added.

Elle currently boasts over 6.5 million Instagram followers. The Maleficent star has been acting since she was two and has worked alongside numerous Hollywood legends - Cate Blanchett, Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie and Chloe Sevigny — and several iconic directors — Sofia Coppola, David Fincher and Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu.

## Natalie Portman hasn't bought a single animal products in 20 years



Actress Natalie Portman hasn't purchased or "used any leather or fur or animal products in the past 20 years." The Star Wars actress is passionate about a vegan lifestyle and is a prominent animal rights campaigner.

She no longer buys new clothes unless absolutely necessary. "I haven't bought or used any leather or fur or animal products in 20 years. I buy vintage clothes, and only if absolutely necessary, and of course repair damaged items," she shared.

She has been a vegetarian since she was nine years old and went vegan in 2011 after reading Jonathan Safran Foer's book Eating Animals.

The 41-year-old actress is committed to passing on those values to her children, Aleph and Amalia, who she has with her husband Benjamin Millepied. She is also educating them about climate change.

## Kashish Duggal on her role in Sapnon Ki Chhalaang

Sony Entertainment Television's 'Sapnon Ki Chhalaang is a narrative about Radhika, a girl from Jhansi who takes a leap of faith to the city of Mumbai. The show stars Megha Ray as the protagonist.

Kashish Duggal, who plays the role of Radhika's mother, has faith in her daughter's abilities, but it is a mother's prerogative to worry about her child. Kashish relates to her character, Suman Yadav, and recalls similar instances from her own life.

She said, "In Suman, I see my mother. I was a theatre artiste, but needed to move to Mumbai to make a career out of my passion for acting. So, I packed my bags, leaving behind my worried mother, who would constantly call me to make sure I was doing okay. She knew every little detail about my life. Now that I am portraying a mother to a daughter who is pursuing her dreams far from home, I connect more strongly to my mother. As Suman, I now understand what my mom went through, and it's tough. I have tried to adopt my mom's mannerisms and incorporate them in my character of Suman."





## "Shows Voters Of Karnataka Are Awakened": Mallikarjun Kharge On Election Results

*Congratulating those who have won, the AICC President said people support good work, whether victorious or defeated.*

BENGALURU, May 13 (Agencies): AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge on Saturday termed Congress' good show in the Karnataka Assembly polls as a victory of "Janata Janardhana", saying people have voted "furiously" against BJP's "bad administration" in the state.

He said all the newly elected Congress legislators have been asked to reach here by this evening and the due process of the government formation will be followed.

"We have sent a message to everyone (newly elected persons) to come by this evening. They all will come here by this evening and once they come, they will be instructed on the due course. After that, the high command will send observers (and) after that the due process (for government formation)



will follow," he told reporters here.

Congress' good show was a "Janata Janardhana Victory", he said, crediting the people for the party's apparent return to power as it established a clear lead ahead of its rival BJP.

The counting of votes polled

in the May 10 Assembly elections in the state was taken up on Saturday.

"People themselves have got up and supported us, they have voted for us furiously against the bad administration. This shows voters of Karnataka are awakened. Despite the Prime

Minister (Narendra Modi), Home Minister (Amit Shah), dozens of Ministers, Chief Ministers of other states camping here, and despite manpower, money and muscle being used, people have unitedly voted for Congress," he added.

Congratulating those who have won, the AICC President said people support good work; whether victorious or defeated, one should stay amidst them and work in a democracy.

Complimenting the Congress' entire state leadership and party office bearers and workers, he said, "Everyone has worked unitedly which has got us these results. People have also responded to it. Also, our guarantees have worked, as the poor and downtrodden have voted for us."

## Karnataka Rejected BJP's Money, Muscle Power: P Chidambaram On Poll Result



NEW DELHI, May 13 (Agencies): With a strong showing by the Congress in the Karnataka assembly polls, senior party leader P Chidambaram on Saturday congratulated the state's people for a "decisive verdict" and said they stood up to the "money and muscle power of the so-called double engine government" of the BJP.

The Congress was striding forward in 129 of the 224 assembly seats in the state and is set to get a clear majority, according latest trends on the Election Commission website. The BJP was

ahead in 63 seats and the Janata Dal (Secular) on 22.

"Warm congratulations and sincere thanks to the people of Karnataka for delivering a decisive verdict. This election was more than an election to a state assembly.

It was about upholding the fundamental values of the Indian Constitution and stopping the damage done by supremacist theories, discrimination and prejudice," Mr Chidambaram said on Twitter.

The people of Karnataka have stood up to the "money and muscle power of the so-called double engine government of the BJP", the former Union minister said and added that they have shown a glorious way to the rest of the country.

"Karnataka, which is one of our more advanced states, can now forge ahead and occupy the top ranks in economic development and human development indicators. My congratulations to the warriors of the KPCC who fought a valiant battle and emerged victorious," the Congress leader said.

## UDP wins Sohiong seat in Meghalaya deferred poll

GUWAHATI, May 13 (Agencies): The United Democratic Party (UDP) won the deferred election to the Sohiong seat, the results of which were declared on Saturday.

The UDP's Synshar Lyngdoh Thabah defeated Samlin Malngiang of the National People's Party (NPP) by 3,422 votes. Thabah polled 16,679 votes against 13,257 by Malngiang.

UDP chief Metbah Lyngdoh was ecstatic. He expressed his gratitude to people for reposing their faith in the UDP and its candidate. "The results were on expected lines. We could feel the pulse of people during our election campaign. I have been a part of the campaign and I could feel people were going to vote for us," Lyngdoh told TNIE.

Assembly election in the state was held on February 27 but Sohiong could not go to that poll due to the demise of the UDP candidate HDR Lyngdoh.

Lyngdoh said various factors, including a sympathy wave, worked in the

UDP's favour in the deferred election to the seat.

"People looked at various factors. Our candidate is a very down-to-earth person high in confidence and he was able to get the love of people. Another factor is regionalism. People viewed the UDP as the biggest regional party that could sustain all these years," Lyngdoh said.

With this win, the UDP's tally rose to 12 in the 60-member Assembly. The UDP is an ally of the ruling Meghalaya Democratic Alliance which Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma's NPP heads. The NPP had bagged 26 seats in the Assembly elections. With 11 seats, the UDP had emerged as the second-largest party.

Apart from UDP and NPP, BJP, Congress, Hill State People's Democratic Party and Trinamool Congress contested the Sohiong polls. A voter turnout of 91.87% was recorded when the by-poll was held on May 10.

## "Accept Mandate With Humility": Akali Dal Chief On Lok Sabha Bypoll Loss

CHANDIGARH, May 13 (Agencies): As the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) candidate Sushil Rinku is inching towards victory in the Jalandhar Lok Sabha bypoll on Saturday, Shiromani Akali Dal chief Sukhbir Singh Badal said his party "accept the mandate with humility".

Taking to Twitter, the SAD chief congratulated AAP candidate Sushil Kumar Rinku who is leading from the seat with a margin of more than 57,000 votes over his nearest rival and Congress nominee Karamjit Kaur Chaudhary, according to the latest trends of the Elec-



tion Commission.

"We thank the voters of #Jalandhar and accept the mandate with humility in the true democratic traditions of our party. We congratulate the winner Sushil Kumar Rinku & @AamAadmi-Party and hope that they

will live up to the voters' expectations," Mr Badal tweeted.

In another tweet, he said, "I also thank all the leaders and workers of Shiromani Akali Dal - Bahujan Samaj Party combine for working hard and putting up

a brave fight against all odds including the might of two governments, the Centre and the state."

Meanwhile, the local unit of the AAP burst crackers and distributed sweets in celebration after the latest trends.

Mr Rinku has so far polled 3,02,097 votes, while Ms Chaudhary has secured 2,43,450 votes.

BJP nominee Inder Iqbal Singh Atwal was at the third spot, while Shiromani Akali Dal candidate Sukhwinder Kumar Sukhi, who is also backed by the Mayawati-led BSP, was at the fourth third spot, the trends of 1:40 pm showed.

Mr Atwal so far polled 1,34,706 votes and Mr Sukhi 1,58,354 votes.

The bypoll, voting for which was held on May 10, was necessitated following the death of Karamjit Kaur's husband and Congress MP Santokh Singh Chaudhary on January 14 this year following a cardiac arrest while taking part in the party's Bharat Jodo Yatra.

Nineteen candidates contested the bypoll, which recorded a voter turnout of 54.70 per cent. The turnout was well below the 63.04 per cent recorded in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

## 8 held from Rajasthan for thefts at event near Mumbai; jewellery worth Rs 50 lakh recovered

THANE, May 13 (Agencies): The Maharashtra police have arrested eight people, including women, from Rajasthan for allegedly stealing jewellery from people at a religious discourse on the outskirts of Mumbai and recovered valuables worth Rs 50 lakh from them, an official said on Saturday.

A two-day event was held at Mira Road in March and was attend-

ed by nearly 1.5 lakh people, he said.

During and after the programme, police received 61 complaints about theft of 990 grams of gold jewellery and registered four first information reports (FIRs), he said.

Four teams worked on various inputs, including footage of CCTV cameras on the Mumbai-Ahmedabad highway before zeroing on on



eight suspects, most from Alwar district of

Rajasthan, said senior inspector Aviraj Kurhade

of Crime Branch (Unit I), Kashmiri, Mira Bhayandar-Vasai Virar (MBVV) police.

The official said the teams arrested the suspects recently and recovered 878 gm of jewellery worth nearly Rs 50 lakh from them.

The recovered jewellery was returned to the complainants by MBVV police chief Madhukar Pandey at a function on Friday, he added.

## Maha: Fire destroys studio where actor Tunisha Sharma was found dead

PALGHAR, May 13 (Agencies): A fire destroyed a film studio, which was recently in the news following the death of actor Tunisha Sharma, in Maharashtra's Palghar district, an official said on Saturday.

According to fire brigade officials, the fire started at Bhanjanal Studios at Kaman in Vasai, on the outskirts of Mumbai, around Friday midnight.

The fire was put out by around 4 am on Saturday, said a fire brigade official of the Vasai-Virar City Municipal Corporation. The cause of the fire is yet to

be ascertained, he said.

It was at Bhanjanal Studios where actor Tunisha Sharma (21) was found hanging in a washroom on the set of the TV show 'Ali Baba: Dastaan-E-Kabul' on December 24, 2022.

Her co-star and former boyfriend Sheezan Khan (28) was arrested the next day on the charge of abetment. He walked out of jail on March 5 after securing bail. Khan is now in South Africa to take part in a popular reality show. A court has allowed him to travel abroad for work.

## NCP legislator, 6 others booked in murder case in Maharashtra

*Based on the complaint, police registered a first information report (FIR) against MLA Sunil Shelke of NCP, Shyam Nigadkar, Sudhakar Shelke, Sandip Garad, and three others, the official said.*

PUNE, May 13 (Agencies): A Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) legislator and six others have been booked for their alleged role in the murder of a 48-year-old man in Maharashtra's Pune district, an official said on Saturday.

The MLA has denied all the allegations against him.

Victim Kishor Aware was on Friday shot dead by a group of six people in the Talegaon Dabhade area of the district following which his mother Sulochana Aware filed a complaint at Talegaon police station, the official said.

Based on the complaint, police registered



a first information report (FIR) against MLA Sunil Shelke of NCP, Shyam Nigadkar, Sudhakar Shelke, Sandip Garad, and three others, the official said.

Sunil Shelke represents the Maval Assembly constituency.

In the FIR, registered under Indian Penal

Code sections including 302 (murder) and the Arms Act, the complainant has said that Aware was a prominent face in Maval Taluka and had staged a protest against 'illegal activities being carried out at the behest of MLA Shelke', the official said.

According to the vic-

tim's mother, her son was the president of Janseva Vikas Samiti, a local political body, and did social work. She has alleged that Aware posed a threat to MLA Shelke due to their political rivalry in the Maval Taluka.

Rejecting the charge, MLA Shelke said some people are playing politics over this matter.

Addressing media persons here on Saturday, he said, "Kishor and I had differences but they were limited to only politics. Some people are deliberately taking this matter to another level just to insult me. We trust our law. Let the truth prevail."

## IAF to develop Kevlar safety screens for gunners on Dhruv helicopters

CHANDIGARH, May 13 (Agencies): Even as safety concerns continue to dog the Dhruv helicopter fleet, the Air Force has initiated a project to develop Kevlar safety screens to protect on board machine gunners during operations.

The project is being undertaken by IAF's No.3 Base Repair Depot at Chandigarh, which is primarily responsible for the maintenance and overhaul of Russian-origin helicopters.

When required, machineguns are mounted in the door-frame of transport helicopters to provide fire support during special heli-borne operations such as airborne assault, troop insertion or search and rescue missions in hostile territory. Such situations make the gunner prone to enemy ground fire.

The Kevlar screens,



categorised as a critical component, are required to be effective in various operational environments and at temperatures ranging from minus 40 degrees Celsius to 50 degree Celsius.

Kevlar is a lightweight and strong fibre that has vast industrial applications, including use in bullet-resistant equipment such as personal armour and ballistic shields. Its high tensile strength-to-weight ratio makes it five times stronger than steel.

The IAF has proposed that special safety screens be designed for Dhruv's Mark-III version,

which is the latest in the indigenously developed helicopter's series after the Mark-I and Mark-II versions.

The Mark-III version had four military variants for the Army, Air Force, Navy and the Coast Guard, with different specifications to meet the specific requirements of each service. About 340 Dhruvs, including civilian versions, have been produced by state-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.

Designed as a multi-role, multi-mission, new-generation helicopter in the 5.5 tonne weight class, Dhruv has

been involved in about 20 known accidents and incidents in India and abroad, some of which have also resulted in fatalities. Apart from human error in the incidents, there have also been issues with structural integrity and component failure.

There have been instances in the past of the Dhruv fleet being grounded following crashes, the latest such step being in May this year. A committee set up by the Bengaluru-based Centre for Military Airworthiness and Certification recommended a critical design review of the Dhruv to address safety issues.

In March, the civil regulator, Directorate General of Civil Aviation, also issued orders for carrying out technical checks on all civilian Dhruv helicopters in service with different organisations.



## G7 finance leaders vow to contain inflation, strengthen supply chains but avoid mention of China

*Finance leaders' talks lay the groundwork for a summit of G-7 leaders in Hiroshima next week that US President Biden is expected to attend*

NIIGATA (JAPAN), May 13 (Agencies): The Group of Seven's top financial leaders united Saturday in their support for Ukraine and their determination to enforce sanctions against Russia for its aggression but stopped short of any overt mention of China.

The finance ministers and central bank chiefs ended three days of talks in Niigata, Japan, with a joint statement pledging to bring inflation under control while aiding those suffering the most from surging prices.

They also committed to collaborating to build more stable, diversified supply chains for developing clean energy sources and to "enhance economic resilience globally against various shocks."

The statement did not include any specific mention of China or assertions regarding "economic coercion" in pursuit of political objectives, such as penalising the companies of countries whose governments take actions that anger another country.

Talk this week of "economic coercion" by China had drawn outraged rebukes from Beijing. Officials attending the talks in this port city reportedly had balked at overtly condemning China, given the huge stake most countries have in good relations with the rising power and No. 2 economy.

The finance leaders' talks laid the groundwork for a summit of G-7 leaders in Hiroshima next week that President Joe Biden is expected to attend despite a crisis over the US debt ceiling that could result in a national default if it is not resolved in the coming weeks.



Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen has warned that would bring an economic catastrophe, destroying hundreds of thousands of jobs and potentially disrupting financial markets across the globe. No mention of the issue was made in the finance leaders' statement.

The stakes for the global economy and stability are high, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said as the finance talks drew to a close.

"The international community is facing a historic turning point, facing divisions and conflicts such as Russia's invasion of Ukraine and Sudan," Kishida said in a statement issued late Friday.

The G-7 will "resolutely reject the threat or use of nuclear weapons and uphold the international order based on the rule of law," Kishida said. "As G-7 chairman, I will convey my strong will to have an impact on history."

The G-7's devotion to protecting what it calls a "rules-based international order" got only a passing mention in the state-

ment released Saturday.

The leaders pledged to work together both within the G-7 and with other countries to "enhance economic resilience globally against various shocks, stand firm to protect our shared values, and preserve economic efficiency by upholding the free, fair and rules-based multilateral system."

The G-7 economies comprise only a tenth of the world's population but about 30% of economic activity, down from roughly half 40 years ago. Developing economies like China, India and Brazil have made huge gains, raising questions about the G-7's relevance and role in leading a world economy increasingly reliant on growth in less wealthy nations.

China blasted as hypocrisy assertions by the U.S. and other G-7 countries that they are safeguarding a "rules-based international order" against "economic coercion" from Beijing and other threats.

group was also expected to voice confidence in the global financial system despite recent

turmoil in the banking industry and the potential of a default on the U.S. national debt if Biden and Congress do not resolve soon an impasse over the debt ceiling as the government runs out of funds to pay its bills.

As host of the G-7 this year, Japan was also seeking support for launching a "partnership" to strengthen supply chains to reduce the risk of disruptions similar to those seen during the pandemic, when supplies of items of all kinds, from medicines to edible oil to high-tech computer chips, ran short in many countries.

Tensions with China, and with Russia over its war on Ukraine, have loomed large during the talks in Japan, the G-7's only Asian member.

The G-7 finance ministers and central bank chiefs said they would discuss ways to prevent what they are calling "economic coercion" by China. That drew sharp retorts from Beijing.

China is a victim of economic coercion, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said.

"If any country should be criticized for economic coercion, it should be the United States. The US has been overstretching the concept of national security, abusing export controls and taking discriminatory and unfair measures against foreign companies," Wang said in a routine news briefing.

China accuses Washington of hindering its rise as an increasingly affluent, modern nation through trade and investment restrictions that Yellen said were narrowly targeted to protect American economic security.

## Imran Khan back at Lahore residence after securing bail in many cases



LAHORE, May 13 (Agencies): Pakistan's former prime minister Imran Khan reached his residence here on Saturday early morning after a prolonged standoff with authorities in Islamabad during which he was made to stay on the court premises over the provision of security to him despite being granted bail in a number of cases.

The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Friday granted him protective bail for two weeks in a corruption case and barred the authorities from arresting the former Pakistan prime minister in any case registered anywhere in the country until Monday.

Three different benches of the IHC granted relief to the 70-year-old Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief who was escorted to the court amid tight security.

Before his departure for Lahore after securing blanket bails from the IHC in a number of cases related to treason

and violence and one related to the Al-Qadir Trust corruption case in which he was arrested early this week, Khan was allegedly made to stay more than three hours in the court by the Islamabad police on the security details.

He left the court premises after a protracted standoff with authorities.

Upon reaching his Zaman Park residence here, Khan was greeted by a number of jubilant PTI workers who showered rose petals on his vehicle, danced to the tune of drums and conducted massive fireworks.

They also chanted slogans in favour of Khan and against the ruling PML-N-led coalition.

The PTI released a video of Khan entering the house where his sisters and other family members welcomed him and enquired about his health.

Khan, who is demanding snap general elections, is facing over 120 cases across the country.

"Islamabad Inspector General of Police (IG) Akbar Nasir tried his best to retain me at the capital's high court. They did not let us leave for three hours, saying that it's dangerous outside," the PTI chief said in a video message from his vehicle in which he was travelling back to Lahore.

He said he told the IG that he would tell the entire Pakistan that he was kidnapping him and upon this he let him go.

## Surfer feared killed in shark attack off South Australia coast

SYDNEY, May 13 (Agencies): Rescuers were scouring the waters off a remote beach in South Australia on Saturday for traces of a surfer believed to have been killed in a shark attack.

Emergency services were called to the beach near the town of Elliston, about 650 km (403 miles) south of the state capital of Adelaide, following reports of the attack. "A man is believed to have died following a shark attack at Walkers Rocks Beach," police said in a

statement, adding that the 46-year-old was the only person thought to have been attacked. A team was searching the area by boat, a state emergency services spokesperson said.

Elliston, with a population of about 1,000, is known for its nearby rugged coastline and popular surfing spots.

The attack follows the death in February of a girl mauled by a shark in a river in Perth, the capital of Western Australia.

## More than 60 migrant families found living in dilapidated greenhouse in rural California

ROYAL OAKS (CA), May 13 (Agencies): A dilapidated greenhouse at a Northern California nursery was home to dozens of farmworkers and their families who were living in tiny and unsafe dwellings without ventilation, authorities said.

Officials found 62 makeshift dwellings inside the greenhouse on a property in rural Monterey County that were put together with plywood, sheetrock and other materials, said Nick Pasculli, a county spokesperson.

"There are exposed gas lines and wiring, no proper sewer. The con-

ditions are very rough," Pasculli said.

It was not yet clear if the farmworkers were employed at the nursery in the community of Royal Oaks or just lived there, Pasculli said. He added that some residents were paying up to \$2,000 per month in rent and one told investigators he had lived there for more than eight months.

Nor have investigators determined yet where the migrant families are from, according to Pasculli, though some of them speak indigenous languages native to the Mexican state of Oaxaca.

Authorities started investigating the property this week after receiving an anonymous complaint.

The nursery owner will be fined nearly \$60,000 each day his property is in violation of structural, health and environmental codes, Pasculli said. landlord's name is not being released due to an ongoing investigation, he said.

County officials were working with the families to find suitable housing and their landlord will have to pay for two months of rent for each of the 62 families that were living on his property, Pasculli said.

## No question of imposing martial law, says Pakistani Army after political turmoil

ISLAMABAD, May 13 (Agencies): Pakistan's Army has ruled out the possibility of imposing martial law in the country amidst the political turmoil and deteriorating law and order situation following the arrest of former Prime Minister Imran Khan, saying Army Chief General Asim Munir and the entire military leadership believe in democracy.

The remarks of Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) Director-General Major General Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry came after an almost four-day political turmoil erupted due to Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Khan's arrest, in which Army's instal-

lations, including the General Headquarters in Rawalpindi, were also targeted.

"There is no question of imposing martial law in the country," he told Geo News, adding that Army chief General Asim Munir and the entire military leadership along with him believe in democracy.

The Army remains Pakistan's most powerful institution, having ruled it directly for close to half its 75-year history through three coups.

Chaudhry stressed that the Army's unity is unwavering and will persist, serving as a pillar of stability and security for the nation.

He also rejected social media rumours about

resignations by top Army officers or anyone disobeying the military discipline.

"No one in the Army has resigned and no one has disobeyed any order," the military spokesman said on Friday.

He also rejected the impression of division within the army in the wake of attacks on military facilities during protests following the arrest of Khan. "Despite the internal and external propaganda, the army is united and will remain," he said.

Major General Chaudhry further said that the Army is united despite internal miscreants and external enemies.

"The dream of dividing the Pakistan Army will remain a dream, the Army is united under the leadership of Army Chief General Asim Munir and will remain united." He called upon the public and media to rely on verified information from official sources rather than giving credence to unfounded speculation.

The Army has come under scanner after showing no response when the rioters ransacked the residence of Corps Commander Lahore after Khan was arrested on May 9.

At least 10 people have been killed in the violence that erupted after Khan's dramatic

arrest by the paramilitary Rangers from the Islamabad High Court on Tuesday.

The unrest in the country has come to a halt for now as the Islamabad High Court (IHC) has provided blanket relief to Khan and barred authorities from arresting the PTI chief till Monday morning.

Khan has been highly critical of the alleged role of the establishment, especially that of former Army Chief General (retired) Qamar Javed Bajwa, in bringing down his government in April 2022.

Before his retirement, Gen Bajwa said that the Pakistan Army will remain apolitical.

## Bangladesh evacuations ahead of 'very severe' Cyclone Mocha

TEKNAF, May 13 (Agencies): Bangladesh Saturday moved to evacuate Rohingya refugees from "risky areas" to community centres and hundreds fled an island as the most powerful cyclone in nearly two decades barreled towards the country and neighbouring Myanmar, officials said.

Cyclone Mocha was packing winds of up to 175 kilometres per hour (109 miles per hour) and meteorological officials in Dhaka classed it as "very severe", with their Indian counterparts calling it "extremely severe".

It is expected to make landfall on Sunday morning between Cox's Bazar, where nearly one million Rohingya refugees live in camps largely made up of flimsy shelters, and Sitte on Myanmar's western Rakhine coast.

"Cyclone Mocha is the most powerful storm since Cyclone Sidr," Azizur Rahman, the head of Bangladesh's Meteorological Department, told agency. That cyclone hit Bangladesh's

southern coast in November 2007, killing more than 3,000 people and causing billions of dollars in damage.

Bangladeshi authorities have banned the Rohingya from constructing permanent concrete homes, fearing it may incentivise them to settle permanently rather than return to Myanmar, which they fled five years ago.

"We live in houses made of tarpaulin and bamboo," said refugee Enam Ahmed, who lives at the Nayapara camp near the border town of Teknaf. "We are scared. We don't know where we will be sheltered. We are in a panic."

Forecasters expect the cyclone to bring a deluge of rain, which can trigger landslides. Most of the camps are built on hillsides and landslips are a regular phenomenon in the region.

The storm is also predicted to unleash a storm surge up to four metres (13 feet) high, which can inundate low-lying coastal and riverine villages.

Officials said thousands of volunteers were evacuating Rohingyas from "risky areas" to more solid structures such as schools.

But Bangladesh's deputy refugee commissioner Shamsud Douza told AFP: "All the Rohingyas in the camps are in risk."

Panic has also gripped some 8,000 people in Bangladesh's southernmost island of Saint Martin's with the tiny coral outcrop -- one of the country's top resort districts -- right in the storm's path. Resident Dilara Begum travelled to Teknaf to wait out the storm.

"Many have also left," she said. "It is an island in the middle of the sea. We have been living in fear over the past few days."

Officials said around 1,000 Saint Martin's islanders have done the same, moving 250 boats to Teknaf to try to prevent them being washed away.

Operations were suspended at the country's largest seaport, Chittagong, with boat transport and fishing activities also halted.

## Germany Unveils New \$3 Billion Weapons Package For Ukraine War Effort



BERLIN, May 13 (Agencies): Germany is preparing a new weapons package for Ukraine worth 2.7 billion euros, reportedly Berlin's largest since Russia invaded last year, the defence ministry said Saturday.

"We all hope for a rapid end to this terrible war by Russia against the Ukrainian people, but unfortunately this is not in sight," Defence

Minister Boris Pistorius said in a statement.

"This is why Germany will supply all the help that it can, for as long as necessary," he said.

The package, worth \$3 billion, will include 30 additional Leopard-1 tanks, Marder armoured vehicles, air-defence systems and surveillance drones, the ministry said. Der Spiegel magazine said it

would be Germany's largest since the outbreak of the war.

It comes as Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky is expected to travel to Rome on Saturday for talks with political leaders, which could be followed by a trip to Berlin.

German officials have not confirmed the visit, but Berlin police have opened an inquiry after details of a possible trip attributed to the force appeared in the media.

Western allies have delivered increasingly powerful weapons to Kyiv since Russia sent its forces into Ukraine in February 2022, though so far not the advanced fighter jets that Zelensky has requested.

Germany last year provided military support worth two billion euros and had earmarked 2.2 billion euros for this year, though details had not yet been finalised.

Berlin has also promised to supply its more advanced Leopard-2 tanks, and has begun training Ukrainian soldiers on their use.



## Chief Justice N Kotiswar Singh visits baramulla, takes stock of judiciary infrastructure

Top News Report

BARAMULLA, May 13: Chief justice of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court, Justice Nongmeikapam Kotiswar Singh today paid his maiden visit to Baramulla district where he inspected the functioning of District Court Baramulla and also inaugurated second National Lok Adalat here.

On the occasion, Chief Justice was welcomed with guard of honour by a squad of Jammu and Kashmir Police.

Registrar General Shahzad Azeem, Principal Secretary to Chief Justice Mahinder Kumar Sharma, Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar, Senior Superintendent of Police Baramulla, Amod Ashok Nagpure, In-charge Principal District and Sessions Judge Baramulla, besides other functionaries of all concerned departments were present on the occasion.

At the outset, Justice N. Kotiswar inaugurated second National Lok Adalat at District Court Baramulla organised by District Legal Services Authority Baramulla during which a cases with different natures were settled amicably.

The Chief Justice also distrib-



uted tricycles and other prosthetic aids including hearing aids and wheelchairs among the specially abled beneficiaries besides two cheques worth Rs. 26 lacs handed over to the victims under MACT.

While interacting with the beneficiaries, Justice Nongmeikapam Kotiswar Singh assured them all possible support from judiciary in order to make their lives easy and comfortable. He said that the persons with physical challenges need to be taken care-off by society.

After inaugurating National Lok Adalat, Chief Justice held a brief interaction with all concerned in respect of the augmentation of the infrastructure for all the

courts of Baramulla district.

During his visit, the Chief Justice was appraised regarding the progress of Judiciary proceedings. It was given out that various new and innovative methods have been introduced from time to time to make justice delivery easier to the public.

After taking a review meeting, the Chief Justice also inspected every section of court complex and interacted with the members of Bar Association Baramulla during which President Bar Association Baramulla appraised the Judge with regard to various issues hampering the functioning of the Court viz. appointment of Court of Additional Sessions Judge,

Placement of Permanent Judge for Juvenile Justice Board, Permanent Secretary District Legal Services Authority Baramulla besides providing 50 Chambers for Lawyers equipped with necessary facilities.

The Chief Justice after hearing all the issues and demands said that the issues raised would be considered as a priority and will be resolved in a time bound manner.

Meanwhile, the Chief Justice stressed on the timely disposal of the old cases for advancement of the cause of justice and also to ensure that doors of Justice are accessible to the common man without any hindrance being faced by them and stressed upon the Judicial Officers to work with zeal honesty and dedication.

Later, the Chief Justice also visited Court Complex Uri and inspected the functioning of the Court besides interacting with the members of Bar Association Uri.

He said that all facilities shall be made available at the Court Complex Chadoora including separate washroom facility for female staff and lawyers and works including road development and lawn beautification be taken up on priority.

## Now BJP won't have courage to 'allow' assembly polls in J&K: Omar after karnataka poll results

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, May 13 (Agencies): National Conference (NC) leader Omar Abdullah on Saturday said there is "no way" the BJP will have the courage to "allow" assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir after its performance in the Karnataka polls.

The Congress, which has won 74 of the 224 assembly seats in Karnataka so far and is leading in 62, is striding towards victory, while the BJP has won 34 and is ahead in 30, according to the latest trends



on the Election Commission website.

"Now there is no way BJP will have the courage to allow assembly elections to take place in Jammu and Kashmir any time soon #KarnatakaElectionResults," Abdullah, the vice president of the NC, said in a tweet.

Non-BJP parties,

including NC, PDP and Congress, in Jammu and Kashmir have been demanding assembly elections in the Union Territory. The last assembly polls in the erstwhile state took place in 2014.

In 2018, the then Governor Satya Pal Malik dissolved the assembly after the BJP withdrew support to the Mehbooba Mufti led PDP-BJP alliance. Jammu and Kashmir was put under the Central rule and in 2019, it was divided into Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

## JKTJAC meets Director SEJ, submits memorandum



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 13: A deputation of Jammu Kashmir Teachers' Joint Action Committee (JKTJAC) led by UT President Vinod Sharma called on Director School Education Jammu Ashok Kumar Sharma JKAS in his Office Chamber today.

The deputation was comprised of UT level leadership, Provincial body and District Presidents.

While interacting with the Director Vinod Sharma raised the genuine and burning issues of the teaching fraternity which include framing of comprehensive transfer policy in favour of teachers appointed under ReT scheme as they have been working in the same schools for last more than 20 years including females who need it. He said even High Court and CAT have passed directions that stagnation isn't in favour of students and ReTs after their regularisation be transferred within the district like other Teachers; conversion of RRETs to Teachers Grade II/III by arranging a divisional level Committee meeting so that eligible RRETs get their salaries; Regularisation of ReTs whose files are lying in your esteemed office as teachers are not getting their due salary; Conversion of EVs to ReTs as they are suffering badly as they have acquired their required qualifications in stipulated time period given by the

department; Allocation of substantive posts to Teachers Grade II/III as per Govt. orders; posting of teachers/masters in staffless High schools/ Middle Schools in ATD specially in rural areas; posting of masters whose DPC has been held in January this year and conduct of more DPC of teachers as since 2014 only about 700 teachers were promoted as masters; Provision of earned leave in favour of teachers engaged during summer/winter vacation; clearance of Time Bound cases of masters which are lying for many months; Director gave a patient hearing to the deputation and assured to redress each and every issue raised by the JKTJAC leadership. Regarding transfer of teachers appointed under ReT scheme the Director assured that department is going to frame a comprehensive transfer policy after ATD and also assured to complete the process of DPC of teachers to masters within two months; Those who were part of the deputation included Nazam Jafferri (Gen.sec), Surjeet Singh Chib (vice President), Altaf Malik (Vice chairman), Rajesh Jammal (prov. pres), Sham Parkash (Adsr), Naresh Sharma (chief Spokesman), Sukesh Khajuria (Press and Media Sec), Sajjad Malik (DP Doda), Lekh Raj Parihar (DP Udh), Shah Nawaz Hussain (DP Poonch), Hari Lal Nag (DP Ramban), Ravinder Manhas (DP Jammu), Ashiq Jara, Khazan Singh, Sandeep Sharma, Rajinder Sharma, Manohar Choudhary, Dhayan Singh, Vishal Sharma, Rajmohan Singh, Vinod Kumar, Mudassar Mugal, Yusuf Shah, Surinder Manhas, Rajinder, Gurdal Choudhary, Ravi Kumar, Rakesh Kumar, Ravi Sharma, Bhopinder Gupta, Gurdas Kumar, Ravinder Singh, Gulnaz Ahmed, Razaq Gulshan, Zubeir Malik and Shamim Malik.

## ASC College of Nursing Education celebrates International Nurses Day

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 13: Acharya Shri Chander (ASC) College of Nursing Education celebrated International Nurses Day and also organized Oath Taking ceremony and Exhibition under the aegis of NSS Gailardia Chapter 16, J&K, Jammu in collaboration with J&K Paramedical and Nursing Council, Jammu. Dr. Pavan Malhotra, Director Principal, ASCOMS was the Chief Guest on 11th May 2023 who lit the ceremonial Lamp after which he also inaugurated the Exhibition.

On the occasion Dr. Rabinder Rattanpal, Medical Superintendent, ASCOMS & Hospital, Dr. Meraj Din Chouhan, DGM (Hosp. Adm & Audit), ASCOMS & Hospital were also present.

Dr. Pavan Malhotra

appreciated the wonderful creative work done by the students by using waste materials.

On 12th of May 2023, events of International Nurses Day and Oath taking ceremony of 1st year B.Sc. Nursing and GNM Students were organized. The Chief Guest on this occasion was D.K. Batra, Secretary, ASCOMS & Hospital and Special Guest was Dr. Sandeep Singh, Registrar, Jammu & Kashmir Paramedical & Nursing Council, Jammu.

Other dignitaries present were Poonam Paul, Assistant Professor, GNC, Jammu & Vice President, Gillardia Chapter 16, J&K, Dr. Ravinder K Gupta, Prof & HOD, Paediatrics & Vice Chairman Sports & Cultural Activities, ASCOMS, Dr. Rabinder Rattanpal, Medical Superintendent,



ASCOMS Hospital, Dr. Meraj Din Chouhan, DGM (Hosp. Adm & Audit), ASCOMS Hospital, Ramesh Pandita, Matron, ASCOMS Hospital, faculty, staff and students of ASCONE.

Prof (Dr.) Indra Moza, Principal, Acharya Shri Chander College of Nursing Education, welcomed the Chief Guest, Special Guest and other dignitaries. She explained about the importance of International Nurses day and advised the students to follow the footsteps of

Florence Nightingale who choose this noble profession of Nursing and used to visit the sick and injured soldiers during day and night in Crimean war and was called as "Lady with Lamp". She was the pioneer of modern nursing. She defied the environmental theory which is very important to cure a patient which includes a triangle depicting the three main important things, i.e. physical, social and psychological environments.

Special Guest, Dr.

Sandeep Singh in his address appreciated the efforts of Dr. Indra Moza, Principal, ASCONE and her faculty, staff and students. He was very much impressed with the creative work done by the students by using waste materials. He also promised to get sanctioned Post Basic B.Sc. Nursing Course to ASCONE which will add another feather to its crown.

The students also presented scintillating cultural performances which were highly appreciated by one and all. Mementoes were also presented to the dignitaries, Faculty and students.

The vote of thanks was presented by Prof. Davinder Kaur, Vice Principal of Nursing College who thanked one and all for sparing their valuable time to grace this occasion.

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### LG chairs high-level meeting on boosting investment

said prime objective of Jammu Kashmir Administration is to ensure proactive and structural response to resolve all issues including change of land use and to enhance ease of doing business.

"Concerned officials must provide necessary support, handholding of investors and help the investors getting all clearances in a time bound manner," the Lt Governor said.

### J&K Congress celebrates party's victory in Karnataka Assembly Polls

Shaheedi Chowk, crediting the win to the Rahul Gandhi-led Bharat Jodo Yatra.

"We congratulate the voters of Karnataka for rejecting the divisive politics of BJP and voting for secularism. They tried to mislead the public in the name of Bajrangbali but Bajrangbali favoured Congress," Wani told reporters.

He claimed that BJP's poll campaign revolved around Hindu-Muslim while Rahul Gandhi through his yatra made the people aware about the fallout of polarisation and spread the message of love.

"Full credit goes to Rahul Gandhi for this historic outcome of the Karnataka elections. The BJP led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi tried its best to divide the people on communal lines but the people rejected them and aligned with Gandhi's ideology," Wani said.

The Congress leader said the party is

expecting a similar performance in Jammu and Kashmir during the next assembly elections.

"After Karnataka result, I do not think they will go for assembly elections in J&K. The people here want restoration of democracy and statehood, land and job rights and we will go all out against BJP in the run up to the assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir," the Congress leader said.

Bhalla said the people of Karnataka showed their political maturity by voting against "dictatorship and divisive politics".

"We salute the people of Karnataka. After Congress regaining control in Himachal Pradesh, this election result will be a trend-setter for the next year's general elections as people have decided to teach a lesson to BJP for its anti-people policies," he said.

Party working president said the change is visible and is expected to reach every nook and corner of the country, an outcome of the 32,18 kilometer yatra from Kanyakumari to Kashmir.

### Karnataka has shown a ray of hope Mehbooba Mufti

answerable.... The courts are trying to maintain the roles of the institutions. I think the situation there is a matter of concern for India.... But if anything can take Pakistan out of this morass, it is these institutions," she said.

Asked about the preparations for the G20 event scheduled to take place in the Kashmir valley later this month, Mufti said people are being put to inconvenience in the name of the preparations.

"The preparations are on across the country, which is a good thing. But the oppres-

sion happening in Jammu and Kashmir, especially in the valley, in the name of G20 — arrests, crackdowns, searches, frisking... the roads in Srinagar were dug just to show that development is taking place — this has caused agony to people," she said.

"The locals here are put to inconvenience just to welcome people from outside. I think the aim of G20 is to sell Kashmir, which they think is a trophy they got after 2019 (when the Centre abrogated Article 370 of the Constitution) and want to showcase that everything is alright, but (actually) nothing is alright here," the PDP chief said.

### J&K Waqf Board orders inquiry into 'embezzlement' of donations at Kangan shrine

comprises of Nazir Ahmad Wani (supervisor), Manzoor Ahmad Shah, and Khurshid Ahmad Sheikh.

As per the order, the committee has been asked to submit its report within seven days.

### Stigmatic termination order cannot be passed without detailed enquiry: DB

termination but a punitive one. The language used in the order categorized Ahmad as a bad police officer, which the court deemed unlawful. Such an order could only be issued following a proper departmental inquiry. The court emphasized the right to life and personal liberty, including the right to livelihood, as guar-

anteed by Article 21 of the Constitution of India. It stated that before taking any action to terminate an employee's services, a reasonable opportunity must be given to the employee to present their case and comply with the principles of natural justice, which had not been followed in Ahmad's case.

The court further noted that the order of discharge was based on allegations of misconduct, requiring the respondents to conduct a regular inquiry and provide an opportunity for Ahmad to be heard, as per their legal obligation. The court clarified that a discharge order could be issued under Rule 187, even if it was motivated by the incumbent's omissions or commissions. However, such deficiencies should not be mentioned in the termination or discharge order, as it would render the order stigmatic and legally unsustainable. If the discharge order was issued without mentioning any deficiencies, it could be considered a simple discharge and upheld.

### Family stages protest as student found hanging in Kathua

His body was shifted to Government Medical College in Kathua for postmortem, they said.

The body of the deceased was handed over to his family for last rites on Saturday morning but they refused to accept it and later staged a sit-in at Lakhanpur, demanding an inquiry into the circumstances leading to the death of the youth, they said.

Senior civil and police officers visited the protesters and persuaded them to disperse, assuring a fair investigation under inquest proceedings, the officials added.

### Night temp rises as Met forecasts rains, thunderstorm in J&K

there is no forecast of any major rainfall for next one week.

Regarding temperature, he said, Srinagar recorded a low of 10.9°C against 10.6°C on the previous night and it was 0.3°C above normal for the summer capital.

Qazigund, he said, recorded a low of 8.0°C against 6.0°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 1.2°C for the gateway town of Kashmir.

Pahalgam, he said, recorded a low of 5.0°C against 2.6°C on previous night and it was 0.1°C below normal for the famous tourist resort in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

In Kupwara town, he said, the mercury settled at 6.7°C against 5.7°C on the previous night and it was 3.9°C below normal for the north Kashmir area.

Kokernag recorded a low of 10.5°C against 8.3°C on the previous night and it was 1.2°C above normal for the place, the officials said.

Gulmarg recorded a low of 8.0°C against 7.0°C on previous night and it was above normal by 2.5°C for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, he said.

Jammu recorded a low of 23.5°C against 20.5°C on the previous night and it was normal for J&K's winter capital, he said.

Banihal recorded a low of 10.2°C (below normal by 0.7°C), Batote 14.2°C (0.4°C above normal), Katra 20.1°C (0.1°C below normal) and Bhandarwah 11.5°C (below normal by 2.0°C). Ladakh's Leh recorded a low of 3.0°C, he added.



## Adani to raise Rs 21,000 crore from share sale in two group companies

Group's flagship firm Adani Enterprises Ltd plans to raise Rs 12,500 crore and Adani Transmission Rs 8,500 crore

NEW DELHI, May 13 (Agencies): Billionaire Gautam Adani's group will raise Rs 21,000 crore (over USD 2.5 billion) through share sale in two group companies in the boldest comeback strategy after the ports-to-energy conglomerate was rocked by allegations of fraud levelled by a US short-seller.

Adani Enterprises Ltd, the group's flagship firm, plans to raise Rs 12,500 crore, while electricity transmission company Adani Transmission another Rs 8,500 crore, the companies said in stock exchange filings.

The board of renewable energy arm, Adani Green Energy Ltd too was scheduled to meet on Saturday for a fundraise but the meeting was postponed to May 24.

The fundraise will be through issue of shares to qualified institutional buyers. Sources aware of the matter said investors in Europe and the Middle East have evinced strong interest.

In a stock exchange filing, Adani Enterprises said its board on Saturday approved "raising of funds by way of issuance of equity shares having face value



of Rs 1 each of the company and / or other eligible securities or any combination thereof, for an aggregate amount not exceeding Rs 12,500 crore or an equivalent amount thereof by way of qualified institutional placement (QIP) or other permissible mode in accordance with the applicable laws."

Adani Transmission in a separate filing said its board has approved "raising of funds by way of issuance of such number of equity shares having face value of Rs 10 each of the company and / or other eligible securities or any combination thereof, for an aggregate

amount not exceeding Rs 8,500 crore or an equivalent amount thereof by way of QIP or other permissible mode in accordance with the applicable laws."

This comes three months after Adani Enterprises was forced to abort a Rs 20,000 crore follow-on public offering (FPO) in the wake of the Hindenburg report.

The offer was fully subscribed but the company returned the money to subscribers. The sources said the company stock which was offered in the price range of Rs 3,112 to Rs 3,276 in the FPO is now available at Rs 1,964 (at Friday's closing price). US short-seller Hindenburg

Research in January released a damning report alleging accounting fraud and stock price manipulation at Adani Group, triggering a stock market rout that had erased about USD 145 billion in the conglomerate's market value at its lowest point.

Adani Group has denied all allegations by Hindenburg and is plotting a comeback strategy. The group has recast its ambitions as well as prepaid some loans to assuage investors.

Promoters in March sold stakes worth Rs 15,446 crore in four group companies to leading US-based global equity investment boutique GQG Partners.

The group has been trying to win back market confidence with a series of investor roadshows, early debt repayments, and plans to scale back its pace of spending on new projects.

The funds that Adani Group is looking to raise will be the conglomerate's biggest borrowing since the January 24 Hindenburg report. The money raised is intended to be used for funding the group's expansion projects.

## RBI confident of 6.5% growth in current fiscal

Monetary policy on right track, says Governor Das



MUMBAI, May 13 (Agencies): Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das said the cooling off in headline inflation to 4.7% during April is "very satisfying". The Governor said the release of the official data gives confidence that the "monetary policy is on the right track".

He, however, declined to comment if the

release of the numbers will lead the RBI to be less hawkish or change the stance of the policy, quipping that all of it will be clear on the morning of June 8, when the next policy review is scheduled.

Speaking at the book launch of G-20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant's book 'Made in India', Das said the RBI is "quite optimistic and fairly confident"

about the country's 6.5% real GDP growth rate in FY24 even though other analysts are not so sanguine.

Admitting that there is a statistical base effect, Das said one must speak to any entrepreneur to understand the growth momentum of higher sales every month.

Das said private investments are also picking up, and enlisted steel, cement and petrochemicals as among the sectors where this is seen.

If India grows at 6.5%, it will contribute 15% of the world growth in the year, Das said, stressing that this is no mean achievement. Das also said the expenditure on research and development has to go up in both the private and public sector. "We also need to continue with reforms and also ensure that we keep accessing the best of technology," Das said.

## Linda Yaccarino is new Twitter CEO

NEW DELHI, May 13 (Agencies): Elon Musk confirmed that Linda Yaccarino, NBC Universal's chairman of Global Advertising and Partnerships, will take over as the new CEO of Twitter.

"I am excited to welcome Linda Yaccarino as the new CEO of Twitter! She will focus primarily on business operations, while I focus on product design and new technology," Musk posted in a fresh tweet.

"Looking forward to working with Linda to transform this platform into X, the everything app," he added.

Musk's role will transition to being executive chair and CTO, "overseeing product, software and system operations".

Yaccarino oversees about 2,000 work-



ers in her role, similar to the current strength of Twitter staff after massive sacking by Musk following his \$44 billion takeover late last year.

## Inflation falls to 18-month low of 4.7% in April

NEW DELHI, May 13 (Agencies): Retail inflation fell to an 18-month low of 4.7% in April mainly due to cooling food prices, government data showed.

It was for the second month in a row that Consumer Price Index (CPI)-based inflation remained within the RBI's comfort zone of below 6%.

The retail inflation

based was 5.66% in March 2023 and 7.79% in the year-ago period.

Factory output shrinks Meanwhile, industrial production growth slipped to five-month low of 1.1% in March from 5.8% in February 2023, mainly due to poor performance of power and manufacturing sectors, according to official data.

## Tata Motors back in black with Q4 profit of Rs 5,408 cr

NEW DELHI, May 13 (Agencies): Homegrown auto major Tata Motors reported a consolidated net profit of Rs 5,408 crore in the fourth quarter ended March 31, 2023, led by improved volumes owing to strong domestic demand and better chip supplies at its British brand Jaguar Land Rover.

The company had posted a consolidated net loss of Rs 1,033 crore in the January-March quarter of 2021-22 fiscal, Tata Motors



said in a regulatory filing.

Revenue from operations stood at Rs 1,05,932 crore in the fourth quarter as against Rs 78,439 crore in the

year-ago period, it added.

On a standalone basis, the automaker reported a net profit of Rs 2,696 crore for the period under review.

## Punjab's 1st superspecialty centre, Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences, Mohali, to start soon



CHANDIGARH, May 13 (Agencies): Punjab Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS), Mohali, which is going to start its OPD services soon, will be the first government superspecialty institute in any branch of medicine or surgery in the state. The 50-bed institute will offer OPD as well as indoor services.

After Delhi, it will be second such institute for liver diseases in the country.

Apart from offering treatment for all kinds of liver ailments as well as liver transplant surgery, it will also offer DM course in hepatology and gastrointestinal surgery.

Dr Virendra Singh, a liver specialist and former head of PGI's department of hepatology, has been appointed the first director of the institute. He said the institute had started the process of recruitment of super specialists, faculty and paramedical staff for nine specialties that include hepatology, hepatology surgery, anaesthesia and intensive care, radiology, pathology, microbiology, biochemistry, transfusion medicine and hospital administration.

"Looking at the high prevalence of diseases like liver cirrhosis and hepatitis-C in Punjab, such a facility should have come up long back," Dr Singh said, adding that besides offering routine services, the institute would be connected with district hospitals through telemedicine.

## Sleep apnoea may raise risk of long Covid, reveals study

NEW YORK, May 13 (Agencies): People with obstructive sleep apnoea may be at significantly higher risk of suffering long Covid, according to a study.

Obstructive sleep apnoea (OSA) is a common disorder characterised by repetitive episodes of nocturnal breathing cessation due to upper airway collapse. However, the condition is often underdiagnosed.

The study, published online in the journal 'Sleep', found that observed increases in risk for long Covid in adults with sleep apnoea remained significant even when the research team accounted for obesity, hypertension, diabetes, and hospitalisation at the time of their



initial Covid infection, all known to independently contribute to risk for long Covid.

Women showed an 89 per cent increased likelihood of having long Covid if they had obstructive sleep apnoea, compared to a 59 per cent increased chance for men.

While the underlying associations aren't clear, women with sleep apnoea included in the study may have had

more severe conditions than men.

Severity of obstructive sleep apnoea was not controlled for, but sleep apnoea is more likely to be undiagnosed in women—which could create a sample with women who have more severe cases. Other studies have also found that women may be more likely to be diagnosed with long Covid and seek health care for the condition.

"There's still so much to uncover about long Covid, but this study will inform clinical care by identifying patients that should be watched more closely," said corresponding author Hannah Mandel, a senior research scientist at New York University - Langone Health, supported by the US National Institutes of Health (NIH).

"People with sleep apnoea who get infected with Covid should seek early treatment, pay attention to their symptoms, and keep up with their vaccinations to lower the risk of infection in the first place," she added.

The team reviewed data across three research networks of patients who had tested

positive for Covid-19 between March 2020 and February 2022. Two networks included adult patients—with 330,000 patients and 1.7 million patients. The third included 102,000 children.

In contrast to the patterns seen in adults, the contribution of sleep apnoea to the risk of long Covid disappeared in children when the researchers controlled for other risk factors, including obesity.

Long Covid is an umbrella term for one or more symptoms that people can experience for weeks, months, or years after a Covid-19 infection. The symptoms include brain fog, fatigue, depression, and sleep disorders.

## Traffic-related air pollution weakens brain function

IRVINE (CALIFORNIA), May 13 (Agencies): Memory loss, cognitive decline and the activation of neural pathways linked to the start of Alzheimer's disease were shown to be caused by exposure to air pollution caused by traffic in Irvine, according to research from the University of California, Irvine.

Masashi Kitazawa, PhD, associate professor of environmental and occupational health in the UCI Programme in

Public Health, is the corresponding and senior author of the study. "The link between air pollution and Alzheimer's disease is concerning, as the prevalence of toxicants in ambient air is not just on the rise globally, but also hitting close to home here in Irvine," he said. The effects of particulate matter on brain function are not limited to what our studies show.

The study's results are published in the journal Toxicological Sciences.

Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause of dementia among the elderly and is a growing public health crisis in the US as well as in several other countries. Despite extensive research on all aspects of Alzheimer's disease, its exact origins remain elusive. Although genetic predispositions are known to play a prominent role in disease progression, growing bodies of evidence suggest that environmental toxicants, specifically air pollution,



may cause the onset of Alzheimer's disease. Kitazawa and his team compared mouse models at two ages. Researchers exposed a

group of 3- and 9-month-old mouse models to ultrafine particulate matter for 12 weeks via ambient air collected in Irvine. A second group

was exposed to purified air. The differing ages were used to determine the potential impact of particulate matter exposure during highly vulnerable life stages: developing youth and the elderly.

Researchers conducted testing related to memory tasks and cognitive function and found that both benchmarks were impaired by exposure to particulate matter. Notably, they also discovered that their older models (12

months at the time of analysis) showed brain plaque build-up and glial cell activation, which are both known to increase inflammation associated with the onset of Alzheimer's disease.

"Air pollution is one of the very few prominent, modifiable environmental risk factors in Alzheimer's disease," said co-author Michael Kleinman, PhD, adjunct professor of environmental and occupational health in UCI's Program in Public Health. "Public

and environmental regulatory agencies need to accelerate efforts to reduce particulate matter levels in order to reduce the risk of Alzheimer's disease and other serious health conditions." Kitazawa added. "This evidence is alarming, and it's imperative that we take action to adopt effective and evidence-based regulations, spread awareness on lifestyle changes and work together to improve our air quality."



## SKY knows no limit: Suryakumar Yadav's ton overshadows Rashid Khan as Mumbai Indians take Gujarat Titans down

MUMBAI, May 13 (Agencies): Suryakumar Yadav played some outrageous shots en route his maiden IPL hundred as his stunning knock eclipsed a superlative all-round show from Rashid Khan to set up Mumbai Indians' 27-run win over Gujarat Titans here.

Invited to bat, Mumbai posted 218/5 on the back of world No. 1 T20 batter Suryakumar's 103 not out off just 49 balls and then restricted Gujarat to 191/8 to notch up their seventh win this season.

This was MI's fourth consecutive 200-plus score on their home ground.

While Suryakumar played a blinder of an innings which was studded with 11 fours and six



sixes, Rohit Sharma (29), Ishan Kishan (31) and Vishnu Vinod (30) chipped in for the home side.

Chasing 219 for the win, Gujarat were in danger of being

bowled out for a low total, but a brutal unbeaten 79 off just 32 balls from Rashid — which had three fours and 10 sixes — reduced the margin of the defeat drastically.

The indomitable Rashid was simply unstoppable. He followed his superb bowling effort of 4/30 during Mumbai's innings with a stunning show with the bat as he added 88 runs from just 40 balls for the unconquered ninth wicket with Alzarri Joseph (7 not out), but his effort was just not enough.

With eight wins and 16 points, Gujarat remained at the top of the table.

Mumbai's seventh win in 12 matches thus took them back into third spot with 14 points and a net run-rate of -0.117.

Brief scores: Mumbai Indians: 218/5 in 20 overs (Suryakumar 103\*; Rashid 4/30); Gujarat Titans: 191/8 in 20 overs (Rashid 79\*; Madhwal 3/31).

## PBKS look to put Delhi out of misery

NEW DELHI, May 13 (Agencies): All but out of the playoffs reckoning, Delhi Capitals will expect a more purposeful approach from their batting unit as they play for pride against Punjab Kings in an IPL match here today.

With four wins in 11 games, Delhi are staring at an unceremonious exit as winning the next three matches will only

take them to 14 points, which might not be enough to earn them a place in the top-four, leaving their fate in the hands of other teams.

With 10 points from 11 games, Punjab too are looking at a must-win game following back-to-back defeats against Mumbai Indians and Kolkata Knight Riders, respectively.

## Super Giants eye comeback vs SRH

HYDERABAD, May 13 (Agencies): Lucknow Super Giants will be eyeing a comeback against a buoyant Sunrisers Hyderabad in a must-win IPL game here today. Having lost two of their last three matches, Lucknow will take a

huge step forward if they happen to get past Aiden Markram's team which is languishing in the ninth place in the points table. The Krunal Pandya-led team is currently fifth with 11 points and have a shot at making the playoffs.

## Coming of age: Hriday Hazarika, Nancy get a taste of senior success

BAKU (AZERBAIJAN), May 13 (Agencies): Former junior world champion Hriday Hazarika and Haryana's Nancy won their first individual senior World Cup medals, shooting down silver in the men's and women's 10m air rifle competitions here.

The Assamese marksman shot brilliantly in the final, where his lowest score of 10.1 came in the very first of the 24-shot contest. Nancy was even better, recording a lowest score of 10.2 in her final.

However, both went down to more accurate shooters on the day. Hriday lost to Hungary's Zalan Pekler, who shot a 252.4 to the Indian's 251.9, while Nancy, after going into the final two shots with a 0.1 lead over China's Han Jiayu, could not hold on and finished with a 253.3 to the Chinese's 254.0.

Both the men's and women's finals were of very high quality, with China's Sheng Lihao recording 9.9 in his 21st shot, the only score in the nines by the six medalists across the two finals. The latest results left China and



India locked in a battle for supremacy with two more days to go. China led the medal tally with two gold, one silver and two bronze, while India have one gold, two silver and one bronze.

Not just their day Hriday was the first to accept after the match that Pekler was just too good "on the day". The Hungarian is in the form of his life, having won gold in the 10m air rifle in the previous World Cup stage in Lima last month. He sizzled in the qualification today, going over the world record mark to shoot a 636.2 for a second-placed finish.

China's bronze medalist Sheng Lihao, who topped the qualification with a sizzling 637.9, broke his own world

record set in Bhopal in March. Hriday qualified seventh with a 630.3. Asked if he expected this performance at the start of the day, Hriday said: "Not really. I did not have any expectations as such. Just wanted to do my best and shoot according to the plan. I am happy that I was able to execute well today."

Nancy's route to silver was slightly tougher as she did not have as solid a start as Hriday in the final although she also qualified seventh with a score of 631.6 in the qualification. Han Jiayu topped with a 634.3 as the two other Indians — Ramita (631.4) and Tiltotama Sen (629.7) — ended in the ninth and 15th positions, respectively.

## "Knocking Down The Door": Graeme Smith's Massive Take On IPL 2023 Star

NEW DELHI, May 13 (Agencies): Former South Africa captain Graeme Smith wants Virat Kohli to use different scoring options like the sweep shot against spinners post powerplay after the star India batter's "taking the game deep" approach has come under a bit of criticism. Kohli has scored more than 400 runs opening the innings for Royal Challengers Bangalore in this IPL at a strike rate of 133-plus but he has not been able to force the pace of scoring in the middle overs.

"It is difficult to say if someone has been such a great batter. A couple of things that stand out for me is the Indian batters around Virat at RCB and they are way short," Smith, an expert for Jio Cinema in IPL, told PTI during an interaction.

"I think the middle-order has struggled after No. 3. They have tried a few combinations. Then at Nos 5 and 6, they have struggled and pressure has been put on Virat (Kohli), Faf (du Plessis) and (Glenn



Maxwell) to be main performers. If RCB can find some areas of support, it can free up Virat even more," Smith added.

Unlike Mumbai Indians batter Suryakumar Yadav, who is a fine exponent of playing the sweep shot, Kohli's scoring areas are more traditional.

"We know Virat doesn't sweep much against spin and he pretty much plays down the ground. And if you had to set fields, probably you can do so and control his boundary count after the six overs and that's

may be an area he can assess." Smith agreed with his one-time rival Ricky Ponting that there is no place for anchor

batters, especially in Indian conditions. "Look, I agree with Ricky in terms of his sentiment. The only thing I would add is that conditions need to be taken into account. In India, there is no place for anchor batters and scores in this IPL have been high and even higher with Impact Players and sometimes needing 215, 220 to be in the game," he said.

"The way the game has changed, I think Powerplay is slightly more manageable as there are more fielders in the ring. As soon as the field is spread and spinners come into play, people like SKY have changed the game and

they are so dynamic that they score all over the ground. They sweep and makes it difficult as they are mentally ready to take on the game all the time."

Jaiswal is knocking down door

Smith termed young Yashasvi Jaiswal as an incredible performer, who is knocking the national team door with all ferocity, having already scored 575 runs.

"He (Jaiswal) has been incredible. watched his domestic performances and growth in his game from last season. The natural ability to find gap and increased his strength on leg side and hasn't got out to spin which is a huge positive," the southpaw said.

"...and he has got a pretty good all-round game, but when you speak to him what comes out is that he is very determined. He takes a lot in his stride and there's pressure now on him to get higher honours and the way he is handling is superb."

"In terms of getting selected (in Indian team), he is certainly knocking down the door with performances and that's all he can do. Indian cricket is blessed to have so many options. India has Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, Shubman Gill and selectors have some nice headaches as he (Jaiswal) has certainly put his name right there in conversation." Smith, a former director of Cricket South Africa, also feels that BCCI and national selectors need to have a clear cut policy for T20 team and also decide on some senior stars' future in shortest format.

"One thing Indian cricket needs to decide is the strategy on senior players and in T20 cricket what is their strategy going forward with white ball tourney every year. I think the area that is starting to look strong is middle-order with Tilak Verma, SKY and Jitesh, you have got lot of power players.

"With (skipper) Hardik (Pandya) as an all-rounder, the middle order looks powerful and the big call will be the future of senior players," he concluded.

## IPL 2023: Gujarat Titans unveil lavender kit to support battle against cancer during upcoming SRH clash

AHMEDABAD, May 13 (Agencies): Gujarat Titans unveiled their lavender jerseys which they will wear during their last home game of the IPL 2023 on May 15 against SunRisers Hyderabad in support of the fight against cancer. "We are ready to don the lavender colours this Monday for a special cause. Gujarat Titans care about the health and wellness of one and all! Join us as we strive to raise awareness against cancer. #GTVSRH | #AavaDe | #TATAIPL 2023," GT unveiled the jersey on social media.

The initiative aims to draw attention to the critical issue of cancer, which continues to be a major cause of morbidity and mortality in India and around the world. According to a press release, the use of lavender, a colour that represents all types



of cancer, serves as a powerful reminder of the many lives affected by this devastating disease.

Gujarat Titans hope to raise awareness about the importance of early detection and prevention by wearing lavender jerseys, emphasising the critical role that lifestyle changes

can play in cancer prevention, according to the team. The Hardik-led franchise hopes to inspire people to learn more about cancer prevention and the necessary lifestyle changes, as well as regular screening for early detection, which can significantly reduce the risk of developing the disease, through

this initiative.

"Cancer is a battle fought by millions in India and across the globe, and as a team, we feel responsible towards raising awareness about this deadly disease," Gujarat Titans captain Hardik Pandya said. "Wearing lavender jerseys is our way of showing solidarity with cancer patients, survivors, and their families. We hope our actions will inspire others to take preventive measures and support those who are fighting this battle."

Cancer is the world's second most common cause of death, accounting for approximately 9.9 million deaths in 2020. Over the last decade, the global incidence of cancer increased by 26%, while cancer-related deaths increased by 21%.

## World Boxing Championships: Boxers make India proud with 3 bronze

TASHKENT, May 13 (Agencies): Deepak Bhoria, Mohammad Hussamuddin and Nishant Dev signed off with bronze medals at the IBA Men's World Boxing Championships, wrapping up India's best-ever show at the marquee event here.

It was heartbreak for Hussamuddin as the Nizamabad boxer was forced to withdraw due to a knee injury about an hour before semifinals bout in the his 57kg category.

On the other hand, Deepak's (51kg) memorable campaign came to end as he went down 3-4 to two-time World Championships bronze medallist Bilal Bennama of France in a contest decided by a bout review.

Nishant's (71kg) semifinal also went to a bout review with the judges ruling in favour of the 2022 Asian Championships champion and 2018 Asian Games silver medallist Aslanbek Shymbergenov of Kazakhstan in their.

Deepak falls short

Deepak and Bennama were tentative in the beginning, trying to get the measure of each other. Deepak was able to land a few punches but Bennama used his left jabs to great effect and took the round 3-2.

Bennama was the aggressor in the second round as he moved around the ring to dodge Deepak's punches but the Indian breached his defence at regular intervals and hit some eye-catching right crosses.

The final round was fought intensely but the Frenchman was successful in blocking Deepak's blows to take the round.

Earlier, the 29-year-old Hussamuddin sustained a knee injury in his quarterfinals bout against J Diaz Ibanez of Bulgaria and decided against risking aggravation. "Hussamuddin gives a walkover due to injury and settles for bronze. He had a knee injury in the last bout after which he had pain and swelling," Boxing Federation of India stated.

## Anybody's game after Federico Gatti keeps Juventus alive; Roma win

TURIN, May 13 (Agencies): Substitute Federico Gatti scored deep into stoppage time to salvage a 1-1 draw for Juventus against six-time champions Sevilla in the first leg of the Europa League semifinals.

Gatti headed in the equaliser in the seventh minute of added time in Turin to keep alive the

Italian team's hopes for a European trophy after a long drought.

Juventus won the competition when it was known as the UEFA Cup three times, most recently in 1993. The team will have to win in the second leg next week to get a chance to claim a first European title since winning the Champions League in

1996.

Sevilla have won the trophy six times and again proved they are title contenders. Youssef En-Nesyri scored in the 26th minute to finish a lethal counterattack for Sevilla, which eliminated Manchester United in the quarterfinals. It was the forward's 18th goal in all competitions.

The visitors suffered



a setback when Lucas Ocampos, who had several attempts on goal, had to be substituted in the 34th due to an injury.

Sevilla had another good chance but goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny tipped Ivan Rakitic's shot over the bar. Earlier, Angel Di Maria helped Juventus create some pressure but it was the visitors who

struck first.

Sevilla have never lost a semifinal in this competition.

Roma stayed on course to claim back-to-back European titles by beating Bayer Leverkusen 1-0 in the first leg of their semifinal. Jose Mourinho's team won the inaugural edition of the third-tier Europa Conference League last

year. Leverkusen has been on the rise under coach Xabi Alonso, who played for Mourinho at Real Madrid, but Roma had the upper hand at Stadio Olimpico.

In the Europa Conference League, Said Benrahma and Michail Antonio led West Ham's second-half rally to beat AZ Alkmaar 2-1 at London Stadium.



# This is the beginning of a BJP-Free India: Sawhney on Karnataka Polls

## TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 13: Former Minister J&K and senior Congress leader Yogesh Sawhney on Saturday lauded the Congress party for the glorious lead in Karnataka Assembly polls, stating that it was the beginning of a "BJP-Mukt Bharat". The country is moving towards a BJP-free India and it has started from the South already, he said. He congratulated the party leadership and Congress candidates in Karnataka for the majority. The numbers clearly indicate the will of the people, he added. The Congress party had raised important issues and fought the elections on genuine issues of people, and the public was able to recognise that and filter out the lies propagated by the BJP. The BJP will be wiped clean from the polls one by one in each state gradually.

Further speaking on the matter, the former Minister said that the party crossed the majority mark and came out with flying colors because of the dedication and hard work of the leadership and party workers. We were able to touch the hearts of people in Karnataka, he said. The victory reaffirms the electoral foothold of the Congress party across the country and ensures a good beginning to expand with same vigor in rest of the country starting first from southern India. Rahul Gandhi Ji's Bharat Jodo Yatra left a deep impact on the streets of Karnataka. The yatra did raise several key issues that



people were facing and offered new hope to the people. Rahul Gandhi Ji's heartwarming interactions with people from across the state during the yatra touched people greatly. With the kind of majority Congress has achieved, it shows that the people are putting their faith in Congress to lead them to growth, prosperity and a better future, Sawhney said.

He further added that what is clear is that BJP is losing relevance in the South and across the country as it's true nature gets exposed. Congress emerged as the single-largest party, crossing the majority mark. The issue of "corruption" raised by the party

against the ruling BJP turned out decisive in the victory, as people accepted it and gave us a thumping victory. Corruption, unemployment, inflation are rampant in a BJP-lead government and people wanted hope for a future free from those issues. Karnataka voters must be thanked for pouring their love and belief in the Congress party, and they must rest assured that they will not be disappointed. Sawhney said that people have full faith in Congress' national leadership and Karnataka's leadership and choosing Congress was the right decision by Karnataka's people. BJP has accepted their loss in the Karnataka Assembly election. Congress in securing a substantial majority has proved that the party will not stand silently against BJP's unruly governance and win the support of people by fighting for real issues that affect their lives.

Sawhney stated that this is a start to a BJP free India, and a corruption free India. The exploitation by the BJP has reached its peak and it's high time that their downfall has also started. With this beginning in the South, the shallow success of the BJP in other states will also fade away. Karnataka saw a huge voter turn out indicating that people are eager and excited to welcome a government by the Congress. The "40 percent Commission government" is rejected by the public. Congress will continue to make huge strides electorally across the country, Sawhney said.

# DSS urges Jammu leaders to come on one platform to save Dogra Culture, identity



## TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 13: Thakur Gulchain Singh Charak, former minister and president Dogra Sadar Sabha (DSS), J&K, Jammu chaired an emergency meeting of the executive committee of the Sabha here today in which all participating members and other prominent citizens appealed to the leadership of all hues and groups of Jammu region, irrespective of political affiliations, to shun their petty differences and come together on a single common platform to work dedicatedly for preservation of the rich Dogra culture, traditions, resources, heritage and strengthen national unity.

The participants were unanimous in their view that these were the Dogras led by the valiant Dogra rulers who defined the boundaries of the vast Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh state in the middle of nineteenth century, promoted social justice, education, gender equality, service to all irrespective of caste, creed and religion, and then acceded whole of the state to the rest of India in 1947. The participants lamented that it was unfortunate that the saner voice of humanity, brotherhood and equal rights espoused by the Dogras has remained generally neglected and unheard by the powers that be, ever since.

In the emergency meeting of the Executive Committee, speakers one after the other observed that after 5 August, 2019, people of Jammu had expected that the government would look into their day to day needs and other important issues close to their heart, with compassion and due priority, but unfortunately, the government machinery appeared working in isolation that was not consistent with the

Prime Minister's mantra of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas.

Drawing the attention of Lt. Governor and other concerned authorities towards heavy losses to rabi season crops, particularly the wheat, due to unprecedented dry spell and high temperature from January to March followed by undesired rains and cool weather in April-early May 2023, the DSS appealed to the government to expeditiously complete a detailed survey of crops in affected districts and take immediate steps to provide adequate relief (compensation) to the farmers in distress.

Speakers maintained that already lakhs of farmers were suffering in R.S Pura - Samba belt because irrigation water was not reaching the fields due to inadequate and improper desilting and repair/ restoration works at Canal Tail ends and distributaries.

The participants referred to the repeatedly reiterated demand of the DSS to declare the 118 years old Ranbir Canal, the lifeline of Jammu, as a State Heritage in view of its historical contribution to electricity generation, besides bringing scenic beauty, high irrigation potential, nutrients from the hills and characteristic aroma to world famous Basmati Rice of Jammu through the glacial waters of the Himalayas. Speakers emphasized upon the Government to favourably consider and implement the long standing demand of DSS to lay solar panels over the Canal as done over the Sabarmati River Front in Gujarat, for generating solar power.

The DSS expressed dissatisfaction over unprofessional and unethical approach adopted in conservation and restoration of Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex and observed

that the manner in which the work was going on at the site could be classified under any category, but not under the category of conservation and restoration of Dogra Heritage. The ongoing slow pace of restoration and conservation work on this historical structure of immense heritage and archival value, is bound to get further damaged during ensuing monsoon rains, because all its roofs have been removed and the foundations on River Tawi side haven't been strengthened, DSS has warned.

The DSS made a strong plea for launch of a full fledged Dugger Channel to provide an effective platform for Dogra artists.

The DSS expressed its strong disagreement with the recent statements of some people regarding the end to the custom of Darbar Move saying that the DSS was of the firm opinion that the extravagant ritual of Durbur Move was abandoned by the government after repeated demands by the DSS and other like-minded people and organisations on this issue, as it disturbed the families of move employees, caused disruption in the office works for about one month before and after the move.

Prominent among those who participated in the meeting were Col Karan Singh (Retd) Prem Sagar Gupta, Maj Gen Sunita Kapoor BSM, Abdul Majid, President Muslim federation, H.A Siddiqui, former Add. Adv. General, Ghambhir Dev Singh Charak, Syed Amanat Ali Shah, Mohd. Shabir (Retd SSP), Rashid Ahmed Fani, Retd. SE, Sayed Jaleel Ahmed Shah, Chander Mohan Sharma, Madan Rangila, Chhankar Singh, Jagdeep Singh, Ravi Singh Salathia, Naresh Singh, Pawan Sharma, Saleem Khan and others.

# Dr. Nikhil performs Heart Revival Surgery at Narayana Hospital

KATRA, May 13: Dr. Nikhil Mahajan along with his team successfully performed rare implantation of LOT - CRTD (Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy with Defibrillator) device in a post open heart patient at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Hospital, Kakryal.

The patient was admitted to the hospital with reduced heart functioning and was having symptoms of heart failure, shortness of breath, and fatigue. He had undergone CRTD in the past which had failed. However, he has fully recovered after performance of the surgery.

Explaining the whole procedure Dr. Nikhil Mahajan said "Cardiac resynchronization therapy (CRT) has widely been used in patients



of symptomatic chronic heart failure (HF) with wide QRS complex, refractory to optimal medical therapy and having left ventricular ejection fraction". He further added that "However, one third of the patients are non-responders and do not respond to this therapy. Physiological pacing, i.e., His bundle pacing

(HBP)/left bundle branch pacing (LBBP) is proving a promising alternative to biventricular pacing (BiVP) for some of these challenging patients, as 4th lead provide better coordination and results. Putting 4th lead makes the procedure much more testing and complex".

Heart Failure and

reduced heart functioning in India affects not only the elderly but younger age group as well. The important risk factors for heart failure include coronary artery disease, hypertension, diabetes mellitus, cardiotoxic drugs, valvular heart disease and obesity. In India coronary artery disease, diabetes, hypertension,

valvular heart diseases and primary muscle diseases are the leading causes for heart failure and patients with these indications should take special care.

M MMathawan, Facility Directorat Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Super Speciality Hospital said that "One of the rarest of the rare surgeries has been performed at our hospital and it is now a myth that people have to travel to Metro cities in India to avail world class treatment. SMVDNH is equipped with state of the art medical equipments and well qualified expert doctors to deal with any kind of medical emergency. He said that SMVDNSH has emerged as a preferred tertiary health-care centre in North India".

# CEO Jammu inaugurates Kindergarten Section in Zone R S Pura



## TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 13: Chief Education Officer (CEO) Jammu, Suraj Singh Rathore on Saturday inaugurated Kindergarten Section in the Govt. Girls High School, Kaloyein and Govt. Middle School, Suchetgarh of Zone R S Pura.

The inauguration was done under the supervision of Zonal Education Officer, R S Pura, Uttam Chand Sharma.

While speaking on the occasion CEO Jammu S.S. Rathore appreci-

ated the staff of both the schools for running the kindergarten section in an efficient manner.

He said that the Govt. is trying to provide every possible support to the schools so that the kindergarten sections may be run smoothly which will in turn help in increasing the enrolment in Govt. Schools.

Students of Kindergarten sections of both the school presented cultural items on the occasion which was appreciated by the CEO Jammu.

The ceremony was also actively participated by the respective In-charges of both the schools along with their staff. Prominent among them were Ramesh Khajuria, HM, Govt. Girls High School, Kaloyein and Raj Kumar, l/c Govt. Middle School, Suchetgarh.

Others who were present on the occasion were Surjeet Singh Chib (Tr.), Tripta Kattal (Tr.), Raj Kumar (Tr.), Subash Chander (Tr.) and others.

# 57 Bn BSF holds weapon display show at Melyal



## TOP NEWS REPORT

KUPWARA, May 13: A visit of forward location of BSF unit was organized by 57 Battalion BSF, Handwara for the weaker section students of Markazi Falah-I- Ilfal (MFI) orphanage boarding school of Handwara town i.e to FDL Melyal.

During this tour/visit the children were given exposure of weapon and defence systems of BSF and made understand how they can be an asset to the Nation and mankind.

Dr Kushal Pramanik MO, also accompanied group to provide medical cover. The children and staff enjoyed the tour and the refreshments organised by BSF at forward location under supervision of Sita Ram DC and Inspired by Mohan Lal Dara.

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